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*Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, O.B.E., D.S.O., then Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, reads the inscription on the Kukri, presented to the Battalion by the G.O.C., 17th Gurkha Division, on the occasion of the Battalion's departure from Malaya.*

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## OUR FRONTISPIECE

## COLONEL M. W. HOLME, O.B.E., M.C.

Michael Holme was educated at Winchester and commissioned into The Essex Regiment in January, 1940, from April of that year until September, 1945, he served with the 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment, The Pompadours, and took part in the advance through Europe after "D" Day. For his services he was awarded The Military Cross in March, 1945, and Mentioned in Despatches in the same month.

At the end of the war he served in Egypt and Palestine with the 1st Bn. The South Lancashire Regiment as Second-in-Command.

Returning to England, Colonel Holme attended a Parachute Course, after which, he served as Adjutant of the 4th Bn. (now the 4th/5th Bn.) The Essex Regiment (T.A.). He then attended the Staff College Course at Camberley to where he was to return later as an instructor for three years.

The early 1950's found him in The Far East, where he served as Brigade Major to a Gurkha Infantry Brigade in Hong Kong and Malaya. For his services in the latter country he was Mentioned in Despatches in April, 1957. On completion of his tour with the Gurkha Brigade he joined the 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment as a Company Commander in Hong Kong and remained with the Battalion when they returned home and were stationed in Germany.

In April, 1952, he was awarded the M.B.E.

His next staff appointment came as A.A. and Q.M.G., and later as G.S.O.I., of the 3rd Division in Cyprus and at home. From this appointment he was selected for command of the 1st Battalion and took over from Colonel John Barrow, in Malaya, in January, 1960.

The 1st Battalion were then carrying out searches in the jungle to try and round up the few remaining terrorists left, and Michael Holme's first few months were indeed hectic. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1960. Later came the move to Terendak Camp, Malacca, when life became somewhat less hectic but still busy. In the early part of 1961 the Battalion was visited by the Colonel of The Regiment, Lieut-General Sir Reginald Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., and Lady Denning. In his Special Order of The Day, on the conclusion of his visit, the Colonel of The Regiment expressed his entire satisfaction with the high morale, good order and efficiency of The Battalion.

January, 1962, found The Battalion on the high seas on its way home. Arriving at Southampton in February, the Battalion, after leave, etc., assembled at Horseshoe Barracks, Shoeburyness, where, with a detachment at Laindon Camp, it was to be stationed until the move to Northern Ireland in the summer.

Those few months at Shoeburyness presented Michael Holme with a busier time than ever. Recruiting was of top priority, this involved ceremonial visits to Southend and Watford. In addition the Colours of the 2nd Bn. The 16th Foot were to be laid up at Luton in May. On top of all this the Battalion, with the run-out of National Service men had to be reorganised to meet its future all regular basis. Also there were the preparations to be made for the hand-over of command in June.

It speaks well for Colonel Holme's leadership that all these and many other training and recruiting commitments were carried out most efficiently and it was obvious to anybody who met the Battalion during this period that the morale and spirit of all ranks was very high.

On June 8, Colonel Holme handed over command to Colonel Norbury. The Regiment has been lucky in that the two C.O.s since the amalgamation have been of the calibre of John Barrow and Michael Holme. To them we owe much. The amalgamation is a success and the spirit and morale of the new Regiment is second to none and well worthy of its forebears, the 16th, 44th and 56th Foot.

We cannot end this appreciation of the services rendered to The Regiment by Michael Holme without a mention of his wife, Sally Holme, her cheerful and pleasing personality, her services to the families and to the Battalion played an important part in the success of her husband's tour of command.

We wish them both a happy and successful tour at the School of Infantry, and hope to see them often on regimental occasions.

### The Colonel-In-Chief

The following message was sent to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother on the occasion of Her Majesty's Birthday on August 4:—

*Private Secretary to*

*Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth,  
The Queen Mother,  
Clarence House, London, S.W.1.*

*All Ranks Past and Present of the Third East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) submit their humble duty and send their loyal and warm greetings on the occasion of Her Majesty's Birthday.*

DENNING, Colonel.  
PATON, Deputy Colonel.

The following gracious reply was received:  
*Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning,  
3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot),  
Warley Barracks, Brentwood.*

*I send you and all Ranks Past and Present of the Third East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) my very sincere thanks for the kind Message of loyal greetings on my birthday.*

ELIZABETH, R.,  
Colonel-in-Chief.

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Extract from the Supplement to *The London Gazette* of Friday, July 27, 1962:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother relinquishes her appointment as Honorary Colonel, The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), July 31, 1962, following the amalgamation of The Regiment with The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.).

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Court Circular, Clarence House, July 17:

Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, Commanding Officer, 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) this morning had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of The Regiment, on relinquishing his command.

Lt.-Col. C. C. Norbury also had the honour of being received on assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the Battalion.

### REGIMENTAL NOTES

The 1st Battalion moved from Horseshoe Barracks, Shoeburyness, to Northern Ireland at the beginning of July. Their address is:

1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment,  
(16th/44th Foot), The Pompadours,  
Abercorn Barracks,  
Ballykinlar, Northern Ireland.

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Court Circular, Buckingham Palace—July 19:

General Sir Dudley Ward was received in audience by the Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Gibraltar.

Lady Ward had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

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Major-General R. E. Goodwin, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., has been appointed Colonel of the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) in succession to Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, C.B., whose tenure has expired.

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Colonel The Right Hon. Lord Luke has been succeeded as Honorary Colonel of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) by Brigadier G. W. H. Peters, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. Brigadier Peters is a serving regular officer who was commissioned in The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in 1931. He



commanded the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) during the 1939/45 War and took it on active service in Italy. He now holds the appointment of Brigadier General Staff in the Directorate of Military Training at the War Office.

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With the demolition of the Barracks, the Urban District Council of Brentwood Highways Committee decided that there was little point in Barrack Road continuing to be named as such. They recommended to the Council that the road should be renamed "Eagle Way"—thus commemorating the long association of The Essex Regiment with the Barracks. The Council accepted the suggestion and "Barrack Road" is now "Eagle Way."

The Colonel of The Regiment wrote to the Chairman of the Urban District Council to express the Regiment's appreciation of this kind and courteous act on the part of the Council. General Denning received back from the Chairman a letter expressing their appreciation of the friendly relations which exist between the Regiment and the Council and the people of Brentwood and Warley.

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Consequent on the decision of the Brentwood Urban District Council to re-name "Barrack Road" "Eagle Way," it has been decided to alter the address of Regimental Headquarters, which is now:

Blenheim House,  
Eagle Way,  
Warley,  
Brentwood, Essex.

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In this number we publish the relinquishment of the Honorary Colonelcy of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) of Colonel The Right Hon. Lord Luke and from abeyance of Brigadier J. A. Longmore. Both Lord Luke and Brigadier Longmore have given our Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire T.A. Battalions long years of loyal and devoted service. In addition, their keen interest in regimental affairs and their willingness to help and advise whenever asked to do so has been much appreciated. We hope that while they no longer play an active role we shall still have their wise counsel and that we shall see them often on regimental occasions.

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Messages of greetings were exchanged between East Anglian Brigade, the 1st Battalion and Regimental Headquarters on the occasion of Blenheim Day, August 13, 1962.

#### REGIMENTAL CHRISTMAS CARD, 1962

The 1962 Regimental Christmas Card can be obtained on application to the Regimental Secretary. Cost 12/- per dozen, post free, in the United Kingdom.

## REGIMENTAL CALENDAR

- March 23 6th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) "Cedars" O.C.A. Annual Re-Union Dinner T.A. Centre, Vicarage Lane, East Ham, London, E.6. For tickets and full details apply—Hon. Secretary, G. W. Leaford, Esq., 75, St. Saviour's Road, West Croydon, Surrey.
- April 27 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (1914/1918) O.C.A. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association Annual Reunion Dinner. For full details and tickets apply to: J. Day, Esq., 48, Westbrook Road, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.
- April 28 Twenty-Ninth Division Association—Reunion Parade—The Cenotaph, Whitehall, London, S.W.1. For full details apply to: Hon. Secretary, Major C. J. P. Ball, D.S.O., M.C., 5, Charles II Street, St. James's, London, S.W.1.
- May 3 The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Regimental Dinner Club, Annual Dinner—The United Service Club, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.
- May 11-25 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.)—Annual Camp.
- July 7 The Essex Regiment Association. Annual Service of Remembrance and Reunion, R.H.Q., Warley. For details apply to: Major T. R. Stead, Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association, Blenheim House, Eagle Way, Warley, Brentwood, Essex.
- September 28 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment (1914/1918) O.C.A. Annual Dinner, Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C. For details apply: Hon. Secretary, L. W. Bird, Esq., M.C., 38, Worrin Road, Shenfield, Brentwood, Essex.

- September 28 Saffron Walden Branch, The Essex Regiment Association, Reunion and Social, The Town Hall, Saffron Walden. For details apply: Hon. Secretary, C. H. King, Esq., 1, Prospect Place, Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden, Essex.
- October 5 1st/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment Annual Reunion Dinner. Details from Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. F. Marr, "Herries," Links Green Way, Cobham, Surrey.

### **The Late Colonel Sir Francis Whitmore, Bt., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., J.P.**

The Essex Regiment lost an old and greatly valued friend when Colonel Sir Francis Whitmore died at his home, Orsett Hall, Essex, on June 12, 1962, at the age of 90.

Sir Francis had a distinguished career in the First World War, when he commanded The Essex Yeomanry from 1915-18, and the 10th (P.W.O.) Royal Hussars in 1918-19. He was awarded the D.S.O. in 1917, and was made C.M.G. in 1918, being Mentioned in Despatches four times.

He gave over 50 years' devoted service to the County of Essex. Appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1899, a Deputy Lieutenant in 1907, and High Sheriff in 1922-23, he served on the County Council from 1918-26, and held the office of Lord Lieutenant from 1936 to 1958. He was Chairman of the Essex T.A. Association for seven years, and President from 1936-1958. He was made C.B. in 1935, raised to K.C.B. in 1941, and created a Baronet in 1954.

On the return of the 2nd Battalion, "The Pompadours" from overseas tour in 1937, Sir Francis welcomed the Battalion at Warley Barracks, and thereafter, the ties between him and The Regiment grew ever closer. As Lord Lieutenant, he gave the Regiment every support throughout the Second World War and during the difficult period which ensued. He was a well-loved figure at the annual Regimental dinner, and under his aegis, "Civic Sunday" at the Regimental Chapel, Warley, became a noted County feature.

The energy and devotion to duty shown by Sir Francis during the flood disasters of January, 1953, will not easily be forgotten.

His funeral took place at Orsett Parish Church on June 19, and on June 28 a Memorial Service was held in Chelmsford Cathedral, where tribute was paid to his outstanding services by a representative congregation drawn from the whole County, and at which The Regiment was represented.

### **The Regimental Chapel**

The affairs of The Regimental Chapel continue to prosper and there has been much activity during the past few months. Apart from the special Services (reported elsewhere in this issue) our Regular Monthly Services continue to attract an ever-widening circle of former members of The Regiment and their friends. As always, we are grateful for the support and encouragement of the Chaplains' Department, especially to the Reverend John Pickering from Colchester and also to the Reverend Kenneth Vine, the Deputy Assistant Chaplain General (T.A.) Eastern Command, who has done so much to help us.

The regular Monthly Service is held on the first Sunday in each month at 11 a.m.

### **The Essex Regiment Museum**

During the period since the previous report, visitors to the Museum have been rather few. This has been mainly due to administrative problems which have necessitated the closure of the Museum for a few weeks.

Many presentations have, however, been made and we are most grateful to all the donors concerned. The Victoria Cross awarded to the late Lt. F. N. Parsons was presented in June and is reported elsewhere in this issue. Among other items received were the medals of the late Brigadier G. H. Wilmer, Lt.-Col. J. H. Patisson, and Major J. G. Culver. A presentation case of buttons of the 44th Regiment was sent by Brigadier P. H. W. Brind, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Capt. J. H. Hogg kindly sent us the scarlet coat and epaulettes which belonged to his grandfather—Capt. George Hogg, 56th Regiment (1825-1842). The coat is in splendid condition and will make a valued addition to the Museum.

### **Editorial**

The Editorial Staff take this opportunity of wishing all readers of the Journal the compliments of the season and all happiness for 1963.

With this number of *The Wasp and The Eagle* we complete Volume I. It records much history of the Regiment, which can be read with pride and satisfaction. The amalgamation has gone well, we are getting the recruits we need and all is well with the Regiment. We can face 1963 with confidence.

Regimental Journals today are expensive items and like many others *The Wasp and The Eagle* does not pay its way. One way to help in this is to recruit new members, and we hope perhaps that 1963 will bring us an increased circulation. Every new contributor helps.

# The Laying-up of the Old Colours

## The 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment

The Colours of the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, when the Battalion was placed in "Suspended Animation" in 1947, were handed over to The Regimental Depot, Kempston Barracks, Bedford, for safe custody. Later, in September, 1948, they were taken out to Greece by the 2nd Battalion Cadre, to take part in the ceremonial parade held at Salonika on October 18, 1948, to commemorate the amalgamation of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 16th Foot and the 260th Anniversary of the Raising of The Regiment. When the 1st Battalion returned home in 1950, the Colours were once again handed over to The Regimental Depot for safe keeping. Here they remained, being uncovered on guest nights and other Regimental occasions, until the Depot was closed down on the amalgamation of The Regiments. The Colours were then moved to Regimental Headquarters, Warley, where they remained until May 20 of this year, when they were Laid-up.

When it was decided to lay these Colours up, the question of where, of course, at once came up. There seemed to be many alternatives: Bedford, St. Albans, The Regimental Chapel, Warley, etc. These Colours were presented to the 2nd Bn. The 16th Foot on November 17, 1926, at Luton, by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, later His Majesty King Edward VIII. When the Colonel of The Regiment came to consult branches and members of The Regiment on this question, it was at once apparent that there was a majority of opinion which hoped they would return to Luton to be laid up in the Parish Church of St. Mary. The Colonel of The Regiment approved the suggestion and instructed that the ceremony should take place during the 1st Battalion's stay at Shoeburyness, and eventually Sunday, May 20, was selected as the day on which the ceremony should be carried out.

The ceremony began with the 1st Battalion proudly carrying the Old Colours of the 2nd Bn. The 16th Foot, parading in Wardown Park, Luton, where, at 1.35 p.m., The Colonel of The Regiment and the Associate Colonel were received by the Battalion with a general salute. Shortly afterwards His Worship The Mayor of Luton (Alderman G. L. Matthews), accompanied by the Town Clerk and Mace Bearer, arrived and were met by the Colonel and Associate Colonel. The Mayor was invited to inspect the parade, which he did, and at the end of the inspection he welcomed the Battalion to the Borough and gladly gave the C.O., Colonel Holme, permission to march through the Borough with Colours Flying, Drums Beat-

ing and Bayonets Fixed. After the inspection the Battalion marched from Wardown Park to the Parish Church, where they took their seats for the service.

In the meantime, guests, who included: The Vice-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Colonel The Hon. Thomas Morgan-Grenville and Mrs. Morgan Grenville; H.M. Lieutenant for Hertfordshire, Major-General Burns; Deputy Lieutenants of both Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire; The Mayors and Mayoresses of Dunstable, Bedford, Hemel Hempstead and Watford; The Mayor and Mayoress of Luton and Aldermen, Councillors and their wives, the Town Clerks; General Sir Dudley Ward, Brigadier and Mrs. Peters, and many others were assembling in the hall of the Luton College of Technology, which is adjacent to the Parish Church. By 2.50 p.m., the large congregation, consisting of the 1st Battalion, Old Comrades,



[Photograph by: Home Counties Newspapers Ltd., Luton.]

*The Colours of the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment being carried into the Parish Church of St. Mary, Luton, on May 20, 1962.*

Cadets, friends of The Regiment and the Burgesses of Luton were seated, and all was ready for the processions to enter. These consisted of:

The Procession of The Colonel of The Regiment

The Mayors of the Boroughs of the Counties of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

His Worship The Mayor of Luton, together with the Corporation of the Borough

Her Majesty's Vice-Lieutenant for Bedfordshire, together with Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Hertfordshire.

When all had taken their places, the clergy and choir entered, and the first hymn, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" was sung. Then followed The Bidding, which was read by The Colonel of The Regiment:

#### THE BIDDING

"We, who are in the Parish Church of St. Mary today, are met to offer our thanks to Almighty God for the spirit of loyalty and high adventure of His servants, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, and to pray that God will make us strong to defend the right, and keep the honour of our land, as with humble gratitude we receive the dedicated colours now to be carried in honour into this Church of St. Mary."

After The Bidding, the Old Colours were brought from the north end of the Church to the entrance of the Chancel, while the Band of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) played The Regimental Slow March—The March from "Scipio" (Handel).

On the arrival of the Old Colours at the entrance to the Chancel, the Citation was read by Lt.-Col. A. C. Young:

#### THE CITATION

"These Colours were presented to the 2nd Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, later His Majesty King Edward VIII, and they were consecrated at Luton on 17th of November, 1926. Under them the Battalion has discharged its duty in peace, and in war, at home in England, in Palestine, in Greece and in Egypt. In the last war the Battalion served and fought with honour in France and Belgium, in North Africa, and in Italy."

It is interesting to note that The Colonel of The Regiment, General Sir Reginald Denning, was Adjutant and Lt.-Col Young a subaltern with the 2nd Battalion when these Colours were presented to the Battalion at Luton in November, 1926.

Following the Citation, the Colours were handed to the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, who presented them to the Vicar, saying:

*"These consecrated Colours, formerly carried in the service of Sovereign and Empire, I now deliver into your hands for safe keeping in the Parish Church of St. Mary."*

The Vicar then carried the Old Colours to the Altar and laid them thereon, and said:

*"Almighty God, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, vouchsafe we beseech Thee, to receive these Colours beneath the protection of Thy holy house and grant that resting here in tranquility and peace they may inspire Thy servants to follow in the footsteps of Thy Blessed Son and continue his faithful soldiers and servants unto their lives end, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen."*

*"O God, the Creator and Father, both of our mortal and immortal life; we give Thee high praise and humble thanks for all Thy servants, who, serving under these Colours, counted not their lives dear unto themselves, but laid them down for their friends; beseeching Thee that they may be numbered among them who by their faithfulness unto death are given a crown of life according to thy most sure promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen."*

The National Anthem was then played, after which The Colonel of The Regiment, the Commanding Officer and Lt.-Col. A. C. Young resumed their places and the Colour Party returned to the north door.

The service then continued with the psalm *O Praise God in His Holiness*, followed by the Lesson (St. John II, vv. 1-5 and 8-14), which was read by the Associate Colonel.

The Lesson ended, the choir sang the *Te Deum*, which was followed by the Creed, the Versicles, and the Lord's Prayer. The hymn, *Let Saints on earth in concert sing*, was then sung, and was followed by the sermon, preached by the Vicar, the Rev. Harold E. Frankham, whose inspiring address will long be remembered by those who had the privilege to listen to it.

The Regimental Hymn, *Who would true valour see*, was sung after the sermon, and was followed by the prayers, the Regimental Prayer of the 16th Foot; the anthem, *Zadok, the Priest*, excellently sung by the choir.

To conclude the service the National Anthem was sung, followed by the Regimental Prayer of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) and the Blessing.

Thus ended a most impressive service, for which we are much indebted to the Vicar, the

Rev. Harold Frankham, his choir and organist. Our thanks go also to the Church Warden and Sidesmen, whose co-operation could not have been better or kinder; we are indeed grateful to them all for a service which was worthy of the Colours we committed that day to their care.

After the service the 1st Battalion and the Old Comrades formed up outside the Church and, after a suitable interval, marched through the Borough of Luton to the Drill Hall. Their route took them past the Town Hall, where a dais had been erected. The salute was taken by the Mayor of Luton, he was accompanied on the dais by the Vice-Lieutenant for Bedfordshire, the Lord Lieutenant for Hertfordshire, The Colonel of The Regiment, The Associate Colonel, the Deputy Mayor (Councillor E. K. Hickman), the Town Clerk (A. D. Harvey, Esq.), and the Vicar.

The Old Comrades party was headed by the Band of the 1st Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). The march over, the Battalion returned to the Drill Hall in the Old Bedford Road, where they were entertained by the Borough of Luton to a meal. The Old Comrades dispersed to the T.A. Centre, Marsh Road, Leagrave, where greetings and reminiscences were exchanged for some hours.

Thus ended another Regimental occasion. Those of us of the 16th Foot who served with these Colours will for ever be grateful to the 1st Battalion, the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), the Church authorities, the police, the civic authorities, and all those who played a part in the Laying-Up of the Colours that day. The parade, the ceremony in Church, and all the arrangements were carried out with dignity and efficiency, and the Colours were Laid Up in the manner worthy of and due to them.

### Civic Sunday, 1962

The annual Civic Sunday Service was held this year in the Regimental Chapel on Sunday, June 3, at 3 p.m. To the delight of all we had a fine, sunny afternoon, only too rare during the past summer, for the occasion.

The Service was conducted by the Rev. John Pickering, M.B.E., C.F., Senior Chaplain to the Forces, East Anglian District, and the Address was given by the Venerable J. E. Elvin, Arch-deacon of West Ham. Before the Service and after it, the bells of The Essex Regiment Memorial Carillon were played. The Band of the 1st Battalion played during the Service and afterwards on the lawn while the guests were entertained to tea by the Officers of the Regiment.

The fine weather prevailed all the afternoon and contributed to what was a very successful civic-regimental occasion.

Among the many guests present were:

The Acting H.M. Lieutenant for Essex, Brigadier G. Shenstone, C.B.E., T.D., J.P., D.L., and Mrs. Shenstone.

Colonel Sir John A. Ruggles-Brise, Bt., C.B., O.B.E., T.D., J.P., was prevented from coming by his convalescence after his recent stay in hospital; he very kindly sent a telegram of good wishes for the day to General Sir Reginald Denning, Colonel of the Regiment.

H.M. Lieutenant for Hertfordshire, Major-General W. A. G. Burns, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. read the Lesson.

Present to welcome and entertain the guests were the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., and Lady Denning, the Associate Colonel, Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., and Mrs. Paton, Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C., and Mrs. Holme, and Officers of 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), Lt.-Col. B. J. Palmer, M.B.E., and Mrs. Palmer, and Officers of East Anglian Brigade Depot, Lt.-Col. D. F. Garrard, T.D., and Officers of the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.), the Regimental Secretary and Mrs. A. C. Young, Major and Mrs. Tewkesbury and Major and Mrs. Stead.

### Regimental Diary, 1963

The Regimental Diary, 1963, is now available.

It has the Regimental Crest on the outside, and inside there are eight pages of information about The Regiment and the Regimental Associations. In addition, there are other pages containing general information, which includes dates of some principal sports fixtures, 1963, and a map of the Underground railways of London. The day-by-day pages contain notes of the principal engagements fought by the British Army in the past and during the two World Wars.

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## The Victoria Cross

It was with some excitement and delight that a letter from Mrs. Dixon, of 114, Earlam Grove, Forest Gate, London, E.7, was received at Regimental Headquarters on June 5; for in her letter, Mrs. Dixon stated she had been left the Victoria Cross awarded to her late uncle, Pte. Edward Warner, The Bedfordshire Regiment, by her grandmother. Now that she had lost her husband she felt the time had come for it to be in safer keeping and she wondered if The Regiment would accept it.

Mrs. Dixon was informed that The Regiment would indeed be proud and honoured to receive from her the Victoria Cross so gallantly won by her late uncle.

The Colonel of The Regiment, after consideration of a request from the C.O. of the 1st Battalion that the Battalion should hold a Victoria Cross won by a member of each of the former Regiments, decided that the 1st Battalion should hold "The Warner V.C.," and instructed Lt.-Col. C. C. Norbury, M.B.E., M.C., the C.O., to receive the Victoria Cross on behalf of The Regiment.

On June 20, Colonel Norbury, accompanied by Colonel Young, the Regimental Secretary, called on Mrs. Dixon at her home in Forest Gate. Mrs. Dixon explained that her family had kept the Victoria Cross in a recess in a framed picture which showed Mrs. Dixon's grand-

mother receiving the Victoria Cross from His late Majesty King George V. This picture had been presented to Mrs. Dixon's grandmother by the Officers of the 3rd Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment. Mrs. Dixon then handed over the Victoria Cross to Colonel Norbury for safe keeping by the 1st Battalion. Colonel Norbury thanked Mrs. Dixon on behalf of The Regiment and The Battalion and stated how proud we were to receive it from her, and how much it would be honoured. He told Mrs. Dixon that it would be framed and hung in the Officers' Mess of the Battalion.

The late Pte. Edward Warner won the Victoria Cross while serving with the 1st Battalion, The Bedfordshire Regiment, in the 1914-1918 War. His citation reads:—

*Private Edward Warner,*

*1st Battalion, The Bedfordshire Regiment.*

"For most conspicuous bravery near 'Hill Sixty' on May 1, 1915. After Trench 46 had been vacated by our troops consequent on a gas attack, Pte. Warner entered it single handed in order to prevent the enemy taking possession. Re-inforcements were sent to Pte. Warner but could not reach him owing to the gas. He then came back but the Trench was held until the enemy's attack ceased. This very gallant soldier died shortly afterwards from the affects of gas poisoning."

Date of Bravery, *London Gazette,*  
May 1, 1915. June 29, 1915.



*Mrs. Dixon shows Lt.-Cols. Norbury and Young, her uncle's Victoria Cross and the framed photograph of her grandmother receiving the V.C. from His late Majesty King George V.*

[Photograph by: "The Stratford Express"]

## Presentation of a Victoria Cross

The Victoria Cross posthumously awarded to Lt. Francis Newton Parsons for his gallantry at Paardeberg in 1900 has been kindly presented to The Essex Regiment Museum by the family of the late V.C. The actual presentation took place at the Boughton Lees, Ashford, Kent, home of Mrs. M. Parsons, a sister-in-law, widow of Mr. J. Parsons who died in 1961. The medal, which as our photograph shows, is included in a framed picture of Lt. Parsons, was handed to Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., the last Colonel of the former Essex Regiment, by Mrs. Hilda Osborne, a sister of the late Lt. Parsons, V.C. The citation to the award reads as follows:—

“On the morning of February 18, 1900, at Paardeberg, on the south bank of the Modder River, Pte. Ferguson, 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment, was wounded and fell in a place devoid of cover. While trying to crawl under cover, he was again wounded in the stomach. Lt. Parsons at once went to his assistance, dressed his wound, under heavy fire went down twice (still under heavy fire) to the bank of the river to get water for Pte.

Ferguson, and subsequently carried him to a place of safety.

This Officer was recommended for the Victoria Cross by Lieut.-General Kelly Kenny, C.B., on March 3 last. Lt. Parsons was killed on March 10, in the engagement at Driefontein, on which occasion he again displayed conspicuous gallantry.”

Date of Act of Bravery, February 18, 1900 (South Africa).

Extract from *London Gazette* dated November 20, 1900.

The Regiment is both proud and honoured to be entrusted with the safe keeping of the Victoria Cross which is now in an honoured place in The Essex Regiment Museum at Warley.

## Regimental Ties

3rd East Anglian Regimental ties can be obtained on application to the Regimental Secretary.

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*The Victoria Cross awarded to the late Lt. Francis Newton Parsons, The Essex Regiment, being presented by his sister, Mrs. Hilda Osborne, to Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L.*

## The Regimental Engine

*"The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment"*

Steam locomotive No. 45516, "The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment," was recently withdrawn from service, and British Railways, through their London Midland Region, kindly offered to present the crests, name plates and prayer plate to the 16th Foot Association. This presentation ceremony took place on a hot, sunny afternoon at Bedford Midland Road Station on Friday, June 15, 1962. Drawn up in the forecourt of the station was a Guard of Honour provided by the 1st Battalion. Also on parade were representatives of Bedford Branch of the Regimental Association with their Branch Standard. The presentation was made by Mr. W. O. Reynolds, M.B.E., Divisional Manager of the London (Midland) Division of British Railways. With him, on the platform, were the Mayor of Bedford, Councillor A. G. Dawes, J.P., and Colonel G. A. Anstee, O.B.E., M.C., J.P., D.L., who represented The Colonel of The Regiment. Mr. Reynolds welcomed those present to what he described as a nostalgic occasion. After referring to the modernisation of arms on the one hand and of railway motive power on the other, he went on to say:

"When the modernisation programme began, British Railways had well over 18,000 steam locomotives. Now there are only about 11,000 of them left, and their numbers are decreasing daily. One of the 7,000 steam engines we have retired was Locomotive No. 45516, and its withdrawal, after a life of sterling service, is the reason why we are here today. It was just 24 years ago, on Sunday, July 31, 1938, that this 'Patriot' Class locomotive was named 'The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment' before a distinguished company, here at Bedford Midland Station. The gathering included, Mr. Mayor, one of your predecessors, Alderman Sowter, and General Sir Henry Jackson, then Colonel of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, who performed the unveiling of crests and name plates of the locomotive. I understand, however, that we have in our presence, Colonel Anstee, a personal link with that occasion, as I believe that you were not only present, but also that you were responsible for all the arrangements so far as the Regiment was concerned.

"At the naming ceremony it was said that the locomotive '... would be expected to work its daily tasks with regularity and reliability and to play its part in maintaining the efficiency of our services.' The hope was also expressed that the engine would '... worthily uphold



[Photograph by: London Midland Region (B.R.)

*The Mayor, accompanied by Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, greets members of the Bedford Branch.*





[Photograph by: London Midland Region (B.R.)

Colonel G. A. Anstee, O.B.E., M.C., J.P., D.L., who represented the Colonel of The Regiment, speaking at the Handing Over Ceremony. On the left, the Mayor of Bedford, Councillor A. G. Dawes, and centre, Mr. W. O. Reynolds, who made the presentation on behalf of British Railways.

the names of the Counties' and the Regiment after which it was named.' How well it has fulfilled both these expectations can be judged by the fact that the locomotive covered a total distance of no less than 1,330,644 miles—and, I am told, that this is equal to almost 53½ circuits around the earth at its equatorial circumference, or, as we now speak in space age terms, the equivalent of more than five journeys between the earth and the moon. Over most of this enormous distance, it has proudly borne the crests and nameplates of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, which are laid here before you. I think, therefore, that we justly claim that the locomotive has well served both British Railways and The Regiment after which it was named."

In his reply, Colonel Anstee said:

"On behalf of General Sir Reginald Denning, Colonel of The Regiment, and of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, I thank you, Mr. Reynolds, for all you have said, and British Railways for these historic symbols which, for over two decades, have identified our 274-year-old County Regiment (16th Foot) with British Railways. Both the Regiment and British Railways exist for service to the State and the public. Both owe a vital duty to our fellow countrymen in peace and war.

"It is therefore satisfactory to hear this excellent report of the Regimental Engine's per-

formance and devotion to duty. It is also of interest to recall that this locomotive drew the train containing the Regiment on many important occasions, not the least being on February 14, 1939, carrying the Guard of Honour from Gravesend to Luton for H.M. Queen Mary opening the newly-built Luton and Dunstable Hospital. On the outbreak of war, September, 1939, it conveyed the 2nd Battalion to Southampton to embark with the B.E.F. for France. Then, on February 16, 1950, it transported the 1st Battalion, on disembarkation at Southampton, to Bury St. Edmunds, after 21 years' continuous service overseas.

"Like a good soldier, the engine has been a faithful servant of the Crown and the public; Seldom late on parade; rarely sick or sorry; always keeping to the straight and narrow way; never going off the rails.

"Now, on account of modernisation, and for various reasons, not the least being *anno domini*, like the proverbial old soldier, it fades away, giving place to a more up-to-date, less noisy, more fragrant, successor; one we hope that will be as efficient and likeable.

"This brass plate, inscribed with the Bishop of St. Alban's dedicatory prayer is a timely reminder of all the railwaymen, successors to Mr. Pegg and Mr. Fitzgerald, both ex-members of The Regiment manning the engine cab, that July Sunday afternoon 24 years ago, who have

faithfully 'Guided the locomotive with courageous hearts, skilful hands, quick decisions and unerring sight to the journey's end.'

As we have heard, the journey has indeed been successfully achieved. And on behalf of our Regimental Association, I gratefully accept from British Railways these honourable emblems for the Regimental Museum, where, under the roof of the new Bedford Borough Museum, on the bank of the Ouse, we hope they will be on view to the public for all time."

(NOTE: A full account of the naming of the Regimental Engine which took place at Bedford (Midland Road) Railway Station on Sunday, July 31, 1938, appeared in *The Wasp*, the Journal of the 16th Foot, Vol. IX, No. 3, September, 1938, page 143).

### THE REGIMENTAL ENGINE THE ESSEX REGIMENT

As the time has come also for the engine which, proudly, bore the Regimental Badge and Title of The Essex Regiment, to retire from active service, arrangements have been made with British Railways, Eastern Region, for the Badge and Name Plates to be handed over to the Regiment at the H.Q. of the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.), at Ilford at a ceremony to be held on November 1st. A full account will be published in our next number.

### PERSONALIA

General Sir Henry Jackson was amongst the members present at the annual dinner of the Mounted Infantry Club, which was held at the United Service Club on June 7.

Major Robin Medley vacated the appointment of Training Major, the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) in June and was posted to a staff appointment with the 53rd (Welsh) Division (T.A.) (Wales District) Brecon, where he was delighted to meet Major Morris Brightman, who is employed as an R.O. on the Divisional Staff.

Major and Mrs. Medley have taken a house in Crickhowell, and their address is: Ty-Yr-y-Whad, Crickhowell, Breconshire, South Wales.

Major Geoffrey Morgan vacated his appointment with a Brigade in B.A.O.R. in June and succeeded Major Robin Medley as Training Major of the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.).

Major and Mrs. Geoffrey Morgan have taken up residence in the Officers' Married Quarters at Gordon Fields, Ilford.

Congratulations to Major and Mrs. George Lucas, who celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary on June 26. They were married

on June 26, 1937, at St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent. Their present address is Pound Cottage, Darby Green, Yateley, Hants. Major Lucas retired on retired pay on October 18, and was granted the honorary rank of Lt.-Col.

Major D. R. C. Carter relinquished the appointment of Brigade Major to 161 Infantry Brigade (T.A.) on June 28, 1962, and after leave, joined the 1st Battalion in Northern Ireland for duty.

Major G. V. Ashton, T.D., was appointed Second-in-Command of the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) on June 4, 1962.

Major (Q.M.) H. J. Hardwidge has returned from Hong Kong, where he has been stationed for some time. He now holds an appointment in B.A.O.R. and his address is: The All Arms Training Centre, B.F.P.O. 16.

Capt. Michael Wilson writes to tell us that he and Mrs. Wilson are now settled in Lubbecke in a very pleasant quarter. They have managed already to visit Goslar, where Manchester Barracks, occupied at one time by the 1st Bn. The 16th Foot, now appears to be in the hands of the Luftwaffe. Capt. Wilson has met Major David Page, who is with 11 Brigade. He has also visited the 2nd East Anglian Regiment, where he met Capt. A. F. Rogers, who is serving with them. Capt. Roger's G.S.M. is C.S.M. Veitch, who will be remembered by many Bedfords.

Capt. Wilson finds B.A.O.R. a pleasant change after Nigeria.

Major and Mrs. K. Burch have moved from Worcester Park to 10, Lime Avenue, Upminster, Essex. They are very glad to be back in Essex, and hope to attend the monthly services in the Regimental Chapel.

Major Burch is holding a staff appointment at The War Office.

Capt. Stuart Green, in a long and interesting letter written from Aden, tells us he is now serving as Adjutant to the 4th Battalion Federal Regular Army, formerly known as the Aden Protectorate Levies. The Battalion is at present in reserve in Aden, but, Capt. Green writes, when they are up-country, life is apt to be more active and exciting.

The previous Adjutant to the Battalion was also a Pompadour, Capt. Peter Chapman, who is well remembered in the Battalion, especially by the Assistant Adjutant, who was, at the time, Chief Clerk to Capt. Chapman.

Capt. Green goes on to tell us that Capt. John Bushell is no longer serving in the Federal Army, but has an appointment in the garrison

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at Aden. Capt. (Q.M.) W. A. Moody has left the Army Camp Headquarters, and is taking up his first appointment with the Federal Army next month. When Capt. Green wrote, the Moodys were enjoying some leave in Kenya. Capt. Dodd paid a visit to Aden, but unfortunately, Capt. Green was unable to get to Aden then to see him. He is hoping to meet Major John Salazar when he visits Aden later in the year.

Mrs. Green left England in September to join her husband. They have not been successful in obtaining quarters, and are sharing a private house with a brother officer of the 4th Battalion.

Capt. Green's address is: 4th Battalion, Federal Regular Army, B.F.P.O. 69.

Colonel R. A. Chell has retired from the Chairmanship of the Romford Y.M.C.A., Red Triangle Club.

We extend our warm congratulations to the Reverend Kenneth A. Vine, B.Sc., B.D., A.K.C., Vicar of St. Mary's, Loughton, on his well deserved promotion to Deputy Assistant Chaplain General (T.A.) Eastern Command. The Reverend Vine has always been a great source of help and encouragement to us in our Regimental Chapel affairs.

Mr. James Wilson, of 10, Avenue Terrace, Ashbrooke, Sunderland, would much like to renew contacts with any readers who were with the Anti-Tank Platoon of the 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment between 1945 and 1947. Mr. Wilson (ex-Pte. 14430783) affirms that his days with "The Pompadours" were "the best in his life," and says that he will be happy to reply to any correspondence.

The issue of *The Bedfordshire Times*, published on August 17, 1962, contains an interesting account of the late William Keech, who was born at Turvey, Bedfordshire, on April 6, 1840. As a young man he enlisted in the 15th Foot (The East Yorkshire Regiment) and later served as Drum-Major to the 4th Bn. The East Yorkshire Regiment. Afterwards he was appointed Bandmaster to the 3rd Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment, in those days a Militia Battalion based on Kempston Barracks, Bedford, and commanded by the then Duke of Bedford. Under Bandmaster Keech, the Band flourished, and there are many contemporary reports of its inspiring music during the Battalion's marches to and from the Parish Church of Kempston and through the town of Bedford en route to camp at Amptill Park or some other training area for exercises.

Bandmaster Keech married Miss A. R. Gallichan, a notable singer. She bore him seven

sons and three daughters. All the sons served during the 1914-1918 War and came home safely, although not without hurt.

Bandmaster Keech died on May 5, 1903, and was buried with full military honours in his native village of Turvey, by his comrades of 3rd Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment.

A most welcome visitor to The Regimental Chapel and The Essex Regiment Museum in June last was the Reverend John Durno Steele, M.A., Rector of Plymtree, Devon. The Reverend Steele was commissioned in The Essex Regiment during the First World War and served with the 13th Battalion in Flanders.

Some little time after the end of the War, he took Holy Orders and has since served the Church in many parts of the world.

Two former members who served with The Essex Regiment have now been admitted as In-Pensioners to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. They are Mr. L. A. Platts, M.M., M.S.M. (ex-Sgt. 5998608) who served with The Regiment from 1907 to 1916 and from 1919 to 1931, and Mr. C. West (ex-Pte. 5999130), 1916 to 1930. A third former Essex Regiment In-Pensioner, Mr. H. Moore, served with The Regiment from 1902 to 1915 and entered the Hospital in May, 1960.

We were sorry to hear from Major George Cowley that he had had a telephone call from John Ross to the effect that his mother had died in the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, on July 10, 1962. There must be many Bedfords who remember Armourer Q.M.S. Peter Ross and his wife. The former served for many years with the 1st Bn. The 16th Foot. Unfortunately, Mr. Peter Ross is in very poor health, and their many friends will, we are sure, be sorry to hear this, and to learn of their sad loss in the death of Mrs. Ross. "Billie" Ross, the younger son, is a Warrant Officer Class I in the R.E.M.E. serving in B.A.O.R.

Lt.-Col. D. Milman who retired in October has obtained an appointment as an Instructor at the Civil Defence Staff College. They hope to settle down in Fleet.

We were glad to receive a visit to R.H.Q. by Mr. T. McNamee, uncle of ex-C/Sgt. J. McNamee. C/Sgt. McNamee, who served for a total of over 22 years in The Essex Regiment and The 3rd Anglian Regiment is now in charge of The Kingsway Hotel, King Street, Blackburn, Lancs.

A memorial plaque to the Old Contemptibles was unveiled during the service at the annual church parade of the Medway towns' Branch

of the Old Contemptibles, which was held at Chatham on Sunday, September 23.

The salute at the march past was taken by Major A. Gardiner, O.B.E., M.C., a former Essex Regiment officer, and one of those who marched from Chatham Barracks in 1914. Buglers and Guards for the parade were provided by 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.).

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Mr. Jack Finn, M.M., tells us that he is hoping once again to arrange for a party to visit the Belgian Battlefields. He would be very glad to hear from any Old Pompadours who would like to join the party, and asks them to contact him at "Magdalen," Stanley Road, Wivenhoe, Colchester, Essex.

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The Reverend Peter G. Hartley is shortly to be commissioned as a Chaplain in the R.A.F. As a very young Sergeant serving in the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) at the time of the fall of Singapore, he escaped, only to be captured at Sumatra. He subsequently wrote "Escape to Captivity," a book of his experiences as a prisoner of the Japanese. On returning to England he went up to Oxford where he gained an honours degree in Theology. He has been Vicar of Elstow, in Bedfordshire, since 1953, succeeding his father who had held this post for 34 years.

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Major Keith Hoile, now serving in Cyprus, has sent us a number of photographs of the graves of former Essex Regiment soldiers who now rest in the cemetery at Knightsbridge. The photographs which will gladly be forwarded to any parent or relative, include the names of: Ptes. A. J. Gore, H. Gould, H. J. Hicks, H. T. Parrott, Lt. P. F. M. Parry, Pte. J. S. Rawlingson, L/Cpl. A. T. Stevens and Gnr. H. Macnamara, Essex Yeomanry.

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Mr. P. Womack, now a C.S.M. with 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) has recently contacted Mrs. Cox, the widow of the late C.S.M. (Dido) Cox and has kindly arranged for her to receive regular copies of the Regimental Journal, from which she derives so much pleasure.

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Master C. H. Grundy, who has been Master of the Supreme Court, Queen's Bench Division, since 1946, has been appointed Senior Master and Queen's Remembrancer. Master Grundy was commissioned into the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment during the First World War and attended their annual reunion earlier this year.

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We extend our congratulations to Mr. Arthur Norman (ex-Sergeant 5th Bn. The Essex Regi-

ment) who has become a grandfather to twin boys at the ripe age of 42 years. Our congratulations also to the parents and the twins.

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Major Roy Jackson, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, visited the cemetery at Banneville-la-Campagne in June. A number of former Essex men rest there and Major Jackson reports that the cemetery is very well kept by the local people, with many flowers in full bloom at the time of his visit. The list of graves includes the following: 14671212 Pte. M. I. G. Camfield, Capt. P. J. Chell, 6031943 Pte. N. Edgley, 6025877 Pte. R. Finley, 14650332 Pte. W. Garratt, 6008030 Cpl. H. G. Haynes, 14207832 Cpl. J. Hollis, 14626136 Pte. J. Luxton, 14405894 Pte. A. Moore, 14657975 Pte. H. Pimblett, 14550376 Pte. A. A. Ross, 6009269 L/Cpl. R. Saych, 14437905 Pte. K. Stevens, 4922354 Cpl. J. W. Watts, 6020527 Pte. C. Whymer.

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Two of our readers are anxious to obtain back numbers of *The Eagle*, the old Journal of the former Essex Regiment:—

Mr. G. E. Butcher, 17, Loxley Road, London, S.W.18, requires any copies issued during the period 1949-1953, and Mr. E. Bowers, 138, Brixton Hill, London, S.W.2, would like issues of the period 1945-1947.

Readers who may be able to help are asked to write direct to Mr. Bowers or Mr. Butcher.

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Mr. Charlie King, the hardworking Secretary of the Saffron Walden Branch of The Essex Regiment Association, has recently gained several more members for the Branch, including Messrs. A. Bonniface and C. J. Hayden late of "X" Company, and Mr. A. Freeman, stretcher bearer, all of whom served with 5th Bn. The Essex Regiment. The latest new member is Mr. M. A. Ellis, recently discharged from The 3rd East Anglian Regiment.

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We are sorry to have to report that Mr. T. Worrell, who served with 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of The Essex Regiment from 1906 to 1932 is now failing in health and is unable to attend Regimental Reunions. Mr. Worrell now lives at 83, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden, and sends his kindest regard to all Old Comrades.

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We extend our congratulations to the Reverend Gerald Restall on his appointment as Vicar of St. Elizabeth, Becontree, and Curate in charge of St. George's, Becontree.

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We were very pleased to learn from Major Harry Staff that Mrs. Staff has recovered from her serious illness sufficiently to return home from hospital. She still has to lead a very quiet life.

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Major J. A. Bacon has taken up an appointment at the School of Military Engineering.

Lt.-Col. A. J. M. Parry is vacating his appointment at the Central Fighter Establishment Royal Air Force to take up a new appointment at the School of Land/Air Warfare.

Lt.-Col. T. J. Barrow is vacating his appointment in Hong Kong to return home. At the end of the year he is to take up a new appointment at the Joint Services Amphibious Warfare Centre. In a recent letter Colonel Barrow mentions that Colonel Donald Girdwood, who served with the 1st Bn. The 16th Foot for a long time, is in Hong Kong commanding a Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit.

Major Angus Robertson writes from The Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, where he holds a staff appointment.

It was interesting to read in *The Birmingham Post* of July 3, 1962, an account of the expedition made by seven members of the Services stationed in Cyprus to Lara Point, a small rocky peninsular off the west coast of that island.

The members of the expedition spent two days examining the sea bottom at the foot of the cliffs and recovered four stone Roman anchors, and a large haul of Roman, Hellenistic and Byzantine Pottery.

One of the members was Major Keith Hoile, now serving with Public Relations.

We were very interested to hear from Colonel J. R. Harper, who lives in Montreal, that on the occasion of Her Majesty The Queen Mother's visit to Montreal, earlier this year, he was in attendance on Her Majesty.

Colonel Harper also writes about the nineteenth anniversary of "D" Day, June 6, 1963. This year, for the second time, the French National Fete will be held on the beach at Ver-Sur-Mer, where the 2nd Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), then a Beach Group, landed on "D" Day 1944. Colonel Harper writes that he has been over to Ver-Sur-Mer nearly every year since 1945, and last year was given the honour of unveiling the Memorial in Bayeaux to General De Gaulle.

Colonel R. A. Humbert, Deputy Chairman of Welwyn Garden and Hatfield Development Corporation has been appointed Chairman of the Letchworth Garden City Corporation by the Minister of Housing.

A very recent visitor to Warley was Mr. A. E. Gambles (ex-No. 8760) who joined The Pompadours in 1906. He became a Bandsman and after a period at Kneller Hall he joined 1st Bn.

The Essex Regiment in 1917 as a Band Sergeant.

After his discharge he went to Canada and enlisted as a Regular Band Sergeant with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Mr. Gambles's father, Sgt.-Dmr T. Gambles, served with the 56th for a number of years from 1882.

We were sorry to lose two of our most regular supporters to the Regimental Chapel Services. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Carter, who have been living near the Barracks at Warley for very many years, have now moved to a new house near Hastings. Mr. Carter, who served for a short time with the 3rd Bn. The Essex Regiment during World War I, was born in Brentwood and first attended Services in the Chapel some 60 years ago. We wish them well in their new home.

Major H. F. Rawkins has taken up an appointment at the Army School of Physical Training, Aldershot.

Major D. W. Browne, M.C., has taken an appointment at H.Q., A.L.F.C.E.

Major P. L. Purdy has relinquished his appointment as Regimental Recruiting Officer, and is now employed on Public Relations duties at Colchester.

R.S.M. R. H. E. Luscombe, who was serving with the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) has been granted a Short Service Commission as Lieutenant (Quartermaster).

Major D. G. M. Anstee, on his return home from Ghana, was appointed Training Major to the 4th/5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.) and is stationed at Peterborough. His father, Colonel G. A. Anstee, took over command of the 5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment during the withdrawal to Dunkirk.

Mr. L. R. Batchelor was admitted to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, as an In-Pensioner on October 1. Mr. Batchelor, who is now 76, joined The Bedfordshire Regiment in 1903. His admission brings the 16th Foot total of In-Pensioners to four. We were very glad to see one of them, Mr. A. J. Keech, at Bedford for the reunion on September 9.

A reunion of the immortal 7th Division was held at Lyndhurst, Hampshire, on October 6, during which a plaque was unveiled in the Council Chambers, commemorating those units which left Lyndhurst in October, 1914, and the exploits of the Division at Ypres. Mr. J. H. Selby attended the ceremonies and laid a wreath on behalf of the 2nd Bedfordshire Regiment.

Lt. R. G. Bates has been seconded for service with the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force.

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Major C. A. Stahelin, after a tour of duty with the Aden Protectorate Forces, has rejoined the 1st Battalion in Northern Ireland.

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Capt. Peter Gill has taken up the appointment of *Brigade Recruiting Officer* at Bury St. Edmunds.

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Major F. H. Crouchman now holds an appointment in B.A.O.R.

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Major (Q.M.) R. H. Brooks has vacated his appointment at the Military Prison and Detention Barracks, Shepton Mallet, and has been posted to Aden.

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Among those who had the honour of attending the afternoon party given by Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace on July 19, were Colonel and Mrs. Anstee, Mrs. Foss, Major and Mrs. Tewkesbury, Major and Mrs. Stead, Major and Mrs. Richardson, Major and Mrs. Brightman, Major and Mrs. Vosser. Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Sprunt had the honour of attending the afternoon party given by Her Majesty and His Royal Highness on July 24.

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At the annual reunion dinner of Bedford Branch of The Old Contemptibles' Association on October 10, the Mayor of Bedford, Councillor A. G. Dawes, J.P., presented Mr. E. J. Cannon with a Merit Award Certificate in appreciation of his service of 22 years as delegate and 10 years as Benevolent and Social Secretary. Amongst those present were Mrs. P. R. Foss, Patron of the Branch, of which her husband, Brigadier C. C. Foss, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., D.L., J.P., was President, until his death in 1953.

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An interesting article appeared in *The Bedfordshire Times* of October 19, entitled "Memories of Kempston Barracks, The Day The Regiment's name was changed."

It was written by Mr. Percy Smith, whose home, when he was a young lad in the 1890's, was in Little Butts Road, Bedford. His father used to take him to Kempston Barracks on Sundays to listen to the concert given by the Regimental Band. He also recalls the excitement when the Militia were called up for their annual training. Later, Mr. Smith moved to Leeds, where he still lives. On the outbreak of the 1914-1918 War, he enlisted in The Leeds Rifles and eventually was recommended for a commission. Being given the choice of a Regiment, Mr. Smith asked for The Bedfordshire Regiment and was posted to the 4th Battalion, with whom he served in France. At the end of the

war, Mr. Smith found himself back at Kempston Barracks as Demobilisation Officer, and was there when the Army Order was received changing the title of The Bedfordshire Regiment to The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. He recalls that an hour after the order had been received, he led a detachment of The Regiment past the saluting base during a parade in Bedford Park and gave the order "Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment—eyes right" for the first time.

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It was with regret that we read in *The Bedfordshire Times* of October 26, just as we were going to press, of the death of Colonel F. W. H. Nicholas (Nick), which occurred in a London Hospital on October 20, at the age of 69. Colonel Nicholas, who will be always remembered on account of his career as a sportsman, was the son of the late Mr. W. Nicholas, who was for many years a member of Bedford Town Council. Colonel Nicholas joined the Army straight from Oxford, and was commissioned in The Bedfordshire Regiment; he saw service in the Middle East at Sulva Bay, Gallipoli and Egypt, and served for some time with the 5th Battalion. After the 1914-1918 War he went on the Reserve of Officers. Recalled for the 1939-1945 War, he rejoined The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and was among those evacuated from Dunkirk. Colonel Nicholas was perhaps the most famous all-round athlete the Army has ever produced. An Oxford "Blue" for soccer and athletics, a member of the Corinthians football team which caused a minor sensation in 1923, by beating Blackburn Rovers in the F.A. Cup; he played for England in international games on no fewer than eleven occasions. He played cricket for Essex and hockey for the Army. He was also a sprinter and hurdler of international standard.

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The old 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) Corps of Drums have formed themselves into a Corps of Drums within the Bedford Branch of the British Legion, and they are always willing to take on new members who have served in a Corps and will give them a hearty welcome. The Corps practices each Sunday morning at B.U.S.A. Club, Howard Street, Bedford, from 10.30 a.m., until 12.00 noon. They are looking for flute music which was formerly published by Boosey and Hawkes Ltd., but whose publication has now been discontinued. Will anyone who is aware of the existence of any of this music please contact Major C. J. Corkerton, 12, Hardwick Road, Bedford.

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Recently the Regimental Secretary has had some interesting correspondence with Mr. S. R. Rahmat Ullah, Army Contractor, who served with the 1st Battalion in Malaya as Regimental

Contractor under Colonels Barrow and Holme. Mr. S. R. Rahmat Ullah has become a regular subscriber to the Regimental Journal and has requested that he be allowed to send his best wishes to all members of the Battalion, including families, whom he served in Malaya. His permanent address in Pakistan is:

S. R. Rahmat Ullah,  
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Army Contractor,  
Bamboo-Gate,  
Sialkot City,  
West Pakistan.

He hopes to have the pleasure of serving the Battalion on some other occasion in the future.

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Congratulations to Lt.-Col. and Mrs. George Lucas on their Silver Wedding anniversary, the announcement of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

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As a result of his notice in the June, 1962, number of *The Wasp and The Eagle* (see page 377), Major-General Man Mohan Khanna and Mrs. Khanna spent a week-end in Wales on November 3 and 4, 1952, as the guests of Major and Mrs. Morris Brightman at Brecon. Major Brightman writes to say that although it is over 25 years since he and M.M. were subalterns in the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in Dehra Dun and Chakrata in 1937, they had no difficulty in recognising each other. In fact, although Major Brightman's son Christopher was the first to meet General and Mrs. Khanna on Newport station, General Khanna identified him at once!

The photograph of the Officers of the 1st Battalion of 1937 was one of the items discussed during M.M.'s visit. He said that Ajit Singh Sodhi, the other Indian U.L.I.A. Officer that year, had retired. M.M. asked after various Officers, in particular the late Lt.-Col. Reggie Norcock, who was Adjutant of 1st Battalion in 1937, Cols. Geoffrey Anstee, "Sox" Hose, Lt.-Cols. Alan Clarke, John Busby and Geoffrey Warland.

Much of the week-end was spent discussing both old times and the present situation in N.E. India and Latak. There was time for a walk around the town and for a trip to the reservoir near the source of the River Usk in the Carmarthenshire Black Mountains.

Some previous appointments held by M.M. have been Deputy Commandant and Commandant of the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun, G.O.C. 4th Indian Division and B.G.S. of a Corps. General Khanna completes his course at the Imperial Defence College in December, 1952, and then expects to go to Wellington in South India as Commandant of

the Indian Staff College unless the Chinese frontier situation causes his appointment to be changed.

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It is with sincere regret that we have to report the death of Lady Ward, which occurred in the British Military Hospital, Gibraltar. A message of sympathy on behalf of all those who served with him in the 16th Foot was sent to General Sir Dudley Ward.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

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# The 3rd EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT

## (16th/44th FOOT)

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## 1st BATTALION NOTES

In our last notes we told of the Battalion's journey home from Malaya and of our settling down in the Shoeburyness area for a short period of intensive recruiting before moving to Northern Ireland in July. Thus the months April, May and June were almost entirely devoted to recruiting of one sort or another. It was felt that, because of the short time the Battalion was to be in England, we could do very little to improve (physically) our monthly recruiting figures. What we could do, however, was to "show the flag" in as many ways as possible in our three Counties of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex, and hope that our special recruiters could reap the benefits at a later date. To this end the Battalion visited Southend-on-Sea on Wednesday, April 11, mentioned in our last notes, and Watford, on May 13. For their visit, the Battalion formed up in Cassiobury Park, where, with a contingent of Old Comrades, it was inspected by the Mayor of Watford. This was followed by an excellent display by the Drill Squad, under Sgt. Noble, and then the beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums.

On the invitation of the Mayor, Alderman John R. Hicks, J.P., the Battalion, exercising the Privilege of Entry to the Borough, which was conferred on it in July, 1959, marched from Cassiobury Park to the Drill Hall in Clarendon Road, with Colours Flying, Drums Beating and Bayonets Fixed; the Mayor taking the salute from a dais opposite the Town Hall. After the march, the troops taking part were entertained by the Borough in the Drill Hall and the officers at the Town Hall.

The Battalion also took part in the Laying-Up of the Colours of the 2nd Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in St. Mary's Church, Luton, on May 20. (An account of this ceremony appears elsewhere in this number).

Although these were the highlights of our recruiting efforts, many more recruiting enterprises were carried out. Two special teams of recruiters were formed in "D" Company, under Capt. C. M. F. Randall, and these did sterling work in going off to lecture to countless Youth Clubs and A.C.F. units in the three counties. Those who took part in this highly-successful enterprise, and gave up a lot of their spare time in the process, were: Capt. C. M. F. Randall, C.S.M. Lad'ey, Cpls. Willis and Franklin, L/Cpls. Stopes and Marshall, Ptes. Palmer, Basham, Anderson and Clare. Special teams, consisting of one N.C.O., four privates and an M.T. driver with a one-ton truck were also sent to live in their home towns in Watford, Luton, Bedford and St. Albans, under special recruiters there. These teams were organised



*Members of the Battalion Drill Squad prepare for a quarter guard.—Left to right: Pte. Farmer (C.O.'s Bugler), Sgt. Noble (i/c Drill Squad), Ptes French, Curtis, Males, Blackwell, Darvill.*

by Cpl. Lewis (Watford), L/Cpl. Donald (St. Albans), L/Cpl. Harle (Bedford), L/Cpl. Cole (Luton).

The Band, Drums and Drill Squad did a tremendous amount of work during our stay in England and earned themselves high praise wherever they went. In fact the Band and Drums were in such demand that it eventually proved impossible to take them with us to Northern Ireland when the time came, and we had to leave them in Shoeburyness until September to complete their programme and commitments.

However, if recruiting was our main task during these months, it was certainly not the only one for us. In the sporting world, the Battalion cricket team convincingly beat a strong team of the "Gentlemen of Essex" at Shoeburyness on May 19. This match was followed by an Old Comrades' Reunion, which was laid on in the Garrison Gymnasium and was attended by many Old Comrades. The Battalion fencing team, consisting of Capt. Randall, C.S.M. Day, Capt. Sibley, 2/Lts. Harrington-Spier and Lambert, having won the East Anglian District Competition, were narrowly beaten into second place in the Eastern Command Championships at Windsor. On May 4, all officers attended the Regimental Dinner at the United Service Club. It was good to see so many familiar faces again after a three-year lapse! On June 3, most officers attended the Civic Sunday, he'd at R.H.Q., Warley, when the Regiment entertained the civic dignitaries of the three Counties. In mid-June, just in order that we should not forget all we had ever learned, a Platoon of "C"



*Battalion v. Gentlemen of Essex, June 19, 1962.*

Company, under 2/Lt. Styles was sent off to Sennybridge, in "darkest Wales," to act as Demonstration Platoon for 4th/5th Essex at their annual camp. "B" Company also provided the Inns of Court with an enemy for their exercise, "Legal Effort," from May 27 to 30.

On June 5, the officers dined-out the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C., who had led the Battalion during its tour in Malaya. An extremely popular C.O., his departure was keenly felt by all ranks, who nevertheless wish him the best of luck in his new job as Commandant of the School of Infantry Tactical Wing, Warminster. On June 8, the actual handover of C.O.s took place. Colonel Holme was pulled out of camp in his Land Rover by the Officers, W.O.s and Sergeants behind the Regimental Band, to the cheers of all the members of the Battalion and not a few loud detonations from thunder flashes. That afternoon our new Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. C. C. Norbury, M.B.E., M.C., took over command.

Almost immediately the Battalion started planning its move to Northern Ireland. Due to our run-down of National Servicemen and the need to establish the Battalion on an all-regular basis, it was decided to close down "D" (Training) Company immediately. On arrival in Northern Ireland, all the soldiers of "C" Company were to move to "A" and "B" Companies. We would then become a two-

Rifle Company Battalion, with "C" (Training) Company retaining its nucleus of officers and N.C.O.s, in the sure knowledge that it would soon be up to strength again if our recruiting figures remained consistently high. On June 12, the Advance Party, under Major Randall, moved off to Northern Ireland. The G.O.C., East Anglian District, General I. H. Freeland, D.S.O., came to Shoeburyness on June 21 to pay us a farewell visit, and on June 24, the Colonel of the Regiment sent the following message to the Battalion:

"On the departure of the Battalion for Northern Ireland, on change of station, I want to send to all ranks the goods wishes of myself and all members of The Regiment.

During the months you have been in England you have shown the same high standard in all you have done, that you showed in Malaya. The Counties of The Regiment have indeed been glad to have you in their midst, particularly on the occasions at Southend, Watford and Luton.

I am entirely confident that you will more than maintain in Northern Ireland the high reputation you have gained wherever you have been stationed."

On Sunday, July 1, the first wave of the main body flew off to Northern Ireland from Stansted Airport, closely followed by the remainder of the Battalion on the subsequent two days. Having arrived in our new station at Abercorn Barracks, Ballykinlar, Co. Down, we found our-



Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C., waves farewell to the 1st Battalion on June 8, 1962, on relinquishing command.

selves immediately plunged into a new world of guards and stand-by picquets, guard dogs and armoured one-tonners. Gone were those carefree days in Shoeburyness, when the guard was one N.C.O. and three, armed with pick helves! By the time the main body had all reached Ballykinlar, our first Battalion commitment, Exercise "Mickey Finn," was well under way. This was an endurance and initiative exercise that is run annually by the Infantry Brigade Group in Northern Ireland. It consisted of a shooting competition on our ranges at Ballykinlar, a 30-mile forced march, a canoeing section and an escape and evasion course, ending up with some more shooting at McGilligan's Point in the far north of Ulster. The Battalion provided six teams of six men, each of which acquitted themselves remarkably well considering the short time they had had to train in and the unfamiliarity of the countryside. We will do much better next year, now that we are used to the wiles of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, who frequently caught our teams on the escape and evasion phase, and are accustomed to the ruggedness of the country. The Battalions teams were led by: Lt. Styles, 2/Lt. Lambert, Cpls. Dziemidzik and Willis, L/Cpl. Robinson and Cpl. Dear.

We soon began to take stock of our new home. Originally a P.O.W. Camp, in the First

World War (of which vestiges were still to be seen) the camp was in the process of having a gigantic face-lift. The enormous Sandhurst block, which dominated the whole barracks and housed the entire Battalion, including the cook-house and armouries, had to be evacuated. All Battalion personnel had to move out of the barracks into a week-end training centre of wooden huts. At a later stage the officers had to vacate their Mess for a smaller and much more dilapidated version. However, by some "fiddle" the W.O.s and Sergeants managed to resist eviction, and at the moment seem to be quite happily "soldiering on" in their Mess, with walls tumbling down all about them. However, all is not lost amid the chaos that only builders know how to make. Despite the pneumatic drills and bulldozers, a new barracks is emerging. Already new company office blocks have been built, together with a brand new Quartermaster block—so vast that even the Quartermaster loses his way in it. A brand new Junior Ranks' Club, of incredible size and splendour was officially opened and named "The Eagle and Garter Club," on Thursday, August 2, by the G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Ireland Command, when he came to visit the Battalion. The new Battalion H.Q. and guard-room block has just been completed, and by the time *The Wasp* and *The Eagle* goes to print, in December, it is hoped the Sandhurst block and Officers' Mess will be completed, thus giving the camp some semblance of order and making life much more comfortable during the deary winter months.

Ballykinlar Camp itself is situated on Dundrum Bay, in the south of Co. Down. Apart from the camp, there is a tiny village of some 400 souls, with Dundrum village four miles away across the bay. However, the main centres of attraction are Newcastle, a holiday resort 12 miles away to the south west, and Downpatrick, the county town of Co. Down, about the same distance to the north east. Newcastle proved to be the most popular haunt of the Battalion during the summer months, but recently the drift has been towards Downpatrick, which will undoubtedly be the firm favourite until next spring. Local buses and recreational transport, organised by the M.T.O., are available to take members of the Battalion out on most nights, and the P.R.I. has had a very lucrative time hiring out his Minibus, together with his bicycles, at 1/- per day. To the south west of the camp and just behind Newcastle, the famous Mountains of Mourne "sweep down to the sea," crowned by the 2,796ft. peak, Slieve Donard, which may not be high as mountains go (at least until you try and climb it!) but a mountain nevertheless. Most Companies managed to climb it within a few weeks of their arrival, and even a party of members of Battalion H.Q., together with



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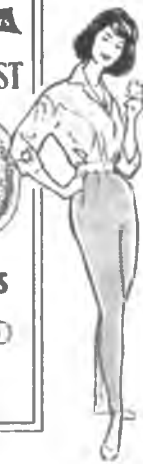
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Members of Battalion H.Q., having "conquered" the north face of Slieve Donard. Left to right: L/Cpl. Bolton, Pte. Hurlock, Lt.-Col. C. C. Norbury, Pte. Botsford, L/Cpl. Askew, Cpl. Turrell, Pte. Jones, Cpl. Johnson, Cpl. Thurlock, Capt. M. W. Green, R.S.M. Baldry, Major R. J. Randall.

Officers' Mess orderlies and M.T. drivers, led by the Commanding Officer and Second-in-Command, managed to climb the dreaded north face during an afternoon's signal exercise! 2/Lt. Bowers, together with L/Cpls. Coleman and Blackwell, and Ptes. Basham, Henderson, Burton, Mimer, Faraway and Myles, all of "A" Company, entered for the annual Slieve Donard Mountain Race, which entailed a run from Newcastle, up and down the mountain and back to Newcastle again. All of the team did extremely well and many won cash prizes for their efforts. 2/Lt. Bowers excelled himself by coming in fourth.

Most of August was spent in section and platoon training, on a grand scale. After 2½ years in Malaya, and five months on recruiting duties in England, conventional warfare and the intricacies of centralised cooking, C.Q.M.S.s and hay boxes, took a bit of getting used to after the Malayan jungles, 24-hour packs and N.A.A.F.I. resups. As a culmination to all this training, the Commanding Officer set a tough inter-platoon competition on the last few days of August. Called "Get Hep," it embraced all facets of platoon training, including movement by march route and with limited transport, map-reading, patrolling and ambushing. The eventual winners were 6 Platoon of "B" Company, led by Lt. Styles and Sgt. Dallimore. Runners-up were 1 Platoon of "A" Company, led by 2/Lt. Child and Sgt. Perry; and third equal were 7 Platoon and 2 Platoon, led by Lt. Light and Sgt. Fowler, and 2/Lt. Menage and Sgt. Baggardidge respectively.

Amidst all this activity, we still managed to celebrate Blenheim Day on August 13 in traditional style. Luckily the day turned out to be one of the few perfect days that Northern Ireland had during the whole of its summer. The Duke of Marlborough was obviously a farsighted man when he picked August 13 as the

day to do battle on! All the traditional side-shows appeared, those hardy annuals put on by the various companies year after year, but still firm favourites nevertheless—tipping the lady out of bed; Gipsy Lee Conboy and his fortune-telling tent; and C/Sgt. Watson and the Sergeants' Mess Bingo Emporium. The day was rounded off with an all ranks' dance in the new J.R.C. in the evening.

September produced a further crop of Company and Battalion H.Q. exercises, culminating in a Battalion exercise called "September Song," for both Rifle Companies. This was our last exercise before the whole Battalion sailed to England for a three-week training period on



BLenheim DAY, 1962.

The Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. C. C. Norbury, and the Second-in-Command, Major R. J. Randall, "tail-to-tail" in the bicycle "go slow" race.

the Warcop Training Area in Westmorland. Warcop proved to be a delightful village at the foot of the Westmorland Fells, and we very soon made ourselves comfortable in the excellent camp there. Although the training area was fairly confined, a great deal of field firing was done by companies at section, platoon and company level. The culmination of our training was a Battalion exercise called, not inappropriately, "October Flight," when the Battalion managed to dash around the country at high speed taking in, in three days, all the known phases of war, and a few more besides. The weather, luckily, remained fine for us throughout our stay in Warcop; everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly and learned a great deal. We even managed to make friends with the locals and the publican of the "Chamley Arms," at Warcop, still swears that we are going back there next June, prior to moving to Cyprus. His comments were met with some derision but, who knows, he *might* be right. If the unit contractor in the Far East can know the War Office Arms Plot, even before it has been made out, surely a publican can do the same thing in the United Kingdom!

On October 10, we arrived back in Ballykinlar and immediately settled down once again to our numerous guard commitments. Apart from our normal Battalion guards, we had to provide guards for the local Command Ammunition Depot, and another to guard the G.O.C.-in-C. and Command Headquarters. We also have had to send a platoon to help the Royal Tank Regiment, newly arrived in Northern Ireland, to guard their Barracks in Omagh. We are now trying to prepare for our next Battalion exercise, which takes place in

the middle of November, when the Battalion will be enemy to the Brigade, which includes a Battalion of Gurkhas, whom we last met in Ipoh, Malaya.

In the world of sport, the Battalion has continued to do well. The Football Officer, Capt. (Q.M.) D. J. Bebbington had to face up to the grim task of building up our Battalion football, with only Pte. Sawford left of our all-conquering team in Malaya to choose from. However, as a result of extremely hard work on his part, we now have a very creditable team which is doing extremely well in the local league. Training was interrupted, due to our visit to Warcop, and as a result, the Battalion lost 5—3 in an exciting first round of the Army Cup to the Foresters. Nevertheless, we have a young and keen team which should do very well in the future. Regular players are: Pte. Heslop, Cpl. Bailiff, L/Cpl. Bolton, Pte. Corkerton, Pte. Sawford (capt.), Pte. Mercury, Pte. Noakes, S/Sgt. Godfrey (A.P.T.C.), L/Cpl. Easter, Cpl. Upson, Cpl. Archer, Cpl. Shimwell, Pte. Barley, Pte. Abbott, Pte. Musicka. The Battalion is fielding a very strong hockey side this year, thanks to the tremendous amount of practice we had in Malaya. Entered in the local Irish Hockey League, they have yet to lose a league game, and look like winning their section of the league with no great difficulty. The following have played for the Battalion: Sgts. Warren and Fowler (goal), Sgts. Harris and Lowe, R.S.M. Baldry, Major Carter, Sgt. Perry, Capt. Pike, C.S.M. Ladley, 2/Lt. Child (backs and half-backs), C.S.M. Day, Bds. Ellicott and Sinicola, Lts. Light and Styles, Cpl. O'Sullivan, Sgt. Smith and R.Q.M.S. Cotter. The Battalion has managed to raise a



*View from Ballykinlar Beach, looking towards Dundrum Bay towards Newcastle and the Mountains of Mourne.*



**BLenheim DAY, 1962.**

*The "Kinnegar Flyer" was specially imported for the day and proved to be a big attraction in the capable hands of Engine Driver Tranham and Fireman Fossey!*

first-rate rugby team this season. After our struggles in Malaya, when we had no pitches in the camp area suitable for rugby, Major Lucas, the team captain, was faced with the unenviable task of forming a team from novices. Most of our games have been played with the minimum of skill and the absolute maximum of guts. We have a very powerful back division of halves and three-quarters in Lts. Light, Styles and Veitch, Cpl. Archer, L/Cpls. Maskell and Blackwell, and 2/Lt. Bowers. A promising pack included Major Lucas, Pte. Rozec, Capt. Pike, 2/Lt. Veitch, Cpl. Bailiff, Cpl. Chapman, Cpl. Dear, Pte. French, Pte. Walsh, L/Cpls. Leonard and Missenden, the latter six players having been novices at the beginning of the season.

Having spent a most profitable summer, the Battalion is now ready to face the rigours of an Irish winter, of which we have heard fearful tales of woe. However, we have a full winter training programme ahead of us, which includes Junior and Senior N.C.O.s' Cadres, cadres for all the support weapons groups, the resuscitation of our Assault Pioneers, who went into "suspended animation" earlier in the year, and finally the raising of our first Reconnaissance Platoon under Capt. M. W. Green. Sports already mentioned will continue apace, together with basketball, .22 shooting, boxing and cross-country running. All these will keep us occupied and help us forget the rain and the cold, and there is always the happy thought that one day soon we shall move into our permanent homes, be it Sandhurst block or Officers' Mess, where the central heating can keep us warm and remind us of the spring to come!

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

Although our stay in Shoeburyness was very pleasant, we are all now pleased to be settled

once again in our own Mess. It wasn't long after arrival before we had unpacked and placed our silver, where we hope it will remain for at least two years! Up to the present, our social life has been limited to the normal whist drive and tombola evenings on Fridays of each week, but more ambitious functions as visualised during the winter period.

Blenheim Day went with a swing. The Mess held its customary bingo stall, and we thank the enthusiastic members for making it a success.

A very pleasant and instructive eighteen days was spent at Warcop General Training Area. For most of us it was the first time so far north, and we were greatly impressed by the picturesque countryside. We had our own Sergeants' Mess, and here we make special mention of Sgt. Bob Collinson's first-class efforts as Caterer. Some of the members paid a visit to Blackpool to see the sights—both "high and low" (which caused some concern amongst the wives). Many sticks of rock were brought home as pacifiers (or beaters). We were all much concerned about the return journey across the Irish Sea, especially after one member's experience coming out. Even with 11 years' sea voyaging behind him, he never did manage to get down to his cabin, but all turned out well for us.

Outside activities include a Mess hockey team, badminton every Wednesday, and the fishing club, and since its inauguration, many long stories have been told by enthusiastic members who dash off at odd intervals with rod and line, as to the size of their catch.

The following members have left the Mess on T.A. postings—W.O.I Charlesworth, Sgts. White, Philip, Mundie and Green. W.O.II Hewitt has left to join the 1st East Anglian Regiment, and Sgt. Batchelor has been posted



**BLenheim DAY, 1962.**

*Ladies' egg-and-spoon race. Left to right: Mrs. Tranham, Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Cawood, Mrs. Farrow and Mrs. Newton.*

to Aden. We wish the best of luck in civilian life to Bandmaster Brown and Sgt. Peters. Welcoming back to the Mess Sgts. Dallimore, Baggeridge and Edwards, and extending a special welcome to our new Bandmaster, W.O.I. Cockcroft, S.S.I. Godfrey and S/Sgt. Ellis. Congratulations to Sgts. Thorpe, Leeks, Wardle and Harper on their promotion.

## The East Anglian Brigade Depot

### RECRUITING

The recruiting figures continue to be good, and the total who have joined to the end of September this year is 451. It is hoped the homecoming of "The Vikings" and the recruiting tour to be held by "The Poachers" in Lincolnshire, will add further to our numbers. Indeed there is already talk of how soon the Brigade will reach The War Office ceiling. It appears that we are likely to be the first "County" Brigade to do so. Capt. Gill, 3rd East Anglian, has taken over from Major Starling, 1st East Anglian, as Brigade Recruiting Officer.

### THE BRIGADE WEEK-END

The week-end opened on July 20 with a two-day golf match. On the evening of the first day, the officers' dinner/ball was held in the Athenaeum at Bury St. Edmunds. This proved to be a very suitable venue, and the magnificence of the architecture of the rooms and the splendid decorations, played a great part towards the success of the evening. A formal dinner was served before dancing began, and although this set a limit on the capacity of the ballroom to some 90 couples, it did not, in the event matter, as only 60 couples attended. The guests assembled in one of the ante-rooms for sherry, and while the trumpeters of the 1st East Anglian Regiment Band played a fanfare, were led into dinner by the Brigade Colonel. In the soft light of black candles and with music supplied by the Band of "The Vikings" and an excellent dinner provided by Messrs. Roffs, of Cambridge, the evening got off to an exhilarating start. Dancing began after the Loyal Toast, and went on until the early hours of the morning, without pause, to the accompaniment of the dance band of "The Pompadours."

On Saturday, the 21st, the Massed Bands of the 1st and 3rd East Anglian Regiments, and the Corps of Drums of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment and the Junior Soldiers Wing, under the direction of Bandmaster Holben (1st East Anglian) beat Retreat to a large invited audience on the Brigade Depot square. This was followed by a cocktail party given by the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes in marquees in

the orchard. Large black rainclouds, which had darkened the sky before the ceremony started, fortunately moved away, and the large audience were treated to a stirring and memorable display. The Massed Bands marched on from the opposite ends of the square to "Gladiators Farewell" and after the Junior Soldiers Wing had played two quick marches and a slow march, there was an excellent rendering of "Waltzing Matilda" by the Massed Bands in both quick and slow time. "King Cotton" (Sousa) followed, and a fine performance ended with set pieces of "Three Jolly Sailormen" and "Jerusalem." Finally, the parade marched off to the "East Anglian Brigade March" (arr. Smythe). The highlight of the parade was the "Last Post," most effectively sounded from a point in the middle distance, high above the parade ground by Cpl. Parsons (2nd East Anglian). As the notes died away the hushed spectators showed that this was a very impressive and fitting finale. In the marquees, where drinks were served after the ceremony, many old friendships were renewed and the work and the preparation that had gone into the whole week-end, involving everyone of all ranks at the Depot, was amply and justly rewarded.

### PASSING-OUT PARADES

Eight of these parades have taken place. Among those taking the salute were the Mayors of Bury St. Edmunds, Sudbury, Colchester and Chelmsford, and Brigadier Dennis Beckett, D.S.O., O.B.E., late Essex Regiment, who presented Drum-Major Moyes, 1st East Anglian, with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

### VISIT OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR

On April 24, Mr. Profumo landed on the Sports Ground in a helicopter to pay us a visit. He impressed everyone by the interest he took in all he saw and with his easy manner. Among the places he visited were the dining hall, The Junior Soldiers' Wing, Training Company, and the Sergeants' Mess and lunched in the Officers' Mess. The Press were well to the fore and subsequently headlined the fact that the Depot now wanted a five-day week.

### CRICKET

Highlights of the season were a drawn game with the Gentlemen of Suffolk, the Depot scoring 155 for 4 wickets, in reply to 220 for 5 declared; a win off the last ball of the match against Northbury C.C.; and a splendidly agricultural tenth-wicket partnership by Pimpernel C.C., who beat us by one wicket.



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#### DEPOT EAST ANGLIAN BRIGADE .22 SHOOTING TEAM

*Back row (left to right): Cpl. Hughes (1 East Anglian), Cpl. Vines (2 East Anglian), Sgt. Hazelwood (3 East Anglian), Sgt. Horne (1 East Anglian).*

*Front row (left to right): S/Sgt. Tunbridge (R.E.M.E.) Q.M.S.I. Knox (S.A.S.C.), Major Philcox (3 East Anglian), Lt.-Col. B. J. Palmer, M.B.E., (C.O., Depot) Capt. Trollope (1 East Anglian), Lt. Bates (3 East Anglian), Sgt. Boxall (1 East Anglian).*

Any member of the Brigade who passes through the Depot next season is cordially invited to play. The final result shows it was a most enjoyable summer's cricket: Played 23, won 9, lost 8, drawn 6.

#### SHOOTING

The Depot has achieved distinction in .22 shooting this year. We won the A.R.A. Depot Match and the Training Company won the A.R.A. Company Match. Credit for their win must go to Q.M.S.I. Knox, S.A.S.C., for his coaching and training. In the 54th East Anglian Division/District Competition we also won, beating the H.A.C. in the final shoulder-to-shoulder match.

As a team in the 54th East Anglian Division/District Rifle Meeting, we did not do so well, but Q.M.S.I. Knox and Capt. Trollope (1 E.A.) were 4th and 5th in the individual match; the S.M.G. Young Soldiers was won by Pte. Walsham (1 E.A.), and the L.M.G. Pairs for Young Soldiers was won by Pte. Mason (2 E.A.) and Pte. Walsham (1 E.A.); in the L.M.G. Pairs Match, Capt. Trollope (1 E.A.) and Cpl. Groves (2 E.A.) were second.

Only two individuals went to Bisley this year, Capt. Trollope (1 E.A.) and Q.M.S.I. Knox, the latter attaining highest score with the S.L.R. in the Methuan Cup.

It is hoped to send a team next year, with the change in the A.R.A. rules.

#### BRIGADE GOLF MEETING JULY, 1962

The Annual Golf Meeting was held at the Flempton Golf Course near Bury St. Edmunds on July 21, and on the following day representatives of the Brigade played a match against the members of the Flempton Club. The day of the meeting was one of those rare warm and sunny ones of this year's Suffolk summer. There were twelve entries altogether, and all competitors considered it to be a most enjoyable day. The course is very attractive and was brought into excellent condition for the meeting by the Club Professional, Mr. Moreton (who coincidentally went to Normandy on "D" Day with "The Pompadours."

This year's competitors were: Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., Colonel, The 2nd East Anglian Regiment, Colonel J. F. Carroll, C.B.E., Colonel R. P. Freeman-Taylor, Colonel R. H. Senior, Lt.-Col. B. J. Palmer, M.B.E., Lt.-Col. H. M. Boxer, M.C., Lt.-Col. D. K. Hayman, Major R. M. Williams, M.C., Major D. R. C. Carter, Major T. E. Robinson, Capt. W. A. C. Smelt, O.B.E., Lt. M. J. Lewis.

On July 21 our team played the Flempton Club and won the match.

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

The past few months have seen a number of occurrences of great importance in the life of the Battalion. Her Majesty The Queen has approved the badges to be worn by the new Regiment, a new Honorary Colonel has been appointed, the Battalion has been to Camp, the Regimental Ball and Officers' Dinner and Inter-Unit Brigade competitions have been held. Before the next issue is published, British Railways will have named their latest and most powerful diesel locomotive after the Regiment at a ceremony in Bedford, the Divisional Band Competition, the Annual Administrative Inspection and the Annual Cocktail Party will have taken place and we shall have provided a Guard of Honour for H.M. The Queen at Luton. We also hope that an announcement will have been made regarding the Presentation of New Colours planned for 1963. Full accounts of past events follow in these notes.

The Battalion is now engaged on Company and Battalion training in preparation for the 1963 Annual Camp which is to be held at Stanford in Norfolk from May 11-25.

Recruiting, although slow, is improving and fifty-two new recruits have joined during the past six months. We are still grappling with the problem of a high wastage rate which the Regular Army also found so difficult to check but enlistments now comfortably exceed discharges and the Battalion strength steadily increases and our record is comparable to other East Anglian Units.

Past members of the permanent staff will be interested to hear that Mr. Macfadyen has left us to take up an appointment with the International Labour Organisation in Formosa; we were intrigued to discover that we were apparently harbouring the only available and eligible Chinese speaking applicant in the world!

No. 4 Company and the Regimental Band have now taken over the old 16th Foot Depot Sergeants' Mess at Kempston Barracks, a building which has been converted to a modern compact T.A. Centre.

### THE HONORARY COLONELS

Her Majesty The Queen has approved the appointment of Brigadier George William Howard Peters, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., as Honorary Colonel of the 1st Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) with effect

from May 21, 1962, in succession to Colonel The Rt. Hon. Lord Luke, T.D., D.L., J.P.

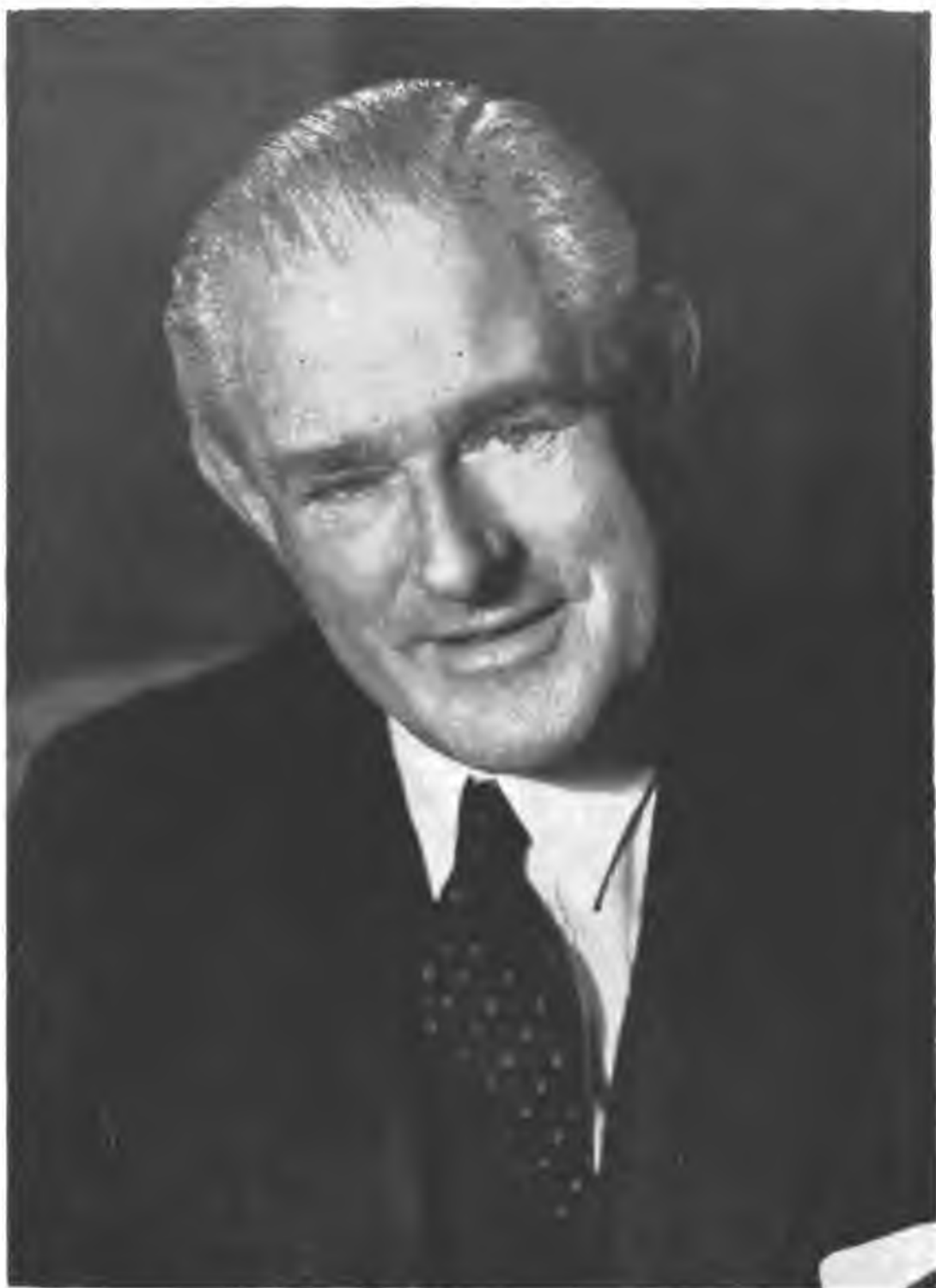
Colonel The Rt. Hon. Lord Luke, T.D., D.L., J.P., joined the then 5th Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) as a Second-Lieutenant in 1927. In 1936 he took command of "A" Company at Bedford, but was appointed Battalion Second-in-Command later the same year. In May, 1940, he assumed command of the 9th Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, an appointment he held until July, 1943, when he was released from the Army. He was appointed Honorary Colonel on May 21, 1947, and assumed the Honorary Colonelcy of the new Battalion on amalgamation with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment in April, 1961.

On September 28, the serving officers and the retired officers of the former 5th Battalion The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) entertained Lord Luke to dinner at Old Sugar Loaf Hotel, Dunstable. A presentation of Royal Copenhagen Porcelain was made to him. We were very sorry that Lady Luke was unwell and unable to attend. The following attended the dinner: Colonel E. B. S. Scott-Clarke, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. Simmons, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. Milman, Major C. J. Corkerton, Major and Mrs. E. Corner, Major and Mrs. W. J. Darville, Major and Mrs. E. P. Davis, Major and Mrs. V. A. French, Major and Mrs. R. J. Gresty, Major and Mrs. G. H. Hickinbottom, Major R. B. Keatley, Major and Mrs. P. Simmons, Major and Mrs. D. W. F. Willard, Major and Mrs. H. T. Wright, Major and Mrs. R. D. P. Yates, Capt. and Mrs. J. H. Ellis, Capt. and Mrs. W. G. Handford, Capt. and Mrs. N. H. Maxwell, Lt. and Mrs. J. M. Sambrook, Lts. Hon. I. H. C. Lawson-Johnston, P. J. Source and I. R. Haywood.

Brigadier J. A. Longmore, C.B., C.B.E., T.D., D.L., Honorary Colonel of the former Hertfordshire Regiment, relinquished the appointment of Honorary Colonel from abeyance at his own request on the retirement of Lord Luke and the appointment of Brigadier Peters. Brigadier Longmore joined The Hertfordshire Regiment as a Second-Lieutenant in 1920, having served in France as a subaltern with the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards. He commanded the 1st Battalion from 1938 to 1941 and was appointed Honorary Colonel in 1952. From 1941 to 1945 he was Deputy Director of the Home Guard and Territorial Army at The War Office. He is the Chairman of The Hertfordshire Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association.

At The Hertfordshire Regiment dinner, in October, 1961, a presentation was made to Brigadier Longmore by the serving and retired officers of The Regiment (*The Wasp and The Eagle*, December, 1961, page 338).





*Colonel The Right Hon. Lord Luke, T.D., D.L.*

## ANNUAL CAMP

The Battalion attended annual camp at the Army School of Civil Defence, Millom, Cumberland, June 16-30. This was a very good camp, spoilt only by high winds and wet weather for almost the whole period, but as the Battalion, except the officers, lived in huddled accommodation and there was quite a lot of indoor training, the weather, in fact, proved no great problem. 272 all ranks attended camp, and about half this number took part in the Civil Defence light rescue and first aid training, organised by the School. All ranks already had a fair knowledge of this type of work, due to the enthusiastic pre-camp assistance given to Companies by the local Civil Defence authorities in the two counties. In addition to Civil Defence training, a Signal Cadre and Recruit Cadre were held. The recruits, under Major D. W. F. Willard, were put through a wide variety of basic training, which included a day on the range at Lancaster and an endurance march to the top of neighbouring Black Coombe, 2000ft. high. This mountain was scaled in record time, and every man returned to camp weary, but filled with a sense of achievement. At the end of camp the Commanding Officer took the salute at a Recruit Passing-Out Parade and awarded medals to the best two recruits, Pte. P. N. King, of Hemel Hempstead, and Pte. G. Carter, of Steyenage.

During the first week of camp an inter-unit sports evening was arranged by the Battalion, and football and tug-of-war matches were held between the Battalion, The Honourable Artillery Company (Infantry Battalion), The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.) and The Liverpool Scottish. Having beaten The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.) at football, the Battalion lost in the final against The Liverpool Scottish, after a spirited game. No Regiment could match The Liverpool Scottish at the tug-of-war, who were a team of unusually large Scotsmen!

The Battalion received visits from General Sir Roderick McLeod, K.C.B., C.B.E., General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, and Major-General I. H. Freeland, D.S.O., General Officer Commanding 54th East Anglian Division (T.A.).

On Friday, June 22nd, the Battalion celebrated its new Regimental Anniversary, known as "Volunteer Day." It was on this day in 1900 that the Volunteers from the former Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Volunteer Battalions (predecessors of the present Battalion) first saw active service at Winburg in South Africa whilst serving with The Bedfordshire Regiment. The Civil Defence training precluded any special parade being held this year, but the Battalion attended a short early morning Church Service

conducted by our Chaplain, the Reverend J. E. Bowers, Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Loughborough. Visitors on Volunteer Day included Major S. Whitbread, J.P., Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Major-General F. D. Moore, C.B., C.B.E., D.L., Chairman, Bedfordshire Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association, Brigadier J. Sykes-Wright, D.S.O., O.B.E., Secretary, Hertfordshire Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association, and Brigadier G. W. H. Peters, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., our new Honorary Colonel. At a short informal ceremony, Brigadier Peters presented Territorial Decorations to Major W. J. Darville, the Battalion Second-in-Command, to Major G. H. Hickinbottom, O.C. No. 3 Company and Territorial Efficiency Medals to C.S.M. D. W. Varney, Sgt. H. C. Rees and Sgt. B. A. French. On the same evening, the Regimental Band and Corps of Drums, numbering over 60 performers, under Bandmaster M. P. Reeves and Drum-Major C. H. Coombs, beat "Retreat," an impressive display which received much favourable comment from our visitors and from the other Battalions in camp.

The distance to Millom from the two counties prevented families and friends from visiting camp as is customary on the middle week-end. All ranks, therefore, had a free week-end to explore the Lake District and seaside resorts, and coach trips were organised to the Lakes and to Morecambe. Many ventured further afield to Blackpool and other resorts.

All ranks are agreed that it was a successful and instructive camp and we have no doubt that the Battalion is now fit to take its place alongside the Civil Defence organisations should the necessity ever arise.

## COMPETITIONS

At the Divisional Rifle Meeting in May the Battalion team were placed third in the Championship. In October the Brigade Competitions were held at Stanford and although the Battalion did not succeed in obtaining a first place, the Battalion Medical team, formed almost from scratch on the spot, were placed second, our Doctor having travelled from Glasgow to attend. On the same day we entered two teams in the Middlesex Tough Training Contest. No. 1 Company took ninth place out of twenty-eight teams and No. 3 Company, entering for the first time, were twenty-first. No. 1 Company were fourth amongst the "adjacent Hunts" (i.e. non-Middlesex) teams. This contest, which arouses great interest in the London area, is a real test of stamina and training and requires many months of preparation. No. 1 Company were placed above three Parachute Regiment teams and finished first in one stage of the competition and were one of only three teams to complete another stage. Last year the same Company had been placed seventeenth.



*Brigadier J. A. Longmore, C.B., C.B.E., T.D., D.L.*

### OFFICERS' MESS

The Mess at Camp was fairly quiet this year because of the long distance from our own counties and the full programme of Civil Defence training. There was one Guest Night and we were able to entertain Major Simon Whitbread, the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Major-General F. D. Moore, the Chairman of the Bedfordshire T.A. Association, Brigadier G. W. H. Peters, now our Honorary Colonel, Brigadier J. Sykes-Wright, Secretary of the Hertfordshire T.A. Association, Colonel P. D. Storie-Pugh, then commanding The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.), Lt.-Col. O. A. J. Cary-Elwes, 2 East Anglian, Commanding A.S.C.D., and Lt.-Col. A. J. D. Smellie, C.O. Liverpool Scottish.

In the absence of our own Paymaster we were fortunate to have with us in camp Capt. John Bryce, R.A.P.C., who has since joined the Pay Staff at H.Q. 54 East Anglian Division. A welcome visitor was Lt.-Col. "Duggie" Duthoit, late 16th Foot, who is Staff Paymaster H.Q. Northern Command.

The Officers' Regimental Ball was held at Ashbridge College, Berkhamsted, on July 13. The guests were Major Simon Whitbread, the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire and Mrs. Whitbread, the Principal of the College, Major-General E. N. K. Estcourt, the Bursar, Lt.-Col. B. H. Alder and Mrs. Alder, and our Brigade Commander, Brigadier A. E. Harding. Over two hundred and thirty guests danced to Tommy Kinsman's Orchestra until six the following morning which seems to suggest that they were enjoying their evening!

During the past few months we have said goodbye to David Farrow and welcomed Stewart Durston-West (late Essex Regiment S.S.C.), David Grey and Peter King. We hope to welcome three more Officers shortly and our establishment is nearly filled. We congratulate Peter Price on promotion to Captain and on his marriage, and Bernard Townshend also on promotion to Captain.

### The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.)

#### DINNER CLUB

The Annual Dinner of The Regimental Dinner Club was held at Whitehall Court on October 5. Brigadier G. W. H. Peters presided and the guests were Major-General Sir George Burns, K.C.V.O., C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, and Colonel The Rt. Hon. Lord Luke, T.D., D.L., J.P. The following Officers attended:—Brigadiers Peters, Longmore and Pawle, Colonels Burr, Grey, Humbert, Kenyon, Captain Watson, R.N., Lt.-Cols. Simmons, Milman and Sprunt, Major Beavers, Boutwood, Carrington-Smith, Darville, Davis, French, Gresty, Griffiths, Hickinbottom,

Hutcheson, Keatley, Lindsell, Monico, Simmons, Slemeck, Townsend, Trustram-Eve, Waterhouse, Willard, Wright, Yates, Captains Down and Maxwell, Lts. Craddock, Finch, Sambrook, Screen, Source, 2/Lts. Grey, Haywood and King.

### SERGEANTS' MESS

During the past four months activities in the Mess have been limited because of Battalion training commitments, but we made up for it during our two weeks' Annual Camp at Millom. We shared the Camp with The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.) and although we dined in the same Mess we both had separate ante-rooms. Unfortunately we shared the dining hall and were unable to hold our yearly Dinner Night. We found the members of the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Mess were very hospitable and the two Messes lived well together. We had two social evenings together, one home one away, and during the evening in the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Mess a plaque of the new Regimental Badge was presented to them by the R.S.M. on behalf of all members of the Mess. The junior N.C.O.s were invited to a social evening during the first week, starting with a darts, dominoes and cribbage competition.

During the second week the Commanding Officer and Officers were invited to spend an evening with us and this was a great success, with the evening finishing by seeing who had the greatest stamina—the Officers or Warrant Officers and Sergeants; the result, I'm afraid, is still forthcoming.

We welcome to the Mess W.O.II Pettitt, Sgts. Philip, Green and Mundie who have joined us from the 1st Battalion The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, as P.S.I.s of Nos. 2, 3 and 4 Companies. Departures from the Mess are Sgts. Dean, Wright, Howard and Papper and we wish them the best of luck. Sgts. Baggaridge, Dallimore and Kelly, P.S.I.s of Nos. 3 and 4 Companies respectively, have now rejoined their Regular Battalions and we hope their stay with us was a pleasant one. Congratulations to O.R.Q.M.S. Crook on the birth of a daughter.

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

These notes start with the Battalion at Sennybridge, where we were in camp from May 12 to 26. So much has happened since, that it now seems a very long time ago. To many of the 24 officers and 248 men who were in camp, this was their first visit to Wales—and a very busy visit it was, too. The author, who joined the Battalion half way through camp, has a kaleidoscope recollection of early morning parades, followed immediately by long hours of hard training during the day, followed, in turn,

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and without pause, by night training or nocturnal activities in the various messes and canteens. After a few hours of sleep, snatched somewhat guiltily, the next day's events started with another early morning parade. And so it went on. It seemed, at the time, that this whole hectic pattern of existence was so much in the blood of our late Training Officer, Major R. H. Medley, that he had decided to stay in the Sennybridge area to continue it for ever. In fact, it appears that the decision that he should stay in Wales was *not* so much his, as the Military Secretary's. Be that as it may, after two weeks of this treatment, the Battalion had been brought to a very fine pitch of training and morale. The end amply justified the means.

Perhaps the most memorable event of the camp was the Battalion exercise staged towards the end of the second week. This lasted for 24 hours and was a great success. The G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command, General Sir Roderick McLeod, K.C.B., C.B.E., watched the final stages, during which a two-company attack was put in against a determined enemy sitting on top of what we, by then, regarded to be a typical Welsh hill (very high and with an unpronounceable name). Another visitor to camp was the G.O.C. 54 (East Anglian) Division, Major-General I. H. Freeland, D.S.O. We were also very pleased to welcome Colonel N. R. Salew, O.B.E., D.L., and Major J. N. Coker, M.C., T.D. During camp, the Band and Drums beat "Retreat" outside the Town Hall in Brecon,

and, after the ceremony, the officers of the Battalion were entertained in the Mayor's parlour.

This was one of the first public engagements of the Band and Drums this year. It has been followed by many more, at all of which they played with distinction, under the Bandmaster, W.O.I Baldwin and Drum-Major Conrad. Mention should be made, in particular, of the part played by the Band at the Felsted School Tattoo, on June 30, when they were the House Band. The next day they led the Old Contemptibles to Church at Southend, and on August 19, they played to a large audience at Orsett Hall, on the occasion of the annual rally for the Welfare of the Physically Handicapped. On September 23, buglers from the Corps of Drums took part in a very interesting ceremony at Chatham, where a plaque was unveiled in St. John's Church to commemorate the departure from the Medway Towns of the Battalions of the Old Contemptibles to join the B.E.F. in France in the autumn of 1914. This was just one of many occasions on which the Corps of Drums have been on parade this summer.

Shortly after our return from camp, on June 17, a very impressive parade was held at Warley to mark the redesignation of the Battalion. The Colours of both the former 4th and 5th Battalions were on parade, together with Old Comrades from both the Battalions and a contingent from the 4th/5th Battalion. The cere-



[Photograph: *The Braintree and Witham Times.*]

#### ANNUAL CAMP 1962

Major M. C. Portway, T.D., O.C. "D" Company, giving a commentary on a demonstration.



*The Colours of the former 4th and 5th Battalions, The Essex Regiment (T.A.) being carried into The Regimental Chapel on June 17, 1962.*

mony started when the Colours were marched from Regimental Headquarters to the Chapel, escorted by the contingent from the Battalion, led by the Band and Drums. On arrival at the Chapel the Colours were received into safe custody for the service. The address was given by the Bishop of Barking. After the service all contingents marched past Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., and Colonel A. Noble, D.S.O., T.D., D.L. Following the march-past, all ranks mingled together on the lawns of Regimental Headquarters for refreshments.

The Band and Drums are not the only members of the Battalion with a capacity for catching the public eye. The M.T. Platoon distinguished themselves by winning the vehicle section of the Brigade Motor Cycle Trial. They also won first prize in their section of the Colchester Carnival Street Procession—although it has been rumoured that they were the only team to enter. One ex-member of the Platoon, C/Sgt. Gilder (now with "B" Company) received a letter of commendation for the part he played in despatching a cow which had run amok in Chelmsford Market—although on this occasion, too, the word "bull" was mentioned rather unkindly. In addition to these glamorous activities, the Platoon also found time to gain a good report on the Command Vehicle Inspection. In this they were aided and abetted by the Civilian Staff.

We are, of course, greatly indebted to our Civilian Staff. They provide the continuity that is so necessary to the stability of the Battalion. A succession of regular officers have been guided in the complicated regulations and procedure of the T.A. by the Chief Clerk, Mr. Aldridge. He, and his assistant, Mr. Cross, have now been joined in the Orderly Room by Mr. T. White, M.B.E., who was for many years a senior executive officer in the Air Ministry. Mention must also be made of the Quartermaster's Staff. Mr. Harley, who has been with the Battalion for several years, has now been joined by one of our ex-Quartermasters, Mr. Litt. We hope that both Mr. Litt and Mr. White will have a long and happy stay with the Battalion.

Since the last notes were written, Lt. R. G. Moelwyn-Hughes has joined the Battalion and 2/Lt. R. R. Brown has been granted a Commission. We wish them both every success. In addition, two of our officers, Capt. Tomkins and Lt. Stewart have somehow found time to get married. Major Purves and Capt. Kemp went to Germany recently, where they were attached to regular units in 11 Infantry Brigade Group. Among other activities, they attended a strenuous T.E.W.T. week and we are looking forward to hearing them in full cry at the forthcoming Battalions T.E.W.T.s. (The Training Major views the prospect with mixed feelings as he had hoped to retain a monopoly on up-to-date



clichés for training occasions). We are all very sorry to see Dr. MacCarthy leave the Battalion after eleven loyal years' service as Medical Officer. He has been replaced by Dr. Missen, of Chelmsford. Our Padre, the Reverend Restall, was instituted as Vicar of St. Elizabeth's, Becontree on September 26.

News from the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess is scarce. Rumour has it that one or two of the older members are gaining valuable experience in internal security operations by quelling mutinies at home. Apart from that, it is very much a question of business as usual. We were sorry to say goodbye to C.S.M. Rulten, who was relieved in "D" Company by C.S.M. Carmichael. We wish the former luck on leaving the Battalion. Some unknown wit also wished C.S.M. Carmichael luck on leaving the Battalion—but Braintree isn't all that far away.

On July 1 "D" Company organised a shoot at Middlewick, against the U.S. Air Force from Wethersfield. The Americans won the Falling Plate Competition and Capt. Swayne won the prize for the highest individual score.

The Battalion took part in the mobilisation exercise, which was held on September 15/16. A veil of secrecy conveniently shrouds our activities. In the Brigade Competition on October 7/8, we competed against the other three Battalions and, although we failed to gain a first place in any of the individual events, we obtained three good seconds—in the M.M.G., Anti-Tank, with a team from "C" Company, and cookery sections. We are now preparing to tackle the problem of doing better than this next year. The Gaza Cup was awarded this year for recruiting, and was won by "B" Company (Major D. C. Purves). It was presented at camp by the Brigade Commander, Brigadier A. E. Harding, O.B.E., M.C., E.R.D.

On July 14, the officers of the late 517 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (5 Essex) (T.A.) presented the officers with a silver statuette to commemorate the redesignation of the Battalion. This statuette is of a soldier of the 1939-45 War in battle dress. It is a most welcome addition to the set of four already in the possession of the Officers' Mess. It has now been decided to complete the set by purchasing a sixth statuette depicting a soldier of the 1914-1918 period in the uniform worn at the First Battle of Gaza. Serving and former officers of the 4th Battalion have been asked to subscribe towards the cost. In this connection, the Commanding Officer wrote to Sir Winston Churchill, K.G., O.M., C.H., T.D., LL.D., M.P., who has been Honorary Colonel of the Battalion since January, 1945. He concluded his letter, as follows:

"In concluding, sir, may I say on behalf of all ranks of the Battalion how relieved and pleased we are to learn of your splendid re-



*The Silver Statuette presented by the Officers of the late 517 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (5 Essex), T.A., to commemorate the re-designation of the Battalion*

covery and continued progress. We wish you good health and good fortune for the future."

Sir Winston Churchill expressed great interest in the proposed new statuette, and ended his letter by writing:

"Please convey my thanks to all ranks of the Battalion for their thoughts of me and their good wishes, which I warmly reciprocate."

## Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force

The 1962 annual camp was held at Dibgate, from July 21 to August 4. Some 240 officers, S.M.I.s/S.I.s and Cadets attended and had a very enjoyable fortnight. The weather was generally extremely kind, with only one really wet evening, and the County Cadet Force was able to get through all the training and exercises arranged.

Colonel Sherbrook Walker, from the Army Cadet Force Association, Major Simon Whitbread, the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, General Sir Evelyn Barker, Lt.-Col. M. F. T. Baines, and Colonel S. S. Smith all visited the camp, and on August 1 they were dined in camp by the Officers' Mess. It was the first occasion that this could be done. Other guests were Major-General Grimshaw, G.O.C. 44 (H.C.) Division/District, and Brigadier J. Collins, R.O.II Cadets at Shorncliffe. The County Cadet Force was very grateful for all

the help given by Regimental Headquarters, in the loan of silver.

Visits were made to the R.E. Training Battalion at Dover, to Canterbury Cathedral, and there were frequent visits to Folkestone in the evenings. Dibgate Camp is a good camp from the Cadet angle, and we are always glad to be able to go there, with good training areas, and the Hythe ranges.

Next year the County Army Cadet Force will be going to Brackenbury Fort, near Felixstowe, during the middle two weeks of August.

## The Essex Army Cadet Force

Fifty Cadets from the Essex Army Cadet Force took part in the County Rifle Association Prize Meeting held at Colchester on Sunday, June 3, 1962. The Individual Prize for the Cadet Championship was won by Sgt. B. White, 1st Essex Cadet Regiment, with a score of 64. Sgt. R. Leek of the same Regiment was second with 62, and Cpl. W. Wait (Maldon Platoon of the 6th Essex Cadet Regiment) was third with 61.

The results of the Cadet Team Championship were:—

1st	1st Essex Cadet Regiment (H.Q., Ilford) ... ..	333
2nd	3rd Essex Cadet Regiment (H.Q., Brentwood) ... ..	283
3rd	6th Essex Cadet Regiment (H.Q., Chelmsford) ... ..	272
4th	7th Essex Cadet Regiment (H.Q., Southend) ... ..	261
5th	2nd Essex Cadet Regiment (H.Q., Dagenham) ... ..	242
6th	8th Essex Cadet Regiment (H.Q., Colchester) ... ..	231

The Essex Army Cadet Force Athletic Meeting was held at Melbourne Park on Saturday, June 16. The results of the Inter-Regiment Team Competitions were:—

### *Inter-Regiment Competition*

1st	1st Essex Cadet Regiment	66½ pts.
2nd	6th Essex Cadet Regiment	61½ pts.
3rd	7th Essex Cadet Regiment	41 pts.

### *French Field Events Cup*

Equal	1st Essex Cadet Regiment	
1st	6th Essex Cadet Regiment	22 pts.
3rd	7th Essex Cadet Regiment	15 pts.

A team of eleven Cadets was sent to the A.C.F. National Athletic Championships held at the Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea, on July 21, 1962, and the highlight was when Cadet M. Elliott of Hatfield Peverel (E.Y.) Troop and 6th Essex Cadet Regiment ran a clever race to win the one mile. L/Cpl. M. Remington of the Leyton County High School, 1st Essex Cadet

Regiment, gained 2nd place in the junior weight, Cadet J. Dooley of the same Regiment gained 3rd place in the senior 440 yards and Cadet J. McGivern of the 6th Cadet Regiment was placed 3rd in the junior long jump. These four Cadets collected a total of 15 points which placed Essex 5th in the Inter-County Competition.

## ANNUAL CAMP

The Annual Camp this year was held at Dibgate just above Folkestone. The weather was very indifferent, and included wind, rain and thunderstorms, but morale and the standard of training was high. During the week the Drums of the 1st Cadet Regiment Beat Retreat, resplendent in their scarlet uniforms, and during the middle weekend a very large number of parents and friends visited the camp.

Visitors included Colonel A. Noble, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., Chairman of The Essex T.A. Association, and Colonel N. R. Salew, O.B.E., D.L., Secretary of the Association.

Colonel P. V. Upton, M.B.E., T.D., J.P., has relinquished the appointment of County Cadet Commandant, and has been succeeded by the Deputy Commandant, Lt.-Col. P. H. A. L. Franklin.

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

## The Pompadours Association

### CONSTITUTION AND RULES

At an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting, held at Regimental Headquarters, Warley, on September 20, 1962, the revised Constitution and Rules for the Regimental Association were confirmed. All members have been sent a copy of the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting, with a list of amendments to the Constitution and Rules, which were approved at the Meeting. Members were sent a copy of the Constitution and Rules with the notice for the Meeting. Later it is hoped to produce a printed copy of the Constitution and Rules, which will include the appendices dealing with The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment Associations.

### REGIMENTAL REUNION AND REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION DINNER

At a Comrades Associations' Committee Meeting held in January of this year, the question of a Regimental Association Dinner was discussed at length, and in the end it was decided to hold a dinner, to which ladies should be allowed to attend, sometime in the summer.





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It was also agreed that the Dinner should be held at Southend-on-Sea, in view of the 1st Battalion being stationed at Shoeburyness. However, before arrangements for the Dinner were really in hand, a very kind invitation was received from Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C., Commanding the 1st Battalion, suggesting that a Reunion followed by a Dinner should be held at their Barracks in Shoeburyness on May 19. The invitation was accepted with delight and all agreed it was a very stout effort on the part of the 1st Battalion, who were due to go to Luton on the next day to Lay-Up the Colours of the 2nd Bn. The 16th Foot.

The 1st Battalion had engaged to play a cricket match with The Gentlemen of Essex also that day, and very soon an attractive programme for the afternoon and evening emerged. The Old Comrades were invited to arrive at Horseshoe Barracks any time after 2 p.m. and to watch the cricket match, with the Regimental Band playing in the afternoon, and to attend a Regimental Association Dinner in the evening. Bars and tea tents, etc., to be provided by the Battalion.

Saturday, May 19, turned out to be like so many days this last summer, rather wet with a cold blustery wind, which was not encouraging to those who wished to watch the cricket match. Nevertheless, the match went on and the Regimental Band played. From 2 p.m. onwards there was a steady stream of Old Comrades from places all over our three regimental counties arriving. They were soon sheltering in the tea and bar tents the Battalion had erected around the ground, and the wind and the cold, if anything, encouraged the greetings and reminiscences which were very quickly being exchanged.

The Regiment beat the Gentlemen of Essex and after the match was over the Old Comrades, their wives and friends, adjourned to the old N.A.A.F.I. in the Camp Fields, which had been very well decorated and admirably arranged as a bar and lounge by the Battalion. At 7.30 p.m. the assembly went to the gymnasium, which again had been very well decorated for dinner. The Chair was taken by the Colonel of The Regiment, General Sir Reginald Denning, who was supported by Lt.-Col. Holme, commanding the 1st Battalion, and a number of serving and retired officers. A company of some two hundred sat down to a very pleasant dinner.

The Royal Toast and the Toast to Her Majesty the Colonel-in-Chief were given by the Colonel of The Regiment, who also read out the loyal messages which had been exchanged on this occasion. They were:—

*The Private Secretary to Her Majesty  
The Queen*

*All members of the Regimental Associations  
assembled here this evening for a Reunion*

*Dinner together with the officers and men of  
The First Battalion join us in submitting their  
humble duty to Her Majesty and sending their  
loyal and devoted greetings.*

DENNING, Colonel.

PATON, Associate Colonel

*Lt.-General Sir Reginald Denning, K.B.E., C.B.,  
President,*

*The 3rd East Anglian Regiment  
(16th/44th Foot) Association,  
Horseshoe Barracks, Shoeburyness.*

*Please convey my warm thanks for their kind  
message to all members of your Regimental  
Associations who are dining together this evening  
with the officers and men of the First  
Battalion of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment.*

*I greatly appreciate their loyal greetings.*

ELIZABETH R.,

*The Private Secretary to Her Majesty Queen  
Elizabeth The Queen Mother*

*Members of the Third East Anglian Regi-  
ment (16th/44th Foot) Association, The Bed-  
fordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Associa-  
tion, and The Essex Regiment Association  
holding their Reunion Dinner here tonight to-  
gether with officers and men of the First Bat-  
talion submit their humble duty to Her Majesty  
The Colonel-in-Chief and send their loyal and  
devoted greetings on this very special regi-  
mental occasion.*

DENNING, Colonel.

PATON, Associate Colonel.

*Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning,  
The 3rd East Anglian Regiment,  
Horseshoe Barracks,  
Shoeburyness.*

*I greatly appreciate your kind message and I  
send my very sincere good wishes to all those  
assembled for your combined Reunion Dinner.  
I feel certain it will further cement the bonds  
of friendship within the New Regiment and I  
am delighted that officers and men of the First  
Battalion are with you this evening.*

ELIZABETH R.,

*Colonel-in-Chief.*

In proposing the Toast to The Regiment, General Sir Reginald Denning spoke of the 1st Battalion and the excellent manner in which they had maintained the traditions and reputation of the two former Regiments. He mentioned that the next day they were due to Lay-

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Up the Colours of the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment at Luton, where, more than thirty years ago, they had been presented by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. Concluding, the Colonel of The Regiment spoke of the spirit of The Regiment which never died, the spirit of the old 16th, 44th and 56th Regiments of Foot, which had existed since the reign of James I, had been inherited by the new Regiment. He paid tribute to the excellent work done by Colonel Holme, the C.O., who was leaving the Battalion on relinquishment of command in the near future.

Colonel Holme, in proposing the toast to the Regimental Associations, gave a very interesting account of the Battalion's experiences in Malaya and said that after a few minor teething troubles, the amalgamation of the Regiments had been an unqualified success. The two years in Malaya had been a final bond. They were a Battalion who were proud of their past, and now looked to the future. They had had a lot of fun, he said, and if soldiering ever ceased to be fun, then it was time they looked for something else. Concluding, Colonel Holme stated it was because of the modern soldier that the Battalion was in such good heart.

The company then adjourned back to the bar, where reminiscences and tales were told until well into the night. All those who attended, and they came from far and wide, voted it a very successful regimental occasion. To Colonel Holme, the officers, R.S.M. Baldry, and all ranks of the 1st Battalion go our very grateful thanks for all they did to make the day not only very successful but most enjoyable. It was obvious from the excellent arrangements they had made that no thought or pains had been spared.

## Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association Annual General Meeting

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The Chair was taken by Colonel G. A. Anstee, O.B.E., M.C., J.P., D.L., who welcomed the 35 members present, including the Regimental Secretary.

2. The Chairman proposed votes of thanks to Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Secretary of the Association, for his work in the organisation of Regimental Remembrance Sunday and the Annual Reunion, and to the members of the Bedford Branch who had undertaken the running of the Inter-Branch Competitions. These were carried unanimously.

3. The Minutes of the previous Meeting, held in London on June 30, 1961, which had

been recorded in the December, 1961, issue of *The Regimental Journal*, were approved.

#### COMMITTEES

4. The Secretary read the names of those now serving on the Committee of Management and the General Purposes Committee. Mr. Dilley, having recently left Bedford, was therefore no longer available to serve on the General Purposes Committee and the Meeting nominated Mr. L. A. Butler in his place.

#### REVISION OF RULES

5. The Secretary explained that in order to meet the requirements of the Charity Commissioners and provide adequate safeguards in respect of the Trusts of the former Regiments, it was proposed that the new Rules for the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) should allow separate "Wings" or "Sections" for the former Regimental Associations. Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, Regimental Secretary, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) said that a General Meeting had been convened for September 20 to implement the new Constitution and Rules of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Association following which it should be possible to make further progress in the revision of the Rules for the 16th Foot Association.

#### THE REGIMENTAL MEMORIAL

6. The Secretary reported no official information yet received regarding the future of Kempston Barracks. This led to a general discussion on the future of The Regimental Memorial and the Meeting expressed grave concern in view of the possibility of the Barracks or adjacent land being occupied other than by the W.D. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Colonel of The Regiment should be requested to "*Ask the Minister for an undertaking that the Regimental Memorial and Garden of Remembrance would be safeguarded, even to the extent of moving these in toto free of cost to another site in the County of Bedfordshire should the Regimental Association so wish.*"

#### ANNUAL REUNION

7. The Chairman asked for the views of the Meeting regarding future Reunions. Members expressed their approval of the decision to observe Regimental Remembrance Sunday on the morning of the Reunion on the reasonable assumption of better weather for outdoor ceremonies held in the summer. It was unanimously agreed that such functions should be held annually, preferably in September.

8. There being no other business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the Meeting at 5.40 p.m.



## Regimental Remembrance Sunday and Annual Reunion

Bedford September 9, 1962

The prolonged wet weather throughout the summer had given rise to considerable anxiety as the day for the ceremonies at Bedford drew near. In the event, September 9th was, luckily, one of the few fine sunny days and the programme of events followed its course without interruption. This was the first Regimental occasion at Kempston Barracks since the decision to hold Regimental Remembrance Sunday and the Annual Reunion on the same day and the arrangements for it were made by the Secretary of the 16th Foot Association, Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E.

The morning's ceremonies began with a Service of Remembrance in the Church of The Transfiguration. A large congregation already filled the Church as, at 11 o'clock, Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., Deputy Colonel, arrived to deputise for the Colonel of The Regiment, who was unable to attend. He was accompanied by Brigadier G. W. H. Peters, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Honorary Colonel of The 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). After the Regimental Colours had been draped on the Altar, Branch Standards were placed on each side. The Service then

began; it was conducted in its traditional form by the Reverend H. John, M.B.E., Vicar of Kempston.

After the Service, at 12 noon, the Parade formed up outside the Church in readiness for the march to the Barracks. The column was headed by the Band of The 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and consisted of the Regimental Colours and their Escort, a detachment of the Bedfordshire A.C.F., and the Branches of the Association, each headed by their Standard. The Salute was taken by the Deputy Colonel, who was accompanied on the dais by Brigadier Peters. Having passed the Saluting Base at the entrance to Addison Howard Park, the column continued down the main road to form up for the Wreath Laying Ceremony at The Regimental Memorial. As soon as the Deputy Colonel had taken his position on parade, "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded from the top of the Keep. Brigadier Paton then moved forward to lay the Regimental Wreath at the centre of the Memorial. This was the first of the many wreaths laid in memory of our former comrades. This concluded the morning's ceremonies of Remembrance and the rest of the day was devoted to a Reunion inside the Barracks. Permission had been obtained to use the old Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess and Social Club and these had been suitably furnished for the occasion. They were all very soon crowded with



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*Regimental Remembrance Sunday, Bedford, September 9. Old Comrades with their Branch Standards marching from the Church to the Wreath Laying Ceremony.*

visitors enjoying a buffet luncheon, liquid refreshment and a chance to renew old friendships.

During the afternoon, whilst some listened to the Band playing on the lawn, others followed with interest the progress of the Inter-Branch Competitions. Bedford Branch had very willingly undertaken the running of these once again and we are most grateful for their help. The final results of the Competitions were: Postal Shoot, Ware; Darts, Bedford; Skittles, Bedford; Ladies' Darts, Hertford; the Aggregate Cup, Bedford.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held after tea. The Minutes are reported elsewhere in this issue.

By now the crowd had gathered on the lawn to witness the closing stages of the Reunion. First the presentation of trophies for the Inter-Branch Competitions. This was performed by Lt.-Col. E. G. Fanning, M.C., D.L., and it gave us all a great deal of pleasure to see him with us again after his long spell of ill-health. Colonel Fanning also presented the items of Regimental Silver which have been placed on permanent loan to St. Albans and Hitchin Branches. Then Mrs. Young, wife of the Regimental Secretary, kindly presented the prizes for the raffle which had been so successfully organised by Watford Branch. At 6 p.m. precisely the Band and Drums of The 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) marched into view for the beating of Retreat. Their standard of performance, with the old barrack square once again echoing to the sound of martial music, was much appreciated by the onlookers. This was the climax to a full day of Regimental celebration.

#### INTER-BRANCH SHOOTING COMPETITION

Due to the cancellation of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) Rifle Meeting at Barton Ranges, a Branch Shooting Competition was organised by the Battalion on Piccotts End Range on September 23. Five Branches competed in fine September weather. Ten Rounds Pool Bull, combined with zeroing, were allowed for each member to "get his eye down," followed by the usual practice of ten rounds application. The scores indicate the closeness of this competition, and it is evident that members have not lost the art through lack of practice. Capt. "Wally" Folds was certainly up to form. Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, Commanding the Battalion, kindly presented the prizes, and confirmed that Branches of the Old Comrades Association will have their own competition date in future. After a break for lunch and the usual refreshment, Pool Bull continued throughout the afternoon.

All branches would like to thank the Commanding Officer and his staff for a very enjoyable day.

#### RESULTS

**Inter-Branch Competition:** Bedford, 167; London, 166; Ware, 137; Hertford, 131; Watford, 111.

**Individual:** Capt. W. Folds, 47; Mr. W. Aldridge, 46; Mr. Wilmott, 44.

**Pool Bull:** Brigadier C. A. Dixon, O.B.E., Capt. W. Folds, Major F. Boutwood, M.B.E.

### Notes From the Branches

#### ST. ALBANS

Since our last notes, the branch meetings have been well attended, and we have enjoyed all the various Regimental activities in which we have participated, including the Regimental Association Dinner at Shoeburyness, the Layng-Up of the 2nd Bn. The 16th Foot Colours at Luton, and Regimental Remembrance Sunday at Bedford.

The branch has now received its Standard back, with all the Battle Honours on it. The cost of this has been borne by the Hon. Secretary of the Branch. At our last meeting, a vote of thanks to him was proposed by Capt. W. G. Cann, and passed with acclamation.

This year some of our members have enjoyed a holiday at The Lord Kitchener Memorial Home at Lowestoft. They are most grateful and wish to thank The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association for making their holidays possible.

One or two of our member are, at present, in hospital; we wish them a good recovery.

All members of the branch send their greetings to all Old Comrades and wish them all good luck for 1963.

#### BEDFORD

It is with much regret that we have to record the passing of one of our members, Mr. E. Johnson.

Our team in the Bedford United Services Games League is upholding our name and has not lost a game this season. We are still in the early stages of the competitions, but we hope to have a greater share in the trophies at the end of the season.

We were very pleased to see so many Comrades from other branches at the Regimental Week-end and the keen competition shown in the games. We were fortunate to win the Darts Cup, after years of endeavour, and we won the Skittles Cup again: whilst we were runners-up for the Shooting Cup. We managed to take the Aggregate Cup.

We are very appreciative of the arrangements made by the Commanding Officer and Major French of 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) for the Comrades' Shoot on September 23, at Piggots End. Our thanks are also due to the staff of the Battalion, who were at our disposal, in fact to everyone from the C.O. downwards, who made the day so delightful. We were very pleased to be able to carry off such a magnificent trophy after quite a tussle with the London Branch; "Wally" Folds won the Individual Cup, whilst he and Frank Boutwood split the Pool Bull money. We must end by thanking our team for giving up their time and for putting up such a magnificent show. Well done, Wally Folds, Frank Boutwood, Jerry Willmott and Buster Wells.

### HITCHIN

The branch was represented at the Laying-Up of the Old Colours of the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in the Parish Church of Luton on May 20. The service was most impressive and enjoyed by us all.

At The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association Service of Remembrance and Reunion, held at Bedford on September 9, we were well represented. At the wreath-laying ceremony, the branch wreath was laid by our Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. W. Prutton. During the reunion, held in the afternoon, the branch was very unlucky in the skittles competition, after reaching the final we were beaten by Bedford Branch. Before the prizegiving, Lt.-Col. E. G. Fanning, M.C., D.L., on behalf of the Colonel of The Regiment, handed over a cup and shield of the 16th Foot to be held on permanent loan by the branch. They were received by the Hon. Secretary on behalf of the branch. We received them with great pride, and will for ever treasure them.

On Saturday, September 29, our friends of the Saffron Walden Branch of The Essex Regiment Association held their annual social party in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden. A coach load of members of the branch, with their wives and friends, went over and enjoyed a very happy evening, for which we are grateful to our comrades of Saffron Walden. Saturday, October 13, the Ware Branch held their annual social evening, and again our branch was well represented. A very enjoyable evening was spent, for which we thank our friends at Ware.

All members were very glad to see Mr. E. Forster back with us again after his long illness.

### 6th BN. THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT (1939-45) O.C.A.

Our 15th Annual Reunion was held at the Euston Tavern, London, N.W.1., on Saturday, October 6. Following the success of last year's

venture when, for the first time since the inauguration of our Association, the ladies were invited to attend, it was decided to repeat the form for this year. The outcome was again a most happy and successful evening's entertainment by some 62 members and their guests. Following an enjoyable dinner, the company were addressed by the guest of the evening, Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, who gave an interesting account of the affairs of the Regiment. A short annual general meeting was held by our Chairman, Major Peter Wilson, who, having just returned from a visit to Canada, read a personal message from our President, Colonel J. R. Harper, O.B.E., T.D., now residing in Montreal. The evening concluded with a healthy spell of dancing with the inevitable raucous rendering of "Steady The Bedfords" and "The Bells of Hell" as a finale. We were particularly pleased to welcome once more our Vice-President, Major Ian Campbell, T.D., who, for health reasons, has given up farming and now resides at Nether Wallop, Hants. In conclusion, the Chairman and Committee are most grateful for the generous donations received from members.

## The Essex Regiment Association

### Annual General Meeting

#### *Summary of the Minutes*

The Annual General Meeting was held at 5.30 p.m. at Warley on Sunday, July 15, 1962. The Chair was taken by the President of the Association, Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., and sixty-four members were present. After welcoming all present, the Chairman conveyed to the meeting, greetings and best wishes from The Colonel of The Regiment, General Sir Reginald Denning. The greetings were warmly received. Mr. P. C. Munn proposed and Mr. J. Brown seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be passed and this was agreed unanimously.

The Chairman next gave an outline of the present position and said that we hoped to retain our base at Warley, but that the future was uncertain. He referred to The Regimental Chapel and the encouraging support being given to the monthly services, and asked all members to continue their support.

The Secretary then appealed for support for the Regimental Journal, which he said was still priced at 5s. per year, and was very good value for money. It was, he said, inevitable that we must lose some of our older subscribers each year, and new readers would be most welcome.

Mr. G. A. Treacher asked about the future of the Regimental Museum, and the Chairman stated that if a subsequent move became neces-



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*Regimental Remembrance Sunday, Warley, July 15, Old Comrades on the March Past held after the Service*

sary, it was hoped that the Museum would be housed in the Civic Centre at Chelmsford.

Mr. B. R. Box asked if it was possible to have a fixed day on which the Reunion could be held each year, and suggested that the last Sunday in June would be most suitable. This suggestion was strongly supported by several members, but the Chairman explained that though they all wished that this could be agreed, it was not at present possible to adopt the proposal because of some uncertainty over future events. Every attempt would be made, however, to arrange the 1963 Reunion on the suggested Sunday. The Chairman then referred to the invaluable assistance given by 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) without whose help it would have been impossible to stage the service and reunion, and a vote of thanks to the Commanding Officer was agreed unanimously.

There being no further business, Brigadier Paton wished all present an enjoyable evening. Major H. J. Staff proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his attendance and this was warmly endorsed by the meeting.

The meeting closed at 6 p.m.

## **Annual Service of Remembrance and Reunion**

WARLEY—JULY 15, 1962

This year, for the first time since the amalgamation of the two former Regiments, it

was decided that the two Associations should hold their separate Reunions, each in their own county.

The Essex Regiment Reunion at Warley on Sunday, July 15, commenced at 3 p.m. with the Service of Remembrance in the Regimental Chapel, and despite the dull weather most of the seats in Chapel were filled well before the Service commenced. On this occasion the Address was given by The Venerable W. N. Welch, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend, an old friend of The Regiment, and was conducted by The Revd. J. M. Pickering, M.B.E., C.F., the Senior Chaplain East Anglian District. During the Service the Archdeacon dedicated Memorial Pews to:—

Brigadier G. H. Wilmer, D.S.O., M.C.,  
and  
Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. Kelly

and during his Address he spoke of the great service which they and so many others had given to The Regiment, and of the glorious traditions which they had helped to build. General Sir Reginald Denning read the Lesson and Brigadier Paton the names of all who had died since the last Service. 'Last Post' and 'Reveille' were sounded by a lone Bugler from the Band of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, which also played during the Service, and on the Mess lawn during the tea interval.

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Band, and some 150 Comrades took part in the very fine Parade. The Salute was taken by General Sir Reginald Denning and Brigadier Paton. Refreshments were then taken on the lawn, after which the Association held its Annual General Meeting, a report on which appears in this issue. The Reunion followed and despite the non-arrival of some members of the catering staff, due to a transport breakdown, and the consequent temporary delays in the serving of refreshments, Comrades and their Ladies spent an enjoyable evening, many remaining until the close at 8.30 p.m.

We were once again grateful for the invaluable help given by members of 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) in assisting with Chapel arrangements, staffing the bars and buffets, and for erecting the tentage for us.

The Warley Reunion for 1963 will be held on Sunday, July 7, when extra tentage will be provided to cater for the numbers attending.

### Notes From Branches

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

##### *Summary of the Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting*

The meeting was held at H.Q., 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.), Gordon Fields,

Ilford, on Saturday, July 7. Major F. W. Waddell, M.B.E., presided and 14 members were in attendance. The Secretary stated that a number of members had written regretting their inability to be present. During the formal business of the meeting, the Secretary reported that 11 new Life Members had been enrolled during the past year and others had made applications to join the Association. The existing Officers of the Association were re-elected 'en bloc' for the ensuing year. They received the thanks of the meeting for their work during the year.

The 1962 Annual Dinner was discussed and it was decided that in view of the difficulty of obtaining a venue suitable to all, O.C. 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) should be asked to make the T.A. Centre available to the Association on the evening of Saturday, November 3, when a Reunion with buffet facilities would be arranged. A list of Officers to be invited was agreed, and a committee consisting of W.O.I R. Jenns, W.O.II P. Womack and Mr. H. W. Purser was appointed.

The meeting unanimously endorsed a vote of thanks to the President and Secretary for their continued good work during the year, and also to C.O. 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) for use of the T.A. Centre. The President thanked all members for their attendance, especially Capt. J. Collins, now aged 79 years. The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.



*One of the happy groups at The Essex Regiment Association Annual Reunion held at Regimental Headquarters, Warley, on July 15, 1962.*

### 6th BATTALION ESSEX (T.A.) 'CEDARS' O.C.A.

The 'Cedars' Old Comrades' Association continues to keep going despite the scattering of its members. The brightest night of the year is always the Annual Reunion Dinner held as near to Gaza Day as possible. The next one is fixed for March 23, 1963, at the T.A. Centre, Vicarage Lane, East Ham, London, E.6. Each year we are pleased to welcome Old Comrades whom we have not seen for many years. Next year we hope to have with us ex-Colour Sergeant Pearson who will be 84 years of age on March 27. He will travel up from Southend with two younger 6th Battalion comrades. Another who has promised to be with us is the Reverend A. F. Waskett who will come over from Suffolk and will return home on the same night in order to be 'on parade' at his church on Sunday.

George Leaford, the Secretary of the Branch, has heard from Colonel E. A. Loftus who is in Nyasaland. Colonel Loftus, who commanded the 6th Battalion from 1925 to 1929, asked for more information about the Reunion Dinner about which he had read in the previous issue of *The Wasp and The Eagle*. The Hon. Secretary has sent full details to Nyasaland and it is hoped that we shall have the Colonel with us in the not too far distant future.

At the Annual General Meeting in July the Hon. Treasurer, Charles Rudd, presented a buoyant report and both he and George Leaford were praised by the Chairman, Major Castle, for their excellent services. Those members who, despite the poor weather, had managed to attend the Remembrance Service at Warley were also thanked by Major Castle.

It is sad to report that no year passes without the loss of at least one of our Comrades. The latest report is the death of Colonel R. W. Wren, T.D., a former Commanding Officer of the Battalion. An Obituary Notice appeared in the June issue of the Regimental Journal.

### 7th BATTALION 'THE EAGLE AND GUN' REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

After completion of another year's work our thanks are due to the Commanding Officer of the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry Regiment for allowing us the continued use of his Headquarters at Whipps Cross, where we have conducted our Association affairs since 1938. We still have some 300 members despite the regrettable passing on of some of our older ones, including the following during the past year:— Messrs. W. Battersbury, C. L. Brundell, T. J. Connor, F. G. Gurney, G. Haseltine, A. McDermott, G. Scrivens, Capt. A. Stirling, H. J. Taylor, E. Tucker and G. W. Willis.

The Annual Reunion of 1st/7th Essex took place at the 'Mitre,' Chancery Lane, on October

4, when 46 members enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The 1963 Reunion will take place on October 5. The Entertainment Committee to whom we owe our grateful thanks arranged a number of successful outings and social events during the year, and more are planned for the coming months.

We have finally had to say goodbye to Major and Mrs. Maddocks, from the T.A. Centre, and welcome in their place Mr. and Mrs. Grimley who have already proved very helpful to us.

### 1st/7th BN. THE ESSEX REGIMENT

The annual reunion dinner was held at "The Mitre," Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2, on Saturday, October 6, 1962. This dinner, known as the Gallipoli Dinner, was attended by 46 members, including Colonel H. F. Kembell, T.D., D.L., who was in command at Suvla, supported by Colonel F. R. Waller, T.D., D.L., and several other officers who served at the same time. The guests included Colonel G. Digby Thompson, of The Inns of Court and City Yeomanry, by whose courtesy the O.C.A. still have facilities at Whipps Cross; Colonel A. B. Schofield, representing the succeeding T.A. unit, and Padre Fox, C.F., who has for so long acted as Chaplain.

That "old soldiers never die" was proved by the attendance of Sgt. T. Williams in his 89th year, and Sgt. Bill Tozer, of The Regimental Transport, aged 86 years. A real gathering of "the ancients." As usual, the Chairman was Mr. W. F. Marr, who has run the dinner since 1926, and holds the Chair at the request of all concerned. Brigadier Shenstone, who has never previously missed a dinner, was unavoidably absent.

### 10th BN. (1914-1918) THE ESSEX REGIMENT

On September 29, 45 members of the old Battalion dined together at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, and, as always, they spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening together. The ages of those dining ranged from 63 to 83 years, and included five "prodigals" who had not been seen for very many years. The chief of the "prodigals" was Lt.-Col. W. C. Neild, M.C., of Little Leighs, who served with the Battalion from August, 1914.

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### SAFFRON WALDEN AND DISTRICT

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(16th/44th Foot) Association was held at Shoeburyness on Saturday, May 19, when 22 members made the journey. We were also strongly represented at the Annual Service of Remembrance and Reunion at Warley on July 15, when a total of more than 30 members and their wives enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon and evening. The second Summer Outing took place on July 1 when a party of almost 100 members, wives and children spent a most enjoyable day at Clacton. The annual Summer Outing is now an event which is much looked forward to. Our big night of the year, the annual social and reunion, was a great success. It was held at the Town Hall, Saffron Walden, on September 29 and we were extremely pleased to welcome parties from the Hitchin and Ware Branches of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association in addition to members from our own Branches at Brentwood and Southend. Our own members turned up in great strength and as we were officially limited to 250 at the Town Hall we are reluctant to quote the actual attendance figure. A coach party arranged by Mr. C. Meekins brought a total of over 40 members from Brentwood, Grays and Chelmsford. We were very pleased to welcome Lt.-Col. A. C. Young and also Mrs. Young who kindly presented the prizes won in the raffle. We are most grateful to the many donors of valuable prizes for this event, and also to the members of our committee who worked so hard to make the evening such a success.

#### BRENTWOOD

The fourth annual general meeting was held at the "Artichoke," Shenfield Common, Brentwood on Thursday, October 18. Mr. H. F. Ashton was in the Chair and 13 members attended. After completion of the formal business, the meeting discussed various proposals concerning the future activities of the branch. Many of those present felt that in view of the poor support forthcoming from members, the time had come for the branch to be closed. The position was discussed at some length and the meeting finally adopted a proposal by Lt.-Col. T. Gagen "that the Branch activities should be suspended for a period of 12 months from the date of the meeting." All known members would be informed of this decision and would be invited to submit their proposals and suggestions, which would be considered at a general meeting to be held in October, 1963. A vote of thanks to Mr. Ashton and Mrs. S. Rees (Hon. Secretary) for their hard work on behalf of the branch was unanimously approved.

Refreshments were served at the end of the meeting.

#### METROPOLITAN ESSEX

Membership of the Branch now totals 63. We have lost two members, by resignation; one

resignation was due to the member's other commitments and the other to the distance the member lived from the Branch. On this point of distance, we may eventually have to change the title of the Branch. We have members in Edgware, Middlesex; Wisbech, Cambridgeshire; Barnet, Herts; Sevenoaks, Kent; Canonbury, N.I. and Wandsworth, S.W.18; approximately 10 per cent. of our membership being from outside Metropolitan Essex.

Major Harry Staff has been unfortunate recently in having his wife seriously ill with a heart ailment. For some time, Mrs. Staff was on the danger list but we understand she is now improving. We hope that the improvement will be maintained, and we extend to Mrs. Staff our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

At the Reunion at Warley, Major Staff met an old friend in Mr. Green who served some twenty-five years with the Regiment. Harry sent his address to the Hon. Secretary who approached Mr. Green with a view to his joining the Branch. To date we have not received his reply. We should like to congratulate Major G. S. Bellamy on the successful result of his campaign for election to his local Council.

The Hon. Secretary attended the Annual General Meeting of 6 Metro Sector Officers' Dining Club, and was delighted to find that over 90 per cent. of those present were also members of the Branch. One who was not, Major Flowerday, became a Life Member at the meeting and we hereby extend a warm welcome to Major Flowerday.

#### SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT

The Branch continues to meet on the last Thursday of each month at The Spread Eagle Hotel, Prittlewell, when various forms of entertainment are laid on, including occasional Ladies' Evenings. Meetings during the summer months were poorly supported but nevertheless served their purpose if only for a chat, a beer, and a laugh over "what old so and so did and said."

An Extraordinary General Meeting in June elected Major Arthur Saunders to the Chair, and Mr. Charlie Harrod as Hon. Secretary, thus filling vacancies created by resignations earlier in the year.

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. Pead and also the illness of another member, Mr. J. F. Finn, who recently underwent a serious operation. Mr. Finn has now left hospital for six months convalescence, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

A 'Beer and Cheese' night early in September opened our winter programme, and this was followed on September 27 by a social evening when members and their wives were entertained to a colour slide show entitled "Southend's Beauty," presented by a member, Mr. J.

Treleaven. A well-planned show revealed in full colour much of the hidden beauty of our county borough, and after a brief interval, a journey through Essex villages to the bulbfields of Lincolnshire was shown.

Although thin on the ground, the Branch was represented at the Saffron Walden Branch Social and Reunion on September 29. Our sincere thanks to Saffron Walden for a most enjoyable evening.

### THE TWENTY-NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION

#### ALL RANKS PARADE AND LUNCH

The Parade took place on Sunday, April 29, and after assembly on the Horse Guards Parade the President, Lord Freyberg, v.c., led the Parade to the Cenotaph and also laid the customary wreath. The Regimental Band of the Irish Guards marched the column to and from the Cenotaph and thanks to the 'understanding' time kept by the Band the Parade was a particularly impressive one. The sounding of 'Last Post' and 'Reveille' was also most impressive.

Lunch was taken at The Corner House, Coventry Street, during which the Band played a heart-warming selection of the old and well remembered tunes of the First World War. At the Annual General Meeting which followed, the Chair was taken by Major-General Davidson, who read the Roll of Honour. Among those who had passed on since the last parade was Mr. H. A. Chappell of The Essex Regiment. The Regiment was represented at the Parade by the following:—Messrs. B. Garratt, A. Perdue, L. Platts, H. Pocknell, A. Pooley, Major H. J. Staff, Messrs. A. Tresadern and T. Underwood. Since the parade we have lost Mr. A. Pooley one of the most regular attenders, he will be sadly missed.

Provisional dates for the Reunion next year are:—

April 27, Officers' Dinner.

April 28, All Ranks' Parade and Lunch.

The last parade of the 29th Division will take place in 1965.

Between now and that time it is hoped that all members will attend the Annual Parades. Members are asked to give their active support and to note the date for 1963—Sunday, April 28.

Further information is available from Major C. J. Ball, D.S.O., M.C., Hon. Secretary, 29th Division Association, 5, Charles II Street, St. James's, London, S.W.1.

### 7 (H.D.) 30/70 BATTALIONS THE ESSEX REGIMENT

These three units of The Regiment, formed just before, and early on in the 1939-45 War,

had their annual dinner at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, on Friday, October 12, 1962, under the Chairmanship of Lt.-Col. J. C. Lockwood, C.B.E., T.D. Colonel H. F. Kemball, Major E. L. Farndell and Capt. A. Harris were unable to be present through illness. Major T. R. Stead attended from R.H.Q., Warley, and put the old warriors into the present-day picture of the great changes taking place in their old-time Depot area.

Those who served in any one of these units, and are not on the mailing list, should write to: Major H. J. Young, T.D., Broxhill, Havering-atte-Bower, Romford, Essex.

### Marriages

**KING—EDDY.**—On June 9, 1962, at Brentwood, Essex, Lt. P. W. King, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), The Pompadours, to Miss Winifred Eddy.

**RUMBOLL—DARLOW.**—On July 28, 1962, at St. Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, London, S.W.3, Robin Ernest Richard Rumboll, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rumboll, of Hurlingham, Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Jennifer Mary Darlow, only daughter of Major and Mrs. G. H. Darlow, of 32, Birchdale Avenue, Kempston, Bedfordshire.

**BATES—BROCHMAN.**—On August 18, 1962, at St. Edward's Chapel, Bury St. Edmunds, Lt. Roger Bates (16th/44th Foot) to Miss Lisa Krystyna Brochman.

**PRICE—CATLIN.**—On September 29, 1962, at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Frinton-on-Sea, Capt. Peter Benjamin Price, 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Price (late 16th Foot), of Harpenden Road, St. Albans, to Miss Shirley Jacqueline Lydia Margarita Catlin, of Cranston Lodge, King's Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

**WARD—HERD.**—On September 29, 1962, at Christ Church, Bengeo, Cpl. J. Ward, U.S.A.F., to Miss Gloria Celia Denise Herd, daughter of R.S.M. and Mrs. V. Herd, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), of 2a, Port Hill, Hertford.

**LAING—BERRIDGE.**—On October 6, 1962, at Elstow Church, Eric Laing, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Laing, 25, Ainslie Gardens, Perth, to Pamela Ann Berridge, younger daughter of Major and Mrs. W. Berridge (late 16th Foot), 4, Lancaster Avenue, Bedford.

SCOTT—DUDLEY-WARD.—On October 13, 1962, at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, Capt. Colin Baxter Scott, late The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), only son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Scott, 52, Waterloo Road, Bedford, to Lucille Eccles Dudley-Ward, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Dudley-Ward, 22, St. Michael's Road, Bedford.

### Silver Wedding

LUCAS : BUTLER.—On June 26, 1937, at St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent, George Arnold Lucas to Judith Mary Butler. Present address: Pound Cottage, Darby Green, Yateley, Hants.

### Births

CROOK.—On September 25, 1962, to Gladys and W.O.II (O.R.Q.M.S.) B. W. Crook, 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), a daughter.

HICKINBOTTOM.—On April 9, 1962, to Theodericke and Major G. H. Hickinbottom, T.D., 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), a daughter.

KEATLEY.—On October 8, 1962, to Diana and Major R. B. Keatley, 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), a daughter (Rebecca Mary Macdonald).

PAGE.—On September 29, 1962, at Rinteln, Germany, to Major and Mrs. David Page, a second son.

### Obituaries

DYER.—On October 6, 1961, Ex-6004903 Sgt. (Master Cook) Percy F. Dyer, who served with The Essex Regiment from 1924 to 1941 and subsequently with The Royal West Kent Regiment and the Army Catering Corps. Mr. Dyer completed 21 years with the Colours, much of it with The Pompadours in India, Egypt and the Sudan, and with B.E.F. at Dunkirk. After his discharge he was employed on the estate of H.M. Lieutenant for Essex, and later at the U.S. Air Base at Wethersfield. Mr. Dyer unfortunately suffered much ill-health from the time of his return from Dunkirk in 1940 until his death.

GODWIN.—In October, 1961, Major J. P. Godwin who was commissioned in The Essex Regiment during the early part of 1940 and was stationed at Warley for a period during the War years. Though his service with the Regiment did not extend beyond the period

of the emergency, he was a regular supporter of and a donator to the Regimental Association.

SWAN.—On April 6, 1962, aged 74 years. Mr. W. Swan served with 1st and 11th Battalions The Essex Regiment during World War I and was living at Wimbish at the time of his death.

OAKMAN.—On April 11, 1962, Mr. C. H. Oakman, formerly No. 2678, Pte., 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.F.), and a member of the Leichworth and Hitchin Branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association.

CHANDLER.—On April 25, 1962, Ex-6005037 C.S.M. Herbert Bruce Chandler, aged 57 years. Mr. Chandler first joined The Essex Regiment in 1924 and served for 10 years with The Pompadours in India and later in Egypt, Sudan and N.W. Europe, where he was wounded in the fighting near Caen, six days after the "D"-Day landings. He was finally discharged in 1945 and established himself in a grocery business at West Earham, Norwich. His health, however, gradually worsened and he was completely incapacitated some time before he died.

LAW.—On May 3, 1962, in the Herts and Essex Hospital, Mr. Charles William Law, who served with 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment during the First World War. Mr. Law was 71 years of age and had been a hospital patient for the past four years.

BARKER.—On May 4, 1962, Mr. W. H. Barker (Ex-No. 7844). Mr. Barker was an Old Contemptible and served for a time with The Pompadours during World War I.

LT.-COL. H. E. CROCKER, C.M.G., D.S.O.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Lt.-Col. Herbert Edmund Crocker, at Hove, on May 13, after a long and tiresome illness, at the age of 84 years.

"H.E.," as he was known throughout the Regiment, received his Regular commission from the Militia in 1900. He served throughout the South African War and was wounded when he was with the 44th. He also served with the W.A.F.F. for a short period in 1901 and received the Queen's Medal with six clasps. In 1913 he was specially employed at the War Office and later he became an instructor at the Army Signal School.

During the First World War he saw service in Gallipoli, Egypt and in Mesopotamia, where he commanded the 8th Bn. The Cheshire Regiment for 18 months, being wounded three times,



*The late Lt.-Col. H. E. Crocker, C.M.G., D.S.O.*

mentioned in despatches on four occasions and awarded the C.M.G. and D.S.O. He became a Brevet Lieut.-Colonel in 1917, Temporary Lieut.-Colonel in the same year and Lieut.-Colonel (substantive) on September 9, 1929, with over two years' seniority, on which day he retired to serve on the Reserve until 1932. From 1919 to 1928 he was with The Pompadours in Malta, Turkey and India.

"H.E." was an Officer of unbounded physical and mental energy. He enjoyed all outdoor recreation—walking, games and riding, being an active member of the Ambala Hunt and the Cawnpore Tent Club. His favourite picture, which remained with him until his death in a nursing home, was of an incident in the Kadir Cup. He was a great reader and author of many interesting articles on military and travel subjects, of which he had first-hand knowledge and experience. During the Second World War he was a keen member of the Home Guard, serving, as he said, "the honourable appointment of unpaid Lance-Corporal—for long and faithful services rendered."

"H.E." hated and despised inactivity and so it was that he bore most bravely the inactivity forced upon him by illness during his last years.

To the end he was mentally alive and inquisitive, particularly on matters and persons connected with the Regiment, of which he was a staunch supporter.

**CARNALL.**—On May 15, at Laindon, Essex. Mr. (ex-C.S.M.) J. H. Carnall, D.C.M., who joined the Volunteer Battalion (Cyclists) in 1907 and was then with the 8th Bn. The Essex Regiment from 1908 to 1915. In 1915 he joined the 2nd Bn. and served with them throughout the First World War. He was awarded the D.C.M. for virtually his first action with The Pompadours in 1915. Jack Carnall regularly attended the annual dinners held by the Arras survivors and presided at the last one, which was held shortly before he died. He was 79 years of age.

**POOLEY.**—On May 17, 1962. Mr. A. A. Pooley (ex-10347), who joined The Pompadours before the First World War, but was with the 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment throughout the Gallipoli campaign, and for the remainder of the War. He subsequently rejoined The Pompadours. Mr. Pooley was a staunch supporter of the Regimental Association and also regularly attended the annual parades of the 29th Division.

**MERRYWEATHER.**—We regret to report the death of Albert John Merryweather which occurred on May 18, 1962. Born in 1885, he enlisted into the 4th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment in November, 1899. He fought in the South African War, being awarded the Queen's Medal with two clasps and also the King's Medal with two clasps. He later transferred to the Military Police and was discharged in 1920. He was then employed at the War Office until his retirement in 1950. Mr. Merryweather was an active member of London Branch, who were represented at the cremation service at Streatham on May 23, 1962.

**WILMOT.**—On May 19, 1962, Mr. H. J. Wilmot, who served with the Royal Engineers and 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). He was a member of the Letchworth and Hitchin, including Royston, Branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association.

**TOVEY.**—On May 31, 1962, in the Bahamas. Major N. C. Tovey who served for part of his military service during the last War with 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment. At the end of the War Major Tovey enlisted with the Malayan Police and then joined the Bahamas Police Force, with which he was serving at the time of his death.

**PRYOR.**—In May, 1962, Lt.-Col. W. M. Pryor, D.S.O., aged 82. Colonel Pryor served with The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.F.) before the 1914/1918 War, and during that War com-



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manded the 1st/6th Bn. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He was awarded the D.S.O. on the Somme and a bar to the D.S.O. for service in Italy.

LT.-COL. D. RHYS-THOMAS, O.B.E., M.C.

We much regret to report the death of Lt.-Col. D. Rhys-Thomas ("Tommy"), which occurred on June 2, 1962, at 14, St. Edmunds Road, Ipswich, the home of his sister, Mrs. Marjorie White-Cooper.

Colonel Rhys-Thomas, or "Tommy" as he was always known by members of the 16th Foot, was born in 1894 and was the younger son of the late Dr. and Mrs. B. Wilfred Thomas, of Welwyn, Hertfordshire. He was educated at Felsted School.

On the outbreak of the First World War, in 1914, he joined the Army and saw service in Gallipoli, Egypt and Mesopotamia. He was commissioned in 1916 and for his services during the war he was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Military Cross.

After the war he was appointed to a Regular Commission in The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and joined the 1st Battalion in Ireland. He served with the Battalion in Ireland, Colchester, Aldershot and Malta. In 1925 he succeeded the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Reginald Denning, as Adjutant. During his period as such, the 1st Battalion went to North China as part of the Shanghai Defence Force; for his services during this period Colonel Thomas was awarded the O.B.E.

Then came a tour of duty at the Regimental Depot, Kempston Barracks, on the conclusion of which Colonel Thomas rejoined the 1st Battalion in India. On January 1, 1936, he was promoted Brevet Major. He accompanied the 1st Battalion when they left India, in 1938, for Palestine, and in January, 1939, he left them to join the 2nd Battalion at Gravesend. In December of that year, after war had broken out, he took over command of the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), from the late Colonel Douglas Gaye. As is well-known, the Battalion shared the fate of many others when the Japanese captured Singapore. Colonel Thomas will always be remembered as the C.O. who commanded the Battalion during the dreadful years of captivity which followed, and we know his example was a constant source of inspiration and courage to all ranks of the Battalion.

On the defeat of the Japanese, Colonel Thomas returned to Bedford, where he took part in the civic welcome to the survivors of his Battalion given by the people of Bedford. After leave, he took up an appointment in Scottish Command, but not for long, as he was



*The late Lt.-Col. D. Rhys Thomas, O.B.E., M.C.*

asked by the Bedfordshire T.A. and A.F. Association to re-form his old Battalion when the T.A. were resurrected in 1947. At the same time he was also asked to take over the appointment of Cadet Secretary to the Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force. He accepted both appointments and returned to Bedford. He was very successful in his attempts to re-form the 5th Battalion and soon had it back on a firm basis. His tenure of command being completed, he handed the Battalion over in 1950 to Colonel Ralph Harper and retired on February 1, 1950. But he continued as Cadet Secretary and during the following years his devotion and keenness in his work with the Cadets was evident in many spheres, one of the most important being shooting. During his tenure of the Cadet Secretaryship, the Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force carried off every shooting trophy available in the Cadet world. The Montgomery of Alamein Cup in 1947 and 1948, the Watts bowl at Bisley in 1947 and 1957, the Frankford Shield at Bisley in 1954, all the prizes in the various District shooting competitions, with the Earl Roberts Imperial Cadet Trophy in 1958 to crown the lot. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Bedfordshire which he relinquished when he left the County.

On reaching the age limit for his appointment in 1960, he retired and moved to Ipswich to live with his sister, Mrs. Marjorie White-

Cooper, whose husband, Capt. Richard White-Cooper, of the 16th Foot, was killed in the early part of the Second World War.

Colonel Thomas was not to enjoy his retirement for very long, but even during the short time allowed him he gave what help he could to the Suffolk Army Cadet Force.

He was buried at Elstow, near Bedford, on June 6, the service being taken by the Rev. Peter Hartley, who had served with him as a Sergeant in the 5th Battalion during those bad years in Singapore.

The Colonel of the Regiment, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning, was represented at the service by Colonel G. A. Anstee, O.B.E., M.C., J.P., D.L., and General Sir Henry C. Jackson by Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E. There were many others from the Regiment, the 5th Battalion and the Army Cadet Force, including the Suffolk Army Cadet Force, present with the members of his family to pay tribute to one whom they loved and esteemed.

A past member of the 16th Foot who knew him well writes:

Tommy, as he was best known to us all, was a very esteemed member of the Regiment. His sudden death in June came as a distinct shock and it saddened the hearts of his many friends. Many things impressed us, who served with him, not the least being his obvious love for the Regiment and his unflagging efforts towards helping to maintain its high reputation. In everything he did there was always abundant evidence of clear thinking and methodical planning which made him the fine organiser he was. This natural flair also played an important part in the Regiment's sporting activities. He was a good all-round sportsman, playing cricket, rugby and hockey.

Tommy was the essence of what a good regimental officer should be, always putting the Regiment and the welfare of his men above all else. Any young Officer who had his guidance and example, particularly during the period when he was Adjutant of the 1st Battalion, was indeed fortunate. He was most even tempered and, probably, among his chief attributes were his patience, understanding and human approach to matters concerning others. His advice was sound because of his balanced judgement and many of us must have been grateful to him for his wisdom, as indeed was the writer of this article on several occasions.

It was sad that his period of command of a Battalion of the Regiment in war should have been marred by those long years in captivity after the fall of Singapore. There is no doubt but that they were a terrible experience, especially to Tommy, to whom it must have been heart-rending to see the ghastly conditions

in which his men had to live. His great efforts to alleviate them as much as was humanly possible are well-known.

It is good to think that after the War he found solace and happiness in the resurrection of the 5th Battalion and his work with the Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force.

His memory will certainly never fade among those who served with him, and the Regiment was indeed fortunate in having had an Officer of such outstanding qualities.

**GEORGE.**—On June 3, 1962, at Clapham Hospital, Bedfordshire, Mr. K. George, of 7a, Cater Street, Kempston, Beds. Mr. George served in the 3rd Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment during the South African War and with the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.F.), at Gallipoli, during the 1914-18 War.

**PEAD.**—On June 7, 1962, Mr. William George Pead (ex-6021145), who served with The Essex Regiment from March, 1940, to February, 1946. He was a driver-mechanic and was stationed abroad in Egypt, India and Burma for more than four years, including a long period with the 1st Essex "Chindits" column. George Pead lived at Great Wakering and after the War was a regular visitor to the Warley reunions, and was a member of the Southend Branch of the Association.



*The late Mr. W. G. Pead*

**BURT.**—On June 9, 1962, at Aylesbury, Mr. Alfred Alexander Burt, v.c., aged 68. Mr. Burt was awarded the Victoria Cross for valour at Guinchy, France, on September 27, 1915, whilst serving as a Corporal with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). The official citation said "His Company had lined the front trench preparatory to an attack, when a large minenwerfer bomb fell into the trench. Cpl. Burt, who well knew the destructive power of this class of bomb, might easily have got under cover behind a traverse, but he immediately went forward, put his foot on the fuse, wrenched it out of the bomb and threw it over the parapet, thus rendering the bomb innocuous."

Mr. Burt, who was a native of Hertford, joined The Hertfordshire Regiment in 1911 and served until 1916, when he was released from the Army and took up employment with Hertford Corporation. He again served with the Regiment from 1921 to 1925 and then moved to Chesham, where he was the landlord of the New Inn.

The funeral took place at Watford and the Regiment was represented by Major H. J. Wright.

Mr. Burt attended the V.C. Centenary Year ceremonies held at the Depot, The 16th Foot, during the week-end June 22-24, 1956, and he is among the V.C. Group which appeared as the Frontispiece in the Summer, 1956, issue of *The Wasp*.

**HARRAD.**—On June 14, 1962, Mr. T. E. Harrad, who served with 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment. He was a member of the Woolwich and District Branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association.

**AUGER.**—On June 20, 1962, Mr. Stanley David Auger, who served with 1st/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment and 70th (H.D.) Battalion during the period 1937-1943. He suffered a long and painful illness prior to his death at Saffron Walden. He was a member of the Saffron Walden Branch of the Association.

#### LT.-COL. J. H. PATTISSON, D.S.O.

We much regret to record the death of Lt.-Col. John Hill Pattisson at the London Hospital on June 21.

Jack Pattisson was born at Writtle in 1882 and was first commissioned in The Essex Regiment on January 18, 1902. Within a few months he was on his way to join 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment, who had arrived in Bangalore following active service in the South African War, and he was to remain with the 1st Battalion for a number of years. Early in 1912 the then Lt. Pattisson was seconded for Service with the



*The late Lt.-Col. J. H. Pattisson, D.S.O.*

Egyptian Army, but shortly after the outbreak of the war he rejoined the 1st Battalion, then part of the 29th Division and served with them throughout the Gallipoli campaign. He was promoted Major in 1917 and Lieut.-Colonel in 1919, and after further service with the Egyptian Army, both in command and on the Staff, he reverted to British Establishment in 1922, rejoined the 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment and retired from military service in 1924, when the Battalion was stationed at Bordon.

Lt.-Col. Pattisson, with his charming personality and his quiet sense of humour, was universally loved and respected by British, Egyptian and Sudanese alike. He was a natural games player and at hockey and tennis he excelled, representing the Army and his County at both games. He several times captained the Army Hockey XI and was also a member of the Regimental polo team which won the Infantry polo championship of India and Burma just prior to World War I.

For some time prior to his death Colonel Pattisson had resided in London, but had been confined to his rooms since the loss of his wife in August of 1961.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

**HALTER.**—On July 15, 1962, Mr. H. O. Halter (ex-19764), who was with The Essex Regiment during World War I and was severely wounded at the Battle of the Somme, July, 1916. His wounds resulting in a form of spinal paralysis.

**CAPT. A. L. OSTLER, M.B.E., T.D.**

Capt. ("Buddy") Ostler died at Broomfield Hospital on July 12, aged 62 years. He enlisted in The Essex Regiment in September, 1917, and served with 11th Battalion with the B.E.F. in France during the final months of the First World War. After the armistice he served with The Bedfordshire Regiment for 15 months and returned to 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment in June, 1920. Apart from two short periods spent at the Regimental Depot at Warley, he remained with 1st Battalion until 1933, serving at Colchester, Ireland during the Sinn Feiners' troubles, and Pembroke Dock. In 1933 Capt. (then C.S.M.) Ostler was posted as Permanent Staff Instructor to 7th (T.A.) Battalion and first joined the 5th Battalion as R.S.M. in 1935. He was to remain with 1/5th until he was virtually the last man from the Battalion to be demobilised on June 13, 1946. Having completed 21 years' Regular service on September 25, 1938, he was granted a Quartermaster's Commission (T.A.) on the next day, and was embodied with the Battalion at the outbreak of the Second World War.



*The late Capt. A. L. Ostler, M.B.E., T.D.*

During his long and distinguished period with 1/5th Battalion, Capt. Ostler served in South Africa, Egypt, Irak, Syria, Palestine, Italy, Belgium and Germany. He was awarded the M.B.E. in Italy in 1944, where he was present with the Battalion at the famous battle of Villa Grande.

After his retirement from the Army in 1946, Capt. Ostler was employed in the Mid-Essex Division Education Office at Chelmsford, where he remained until entering hospital a few weeks prior to his death. He was most popular with all who knew him and was a staunch supporter of 5th Essex Old Comrades' Association, of which he had been Honorary Treasurer for many years. He will be greatly missed by his many friends in the Regiment and in civilian life.

**BUCK.**—On July 27, aged 67 years. Mr. Percival Buck (ex-1643), died shortly after being discharged from hospital, where he had recently undergone several operations. He served with 1st/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment from 1913-1918 and took part in the Gallipoli and Gaza campaigns. He was wounded at Gaza.

**LT.-COL. W. A. SHAW, M.C.**

It is with regret we announce the death of Lt.-Col. W. A. Shaw, which occurred on July 28, 1962, peacefully, after a long illness. Col. Shaw enlisted in The Bedfordshire Regiment in 1907, and joined the 2nd Battalion at Tidworth, he served with the Battalion in Gibraltar, Bermuda and South Africa. On the outbreak of the 1914-1918 War he was posted to the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.F.), and in 1915 he was commissioned in the Regiment. He continued to serve in the Middle East and took part in the whole of the Palestine campaign. For his services he was awarded the Military Cross.

At the end of the War he returned home and joined the 2nd Bn. The 16th Foot, serving with them in India, Iraq, Dover and Bordon. On July 1, 1932, he retired, after some 25 years' service with the Regiment. Colonel Shaw was a fine athlete and ran for the Battalion on many occasions before the First World War. After the War he continued his interest in athletic activities and was a keen hockey player. The services of Colonel Shaw with the 5th Battalion in Palestine during the 1914-1918 War gained him several mentions in the History of the Fifth Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), written by Capt. F. A. M. Webster. Among other matters it mentions that Colonel, then Lieutenant, Shaw's M.C. was presented to him by H.R.H. the late Duke of Connaught at Yazur on March 16, 1918.

On June 8, 1927, while serving with the 2nd Bn. The 16th Foot, at Dover, Colonel, then Captain, Shaw married Miss Ethel Malley,



*The late Lt.-Col. W. A. Shaw, M.C.*

eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Malley, of Temple Ewell, Dover.

On leaving the Regiment, Lt.-Col. Shaw was employed with the 6th Bn. The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.), with whom he remained until the time of Dunkirk in 1940, when he assisted with the reorganisation of the 9th Bn. The York and Lancaster Regiment. After several moves he took over the command of the Leeds University Training Corps, with whom he remained in command until his retirement in 1946.

Colonel and Mrs. Shaw then settled at St. Leonards-on-Sea. A source of pride and happiness to them has been the career of their son, Major Anthony J. Shaw, Royal Army Medical Corps, who this year gained the one vacancy awarded to the R.A.M.C. each year for the Staff College.

Those who knew him in the 16th Foot will always remember W. A. Shaw as a keen and good soldier. Although he was of a rather studious nature he had a charming manner which endeared him to all ranks and above all, he was a good comrade. It is a matter of regret to many of his friends of the 16th Foot, that after his retirement, in 1932, circumstances caused many of them to lose touch with him.

Our sincere sympathy goes to Mrs. Shaw and Major Shaw in their loss.

PARROTT.—On July 28, 1962, Mr. M. Parrott, of 13, Howbury Street, Bedford, who served

with the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.), during the 1914-1918 War.

SMITH.—On July 31, 1962, at Lowestoft, Mr. A. E. "Ted" Smith, of 33, Grosvenor Road, Luton. During the First World War Mr. Smith served with the 1st/5th Bedfordshire Regiment (the Yellow Devils) in Egypt. Later he was sent home when it was discovered that he was under age, having joined up before he was 16.

JOHNSON.—The death occurred on August 19, 1962, at the age of 60, of Mr. E. V. Johnson, 11, Old Ford End Road, Bedford. He enlisted into The Bedfordshire Regiment as a Boy Drummer in 1917, but was discharged on medical grounds in 1920. He was a member of the 5th Battalion Corps of Drums from 1922, until 1929. The funeral service was held at All Saints Church, Bedford, on August 22, and was attended by Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Secretary, 16th Foot Association, and by representatives of Bedford Branch.

#### CAPT. A. W. WRIGHT

We regret to report the death of Capt. and Quartermaster Albert William Wright on August 25, at his home, at Witham, aged 68 years.

Capt. Wright enlisted in 2/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment at the outbreak of the First World War and served with them in U.K., France and Germany. He was wounded whilst serving in France. During the inter-war years he established his own business as a builder in his home town, but rejoined the 2/5th Essex in 1939 and later served with the Home Guard at Witham.

Capt. Wright was well-known and respected in Witham and was an active worker on behalf of ex-Servicemen's Associations. A staunch member of 5th Battalion Comrades' Association,



*The late Capt. (Q.M.) A. W. Wright*

he was also Chairman of the local Services' Committee of British Legion and had only recently been awarded the Legion Gold Badge for his services.

He will be sadly missed by his many friends.

**ODELL.**—On September 8, 1962, Mr. A. Odell. He enlisted into The Bedfordshire Regiment in September, 1914, and served with the 6th Battalion throughout the Great War.

**WILES.**—On September 30, 1962, at 21, Station Road, Flitwick, Bedfordshire, Mr. Samuel Wiles, who served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the South African War and afterwards in India.

**SHAW.**—On October 6, 1962, in the Clare Hall Hospital, South Mimms, Mr. F. H. Shaw, of 8, Durbar Road, Luton. Mr. Shaw served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914-1918 War.

## ARMY BEAGLES ASSOCIATION

The Army Beagles Association was formed on May 4, 1961. Beagling is now a recognised Army sport and details appear in "Games and Sports in the Army." All military packs are members and the object of the Association is to promote and encourage the sport in the Army. There are no financial arrangements as the Association plans to work on a mutual self-help system.

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An annual meeting is held at the Aldershot Hound Show in May. There is a special military class of two couples of hounds from Army Hunts, which is always well supported and keen interest taken. All members of the Association look forward to seeing any Army Beaglers who will be able to come in May, 1963.

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