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## 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 respectful and warmest greetings on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday.*

*DENNING, Colonel.  
PATON, Deputy Colonel.*

The following gracious reply was received :

*Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald Denning,  
3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot),  
Blenheim House, Eagle Way, Warley, Essex.*

*I greatly appreciate your loyal greetings today and I send my very sincere thanks to you and to All Ranks past and present of the Third East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).*

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

\* \* \*  
Her Majesty The Colonel-in-Chief, on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen, presented New Colours to the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) on July 13, 1963, at Luton Hoo.

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, visited the 1st Battalion at Abercorn Barracks, Ballykinler, on October 30, during Her Majesty's recent stay in Northern Ireland.

## Regimental Notes

Major-General D. A. Kendrew, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., was appointed Colonel, The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, with effect from May 20, 1963, in succession to Lieutenant-General Sir Colin B. Callander, K.C.B., K.B.E., M.C.

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Major-General I. H. Freeland, D.S.O., relinquished his appointment as G.O.C., 54 (East Anglian) Division District on July 17, 1963.

Major-General R. A. Fyffe, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., was appointed G.O.C. with effect from the same date.

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Capt. W. R. Pike relinquished the appointment of Adjutant, the 1st Battalion with effect from August 12, 1963. Capt. D. R. Palmer assumed the appointment with effect from the same date.

Messages of greetings were exchanged between East Anglian Brigade, the 1st Battalion and Regimental Headquarters on the occasion of Blenheim Day, August 13, 1963.

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The following Officers represented The Regiment at the Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday, September 8, in connection with the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the grant of the Charter of Incorporation to the Borough of Chelmsford :

Lt.-Col. B. J. Palmer, M.B.E. (representing the Colonel of The Regiment), Lt.-Col. A. C. Young (representing the Deputy Colonel), Majors P. L. Purdy, R. L. Jackson, K. Burch, Captains P. H. Gill, M. W. Green, J. Hutchings, Lieutenants M. J. Lewis and V. J. Gee.

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Information has been received from H.Q., East Anglian Brigade that our County Annual Army Cadet Force Camps will be held next year as follows :

Bedfordshire		
121 WE TC Browdown	26 July — 9 Aug.	
Hertfordshire		
Okehampton	8 Aug.—22 Aug.	
Essex		
Stanford P.T.A.	8 Aug.—22 Aug.	

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Major Purdy, who is employed with the Public Relations Branch of H.Q. 54 (East Anglian) Division/District, during the summer, spent a short period of duty in British Guiana. Whilst there, he visited the Military Cemetery in Georgetown and found the graves of the undermentioned past members of The Regiment :

Charles Platt, Lieutenant, H.M. 16th Regiment of Foot. Died November 10, 1866, aged 27 years.

Walter Ferrier Riddell, Ensign, H.M. 16th Regiment of Foot. Died November 3, 1866.

The grave of the former was in good order and the inscription very clear on the base stone. The latter: the headstone was worn but the inscription could still be read. These officers died while serving with the 2nd Bn. The 16th Foot, which left Nova Scotia for a tour in the West Indies in 1866.

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In the October 17, 1963, issue of *The Daily Telegraph*, "Peterborough" in his feature "London Day by Day" reports the very nice compliment paid to the Band of the 1st Battalion by the Military Governor of Guipuzcoa, San Sebastian, as a result of the Band's recent visit to San Sebastian.

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The Colonel of The Regiment flew to Northern Ireland on October 29, and stayed

with Lt.-Col. Norbury, Corbury, Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion at Abercorn Barracks, Ballykinler. That evening, General Sir Reginald Denning visited the Sergeants' Mess, where he met the W.O.s and Sergeant Sergeants serving with the Battalion. Afterwards, he attended a Regimental Guest Night in the Officers' Mess.

On October 30, The Colonel of The Regiment was in attendance on Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, during Her Majesty's visit to the Battalion.

Before returning to London that evening, General Sir Reginald Denning addressed All Ranks of the Battalion in the Gymnasium.

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The November issue of "The Soldier" Magazine contains an interesting article on The Regiment in the series of "Your Regiment." There is also an illustrated report by Major K. J. T. Hoile, who is with Public Relations at H.Q. Allied Forces, Southern, Southern Europe, on the Bersaglieri, who are now the Armoured Infantry of the Italian Army.

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Lt.-Col. D. W. Browne, M.C., has been appointed to the command of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) vice Lt.-Col. C. Simons whose tour of command has expired.

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Capt. D. J. Thorogood has been appointed Adjutant to the Battalion. Major R. J. Gresty, on the conclusion of his tour with the Battalion, has been posted to a staff appointment with The School of Signals at Catterick; which he will be taking up in the New Year.

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The Annual Dinner of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) Officers' Dinner Club took place at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, on November 8. Brigadier Peters, Hon. Colonel, presided and fifty-nine officers were present.

The guests included the Colonel of The Regiment, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning, Major-General Fyffe, Commanding 54 (East Anglian) Division/District, Brigadier Gibbon, commanding 161 Infantry Brigade (T.A.), and Brigadier A. J. C. Prickett. Messages were received from Her Majesty The Queen and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, and read out at the dinner by Brigadier Peters, who also took the opportunity of thanking Lt.-Col. Chris Simmons for all he had done for the Battalion during his tour of command, which included the amalgamation of the T.A. Regiments. He also welcomed Lt.-Col. Desmond Browne, who is taking over command from Lt.-Col. Simmons.

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The 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) Officers' Dinner Club held their Annual Dinner



at The United Service Club on Friday, November 8. Col. Noble, Hon. Colonel, presided, and sixty-nine officers were present.

Messages from Her Majesty The Queen, and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, were received and read out during the evening. Col. Sir John Ruggles-Brise, H.M. Lieutenant for Essex, sent a message of regret at his inability to be present. A message of greetings from The Right Hon. Sir Winston Churchill, who has been Hon. Colonel of the Battalion since 1945, was very warmly received.

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The Colonel of The Regiment visited H.Q., East Anglian Brigade and the East Anglian Brigade Depot at Bury St. Edmunds on November 14 and 15.

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Information has been received that the 1st Battalion is to leave Ballykinler, N. Ireland, for Berlin, and the move is expected to take place about mid-summer next year.

## The Regimental Chapel

The regular monthly services continue to receive most welcome and encouraging support from members and friends, many of whom travel considerable distances to be with us on the first Sunday in each month. Since the departure of the Reverend John Pickering, we have been glad to welcome his successor as Senior Chaplain, East Anglian District, the Reverend W. A. Williams, M.A., who, apart from coming over to take some of our services, is ever ready to lend us his support and encouragement.

In addition to our normal services, the following marriages have been solemnised:—

Capt. Anthony Winnett to Patricia Ann Kirby and

Peter David Charles Webb to Denise Joan Welch.

Elsa Margaret Harmer and Denise Anne Richardson were baptised.

The Chapel continues to attract many visitors, including several organised parties from historical and other societies. A Platoon of newly-joined recruits from The East Anglian Brigade Depot have also visited the Chapel and Museum.

## Editorial

The Editorial Staff take this opportunity of wishing all readers of *The Wasp and The Eagle* the Compliments of the Season and all happiness for 1964.

## Civic Sunday, 1963

The Annual Civic Service for 1963 was held in the Regimental Chapel at Warley on Sunday, June 30, at 3 p.m. Among the guests were:

H.M. Lieutenant for Essex, Col. Sir John A. Ruggles-Brise, Bt., C.B., O.B.E., T.D., J.P., the High Sheriff for Essex, Col. H. E. H. Jones, M.C., T.D., D.L., and the High Sheriff for Bedfordshire, Mr. W. S. S. Robertson, C.B.E., and Mrs. Robertson.

The Mayors and Mayoresses of Dunstable, Maldon; the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Colchester; the Mayor and Bailiff of Hemel Hemstead; the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of St. Albans; the Mayors and Mayoresses of Hertford, Harwich, West Ham, Chelmsford, Southend-on-Sea, East Ham, Watford, Ilford, Walthamstow, Barking; the Deputy Mayor of Romford; the Mayor and Mayoress of Wanstead and Woodford; the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Chingford, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Dagenham. The Town Clerks of Dunstable, St. Albans, Hertford; the Deputy Town Clerk of East Ham, the Town Clerks of Watford, Ilford, Walthamstow and Wanstead and Woodford.

In addition many of the Chairmen of our Urban and Rural District Councils were present with their wives.

Present to welcome and entertain the guests were the Colonel of The Regiment and Lady Denning, the Deputy Colonel and Mrs. Paton, Brigadier and Mrs. Peters, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Palmer and Officers from the Brigade Depot, Lt.-Col. R. J. Randall and Mrs. Randall and Officers of the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.).

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. A. Williams, M.A., Senior Chaplain of 54 (East Anglian) Division/District. The address, a most inspiring one, was given by the Right Rev. J. G. Tiarks, M.A., the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

Before and after the service, the Bells of The Essex Regiment Carillon were played. The Band of the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) played in The Regimental Chapel and on the lawn where the guests were entertained to tea after the service, by the Officers of The Regiment.

Much to everybody's delight, the rain, which had prevailed during the morning, gave way to sunshine and thus helped to make another very successful civic regimental occasion.

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## The Regimental Calendar

- January 5 The Regimental Chapel. Morning Service, 11 a.m.
- February 2 The Regimental Chapel. Morning Service, 11 a.m.
- February 29 Chelmsford Branch, The Essex Regiment Association. First Social and Dance at the T.A. Centre, Market Road, Chelmsford. Details from: Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Gilder, T.A. Centre, Market Road, Chelmsford.
- March 1 The Regimental Chapel. Morning Service, 11 a.m.
- April 4 6th Bn. The Essex Regiment (Cedars) O.C.A., Annual Dinner at the T.A. Centre, Vicarage Lane, East Ham, at 7.30 p.m. Details from: Hon. Sec., Mr. G. W. Leaford, 71, Herschell Road, Leigh-on-Sea.
- April 5 The Regimental Chapel. Morning Service, 11 a.m.
- May 3 The Regimental Chapel. Morning Service, 11 a.m.
- June 7 The Regimental Chapel. Morning Service, 11 a.m.

## The Field of Remembrance, 1963

Both The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association and The Essex Regiment Association reserved their usual plots in The Empire Field of Remembrance, which was held at Westminster Abbey from November 7 to November 11. The two plots were adjacent to each other.

The opening service was held at 12 noon on November 7, and among the many present were the following from The Regiment:

The Colonel of The Regiment, the Deputy Colonel, Lieut.-General Sir Geoffrey Howard, Brigadier Shenstone, Colonel Salew, Lt.-Cols. Southey, Magill-Cuerden, Clarke and Warland, Majors Aylmer, Mudford, Andrew and Staff, and a number of Old Comrades, among them were Messrs. Windmill, Josiah, Wells, Shirley and Cannon.

3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Wreath Crosses were planted in each plot by the Colonel and Deputy Colonel respectively.

## Regimental Diary, 1964

The Regimental Diary, 1964, is now available.

The Regimental Crest is stamped on the front cover 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 principal sports fixtures, 1964, and a map of the Underground Railways of

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## The Essex Regiment Museum

The summer months have attracted a number of visitors to the Museum, which is still housed in our R.H.Q. building at Warley. We have also been very glad to welcome several parties who have toured the Museum and Chapel.

Recent presentations to the Museum have included groups of medals of the late Sgt. G. Camp, M.M., Sgt. T. Cook, Col. R. Neave and Sgt. T. Williams. Additional items include the 4th Bn. Essex Home Guard Silver Cup, originally presented by Sir Charles Bressey and given to the Museum by Lt.-Col. H. E. Allen, the last Commanding Officer of the Battalion, and also an Egyptian dagger found at Tel-el-kabir and presented by ex-C/Sgt. T. Gambles.

We express our thanks and appreciation to the donors.

## The 3rd East Anglian Regiment Museum

Major K. J. T. Hoile paid a visit this summer to the Italian Army Armoured Troops School which is based on Caserta, and afterwards wrote an article on the School for Public Relations. The School presented him with a Medallion, which he has now sent home to be placed in the Regimental Museum.

## The British Olympic Association

The Chairman of The British Olympic Association has informed us that his Association is faced with having to obtain at least £150,000, by public appeal, in order to send a team, worthy of Great Britain, to the Olympic Games in Tokyo, in 1964.

As part of the appeal a "Trip to Tokyo" competition is being organised, details of which can be obtained from:

The British Olympic Association's "Trip to Tokyo" Contest, 44, Conduit Street, London, W.1.

It is hoped that all those who are keen on British athletics will support the appeal.

## From Bedford to the Sea By River

As a result of an argument as to whether it would be possible to navigate a reconnaissance rubber dinghy, fitted with an outboard motor, from Bedford to The Wash along the River Ouse in twenty-four hours, Capt. M. W. Green and Lt. Woodrow decided to try it out and to have a wager on it.

At midday on Saturday, August 24, they left Bedford Town Bridge on their adventure, but ill luck dogged them, and at the end of twenty-four hours they had only reached a point just over half-way at Earith where Huntingdonshire, Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely meet. Capt. Green reported that a fuel lead broke in the middle of the night and they were forced to take to the oars. He added that the river was penetrable rather than navigable between Bedford and St. Neots, and he thought many a tropical river presented fewer difficulties!

However, undeterred by Capt. Green's and Lt. Woodrow's result and the opinion of the Chairman of the Great Ouse Restoration Society that the venture was dangerous owing to tidal waters and mud banks, Lt. A. Styles determined to make an attempt. With a crew comprised of Pte. Higby from Tring and Pte. Keough from Luton he set out on Saturday, August 31, and they were successful in reaching King's Lynn in twenty-three hours. They used an identical craft to that used on the previous attempt. Lt. Styles reported that the going became difficult after two hours and running repairs were necessary when reeds punctured the rubber fabric of their craft, and broke the propeller spring. They reached Tempsford Bridge at 4 p.m., five hours after leaving Bedford Town Bridge. From then on the going was easier. The craft had to be manhandled out of the water and round the various locks, which slowed up progress. There was, too, a one-hour wait for tides at the entrance to the Bedford Level in the Isle of Ely. King's Lynn was reached just after 10 p.m. The crew were kept supplied with food and fuel by Pte. Snoxall from Dunstable, and Pte. Wilson from Watford, who followed the craft along the banks in a Land Rover.

Not content with this successful result, Cpl. Missenden and Pte. Culshaw set out the following weekend for the third attempt, and in this they were very successful, completing the trip in 21 hours, and this without undue haste.

It is good to know that the spirit of adventure waxes so strong amongst the younger members of The Regiment.

## The Gothic Line Re-Visited

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### THE GOTHIC LINE

The next phase of the advance in which the Battalion took the lead was the attack on the Gothic Line proper.

By September 13 the forward troops of 1st British Division had reached a point on the axis some four or five miles north of Borgo San Lorenzo. The enemy had strong positions, with wire, booby traps and bunkers. They occupied the forward slopes of a wooded mountain which towered some 2,000 feet above us. On this day the American Division on our left attacked a similar position, without success, and suffered considerable casualties. The Battalion spent the day reconnoitring routes of advance and preparing for attack. The Mortars were again to go into action as a Battery to support the attack. We had left our carriers behind and were using mules to carry our ammunition. The mule does not take kindly to strangers and is apt to resist the advances of people not familiar with his habits, consequently, the route to the mortar positions was strewn with good intentions, in the shape of mortar bombs which had been bucked off. On September 14, after a very heavy artillery preparation, the Battalion assaulted this really formidable feature and captured it, together with some fifty prisoners. This attack was the first break into the Gothic Line.

From the beginning of military history, the front line soldier has carried into action a minimum of some 60 to 65 pounds. However, much modern invention and ingenuity lighten and improve his equipment; this will always be so. He will fire his ammunition faster and he will need as much as he can carry. In this action, company signallers were perhaps the most heavily laden. They carried wireless sets and drums of cable, in addition to weapons and ammunition.

Since the war this area has been opened up considerably. There is much forestry work going on. There are jeep, and even lorry tracks, for extracting timber and for re-planting. But no wheels have yet conquered the southern slopes of our mountain. She remains as she appeared to the attacking troops, sinister and yet challenging. It is possible to trace the routes by which No. 3 Company and No. 2 Company—and after dark that night—No. 1 Company scrambled up; and to pick out the remains of some of the German bunkers.

For the next week the Battalion fought its way steadily through the mountains, making a little progress each day. It was on September 22 that the next habitation—the village of Paluzzuolo—was reached.

Those who were concerned with supplying the Battalion at this period will remember the jeep track, constructed with so much sweat and determination, which ran over these mountains, and which was the only wheeled supply route in that section of the battle area. As far as could be ascertained, this is still the only route. Anyone wishing to retrace his steps today must either possess himself of a Land Rover or arrive fully trained and equipped for a long mountain walk. The motorist can continue up Arrow Route to Marradi and then take a good new tarmac road to Paluzzuolo, which did not exist in 1944. Marradi and Paluzzuolo are both on the northern side of the high ground on which were the main positions of the Gothic Line. The road to Marradi goes over a pass some 3,000 feet high before beginning a gradual descent to the valley of the Po and Bologna. Since the war a first class two-way road has been made through this pass, and all our Bailey Bridges have been replaced by fine new masonry. But the weather remains much the same. Even on April 29 it was raining heavily. The top of the pass was shrouded in cloud and a really chilly wind was blowing straight from the Alps. Late winter rain had turned the slopes of the mountains once again into the sticky, glutinous clayey mess which, in the autumn of 1944, had made movement on them almost impossible. One could motor a little way back up the jeep track made by the Battalion when they came down from the main Gothic Line position to Palluzzuolo.

On that day the advance was led by a fighting patrol under Capt. Owen, with Lance-Corporal McGinness as his Second-in-Command. The forward Companies had a grandstand view of this patrol as they worked themselves forward, and could see the fall of shells directed by Capt. Owen on his wireless set. The little house which Lance-Corporal McGinness and Pte. Howard captured and held on to until help arrived, is still there. It is much battered by shell fire and is no longer occupied. It was fascinating to stand by this house, look back up the track and reconstruct the action in reverse. Paluzzuolo was very badly shelled by both sides. Like other villages, it has been mostly rebuilt.

It is only half-an-hour on along the road we never cleared to Highway 9—the Rimini-Bologna road. It was in the hills just above this road that the hardest fighting of the campaign occurred, in appalling conditions. One night in the action, in which Major Bone lost his life, and Signal Sergeant Whiting kept com-

munications through by holding on to both ends of the line until he was killed, we were very nearly through. But the enemy had good communications based on Highway 9. They were able to choose for defence only those features which could be got at quickly by good tracks from their side. They had ample mortar ammunition. We could deploy and maintain only a very few troops at the forward end of our difficult line of communications. Reinforcements took days to come up. Our field guns were not in range. In one battle at this stage, a forward company commander directed medium artillery support by proxy from his own wireless set to the F.O.O., who relayed directions to the guns.

The writer has always believed that at this moment the offensive was on the brink of success. Had we started a week earlier; had the rains come a week later, we could have reached a position overlooking Highway 9. To have done so would have been to have outflanked the enemy, who were opposing VIIIth Army advance northwards from Rimini, on the Adriatic Coast. The whole front would have been loosened. In war, second chances are rare, and there was to be no exception in this case. From October, 1944, the momentum of the advance was lost and nothing positive was to happen until the spring of 1945. The winter to come was one of the hardest for years.

*(To be concluded)*

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### TRUCIAL OMAN SCOUTS' RENDEZVOUS

The Scouts have recently established a central meeting place in London where past and present members, irrespective of rank, can meet over a pint of ale or the like. The place is "The Crown," situated in Brewer Street, London, S.W.1. It is best approached from Piccadilly Circus and is just behind the Regent Palace Hotel. It is thought that Scouts and former Scouts living in or passing through London might conveniently use "The Crown" early on Friday evenings or at midday on Saturdays.

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### THE ARMY AND NAVY CLUB Change of Address

The temporary premises of the Army and Navy Club, at 46, Pall Mall, occupied by members during the rebuilding of the Club, are now closed. The new Club House, rebuilt on the original site on the corner of St. James's Square at Pall Mall (36-39, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1) was opened on September 23, 1963.

## PERSONALIA

Capt. C. M. F. Randall has been selected to attend the No. 18 Technical Staff Course.

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Colonel and Mrs. G. A. Anstee and Major and Mrs. Tewkesbury were among the guests who were invited to a special showing of the film "The Longest Day" at the Granada, Bedford, before it began a week's run at that cinema.

Local T.A. Units, including the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), took part in forming a Guard of Honour and other displays.

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Lt.-Col. W. S. Chirside has left Gadsey Brook Cottage, Renhold, where he has resided for many years. His new address is:—  
59, Waterloo Road, Bedford.

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Major Charles Lucas has taken up an appointment as GIII (Int.) in Cyprus.

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We hear from Major "Reggie" Vosser that he has retired for the third time. First, from the Army, second from an appointment as a R.O. at The War Office, and lastly, from the insurance world in the city.

We wish him a happy retirement at Campobello, Horsell Rise, Woking, Surrey.

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Congratulations to Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Charles Wemyss on the fortieth anniversary of their wedding, the announcement of which appears elsewhere in this number.

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We hear from Major John McFadden that he has settled down well in civil life and that his family and he are thoroughly enjoying their new life. He has found employment with one of the big oil groups and is finding the work interesting and rewarding. His address is: "Silvergrove," 1, Bowling Green Road, North Mount Vernon, Glasgow, E.2.

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It was good to receive a letter from Major James Crowe. He tells us that he has been Secretary to The Mowbray Golf Club, Pinelands, Cape, South Africa, for the past ten years. He still plays golf and this year at the Championship Meeting of the Senior Golfers' Union of South Africa he won the Class "C" (65-69 years of age) Handicap Prize with a score of 96-14=82 at the Royal Durban Golf Club, plus 78-14=64 at the Durban County Club, a total of 146.

Major Crowe is, this year, President of the Senior Golfers of the Western Province.

Mrs. Crowe and he are always pleased to see anyone passing through their part of the world. Early this year they met Colonel Geoffrey Warland and at the end of February, Brigadier and

Mrs. Pepper were in Cape Town for about a week. Unfortunately they were unable to arrange a game of golf and so renew their rivalry of Colchester days.

Major Crowe's address is:—

Major D. M. Crowe, M.C., Mowbray Golf Club, P.O. Box 3, Pinelands, Cape, South Africa.

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Capt. Eric Deason, who was with 1st/4th Bn. The Essex Regiment during their stay in Greece in 1944-46, returned there in August of this year at the invitation of Greek friends living in Piraeus. His hosts still speak warmly of "The Essex" and especially of 14 Platoon of "C" Company, whom they had befriended during the Battalion's part in the street fighting in 1944. Capt. Deason, writing of his visit to the Cemetery, writes:—

"It was mid-afternoon and the heat was beating back off the roadways and white-walled buildings. Then I found a piece of England a few miles outside Athens. The grass was gloriously green and springy underfoot. There was a steady spray of water from sprinklers, and there were wooden seats set in the shade of low trees. It was the Cemetery for Service Personnel of the Commonwealth killed in Greece. In the company of Capt. Ronald Turnidge I was able to identify the graves of many of the 1st/4th Bn. The Essex Regiment who lost their lives in Greece in the years 1944 to 1946, and having been there I felt I had to convey, through the medium of this *Journal*, my assurance of the beauty and dignity of this last resting place of our old friends and comrades."

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A party of former members of 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment (Pompadors) visited the Flanders battle fields in June. Several days were spent in the Ypres area and the tour finished with three days spent in Brussels. The fine condition of the War Cemeteries was much admired by all members of the party. Arrangements for the tour were made by Mr. Jack Finn, M.M., who was presented with a watch by the party in appreciation of his work.

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We are sorry to have to record the death of Lt.-Col. Eric Page, T.D., of Walthamstow, who died on April 25 last. Colonel Page served with 59th H.A.A. Regiment, R.A., and was for many years a member of "The Eagle and Gun" Regimental Association.

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The following extract from *The Old Comptible* will give pleasure to many of our readers:—

"Walthamstow Branch news: The big surprise for our 'tower of strength,' Patron Chum Harry Staff, came during our May meeting when he was presented with an umbrella as a

small token of the appreciation of the great work he has put in on behalf of the Branch over the years. He has consistently refused to accept a gift, but this time we put in a flanking movement and caught him completely by surprise."

Major Harry Staff, who was serving with The Essex Regiment before World War I, has, since his retirement, given almost all his time to Regimental affairs, and continues to be a generous and tireless worker on behalf of his less fortunate comrades.

It has been nice to hear from Mrs. Wagstaff recently. She was able to be at Luton Hoo for the Presentation of Colours to the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), and writes of her pleasure in meeting some very old friends of the 16th Foot. Mrs. Wagstaff confesses she was rather shaken to see those whom she knew formerly as her husband's subalterns now as grey-haired gentlemen with grown-up families. Mrs. Wagstaff's address is: 30, Kingsdowne Road, Surbiton, Surrey.

We were interested to hear from Lt.-Col. A. J. M. Parry that he has retired voluntarily and has been fortunate enough to be appointed a Queen's Messenger.

At the annual Parade and Memorial Service of The Old Contemptibles Association held at St. Paul's Cathedral in May this year, the honour of carrying the two representative Standards to be laid on the High Altar was entrusted to two former members of the 16th Foot. Mr. J. H. Selby, who served in the 2nd Battalion, carried the Queen's Colour. He was accompanied by Mr. R. W. Furr, ex-1st Battalion, who carried the Standard of the Letchworth and Hitchin Branch.

We were very pleased to have with us at the Warley Reunion, In-Pensioner C. West from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Mr. J. Howard, who is a regular visitor to the hospital, kindly collected Mr. West and later took him back to Chelsea.

The latest member of the former Essex Regiment to enter the Royal Hospital is ex-5999948 Sgt. F. W. ("Joe") Francis, M.M., who became an In-Pensioner in September. "Joe" has always been a "regular" at our Services in the Regimental Chapel and we are very glad that he is still able to be with us on the first Sunday in each month.

A recent visitor to Kempston Barracks was Mr. F. A. Berry, of Melbourne, Australia. Mr. Berry, who served with the 5th Bedfords in the First World War, was on a six months holiday in this country visiting his friends and

relations. Although he has settled abroad, Mr. Berry maintains his interest in Regimental affairs and looks forward to receiving the *Journal* regularly.

The Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, informs us he has been in touch with Mrs. Léoné Johnson, widow of the late Lt.-Col. D. S. W. Johnson, 16th Foot. Mrs. Johnson is still living in Colchester and would be very pleased to see any members of the 16th Foot who knew her. Her address is:—

Mrs. Drummond S. W. Johnson, 4, Inglis Road, Colchester, Essex.

The recent retirement of Mr. Ernest Cumbers from the managership of Messrs. E. Cumbers and Son, domestic fuel merchants, of Brentwood, ends an unbroken family connection with the firm, which was started by his great-grandfather in 1886.

Mr. Cumbers joined the firm in 1918, after completing his service in The Essex Regiment during the First World War.

During her inspection of the Old Comrades on parade at Luton Hoo on July 13, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, stopped to speak to Mr. G. C. Roe, of Lockington, Victoria, Australia. Mr. Roe settled in Australia after his service with The Hertfordshire Regiment during the First World War, and this was his first visit to this country for some years. He was delighted to find a few old friends on parade, including In-Pensioner W. A. Mardell, M.M., who had given him first aid in 1917. Mr. Roe has now returned to Australia, taking back many memories, including those of his battlefield tour, and is now a fully paid-up member of the Regimental Association until 1976!

The Reverend Harry Moss D.C.M. (ex-R.S.M., The Essex Regiment) is now a Prison Chaplain in British Vancouver. In a letter to George Leaford, Hon. Secretary of 6th (Cedars) O.C.A., he recalls the Coronation Year (1937) when 1st Essex were in Haifa, and when he was able to offer hospitality to members of the Battalion. The Rev. Moss recalls with pride his service in The Essex Regiment.

*The Bedford Record* of August 20, 1963, contained an article headed "Fifty-Three Years of Loyal Service with Firm." This referred to Mr. J. Coughlan, of 25, Prebend Street, Bedford, who has just retired from the firm of John Bull & Co., Silversmiths, of High Street, Bedford. Mr. Coughlan, who is now 68, joined the firm as a silver cleaner when he left school. As a volunteer, serving with the 5th Bedfords, he was called up at the outbreak of war and



took part in the landings at Suvla Bay, where he was injured and remained in hospital until the end of the war, when he returned to his firm. Mr. Coughlan had already been presented by the firm with a gold watch on completing 50 years with them; a silver cigarette box was presented by the staff to mark his retirement.

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Our readers will be sorry to learn of the death, in July, of Mrs. Irwin, the wife of Lieut.-General N. M. S. Irwin, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., late The Essex Regiment. Mrs. Irwin was taken ill whilst on a visit to this country from their home in Kenya, where the General has been farming for the past 14 years. A message of sympathy, on behalf of the President and all members of the Association was forwarded to General Irwin.

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On his appointment as Area Commissioner of Western Area, London District, of St. John Ambulance Brigade, this year, Lt.-Col. R. A. Payne, of 4, Wentworth Park, Church End, Finchley, became, at 43, the youngest-ever Area Commissioner in London. He first joined the Brigade in 1935, whilst still a schoolboy, and during the past 27 years has served in almost every rank up to the crown and two stars he now wears.

In spite of a busy life as a company secretary, Colonel Payne finds time to do voluntary work for a number of organisations and still maintains an active interest in the Army Cadet Force, serving as a member of the Training Committee, A.C.F.A. In July he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Middlesex.

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Mr. P. C. Munn recently received a surprise visit from Mr. J. Fielder, who was accompanied by his wife and daughter, having returned from holiday in Devon. The last occasion that they had been together was in Nasirabad, India, in October, 1933, when Joe Fielder was an instructor on the 2nd Battalion's Weapon Training Cadre and Percy Munn was employed in the Regimental School.

Mr. Fielder continued to serve with the "Pompadours" on return to H.M. Tower of London, and also in France, prior to Dunkirk. He retired with the rank of C.S.M., and now resides at 87, Cragside, High Heaton, Newcastle 7. To all Old Comrades he sends his greetings.

Incidentally, Mr. Ted Avis was also present at their meeting, which was celebrated in the usual "old soldiers'" manner.

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Mr. A. H. Timms, the popular Chairman of Watford Branch, was admitted to the Peace Memorial Hospital, Watford, in August. We are very glad to hear that his operation was

successful and that he is well on the way to full recovery.

Since his return from hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Timms have moved into their new home, and their address is now: 39, Spring Gardens, Garston, Watford, Herts.

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Major Vernon French and Mrs. French, on the termination of his appointment as Q.M. with the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), have moved to Colchester, where Major French has been appointed Staff Captain "Q." Their address is: 20, Homefield Road, Colchester, Essex.

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Our congratulations and good wishes go to General Sir Dudley Ward and Lady Ward, the announcement of whose marriage, which took place on September 28, appears elsewhere in this number. After a honeymoon in Devon, General Sir Dudley and Lady Ward returned to Gibraltar, where the General is Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

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Congratulations to Colonel and Mrs. R. H. Senior on their Silver Wedding anniversary, the announcement of which is published in this number.

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Captain J. G. Watson, Royal Navy, who served with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) from 1932 to 1939, has recently been promoted Rear-Admiral and has assumed an appointment at H.M. Naval Base, Rosyth, Scotland.

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Congratulations to Major and Mrs. Geoffrey Courtney, the announcement of whose Silver Wedding Anniversary appears elsewhere in this issue of *The Journal*.

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We were pleased to have a letter from Mr. Norman Rider, who served at the Depot circa 1956-1959. He tells us that when he left the Regiment in 1959 he joined the Staff of The British United Provident Association, and recently he has taken over the Branch the Association maintains at Nottingham. He was very interested to see the article on the British United Provident Association which was published in the June (1963) number (page 16) of *The Regimental Journal*. He takes the opportunity of pointing out two errors in the article—one, the address of the Group Secretary, Army Association Group, Group Management Ltd., now Prama House, 267, Banbury Road, Summertown, Oxford, and NOT 10, Essex Street, London W.C.2, as given in the article. Two, the benefits on Scale 9, towards the cost of accommodation in a hospital and/or nursing home is now 28 guineas a week and not 26 guineas, as shown in *The Regimental Journal*. There has been no increase in subscriptions.

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Mr. Rider sends his greetings to all his friends in The Regiment and will be glad to see them if they are ever in Nottingham. His address is: 35, Orchard Avenue, Bingham, Notts.

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We were very pleased to see Lt.-Col. C. F. V. Bagot when he called at R.H.Q. recently. He is a Queen's Messenger. We have also been pleased to see Major and Mrs. Tom McMillen, Capt. and Mrs. David Thorogood, Major H. E. Mudford and Lt.-Col. and Mrs. John Greene.

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Captain D. W. F. Taylor has been appointed Adjutant of the 17th Bn. The Parachute Regiment, at Gateshead, Co. Durham. Mrs. Taylor and he spent a holiday with Capt. and Mrs. Mike Duffie, in Northern Ireland, during which they visited the 1st Battalion.

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The many staunch supporters of the Association of Sergeants (Past and Present) All Battalions, The Essex Regiment, were greatly disappointed when they learned that their annual dinner, arranged to take place at the Golden Fleece Hotel, Chelmsford, had to be cancelled owing to structural alterations being made to the hotel building.

Though every effort was made to find an alternative venue, no success was obtained. Members will no doubt look forward with even greater pleasure to the next dinner.

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Mr. C. W. Gilder, President of the 1st/5th Bedfords ("Yellow Devils") O.C.A., and his wife, have recently returned from America after three months' holiday, following his retirement. They did about 8,000 miles touring the country, via New York, Washington, down to New Orleans, and then on to Las Vegas, San Francisco to Salt Lake City, Chicago, Niagara Falls, and return to New York. One thing which impressed Mr. Gilder very much was the large number of military cemeteries they encountered during their trip, and also memorial hospitals, which gave the impression that the ex-soldier and his dependants were being cared for by the U.S.A. authorities.

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In "Personalia," in the June number, we reported the departure of Capt. and Mrs. W. T. Luff to New Zealand. We have now heard from Capt. Luff again. Mrs. Luff and he had a most enjoyable trip out, and are now settled in at 73, Ferguson Street, Palmerston North, New Zealand.

Capt. Luff has found employment quite close to his new home and reports that his pay packet is heavier than it was at home. He works a five-day week and the shops and factories close from Friday night to Monday, and they have three weeks' holiday, with pay, at Christmas.

Both he and his wife think the scenery is beautiful, and they can look out from the windows on the snow-topped mountains. Their house is a bungalow type, as they are subject to earthquake shocks, in fact they have already experienced two, but luckily no damage was done.

A telegram of good wishes was received from them during the Reunion at Bedford on September 29.

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We regret to report the death, in September last, of Mrs. Maureen Moore Simpson, the wife of our Honorary Architect to the Regimental Chapel.

Mrs. Moore Simpson, who had suffered a long illness, will be affectionately remembered by all who knew her.

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We are very sorry to report the death, on September 5, 1963, of Mrs. Snashall, wife of Mr. H. J. Snashall, M.C., of 79, Berricdale Drive, Sompting, Lancing, Sussex. Before moving to Sussex, she had taken an active interest in the life of the community at Croxley Heath, Hertfordshire, and had been a member of the Women's Section of the British Legion, as well as the Women's Institute Committee.

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Major E. T. Stevart, now serving in B.A.O.R., recently visited the British War Cemetery at Becklingen, where he found the graves of six Essex Regiment comrades, all of whom died on April 21, 1945. The graves were those of the following: Lt. D. W. Lardner-Buck, 6021900 Pte. J. F. Nellis; 6012699 Pte. T. Old; 14579864 Pte. W. H. Overton; 6019789 Pte. J. A. Stewart, and 14591777 Pte. H. E. Webb.

Major Stevart reports that the cemetery and graves are very well tended.

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Mr. R. W. Wash (ex-C.S.M., 5999455, The Essex Regiment) wrote to us with the sad news that his wife, Effie Florence, passed peacefully away on Sunday, September 15. We feel sure that our readers will wish to join us in our message of sympathy to Mr. Wash.

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Mr. R. C. Gill, who will be remembered as the Cook Sergeant of the 2nd Battalion 16th Foot, writes to say that he has recently returned from Italy, which he has visited regularly every year since 1950. He always makes a point of going to Cassino during his annual tours. His present address is 24, Links Road, Weymouth, Dorset.

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Recent overseas visitors to Warley have included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Twigg, from Bronte, Ontario, who were enjoying a short holiday on England. Mrs. Twigg is the daughter of Cpl. Donovan, 3rd Militia Bn. The Essex Regiment. She was christened in

the Regimental Chapel and was much impressed by the many memorials which have been added since she was last here.

Yet another welcome caller was Capt. W. E. Sankey, on a brief business trip from Canada. Capt. Sankey was stationed at Warley during 1946-47, and will be remembered especially for his sterling work in the hockey field.

Other visitors to The Essex Regiment's Museum and Regimental Chapel have been ex-C.S.M. and Mrs. H. Aldridge; Mr. and Mrs. F. Ewers and Mr. A. Buttle. Mr. Aldridge served with 1st, 5th, and 9th (Service) Battalions The Essex Regiment, and is now living at Southend. Mr. Ewers, from Danbury, is an ex-4th Battalion (1914-18) veteran, and Mr. Buttle, of Chelmsford, recalls the day he enlisted at Warley in 1903.

Remembrance Week-end was a busy time for Mr. Ted Cannon, of the Bedford Branch, on Thursday, November 7, he was present with other Old Comrades at the opening ceremony of The Empire Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey; Saturday, November 9, saw him at the Royal Albert Hall, London, where he carried the Standard of the Bedford Branch of the British Legion at the Festival of Remembrance. On the Sunday he carried the Standard again at the service held at Bedford's Town Memorial in the morning and at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, in the afternoon when the Mayor and Corporation attended a Service of Remembrance. Mr. Cannon, who is 72, served in The Regiment in both world wars. He is a staunch supporter of the Bedford Branch of the 16th Foot Association and is well known for the splendid work he does in visiting and assisting those old members who have become sick or fallen on hard times.

"B" Company (1914/1918) The Hertfordshire Regiment held their 44th annual reunion at the Red Lion Hotel, St. Albans, in the early part of November. Twenty members attended and the toast to the Company was given by the Mayor of St. Albans, Alderman F. J. Lavery. Capt. C. M. Down, in reply to the toast, stated that next year would be the 50th anniversary of the Company, and he thought that they should make the reunion that year a very special one.

Capt. and Mrs. Stuart Green, on the expiration of his tour of duty in Aden, have returned to England. They are on leave at present, and are due to join the 1st Battalion in Northern Ireland in February of next year. The birth of their son, which occurred in Aden in July last, is recorded elsewhere in this number.

Lt.-Col. I. J. D. Stevenson-Hamilton has completed his tour of duty at Addis Abbaba,

and is now home on leave. He expects to take up an appointment at the Record Office, Exeter, next year. We were very pleased to see him when he called at R.H.Q. the other day.

Capt. G. N. Dean has been appointed to the staff of H.Q., 1 (BR) Corps on the conclusion of his secondment to the Nigerian Army. He is now well settled in and likes his new station. He has met Capt. Tony Rogers, who is serving in the 2nd East Anglian Regiment, and also Capt. Mike Wilson, who is Staff Captain with a Division in B.A.O.R.

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. S. D. Rees, a member of the staff of Regimental Headquarters, elsewhere in this number. Major T. R. Stead, Secretary, The Essex Regimental Association, writes as follows:

October 22, 1963.

Dear Editor,

An obituary notice for Mr. S. D. Rees appears elsewhere in this number, but I would appreciate a small extra space in order to pay my personal tribute to him. Stanley Rees was the Clerical Assistant at Warley when I took over as the Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association, in 1958, and from that time until his untimely death, a few months ago, he was a tower of strength, of the utmost dependability.

I never knew him to utter an unkind word or to commit an unworthy action, and his loss has been a great blow to us all at Warley and to his many friends in the district.

Our sympathy goes out to his widow, whose loss was the greatest of all.

Yours sincerely,

TOM STEAD, *Major*,  
Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association.

The following letter has been received by the Editor: "Major-General M. M. Khanna, M.V.C., thanks the Regimental Secretary for sending him a copy of the Regimental Journal, *The Wasp and The Eagle*." General Khanna served with the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in 1937 at Dehra Dun and Chakrata. A report of his visit to England last year, when he spent a week-end as a guest of Major and Mrs. Morris Brightman, appeared in the "Personalia" Column of the December (1962) number of *The Journal* (page 433). His present address is: H.Q., 23 Infantry Division c/o 56 A.P.O. India.

Colonel Steel recently sent us an interesting extract from a Scottish Sunday newspaper which he found in Aberdeen. The newspaper account related how Pte. Bridges of The Regiment went to Middlesbrough to officiate as best man at the wedding of his friend, Pte. F. May, of 10, Elmer House, Middlesbrough. His

train from Bury St. Edmunds was three hours late, and the bridegroom who had been at the station to meet him, had left. Unfortunately, Pte. Bridges did not know where the wedding was to be held, and although he tried many churches and the Registrar's Office, he was unable to locate his friend or the wedding. However, all's well that ends well, and we understand the marriage successfully took place in the end. It is interesting to note that a Scottish newspaper picked up an incident concerning two members of The Regiment, which occurred in Middlesbrough. Ptes. Bridges and May were serving at the Brigade Depot when the incident occurred.

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We have received information to the effect that a pilgrimage to Gallipoli and Salonika is being planned to take place in the spring of 1965. Full details can be obtained from: R. Palmer, Esq., 288, Earls Court Road, London, S.W.5. Early application is recommended and a stamped, addressed envelope should be enclosed with any enquiry, addressed to Mr. Palmer.

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Col. Michael Holme has left the School of Infantry, Warminster, to take over command of the Land Forces in the Persian Gulf Area. He has been promoted Brigadier and we wish him and Mrs. Holme a successful and happy tour in their new sphere.

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Lt.-Col. John Greene, who has completed his tour of duty at the Nuclear and Chemical Ground Defence School is also to take up an appointment in the Persian Gulf Area.

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All members of the 16th Foot will regret to learn of the death of Lt.-Col. Eric Fanning, which occurred at St. John's Hospital, Chelmsford, on October 22. Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Eric Fanning were staying with their son David and his wife at Chelmsford when Col. Fanning was taken ill; he was admitted to hospital, but died that night. His cremation took place at the Chelmsford Crematorium on Saturday, October 26. The service was private but at the invitation of Mrs. Fanning and his son, the Regimental Secretary attended and represented the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire and The Regiment.

An Obituary Notice appears in this issue and in the next number it is hoped to pay further tribute to the great services he rendered the 16th Foot.

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We regret to announce the death of General Sir Torquhil Matheson, which occurred on November 13, 1963, at the age of 92. General Matheson served in the 4th Bn. (The Hertfordshire Militia) The Bedfordshire Regiment from 1890 to 1894, when he was appointed to a

commission in The Coldstream Guards. He retired from the Army in 1935, after a very distinguished career during which he commanded the 54th (East Anglian) Division T.A. from 1927 - 1930.

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Ex-No. 14445941 R. D. Thorne—Warehouseman. London. (Also served in The Essex Regiment).

Ex-No. 22803176 E. R. Dean—Farmworker. Northampton. (Also served in The Northamptonshire Regiment).

Ex-No. 5947725 W. S. Howson—Messenger. London. (Also served in The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment).

Ex-No. 23472782 B. Buttlebank—Clerk. London.

Ex-No. 23488450 A. F. Cornish—Clerk. London.

Ex-No. 23804739 J. F. Bacon—Machine Operator. Chelmsford.

Ex-No. 23799452 J. B. Walsh.—Bricklayer's Mate. Chelmsford.

## Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks:

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

*The Thistle*—Journal of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment).

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

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

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

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

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

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

*The Ranger*—a Journal for The Connaught Rangers.

*The Robot*—Journal of the Army Apprentices' School, Chepstow.

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

*The Royal Army Pay Corps Journal.*

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

## Extracts from The London Gazette

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon the following officers:

#### *The Essex Regiment*

Capt. J. R. Howard.

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) C. P. N. Parker, M.B.E., Retired.

#### *The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment*

Major H. T. Wright.

Capt. J. E. S. Bretherton.

### REGULAR ARMY

#### *The 3rd East Anglian Regiment*

The undermentioned Second-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants, June 22, 1963:

H. W. Lambert.

M. J. Menage.

B. A. R. Harrington Spier.

D. J. Wright.

Capt. J. W. Scragg to be Major, July 22, 1963, with precedence in the East Anglian Brigade below A. B. Horrex, M.C., 1st East Anglian.

Lt.-Col. A. J. M. Parry, M.C. (Emp. List (1)), retires on retired pay, August 18, 1963.

Major R. J. Randall to be Lt.-Col., May 25, 1963.

Lt. (Q.M.) Robert Harry Edmund Luscombe from Short Service Commission to be Lt. (Q.M.), April 1, 1963.

### SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

The undermentioned Officer Cadets from Mons Officer Cadet School to be 2/Lieutenants:

Thomas Anthony Winton, April 27, 1963.

John Robert Hart (Direct Entry), April 27, 1963.

Colin Groves (Direct Entry), July 27, 1963.

### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

#### *The 3rd East Anglian Regiment*

Lt. R. Cherer, the notification in *Gazette*

(Supplement) dated November 2, 1962, is cancelled.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) P. A. Sinclair-Thomson having reached the age limit, relinquishes his commission, June 12, 1963, and is granted the hon. rank of Captain.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY

#### *The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment*

Capt. J. E. S. Bretherton is granted the acting rank of Major, April 1, 1963.

Pte. Michael Howard Turner to be 2nd/Lieutenant (on probation), June 14, 1963.

2/Lt. D. W. Grey (on probation) relinquishes his commission, August 14, 1963.

Lt. J. M. Sambrook to be Captain, July 1, 1963.

Capt. A. S. McGraw from B.W. to be Captain, July 1, 1963, with seniority February 13, 1958.

Capt. (Acting Major) J. E. S. Bretherton, T.D., to be Major, October 10, 1963, with seniority April 1, 1963.

#### *The Essex Regiment*

Lt. R. L. Moclwyn-Hughes ceases to hold a commission in the Territorial Army, May 25, 1963.

2/Lt. M. Packford (on probation) relinquishes his commission, June 26, 1963.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

#### *The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment*

Capt. (Hon. Major) G. H. Sheppard, M.C., having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, May 22, 1963, retaining the hon. rank of Major.

Major E. Corner, M.B.E., T.D., having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, June 8, 1963, retaining the rank of Major.

Major G. D. Chalk having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, June 19, 1963, retaining the rank of Major.

Lt. G. H. Dunn, M.B.E., from Active List, to be Lieutenant, May 11, 1963.

Capt. J. H. Ellis from Active List, to be Captain, June 17, 1963.

Lt. M. G. Craddock from Active List, to be Lieutenant, July 1, 1963.

Capt. W. G. Handford from Active List, to be Captain, August 6, 1963.

Lt. The Hon. I. H. C. Lawson Johnston from Active List, to be Lieutenant, July 18, 1963.

#### *The Essex Regiment*

Capt. D. P. M. Doyle from Active List, to be Captain, April 30, 1963.

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) C. P. N. Parker, O.B.E., having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, June 8, 1963, retaining the hon. rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

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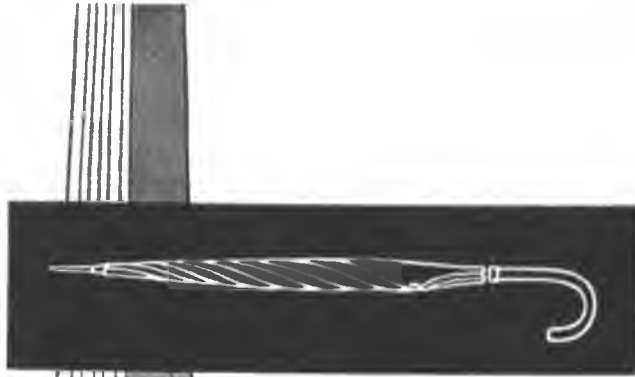
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Deputy Colonel ... .. Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L.

### REGULAR OFFICERS

#### Brigadiers

G. W. H. Peters, C.B.E.,  
D.S.O., M.C. The War Office  
P. C. Hinde, D.S.O. H.Q., NORTHAG  
D. A. Beckett, D.S.O.,  
O.B.E. Commanding Inf. Brigade  
M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C. Commanding Land Forces,  
Middle East.

#### Colonels

J. G. Mileham, B.A. ... Colonel G. S., H.Q., SHAPE

#### Lieutenant-Colonels

T. J. Barrow, D.S.O. ... G.S.O.1, Joint Warfare Estab-  
lishment  
C. D. J. A. Tempest ... Inspectorate of Fighting  
Vehicles, Min. of Supply  
B. J. Palmer, M.B.E. ... Commanding Brigade Depot  
C. C. Norbury, M.B.E.,  
M.C. Commanding 1st Battalion  
J. S. Greene, M.C. ... Awaiting Appointment  
I. J. D. Stevenson-  
Hamilton, D.S.O. ... Awaiting Appointment  
R. J. Randall ... Commanding 4th/5th Essex  
(T.A.)  
D. W. Browne, M.C. ... Commanding 1st Bedfs. &  
Herts. (T.A.)

#### Majors

H. F. Rawkins ... Adjutant, A.S.P.T., Aldershot  
D. S. Farr, T.D. ... D.A.Q.M.G., H.Q., York-  
shire District  
R. H. Medley ... G.S.O.2, H.Q., Division  
(T.A.)  
J. C. Salazar, M.C. ... H.Q., Inf. Bde. Group, East  
Africa  
P. E. Edwards ... G.S.O.2, Fed. Armed Forces'  
School of Inst., Malaya.  
C. A. Stahelin ... S.O.P.T., Gurkha Division,  
FARELF  
I. V. Miseroy ... 1st Battalion  
D. R. C. Carter ... 1st Battalion  
D. G. M. Anstee ... Training Major, 4th/5th  
Northampton (T.A.)  
R. J. Gresty ... To be G.S.O.s, (Inf.) School  
of Signals, Jan., 1964.  
J. A. Bacon ... G.S.O.2, Tactical School,  
School of Mil. Engineering  
G. C. P. Morgan ... 1st Battalion  
P. D. Blyth ... 1st Battalion  
W. D. Page ... 1st Battalion  
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Cranwell  
J. A. Ward-Booth ... The Parachute Regiment  
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P. L. Philcox, M.C. ... O.C. Trg. Coy, Brigade Depot  
J. F. Bushell ... 1st Battalion  
H. O. Parker ... Greek Interpretership Course  
J. W. Scragg ... Student, R.M.C.S., Shriven-  
ham.

#### Captains

M. L. A. Duffie ... 1st Battalion  
G. C. Lucas ... G.S.O.3, Cyprus District

W. J. G. Hancock (T/Major) Student, R.M.C.S., Shriven-  
ham  
K. Burch (T/Major) G.S.O.2, War Office  
J. R. Oldfield ... Army Team of Lecturers  
G. N. Dean ... H.O. Corps, B.A.O.R.  
R. H. H. Dinnin ... H.Q. Bde., King's African  
Rifles  
B. M. Parsons ... Student, Australian Staff  
College  
C. M. F. Randall ... Staff Capt., The War Office  
P. H. Gill ... Brigade Recruiting Officer  
M. W. Green ... 2 East Anglian  
A. F. Rogers ... Staff Capt., H.Q., Division,  
B.A.O.R.  
M. D. Wilson ...  
P. J. R. Alderton ... Adjutant, 4/5 Essex (T.A.)  
H. D. Lucas ... U.S. Army Inf. School  
B. W. Cridland ... 1st Battalion  
M. Jones ... Mil. Int. Unit, FARELF  
P. F. Chapman ... Instr. Support Weapons Wing,  
School of Inf.  
D. J. Thorogood ... Adjutant, 1 Bedfs. & Herts.  
(T.A.)  
S. A. Green ... To 1st Battalion, Jan., 1964  
W. R. W. Pike ... 1st Battalion  
D. G. Wells ... 1st Battalion  
J. E. Hutchings ... Adjutant, Brigade Depot  
R. J. Sibley ... U.K. Liaison Staff, South  
Africa  
G. R. Barnett ... 1st Battalion  
D. R. Palmer ... Adjutant, 1st Battalion  
P. J. Sincok ... Sig. Off., School of Inf.  
M. Adkin ... 2 1/c, H.Q. Coy., Bde. Depot  
P. W. King ... Pl. Comd. Bde. Depot  
W. T. Dodd ... 22 S.A.S. Regiment

#### Lieutenants

R. G. Bates (T/Capt.) ... Trinidad and Tobago Defence  
Force  
M. J. Lewis ... Pl. Comd., Bde. Depot  
A. R. A. Veitch ... 1st Battalion  
R. S. Cross ... 1st Battalion  
V. I. Gee ... Pl. Comd. Bde. Depot  
K. Woodrow ... 1st Battalion  
C. A. Styles ... 1st Battalion  
P. B. Light ... 1st Battalion  
J. R. Elder ... 1st Battalion  
J. E. Bowers ... Trg. Sub., Bde. Depot  
H. W. Lambert ... 1st Battalion  
M. J. Menage ... 1st Battalion  
B. A. R. Harrington-Spier ... Trg. Sub., Bde. Depot  
D. J. Wright ... 1st Battalion

#### Second-Lieutenants

T. D. A. Veitch ... 1st Battalion  
C. P. McMillen ... 1st Battalion

#### Quartermasters

R. Hutchinson-Brooks (Major) H.Q., M.E.L.F.  
L. B. Day (Major) ... Suffolk and Cambridgeshire  
(T.A.)  
V. A. French (Major) ... Staff Capt., H.Q. Div./Dist.  
E. T. Stevart (Major) ... H.Q., Inf. Bde. Gp. B.A.O.R.  
W. A. Moody (Capt.) ... H.Q., Middle East Forces  
D. J. Bebbington (Capt.) ... 4th/5th Essex (T.A.)  
D. V. Crosier (Capt.) ... R.P.O., Brighton  
S. A. Burrage (Capt.) ... 1st Battalion  
L. C. V. McKean (Lt.) ... 1 Bedfs. & Herts. (T.A.)  
R. H. E. Luscombe (Lt.) ... 1st Battalion

**EXTENDED SERVICE OFFICERS****Majors**

S. A. Chandler ... M.C.T.C., Colchester  
 F. H. Crouchman ... Works Study Group

**Captains**

W. H. S. Thomas, M.B.E. S.S.O., H.Q., Iserlohn  
 A. W. Millbourn ... P.S.O., Airborne Forces Depot

**Quartermaster**

H. J. Hardwidge (Major) All Arms Training Centre,  
 B.A.O.R.

**SHORT SERVICE OFFICERS****Lieutenants**

B. E. J. White ... 1st Battalion  
 R. W. Hurles ... H.S., Bde. Depot, for retirement, February, 1964.

**Second-Lieutenants**

T. B. Thomas ... 1st Battalion  
 C. J. Brock ... 1st Battalion  
 J. R. Hart ... 1st Battalion  
 T. A. Winton ... 1st Battalion  
 C. Groves ... 1st Battalion

**Quartermaster**

R. G. Baldry (Lt.) ... H.S., Bde. Depot, pending posting



[Photograph by Capt. C. M. F. Randall.]

*The new Colour Stand presented to the Battalion by Lt.-Col. (now Brigadier) M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C., and the officers who served with the 1st Battalion in Malaya.*

**1st Battalion Notes**

The 1st Battalion has recently been through a fairly intensive period in training, in sport and in ceremonial, and could certainly be described as living a full life. We have been shown the variety that can be expected of a U.K.-based Battalion in contemporary military life, and it is hoped that this will encourage others to join us as "Soldiers of the Sixties."

In sporting activities, the Battalion achieved a considerable success in the field of athletics by winning outright, first, the Northern Ireland Command Athletics Championship and then following this by also winning in Western Command. This put the Battalion into the Army Championships at Aldershot, where we were eventually placed sixth. This, however, was the first time we had ever been able to take athletics seriously since amalgamation, and so is a notable achievement. The story would not be complete without mention of L/Cpl. Gooden, who was the individual winner of the 100 yards in the Army Championship and who also went on to win the 100 yards in the Joint Services Championships.

At Bisley, the Battalion Shooting Team represented the Regiment for the first time since returning from overseas and was placed seventh in the Major Units Championships, being the best placed of all line regiments competing. In particular, Pte. Fountain was placed third in the Henry Whitehead Cup, and both Capt. H. D. Lucas and C.S.M. W. Phillips were selected to fire in the English Regiments' Eight. C.S.M. Phillips was placed fifty-first in The Queen's Hundred.

In May, the Battalion took a major part in the Belfast Tattoo, and "A" Company, aided by others, put on a display called "In a Persian Market," which was a demonstration of anti-riot drills in a Colonial Territory. This became the major display of the tattoo and involved a platoon being landed in the arena by helicopter after a riot had started, quelling the riot and leaving again by helicopter. In addition to stopping the riot "A" Company had also to cause it. Led by their "Rioter-in-Chief," more normally known as C.S.M. Franks, they charged into the arena in a miscellany of dress, collected from various parts of the globe, and immediately won over the entire audience. It was a great success.

Another fairly lighthearted demonstration was arranged by Capt. P. J. R. Alderton for the celebration in connection with the presentation of the Charter to the City of Belfast. The Battalion decorated a float on a tank transporter showing soldiers on and off duty during the ages. This went from Capt. Alderton, mounted on horseback, in the uniform of 1700, to Pte. Drain and Sandra Shoemith, in plain

clothes, giving an admirable demonstration of the "Twist" from music by the Regimental Dance Band, who were perched somewhat insecurely on the back of the float. The hard work was rewarded by winning the Lord Mayor's prize for originality.

On the training side we have been very active and started the season with Exercise "Black Velvet," which was a Brigade exercise to test fitness, endurance and individual training. It involved a forced march of about twenty-four miles across country; a cross-country drive, with navigational hazards, of about eighty miles; crossing a lake about 6,000 yards wide in an assault boat, and an escape and evasion phase. The beginning and end of the exercise was a practice for rifle and L.M.G. on the classification range. Training for this was an arduous business, and all around the barracks and surrounding countryside one saw men marching at break-neck speed or carrying assault boats on their shoulders. The Commanding Officer set an exercise to test the training and to select the teams to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Competition. In the face of very strong opposition, the competition was won by Capt. P. J. Sincock and his team from the Signals Platoon, who were each presented with a cash prize and a small cup by the Brigade Group Commander.

After this the Battalion spent a period of two weeks in England, training at Stanford P.T.A. It was very pleasant to have a feeling of being "at home," and various parties and meetings were made with the Brigade Depot. The proprietor of a Chinese restaurant in Bury St.



*Exercise "Black Velvet." 2/Lt. T. D. A. Veitch and his team.*

Edmunds, who was suddenly required to feed twenty-eight hungry officers, felt also that the trip was a "good thing." The training at Stanford was excellent and consisted mainly of field firing and support weapon training, culminating in a Battalion exercise, which included an assault river crossing and advance to contact movement. During the period at Stanford the



*The G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Ireland Command, and the Brigade Commander talking with 2/Lt. T. D. A. Veitch after he and his team had completed the course.*



*Exercise "Hell Bent." A team from "B" Company.*



*Members of the team from the 1st Battalion, who won the Northern Ireland Command Leadership and Endurance Competition "Black Velvet." Left to right: Pte. Theobald, Pte. Rolls, Pte. Snoxell, Pte. McFadden, Pte. Blakey, Sgt. Smith Capt. Sincock.*

Battalion also managed to fit in a long weekend, and coaches were run to various points within East Anglia. After all this, the Battalion returned to Ballykinler by various routes; some of the transport went via Devon, the remainder through Scotland, whilst the main body went on the ferry through Liverpool.

On return we found another exercise waiting

—"Green Label"—which was the Battalion test exercise set by 39 Brigade. The aim was to test the fitness and endurance of the Battalion, its shooting and fieldcraft. We started the exercise on the range in pouring rain and a howling wind to prove our shooting was of a high standard. Next we set out on an advance to contact movement and during the course of



Majesty's pleasure at being present at the parade today and her satisfaction at the high standard of the training and drill. Her Majesty wishes all ranks to be informed of her congratulations and for them to be given her good wishes.

It gives me the greatest satisfaction to make known this notification of Her Majesty's pleasure to the Battalion.

Signed :

REGINALD DENNING,  
Lieutenant-General,  
Colonel of the Regiment.



[Photograph by The Belfast Telegraph.

Her Majesty The Colonel-in-Chief presents the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to C/Sgt. D. Jones.

Also a few days later we received with great pleasure the following letter from Lt.-Col. Sir Martin Gilliat, Private Secretary to Her Majesty:

Government House, Hillsborough

October 31, 1963.

Dear Colonel Norbury,

I write at the bidding of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother to convey to you the very sincere pleasure which it gave your Colonel-in-Chief to be able to visit the 1st Battalion at Ballykinler yesterday.

Queen Elizabeth was greatly impressed with the smartness and bearing of All Ranks on parade, and was full of praise for the excellence of the Arms Drill and Marching.

Queen Elizabeth is confident that yesterday's parade reflects the very high standard

which is being maintained throughout the Battalion, and the visit will always be remembered by the Colonel-in-Chief with pride and pleasure.

Finally, I am to convey to you and to All Ranks of the Battalion, Her Majesty's warmest good wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

MARTIN GILLIAT.

The posters say "Join the Army and see the World," and we appear to be doing our part to make this so. During the summer "A" Company went for training in Canada with the Queen's Own Buffs and a separate report of this is included in our notes. The Band and Drums visited San Sebastian in Spain during the summer and the following letter is typical of the congratulations which they received:

Military Governor of Guipúzcoa,  
San Sebastian.

September 5, 1963.

A. de Lavison, Esq.,  
British Consul,  
San Sebastian.

My dear Consul,

At the end of the visit of British Service personnel to San Sebastian, I would be grateful if you pass on to the Commanding Officers of the Units which sent forces to the San Sebastian Centenary Celebrations this expression of our pleasure at having had the opportunity to live alongside them during these few days. Would you also add that they showed exemplary behaviour and perfect military decorum, with no incidents of any kind; there was in fact a perfect understanding between the soldiers of our two countries.

Finally I should like to congratulate them on their smartness and magnificent military bearing, both in the military parade and in the procession which followed, the beginning of an outstanding day of comradeship.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

FERNANDO RODRIGO,  
Cifuentes.

To ensure that we do not become staid, "B" Company are flying to Cyprus in December and are looking forward to some adventurous training there. Finally we have just learned that in June we are to be posted to Berlin for a tour with the Berlin Brigade. Old hands from Germany are searching for their phrase books and are starting again to speak in Anglo-Deutsch, that queer tongue peculiar to Rhine Army.

In the midst of all this activity we still managed to find time for Blenheim Day which

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*Blenheim Day, 1963. The Kinnegar Flyer.*



*Blenheim Day, 1963. The Sergeants' Mess team in the Tug-of-War, which was won by the Officers' team.*

the Officers celebrated by winning the tug-of-war, a success which does not appear to have been their lot for many years. All the traditional side shows were there but the special event of the day was the presentation of a birthday cake to Miss Maguire, of the Sandes

Home, who is previously mentioned in these notes. Her 90th birthday coincided with Blenheim Day so the Battalion gave her a birthday party in appreciation of all she has done for soldiers over the years. This, we feel, makes a fitting end to our notes.



[Photograph by Capt. C. M. F. Randall.

*Miss Maguire of the Sandes Home with the birthday cake presented to her by the 1st Battalion on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday.*

## EXERCISE "POND JUMP III"

### THE BEGINNING

Towards the end of May the telephone rang in the office of O.C. "A" Company—it was the C.O., "David, next month you will take your Company to Canada for six weeks' training." End of conversation.

### THE PREPARATION

"A" Company was to join the 1st Bn. The Queen's Own Buffs, The Royal Kent Regiment, part of the Strategic Reserve, and fly to Camp Gagetown in New Brunswick for the annual concentration of the 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade Group. During the early part of June we reorganised the Company into three strong Platoons, each of these was to join a Rifle Company of The Queen's Own Buffs. Company H.Q. was to remain to advise the C.O. of Queen's Own Buffs on any purely Regimental matters during our time in Canada.

We left Ballykinler on June 12 and joined The Queen's Own Buffs at Colchester. Here we were issued with extra kit such as mosquito nets, heavy pullovers, OG trousers and shirts.

### THE DEPARTURE

The Battalion was flown out in four days by R.A.F. Transport Command from Lyneham to Fredericton. Each "Britannia" carried one hundred men and the flights were quite smooth with the exception of one craft which had to turn back with engine trouble. Landing at

Fredericton was a little difficult due to the smallness of the runway.

### THE BIVOUAC AREA

We lived in a wood for six weeks. All that we had were bivouac tents and groundsheets. Luckily there was no restriction on cutting trees and soon log cabins, known locally as "Hoochies," were springing up under the pine trees. Officers lived in marquees and were so crowded that it resembled a rabbit warren!

### THE TRAINING

Training began at once and the first exercise was a long range endurance exercise carried out by Platoons. They had to cross about twenty-four miles of most difficult country, reporting at times to check points and finishing with a Platoon in attack. It was carried out in weather ranging from torrential rain to heat of around 95°. The terrain was jungle, swamp, mountain, and the "old hands" said it was far worse than Malaya. In addition to this the black-fly and mosquito were delighted to welcome the British to Canada and gave them their individual attention. Over one hundred soldiers from the Brigade had to be evacuated by helicopter during this exercise; fifty of these were British.

The 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade Group consisted of 1st Bn. The Black Watch of Canada,



*Adventure Training. Members of "B" Company rock climbing.*

2nd Bn. The Royal 22nd Regiment, 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, The Canadian Dragoons and ourselves. After a few days infantry, armour and gunner joint training, companies did an advance to contact exercise ending with live firing. We then had two Battalion exercises. One of which was a contest between the British Battalion and the Royal 22nd Regiment, the famous French-speaking "Vandoos." It took place in thick jungle and both Battalions had to locate each other by long range patrolling. By the end of the first day we had found out all we wished, and so the Brigade H.Q. had to rewrite the exercise with all speed. After this there followed two small Battalion exercises and then we began the G.O.C.'s twelve-day Exercise "Tribulation." The overriding aim of this exercise was to test and evaluate the anti-tank defence of the Canadian Army. Deploying their ENTAC, SS 11 and 106 Recoiless Rifles in ever-decreasing circles, they assured us at the end that the exercise was of great value!

We had trained for thirty-eight out of forty-two days, virtually non-stop, and on balance had not learnt anything new, although our normal infantry skills had been tested. In fact Brigadier Wilson-Smith, our Canadian Brigade Commander, was good enough to say that the visit of the British Battalion had shown up many deficiencies in the basic training of Canadian Infantry.

#### THE BRIGHT SIDE

Of the warmth and generosity of the Canadian people one cannot speak too highly. All the Companies had "smokers" with their opposite numbers in the other Units, at which vast quantities of beer were consumed. The Officers gave, and received, a lot of hospitality—we were introduced to the Canadian Army's "Happy Hour," a splendid arrangement by which on Friday evenings each week all prices in the Mess are halved for one hour. Splendid because no one could ever remember when the hour was up! Many of the Battalion got to Montreal for four days; they travelled at reduced rates on the railway and were put up by the Army in Montreal.

A liaison visit was paid by Major W. D. Page and C.S.M. Franks to The Essex and Kent Scottish at their Annual Camp at Niagara Falls. Here they presented that Regiment with a silver collar badge mounted and engraved, and a regimental crest. The Essex and Kent Scottish are most keen on their affiliation to The Regiment. They are, incidentally, also affiliated to The Queen's Own Buffs.

#### THE RETURN AND POST MORTEM

We flew home at the end of July via Gander; originally we were to land at R.A.F. Station Aldergrove in Northern Ireland but fog pre-

vented this and we landed at Lyneham and flew home later that morning.

On reflection no one could say that they thoroughly enjoyed all the training. Torrential rain, blinding heat, black-fly and mosquitos are all too easily remembered, but, on the credit side, however, one will always remember the very friendly and generous Canadian people, Niagara Falls, Montreal and Toronto, duty free liquor and cigarettes, a generous LOA and the excellence of the Canadian Army rations.

## The East Anglian Brigade Depot

These notes are shorter than our usual contribution and we hope this will help Editors in their battle against the high cost of printing.

Major-General Fyffe, who took over command of the East Anglian Division/District in the summer, paid his first visit to the Depot in August, we hope to see him again shortly, when he is due to take one of our Passing Out Parades. In regard to these, we have, recently, had a cut in the money granted for expenses connected with the Parades and Parents' Days. This has resulted in our giving parents and friends lunch and tea from the Cookhouse instead of the N.A.A.F.I.; that the standard of both meals has improved says much for the Depot Cooks. Some seven Passing Out Parades have taken place since our last notes, and among those who have taken the salute are the following:—The Mayors of Bury St. Edmunds, Wisbech and Bedford, Lt.-Col. J. B. Dye, M.C., Commanding 1st Bn. The 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk), Lt.-Col. R. J. Randall, Commanding 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.), Lt.-Col. A. J. Robertson, Commanding 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.), and Brigadier N. St. G. Gribbon, O.B.E., Commander 161 Infantry Brigade (T.A.).

R.S.M. Baldry, 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) has left the Depot and will join the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) as a Quartermaster in November. R.S.M. Jenks, M.M., Royal Leicesters, has taken over from him.

The Brigade Weekend took place on July 19, 20 and 21. This year's activities were similar to those of last year, a Cocktail Party for Officers and Sergeants, with the Beating of Retreat by the Bands and Drums of the 1st East Anglian Regiment, and the Junior Soldier's wing with the Drums of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, on the Saturday evening. The Brigade Ball was held on the Friday evening at the Athenaeum, Bury St. Edmunds. Cricket matches were played against teams from Amp-ton, Bury and West Suffolk; and the Brigade



*Lt.-Col. R. J. Randall, C.O. 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.), inspects The Hindoostan Platoon on the occasion of their passing out on July 12, 1963.*

Golf Meeting took place at Flempton during the weekend.

In sport we had quite a successful cricket season largely due to the keenness and ability of the captain, Lt. Lewis, who made quite a lot of runs and took many wickets. Fourteen matches were won and no less than eight were decided in the last over. In athletics we were not quite so successful as last year, but we again won the District Minor Unit's Competition but were only third in the Eastern Command Competition owing to the fact that several of our runners had to be posted away, two of them competed in the 3rd East Anglian team which went through to the Major Unit's finals at Aldershot.

Our Depot .22 Shooting Team won the Infantry Brigade Depot Match and were runners up in the Company Match. We sent a team to Bisley for the first time and did not disgrace ourselves, particularly as Q.M.S.I. Knox won the Thirty Cup (S.M.G.) and the S.M.G. Victory Cup.

The number of recruits joining has continued to be well below last year's record figures. August, however, has shown an improvement which we hope will continue. Most squads have been in the twenties, but the

last (Corunna) reached 40. Though this is still below the number we ought to enlist it is an encouraging increase which must continue if the Brigade is to reach its manpower target in the next year.

The Junior Soldiers' Wing has been 120 strong for most of the summer and has had a satisfactory and rewarding term, culminating in a fortnight's camp in Wales where despite the rain all heights in the vicinity were climbed and a number of Gold Awards for the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme were attained. His Royal Highness himself visited our area during the summer and spoke to some of the Junior Soldiers, he was also given lunch by the Depot "in the field" and remarked that the arrangements were almost too elaborate!

#### THE BRIGADE GOLF MEETING, 1963

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

The following officers competed:—

Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., Colonel 2 East Anglian, Colonel J. F. Carroll, C.B.E.,

Colonel R. P. Freeman-Taylor, Colonel R. H. Senior, Lt.-Col. P. G. Upcher, D.S.O., D.L., Lt.-Col. J. H. Marriott, M.C., Lt.-Col. D. F. Coburn, Lt.-Col. B. J. Palmer, M.B.E., Lt.-Col. H. M. Boxer, M.C., Lt.-Col. C. R. Murray-Brown, D.S.O., Major R. M. Williams, M.C., Major T. E. Robinson, Major G. S. Jasper, Major J. C. Richardson, Capt. W. A. C. Smelt, O.B.E., Capt. H. D. Lucas, Lt. H. T. Hutley.

#### RESULTS

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

Pompadour Cup: Major Jasper; runner-up: Colonel Carroll.

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

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

Match versus the Flempton Golf Club: Win for East Anglian Brigade.

The Royal Leicestershire Regiment was well represented on this their first occasion and we look forward to seeing them again next year.

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

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### Military Essay Competition

BERTRAND STEWART ESSAY COMPETITION, 1964

Prize, £80. Closing date, June 22, 1964.

Subject:

"In both Allied and Soviet Armies, improvements in night vision equipment are tending to make movement by night in the battle area easier, particularly for armoured vehicles, than in the past. At the same time, improvements in battlefield surveillance techniques make this movement easier to detect.

The need to conduct operations round the clock, at an increased tempo, and the difficulties of using the hours of darkness for routine supply, movement and reinforcement to the extent we have done in the past, pose a number of new problems to the commander in the field.

Discuss these problems in relation to training, equipment, manpower and morale, and state what you consider their effects might be on the tactics of global war."

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1963 competition, and can be found in A.C.I. 399 of 1962.

GEORGE KNIGHT CLOWES MEMORIAL PRIZE ESSAY, 1964.

Prizes, 1st prize £35; 2nd prize £15. Closing date, March 31, 1964. Subject:

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

**PRESENTATION OF COLOURS**

*By Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth,  
The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief.*

*Clarence House,  
July 13.*

Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), today, on behalf of The Queen, presented new colours to the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) at Luton Hoo. The Lady Jean Rankin and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

Early in the New Year Her Majesty, the Colonel-in-Chief, had signified Her gracious

consent to present new Colours to the Battalion in mid-summer and, following several meetings held, by the Colonel of The Regiment, the Battalion began to make plans for this historic Regimental event to take place on July 13.

It was decided that a suitable venue for the Ceremony would be somewhere on the borders of the two counties. Major-General Sir Harold and Lady Zia Wernher were asked if the ceremony might take place in the grounds of their home at Luton Hoo. General Wernher, who commanded the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) from 1924-1928, readily gave his consent, and The Regiment is indeed grateful to Sir Harold and Lady Zia for their kindness in providing such a magnificent setting for the occasion and for all the interest and help that they gave to the Battalion. Rehearsals started during Annual Camp at

## PARADE STATE

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Captain E. J. Lancaster (Dunstable)  
Lieutenant I. R. Haywood (Bedford)*No. 2 Guard*Major D. W. F. Willard (Hertford)  
Lieutenant J. M. Shambrook (Dunstable)  
2/Lieutenant J. E. O. Screen (Watford)*Regimental Sergeant Major*

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W.O.I M. P. Reeves (Bedford)

*Drum Major*

Drum-Major C. H. Coombs (Ware)

*Staff Officer to The Colonel of The Regiment*

Major R. B. Keatley (Bedford)

*Staff Officer of the Parade*

Major R. J. Gresty

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Major (Q.M.) V. A. French, Major H. E. D. Griffiths, M.B., F.R.C.S., R.A.M.C. (T.A.),  
Captain E. F. Newman, R.A.P.C. (T.A.), Lieutenant D. A. E. Finch (Hertford),  
2/Lieutenant D. W. Grey (Watford)



Stanford in May and continued at weekends after Camp. All former officers and men of the T.A. Battalions, the 16th Foot and the Essex Regiment Association were invited, together with many guests from the counties. Over thirteen hundred accepted our invitation to attend the Ceremony. Including the troops on parade, Cadets, Police, Voluntary Organisations who came to assist and the estate staff, some seventeen hundred were present.

Weather forecasts were anxiously watched and despite forecast of rain during the preceding days when all the site arrangements were being completed no rain came. July 13 dawned bright and the forecasters said no rain before the afternoon. The guests arrived and were seated, the Battalion marched on parade, the Colonel of The Regiment, the Deputy Colonel, and the Honorary Colonel arrived and were received with a General Salute, and all this time spectators watched an ever-darkening sky. Promptly at 11.30 a.m. Her Majesty arrived and immediately she alighted from the Royal Car the rain fell in torrents and continued throughout the whole ceremony until Her Majesty departed some four hours later. We later discovered that Luton Hoo was one of the few areas in the two counties to be affected by rain that day.

Her Majesty was greeted by the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire and the Vice-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire. The Colonel of The Regiment, the Deputy Colonel, the

Honorary Colonel, the General Officer Commanding 54th East Anglian Division and Sir Harold and Lady Zia Wernher were presented before Her Majesty ascended the dais to be received by the Battalion with a Royal Salute. Lt.-Col. C. Simmons then advanced to report the Battalion ready for Her Majesty's inspection and despite the rain the Colonel-in-Chief, at first, declined the use of an umbrella so that the waiting crowds had a clear view. The inspection completed Her Majesty returned to the dais and presented Territorial Decorations to two Officers and Territorial Efficiency Medals to nine other ranks of the Battalion.

The Old Colours of the two former (T.A.) Battalions were then marched off parade to the traditional strains of "Auld Lang Syne." The Drums were piled and the New Colours brought forward and uncased. The Chaplains, led by the Venerable Archdeacon I. D. Neill, C.B., O.B.E., M.A., Chaplain to The Queen, Chaplain General to the Forces, took their places and the Commanding Officer invited the Chaplain General to conduct the Consecration Service. The Service of Consecration concluded Her Majesty moved to the Piled Drums where the Senior and Junior Field Officers handed the Colours to the Colonel-in-Chief who presented them to the Officers of the Colour Party. Her Majesty then addressed the Parade and said:—

"Today, as Colonel-in-Chief of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment, of which your Battalion



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*Her Majesty inspects the Parade.*



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*The Old Colours of The 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) march off the Parade.*

forms a part, it is a great pleasure to present these new Colours on behalf of The Queen. They will, I am certain, serve as a visible symbol of the merging of the two famous Territorial Battalions, each with its own history, pride and traditions and each with a long and distinguished record of service in peace and war. That the amalgamation has been carried out so successfully was due to the selfless loyalty of all ranks, and not least to the support of the Old Comrades, who I am delighted to see here in such strength today.

I am certain that they would wish to join with me in congratulating you all most warmly on your smartness on parade, and on the excellence of your drill. The ending of National Service has emphasised the vitally important rôle of the Territorial Battalions. Upon you and upon the whole Territorial Army devolves a great responsibility. By your fitness for battle, by your willingness to sacrifice your leisure hours, and by your acceptance of a high duty in time of peace, you may ensure the security of our country. The Colours which you have

received today carry the battle honours, not only of the two Territorial Battalions which you have succeeded, but also of the former regular Battalion whose name you bear.

The honours inscribed on these Colours recall the valour and devotion of those who have served before you and won glory in many different parts of the world.

It is a record of which you may be justly proud. It is this tradition of service and courage which, with God's help, inspired soldiers of your Regiment in the trenches of Flanders, on the beaches of Dunkirk and Normandy, and in the prison camps of Singapore.

In presenting these Colours to you today I am certain that you will uphold the great tradition which you have inherited and will add lustre to the name of the Regiment.

I entrust these Colours to your safe keeping, confident in the knowledge that you will carry them in war with honour and peace with pride."

The New Colours were accepted on behalf of the Battalion by Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, with a promise that The Regiment would at all



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*Centre row: Drum Major Coombs, Sgt. Mansell, Sgt. Sutherland, Sgt. Parkinson, Sgt. James, Sgt. Denton, Sgt. Murray, Sgt. Marriott, S/Sgt. Waters, R.E.M.E., C/Sgt. Dudley, C/Sgt. French, Sgt. Selby, Sgt. North, Sgt. Head, Sgt. Kennedy, Sgt. Duvall, Sgt. Ley, C/Sgt. Lawrance, Sgt. Roberts.*

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times endeavour to do its duty to its Queen and Country.

The New Colours were then slow marched into the line of Guards and received with a General Salute. The Drums were unplied and the Battalion gave a Royal Salute followed by three cheers for Her Majesty before marching past the Colonel-in-Chief in quick time off parade.

Her Majesty left the dais and the Chaplain General presented the officiating Chaplains. Presentations of County Guests and senior serving and former Officers of The Regiment and their wives were then made by the Colonel of The Regiment.

The presentation completed Her Majesty met some three hundred Old Comrades who had been marshalled with their standards by the Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association. Her Majesty

then retired to the house, at the invitation of Lady Zia Wernher, where she met some of the leading civic and military dignitaries. From the house Her Majesty walked to the Officers' Mess Marquee where she met the serving Officers and their wives and took lunch with them. Meanwhile all the guests had moved out of the rain into marquees for lunch. Following luncheon, Her Majesty was graciously pleased to be photographed with the serving Officers and the serving Sergeants before visiting the various enclosures and meeting the guests. At the Sergeants' Mess the Warrant Officers and representatives of all ranks and their wives were presented to Her Majesty and Miss Nicola Sharpe, daughter of W.O.II D. H. Sharpe, of Luton, presented Her Majesty The Colonel-in-Chief with a bouquet of carnations.

The time for departure had now come. Her Majesty entered the Royal Car and as it slowly



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Her Majesty hands the Regimental Colour to  
Lt. C. H. R. Marriott

moved down the drive Her Majesty was sped on the way by the enthusiastic cheers of the Battalion and their guests.

Tea was then served and the Beating of Rerecat, on the lawns, by the Band and Drums concluded a memorable day on which, despite the rain, the programme had been carried out without alteration.

Mention must be made of the great assistance given by the Agent at Luton Hoo, Mr. S. H. D. Law, and his staff who were able to provide a remedy for every crisis which occurred during the preparation for the Ceremony!

Later the Commanding Officer received the following letter from Her Majesty's Private Secretary:—

“Clarence House—July 16, 1963.

“I am writing at the bidding of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother to congratulate you most warmly on the excellence of last Saturday's Parade.

Despite the rigours of our summer climate everything went off wonderfully well and Queen Elizabeth was especially pleased with the steadiness of Her Regiment during a long

and intricate parade carried out in such difficult conditions. Her Majesty was delighted to have an opportunity of meeting the Old Comrades and so many others who share an interest in the welfare of the Regiment.

It was a most happy and memorable day, on which Queen Elizabeth will always look back with feelings of pride and pleasure.”

#### GENERAL

The two major events since the last issue of *The Wasp and The Eagle* have been the Presentation of Colours by Her Majesty The Colonel-in-Chief, and Annual Camp. Both these events are reported separately.

Training time has been curtailed because of Ceremonial requirements but we now hope to settle down to a period of active and useful training in preparation for next year's Annual Camp which will be on Dartmoor from June 6 - 20.

Our congratulations to the following Officers and men who were presented with the Territorial Decorations and Medals by Her Majesty at the Presentation of Colours Parade:

**THE TERRITORIAL DECORATION:** Major H. T. Wright, Major J. E. S. Bretherton.

**THE TERRITORIAL EFFICIENCY MEDAL:** Bandmaster M. P. Reeves, C.S.M. J. Harte, M.M., B/Sgt. A. C. Mansell, B/Sgt. R. W. Roberts, Cpl. C. J. Hopkins, L/Cpl. R. A. Lewin, L/Cpl. A. N. Butteriss, S/Sgt. P. C. Smith, A.C.C., Sgt. G. W. A. Archard, R.A.M.C.

In April, our Battalion Cook Sergeant, S/Sgt. P. C. Smith, A.C.C., was selected by the War Office to carry out his Annual Training as an “Ever Ready” with a Unit in Hong Kong. This is probably the first occasion that a member of The Regiment has carried out his Territorial training abroad in peace time and we hope that other members of the Battalion may be selected in future years.

In November the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, handed over Command to Lt.-Col. D. W. Browne, M.C., of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/14th Foot). Lt.-Col. Simmons has completed four years in command, and it is hoped to include details of his service to The Regiment in the next issue.

The Battalion recently received a very fine gift from Capt. C. J. N. Longmore in the form of an inscribed Ceremonial Sword, commemorating the service in the Regiment of the Longmore family, Colonel Sir Charles Longmore, Brigadier J. A. Longmore, Major P. Elton Longmore and Capt. C. J. N. Longmore. Sir Charles Longmore joined the Hertfordshire Rifle Volunteers in 1874 and his grandson, Capt. Nigel Longmore, retired from the Battalion in 1962, thus concluding 88 years' continuous family service in The Regiment. The



[Photograph by Norman Verby, 44, Mill Street, Bedford.  
Her Majesty The Colonel-in-Chief with the Old Comrades at Luton Hoo on July 13, 1963. In attendance is Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association.

sword is worn on appropriate ceremonial occasions by the Honorary Colonel and was first used at the Presentation of Colours by The Colonel-in-Chief at Luton Hoo in July.

#### THE REGIMENTAL BADGE

(The Editor, *The Wasp and The Eagle*)  
75, Lyndhurst Gardens,  
Finchley, N.3.

August 20, 1963.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I read with interest the account in the June issue of *The Wasp and The Eagle* of the new badge of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). It states that the Hart crossing a Ford was the old county badge of Hertfordshire and that it is not known exactly why or when the Hart became transformed into one lodged in water.

The Hart lodged in water appears as the Arms of the Borough of Hertford in the Herald's visitation of 1634 and as such appears on early county maps, before the hart crossing a ford emerged.

The Hart lodged in water was also apparently used as a badge of the Harts Militia as it appears as such on the salver presented to the first Marquess of Salisbury by the officers in 1814 and still preserved at Hatfield House. The Hart crossing a ford as opposed to one 'lodged' was adopted by the Herts Yeomanry about 1820 and taken up by the Harts Militia when reformed in the 1850's. The seal of the Borough of Hertford has always depicted the Hart in a standing position and I suggest that this was adopted by the Yeomanry as more suited to a Mounted Arm. When Armorial bearings were granted to the County in the 1820's the Hart was depicted as lodged, further evidence that this is traditionally correct.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. BUSBY, M.B.E., Lt.-Col.

#### COMMENT ON LT.-COL. J. H. BUSBY'S LETTER

The Regiment is very grateful to Lt.-Col. Busby for sending these facts about the Regimental Badge. The new badge has aroused a

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lot of interest and letters have been received from collectors all over the world. Enquiries have also been made about the Eagle and Castle depicted in the badge and it is perhaps worth mentioning their probable origin.

Both the Eagle and Castle appear in the Bedford Borough Arms. The Eagle is said to come from the Arms of the Beauchamp family, Constables of Bedford Castle and one of the leading County families after the Norman Conquest. A Beauchamp of 1215 was one of the promoters of Magna Carta. The Castle is almost certainly that of Bedford of which the mound exists near the Embankment close to the new Borough Museum, where it is hoped to house the 16th Foot Museum. Experts are not, however, in agreement about the origin of these two devices and different accounts will often be found in reference books

### ANNUAL CAMP

The Battalion attended Annual Camp at West Tofts, Stanford, Norfolk, from May 11-26. Two hundred and seventy ranks attended the camp. This was over seventy-five per cent. of the Battalion which is a higher figure than in recent years and is considered a very satisfactory attendance. On arrival in Camp the Battalion was issued with the new self-loading rifle and all ranks were therefore able to carry out their training with the latest Infantry weapon. During the first week of Camp the Battalion was employed on individual training on the excellent range areas available at Stanford and was able to carry out live firing of all Infantry weapons. During the second week of Camp, Company group exercises were held culminating in a Brigade tactical exercise which unfortunately coincided with such bad weather that the exercise had to be terminated early so that clothing and equipment could be dried and cleaned in time for the return home. However, enthusiasm was so high that despite the

drenching rain a request was made to be allowed to continue the phase of the exercise then in progress and the Brigade Commander subsequently commented that he had never before experienced such a request on any Regular or Territorial Army exercise.

Following a Brigade Church Parade on the first Sunday of Camp the Brigade Commander, Brigadier N. St. G. Gribbon, presented trophies won in the Brigade competitions run concurrently with the 54th East Anglian Division Rifle Meeting held at Colchester earlier in the month. Lt. S. J. Durston-West won the trophy for the Champion Shot of the Brigade and also as Champion Shot of the Division.

On May 17 the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Major Simon Whitbread, the Chairman of the Hertfordshire T.A. Association, Brigadier J. A. Longmore, both County T.A. Association Secretaries, Lt.-Col. M. F. T. Baines (Bedfordshire) and Brigadier J. Sykes-Wright (Hertfordshire), the Honorary Colonel, Brigadier G. W. H. Peters, Colonel The Lord Luke (former Honorary Colonel) and Brigadier C. M. Paton (Deputy Colonel, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) visited the Camp. On the middle Sunday of Camp, families and Old Comrades' Branches spent the day with the Battalion but unfortunately heavy rain caused the Church Parade to be abandoned after the first ten minutes. At this service an Altar Frontal, Cross and Candlesticks, the gift of Colonel The Lord Luke and his brother Major The Hon. Hugh Lawson-Johnston were to have been dedicated together with a Prayer Book and Bible the gift of the Company Commanders. The Dedication Ceremony was performed later in the week by the Regimental Chaplain, the Reverend J. E. Bowers, who is now Vicar of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire. These gifts are a treasured and possibly unique gift to the Regiment.

The Band and Drums combined with those of The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.), The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.) and The Essex Regiment (T.A.) Beat Retreat in Kings Lynn and Bury St. Edmunds. It is planned that similar ceremonies are carried out throughout Brigade area during the coming year.

The Battalion returned home on May 25 after an enjoyable but very hard working Camp during which it undoubtedly achieved a high standard and learnt many valuable lessons.

### OFFICERS' MESS

At annual camp the Mess was accommodated in a comfortable hatted camp, and although it was May, we were more than glad of a fine new fireplace in the ante room and had real sympathy for our sister battalions living in tents. We held a very enjoyable guest night, when we able to entertain the Lord Lieutenant



of Bedfordshire, the Deputy Colonel and Honorary Colonel, the two T.A. Association Secretaries, the Brigade Commander, Lt.-Col. Palmer from the Brigade Depot, and a number of other guests. On the middle Sunday we held a cocktail party and luncheon after church parade, and were able to entertain some former members of the Regiment, families, friends and officers from the Brigade Depot. The Sergeants' Mess paid us the customary visit and, in general, our social activities were only curtailed by some pretty hard and long training hours.

By the time these notes appear in print we shall have said goodbye to Lt.-Col. Simmons, Majors Gresty, French, Bretherton, Capts. Ellis, Handford, Lts. Craddock, Lawson-Johnston, Dunn and Grey. Lt.-Col. Browne is to take over command, with Capt. Thorogood as Training Officer and Lt. McKean as Quartermaster. We welcome Capt. McCraw, of The Black Watch, who has at last been persuaded to forego his kilt, and 2/Lt. M. H. Turner, on appointment to a commission, and we hope they have a long and enjoyable stay with The Regiment. Our Padre, John Bowers, has now become Vicar of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, where we wish him every happiness. We are delighted to know that he will still be remaining as Padre with us.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

Since the publication of the last notes, there has been hardly any change in the Sergeants' Mess membership. During camp at Stanford P.T.A., we invited the Officers and Junior N.C.O.s to social evenings; these events proved to be very successful and were enjoyed by everybody. At the mid week-end we were visited by members and their ladies of O.C.A. Branches of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Unfortunately, the day was marred by rain, but with an excellent buffet and plenty of drink in the Mess, nobody seemed to mind the bad weather. The Officers versus the W.O.s and Sergeants at hockey was one of the main attractions. This was well supported by spectators from the Battalion and Brigade H.Q. With a group of the Regimental Band, the W.O.s and Sergeants, in fancy dress, marched smartly on to the hockey pitch, later followed by the Officers' team, also in dress—of sorts. The game ended in a draw, with both teams playing to rules practically unknown.

Sergeant Rees and Sergeant Craddock-Jones have now been discharged, but we hope they will continue to keep in touch with us.

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

As always, there have been several changes both in staff and in companies during the last few months. On the last day of camp, Lt.-Col. Don. Garrard relinquished his command and following tradition the Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants, led by the Band and Drums, towed the Colonel in his Rover from the Sergeants' Mess. The remainder of the Battalion lined the route out of the camp to cheer him, and he seemed very touched by the proceedings. All ranks of the Battalion send both Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Garrard their best wishes for their future.

There has been a number of changes in the Permanent Staff. In July, Major G. C. P. Morgan left us for the 1st Battalion in Northern Ireland, W.O.II "Nobby" Russell has left to serve with the 2nd East Anglian in B.A.O.R., and Sgt. Culling has gone to H.Q. 1 Corps, also in Germany. A more recent departure is that of Sgt. Simmons who will be trying out his French and other things in Paris as an interpreter at ALFCE, Fontainebleau. We appreciate the hard work done by all these past members and wish them well in their new appointments. The "new boys" are W.O.II Harris, who is now our distant cousin at Braintree, Sgt. Butler, who is established, if a little immobile, at Epping (they say he *will* eventually pass his driving test), and Sgt. Perry is helping to tackle the problems at Ilford under the eagle eye of Battalion H.Q. We wish all our newcomers a happy stay. Permanent Staff may change, but in the main the Territorials soldier on: but there have been two departures of note. Major Michael Portway leaves "D" Company and W.O.II Dowler has left "C" Company. Both have given many years of service to the Battalion and will be sorely missed by us all. We look forward to seeing them often in the future. We would like to congratulate W.O.II Brickstock on his promotion and appointment as C.S.M. "C" Company.

Our last notes made mention of the final preparations for annual camp at Stanford PTA. Now the memories are few but the warriors who took part (these do not include the writer) recall an active programme of hard work and social activity which kept a man at times on his toes and at times on his back! However, a very real memory is of the smooth administrative arrangements which did much to overcome the problems of living in a tented camp where the usual amenities were somewhat limited. While at camp the Gaza Cup Competition was held. It was an exciting, hard-fought contest and "B" Company, who were presented with the cup by the Honorary Colonel, are to be congratulated on winning yet again. This exacting competition of turnout,

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**ANNUAL CAMP, 1963.**

*"At the gallop" — "C" Company "Gaza Cup" Team.*

marching, fitness and shooting still stimulates much interest in the Battalion and it is good to see the high spirits in which everyone enters this event.

The Band and Drums, massed under the expert supervision of the Brigade Drum Major, earned much credit for their performances of Beating Rereat at Kings Lynn and Bury St. Edmunds. That stalwart Sgt. Smith once again won the Brigade Bugle Competition and together with L/Cpl. Brown and Dmr. Nottage, went on to win the team of three. Cpl. Young triumphed in the Battalion bugle contest and was duly appointed C.O.'s bugler. Among the youngsters, Boy Brian Maile was judged the best novice bugler. In addition to the time honoured visits between Messes, the Sergeants entertained R.S.M. Baldry and a few members of the East Anglian Brigade Depot Mess at dinner. As this function was immediately followed by the visit of the officers much credit must go to the Mess Committee for its hard work.

The Battalion Shooting Team has had a good season. The Divisional and Brigade Rifle Meetings were fired concurrently. We won the Divisional China Cup, the Brigade China Cup and the Brigade China Cup for Young Soldiers. The young soldiers concerned, Ptes Carter, Cullum, Lister, J. Ratcliffe, D. Duncan, Garn-

ham, Few and Kemp are particularly to be congratulated on their achievements. In the small bore shooting the Battalion also met with some success. Although "C" Company finally conceded the 54 (E.A.) Div./District Knock-out Cup to Cambridge University O.T.C., the final was tense and exciting with a margin of only 16 points. In the Edmunds Trophy the Battalion team gained a commendable fourth place, whilst in the Territorial Army Small Bore Rifle match, "B" Company gained tenth and "C" Company twenty-sixth place from the three hundred and seventy-nine entries.

The Battalion Team are to be congratulated on winning the Holmes Cup at the Essex County Rifle Meeting held later in the summer, beating Regular Units as well as T.A. Units in doing so.

With the Battalion Rifle Meeting in view, classification and Company range days now took priority. "D" Company enjoyed the hospitality of Suffolk and Cambridgeshire (T.A.) at Sizewell for a "shooting" weekend. After much planning and preparation the Battalion Meeting took place at Purfleet on October 5 and 6. The weather was not kind to us and although we did not allow ourselves to be "rained off" the programme was adjusted to suit the conditions and the conditions were such that the adjustment was considerable!

"C" Company once again asserted themselves as Champion Company, with a very narrow points win over "H.Q." Company. C.S.M. Brickstock carried off the individual rifle championship and the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Cup. He also featured prominently in all his Company's winning teams. This was a fine celebration of his recent promotion and he is accorded full marks for a good example of all-round shooting. Lt. (Q.M.) Beeton, with the highest score by an officer, won the Officers' Cup. Special mention must be made of L/Cpl. Wood and Pte Carter, who won the Corporals' and Privates' classes respectively, thus showing much promise for the future. Falling plates never cease to attract enthusiasm and once again "C" Company triumphed after a close final shoot with the 3 East Anglian Kape team, who were invited to compete in this event. Mr. Dowler, the Comrades' newest recruit, achieved the best score to win the Comrades' Competition. In the light of so much recent practice this was not altogether a surprising result! Our appreciation goes to Major Beazley and his staff for the excellent work in the "Stats." Also, we are most grateful to the Cadets of both the 1st and 3rd Cadet Battalions, without whose assistance the running of the butts would have been an almost insurmountable task!

Specialist training continues to flourish with support weapons now more widely dispersed amongst Companies. The 3-inch Mortar Sections having practised their members with a



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*Lt.-Col. D. F. Garrard, T.D., Commanding Officer, presents a tankard to Boy Maile, winner of the Novices' Bugle Competition.*



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*"H.Q." Company "Gaza Cup" Team in action.*

sand filled shoot, plan bigger and better things in November. At Lydd the anti-tank detachment, under the expert guidance of Sgt. Downes, gained much credit for good team work and excellent shooting.

Exercise "September Chase," a Battalion signal exercise, was held in the Colchester-Maldon area. We all got much value from this and it served as an excellent "lead in" to the Brigade Group Signals Exercise, which followed a fortnight later.

Many engagements have kept both Band and Drums hard at it during the summer. There can hardly be a town carnival in Essex which has not been graced with their services nor a Carnival Queen who has not been charmed by their er - music! The Band and Drums annual competition took place at Chelsea on Sunday, October 13. The Band came fourth out of seven teams who entered and the Drums were third out of the only three Corps who competed. In both competitions the marking of all participants was very close. The Corps of Drums, after the prizegiving, moved across to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, where they Beat Retreat on the lawn, watched by the Governor, General Sir Frank Simpson, and Lady Simpson and the Pensioners. After the Retreat, Drum Major Conrad took his drummers and some of their wives around The Royal Hospital wards to talk to the sick Pensioners.

The Warrant Officers and Sergeants held their Annual Ball at Dagenham on September 14, which was a very successful event. In-Pensioners "Pony" Moore, "Chuff" West and Joe Francis attended as guests from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Although a little overawed by the twist they acquitted themselves admirably with the glass. Thanks to much hard work by W.O.II Seal, Sgts. Sabberton and Bolt, a really first-class buffet provided more than sufficient for even the needs of W.O.II "Lofty" Harris!

The Officers have had a quiet Mess life since camp; perhaps it takes them longer to get over that vigorous period than the Sergeants! However, there has been one Guest Night at which the Mayor of Ilford, our Brigade Commander, Colonel Arthur Noble, and Lt.-Col. Alan Young were entertained to dinner. On November 8 the officers of the Battalion will hold their annual Regimental Dinner at the United Service Club when they hope to meet many old friends.

Our recruiting remains an ever-present problem, although a steady intake has helped keep the overall figure on the increase. A Guest Day to attract potential recruits has just been run at Middlewick Ranges, Colchester. In spite of appalling weather thirty-eight guests were entertained and appeared to enjoy their day. The material results of this in the form of new

recruits will have to be a subject of our next notes.

The Battalion now looks forward to a full training year ahead which will include the Brigade Camp on Dartmoor, followed by the Presentation of Colours by Her Majesty The Colonel-in-Chief.

### 300 Regiment R.A. (T.A.)

We were glad to hear from 300 Regiment, R.A. (T.A.) that they had had an enjoyable annual firing camp at Manorbier, South Wales. They enjoyed a fortnight of almost continuous sunshine—much to the delight of the younger element of the Regiment, who spent most of their off-duty hours swimming and sunbathing on the beautiful Pembrokeshire coast.

The Regiment, commanded by Lt.-Col. F. E. Wilkins, M.B.E., T.D., successfully used this camp period as a vital stage in its ambitious training programme started last November. The object of this programme is to upgrade as many men as possible in their various duties, such as gun-layers, wireless operators, drivers, etc. These men will be needed in the future as instructors to train the ever-increasing number of recruits who are joining 300 Regiment. For many of the recruits, this was their first-ever T.A. Camp, and their first taste of Army life. They liked it—the accommodation was good, the food was excellent, and the scenery and sunshine superb.

300 Regiment R.A. (T.A.) draws its volunteers from London and Essex, with Drill Halls in Highgate, Mile End, East Ham, Barking, Newbury Park, Leigh-on-Sea and Chelmsford. It is still quite a young Unit, having been formed in 1961, from the amalgamation of the following Regiments—512 L.A.A., 517 L.A.A. and 459 (Essex) H.A.A. Regiments R.A. (T.A.)—all with a century of volunteer service behind them.

### Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force

Annual Camp, 1963, was held at Brackenburg, Felixstowe, and some 20 Officers, 25 S.M.I.s, S.I.s and 195 Cadets attended. It was an excellent camp in every way, not the least being the fact that the weather remained mostly fine and did not interfere with training and other events. Visits were made by the G.O.C., Eastern Command, General Sir Roderick McLeod, and by Major-General R. A. Fyffe, the new Divisional Commander. Several Officers and W.O.s from the T.A. affiliated units also stayed in camp with us, and their assistance was most invaluable, in particular, Major W. J. Darville of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and Capt. R. Squires of 286 (Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Yeomanry) Regiment, R.A., T.A. The Officers' Mess gave a dinner on Wednesday,



[Photo: "The Felixstowe Record"]

*The Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force. The Officers, Annual Camp, 1963.*

August 21, and were fortunate to have the Band of the 60th Rifles to play during the evening. General Sir Evelyn Barker, Major-General R. A. Fyffe, Brigadier G. W. H. Peters, Lt.-Col. M. F. T. Baines, Colonel R. Cockerill and Colonel D. B. O'Flaherty were amongst those who sat down to a very pleasant dinner. The loan of silver from Regimental Headquarters, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) was again very much appreciated.

Felixstowe is a good place for the younger Cadet, but perhaps not of such interest to the older boy, however, there is no doubt that they all enjoyed it, and the feeding, which was done by Industrial Caterers Ltd., was in every way excellent.

Next year the County hope to go to Brown-down, near Gosport, from July 26 to August 8.

## The Essex Army Cadet Force

The Essex Army Cadet Force Athletic Championships were held at Melbourne Park, Chelmsford on Saturday, June 8. The Inter-Regimental Trophy was won by the 6th Essex Cadet Regiment (R.H.Q., Chelmsford), with the 3rd Essex Cadet Regiment (R.H.Q., Brentwood) second. The results of the Field Event Trophy were: 3rd Essex Cadet Regiment first, and the 6th Essex Cadet Regiment second. The prizes were presented by the County Cadet Commandant, Colonel P. H. A. L. Franklin. L/Cpl. A. Sippitt (javelin), Cadet K.

Turner (junior weight), Cadet R. Hart (junior 100 yards) were selected to represent Essex in the National A.C.F. Athletic Championships held at Nuneaton on July 6. In the end five Cadets from the Essex Army Cadet Force competed in the Army Cadet Force National Championships. One of them broke the shot record, two others won their events, another was placed third, and the fifth only just failed to qualify for the final. All five Cadets will be available again next year.

The Annual .303 Rifle Meeting took place at Purfleet on Sunday, July 14, in rather difficult, windy conditions. The scores were very close, and the 1st Essex Cadet Regiment (R.H.Q., West Ham) won the Inter-Regimental Trophy by one point from the 3rd Essex Cadet Regiment.

This year, for the first time, The Essex Cadet Force went north for their annual camp, to Ollerton, Nottinghamshire, where they were provided with modern huts and up-to-date facilities. The endurance tests and training activities in the Sherwood Forest area included sleeping out in bivouacs and doing one's own messing. After such periods, in sometimes rather poor weather, the cadets were able to get hot showers and facilities for drying their clothes and equipment on return to camp. The Guard Mounting Competition for the Waller Trophy was won by the 2nd Essex Cadet Regiment.

Visits were made to Welbeck College, Nottingham and Lincoln.

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## Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association Regimental Remembrance Sunday and Annual Reunion

BEDFORD, SEPTEMBER 29, 1963

The celebrations at Bedford on September 29, 1963, were, as initiated last year, observed in two distinct phases; the morning being devoted to ceremonies of Remembrance followed throughout the afternoon by the Reunion.

The day began with the Service of Remembrance in the Church of The Transfiguration, where extra seating had been arranged to accommodate the large congregation. At 11 o'clock the Colonel of The Regiment arrived, 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 and Branch Standards placed on either side, the Service began; it was conducted by the Reverend H. John, M.B.E., Vicar of Kempston. The Lesson was read by the Colonel of The Regiment who also read the Roll of those who have died since our last Remembrance Service.

After the Service, as the parade formed up outside the Church to march to Barracks, a heavy shower of rain fell. However, this did not deter those who had come to pay their tribute to their former comrades and it was a truly representative Parade which set off down the main road. After the Regimental Colours and their Escort marched a strong contingent of the Bedfordshire A.C.F., the Regimental Band and Corps of Drums, and finally the Old Comrades behind their massed Standards. At the entrance to Addison Howard Park the salute was taken by the Colonel of The Regiment who was accompanied on the dais by Brigadier Peters. Fortunately the rain stopped by the time the column formed up on either side of the Regimental Memorial in readiness for the Wreath Laying Ceremony. After "Last Post" and "Reveille" had been sounded from the top of The Keep, the Colonel of The Regiment went forward to lay the Regimental Wreath. As the Band played "The Vanished Army," the solemn procession of wreath layers followed, each placing his token of proud remembrance of former comrades at our Memorial.

This concluded the morning's ceremonies and everyone withdrew inside the Barracks for the annual reunion. Once again the old Officers' Mess had been set out for a buffet luncheon and old friendships were soon being renewed. Meanwhile the Old Comrades and their wives adjourned to the Dining Hall where the staff

## ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE, 1963.



[Photograph by "The Bedfordshire Times"]

*The Colonel of The Regiment lays the first of many wreaths at the Regimental War Memorial, Kempston, September 29, 1963.*

behind the bar worked hard to meet demands. During the afternoon the Inter-Branch Competitions were held and we are indebted to the volunteers from Bedford Branch who so readily undertook the running of these again this year. As a reward for their efforts, they had the satisfaction of seeing their Branch retain the Aggregate Cup. The final results of the competitions, in which teams from nine Branches entered, were:—

Postal Shoot .....	Bedford
Darts .....	Hertford
Skittles .....	Bedford
Ladies' Darts .....	Hertford
Aggregate Cup .....	Bedford

After tea the annual general meeting of the Association was held and then everyone gathered at the side of the square for the presentation of prizes. Firstly, the lucky winners in the raffle organised by Watford Branch received their prizes from Mrs. Wells, wife of the Honorary Secretary of Bedford Branch. Then Mrs. Young, wife of the Regimental Secretary, presented the trophies for the Inter-Branch Competitions. This brought us to the final event on the programme, "Beating of Retreat" by the Band and Drums of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). After the Regimental Flag had



[Photograph by "The Bedfordshire Times"]

#### ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE, 1963.

*The Old Comrades marching from the Church to Kempston Barracks, September 29, 1963.*

been lowered from the Keep, there was reluctance to end the day's reunion and many adjourned to the Dining Hall for a further hour or so amongst friends.

### Notes From the Branches

#### INTER-BRANCH SHOOTING COMPETITION

Through the kind co-operation of Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, Officer Commanding the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), the Inter-Branch Shooting Competition was held on Piccotts End Range on Sunday, September 8. After the preliminaries of pool, bull and zeroing, the competition proper began. Unfortunately the weather went from bad to worse, drizzle developing into a steady down-pour and poor light making the targets extremely difficult to see. All the more credit is therefore due to the members of Bedford Branch who, despite uncomfortably wet conditions on the firing point and poor visibility, returned consistently good scores to retain the trophy.

The final result was: Bedford 155, Hertford 98, Ware 87, London 76.

The cup for the highest individual score went to Mr. C. C. Wells, who is to be congratulated on his total of 42 in very trying conditions. Capt. W. Folds and Mr. J. Wilmott tied for second place with 40.

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

A lot of routine work has been done during the summer months, whilst one of the highlights was undoubtedly the annual outing to Brighton in June. About 45 members and their wives made the trip—the weather was kind to us and everybody had a really enjoyable day, arriving home tired but happy about 9 p.m.

The annual memorial service held every year to pay tribute to those Comrades who fell in Gallipoli on Sunday, August 15, 1915 (48 years ago), and elsewhere took place on Sunday, August 11, at the Parish Church, Luton, and a wreath was placed on the town memorial.

Grants have been received by the Benevolent Fund from the Bedfordshire County Council (cinema grant) and the local Regimental Social Club, both of which were very much appreciated by the members.

At the September meeting the Chairman, Mr. F. King, warmly welcomed back the President,

Mr. C. W. Gilder, on his return from a three months' holiday in the U.S.A., following his retirement.

The Branch was well represented at the Regimental Remembrance Sunday at Kempston, the President, Mr. C. W. Gilder, Chairman, Mr. Fred King, and Secretary, Mr. Jack Ward, being amongst those present.

### LONDON

Since the last issue of *The Journal*, our meetings have continued to be very well attended with some of our members making as much as a two-hour train journey to be present. The Essex Regiment representation continues to increase but not as quickly as one would like. Those of Essex who have joined have become so much part of us that one would think that there had never been two separate Regiments.

As mentioned in an earlier issue, it has never been a question of "Bedfords" and "Essex" but always "us." We feel sure that there must be many former Essex members living in London who find it difficult to make the journey to Essex Branches, and to these we offer a very sincere invitation to join us at the "Peacock" on the third Saturday of every month. Be sure that you will not find yourselves among strangers.

On July 13, many members with their families travelled to Luton Hoo to witness the Presentation of New Colours to the 1st. Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) by Her Majesty The Queen Mother. The behaviour of the young soldiers on parade was most impressive and speaks well for their training. This we are all pleased to see, for nobody likes an opportunity to be given to the inevitable Old Soldier who wants to say "Not a bit like it was in my day." After the ceremony Her Majesty visited Old Comrades and families in the marquees and spent quite a lot of time with us. May we be permitted to say how pleased we were with these visits, especially the younger members of our families, all of them are convinced that Her Majesty came to see them personally. We have been asked to say something about the weather which one of our members said was "indescribable." He was, of course, wrong. The weather could be described, but the Editor would not allow such language to be printed. It says much for the fortitude of all present, Royal Party, troops and visitors, that the ceremony was not brought to a sudden close.

London Branch also attended another function which was practically ruined by the weather. This was the Regimental Shoot at Piccott's End. We did not do as well as we expected, even though the member who in 1961, put two on the target and the rest in the ground did not fire this year. We congratulate Bedford Branch on their success, but would like them to



*A happy photograph of Her Majesty, The Colonel in-Chief, and The Colonel of The Regiment taken on the occasion of the presentation of Colours at Luton Hoo by Mr. John Allen of the London Branch.*

bear in mind that some day, one day, that cup is coming to London.

A fairly representative body of our members was able to attend the Regimental Remembrance Service and Reunion at Kempston on September 29. The service and subsequent homage to our departed Comrades were carried out with all the respect that we owe to them, and the subsequent reunion was enjoyed by all who were able to attend.

Our Annual Dinner this year, was held at Stewart's Restaurant, Victoria, when 120 members and friends attended. This number has been exceeded only once in recent years, on the occasion of our Silver Jubilee Dinner in 1960. We were honoured by the presence of our Deputy-Colonel, Brigadier Paton, and Mrs. Paton, and also our Regimental Secretary and Mrs. Young. Also among our guests were representatives of various Branches whom we are always pleased to see. After dinner the Toasts to Her Majesty The Queen and Her Majesty The Queen Mother were proposed by our Chairman, Lt.-Col. A. C. Clarke, followed by the Toast "The Regiment" by the Deputy Colonel, who also gave a short report on the activities of the Regiment. The "Absent Comrades" was proposed by Comrade A. Ball, D.C.M. After dinner the company broke up to exchange greetings and reminiscences, while the staff made the room ready for dancing. The rest of the evening went by far too quickly as such functions tend to do. The party broke up

towards midnight, and all agreed that a most enjoyable time had been had. The Branch expresses its sincere thanks to the Secretary and all who worked to make the evening go so well.

### HERTFORD

Our annual dinner and dance was held at the Mayflower Hotel, Hertford, on Saturday, May 4, and proved a huge success. Ninety-five members, friends and guests sat down to dinner followed by the usual get-together and dance. Our President, Major J. S. Townsend, was in the chair. The usual toasts were proposed and suitably replied to. During the evening messages of good wishes were received from Her Majesty The Queen and from our Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty The Queen Mother in reply to messages of loyal greetings sent earlier.

We were especially pleased to welcome the representatives from other Branches and a special welcome was accorded to our South African Veterans. Our thanks go to our Hon. Secretary, Charlie Mansfield, and his committee for making all the preparations and arrangements in making the evening such a huge success. We also thank Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., for making the long journey from Bedford, for giving up-to-date news of the Regiment and for his witty after-dinner remarks. We were most relieved that he managed to get transport back to Bedford, and did not have to resort to "Shank's Pony."

A large number of members made the trip to Luton on Saturday, July 13 on the occasion of the Presentation of New Colours to the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). Despite rather inclement conditions we were all greatly impressed by the steadiness and turn-out of the troops on parade and the solemnity of the occasion. Our thanks go to those responsible for the reception accorded us and for the refreshments and amenities that followed. Our congratulations to all ranks on parade who we think did a great job under appalling weather conditions.

On Sunday, September 8, we sent a team to Piccott's End Range, Hemel Hempstead, to compete for the O.C.A. Shooting Trophy. It turned out to be a typical English summer's day, pouring with rain and blowing a gale. The shooting under those appalling conditions was most creditable. Five teams entered for the competition and we were more than pleased to take second place to Bedford Branch. Our congratulations to Bedford Branch and a particular "Bravo" to "Buster" Wells for putting up such a magnificent score under the worst possible conditions. We would like to thank Lt.-Col. Simmons and his staff for making the necessary arrangements and for looking after us so well.

A party of eighteen members made the trip to Bedford on Sunday, September 29, on the occasion of the Annual Remembrance Service and the Reunion. We were all greatly impressed by the service and parade which followed, and for all the arrangements for our well-being afterwards. It was nice meeting so many old friends, some we have not seen for a long time, too long for our liking. Our congratulations to "our ladies" on winning the "Darts Cup." We were also successful in winning the Men's Darts Competition and finished second in the Aggregate Cup, but we failed in our ambition to beat Bedford Branch at their own game, "Skittles."

We would like to take this opportunity of tendering our sincere thanks and appreciation to Major V. A. French for all the assistance and help he gave to the Branch during his all too short tour of duty at Hertford. We wish him and his wife every success and good fortune in his new appointment and hasten to assure him that we will follow his future with interest.

Our Annual General Meeting will be taking place next month and will be fully reported in the next issue of the Notes.

### WATFORD

The Annual Branch Dinner was held at the Drill Hall, Beechen Grove, on October 19. Some one hundred and twenty comrades, guests and friends sat down to a very enjoyable meal. Among the many guests were: The Mayor and Mayoress of Watford, Alderman and Mrs. George W. Knox, the Regimental Secretary, Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, the Secretary The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, Major D. T. Tewkesbury, Col. I. W. S. Grey, Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, Major H. Wright, Major V. A. French, Major J. Townsend, Capt. J. Harrowell, E. B. Spicer, B. Townsend and Lt. L. McKean. We were very pleased to have with us many representatives from other Branches and also our very popular Padre, the Rev. A. Richards, and Mrs. Richards.

Mr. A. H. Timms, who we were glad to note had made an excellent recovery from his recent operation, was in the chair, supported by our President, Capt. J. S. Payne, who, with Mrs. Payne, had made the long journey from Bournemouth to be with us. The Mayor in his speech said: "I am delighted to be with you this evening. It is the first time I have had the honour of being with you, but it feels as if we are old friends." A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a wallet, containing £40, to Mr. "Wally" Packer, the Hon. Treasurer who, this year, completed twenty-six years in his office. The presentation was made by Capt. Payne on behalf of the Branch. In his reply expressing his gratitude at this mark of esteem, Mr. Packer made some very witty

remarks regarding his duties as Treasurer of the Branch. In his speech as Chairman, Mr. Timms welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress and the other guests. He spoke of the dwindling membership and hoped all present would help in encouraging ex-members of The Regiment to join the Branch.

Dancing followed the dinner. A particular feature of the evening was the decoration of the Drill Hall. With the help of a huge parachute, "borrowed" scenery from a film studio, amongst other odds and ends, Mr. G. Down who, dare we admit it, is really a Territorial R.A.S.C. Sergeant, had with his "labourers" made a wonderful job of decorating the hall. To him and our local T.A., who are always most co-operative, we owe our thanks.

Our usual activities have carried on normally and it is gratifying to see the usual members turning up regularly to our Branch meetings. Several of our members have been on the sick list lately, including Mr. George Moore, our "Raffle King," and another of our older members, Mr. E. F. Hackman, who is still, unfortunately, in hospital and likely to remain there for some time.

#### ST. ALBANS

On May 18 we held our twenty-fifth Anniversary Dinner at "The Blacksmith's Arms," St. Albans. Among those present were our President, Lt.-Col. Busby, our Vice-President, Capt. Cann, the Regimental Secretary, Lt.-Col. Young, the Secretary The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, Major Tewkesbury, the President The Hertford Branch, Major Townsend, the President The Luton Branch, Major Beasley, the Chairman the Bedford Branch, Mr. Butler, with the Hon. Secretary Mr. Wells and Capt. Boutwood, and Mr. Timms, Chairman the Watford Branch.

During the evening, messages from Her Majesty The Queen, and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, were received and read out by the President.

After a good dinner, the company broke up and renewed old acquaintances and exchanged reminiscences. When the time came to go home all were agreed that it had been a happy and successful anniversary. Our thanks go to Mr. Howard, our Hon. Secretary, for all his hard work and successful organisation.

The monthly meetings have been well attended. At the September meeting a presentation, in the form of a wallet, was made to our Hon. Secretary, Mr. Howard, by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Price. The presentation was made to show our appreciation of all the work he had carried out for the Branch. At the same time a vote of thanks to Mr. Howard was passed unanimously by all present. In reply, Mr. Howard expressed his gratitude for the presen-

tation and stated his work as Hon. Secretary had been made lighter and enjoyable by the wonderful support he received from all members.

Those members of the Branch who attended the Service of Remembrance and Reunion held at Bedford on September 29 enjoyed it all and found it good to meet so many of their former comrades-in-arms. They hope these reunions will go on for years, and are grateful to the Secretary of The 16th Foot Association for all the arrangements made.

Mr. G. Windmill (Chairman) and B. Josiah represented the Branch at the Empire Field of Remembrance on November 7, and the Branch is grateful to them for going.

#### BEDFORD

The Branch goes on from strength to strength and it is a great pleasure to be able to report the many successes that we have achieved since the last issue of the *Wasp and Eagle*. Our monthly meetings continue to be well supported and every active member of the Branch contributes towards the success that we enjoy, but a great deal of credit must go to our indefatigable Honorary Secretary, Mr. C. C. "Buster" Wells. We all owe "Buster" a debt of gratitude for what he does for us. Apart from all the secretarial work involved in running the Branch he finds time and energy to play his part in all the many activities in which the Branch participates. Mention must also be made of another old stalwart, Mr. E. "Ted" Cannon, who, because of the confidential nature of what he does scarcely gets into the limelight. Ted does much benevolent work behind the scenes, in conjunction with the Regimental Secretary and the British Legion; he helps many a needy case, his sick visiting alone must take up most of his time. This voluntary service for others was recognised when we elected him a Vice-President at our last A.G.M. Our Standard Bearer, Mr. Jim Pithers, can always be seen when the Branch is represented at some function or other, but the fact that the standard is on parade is sometimes taken for granted. Finally, the turn-out of members of the Branch for the Regimental Reunion was of a fine order and we have much to be proud of. Thank you all.

Bedford United Services Association Games League finished the 1962/63 season with the "Bedfords" well to the fore, we were runners-up for the Arnold Cup and darts and champions for cribbage. Three of our members have again left their marks in individual championships, Jerry Wilmot for darts, with Jim Pithers taking up the cribbage and George Shirley as his runner-up. The 1963/64 season has started well, having played three games and won them all. A shield which used to be competed for by the Sergeants' Messes of the Depot and The 5th



[Photograph by Norman Verby, 44, Mill Street, Bedford.]

*Presentation of New Colours, Luton Hoo, July 13. Her Majesty, The Colonel-in-Chief, with the Old Comrades.*

Bn. Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and the Branch, has been competed for again, but this time the Sergeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) played only the Branch, and this we have added to our list of trophies.

A team of four, "Wally" Folds, "Gerry" Wilmot, Frank Hill and "Buster" Wells, turned out on a wet and windy Sunday to represent the Branch in a shooting match organised and run for the Comrades by the 1st Bn. Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). Despite the unsuitable weather our team excelled themselves. They won the team trophy by scoring 155, our nearest rivals, Hertford Branch, scoring 90. A popular winner of the Individual Cup was "Buster" Wells, who scored 42 out of a possible 50 with Wally Folds and Gerry Wilmot scoring 40. In the games organised for the Regimental Reunion we also did well, we retained the Aggregate Cup, won the skittles and .22 shooting, and were runners-up in the darts competition.

This year we celebrated our 25th Anniversary

by holding a dinner at The Lane Drill Hall. About 130 people, including representatives of other branches and Service associations, were present. The evening started with the gathering of the clans round a well-stocked bar. Dinner was announced at 8 p.m. and when everyone had taken their places "Buster" Wells recited the Regimental Prayer and Grace. The meal was a very enjoyable one and when we had reached the coffee stage "Buster" Wells assumed yet another hat, that of Toastmaster. The Chairman, Mr. L. A. Butler read out telegrams and proposed a toast to Her Majesty The Queen following this by one to our Colonel-in-Chief. Mr. Butler was also called on to propose the toast of "Absent Comrades." He began by reading a letter from the Colonel of The Regiment apologising for not being able to be with us. The Chairman also noted, with regret, the absence of our President, Lt.-Col. E. G. Fanning, M.C., D.L., because of ill-health. Lt.-Col. A. C. Young rose to propose a toast to "Our Regiment" but before doing so he gave us an account of the doings of the 1st Battalion

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and followed this by a resume of events amongst the ex-serving members of the Regiment. He then proposed a toast to The Regiment, coupled with the name of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment. Major W. J. Darville, T.D., gave us his opinion why we regard Bedford Branch as being something special. Bedford was the home of The Regiment until the amalgamation, and all that now remains is the Secretary, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association and the Bedford Branch at the hub of affairs. He then proposed a toast to "Bedford Branch." Mr. Butler was again called on to welcome our guests, and this he did by relating an anecdote about each one of them. When all the speeches were finished and the toasts drunk, the floor was cleared for dancing.

The enthusiastic and energetic performed to the band which had played for us during dinner, the remainder gathered in groups and reminisced. At midnight the dancing ceased and we all went our various ways having spent a wonderful 25th birthday.

#### LUTON

Since our last notes things have gone along quietly, but at any rate we are still functioning with a few of the stalwarts turning up regularly. If anyone reading these notes lives in the Luton area and is not a member, we should be very glad to enrol you.

We have suffered a grievous loss through the death of our old and trusted friend "Tug" Wilson, whose obituary is printed in this issue. He passed quietly away in his sleep, as we know that he would have wished to go, just fading away as Old Soldiers do.

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

Our sixteenth reunion was held at the Euston Tavern, N.W.1., on October 5, 1963, when some 63 members and guests attended. Following the dinner, a short A.G.M. was presided over by our Chairman, Major Peter Watson, at which the officers serving on the 1963 committee were re-elected en bloc for the ensuing year. Dancing commenced at 9.30 p.m., and a most entertaining and energetic session was participated in by all. We were particularly pleased to note our old friend "Nibby" Smith had lost none of his old craft when performing with the spoons. The committee were most grateful for the many kind donations made by members to the general fund and the success of the evening's raffle, our principal source of income, was mainly due to the bumper list of prizes given. It was most gratifying to see some new faces present and there are high hopes our core of steady followers will gradually increase now

these mixed gatherings, which have proved so popular, are firmly established.

Our President, Col. J. R. Harper, O.B.E., T.D., who was in England during the summer but again, unfortunately, had to return to Canada before the reunion was due, sends his best wishes to all members and hopes to be present on some future occasion.

#### 1ST BATTALION 16TH FOOT (1939 - 45)

A reunion for those who served in the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment during the last war was held in London on Saturday, October 12. As before, the officers met for an informal get-together and buffet supper at the Mason's Arms in Maddox Street. Military duties for those still serving and illness amongst those retired, reduced the acceptance to 17; but the pleasure at seeing a few old friends for the first time for some years made up for the shortage in numbers. We were particularly sorry that Lt.-Col. J. C. Preston, M.B.E., could not be with us this year owing to his wife's indisposition. At the same time, the former other ranks were trying out a similar type of reunion at "The Clachan" in Kingly Street. This proved to be an unqualified success and the attendance of 45 former members of the Battalion reflects the perseverance and untiring efforts of Mr. F. W. Eames, who organised this side of the reunion. We are all most grateful for the way in which he has got it well and truly on its feet again. Later in the evening, the officers had only a short stroll to join up with the happy crowd at "The Clachan" and the joint reunion continued.

#### 8TH BN. THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE (14th MEDIUM REGIMENT R.A.) 1940 - 46

The Eleventh Annual Reunion and Dance was held on Saturday, September 21, 1963, at the Chatham Rooms Restaurant, Victoria Station, London. R.S.M. Percy Hughes presided at the reunion, which was attended by seventy members, their wives and guests. Amongst those present were Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Busby, Capt. Frank Phillips, a former Orderly Room Sergeant of the Battalion, now the Secretary of Arthur Guinness and Co. Ltd., Major and Mrs. Tewkesbury and representatives of the (1914 - 18) 8th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment Old Comrades' Association, and the Hertford and Ware Branches of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association. An example of the enthusiasm of the members of the association is the regular attendance of Mr. Jock Robertson and other members from Falmouth, Cornwall.

During the evening Major Tewkesbury, Secretary of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

Regiment Association, on behalf of the Managing Trustees, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Trust, handed to the Chairman the Silver Trophies of the 8th Battalion, which had been in the custody of the Depot, the 16th Foot, and later, Regimental Headquarters since the disbandment of the 14th Medium Regiment R.A. at the end of the war.

## The Essex Regiment Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT WARLEY,  
JULY 7, 1963

### MINUTES

The Chair was taken by the President, Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., and a total of 70 members were present.

### INTRODUCTION

The President after welcoming all present said that Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald Denning, Colonel of The Regiment, had asked him to say that he much regretted his inability to be present, owing to an important engagement in his capacity as Chairman of SSAFA, but he sent his personal good wishes to all present. The meeting warmly endorsed a proposal that a vote of thanks be conveyed to General Denning for his kind message and for his unceasing work on behalf of The Regiment.

### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on July 15, 1962, which had been published in *The Regimental Journal*, were agreed and signed by the President.

### ACCOUNTS

The Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1962, which had also been circulated with *The Regimental Journal*, had already been approved and adopted by the Committee of Management. There were no questions raised but approval of the satisfactory state of the accounts was expressed.

### ELECTION OF AUDITORS

After expressions of approval of their past services, Messrs. Bird and Partners were unanimously elected for the ensuing year.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Chelmsford Branch.*—The Secretary stated that it was hoped that a Branch of the Association might be formed in the County Town, as there appeared to be considerable interest and forthcoming support. It was hoped to hold an exploratory meeting in September or October next, and it was agreed that all members old and young should be made welcome.

*Reunion arrangements.*—A member raised the question of the seating arrangements in the Regimental Chapel and also the catering arrangements for Officers and Comrades which he considered to require amendment. After some discussion the President stated that note would be taken of the views expressed and the matter would be fully considered by the Committees of The Association.

*Former 5th Battalion Funds.*—A member of the Saffron Walden Branch, which was largely composed of ex-5th Battalion members, asked for information concerning funds and silver of the former 5th Battalion. The Secretary stated that he understood that the Silver was now in the keeping of 4th/5th Battalion, but that information regarding funds was a matter for 5th Battalion Comrades Association. He understood that an Officer of the Saffron Walden Branch would be approaching the Comrades Association for information.

There being no further business the President thanked all present for their attendance, and a vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Colonel Salew and was heartily endorsed by the meeting.

### ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND REUNION

Warley—July 7, 1963

A most successful and enjoyable Reunion commenced at 3 p.m. with the Annual Service of Remembrance in the Regimental Chapel. Almost every available seat was occupied well before the Service commenced, and all Branches of the Association and Battalions of The Regiment were represented.

The Service followed the customary pattern with, this year, the Band of the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) playing in the Chapel, and their buglers sounding "Last Post" and "Reveille." The Address was given by The Reverend A. V. Kingston, O.B.E., Q.H.C., whom we were very glad to have with us prior to his departure to take up his new appointment as the first Dean of Bulawayo. The Service was conducted by our staunch friend The Reverend Kenneth Vine, M.B.E., T.D., and the Lesson read by the President, Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., the last Colonel of The Essex Regiment.

As the Service ended the sun made a welcome appearance, and remained in evidence for the remainder of the day. Owing to the congestion on the roads, due to the various building projects at Warley, the March Past and Parade were held on the R.H.Q. lawns, to the music of well-loved Essex marches played by the 4th/5th Band. The Column was led by Major Harry Staff, with Mr. Percy Munn



*The Essex Regiment Association Service of Remembrance, Warley, July 7, 1963 — The march past.*

bearing the Association Standard. Following tea and refreshments, arrangements for which this year were in the very capable hands of Mr. F. S. Seal, the Annual General Meeting was held, and the Minutes of this Meeting are given at the head of the Association notes. A most enjoyable evening and get together finally ended at 8 p.m.

We once again express our thanks and appreciation to our 4th/5th Battalion for their very considerable help to us in the organising and provision of staff and helpers, and also the O.C. Depot, East Anglian Brigade, for his co-operative assistance. Our thanks are also due to Bandmaster Baldwin and his Bandmen for their excellent programme of music.

### Notes From Branches

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

##### *Summary of the Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting*

The meeting was held at H.Q. 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.), Gordon Fields, Ilford, on Saturday, May 4. Major F. W. Waddell, M.B.E., presided and 15 members were present. A number of members had written expressing their apologies for being unable to attend. All present stood in silence in memory of all who had passed away, including Major G. S. Elliott, Mr. W. Hardy, Capt. A. N. Ostler, M.B.E., Mr. D. P. Wakeling, M.B.E., and Capt. S. White.

During the business of the meeting it was decided that in view of the existing low cash balance held, the sum of £40 should be withdrawn from Post Office Savings Bank and placed to the credit of the General Account. The Hon. Secretary reported that eleven new Life Mem-

bers had been enrolled since the last meeting, and more than 70 members were now in close touch with Association affairs. The present officers having expressed their willingness to serve for a further period were unanimously re-elected "en bloc." Considerable discussion in regard to the Annual Reunion Dinner resulted in a decision to hold the dinner at the "Golden Fleece," Chelmsford.



*The Essex Regiment Service of Remembrance and Reunion, Warley, July 7, 1963.—A happy group of "Regulars" (left to right): In-Pensioner C. West, Major H. J. Staff, Mr. J. Howard, Mr. L. Murray and Mr. F. W. Francis, M.M.*

(NOTE: At a later date the dinner was cancelled. See "Personalia.")

After a vote of thanks to the President, Hon. Secretary and all those who had helped the Association, the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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

The Annual General Meeting was this year held in September instead of in June as in previous years. The meeting was well attended and the Chairman, Major J. D. Castle, T.D., thanked all present, and expressed the hope that they would encourage new members to join the Branch and come along to the Annual Dinner in March. The meeting also cordially invited members from other branches of the Association to attend the dinner. A message of Good Health and Best Wishes was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Shute in their new home in Hampshire, and also to ex-R.S.M. Harry Moss, D.C.M., now a Prison Chaplain in British Vancouver. (See "Personalia.")

Information about the Branch, and also details of the annual dinner to be held in March, may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary:

Mr. G. W. Leaford, 71, Herschell Road, Leigh-on-Sea.

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

A number of outings and concerts have been arranged during the past few months, and members are now looking forward to the indoor games and competitions which the Committee are now organising for the winter months.

We once again thank the Commanding Officer of the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry for allowing us the use of his Whipps Cross Headquarters for our meetings and other gatherings.

Membership remains at approximately 350, but unfortunately we do not see some of the members as often as we would wish. Several members have unfortunately passed on during the year, and details, where known, have been included in the Obituary Notices.

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

The Annual Reunion Dinner, known as the "Gallipoli Dinner," was held at H.Q., Inns of Court and City Yeomanry, Chancery Lane, London, on September 28, when thirty-eight members were present, including Brigadier G. Shenstone and Colonel H. F. Kembell. Guests included Colonel G. Digby Thompson, the Officer Commanding Inns of Court and City Yeomanry, and our Chaplain for many years, Canon C. A. Fox. Mr. W. F. Marr presided. As all members are well advanced in years it is understandable that many were not able to attend, but we take comfort in the knowledge

that those not able to be present are always with us in spirit. During the evening a presentation was made to Mr. Marr in appreciation of his services to the Association since its formation in 1921. We are grateful to know that his interest and help are to continue.

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

##### TENTH ESSEX JUBILEE NEXT YEAR

Regularly since 1920 except for the years 1939-45 the survivors of the 10th (Service) Bn. The Essex Regiment (1914-18) have met together for their annual dinners and reunions. On Saturday, September 28, there was a gathering of forty-seven at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall. It was a really thrilling evening for those of the old ones who could make it. Major-General Sir Donald Banks, in writing an apology for his inability to come this time, pointed out that next August will see the jubilee of the formation of their "K.2" Unit in 1914 and that it behoved every old member, including himself, to make a very special effort to get to London on Saturday, September 26, 1964—the day which will be the 48th anniversary of the 18th (Eastern) Division's storming of Thiepval. The 10th Essex was one of the four assaulting Battalions that day—a glorious chapter in its history.

#### SAFFRON WALDEN AND DISTRICT

During the past few months the Branch has been well represented at the various functions which have been held. On Sunday, June 30, we held our children's party which this year took the form of an outing and sports day at Little Waltham. All arrangements were made by our Chelmsford members and their ladies, and the day was a great success. Remembrance Day and Reunion at Warley on July 7 was supported by some fifty members.

The Branch's own big day of the year was on September 21, when the annual Social and Reunion was held at the Town Hall, Saffron Walden. The evening was a great success and we were very pleased to have the support of a party from each of the Hitchin and Ware Branches of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association. Our new President, Major J. Lipscombe, and Mrs. Lipscombe were with us, and we were pleased to see Mrs. Helen Martin, the widow of our Founder President, and a number of officers and ladies from other branches. Major Stead, our Vice-President, was unable to be present this year owing to illness. All present spent a most enjoyable evening with "K.C." Claydon in his usual good form. Our thanks are due to all who helped to make the occasion such a successful one.

The Branch was represented at the Reunion

at Bedford, where our party spent an enjoyable day, but did not manage to win any prizes. A wreath was laid on behalf of The Essex Regiment Association by Mr. Elsom, and Mr. Claydon acted as Standard Bearer.

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**MRS. A. KING'S FUND**

We are happy to record that the fund which was established to assist the widow of our late Honorary Secretary reached a final total of £140 19s. 10d. This sum has been handed to Mrs. King, who wishes to express her grateful thanks to all who were kind enough to contribute and to members of the Branch and all others who assisted with the fund.

**BRENTWOOD**

Our Branch has suffered a great blow in the loss of our Honorary Secretary, Mr. S. D. Rees, who was so popular with all members.

The future activities of the Branch will be decided at the next General Meeting.

**SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT**

Although sometimes thin on the ground the Southend Branch continues to meet once a month and is supported by a loyal and happy band of Comrades.

During the summer two Branch gatherings were held outside the Borough of Southend, one at Hadleigh and the other at Brentwood. Both proved most successful in bringing together a number of Old Comrades. In September we held our last meeting at "The Spread Eagle," Prittlewell, and on October 25 moved back to our old headquarters at the "Old Collegians Club" in High Street, Southend, where we meet on the last Friday in every month. The Branch continues to maintain its strength, but has not been too successful in recruiting new members. A special invitation is extended to all Old Comrades to join us at any of our monthly meetings, and we shall also be delighted to welcome members of other Branches at any time.

Any ex-member of the Regiment who is interested in joining the Branch is invited to contact the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. F. Harrod, 9, Whittingham Avenue, Southend-on-Sea.

**FORMATION OF A NEW BRANCH  
CHELMSFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

The formation of this new Branch of The Essex Regiment Association took place in September when an enthusiastic meeting unani-

mously supported the suggestion that a Branch be formed in the county town.

The Chairman for the first exploratory meeting was Lt.-Col. C. A. Southey, who during his long period of service with The Regiment commanded both the 1st and 2nd Battalions and was also the first Commander of the 44th/56th when the two Regular Battalions were amalgamated in 1948.

Branch officials were elected as follows:— President, Lt.-Col. C. A. Southey; Chairman, Wing/Cdr. E. I. Elliott, O.B.E.; Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Gilder; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. Meekins; Hon. Treasurer, Capt. G. Chinnery. Committee: Messrs. R. Ardley, W. Bridgeman, E. Ellis, D. Grimwade, J. Harrington, J. Hymas, A. Jenkins, W. Kisby, D. Smith and J. Turp.

The Committee has already held its first meeting and draft rules have been prepared. An entertainments sub-committee has also been formed and the first Social and Dance will be held on February 29 next.

The Branch are fortunate in being allowed the use of the T.A. Centre, Market Road, for their meetings and other gatherings and are grateful to the C.O. 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) for his kind permission.

Finances have been given a strong initial boost by a donation of £40 from the sum kindly given by the former Essex Home Guard, Chelmsford.

Membership is now approaching the 100 mark, and enquiries are welcomed from all who have served in The Regiment, Regular T.A. and National Service, and from former Essex Home Guard members. Enquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Gilder, at the T.A. Centre, Market Road, Chelmsford.

**29th DIVISIONAL ASSOCIATION**

Since our last notes appeared, we have lost our beloved and honoured President, General Lord Freyberg, V.C., who died on July 4, 1963. Many members of the Association were present at the funeral service held in St. George's Chapel on July 10.

We regret to record that twenty-nine of our members passed on during the year, including Cpl. J. W. Milbourn, C.S.M. D. F. Wakeling, M.B.E., and Capt. S. White, who served with The Essex Regiment.

Readers are reminded that the final two public parades of the "Incomparable" 29th Division will be held in 1964 and 1965 and all members are strongly urged to make every effort to parade on these two occasions.

The date of the 1964 Parade and Reunion will be Sunday, April 26.

## Engagements

MR. T. K. BUSHELL AND MISS S. J.  
CLEMENTI SMITH

The engagement is announced between Timothy Keith, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bushell, of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, and Susan Jane, elder daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. P. S. Clementi Smith, of North Walsham, Norfolk.

MR. B. R. GOOD AND MISS S. J. REYNOLDS

The engagement is announced between Brian Rupert, elder son of Brigadier I. H. Good, D.S.O., 36, Lansdowne Crescent, London, W.11, and Mrs. Good, of Murlough Farm, Dundrum, Co. Down, Northern Ireland, and Sarah Jayne, daughter of Colonel M. C. Reynolds, O.B.E., late 16th Foot, and Mrs. Reynolds, of 41, Oatlands Drive, Weybridge, Surrey.

## Marriage

EYTON-JONES—HOSE.—On June 1, 1963, at All Saints' Church, Patcham, Sussex, John son of Dr. and Mrs. F. M. M. Eyton-Jones, of Brighton, to Jillian, elder daughter of Colonel H. C. R. Hose, D.S.O., late 16th Foot, and Mrs. Hose, of Hove, Sussex.

HUMBERT—FRENCH.—On July 20, 1963, at St. Alban's Abbey, Peter Robin Morton Humbert, eldest son of Colonel R. A. Humbert, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., late The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and Mrs. Humbert, of Park Cottage, Park Street, near St. Albans, to Felicity Ann French, elder daughter of the late Major A. E. French, 16th Foot, and Mrs. L. G. M. French, of West House, Gainsborough Avenue, St. Albans.

THOROGOOD—TAYLOR.—On August 10, 1963, at Down Cathedral, Downpatrick, Northern Ireland, Capt. D. J. Thorogood, The Pompadours, to Susan Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. C. Taylor, of Tullymacnous House, Toye, Belfast.

KERR-THORNE.—On September 14, 1963, at the Catholic Church, Royston, Mr. John Kerr, only son of Major J. L. Kerr, late 16th Foot, and Mrs. Kerr, of Rose Bank, 57, High Street, Riseley, Bedford, to Miss Julia Thorne, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. P. Thorne, of Bassingbourn.

WARD—SCOTT.—On September 28, 1963, at St. Mary Magdalene's, Loders, Dorset, General Sir Dudley Ward, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Ward, of Riversfield, Julians Road, Wimborne, Dorset, to Miss Joan Elspeth de Pechell Scott, elder

daughter of Colonel D. C. Scott of Primrose Cottage, Netherbury, Dorset, and the late Mrs. Scott.

## Silver Wedding Anniversaries

SENIOR—WEBB.—On September 28, 1938, at Bexhill-on-Sea, Capt. R. H. Senior, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, to Margaret Lilian Webb. Present address: 52, Southorough Road, Bickley, Kent.

COURTNEY—PERROTT.—On October 18, 1938, at H.B.M.'s Consulate General, Paris, Major G. W. Courtney (late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment) to Anne, daughter of W. Noel Perrott, Esq. Present address: 131, Lichfield Court, Richmond, Surrey.

## Ruby Wedding Anniversary

WEMYSS—NICHOL.—On September 1, 1923, at St. Peter de Martin, Bedford, Capt. Charles Llewellyn Wemyss, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, to Dorothy Dale Nichol. Present address: Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. L. Wemyss, 15, Selsey Avenue, Bognor Regis, Sussex.

## Births

GREEN.—On July 26, 1963, at the Royal Air Force Hospital, Steamer Point, Aden, to Margaret (née White) and Capt. Stuart Green, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), a son, Alexander James Stuart.

RANDALL.—On August 17, 1963, at Downpatrick, Northern Ireland, to Capt. and Mrs. C. M. F. Randall, a daughter—Elizabeth Daphne.

## Obituaries

STIRLING.—We regret to report the death, on November 4, 1962, of Capt. A. Stirling, at the age of 68 years. Capt. Stirling served with 1st/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment during the First World War and had been for many years a member of "The Eagle and Gun" Old Comrades' Association.

SANDFORD.—We regret to report the death, in December, 1962, of Mr. H. Sandford, a veteran of the First World War. Mr. Sandford served with 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment and took part in the fighting in France and Belgium. He was a member of the Saffron Walden Branch of the Regimental Association.

**WILLIAMS.** — On February 20, 1963. Mr. Thomas Williams, who was born in 1874, first joined the Tower Hamlets Royal Volunteers in 1889. After service in India and throughout the South African War, he was called to the Colours in 1914 and served with 7th Bn. The Essex Regiment at Gallipoli and in Egypt and Palestine. During the 1939-45 War he was a Pioneer Sergeant with the Home Guard.

**DYER.**—On February 20, 1963, at 31, Station Road, Toddington, Beds. Mr. H. Dyer, who served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914-18 War.

**LEACH.**—On February 23, 1963, in the Luton and Dunstable General Hospital, Mr. W. J. Leach of the Council Houses, Eggington, Beds. Mr. Leach served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914-1918 War.

**WORDINGHAM.** — On February 24, 1963, aged 67 years. Mr. E. H. Wordingham served with The Essex Regiment and The Royal Norfolks during the First World War. He had been a patient at the Kingswood Grange Hospital for many years prior to his death.

**BENTLEY.**—In February, 1963, at Westcliffe-on-Sea. Mr. Bert Bentley, aged 67. Mr. Bentley joined The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.F.) before the First World War and was discharged from the Army after being wounded with The Regiment at Loos. He retired in 1960, after fifty years' service with Stephen Austin & Sons Ltd., the well-known Oriental printers of Hertford. At the time of his retirement he was the head reader.

**EGGLETON.**—Notification was received of the sudden death, in February, this year, of Mr. S. E. Eggleton, 47, Main Road, Whitlets, Ayr, Scotland. Enlisting in 1918, he served in the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. He re-enlisted on the outbreak of the Second World War and served with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment.

#### MAJOR G. S. ELLIOTT

George Elliott died on March 2, 1963, aged 62 years. His military service commenced towards the end of World War I when, in October, 1918, he enlisted with The Honourable Artillery Company. In June, 1922, he enlisted into The Essex Regiment and served with both the 1st and 2nd Battalions, until he took his discharge in May, 1939, with the rank of sergeant. During this period with The Essex Regiment he had served in India, Palestine and Egypt.

In 1941, George was granted a commission in the Pioneer Corps and continued his military career until 1952, when he was compelled to relinquish his commission on account of physical disability. His service with the Pioneer Corps saw him in Italy in 1944, and after the war, at G.H.Q., Somaliland and in Kenya and Mauritius. He subsequently became Company Commander at the Pioneer Corps O.C.T.U.

Since his retirement, he had farmed at Polstead, near Colchester. Always a staunch supporter and life member of the Regimental Association, George Elliott will be sadly missed by his many friends.

**PALOT.**—On March 3, 1963, Mr. L. F. Palot, served with The Essex Regiment during the First World War. He was always a staunch supporter of the Association and a member of the Metropolitan Essex Branch.

**CAMP.**—On March 24, 1963. Ex-26833 Sgt. George Camp, M.M., aged 70 years. Mr. Camp, who had lived in Ingatestone all his life served with 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment in France during the First World War where he won the Military Medal.

**SMITH.**—On April 4, 1963, aged 63, Mr. S. R. Smith, of 25, Inkerman Road, St. Albans. Mr. Smith served in the 3rd/5th Battalion, The Bedfordshire Regiment. He was a member of the St. Albans Branch of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association for eighteen years and Chairman for twelve years. He will be much missed by members of the Branch. Capt. W. G. Cann and Messrs. Windmill and Josiah represented the Branch at his funeral on April 9.

**WEST.**—On April 5, 1963, in Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Mr. Charles West, of 23, Thomas Street, Heath and Reach, Bedfordshire. Mr. West served in the Army before the First World War and on the outbreak of war in 1914, volunteered and served with the 4th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment. He fought in France where he was severely wounded in the leg. He was awarded the Military Medal.

**WARNER.**—On April 11, 1963, at 178, Queen's Road, Watford, Mr. R. T. ("Dick") Warner. "Dick" Warner enlisted in The Bedfordshire Regiment on February 24, 1911, and was discharged on completion of service on December 28, 1933, when he had completed twenty-two years and three hundred and eight days with the Colours. Eighteen of those years were spent as a N.C.O. He served in France and in India and was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. When the outbreak of the Second World War





*The Late  
Mr. R. T.  
Warner*

appeared likely, he re-joined The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment on June 9, 1939, and later served in The Durham Light Infantry and Royal Northumberland Fusiliers until February 18, 1944, when he was discharged, on account of ill-health, with the rank of W.O.II (C.S.M.). A very loyal and hardworking soldier who was liked and respected by all ranks. On re-entry in civil life his interest in The Regiment never flagged and there was never a regimental function held without "Dick" Warner being present. A founder member and later Chairman of the Watford Branch, his loyalty to The Regiment was an example to all. He will be much missed. His funeral was attended by members of the Watford Branch, led by Mr. Timms. Major Tewkesbury represented the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association and Mr. C. C. Wells the Bedford Branch.

**ROWE.**—On April 13, 1963, at 23, Poynters Road, Dunstable, Mr. F. H. Rowe, who served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914-1918 War.

**ASKEW.**—On April 21, 1963, Mr. H. F. Askew, of 46, Hartington Street, Bedford, died after a long illness. He served with the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment, after which he joined the 2nd Battalion and served in India, being employed in the Pioneers' Shop. He joined the Bedford Branch of the Regimental Association on its formation and remained a very active member until his illness. A large contingent of the Branch, with the Branch Standard, attended his funeral.

**SANSOM.**—It is with regret that we report the sudden death, at his home on April 22, 1963, of Mr. P. G. Sansom, of 45, North Lane, Buriton, Petersfield, Hants., formerly a Corporal of The 16th Foot.

**WILSON.**—It is with very great regret that we report the death of Mr. W. T. Wilson, D.C.M., which occurred on April 26, 1963. Enlisting into The Bedfordshire Regiment in 1912, he went to France with the 1st Battalion. He was awarded the D.C.M. for gallantry in the field whilst serving with the Machine Gun Corps. He rejoined the 1st Battalion in 1920, and then, after a tour at the Regimental Depot, was posted to the 2nd Battalion at Dover in 1926. On completion of 22 years' service he was discharged with the rank of C.S.M. On his discharge he joined H.M. Prison Service, with whom he completed 18 years' service.



*The late Mr. W. T. Wilson, D.C.M.*

Devoted to his old Regiment, "Tug" Wilson was always ready to give of his time to his former comrades. On moving to Luton in 1953, he took an active part in the running of Luton Branch of The Regimental Association, serving as Chairman and Treasurer for six years. Through his death we have lost a loyal member who had a wide circle of friends.

The funeral service was at The Vale, Stopsley, Luton, on May 2, 1963. Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., represented the Regimental Association and, in addition to members of Luton Branch, with their Standard, representatives from other branches attended.

**PAGE.**—On April 30, 1963. Ex-Sgt. Percy (Bondy) Page died in hospital a few hours after admission following a collapse. Mr. Page served with "The Pompadours" from 1907 to 1919 and was Mess Sergeant with the Battalion. After his retirement he was employed at Colchester and then in Fleet Street. He finally moved to Cuffley in Hertfordshire where he was living at the time of his death. He was always a staunch supporter of the Regimental Association.

**MASON.**—In April, 1963, Mr. S. J. E. Mason, who served with the 2/4th Bn. The Essex Regiment during the First World War. As a result of wounds received while serving in France, Mr. Mason suffered a permanent disability. He was a most active supporter of Regimental affairs and was for many years a Council Member of 4th Bn. Comrades Association.

**SMITH.**—On May 8, 1963, Mr. Henry Smith, of The Square, Toddington, Bedfordshire. Mr. Smith served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914-18 War, when he was very badly wounded.

#### MAJOR G. F. C. GUDGEON, M.C.

We regret to report the death of Major George Gudgeon, M.C., which occurred peacefully in hospital on May 18, 1963. Major Gudgeon joined the 2nd Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment as a Second-Lieutenant in the early part of the First World War and later went out to France to serve with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment. He was promoted and appointed Adjutant, and later was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry. He fought in most of the battles in which the Battalion was engaged, until 1918, when he was taken prisoner-of-war. After the war he went out to Brazil, but on the outbreak of the Second World War he volunteered to rejoin The Hertfordshire Regiment, but was turned down on account of age. He then transferred to The Royal Pioneer Corps, with whom he served until the end of the war, when he retired with the rank of Major.

George Gudgeon always took a great pride and interest in his old Regiment. He accepted the amalgamation of the Territorial Battalions as an inevitable reorganisation of the Army, and immediately gave his full support to the new Battalion and encouraged his contemporaries to do the same. No regimental occasion passed without his support and he was very distressed that ill-health prevented his attendance at the 1962 annual dinner. He had attended every dinner, except during the years he had lived in Brazil between the two wars. The occasion, however, was not allowed to pass without his telegram of good wishes. He was looking forward to attending the Presentation of Colours on July 13, and it was with sadness that we learned he had passed on, shortly before this historic event.

While few of the present generation in The Regiment had met him, he had become a personal friend to many through his frequent and delightful letters of support and encouragement; letters which will be missed by all the staff at Hertford.

**SNOW.**—On May 22, 1963, Mr. T. L. H. Snow, aged 71 years. Mr. Snow served with The Essex Regiment throughout World War I, and was present at Gallipoli. He rose to the rank of Sergeant, and after the war served with 4th Territorial Battalion of the Regiment. During World War II he was with 17th (City of London) Home Guard.

**HOBBS.**—On May 29, 1963, Mr. C. T. Hobbs, at the early age of 42 years. Mr. Hobbs was an Associate Member of "The Eagle and Gun" Old Comrades' Association.

**TEARLE.**—On June 3, 1963, in the Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Mr. R. Tearle, of 311, Dunstable Road, Luton. Mr. Tearle served in The Bedfordshire Regiment in the 1914-18 War.

#### COLONEL SIR F. CARNE RASCH,

BT., T.D., D.L., J.P.

Sir F. Carne Rasch, BT., T.D., D.L., J.P., died suddenly at his home in Danbury, Essex, on June 12, 1963, at the age of 82 years.

He was educated at Eton and joined the 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment (Militia) in 1899. He was commissioned into The Essex Regiment



*The late Colonel Sir F. Carne Rasch, Bt., T.D., J.P., D.L.*

in 1901 and served with The Regiment in the South African War, where he was awarded the Queen's Medal with five clasps. In 1903 he transferred to the 6th Dragoon Guards and served with them in the 1914-18 War and was Mentioned in Despatches. He retired in 1920.

A chance meeting with Colonel Gibbons, in Chelmsford, brought him into the Territorial Army in 1922, when he joined 5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.). He commanded this Battalion from 1924 to 1926. Two years later he was promoted Colonel and appointed to command 161 (Essex) Infantry Brigade. From 1935 to 1950 he was Honorary Colonel of the 5th Battalion. During the 1939-45 War, Sir Carne was a Battalion Commander in the Home Guard.

Sir Carne served in His Majesty's Bodyguard of the Gentlemen-at-Arms and was Aide de Camp to His late Majesty The King. He was a Deputy Lieutenant of the County and a Justice of the Peace, and was High Sheriff of Essex in 1924/1925.

Sir Carne had a distinguished military career and public life in Essex, but it is above all for his personal qualities that he will be remembered. He had those virtues for which we all strive, but so few achieve. He served his country, his church, and his village of Danbury right up to the time of his death. He was held in deep affection in his village, where everyone regarded him as a friend. His courtesy and kindness were proverbial. A man of simple faith and of great integrity, who was constitutionally incapable of pride or selfishness or malice. No one could be with him without feeling the better for it. Those of us who were privileged to meet him often in the evening of his long and full life will remember how serene and happy he was. We know, too, how much this was due to Lady Rasch, to whom we express our sincere sympathy.

We shall all remember this great English gentleman who set such a wonderful example in his life.

**BRUM.**—On June 13, 1963, Mr. Walter Brum, who served with the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment in France during the 1914-1918 War. After the war he joined the Metropolitan Police and served with them for 25 years.

**REYNOLDS.**—On June 14, 1963, at 77, Sunden Road, Harlington, Bedfordshire, Mr. William Reynolds, who served in the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment and The Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment during the 1914/18 War.

**CAPTAIN F. C. GROOM, T.D.**

The death is reported of Capt. Frederick Charles Groom, T.D., on June 29, 1963, at the

age of 77 years. Capt. Groom first saw service in the South African War with the R.A.M.C., and during World War I he was a trooper with The Queen's Bays. Between the wars he served with the Territorial Army, first with The Essex Yeomanry and later with the Royal Engineers as a W.O.II He was appointed to a commission with the National Defence Companies (T.A.R.O.) in August, 1939, and embodied in The Essex Regiment at the outbreak of World War II. He relinquished his commission in December, 1948, and was always a staunch supporter of the Regimental Association. He will be greatly missed by his many military and civilian friends.

**LT.-COL. C. W. BARLOW, D.S.O.**

Lt.-Col. Charles Wynn Barlow, who died on July 7, 1963, shortly before his 95th birthday, was commissioned in The Essex Regiment in April, 1889, and served for a total of 31 years. After serving throughout the South African War, for which he received the Queen's and the King's Medals, he was with the West African Frontier Force from 1903 to 1907, and then held Staff appointments for several years. During World War I, Colonel Barlow was with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force (Dardanelles) and then with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. He was three times wounded, was awarded the Distinguished Service Order in 1905, and was several times Mentioned in Despatches.

**PECK.**—On July 13, Mr. Jason Peck, who joined the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment in August, 1914, and served in France with the Battalion. He was wounded in 1915 and again in 1917. A founder member of the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (1914-1918) O.C.A. he was a strong supporter of their annual reunions and those held at Bedford. He will be greatly missed by his comrades. Mr. Peck lived at 50, Birchen Grove, Kingsbury, London, N.W.9.

**HALL.**—We very much regret to report the death of Mr. E. Hall, 29, Cambridge Gardens, St. Neots, Huntingdon, which occurred on July 21, 1963. Enlisting in 1907, he served as a Corporal in the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment until 1919. He was amongst the first members to join the Regimental Association, which was represented at his funeral by Mr. E. G. Cannon.

**SHEPHERD.**—On July 31, 1963, at the Sutton Annexe Hospital, Yorkshire, Mr. A. Shepherd, of 177, Hermes Close, Hull, Yorkshire. Mr. Shepherd live in Luton for many years and served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914-18 War.

**DALTON.**—Mr. L. Dalton, a founder member of the Southend Branch of The Essex Regiment Association, died on August 7, 1963. He joined the Prittlewell Company of the 6th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.), shortly before the First World War, and was wounded whilst serving with the Battalion at Gallipoli. Mr. Dalton was Honorary Secretary of the Southend Branch from 1960-62. Officials and members of the branch were present at his funeral.

**HALL.**—On August 8, 1963, ex 6010839 R.Q.M.S. H. R. Hall. Mr. Hall served for a total of over 24 years with The Essex Regiment and was with both the 1st and 2nd Battalions. He was discharged in 1958, after which he set up a home in Reading.

**HEARD.**—On August 10, 1963, ex-6001593 C. W. Heard, aged 71 years. Mr. Heard was an old "Pompadour," serving with 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment from 1921-28. He had suffered illness for a number of years prior to his death, but remained cheerful and uncomplaining, despite his infirmities.

**FENWICK.**—On August 20, 1963, Mr. E. Fenwick, who served with 7th Bn. The Essex Regiment and was a member of "The Eagle and Gun" Old Comrades' Association.

**FINCH.**—On August 25, 1963, at Little Time-well, Morebath, Nr. Bampton, Devon, aged 56, Major H. J. B. Finch, who was commissioned into the 16th Foot in August, 1929, and served with the 2nd Battalion at Bordon and Colchester. He resigned his commission in September, 1934, but rejoined for service during the 1939/45 War and remained on a short service engagement until September, 1956. We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow and four children.

**REES.**—On August 27, 1963, Mr. S. D. Rees died in Harold Wood Hospital, Essex, at the age of 64. The death occurred suddenly, with only a brief period of illness, and came as a great shock to all who knew him intimately.

Stan Rees joined The Essex Regiment in 1917 and served with the 9th (Service) Battalion in France in the latter stages of the Great War in 1918. On being demobilised in 1919, he joined Essex County Constabulary, in which he served until his retirement from the force in 1946. During his 27 years in the police he was stationed at numerous towns in Essex and was Police Sergeant at Gallows Corner, near Brentwood, for the nine years before retirement. On leaving the police, he managed the "Headley Arms," Warley, for a year, and then became "mine host" of the "Fox and Hounds," Steeple Bumpstead, where he remained for some six



*The late Mr. S. D. Rees.*

to eight years, when he was forced to give up the tenancy owing to the ill-health of his wife. He then became a clerk in the Civil Service and was eventually posted to the Depot, The Essex Regiment, in 1957, as P.R.I. clerk. On amalgamation, he remained at Warley, and became clerk to the Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association, and was himself Hon. Secretary to the Brentwood Branch up to the time of his death.

The funeral service was held in the Regimental Chapel on September 2, which was attended by a great number of relatives and friends, and members of the staff of Regimental Headquarters.

Stan was a most likeable man, of jovial nature, and liked nothing better than to get amongst old members of The Regiment at Comrades' reunions and dinners; he was also a staunch supporter of the monthly services at the Regimental Chapel. He will be sadly missed.

**PARKER.**—On August 28, 1963, at 26, Field-side Road, Pulloxhill, Bedfordshire, Mr. Levi Parker, who served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914-1918 War, when he was badly wounded.

**ALTON.**—On September 5, 1963, Mr. William Clarence Alton, 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment. Mr. Alton enlisted in 1927 and served for several years with "The Pomoa-

dours" in India. He joined the Reserve in 1934 and was recalled in 1939, serving with The Regiment until the end of World War II. Mr. William Alton (father of William Clarence), who died in 1958, also served on a regular engagement with The Essex Regiment.

ROGERS.—On October 2, 1963. Mr. Arthur Rogers (ex-6002893 C/Sgt.) The Essex Regiment. Mr. Rogers served with the Regiment for a total of more than 23 years. He enlisted in 1922 and after a period of Home service with 1st Battalion he joined the Pompadours in Constantinople. Later he was again with the 1st Battalion until 1929 when he rejoined the Pompadours with whom he remained until his discharge in October, 1945. Arthur Rogers was with the Pompadours in India, Egypt and the Sudan, and after being evacuated from Dunkirk in 1939 he was again with the Battalion in North West Europe following the "D" Day landings. One of the most popular members of the Regiment, Mr. Rogers was a Life Member of the Regimental Association and a member of Association of Sergeants. A number of his comrades were present at the funeral.

#### BRIGADIER B. A. BURKE, D.S.O.

Brigadier Brian Arthur Burke, D.S.O., died in the Royal Lancaster Infirmary on Tuesday, October 22, 1963, aged 56. He was commissioned from Sandhurst into the King's Own Royal Regiment in 1927 and served with his Regiment in India and the Sudan before returning to the Depot at Lancaster as Adjutant.

During the last war, in June, 1944, he took over command of the 2nd Battalion 16th Foot, which was then in its concentration area west of Lake Trasimene. From then on he was to lead the Battalion through a period of almost continuous fighting, in the Italian campaign until November, and, subsequently, in the operations in Greece in December, 1944, and January, 1945. During his eight months in command, spent wholly in action, he gained our ever-lasting admiration for his gallant leadership and for his personal qualities. The friendships established during this period were maintained after the war and he regularly attended the annual reunion of those who had served under him.

On his retirement, Brigadier Burke, a bachelor, became Regimental Secretary of The King's Own Royal Border Regiment.

Requiem Mass was sung at St. Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, on Friday, October 25, and a wreath was sent on behalf of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association.

#### LIEUTENANT - COLONEL E. G. FANNING, M.C., D.L.

It is with deep and sincere regret that we record the death of Lt.-Col. Eric Gerard Fanning, M.C., D.L., which occurred at St. John's Hospital, Chelmsford, on Tuesday, October 22, 1963.

Born in September, 1892, he was educated at Wellington and Sandhurst, and was commissioned to The Bedfordshire Regiment in September, 1912. He joined the 2nd Battalion in South Africa in 1913 and in October the following year he landed with it at Zeebrugge. That same month he was wounded at the first Battle of Ypres. When fit again for active service, he specialised in trench mortars, and this brought him secondment to the Royal Artillery for the remainder of the war. He was awarded the Military Cross in 1916.

Rejoining the 2nd Battalion in May, 1919, he served with them in India and Iraq, except for a tour of duty at the Regimental Depot from 1922 to 1924. In 1926, whilst in Iraq, ill-health led to four years on half pay. After this illness he rejoined the 2nd Battalion at Bordon and remained with them until posted to the 1st Battalion in India in 1934. He retired in 1938 and became the Regimental Secretary. In July, 1939, however, he was once again in uniform and after serving as 2 i/c of the I.T.C., he commanded the Regimental Depot Party from 1941 until he retired in September, 1946. It was during this time that he did so much for the Prisoners of War Fund and for the Regimental Comforts Fund. He continued as Regimental Secretary until 1948.

On its reconstruction in 1952, he commanded the 1st Bedfordshire Battalion Home Guard. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Bedfordshire.

Although he had retired from the active list, Eric Fanning's devotion to his Regiment continued to show itself in a number of ways, and he was always ready to give of his time and boundless energy to serve its interests. His work in establishing the Regimental Museum can truly be described as a labour of love.

With his passing, we have lost a staunch friend who will long be remembered with affection for his sense of humour and his enthusiasm for all things Regimental.

The funeral service took place privately at Chelmsford on October 26. We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Aurelie Fanning and their son David.

WHITE.—On October 31, 1963, ex-8387 Mr. James White died suddenly at Brentwood, aged 72 years. Mr. White was a former Bandsman with 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment.

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