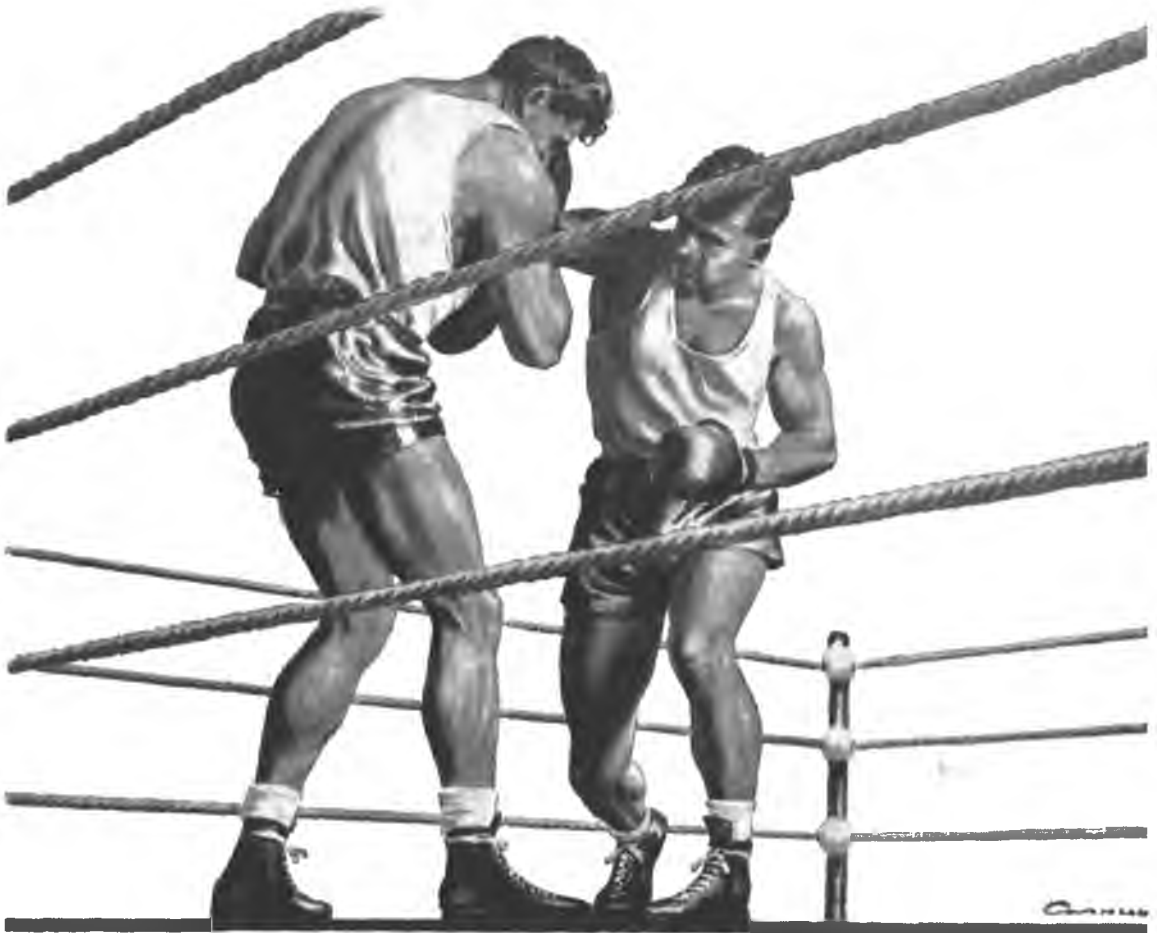




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The Colonel-in-Chief

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother sent a gift of Christmas puddings to the 1st Battalion at Christmas, 1963. Her Majesty's gift was very much appreciated by all ranks of the Battalion.

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On the occasion of Her Majesty's illness last February the respectful wishes of all members of The Regiment for Her Majesty's speedy recovery were conveyed by the Colonel of The Regiment. In addition the following message was sent by the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion:

The Private Secretary

To Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth

The Queen Mother

"All Ranks of the 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment send their respectful salutations and wish to express to their Colonel-in-Chief their sincere wishes for Her Majesty's speedy and complete recovery."

C. C. NORBURY,

Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding.

The following reply was received by the Commanding Officer from Her Majesty's Private Secretary:

"I am commanded by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, to write and say how much Her Majesty appreciates your message.

"Queen Elizabeth is deeply touched by your kind words of sympathy and bids me to thank you and all ranks of the 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment most sincerely for your good wishes."

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Her Majesty The Colonel-in-Chief, has graciously consented, on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen, to present New Colours to the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) at Warley on July 25, 1964.

Regimental Notes

DRESS.—*Wearing of uniform by Warrant Officers and Sergeants after retirement or discharge from the Army.*

Warrant Officers and Sergeants of substantive rank who retire or are discharged from the Army, having completed not less than ten years' unbroken service on a regular engagement, and in possession of a military character assessed at not lower than "Very Good," may, upon retirement or discharge, be granted permission to wear a prescribed uniform on certain specified occasions.

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Anyone interested may obtain further particulars from the Regimental Secretary, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), Blenheim House, Eagle Way, Warley, Brentwood, Essex.

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In this number we publish the final instalment of the article "The Gothic Line Revisited," written by Brigadier G. W. H. Peters, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Honorary Colonel, The 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). The first part of this article was published in the June number, 1963 (Vol. 2, No. 1, page 6), the second in the December number, 1963 (Vol. 2, No. 2, page 54).

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Capt. W. R. W. Pike has been awarded a competitive entry into the Staff College for 1965. Capts. P. H. Gill and S. A. Green have been selected for normal vacancies for the Staff College Course for 1965.

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The 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and Northamptonshire) golf team won both The Argyle and Sutherland Cup and also the Army Cup in the Army Golf Championships, beating the R.A.M.C. at the 19th hole. This is the first time an Infantry Regiment has won since the war.

The Regimental Calendar

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| July 5 | The Regimental Chapel. Morning Service 11 a.m. (10th Bn. The Essex Regiment 1914-18 Service). | September 26 | Saffron Walden Branch, The Essex Regiment Association. Social and Dance, Town Hall, Saffron Walden. Details from: Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. W. Elsom, 11, Castle Cross, Saffron Walden. |
| July 25 | Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, presents new Colours to the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) at Warley. | September 27 | Regimental Remembrance Service and Annual Reunion, Kempston Barracks, Bedford. Full details can be obtained from: The Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, Kempston Barracks, Bedford. |
| August 2 | The Regimental Chapel. Morning Service 11 a.m. | October 4 | The Essex Regiment Service of Remembrance. The Regimental Chapel, 11 a.m. Tickets from: Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association, Warley, or from Branch Hon. Secretaries. |
| September 6 | The Regimental Chapel. Morning Service 11 a.m. | October 10 | London Branch. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association Annual Dinner. For details apply to: Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. G. Aldridge, 118, Valley Drive, Gravesend, Kent. |
| September 14 | Chelmsford Branch, The Essex Regiment Association. Annual General Meeting, T.A. Centre, Market Road, Chelmsford, 8 p.m. | October 17 | 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (1939-45) O.R.s Reunion at "The Clachan," 34, Kingly Street, London, W.1. Details can be obtained from: Mr. F. W. Eames, 72, New Park Drive, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. |
| | | October 24 | Watford Branch. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association Annual Dinner. For details apply to: The Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. V. Hackman, 34, Judge Street, Watford, Herts. |
| | | November 1 | The Regimental Chapel. Morning Service 11 a.m. |
| | | December 6 | The Regimental Chapel. Morning Service 11 a.m. |

Re-Organisation

In February The Colonel of The Regiment and the Deputy Colonel sent out a letter to retired officers, and branches of the Regimental Associations giving them information of the re-organisation of The East Anglian Brigade, which is to take place this autumn. The response to their letter was most heartening and the Colonel and the Deputy Colonel are very grateful for the many assurances of loyal support they have received.

A further letter giving information of the impending changes was sent to the Lords Lieutenant, High Sheriffs, the Mayors, Chairmen of Urban and Rural District Councils and other civic dignitaries of the Counties of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex. Again the response was most heartening and General Sir Reginald Denning and Brigadier Paton are most appreciative to know that they and The Regiment have the support of our Regimental Counties in the re-organisation which is to take place.

On May 22 a meeting of representatives from the Branches of the Regimental Associations was held at The Victory (Ex-Services) Club, the Chair was taken by The Colonel of The Regiment who was supported by the Deputy Colonel, Brigadier C. M. Paton; Brigadier G. W. H. Peters; Lt.-Cols. R. J. Randall and D. W. Browne; the Regimental Secretary, and the Secretaries of the Regimental Associations.

General Sir Reginald Denning opened the meeting by explaining the reasons and the background of events which had led to the East Anglian Brigade's decision to go forward to the concept of the Large Regiment. He dealt with some of the aspects of the re-organisation and informed the meeting that it would become effective in September. He emphasised that the Regimental Associations of the former Regiments would continue. There were, of course, many problems arising out of the re-organisation and these were all being given serious consideration by Committees appointed by the Council of Colonels. Full details of the decisions reached in regard to these matters will be given in the December Number. Referring to the *Journal* The Colonel of The Regiment informed those present that the new Regiment would be producing its own journal which was to be entitled "The Castle." It was hoped, however, to supplement this with a Newsletter which would give more detailed and local news of the Battalion, the Regimental Associations, etc.

General Sir Reginald Denning said the new cap badge, an illustration of which appears in this number, was very similar to the present officers' type badge, but "Royal Anglian" replaces "East Anglia." He had been assured by

the experts at the War Office that the design of the badge and the button was excellent, and we had in our new badge one of which we could be proud.

The Deputy Colonel then dealt with several points including the Chapel, which for the time being would, it is understood, continue to be maintained by the War Office. Brigadier Peters spoke in regard to the T.A. Battalions who retain their present titles.

After the representatives of the Branches had expressed their full support to the Colonel and Deputy Colonel in the re-organisation, those present adjourned to another room to join the Colonel and Deputy Colonel in a buffet supper.

The following article explains the background, concept and move to the Large Regiment :

The Royal Anglian Regiment

BACKGROUND

1. In 1962, the Army Council stated that it was their intention that all Brigades of Infantry of the Line should be encouraged to move voluntarily towards the "Large Regiment" concept. The effect of this will be that, while all Brigades will be expected ultimately to re-organise on the basis of the Large Regiment, the timing will in each case be a matter for the Brigade in question to determine, in consultation with the War Office.

2. The present organisation of Infantry in Regiments of one Regular battalion each, makes it difficult to maintain all of them at effective strengths, without the posting of officers and men from one Regiment to another.

3. An officer or other rank under the present procedure joins a Regiment and absorbs its traditions and customs; but after a time he has to be posted to another Regiment which, for operational reasons must be brought to full strength. This is detrimental both to the interests of the Regiments and to the morale of the individual. Furthermore, in time of war or emergency, the reinforcement of battalions with personnel from their own Regiments becomes impossible.

4. The grouping within one Regiment of four battalions will ensure that an officer or other rank will serve for the whole of his services in the Regiment he originally joined.

THE LARGE REGIMENT CONCEPT

1. By a Large Regiment is meant a Regiment in which there is a centralised control of affairs, bearing a common factor in its title and based on one Depot which will be its home.

2. The Large Regiment will have one head, one body, one name and one home. The head will be the Colonel of the new Regiment. He will be assisted by a number of Deputy Colonels of the Regiment. These are likely to be the present Colonels of Regiments. The body will consist of all ranks on a common roll, and regimental affairs centralised under the Regiment. When a Brigade adopts the "Large Regiment" concept, commissioning of officers will be to the Regiment; there will be one Regimental name, with its Battalions numbered consecutively, and one home—the Regimental Depot.

THE MOVE OF THE EAST ANGLIAN BRIGADE TO THE LARGE REGIMENT

1. For the past year, the Council of Colonels of the East Anglian Brigade have been considering the organisation of the Brigade in accordance with the declared policy of the Army Council. They forwarded their recommendations to the War Office and requested that subsidiary titles to perpetuate former Regiments should be carried forward to the new Battalions.

2. Her Majesty the Queen has now been graciously pleased to approve the formation of a new Infantry Regiment to be titled *The Royal Anglian Regiment* and to be formed from the existing regular regiments of The East Anglian Brigade.

COMPONENT BATTALIONS

The full titles of the component Battalions will be:—

1st (Norfolk and Suffolk) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment;

2nd (Duchess of Gloucester's Own, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment;

3rd (16th/44th Foot) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, and

4th (Leicestershire) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, now Colonel-in-Chief of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, has been appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the new Regiment. Deputy Colonels-in-Chief will be Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret (now Colonel-in-Chief of The 1st East Anglian Regiment), and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester (now Colonel-in-Chief of The 2nd East Anglian Regiment).

EFFECTIVE DATE

The reorganisation will be effected in September.

PRECEDENCE

The new Regiment will take precedence in the Army after The King's Regiment (Manchester and Liverpool).

CAP BADGE AND BUTTONS

A new cap badge and new buttons have been designed which will be worn by officers and other ranks of all four battalions. The new cap badge is very similar to the present officers type badge but "Royal Anglian" will replace "East Anglia." The buttons carry the insignia of the new cap badge. Collar badges, as worn by the Regular Regiments of the East Anglian Brigade, will be retained by the Battalions.



T.A. BATTALIONS

For administrative purposes, Territorial Regiments of The East Anglian Brigade will become part of the new Regiment, but they may retain their titles and cap badges or adopt the new title and badge as they wish.

BATTLE HONOURS AND COLOURS

Battle Honours of the existing Regiments of the Brigade will be inherited and a new Regimental Colour and Queen's Colour are to be designed.

BANDS

Existing Regimental Bands will become Battalion Bands.

- It would greatly help the Secretaries of the respective Associations if subscribers would notify changes of address at the earliest moment, so that records can be kept up-to-date.

The Regimental Chapel

Services during the past few months have been very well supported despite the cheerless weather during the early months of the year. The visit to Warley on the first Sunday in the month is now very much a 'must' for a growing number of members and their friends.

Among the Padres who have been over to take our recent Services, we have been very glad to welcome the Reverends Norman Motley from St. Michael's, Cornhill, Harold Darby from Waltham Abbey, Alexander Colvin, formerly Chaplain to 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.), and John L. Head from Leigh-on-Sea.

Our Service on July 5, will be in remembrance of 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment (1914-18).

Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks:

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

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

The Green Tiger—The Journal of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Regimental Dinner Club

The sixth annual dinner of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Dinner Club took place at the United Service Club, London, on Friday, May 1, 1964. Ninety-two serving and retired officers were present. Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., Colonel of The Regiment presided; he was supported by Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., Deputy Colonel, and General Sir Henry C. Jackson, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Past Colonel of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. The guests were: Major S. Whitbread, J.P., Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire; Colonel Sir John Ruggles-Brice, Bt., C.B., O.B.E., T.D., D.L., Lord Lieutenant of Essex; Major-General Sir George Burns, K.C.V.O., C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire; and Mr. G. P. Pirie-Gordon.

After the loyal toasts had been honoured, the Colonel read the following messages, which he had sent, on behalf of the members present, to their Majesties The Queen and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief:

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

On the occasion of the last Regimental dinner of The Third East Anglian Regiment, the officers, serving and retired, assembled tonight at the United Service Club, send to The Queen their humble duty and respectful greetings.

In accordance with Her Majesty's gracious pleasure, the Regiment will, this year, become a battalion of The Royal Anglian Regiment, and all officers will have the honour in that Regiment, to continue to give to the Queen the loyal devotion it has been their proud privilege to give in their former Regiments.

DENNING, Colonel.

The United Service Club, S.W.1.

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO HER MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER

On the occasion of the last Regimental dinner of The Third East Anglian Regiment, the officers, serving and retired, met together tonight at the United Service Club, send to Her Majesty, The Colonel-in-Chief, their most respectful duty and greetings.

It is a source of great pride and satisfaction to the whole Regiment that Queen Elizabeth has graciously consented to continue to honour it as its Colonel-in-Chief on its absorption, this year, into The Royal Anglian Regiment.

It will be a proud privilege to all officers to continue to be members of a Regiment of which Her Majesty is Colonel-in-Chief, and they

wish humbly to express their gratitude for the inspiration they have received in their former Regiment from Queen Elizabeth's gracious interest and help.

DENNING, *Colonel.*

The United Service Club, S.W.1.

He then read out the gracious replies received from their Majesties:

WINDSOR CASTLE

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning,

K.B.E., C.B.,

Colonel,

The Third East Anglian Regiment,
United Service Club.

Please convey my warm thanks to all the serving and retired officers of the Third East Anglian Regiment for the kind and loyal message they have sent me from their last Regimental dinner.

I am confident that the new Battalion of The Royal Anglian Regiment, in which you will be serving, will be distinguished by the same qualities of devotion and efficiency which you have established so firmly in your old Regiment.

ELIZABETH R.

1st May, 1964.

CLARENCE HOUSE, S.W.1

To Sir Reginald Denning,
3rd East Anglian Regiment,
(16th/44th Foot),
United Service Club,
Pall Mall, S.W.1.

I was most touched to receive your message from the officers of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), on the occasion of your last annual dinner.

I am so pleased that my association with you will continue in the years ahead, when you become a part of the Royal Anglian Regiment.

I send you my warmest good wishes for a very enjoyable evening.

ELIZABETH R.

Colonel-in-Chief.

Before inviting the Deputy Colonel to give the toast to The Regiment, General Sir Reginald Denning welcomed the guests and spoke of the great support given to The Regiment by Her Majesty's Lieutenants for Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire. He also referred to the interest shown in the Regiment and the help given to it by Mr. Pirie-Gordon, head of Holt's Branch of Glyn, Mills & Co.

The Colonel told the company that this would be the last dinner to be held of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Dinner Club as, in September of this year, the

Regiment, with the other Regiments of the East Anglian Brigade, would be reorganised into The Royal Anglian Regiment. General Denning spoke of the reorganisation, the reasons for it, and its implications. Concluding, he told members there were several possible alternatives in regard to the future of the Dinner Club, and later this year the Hon. Secretary of the Club and the Regimental Secretary would be writing to members.

Before proposing the toast to the Regiment, Brigadier Paton gave a brief account of the activities of the 1st Battalion and the T.A. Battalions during the past year. He assured members that the serving side of The Regiment was in good heart.

The Company then broke up and the remainder of the evening was spent in renewing old friendships and exchanging reminiscences of the past.

The following officers attended the dinner:

General Sir Henry C. Jackson, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L.

BRIGADIERS.—D. A. Beckett, D.S.O., O.B.E., C. A. Dixon, O.B.E., C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., G. W. H. Peters, C.B. D.S.O., M.C.

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MAJORS.—S. H. Andrew, M.B.E., D. G. M. Anstee, H. G. Aylmer, J. A. Bacon, W. Berridge, K. Burch, D. R. C. Carter, J. D. Castle, T.D., R. G. Chillingworth, T.D., M. H. Crocker, F. H. Crouchman, L. S. Evans, D. S. Farr, T.D., V. A. French, W. J. G. Hancock, R. L. Jackson, J. B. Kitto, C. A. Lowe, A. F. Mackain-Bremner, C. J. S. McMillen, G. C. P. Morgan, H. O. Parker, P. L. Philcox, M.C., M. W. C. Phillips, P. L. Purdy, J. C. Richardson, E.R.D., D. B. Riches, A. F. F. H. Robertson, T. E. A. Robinson, T. R. Stead, H. N. Stenning, D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., F. W. Waddell, M.B.E.

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A. C. Smelt, O.B.E., M. S. Smyth, A. R. A. Veitch, D. G. Wells.

LIEUTENANTS—J. E. Bowers, B. A. R. Harrington-Spier, P. B. Light, K. Woodrow, D. J. Wright.

SECOND-LIEUTENANTS.—D. M. Norbury, T. B. Thomas.

A Pilgrimage to Cassino

In the early part of this year Colonel T. A. Buchanan, D.S.O., M.C., E.R.D., T.D., who commanded the 1st Bn. The Royal Fusiliers at the Battle of Cassino, organised a Pilgrimage to Cassino for those who had taken part in the battle and their relatives.

The Pilgrimage took place in May and among those taking part in it was Major Frank Sutton, M.C., who served with the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment at the assault. He has sent us the following account of the Pilgrimage:

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CASSINO—MAY 11, 1964

Twenty years ago, on May 11, 1944, at 23.00 hours, 2,000 guns of the Eighth and Fifth Allied Armies in Italy opened fire with a tremendous roar to start the fourth and last battle of Cassino. Six days later the German hinge at Cassino was broken. It had held up the Allies since the beginning of 1944. The right of the Allied attack, nearest the town of Cassino, was entrusted to the 10th Brigade of the 4th Division with two battalions up, the left one being the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. It was the Battalion's bloodiest battle of the Second World War.

To commemorate this day, a Pilgrimage to Cassino was arranged by Colonel Buchanan of the Surreys, who commanded the 1st Bn. The Royal Fusiliers, one of the assault battalions of the 8th Indian Division, on the left of the 4th Division. A small party of veterans of the battle, with their wives, met at the British Military Cemetery at Cassino for a simple service. The Cemetery is about the half way between the 2nd Battalion's crossing place on the Rapido River and Hill 50, the site of the Battalion's last attack on May 16. It is well laid out and beautifully kept, with green lawns and flowers on each grave. The Monastery, now completely rebuilt, looks down on it from the north, and Mount Trocchio from the south.

During the Service, wreaths were laid on the Memorial for all the Regiments represented in the party. The wreath for the Surreys, the other assault battalion in the 10th Brigade, was laid by the widow of Pte. Hobbs, who had fallen that day twenty years ago. She was supported by her son, just over twenty years old. I had the honour of laying The Regimental Wreath. After the wreath laying, visits were paid to the final

resting places of many Bedfords who had fallen during the battle.

The Mayor of Cassino, who attended the Service, kindly invited us to the Town Hall for a drink, a very nice gesture which was much appreciated. The town is now all rebuilt and is a modern provincial town. The new Rome-Naples Motorway passes Cassino just a little south of "Amazon Bridge." A brand new paper mill, half owned by British interests, has been built just to the right of the 2nd Battalion's initial bridgehead along "Queen Street."

After lunch visits were paid to Hill 36, the Surrey's objective, the crossing place of both Battalions on the Rapido River, and later Hill 50, where "A" and "D" Companies of the 2nd Battalion were decimated during the battle but not before they had broken through. It was on this occasion that Capt. Horace Hollick was awarded the D.S.O.

At the Rapido Crossing, Charles Nash, of the Surreys, who was harbourmaster the night of the crossing, with 42 assault boats, of which only one remained in service the next morning, gave an account of his experiences on that occasion. He was joined by Allan Parkins, Adjutant to the Surreys then, George Foxley, Adjutant of the D.C.L.I. the Battalion in Brigade Reserve for the attack, and myself, for the Bedfords.

Now the fields are green and well tended, the trees in full leaf and the scene peaceful. It was a memorable day.

Regular Forces Employment Association

During 1963 the number of men and women from the Regular Armed Forces of the Crown placed in employment by the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen was 12,444, which was 78 per cent. of those who registered at one or other of the Association's 49 Branches covering the whole of the United Kingdom. It is of interest that of this number 5,303 were from the Army and 24 were from The Regiment.

If when you get home you have mislaid the address of your Area Jobfinder, apply at any big Post Office or to your own Regimental Association. They'll be able to give it to you.

The following ex-members of The Regiment have obtained employment, this year, through the services of the National Association:

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Ex-No. 22439696 P. G. New—Stores Labourer, Chatham.

Ex-No. 23533349 N. Catlin—Confectioner, Chelmsford.

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THE GOTHIC LINE RE-VISITED

BY BRIGADIER G. W. H. PETERS,

C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

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MONTE GRANDE

In November, 1944, an adjustment was made in Divisional boundaries, as a result of which, 1 British Division took over a height called Monte Grande from 88 American Division. Thereafter it was occupied in succession by 1 British Division, 78 British Division and 8 Indian Division, until the spring of 1945. A considerable number of British and Indian troops did their stint on this mountain and will remember it well. Monte Grande was an awkward feature, both to hold and to supply. The main ridge was extremely narrow. Trenches and wire ran generally along the top of this ridge. The ground in front was wooded and ran very steeply down to a deep gully. It was so steep that it was impossible to cover with either small arms or mortar fire. There was one path leading up to the position from the enemy side. This was blocked by an outpost platoon who were dug and wired into the thick wood in a rather isolated position. The ridge was so narrow that little depth was possible. Battalion Headquarters and the Reserve Company were less than a hundred yards from the forward trenches. On the peak of Monte Grande was a small and much-battered chapel. The one good point about the whole position was that, until the frost came, the ground was comparatively soft and digging was easy. Brigade Headquarters and gun lines were in the valley, some 500 feet lower, and a mile and-a-half back. Also in this valley lived the Indian and Italian mule companies who brought supplies forward and carried wounded back. No wheeled transport was possible forward of this valley. As winter progressed, the nightly journey of the mule companies up two narrow spurs to the troops on top, became more and more difficult. Only the minimum necessities were allowed forward troops. These consisted of Tommy cookers, compo rations, powdered rations, rum and dry socks in small bags. The purpose of the latter was to prevent frost-bite. The bags were waterproofed inside. The writer has one to this day, and it makes a very effective sponge bag. On gala days a mule would be killed by shell fire near enough to the forward troops for the meat to be salvaged. Mule steak, cooked in a mess tin, is not bad, provided you have good teeth and like it underdone. On one of the spurs there was a small church. In the beginning the vaults of this church contained

a stock of local wine. But it was a very short beginning.

There was another Battalion position belonging to the Brigade in this sector. This was to the left and slightly forward of Grande. It consisted of a small village, clustered in a circle about the foot of a very round, prominent pimple. As in most Italian villages, the church was perched on the top. It was known as Monte Caldorado. To occupy it was more unpopular even than Grande. The supply route was longer and more precarious, being liable to interference by enemy fighting patrols. Company positions were exposed and any movement by day, even into and around Battalion Headquarters, encouraged sharp and accurate shelling.

The 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment were the first British unit to occupy Monte Grande. They took over from the 2nd Battalion of 349 American Combat Team (equivalent to a Brigade Headquarters) on November 6, 1944. Thereafter, until January, 1945, they took their turn on a normal relief system at Monte Grande and Caldorado.

Anyone wishing to visit either of these places today can do so from the German side. A 'bus runs from Highway 9 to the new village of Monte Caldorado. The local inhabitants are quite friendly. If the 'bus driver thinks you are a "soldate" come back for a look, he won't charge you for the trip. The existence of this 'bus route does emphasise one great advantage which the enemy had. Even in the worst of winter weather there were motorable tracks to the German positions. On Christmas Day, 1944, an ambulance was driven up to the position nearest Caldorado in broad daylight. There had been no firing that day and no casualties. Later on the Germans were seen playing leap-frog in the snow. They also regaled our troops by microphone with the story of German successes in the Ardennes Battle. That ambulance must have contained something stronger than local vino. For once, at that late stage of the war, the enemy had a moral advantage.

As has already been said Monte Caldorado was constantly shelled. Scarcely a building was undamaged. Most were in ruins. It is noticeable that the old ruins have been left untouched and a complete new village has been built. The only houses patched up and re-occupied were Battalion Headquarters and two or three farm buildings immediately adjacent. The church on the top is a gaunt and unsightly ruin. A new modern one has been finished fairly recently. From the new village of Caldorado one can get a very good view of the wooded slopes of Grande. They are very steep; almost convex. The Germans must have had positions quite close to ours, which were hidden and safe from any kind of fire. From Caldorado there is now an easy motor

track which takes one to the top of Grande. On a spring day there were grass and gorse and a few mimosa bushes on Grande. There was also a tiny newly-ploughed field, which was fenced with rusty concertina wire. The shapes of the trenches can be traced, and many shell holes remain. There is still much debris of battle; old compo tins, pieces of shell—even a discarded No. 18 set battery. The small chapel on the top has been demolished. Cattle and sheep were grazing, presided over by an old woman, so well grounded in the principles of work study that she had brought her knitting. She also had a keen financial sense, and seemed to think that the presence of an intruder on her domain was worth at least fifty lira. It was possible to recognise the site of the platoon outpost position on the forward slope. A very steep woodman's path leads on only a little way to what must have been a German bunker. More than one patrol of ours was lost trying to reconnoitre forward on this track. Below this bunker the descent into the valley is so steep that the returned soldier, admittedly eighteen years older and no longer conditioned by hard living and light feeding, had the greatest difficulty in scrambling down. Yet there was one occasion in the autumn of 1944 when the enemy made a Battalion counter attack up this slope which only ended in close quarter fighting on Monte Grande itself. A very considerable achievement.

There is little change in the view back from Monte Grande towards the Artillery lines and the start of the mule track. There never was much habitation. There is one farmhouse in the hamlet which was used for a time as Brigade Headquarters. The small church appears dilapidated and disused. There is one small farm near the church. It is possible to drive down a very rough track from Caldorado to the farm. At the farm it is best to turn the car and go back. The present occupant of the farm has less humour than most of the Italians to be met in this part of the world. He seemed to resent the appearance of strangers and was reluctant to allow the car to turn in his yard. He keeps some very healthy looking rabbits. Seeking to find some common interest the writer complimented him on their appearance and observed that their hutch was of original and practical design.

It was constructed mostly of long rectangular boxes marked 4.2 inch Mortar Ammunition. His response to an attempted pleasantry which even language difficulties could scarcely have disguised, was entirely negative. Perhaps the farmer thought that his visitor was a representative of some foreign Government seeking at last to reclaim stolen property. Perhaps he had other more important acquisitions to conceal.

At Monte Grande and Monte Caldorado, as at Palazzuolo, we had every tactical advantage except access to wheeled routes. Caldorado is

the last feature of any importance before the grounds falls gently to Highway 9 only some seven thousand yards away. Here again, just one more push or an extra week of fine weather might have seen us through. But then we would have needed armour and much more artillery support than the supply route could have maintained. Our excuse for being there at all—and that was considered doubtful by some—was to draw off as many enemy as possible from the main theatres to the north of the ALPS. Maybe we served the strategic purpose by staying where we were that winter and so forcing the Germans to keep more troops in Italy.

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The Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

GENERAL

The Duke of York's Royal Military School is a boarding school for the sons of soldiers. While it is intended primarily for boys who aim to make the Army their career and whose parents or guardians desire them to do so, it affords every opportunity for boys to proceed to the University or to follow other careers.

The School was founded by Royal Charter in 1801, chiefly through the instrumentality of Frederick, Duke of York, son of George III, and was established at Chelsea in 1803.

In 1909 it moved to Dover, where a school was built on up-to-date lines, with separate boarding houses, school chapel, sanatorium, classrooms, library, workshops, gymnasium, swimming bath and playing fields within 150 acres.

The School is regularly inspected by H.M.I. of Schools.

REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES AND AGES OF ADMISSION

Any boy is eligible for registration as a candidate for admission to the School who is the legitimate (or lawful) son of a warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or a man who is serving or has served in the Army or of an officer who, prior to being commissioned, enlisted on a normal engagement in the Regular Army (for a minimum of four years' service).

A boy may be registered as a candidate between the ages of 8 and 11, and early registration is advisable, but apart from certain entries between 9 and 11 years all entries are made annually (in September) at the age of 11. To be considered for admission in any particular year a boy must be registered before November 1 of the previous year.

SELECTION FOR ADMISSION

Selection for admission is made by Her Majesty's Commissioners who administer the

School. Preference is given to the sons of soldiers who have been killed in action or have died whilst serving, and other family circumstances are taken into account. In making their selections the career and the service of the father are considered as a principal recommendation.

Before being considered for admission candidates are required to undergo educational, general and medical tests.

EXPENSES

Education and essential clothing at the School are provided free. Parents who can afford to do so are required to provide certain items of games clothing and of school civilian dress. It is also desirable that boys should be provided by their parents or guardians with some pocket money (including contingencies), but this should not exceed 5/- per week. The pocket money should be sent to the boy's Housemaster, who will administer it on the boy's behalf. In the case of certain pensionable boys, pocket money up to 5/- a week is provided.

For the normal school holidays (Christmas, Easter and Summer) boys return to their parents or guardians who are required to pay their fares from and to school, except in the case of certain pensionable boys, whose fares are paid for them.

EDUCATION

The School is organised into three streams and provides a boy according to his aptitude and abilities with:

- A sound general education, and either
 - (a) A normal academic education of the Grammar School type, or
 - (b) A curriculum with a technical bias.

Boys following either course are expected to stay at school until they reach the age of 16, and take the General Certificate of Education, Ordinary Level, in subjects appropriate to their interests and future careers.

Boys selected as likely to benefit by further education are expected to take a Sixth Form course for the General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level, for at least two years after Ordinary Level.

All boys are given instruction in religious knowledge and physical education. All boys are taught to swim.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

All boys are given opportunities and are encouraged to join clubs and societies.

GAMES

The major school games are Rugby football (Autumn Term), hockey (Spring Term), athletics and cricket (Summer Term).

In addition boys are given the opportunity of taking part in the following:

Badminton, basketball, boxing, fencing, sailing, squash racquets, swimming, tennis.

MILITARY TRAINING

Elementary military training is given to boys in the Junior School. From the age of 14 all boys join the C.C.F.; special emphasis being placed on the training of Sixth Form boys in leadership. After passing Proficiency Test, Lower VIth Form graduate through the N.C.O.'s Cadre and all boys may join one or more of the following sections: R.E. including Field Survey, Signals, Civil Defence, R.E.M.E., and take part in arduous training. The School has its own 25^{ft} x 22 (indoor) and 25^{ft} x 303 (outdoor) ranges.

Boys who show sufficient aptitude are expected to take their place in the Band or Drums, which form an essential and distinctive feature of the life of the School.

FUTURE CAREERS

A comprehensive careers service is provided to give boys guidance in following the careers of their choice in the fashion best suited to their abilities, including entry to the Universities. The Armed Forces are given pride of place and there is an excellent record of boys entering Service Cadet Colleges to obtain Regular Commissions in the Army, Navy or Air Force. Those with the necessary aptitudes may also leave to join Service Apprentice Schools or Boys' Units.

Crown Woods School, Eltham, S.E.9

In September, 1964, the London County Council plan to open a 120-place boarding hostel at their Crown Woods School, Eltham, S.E.9.

This is a comprehensive secondary school with just under 2,000 boys and girls. The boarding house has been established primarily to meet the educational needs of children of Service families stationed overseas. Children of both "grammar" and "modern" abilities will be considered for boarding vacancies, provided they are over 11 and under 17 years of age.

The boarding house will be entirely self-contained, with dormitory accommodation and living quarters for pupils and residential staff, as well as a sick bay, dining room, common rooms, and recreation rooms. Tuition will be free but parents will be expected to contribute toward the cost of boarding their children, according to their income.

Application forms have been distributed through Service channels and should be available from your nearest Army Education Centre, or through any Royal Army Educational Corps officers.

Two Men in a Boat

BY LT. K. WOODROW

After being told about the Bedford-King's Lynn rubber dinghy trips (see the December Number 1963 of *The Journal*, page 54) someone asked me what my next venture was to be. Without thinking I replied, "Take a rubber dinghy down the Seine," and that is how the idea was formed. After joking about it for three months, Lt. Brock and I, both attached to the Adventure Training Wing of the Infantry Junior Leaders' Regiment, Oswestry, decided to try it on an "off the cuff" basis. We looked at a map for the first place of any size on the Seine, which appeared to be Troyes, 150 miles upstream from Paris. Next we prepared for the trip, by obtaining a boat, a motor, a tent, and two single railway tickets to Troyes.

All was well until Dieppe when a customs inspector noticed we had no papers for the motor, so I was hauled off with the motor as the train left the station, leaving Brock to throw all the kit and himself out of the window as the train gathered speed. After four hours of haggling and promising not to "flog" the motor, we were allowed to catch the next train to Paris. We reached Troyes at 1 a.m. the next morning to find everything closed, so we slept in the waiting room to be woken a few hours later by a crowd of Algerian workers watching Brock snore. We spent the day on personal administration. Later in the day we discovered we were fifty miles above the head of navigation, a canal marked on the map had been bombed in the war and not repaired. Then we found a porter had dropped the motor in Paris and the propeller would not turn. However, Brock managed to repair it, after some hours, with a combination of brute force and ignorance.

We launched the boat the next day and after a wrong turn in a backwater we were carried for two kilometres back to the Seine. After con-



Lt. Woodrow enjoys a lunch of bread, Camembert and beer.

stantly fouling obstacles in the river we decided to abandon the motor and take to paddles; as the river was in flood progress was quite rapid, except in a forest where we could not follow the course of the river and had to paddle in and out of the trees. On the second day, afloat, we pushed Anglo-French relations to a new peak by rescuing a cow which had fallen in the river at St. Mesmins. The next day we were able to transfer to the canal which, although at first was still unused, was in excellent order and motorable. At first we were not allowed through the locks as we had no papers, so we had to carry round them. After three or four locks this became rather tedious so we invented "Les Authorities militaire Anglo-Francaise, Londrès," the mention of which, like "Ali Baba's Sesame" opened all gates.

After Nogent Sur Seine the river became quite busy and we had to be careful to avoid being run down by the numerous barges. While carrying the boat round a weir at Fontainebleu, sometimes quicker than going through a lock, we were approached by a gentleman in blazer

The big and the small. Lt. Brock and the 'boat' in a lock near Nogent Sur Seine.



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and cavalry twill who said "Gad, you must be British—the French would never do anything adventurous like that!" He turned out to be a Royal Air Force officer attached to SHAPE and appeared again at the next lock with his wife and family with a day's supply of food which we much appreciated. The next day at Montereau we retrieved a boat for some frogmen who were stranded on a pontoon in the middle of the river.

On the seventh night we were glad of our camouflaged tent as we had to camp in some bushes on the outskirts of Paris. The eighth day saw our triumphal "drive" through Paris and every bridge was crowded with people looking at the weird "thing" with two men in it. Our journey ended at the Bois de Boulogne camping site. After a day of walking around Paris we returned home—but only just—as there was a rail strike, and instead of an express to Dieppe, only two diesel rail cars. The kit had to be piled up in the corridor with myself jammed between it and the roof to stop it falling on the crowds in the corridor below.

Everywhere we went we found people could not be too kind and many put themselves out to help us.

Although the trip had been done before in canoes, etc., no one had tried it in a rubber dinghy and the French were quite satisfied that the first to do it should be—"Les Fous Anglais"

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Military Essays Competitions

Gold Medal and Trench Gascoigne Prize Essay Competition, 1964.

Prize: Thirty guineas and Gold Medal.—Closing date, October 15, 1964.

The subject of the essay may be chosen from either of the following which rank equally in adjudication:—

- (a) "The geographical situation of the free part of Europe which—as a consequence of World War II—has shrunk to such an extent and has now so little geographical depth, that even a unified Western Europe would not be capable of successfully defending itself, without U.S. assistance."

Franz-Joseph Strauss.

Discuss the validity of this statement.

or

- (b) "Recent advances in missile technology have given rise to speculation on the future roles of manned military aircraft. However, the advent of V/STOL capabilities has restored the flexibility formerly lost to high performance aircraft when they were tied to long and expensive runways. Discuss the advantages of combining the missile and V/STOL manned aircraft in future British strategy for general and limited warfare."

General conditions for this essay competition are contained in ACI 15 of 1964.

George Knight Clowes Memorial Prize Essay, 1965.

Prizes: 1st prize, £35. 2nd prize, £15.

Closing date: March 31, 1965. Subject:—

"Because of the revolutionary development in weapons, and changes in the pattern of war during the past fifty years, some people now doubt the value of military history as part of an officer's educational curriculum.

"Give your views on this, and discuss in general terms how best the experience of the past can be reconciled with modern trends and made to serve present and future needs in the military field."

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1964 competition and can be found in ACI 243 of 1963, except that the address of the Army Quarterly and Defence Journal shown in paragraph 7 is now: 43, Cardington Street, London, N.W.1.

PERSONALIA

Lt.-Col. George Sprunt wrote to tell us that recently Mr. and Mrs. C. Whiteside with their daughter called on Mrs. Sprunt and himself at 15, Mecklenburgh Square, W.C.1. Mr. Whiteside was batman to Colonel Sprunt for a number of years. After leaving the 16th Foot Mr. Whiteside joined the Post Office at Colchester, and officially completed his service with that Department a little while ago on reaching the age of 60. He is now serving with the P.O. on extended service. The Whiteside's were all well and are still living in Colchester.

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Capt. M. Adkin on completion of his tour of duty at the Brigade Depot has been posted to Mauritius for duties with the Special Mobile Force on the island.

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Capt. King writes to tell us that Mrs. King and he are happily settled down in Malaysia, where he is serving with the 2nd Bn. The Malaysia Rangers. On February 18, Mrs. King presented him with twin daughters, the announcement of their birth appears elsewhere in this number. They are living on Penang Island and Capt. King goes home each weekend. Unfortunately, houses are virtually unobtainable at Sungei Patani where his Unit is stationed.

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Capt. M. D. Wilson joined the R.A.P.C., Training Centre and Depot, on March 31, 1964, for a transfer-in course.

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The 4th Essex Gaza Dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms, London, on March 25, the anniversary of the first battle of Gaza. Major R. W. Lee presided and those present included: Lt.-Col. Chappell, Sqd/Ldr. S. H. Rogers, Capt. C. S. Attwood, E. Barrett, C. H. Gadsdon, G. G. Johnstone, S. Smith and R. H. J. Stronge.

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Capt. J. E. Hutchings has relinquished the appointment of Adjutant of the East Anglian Brigade Depot and has been posted to an appointment with 48 Division (T.A.) West Midland District. Lt. A. R. A. Veitch from 1st Bn. The Pompadours has been appointed Adjutant in succession to Capt. John Hutchings.

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We were very pleased to see J. B. Ogilvie when he called at R.H.Q. in the early part of April. Ogilvie served with the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment when the Battalion was carrying out the duties of Demonstration Battalion at The School of Infantry at Warminster circa 1950-51. After

his return to civil life he joined the Territorial Army and he is now a Major in The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment (T.A.).

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Major Angus Robertson has taken up the appointment of Second-in-Command and Training Major to 21 S.A.S. Regiment (Artists) T.A.

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Major J. A. Ward-Booth has been transferred to the Permanent Cadre of The Parachute Regiment.

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We were sorry to receive from Major George Cowley the following report of the sudden death of Major Arthur Coxon:—

"Any members of the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment who served with the Battalion in Secunderabad, India, in 1920-22, will be sorry to hear of the sudden death on October 24, 1963, of Arthur Coxon. "Joe," as he was known to many of his friends, was in Secunaderabad as a Sergeant in "A" Company and he was also a very good member of the Regimental Boxing Team. In 1922 he transferred to the Indian Army Ordnance Corps and served with that Corps until 1947 when the British left India; at one period he was a DADOS with SHAIFFORCE in Iraq and Persia.

In the early days of the 1939/45 War he was commissioned and was retired in 1947 in the rank of Major.

On his retirement, Major Coxon became a Civil Servant in the War Office. He would, had he lived, been due to retire from the Civil Service at the end of January, 1964.

I often had lunch with him and he was always interested in the Regiment and any member of the Sergeants' Mess of Secunaderabad days. In 1918 Joe served with The Essex Regiment, The Hertfordshire Regiment and in 1919 joined the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment at Colchester and with whom he went to India—truly a member of the Regiment, although most of his service was with the Indian Army."

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Lieut.-General A. E. Percival retired from the appointment of County Director of the Hertfordshire Branch of The British Red Cross Society in December last. He took up the appointment in 1946. At a presentation party held on December 19, at the County Hall, Hertford, the Branch gave him a retirement gift of a television set.

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Mr. Charles H. Chesher, now aged 70, began work with Messrs. Nicholson and Co. (Coat Specialists) Ltd., St. Albans, as an office boy in 1908, and rose to become manager of the Weathercoat department in 1924, a post which



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Mr. Chesher served as a C.Q.M.S. in the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.F.) during the 1914-1918 War and is a member of the Old Contemptibles Association.

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Mr. G. C. F. Moore, member of the Watford Branch, wrote to tell us that reading of the activities of the 1st Battalion at Ballykinler, in the December number of the Journal, recalled to him many vivid memories of his service in N. Ireland with the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. He remembers the Battalion landing at Belfast and marching to the Asylum in the centre of the city. At the time he was Batman to the late C.S.M. "Justice" Hawkins.

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It was with deep regret that her many friends in the Regiment learned of the death on February 2, 1964, of Mrs. Ashby, wife of Major E. E. Ashby, M.C. During her husband's service in the 16th Foot, Mrs. Ashby took a leading part in many of the activities organised for the families. When Major Ashby was appointed to the Staff of the Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force she continued her voluntary work, this time on behalf of the Cadets. In recognition of this she was presented with a brooch and also a letter of commendation signed by the Chairman of the A.C.F. at that time, Field Marshal Lord Wilson. We extend our sympathy to Major Ashby and their family.

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Lt.-Col. I. J. D. Stevenson-Hamilton is attending the Senior Officers' War Course at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

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Major G. J. B. Lawless writes from Ndola, Northern Rhodesia, where he is employed as Security/Intelligence Officer for the Western Province.

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Fortune has not been smiling on Mr. Howard, Hon. Secretary of the St. Albans Branch of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, lately. Mrs. Howard has not been well and just as she was recovering they had a fire in their home, which caused her to have a relapse. We hope she will soon recover, and circumstances for them both become better.

Through the death of Professor Sir Albert Richardson, K.C.V.O., P.P.R.A., at his Amptill home in Bedfordshire on February 3, 1964, the Regiment has lost a friend whose advice was always readily available when needed. It will be remembered that he designed the wall surrounding the Garden of Remembrance at Kempston Barracks; what is not generally known is that after drawing the original design himself, Sir Albert had the detailed plans prepared as a gift to the Regiment.

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Brigadier Peters, Hon. Colonel, 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) has retired on retired pay with effect from April 14. His last appointment was Brigadier, General Staff, Directorate of Military Training, The War Office. We wish Mrs. Peters and the Brigadier a very happy retirement.

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Mrs. Enid Oldfield, widow of Major R. T. ("Bunny") Oldfield, M.C., sailed in the s.s. *Edinburgh Castle* on April 10, to take up permanent residence with her daughter in South Africa. She hopes that her friends in The Regiment will keep in touch with her at her new address, Sanctuary, Robin Road, Milnerton, Cape Town. Her son, Major John Oldfield, finds that he is constantly on the move throughout Great Britain in his appointment with the Army Team of Lecturers.

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In a recent letter from Major Lester Allan we were sorry to read that he was not at all fit. It is obvious that he has been overworking, and his condition now requires drastic treatment including considerable rest.

We hope he will have a speedy recovery.

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The Southend Branch of The Essex Regiment Association has formed a vigorous new section at Stanford le Hope, and a very successful reunion evening was recently held at Stanford. Further functions in the form of exchange visits are now being planned.

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Essex Regiment readers will be glad to know that Mr. Hedley Theobald, now living at 8, Mountney Close, Mountnessing, has found employment with the County Education authority. After having his vocal chords removed some years ago, Mr. Theobald has virtually taught himself to speak once again.

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Mrs. W. A. Masters, who died at her home in Lancing, Sussex, at Christmas, will be remembered with affection by many of the older Essex Regiment readers. Her husband (ex-Sergeant) served, and was concerned with The Regiment for a total of 47 years.

There are now five ex-members of The Essex Regiment who are at the Royal Hospital. The latest to take up residence is ex-6000001 Sgt. Arthur B. Smith (Piastre) to whom we send our good wishes and trust that he will have a long and happy stay at Chelsea.

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Mr. Johnny Day, the hardworking and popular Honorary Secretary of the 6th Bedfordshire (1914-18) Branch, was admitted to hospital for an operation earlier this year. We are glad to report that he is back at home again and we send our best wishes for his convalescence.

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Lt.-Col. R. H. H. Osborne has given up his appointment as R.O.III at the War Office, and is now fully engaged with the Lawn Tennis Association. It will be remembered he has been umpiring for some years now. We were very glad to see him at the Regimental dinner this year; for once it did not clash with a lawn tennis tournament.

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Major L. A. G. Bowen, M.C., asks to be remembered to those readers who remember him and his family. He tells us that his son, Esmond, is a Lieutenant-Colonel in The Royal Army Dental Corps, and his daughter, Elizabeth, B.A., F.L.A., is Librarian-in-Charge, at Kirkby, near Liverpool.

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Mr. P. C. Munn has the photographs of the graves of the following, who fell whilst with the 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment shortly after D-Day, June, 1944:

5952592	Pte. Barnes, F. H.
6010388	Cpl. Hollands, A.
6006127	W.O.II (C.S.M.) Lane, W. J.
6011661	Pte. Morley, A. J.
6014741	Cpl. Randall, E. S. C.
3444679	Sgt. Smith, W. H.
14659779	Pte. Smithson, J. L.
3661928	Pte. Walton, T.
271896	Lt. Whiteley, D. T.
172310	Capt. Lowe, R. A.

(attached Wiltshire Regt.)

The photographs were taken by Mr. (ex-R.Q.M.S.) "Nobby" Oliver, M.B.E., and the graves are at Bayeaux Cemetery. Mr. Munn may be contacted at 180, Western Road, Billericay.

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Mr. A. N. Macintyre, who will be remembered as the Intelligence Section Corporal of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, in 1949, during his National Service, is still serving in the T.A. He has recently taken over as Company Commander of 526 Company (Infantry Brigade) R.A.S.C.

(T.A.) in Dundee. His address is now 21, Viewlands Place, Perth.

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We are grateful to the Editor of *The Luton News* for permission to quote from a report in the April 23 issue of his paper about J. E. Herbert, whose home is at 24, Garretts Mead, Stopsley, Luton. John Herbert has recently taken part in the passing-out parade at the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion at Park Hall Camp, Oswestry. During his two years with the Battalion, Herbert has taken part in as many of the outdoor activities as he could, and has gained several distinctions in football, including playing for his Battalion.

He is due to join the Regiment very shortly.

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Mr. E. E. Fox (ex-Sgt., *Pompadours*) writes to tell us that he still hears from ex-Drum-Major Bailey, who is now 86 years of age, but still very fit and active. We wish him many more years of good health.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. Farmer, 35, Vicar's Walk, Goldington, Bedford, suffered severe injuries in a road accident in March. We are glad to report that they have both made good progress and we hope that after a convalescent holiday, they will be fully recovered. In addition to being a member of the 16th Foot Association, Mr. Farmer is an active supporter of the Bedford Branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association.

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We are sorry to have to report the death, in February, of Winifred Matthews, wife of Major Bill Matthews, who served with 1st/4th Bn. The Essex Regiment during the last war. Winifred was, with Bill, a regular supporter at our services in the Regimental Chapel, until illness prevented her coming over to Warley. She will be much missed by her many friends.

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Believed to be the oldest school crossing patrolman in the country, Mr. William Gillem served for 21 years with the *Pompadours*. He fought in the South African and First World Wars, and was with the Home Guard during World War II. He is now 81 years of age, and his "post" is at the foot of Warley Hill, less than half-a-mile from the site of the old Warley Barracks. "Uncle Bill" maintains very firm discipline when carrying out his duties, but he is held in very high regard by the children.

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Mr. G. H. Saville (ex-*Pompadours*) has written to say that his son, David, now serving with the Parachute Regiment, had set out from Bahrein, where he had been serving with the

2nd Battalion, to travel home overland by Land Rover. At the time of writing, one of the two Land Rovers which set out had broken down, but the remaining one had safely reached Athens en route for Yugoslavia.

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Mr. Jack Howard, who was with 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment throughout World War II is now living at Southend. He and Mr. Percy Munn recently renewed acquaintance when attending one of the Southend United F.C. matches.

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Many of our readers will already know of the death, in November, 1963, of Audrey Gregory, wife of Lt.-Col Cyril Gregory. Audrey had been ill for some considerable time, but had spent her last few weeks at home in Ingatestone. She will be especially remembered by the very many members of The Essex Regiment who knew her so well.

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When Major Rupert Yates and his wife embarked on s.s. *Andes* for an autumn cruise to the West Indies, they were delighted to find Colonel and Mrs. Roger Hatch as fellow passengers. It is evident from the accompanying photograph that it was an enjoyable and happy trip, although we understand from Colonel Hatch that some of the islands were as sticky as Shanghai or Bengal.



R.M.S. Andes, West Indies, December, 1963.—
Left to right: Mrs. Rupert Yates, Mrs. Roger Hatch, Lt.-Col. Roger Hatch, Major Rupert Yates.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. Harrison on the death of their daughter, Patricia, at the age of 24. She died at their home, "Edens," Harmer Green Lane, Welwyn, Hertfordshire, on April 11, 1964, after a long illness.

We were very sorry to learn of the sudden illness, in April, of Brigadier "Tommy" Charles, who was flown home from Germany and admitted to Colchester Military Hospital. His many friends will be glad to know that after a few days at Colchester, he had recovered sufficiently to allow him to return to Germany.

News was also received that Captain James Paxman had been admitted to the Clarence Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells, in April, but we are glad to report that he is well on the way to recovery.

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Major W. H. S. Thomas has relinquished his commission on completion of service. His last appointment was S.S.O., Iserlohn, B.A.O.R.

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Congratulations to Capt. S. A. Green, now serving with the 1st Battalion, after his tour of duty in Aden, on his award of an "A" (Outstanding) at the recent course he attended at the Army M.T. School.

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We were pleased to receive a post card from Capt. Luff, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, reporting the safe arrival of the December number, 1963, of the *Regimental Journal*. Mrs. Luff and he are still enjoying their new life in New Zealand. Recently they had a visit from Mr. Chapman, who now lives in Christchurch, New Zealand.

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Majors David Carter and Geoffrey Morgan attended the recent course held at the Joint Services Staff College at Latimer.

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Brigadier D. A. Beckett is attending the current course at the Imperial Defence College.

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2/Lt. Richard Tewkesbury, son of Major and Mrs. D. T. Tewkesbury, and 2/Lt. David Norbury, son of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. C. Norbury, were appointed to commissions in the Regiment from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, on December 20, 1963. Before joining the 1st Battalion they visited Regimental Headquarters on January 21, and were entertained to lunch, at which Major Tewkesbury was also present.

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Lt.-Col. John Greene has taken up the appointment of M.A., Saudi-Arabia.

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In a recent letter to the Colonel of The Regiment, General Irwin mentions that after an absence of 14 years he will be home this summer when he hopes to recapture some of the old Regimental connections—Essex and Border.

Major A. J. Vigus who joined the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) in 1923, at the age of 17, has finally decided to retire. He continued to serve with The Hertfordshire Regiment throughout the 1939-45 War and when he left the T.A. in 1945, felt he had had enough. However, he was prevailed upon to take a commission in The Hertfordshire Army Cadet Force for a year, which eventually became some eighteen years! In 1958 he was awarded the M.B.E. for his services with the T.A. and the Cadet Force. Among his other interests are the British Legion, The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), Old Comrades' Association and All Saints' Church, Hertford. He has been employed with Messrs. McMullens of Hertford for over twenty years. We wish him a happy retirement.

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It was good to see Colonel John Mileham at the Regimental Dinner. Mrs. Mileham and he seemed to have been serving overseas for so many of the recent years. He is now on retirement leave and hopes to take up a scholastic appointment in September.

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We were sorry to hear from Mr. F. Cooper, Hon. Secretary of the 8th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (1914-1918) O.C.A., that he had had to be admitted to hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Lt. Martin Lewis writes from c/o G.P.O., Kuching, Sarawak, where he is on active service with the Singapore Guard Regiment. He finds life in that part of the world very interesting. He tells us that the main difference from the Malayan Emergency is that you know where the enemy are and they know where you are, which cuts out some of the frustrating, and often pointless jungle work. He has met Patrick King, who is serving with the 2nd Malaysian Rangers. He wishes to convey his thanks to all concerned for the cigarette box which has been given to him as a wedding present.

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Capt. (Q.M.) W. A. Moody writes from Aden to say that he has been leading a busy life at the Headquarters of the Federal Regular Army. He and his wife are well, but look forward to being in a cooler climate when they return to England next February. They had recently met Major Richard Dinnin, who was on an Arabic course in Aden, and has now left to join the Trucial Oman Scouts.

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Recently the Regimental Silver Committee sent to Lt.-Col. R. W. M. Wetherell, O.B.E., the silver cigar-cutter which was presented to the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment by his father, the late Colonel R. M. Wetherell, C.M.G.

The connection of the Wetherell family with the 16th Foot goes back some hundred years and in the December Number an account of their services will be included. Both Lt.-Col. Wetherell and his father served with the D.C.L.I. But his uncle and his grandfather served with the 16th Foot. The former died only recently at the age of 91.

It is interesting to note that Colonel Bob Senior served as Second-in-Command to Lt.-Col. R. W. M. Wetherell, when he was commanding his Regiment, the D.C.L.I. in Cyprus.

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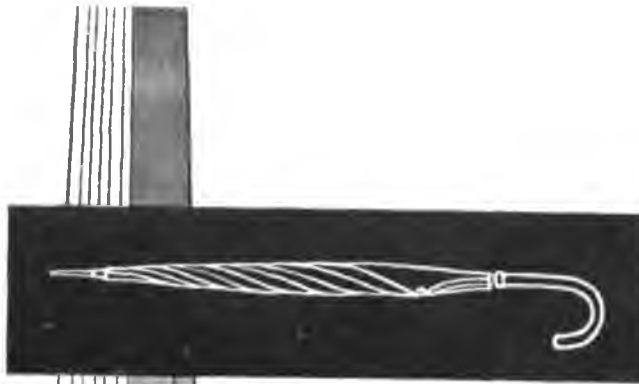
The Clock Assembly Course is for three months and a further nine months for Clock Repairs; the course for Invisible Mending lasts three months. During the period of training men are resident at the Centre but are free to go home at weekends if they wish. Those who are accepted receive Government Training Allowances from the Ministry of Labour during the courses.

A good living can be made by those who successfully complete the Clock Repair Course, whilst Clock Assembly by arrangement with Smiths Clocks Ltd., can provide extra income for those in receipt of a war disability pension. There is also a demand for those trained in Invisible Mending and in a fairly short time a trained man can successfully operate a business from his own home.

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The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the 1st Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon the following officer:

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REGULAR ARMY

Staff

Brigadier G. W. H. Peters, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., late Infantry, retires on retired pay, April 14, 1964.

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

Lt. (Q.M.) S. A. Burrage to be Capt. (Q.M.), October 19, 1963.

Lt. R. G. Bates to be Capt., December 20, 1963.

2/Lt. T. D. A. Veitch to be Lt., February 4, 1964.

Lt. (Q.M.) L. C. V. McKean to be Capt. (Q.M.), February 4, 1964.

2/Lt. Thomas Benjamin Thomas, from Short Serv. Commn., to be 2/Lt., December 24, 1963.

Capt. M. L. A. Duffie to be Major, February 9, 1964, and with precedence in the East Anglian Brigade next above N. Miller, 2 East Anglian.

Capt. G. C. Lucas to be Major, February 9, 1964, and with precedence in the East Anglian Brigade next below P. D. L. Hopper, 1 East Anglian.

The undermentioned Officer Cadets, from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to be 2/Lts., December 20, 1963:

Richard John Tewkesbury

David Michael Norbury

Major D. W. Browne, M.C., to be Lt.-Col., November 15, 1963, with seniority May 24, 1963.

Capt. W. J. G. Hancock to be Major, April 2, 1964.

Parachute Regiment

Major J. A. Ward-Booth from 3 East Anglian, to be Major, December 21, 1963, retaining his present seniority.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

W.O.I Raymond Frederick Baldry to be Lt. (Q.M.), October 28, 1963.

Capt. W. H. S. Thomas, M.B.E., relinquishes his commission on completion of service, April 2, 1964, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

The undermentioned Officer Cadet, from Mons Officer Cadet School to be 2/Lt., February 15, 1964:

John Napier Goodfellow (Direct Entry)

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

The 3rd East Anglian Regiment

Major J. F. Higson, M.C., having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., November, 21, 1963.

Capt. (Hon. Major) L. S. Craker, having attained the age limit, relinquishes his commission, January 24, 1964, retaining the hon. rank of Major.

Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., February 7, 1964.

Lt. J. W. White relinquishes his commission, September 30, 1963, on appointment to Canadian Army (Militia).

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) Sir Christopher Rhodes, Bt., having attained the age limit, relinquishes his commission, April 30, 1964, retaining the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

Lt. B. E. J. White, from Active List, to be Lt., April 1, 1964.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

The Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment

Lt. P. Barthorpe, from Northampton, to be Lt., November 1, 1963, with seniority October 4, 1961.

Capt. A. S. McCraw is granted the acting rank of Major, October 15, 1963.

Lt.-Col. C. Simmons is placed on the Unattached List, November 16, 1963.

Lt. D. A. E. Finch to be Capt., January 17, 1964.

2/Lt. J. E. O. Screen (on probation) is confirmed in his appointment as 2/Lt., January 17, 1962, with seniority January 17, 1960. To be Lt., January 17, 1963, with seniority January 17, 1962.

2/Lt. J. F. C. Harvey from Berkshire and Westminster Dragoons, to be 2/Lt. (on probation) December 11, 1963, with seniority June 9, 1961.

Capt. (Acting Major) R. B. Keatley, to be Major, March 21, 1964, with seniority May 1, 1962.

Norman Hutchinson Kitson, to be 2/Lt. (on probation), January 16, 1964.

Major B. J. Elliot, from R.N.F., to be Major, March 12, 1964, with seniority July 2, 1960.

Lt. S. J. Durston-West to be Capt., March 10, 1964.

Lt. P. Barthorpe to be Capt., March 18, 1964.

The Essex Regiment

2/Lt. P. C. G. Ward (on probation) is confirmed in his appointment as 2/Lt., October 20, 1961. To be Lt., October 20, 1963.

Officer Cadet James Arnold Gordon Johnston Robb to be 2/Lt. (on probation), November 14, 1963.

Capt. T. C. B. Swayne is granted the acting rank of Major, November 21, 1963.

Lt. R. A. Shervington is granted the acting rank of Capt., November 21, 1963.

Roland Thomas John Wreford to be 2/Lt. (on probation), November 14, 1963.

Ian Blythe to be 2/Lt. (on probation), November 14, 1963.

Lt. T. H. R. Milbank is granted the acting rank of Capt., October 14, 1963.

Major M. C. Portway, T.D., is placed on the Unattached List, October 31, 1963.

2/Lt. H. F. Woolrich (on probation) is confirmed in his appointment as 2/Lt., February 8, 1962. To be Lt., February 8, 1964, with seniority February 8, 1963.

Alan Eric Davis to be 2/Lt. (on probation), January 16, 1964.

Lt. (Acting Capt.) R. A. Shervington to be Capt., April 19, 1964, with seniority November 21, 1963.

Lt. P. J. Brisbourne, from Cheshire, to be Lt., March 6, 1964, with seniority December 12, 1962.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

The Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment

Lt. Oliver Richard Silvester Bull, from Gen. List (T.A.) Sect. (B), Eton College Contingent, C.C.F., to be Lt., September 18, 1963.

Major J. E. S. Bretherton, T.D., from Active List, to be Major, October 11, 1963.

Major W. J. Darville, T.D., from Active List, to be Major, October 15, 1963.

Capt. (Hon. Major) R. G. B. Thompson, having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., December 4, 1963, retaining the hon. rank of Major.

Capt. (Hon. Major) H. L. Harvey, M.C., having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., January 11, 1964, retaining the hon. rank of Major.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) R. S. Wilkins, T.D., having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the

T.A. Res. of Offrs., January 11, 1964, retaining the hon. rank of Capt.

Lt. A. R. Bennett, T.D., having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., January 11, 1964.

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) R. P. McMullen, M.B.E., T.D., having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., February 26, 1964, retaining the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

Major W. G. Humphrey, having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., April 1, 1964, retaining the rank of Major.

Capt. (Hon. Major) A. A. Gibbs, T.D., having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., April 1, 1964, retaining the hon. rank of Major.

Capt. The Hon. H. de B. Lawson-Johnston, T.D., having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., April 7, 1964, retaining the rank of Capt.

The Essex Regiment

Lt. R. J. Bench from Active List, to be Lt., March 16, 1964.

Nominal Roll of Warrant Officers and Sergeants

(Including Warrant Officers and Sergeants of Other Regiments serving with 3 East Anglian)

Warrant Officers, Class I

D. Driscoll	H.Q., Bulford Garrison
V. Herd	1 Bedfs. Herts. (T.A.)
R. Jenks	1st Battalion
F. Crockroft (B.M.)	1st Battalion
R. Charlesworth	Suffolk Camba. (T.A.)

Warrant Officers, Class II

M. Hogarty	Jungle Warfare School, Malaya
D. Bailey (A/W.O.I)	Station Staff Belize. British Honduras
W. Bedford (R.Q.M.S.)	1st Battalion
L. Cotter (A/W.O.I)	4/5 Essex (T.A.)
M. Franks	1st Battalion
I. Parrott	1 Bedfs. Herts. (T.A.)
R. Simmonds	P.S. Brigade Depot
H. George	4/5 Northhamptons (T.A.)
W. Phillips	1st Battalion
B. Day	1st Battalion
J. de Bretton-Gordon	1st Battalion
P. Watson	1st Battalion
E. Hiscock	1 E. Anglian
C. Ladley	1st Battalion
P. Conboy	1 E. Anglian
R. Russell	4/5 Essex (T.A.)
C. Ventress	1st Battalion
L. Nicholls	1 Bedfs. Herts. (T.A.)

Colour Sergeants

A. Elden	H.O., Infantry Brigade Group
O. Smith	2 E. Anglian
I. Burchell	1st Battalion
N. Roberts	1st Battalion
A. Herron (ORS)	1st Battalion
D. Jones	1st Battalion
L. Shorter	1st Battalion
D. Goodall	Band 1st Battalion
A. Appleton	1st Battalion
W. Tranham	1st Battalion

Sergeants

A. Haley (D/Mjr)	1st Battalion
W. Braybrook	1st Battalion
J. Dallimore	1st Battalion
W. Potton	1st Battalion
M. Clifton	1st Battalion
T. Hardy	1st Battalion
B. Philip	1 Bedfs. Herts. (T.A.)
P. Templeman	1st Battalion
V. Collison (A/W.O.II) ...	H.Q. Brigade, N. Ireland
M. Law	P.S., Brigade Depot
C. Shepperd	H.Q., Infantry Br.gade
W. Baggardidge	1st Battalion
D. Harris	1st Battalion
T. Bullock	1st Battalion
G. Faint	2 E. Anglian
J. Killen	1st Battalion
P. South	1 Bedfs. Herts. (T.A.)
E. Ball	Band 1st Battalion
D. Tucker	P.S., Brigade Depot
G. Taylor	1 E. Anglian
J. Evans	2 E. Anglian
J. S. mmons	4/5 Essex (T.A.)
E. Bennett	H.Q., Infantry Bde Group
N. Cox	Army Information Office, Luton
C. Dunn	2 E. Anglian
A. Jennings	Band 1 E. Anglian
H. Forster	1st Battalion
R. Batchelor	Camp H.Q., Acen
J. Green	1 Bedfs. Herts. (T.A.)
G. Noble	1st Battalion
P. Linnett	1st Battalion
V. White	4/5 Essex (T.A.)
F. Perry	1st Battalion
C. Hughes	1st Battalion
H. Fowler	1st Battalion
A. Mundie	1 Bedfs. Herts. (T.A.)
A. Butler	1st Battalion
B. Hutchinson	1st Battalion
R. Hammerton	1st Battalion
A. Walker	Malaysian Rangers
G. Hetherington	P.S., Brigade Depot
R. Hazelwood	P.S., Brigade Depot
P. Carroll	1st Battalion
P. Wardle	1st Battalion
A. Austin	Band 1st Battalion
E. Edwards	1st Battalion
H. Higgins	4/5 Essex (T.A.)
R. Lowe	1st Battalion
D. Ball	1st Battalion
E. Madlin	1st Battalion
R. Leeks	P.S., Brigade Depot

1st Battalion Notes

Our notes in the last issue finished with the parade for our Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother; as we were unable to produce many photographs of this occasion then we include two further ones this time. After the parade life could expect to be a slight anti-climax at least for a while, until we were told that we could send a party, 200 strong, to Cyprus just before Christmas. Immediately the Adjutant noticed an increase in the number of his visitors all of whom seemingly considered that they were just the right person to conduct training in the Mediterranean, however they were too late as "B" Company, part of "C" Company and the Corps of Drums had been selected to go, flying in R.A.F. Hastings from Aldergrove via Malta. The party was commanded by Major J. V. Miseroy who at this time was "B" Company Commander.

In Cyprus the detachment was based on a training camp — Anzis Camp in Dhekalia. The training consisted in the main of three activities. Firstly, field firing on the range at Goshi, normally a mortar range consisting of rather dusty barren hills. Apparently the local shepherds prize the range boundary flags for their material and lost no opportunity to remove them making it necessary to have the range cleared by an Army Air Corps plane before firing could commence, so as to remove any shepherds and their flocks who might have wandered into the danger area overnight. Secondly, Lt. Styles had made a small camp in one of the most beautiful parts of the Island about 300 yards from the seashore on the lower slopes of the Kyrenia Mountains. To approach this camp the platoons were set off from different points to find their own way across the mountains moving tactically. Whilst at the camp, dry training was carried out in the surrounding area and they were able to swim in a small cove at the end of the valley in which the camp was sited. The third and very popular part of the programme was the visit to the ruins of Salanias where the theatre, temple and gymnasium are all remarkably preserved. The afternoon of this day was spent in Famagusta searching for items to impress or please wives and girl friends. It is quite certain that everybody had a wonderful time and those of us who were not fortunate enough to go had some pretty long stories to cope with for a while.

The party just managed to get away from Cyprus in time, leaving the island on December 20, the trouble flaring up on the 21st. On the way home most men had the opportunity of looking around Valetta, in Malta, during an overnight stay there.

In January we received a visit from General

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The visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother to the 1st Battalion, at Ballykinler, on October 30, 1963. The Colonel of the Regiment greeting Her Majesty, The Colonel-in-Chief.

Sir Richard Hull, Chief of the Imperial General Staff. On this occasion General Hull lunched with the officers and in the afternoon watched all available men of the battalion at their training, speaking with many of them. He finished his visit by taking tea with Miss Maguire in the Sandes Home.

In February we had our annual inspection, on the 19th and 20th, with the normal attendant self-searching looks and Commanding Officers' parades. This year the accent was on battle readiness and the Brigade Commander inspected one Company in Battle Order during the morning and turned another Company out to do a Company Attack Exercise in the afternoon. All went well but we were glad when it was over.

During the winter months this year we again ran a system of cadres to train men in support weapons, driving, stretcher-bearing, etc., and also of course cadres for junior N.C.O.s. This kept everyone very busy as nearly everybody was on a cadre and excellent results were achieved.

Training, during these past months, as previously stated, has been mainly at individual level, however we managed to fit in a Battalion Command and Signals Exercise also

practising road movement over long distances. This took us over to the attractive lake scenery of County Fermanagh, where we tried out our new range of V.H.F. radio sets. 'Diehards' of army communication systems would undoubtedly regard our present sets as far too luxurious and easy to operate but we like them and they certainly make the job easier. At the time of writing we are just about to start an inter-platoon exercise named "Irish Lament." This is designed to test the endurance and initiative of all platoons and will include cross-country navigation, attacking an enemy position, assault boating and an escape and evasion phase. A similar exercise was run last year but for teams of eight men and not for platoons as this year. Next month we shall be taking part in a Brigade Exercise on similar lines in which we again hope to produce the winning team.

Excitement is now building up for the move to Berlin this summer. Before we go there we have to raise another rifle company and to help us with this, we have just received two drafts totalling 50 men from The Royal Leicestershire Regiment. We are delighted to have these men from one of our sister battalions serving with

us and we are sure that they will be very happy. German classes have started in the evenings and are well attended—old German hands are getting the glint in their eyes again. We have had visits from the C.O. and Adjutant of The King's Regiment with whom we are changing and all reports indicate that we shall enjoy our next posting very much indeed.

The recent disturbances around the world have resulted in Capt. Pike finding himself in a United Nations blue beret in Cyprus and Capt. Wells in sandshoes in Aden. Coming into the battalion we have had 2/Lts. Tewkesbury, Norbury and Goodfellow — the first a son of a retired officer, the second the son of the Commanding Officer — surely a rare occurrence.

On the social and sporting side we have enjoyed ourselves. Occasionally however the Saddle Club exceeds itself and we are treated to a repetition of the Calgary Stampede. Several people have enthusiastically supported the local hunt and in early March the hunt met outside the Officers' Mess. This was enjoyed by all except Capt. (Q.M.) Burrage who stood anxiously watching the flowers he had planted at the Mess entrance. We have been very fortunate in obtaining three sailing dinghies, generously presented by the Nuffield Trust and we now have a large number of enthusiastic yachtsmen. Perhaps at the moment some



*Dog Handlers
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The visit of Her Majesty, The Colonel-in-Chief, on October 30, 1963. The 1st Battalion marches past in quick time.



[Photograph by "The Southend Standard"]

Assault boat training on Strangford Lough.

experience may be lacking but judging from the stories coming back it takes more than a ducking to alter people's determination. Slightly malicious rumour reported the R.S.M. and R.Q.M.S. taking an involuntary bath in Strangford Lough but perhaps this was wishful thinking on someone's part. The battalion football team has completed a very full season having played in the Army Cup, Northern Ireland Command Championships, a local Irish civilian league and cup. In the preliminary round of the Army Cup the team beat 1 Devon and Dorset by 4 goals to 1, only to be beaten in the next round by a strong team from the Depot of the Queen's Own Highlanders and Gordon Highlanders. In the Northern Ireland Command Championships the battalion team won their semi-final match against the North Irish Brigade Depot. The final was lost against 1 Devon and Dorset in an extremely hard-fought match, much against the run of play, by 2 goals to 1. The games against the civilian sides in the local league proved to be entertaining and worthwhile. Although the standard was a little high for the team a creditable performance was put up to finish half-way up the table. 2/Lt. Groves, Sgt. Bailiff, L/Cpl. Saw'ord, Ptes. Musicka and Taylor proved to be the stalwarts of the team. The final of the

Northern Ireland Command Minor Units Cup was again fought out between our "A" Company and "H.Q." Company. This year "A" Company turned the tables by beating "H.Q." Company after extra time in a very close match.

Within the battalion the Inter-Platoon League was won by 4 Platoon with the M.T. second and the Signals Platoon third. In addition friendly matches were played against Downpatrick, R.A.F. Bishops Court and R.A.F. Aldergrove, all of which were won by the battalion team. It is hoped that in the season ahead teams will improve their existing performance and do well in Berlin.

Like the football team the hockey team has had a very full season. At the beginning of the season it was necessary to bring along new blood into the team to fill the places of those posted from the battalion. Having won the Junior League Competition last year the team was put into a higher league this season. Here, although the hockey played was of a better standard the team did well to be placed 4th at the end of the season. In the Army Cup Competition the team was knocked out in the quarter-finals by 1 Training Regiment, R.E. having previously won the Northern Ireland Championships. A large number of friendly



[Photograph by Army Public Relations, Cyprus.

Cyprus, December, 1963. Cpl. Sutcliffe, Ptes. Williams and Lent on a map-reading exercise.

matches were played throughout the season against Premier League Ulster sides. These games were of great value to the team for the experience and also for the goodwill that they produced. This year the Company teams did not do as well in the Minor Units Competition. "H.Q." Company reached the final but were beaten 2—1 by "Ajax" Squadron, 1 R.T.R.

The Rugby team did not have a very successful season if success is only judged on the number of wins. Nevertheless it is encouraging to know that there is now a larger following for the game. The team was made up of a number of people who had no rugby experience before this season. The team played regularly in the Irish Rugby Football Union (Ulster) League. Here there was a friendly rivalry against local teams which produced a good spirit in the team as well as with the opponents. It is hoped that the interest shown this season will continue to flourish when the battalion reaches Berlin. Of the team Capt. Barnett, Lt. Lambert, Cpls. Missenden and Maskell, L/Cpls. Leonard and Blackwell played regularly. Lt. Lambert played for Northern Ireland Command and Cpl. Maskell and L/Cpl. Blackwell were selected as reserves. This year the cross country team was young and as such was inexperienced. It trained hard before the N.I.C. Championships where it was placed third behind 1 Devon and Dorset and 2 R.T.R. Matches were also held against The Royal Ulster Constabulary and 1 Devon and



[Photograph by "The Southend Standard"

Assault boat training. Left to right: Ptes. Rous, Green, Burman and Wigginton.



The Battalion Shooting Team get in some practice. Left to right; Sgt. Hammerton, C.S.M. Phillip, Pte. Aves.

[Photograph by "The Southern Standard"]



[Photograph by Army Public Relations, Cyprus. Cyprus, December, 1963. Cpl. Allan prepares for some blisters!]

Dorset Regiment with Lt. T. D. A. Veitch, Cpl. Hayward, L/Cpls. Sutton and Hemmings showing promise.

The barracks' re-building is now almost complete and is looking very smart indeed. We have a new M.I. Room and Dental Centre which is far better than anything anyone has ever seen before and sets a new standard of comfort. The Band has settled into a new practice room designed for the purpose, which makes them feel very superior. Nearly all the wooden huts are down, we have a new N.A.A.F.I. Shop for families and some comfortable new married quarters.

One of the best items of news is that the Band has gone off again with H.M.S. *Adamant*, Depot Ship of the Second Submarine Squadron. It will be remembered that last autumn the Band and Drums went with *Adamant* to San Sebastian in Spain—now they have gone with her on her Spring Cruise to North America, this includes a trip to the New York World Fair. The rest of the battalion is slightly green with envy, however the Band and Drums earned this trip for themselves as they so impressed the Royal Navy on the last occasion, their journey this time is the result. Perhaps next year they will go even further afield.

In conclusion, the Commanding Officer has received the following message from The Grand Jury of the County of Down, today May 5, 1964 :

May 4, 1964.

The Grand Jury of the County of Down have pleasure in acquainting the Commanding Officer 1st Battalion, 3rd East Anglian Regiment, of their appreciation of the Officer's interest and co-operation in the life and sporting activities in the County and in the excellent bearing and conduct of the Soldiers of the Regiment during their stay in Northern Ireland.

The Grand Jury wish the Regiment the best of luck in their new Station—Berlin.

Signed: WILLIAM ANDREWS.

The High Sheriff of the County of Down.

To: Lt.-Col. C. C. Norbury, M.B.E., M.C.,
Officer Commanding,
Third East Anglian Regiment.

The East Anglian Brigade Depot

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

Major-General R. A. Fyffe, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., District Commander, carried out the Annual Inspection of the Depot on December 10, 1963, and again we received a very satisfactory report.

Passing Out Parades have taken place as usual and among the inspecting offices have been the following:—

The Mayor of Southend.

The Mayor of Ipswich.

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., Representative Colonel, East Anglian Brigade.

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

Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., Colonel,

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

Lt.-Col. J. M. Petit, M.B.E., 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk).

Brigadier Backhouse presented the Meritorious Service Medal to R.S.M. Duffy, late R.S.M. of the Depot, The Suffolk Regiment. He presented also the Imperial Service Medal to Mr. P. Watts, who has retired from the appointment of Officers' Mess Steward, after thirty-five years as such to the Depot, The Suffolk Regiment and the East Anglian Brigade. Known to many officers of the Brigade, his courteous and efficient services will be remembered for a long time. His successor is Mr. Calver, late R.Q.M.S. of The Suffolk Regiment.

During his visit Brigadier Oulton presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to C/Sgt. G. R. Wood, 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

Among the many changes in the Staff are the following: Major P. P. Young, Royal Leicesters, has taken over the Training Company from Major P. L. Philcox, M.C., 3rd East Anglian



Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., Representative Colonel, East Anglian Brigade, speaks with Pte. D. Marshall, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), the best recruit, on the occasion of the passing-out parade of The Corunna Platoon of recruits at the Brigade Depot on November 15, 1963.

Regiment, who is to join The Royal Leicesters for a tour of duty; Major W. K. Pool, 2nd East Anglian Regiment, has taken over the appointment of D.A.A.G. to the Brigade from Major F. R. Fleming, 1st East Anglian Regiment; Capt. A. R. A. Veitch, 3rd East Anglian Regiment, has taken over the Adjutancy from Capt. J. E. Hutchings, 3rd East Anglian Regiment; and R.Q.M.S. Duke, 2nd East Anglian Regiment, has replaced R.Q.M.S. Pond.

Christmas was celebrated as usual. An ambitious pantomime written by members of the Staff was admirably performed. The Children's Party seemed to have more children than ever, both Officers' and Sergeants' Messes had their Dinners, and an All Ranks' Dance was held, which was a great success. The whole Christmas programme started with a Carol Service in the Gymnasium with the Band of the Junior Soldiers playing.

Sporting activities have not been neglected. The Depot football team entered the Ipswich and District Wednesday League for the first time and so far have won eight of their football games. Unfortunately they were beaten early in the Minor Units' Cup. At hockey we reached the semi-final of the District Minor Units' Competition. Under the encouragement of R.S.M. Jenks, Royal Leicesters, the Depot basketball team has worked wonders being still unbeaten in the District League, and at cross-country we again won the District Championship in the Minor Units' Competition. We have also had a rigger team which has played games with local Clubs most weeks. This is largely due to the Leicestershire element of the Depot. Talking of the future, we are training up a Junior Soldiers' acrobatic display with trampolines which will be performing in a number of shows throughout the area, and at the Bury St. Edmunds' Tattoo. The Junior Soldiers' Band and Drums are also likely to do some outside engagements during the summer. We are now scratching our heads on how we will accommodate the Bands and Drums of 2nd and 3rd East Anglian Regiments and 1st Royal Leicesters over the Brigade Week-end.

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

**EAST ANGLIAN
BRIGADE WEEK-END
JULY, 17, 18, AND 19.**

The East Anglian Brigade Golf Meeting, 1964

The meeting will be held at the Flempton Golf Club, near Bury St. Edmunds, on Friday, July 17, 1964. It will be open to all officers, Regular and T.A., serving or retired.

It will begin at about 09.30 hours and the events will include Scratch, Handicap and Bogey competitions run concurrently during the morning, followed by a Stableford Four-some in the afternoon. On the Saturday morning a Brigade Team will be formed to play the Flempton Golf Club.

Lunch and tea will be provided at the Club House. Details and entry forms were issued in May.

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

GENERAL

Since the last issue of *The Wasp and Eagle* the Battalion has been in 'winter quarters.' After the presentation of new Colours last year our training led up to Exercise "Jig Saw." Later on the Brigade Officers did the same exercise on a cloth model at 161 Infantry Brigade (T.A.) Officers' Study Weekend just before Christmas. It was found that doing a cloth model on exercise which has already been done on the ground adds great interest and brings the exercise and model 'alive' to a degree that is not possible by any other means. The 'outdoor' training season has started and will culminate at Okehampton from June 6-20.

The Battalion fared well in the various Brigade competitions which have been held. The Cooks, with S/Sgt. Smith in charge, won the Cookery Competition and were also runners-up in the Divisional Competition. (Held at Fingringhoe, November 17, 1963). The Band and Drums both came second in their competitions in which all the competitors attained a very high standard. (Held at Duke of Yorks Headquarters, Chelsea, October 13, 1963). A team from No. 2 Company, under the leadership of Capt. B. J. Townshend, took part in an Inter-Unit Boat Race on the River Ouse from Bedford to Kings Lynn, on November 16, 1963. The team put up an exceptionally fine show and despite the fact that they developed engine trouble managed to finish fourth out of eight competitors.

The Battalion's Annual Administrative Inspection was carried out by Major-General R. A. Fyffe, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Commander, 54 East Anglian Divisional/District on February 18 and 19. On the evening of February 18, General Fyffe presented medals to the following:



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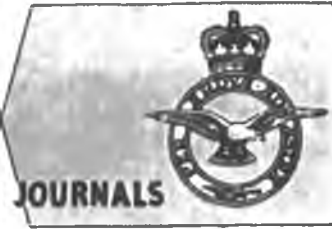
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During March a training innovation took place when three Platoons of "H.Q." Company, comprising of approximately 90, all ranks, took part in a training weekend with the 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) in Northern Ireland. Under the command of Major D. W. F. Willard, T.D., the party flew from London Airport on March 13. The 1st Battalion had arranged an interesting programme and the following platoons and departments were fully exercised: Signals, M.T., Recce Platoon, Corps of Drums, Q.M. Staff and Pay Clerks. Recreation was also well organised. On Saturday evening a Sergeants' Mess Dance was held and recreational transport took those who wished into Newcastle. On Sunday an inter-Unit football match was played and a .22 shooting competition held. In the afternoon a tour of the Mourne Mountains provided great interest for all members of the party. The return journey was made late on Sunday evening, the troops arriving back at their T.A. Centre in the early hours of Monday morning.

No 3 Company took part in the Luton County Borough Status celebrations on April 4, and provided a large military contingent for the procession. The Band and Drums were on parade and the whole Company mounted on transport.

Selected members of the Territorial Army Emergency Reserve will be engaged in overseas training this year. Sgt. Rand and L/Cpl. Abbott were attached to the 1st East Anglian Regiment in B.A.O.R. during April whilst L/Cpl. Murphy, L/Cpl. Oliver-Paull, Pte. Burgoyne and Pte. James have been nominated for training in Aden during June.

Among the results obtained at the 54 (E.A.) Divisional/District Rifle Meeting were:—

W.O./Sergeants' Individual Championship: Won by C.S.M. D. W. Varney, No. 1 Company.

L.M.G. Championship (Permanent Staff): Won by R.S.M. V. Herd and C.S.M. L. Nicholls.

Individual Rifle Championships: 2nd place, Pte. G. L. Hodges, "H.Q." Company.

Rank and File Individual Championship: 2nd place, Pte. G. L. Hodges, "H.Q." Company.

L.M.G. Championship (Young Soldiers): 2nd place, Pte. R. Brightwell, Pte. P. Watkins, "H.Q." Company.

S.M.G. Championship (Permanent Staff): 2nd place, R.S.M. V. Herd.

The meeting was held at Colchester on April 18/19, 1964.

Our congratulations go to our former Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, T.D., who

will assume the appointment of Deputy Commander 161 Infantry Brigade (T.A.) on August 3, 1964.

OFFICERS' MESS

Several Mess functions have taken place since the last issue. In November, Lt.-Col. Simmons, Majors Darville and Gresty were dined out by members of the Mess. The annual Christmas Cocktail Party was, as usual, well attended. In April a Ladies' Night was held at which Mess Members and their Ladies were present for a most enjoyable evening. We welcome to the Mess Major B. J. Elliott, who has joined us from The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, and Capt. P. Barthorpe, who comes to us from The Northamptonshire Regiment. Since our last notes, Majors Darville, Bretherton and Capt. Newman have all joined the T.A.R.O. and Lt. Marriott has transferred to The Northamptonshire Regiment. In January, Major Gresty took up the appointment of G.S.O. 2 (Infantry) at the Tactics Wing, H.Q. School of Signals, Catterick Camp. Major Gresty served with us as Training Officer from August, 1961, and has been succeeded by Capt. Thorogood.

SERGEANTS' MESS

A successful Sergeants' Mess Ball was held at the Ware Drill Hall on January 25, more than 300 people attended and the music was played by the Regimental Dance Band. Among the many guests who attended were Brigadier N. St. G. Gribbon, the Brigade Commander; Lt.-Col. D. W. Browne, the C.O., and Officers of the Regiment, Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, the Mayor and Mayoress of Hertford and representatives of the various Old Comrades' Associations. During the evening the R.S.M., on behalf of the members of the Sergeants' Mess, presented Lt.-Col. Simmons with an inscribed silver salver.

Since the last notes were published we welcome Sgts. Abbott and Marcar to the Mess. Sgt. Huckle has now left the Regiment but we look forward to seeing him at various Mess functions.

The Editor Regrets . . .

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

"April brings the sweet spring showers—on and on for hours and hours," thus say Flanders and Swann in the song of the seasons and this year is no exception. So with windows closed, darkened skies and the planning for the busy months ahead left aside for a moment, we turn, "at the drop of a hat," and reflect upon the happenings of the last few months.

The weeks before Christmas were largely devoted to administration both for the social activities of the Feast itself and for the Administrative Inspection in January. Company and Mess Parties were organised with traditional enthusiasm and style for the children and for T.A. members. At the Permanent Staff Children's Party, Cpl. "Santa Claus" Burgess gave a fine performance against great odds—he was clad in an outfit designed for Sgt. Sabbiton. The Administrative Inspection proved to be of good value. All 'cupboards' were thoroughly dusted and we can now set out on the training year on a sound administrative footing. However, it seems that stores can still be "misplaced" and if a course of instruction is required in this art, we understand from O.C. H.Q. Company that the Mortar Platoon has qualified instructors.

The first of the two recruit weekends was held at Fingringhoe on February 15/16. This training is designed to give young soldiers, who have joined the Battalion since Camp last year some intensive practical instruction in weapon training and fieldcraft. The weekend is run almost entirely by the Permanent Staff and in February in spite of deplorable weather conditions much was achieved and a further weekend is taking place at the time of writing.

There are a number of interesting items on Personalia. We congratulate Capt. Swayne on his majority and wish him every success in his command of "D" Company, congratulations also to Lts. Shervington and Milbank on their promotion to Captain and to Cpls. McGregor and Wallace on their promotion to Sergeant. New arrivals into the Officers' Mess have been numerous in the last few months. We welcome Capt. Kay as our new Paymaster and 2/Lts. Robb, Wreford, Blythe and Davis as new Platoon Commanders, may they have a happy stay in the Battalion. W.O.II Day has taken over the duties of W.O.II Richardson as P.S.I. of "B" Company. We wish W.O.II Richardson a good tour in the 1st Battalion. It is understood from O.C. "B" Company that P.S.I. Day has been 'gingering' them up in more ways than one and can be seen armed with a musket running the Company's very enthusiastic bayonet fencing squad, thus raising magnificent thirsts on Friday evenings.

Among those to have left us is the R.M.O., Capt. Missen, who unfortunately has found that his work does not allow him time to continue. C/Sgt. Cubbit has also had to leave for the same reasons. We wish them luck in their jobs and hope they will visit us from time to time. Sgt. "Busty" Gatwood, after twelve years' service has finally retired, but one can ensure that *he* is 'lucky' in his job for he continues to work for the Battalion as a civilian!

Since Christmas our social activities have been few. One occasion of note, however, was on February 8 when the Wives' Club held their St. Valentine's Dance at Ilford. It was a great success thanks to the work of all the wives and in particular Mrs. Stokes who proved to be the "Jacqueline of all Trades." Other social events included an Officers' Mess Guest Night at which we were most pleased to welcome among our Guests the Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier Paton, Colonel Gibson and Colonel Storrie-Pugh. The two latter gentlemen demonstrated their musical skills by conducting the Band and Colonel Storrie-Pugh showed such vigorous emotion and deftness of wrist that by the conclusion of his piece there remained only two inches of Mr. Baldwin's baton!

Our shooting activities have been going well thanks to the efforts of Major Brewer and R.S.M. Cotter. In the Small Bore Shooting "B" and "C" Companies have reached the final stages of the N.S.R.A. Competition, the Battalion "A" team has reached the semi-final of the 54 (E.A.) Divisional/District .22 Knockout Competition. Companies are also doing well in three Divisions of the District .22 League. At the Full Bore Meeting on April 18/19 the Battalion Team was placed fourth out of 21 major Units and achieved second place in the 161 Infantry Brigade Competition. The Young Soldiers shot very well, notably Pte. Carter who was runner-up in Young Soldiers' Individual Rifle. At the other end of the scale we congratulate R.Q.M.S. Stokes who was runner-up in the Veteran Class—life in the old dog yet! This cliché also applies to Cpl. Jasper of "B" Company who is still helping to show the younger men the way, in the art of shooting. We wish the Battalion Team luck in the Essex County Rifle Meeting.

On March 21/22 the Battalion held a Training Weekend at Stanford during which a Patrol Competition was arranged. Each Rifle Company provided a patrol of one officer and 15 other ranks. Patrols were despatched, after briefing, at timed intervals on similar routes, each with an Umpire and each with the task of locating and attacking a different enemy position. Umpires were given a Mark Sheet and called upon to assess the Patrol Commander and the Patrol on orders, preparation, carrying out the

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task and debriefing. The Competition proved to be of great value both by the training achieved and the interest inspired. 2/Lt. Robb and his "D" Company Patrol are to be congratulated on winning the competition. In early April Lt. Green, Sgt. Attridge, L/Cpl. Cullum and Pte. Dedman spent a week on a 3 in. Mortar Course specially run by 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment in Northern Ireland. By all accounts they had an enjoyable and useful stay which stood them in good stead for a Brigade Shoot the following weekend at Standford P.T.A.

The first T.A.E.R. Volunteers are now collecting their £150 having, so far, succeeded in the gamble with sudden service abroad! T.A.E.R. training is taking on a 'new look' and already five 'Ever Readies' have volunteered for training abroad—two in Aden and three in B.A.O.R. Recruiting has been quite encouraging and in February the Maldon Drill Hall was reopened by "B" Company and 2/Lt. Wreford is now raising a platoon there. Numbers at Braintree are also increasing but our efforts must be directed more now to reducing the wastage which at present is stemming our progress.

We are all most honoured that Her Majesty The Colonel-in-Chief has graciously consented to present our New Colours to us at Warley on July 25. The Ford Motor Company have very kindly agreed to the Parade taking place

on their main car park, which is the exact site of the old Warley Barracks Square where Her Majesty presented New Colours to the 1st Battalion in 1959. We feel that it is most appropriate that this important ceremony is taking place at Warley which has been the home of the Regiment for so many years. In these closing days of April with the R.S.M.'s Company Drill Parades assuming particular importance in our preparations for the Colour Parade we look forward to completing sub-Unit training and progressing to Battalion and Brigade Exercises at Camp. Let us hope that the Flanders and Swann forecast for next month is way out!

"Farmers fear unkindly May, frost by night and hail by day."

The Essex Army Cadet Force

BOXING

The Essex Army Cadet Force Boxing Championships were held at the T.A. Centre, London Road, Chelmsford, on November 30, 1963. The entries were excellent and some very close results were seen. The Inter-Regiment Cup was very keenly contested and resulted in a tie for first place, with 17 points, between the 6th Essex Cadet Regiment (R.H.Q., Chelmsford), the

holders, and the 3rd Essex Cadet Regiment (R.H.Q., Brentwood). Each will hold the trophy for six months.

The Eastern Command A.C.F. Inter-County Boxing Championships were held at Woolwich on January 11, 1964, when the Essex County A.C.F. team won the championship for the eighth time in thirteen years, and thus regained the Herapath Trophy.

In the National Army Boxing Championships, held at Lincoln on February 15, 1964, two cadets of the Essex Army Cadet Force won boxing titles, and a third, who was a champion in 1963, just failed to complete the hat-trick.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Very wet conditions were a feature of the Cross-Country Championships held on March 14 at Chelmsford, but in spite of the bad weather there were good entries and keen competition, particularly in the Junior Race which included 102 individuals and 16 teams.

In the Senior Competition the 6th Essex Cadet Regiment (R.H.Q., Chelmsford) won the Hilder Cup. The winning individual was Cadet R. Curtis, 7th Essex Cadet Regiment.

The Slingsby Cup, for the Junior Competition, was won by the Shoeburyness (EY) Troop, "A" team, and the winning individual was Cadet J. Kingsnorth — Shoeburyness (EY) Troop.

The Inter-Regimental Combined Event Cup was won by the 7th Essex Cadet Regiment (R.H.Q., Southend).

VISIT TO BELGIUM

On April 6, ninety-seven cadets, with their officers and Adult Instructors, left Southend Airport for Ostend from where they travelled, by coach, to Ghent, to stay in Belgian Army Barracks for a week. Coach visits were paid to Brussels, Waterloo, Menin Gate, Ypres and Hill 60. Some interesting contacts were made with Belgian Army veterans of both wars, who appeared delighted to see British uniforms again even though worn by a younger generation. A highlight of the visit to Bruges was a tour of the city by canal boats.

The Cadets paid the cost of the trip, some £11, themselves. Good weather was experienced and all who took part enjoyed the experience and thought it very worth while.

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Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association

NOTES FROM THE BRANCHES

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

Although there has been little activity during the winter, the Branch has met regularly every month and quietly carried on the administrative work so essential for the successful working of any O.C.A. Branch. The postponed Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, April 19, was well attended; Mr. Fred King took the Chair supported by the President, Mr. C. W. Gilder. At the outset, the President announced that it was hoped to have some form of celebration in 1965 to commemorate the Battalion's landing on Gallipoli in August, 1915, and the Regiment had been contacted to see if they could co-operate in some form. He also informed the meeting that further information was still awaited from the organisers of the proposed Gallipoli Tour in August, 1965.

The Balance Sheet was adopted with hearty congratulations to the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. Ward. Despite the fact that over thirty pounds was issued in grants to distressed comrades and the usual unavoidable administrative expenses, income exceeded expenditure by over £6. As Major Tewkesbury commented, that for a Branch of such comparatively small membership, the sound financial position as shown in the balance sheet was very commendable. The Officers and Committee are certainly to be congratulated on the running and organisation of the Branch.

The annual outing to Brighton last year was such a success that it was unanimously agreed to arrange a similar outing for Sunday, June 7, this year. Tickets will be restricted to two per member.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, Mr. C. W. Gilder; Chairman, Mr. F. King; Hon. Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. J. Ward; Sick Visitor, Mr. B. Cox; Benevolent Steward, Mr. H. Boughton. The Committee were elected en-bloc.

HERTFORD

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the T.A. Club, St. Andrew's Street, Hertford, on Friday, November 1, 1963. Owing to the unavoidable absence of our President, Major J. S. Townsend, the Chair was taken by our Secretary, Mr. Charlie Mansfield, and the Meeting was well attended. The annual report and balance sheet for the financial year was presented and passed and showed that the Branch was still in a sound and healthy financial posi-

tion. All the retiring officers and members of the committee were re-elected, en bloc, for the forthcoming year.

A very successful social was held at the Drill Hall, St. Andrew's Street, Hertford, on Saturday, November 9, 1963, when over 80 members and their friends met for a most enjoyable evening's entertainment. Our thanks to Charlie Mansfield and his committee for laying on such a magnificent "DO."

The annual Children's Christmas Party was held at the Drill Hall on Saturday, January 11, 1964. Forty-two children attended and were welcomed on their arrival by members of the committee. After the fitting of paper hats, etc., the afternoon started off with a bout of community singing to whet their appetites for the tea that followed. After tea the kiddies were entertained to a film show and on the conclusion, each child was presented with a suitable gift, plus oranges and sweets. Our thanks to those members of the committee and their wives who helped to make the party such a huge success. In the evening a social was held for members, their wives and friends, which was extremely well attended and proved to be a great success. The Annual Dinner and Dance was held at the Shire Hall, Hertford, on Saturday, March 7, 1964, when about 100 members, their friends and guests sat down to an excellent meal followed by the usual "get together" and dance. Our President, Major J. S. Townsend, presided and welcomed the guests on their arrival among whom we were very pleased to welcome were the Mayor and Mayoress of Hertford, Brigadier Longmore, Lt.-Col. Browne, Officer Commanding, The 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), Major Tewkesbury, and Major and Mrs. Vernon French. Our President in proposing the Loyal Toast read out gracious replies received from H.M. The Queen and H.M. Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother (Colonel-in-Chief) in reply to messages of Loyal Greetings which had been sent by the Branch.

Major Tewkesbury, in proposing the toast of "The Regiment," gave us a very interesting and up to date account of the activities of the Regiment, plus the latest news of the coming re-organisation of the East Anglian Brigade. Brigadier Longmore proposed the toast of the Branch and kept us amused with a very witty speech in which he forcibly expressed his own views on recent events. The toast of "Absent Comrades" was proposed by the President as was also that of "Our Guests." The Mayor of Hertford in his reply to the toast of "Our Guests" spoke about the recent reorganisation and the strong link which exists between the County and the Regiment. A warm welcome was accorded to all visiting members of other Branches, and a special welcome to our two South African veterans, Mr. Woods, aged 81,

and Mr. Harman, aged 80. After dinner the company broke up to exchange greetings and reminiscences whilst the staff were clearing the dining room in preparation for the dancing that followed. All too quickly the clock went round to 11.45 p.m., which meant goodbye until the next Annual Dinner. A really grand evening's entertainment thanks to the splendid effort on the part of Charlie Mansfield and his hard-working committee.

Our newly formed .22 Rifle Club is now in full swing, new equipment has been purchased and several matches have been arranged, past results have been most encouraging and augers well for the future. We would welcome matches with any interested club, especially from other Branches, just drop a line to Charlie Mansfield who will only be too pleased to accommodate you and can promise you a good evening's sport and entertainment.

We are very sad to report the sudden death of one of our oldest members, Mr. Harry Crane, M.M. A report of which will appear in the Obituary Column. We are also sorry to report the loss of the comradeship and service of another old friend and comrade, only this time in happier circumstances. Capt. "Mick" Sandys, who has spent the past twenty-five years in the Hertford area, has recently moved back to his old hunting grounds in the Dover area on his well earned retirement. During his stay in Hertford he has always been a tower of strength to the Branch and we shall sadly miss his smiling face, his vast experience and his advice which he so readily gave on all occasions; we shall even miss the smell of his 'Manikins.'

All members of the Branch send our warmest greetings to "Mick" and his charming wife and hope they will live long to enjoy many years of peace and happiness in their well earned retirement.

ST. ALBANS

Since our last notes the monthly Branch meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Drill Hall, Harpenden Road, St. Albans, have been well attended. The Annual General Meeting was held in February and the present officers of the Branch were re-elected for a further year of office. They are: President, Lt.-Col. J. H. Busby, M.B.E.; Chairman, Mr. G. Windmill, and Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. R. Howard. A note of thanks for their services during 1963 was passed at the meeting. Members were also pleased to note that the Branch funds were in good shape. The attendance at the Annual General Meeting was 100 per cent. of the Branch strength in members, which was a very good show.

Several members have been laid up recently with illness and we send them our good wishes for quick recovery.

All members were sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Higgs. A very keen member and a founder of the Branch, he was also Hon. Secretary for some time.

BEDFORD

The gaps in the ranks of our oldest members continue to widen and it is with regret that we have to record the passing of one more, Mr. Fred Taylor, who died on November 11, 1963; a member of the Branch for many years, he was buried at Elstow Abbey Church on November 15. A number of members of the Branch attended the funeral. Mr. E. Cannon carried the Branch Standard and Mr. G. Hopper sounded "Last Post" and "Reveille."

At the Branch Annual General Meeting held on February 7, 1964, Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., was elected President in succession to the late Lt.-Col. E. G. Fanning, M.C., D.L. We are very gratified that Major Tewkesbury accepted this office and wish to express our thanks because we know that we can always rely on his advice and assistance.

The season started well for us in the Games League but this early promise has not been maintained. More members are wanted to come forward to play in the Branch team.

One of our members who must be singled out for special mention is Mr. W. Hutchings who travels all the way from Leichworth to attend all our monthly meetings. After the monthly meeting on Friday, April 3, Bill Hutchings showed us a film that he had taken at Luton Hoo when Her Majesty The Colonel-in-Chief presented New Colours to the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). Thank you, Bill!

HITCHIN

The Branch held its A.G.M. in February, when all serving office holders were unanimously re-elected en bloc. On April 18 the annual social was held at The Gainsford Hall, Hitchin, and was a great success. We received support from many Branches of the Regimental Association, and our sister Branch Saffron Walden of The Essex Regiment Association outweighed them all in the numbers attending. Incidentally, Saffron Walden members ran away with the majority of the raffle prizes and contributed very largely to the fun of the evening. We were very glad to have our Branch President, Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, with us on this occasion, and sorry Mrs. Young was unable to accompany him. Major D. T. Tewkesbury, Secretary of The 16th Foot Association, with Mrs. Tewkesbury, were among our guests and we were delighted to have them with us. Our Hon. Secretary and his band of helpers, as usual, worked very hard and it was due to their efforts that the evening was such a resounding success.

A coach load of members from the Branch attended the socials held by the Chelmsford and Saffron Walden Branches on February 29 and May 2 respectively and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Although very small in numbers, our Branch continues to hold its own. We are, of course, amazed that out of the hundreds of men in the district, who must have served in the Regiment at some time or other, so few are forthcoming as "Old Comrades," despite widespread appeals in the local newspapers.

We are sorry to announce the resignation, due to ill health, of our Branch Editor, Mrs. Pooley; she has been a very staunch supporter of the Branch and we miss her at our meetings very much.

WARE

The annual dinner and reunion, which was held this year at the Drill Hall, Ware, on Saturday, May 2, had a special purpose, in that it marked the 50th anniversary of the landing of the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment in France in 1914. Between 250 and 300 veterans of the First World War, ex-members of the Regiment, their wives and guests attended the dinner. The guest of honour was Major-General Sir George Burns, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire; another guest was Councillor J. H. Murphy, Chairman of the Ware Urban District Council.

The Drill Hall presented a lively and decorative setting when the large company sat down to dinner at 8 p.m. The music during the dinner was played by the Regimental Dance Band of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.).

The toast to The Regiment was proposed by General Sir George Burns, who told the company that after seeing the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) at work, he felt that the Regiment was in good hands, and if it was called upon to defend Britain again in the future, it would do so with the same distinction and fire that it did in the last two wars. The Lord Lieutenant continued: "Let us never forget that it is the deeds and example of those who served in the Regiment that makes it either good or bad. The hard won reputation of The Hertfordshire Regiment is entirely due to those who served during the two world wars. The Regiment was still of the same high standard today, and would keep that standard in the future. It is being taken care of by public spirited, enthusiastic men who are determined that the esteemed nature of the Regiment shall in no way be tarnished. Throughout the years it has built up a very sound foundation, and in the future it will be of equal success."

Concluding, General Sir George Buns said: "Territorial units of the future should be up to strength, and he urged all those connected with the Regiment to strive to seek out recruits, both officers and men. There is nothing basically wrong with the youth of this country, and the numbers are growing year by year. What an opportunity! Go forth, all of you, and blow the trumpets of the Regiment. You have plenty to shout about and be proud of. If you excite the young, they cannot fail to be impressed, and will eventually join. The task is not easy—but no worthwhile task is easy. But if you try hard they will join. The work of the Regiment is by no means done, and its importance to the country grows no less."

In responding to the toast, Brigadier Peters, Honorary Colonel, said the strength of The Regiment was about average, and the recruits were extremely good material. The Honorary Colonel continued: "We are getting the recruits, but we are wasting them, because we do need more people to help and keep them going. Young men of today want encouragement and orders; they are bored, want adventure, and want to be led. The Regiment is doing, with a smaller unit than ever before, its best to keep the peace of the world, and we must get hold of the youth to keep The Regiment and its spirit going."

The toast to The Hertfordshire Regiment Association was proposed by the Regimental Secretary. Lt.-Col. Young, who told the assembly that although reorganisation was ahead, the Regimental Associations would go on. He said all Associations continued the comradeship gained in their Regiments, and in this respect the Ware Branch was an example to all. A good Regiment, continued Colonel Young, is one that has a good Association behind it. These Associations are more than worthwhile, they are essential to the well being of the Regiment.

The Vice-Chairman of the Branch responded to the toast and said: "We would like to see younger members of The Regiment join us."

The Chairman, Brigadier Hanbury Pawle, proposed the loyal toasts, the toasts to absent comrades and the guests, who he welcomed, especially the Lord Lieutenant, for whose support and interest they were all grateful. He also paid a special tribute to Mr. Jimmy Crane, the hard working Secretary of the Branch, to whose efforts so much of the success of the evening was due.

After dinner the Drums of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) played. Then the company broke up to dance to music played by the Regimental Dance Band.

So ended an evening which all those who were present will long remember.

The Essex Regiment Association

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE,
WARLEY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

The Service of Remembrance this year will be held at 11 a.m. in the Regimental Chapel. The Band of 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) will play during the Service.

Admission to the Chapel will be by ticket only, and members should make application to the Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association, at Warley or to their Branch Secretary.

Notes From Branches

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

Major J. D. Castle, T.D., took the chair at our annual Reunion Dinner held on April 4 at the T.A. Centre, Vicarage Road, East Ham. He welcomed old and new members and our guests. Our "host" Regiment, 300 Regiment R.A. (T.A.), was represented by Major R. A. Chilcott, R.A., and the 3rd East Anglian Regiment by Mr. T. A. Winton. Major Harry Staff came along from "The Eagle and Gun" Association. The Band of 300 Regiment played during the evening, by kind permission of the Officer Commanding, Lt.-Col. F. E. Wilkins, M.B.E., T.D. Brief but interesting accounts of the recent activities of their respective Regiments were given by Major Chilcott and Mr. Winton and an enjoyable evening was rounded off by an adjournment to the bar.

All readers who are interested and who may wish to attend any of the "Cedars O.C.A." functions are asked to contact the Hon. Secretary, Mr. George Leaford, 71, Herschell Road, Leigh-on-Sea.

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

The Association is now in its 45th year, and with a membership of some 300 the activities are many and varied. Our hardworking Social Committee continues to organise the popular concerts and outings; all of which have been very well supported.

The Annual General Meeting was held on December 8, and the Chairman, Colonel H. Craig, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., presided. A very good attendance of members showed their appreciation of the Committee's work during the past year by re-electing "en bloc" all officers of the Association. We were again very glad to have with us our oldest member, Mr. W. Tozer, aged 89 years.

Our 1st/7th Reunion "Gallipoli" Dinner will be held on October 3 next at H.Q., Inns of Court and City Yeomanry, by kind permission of the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. D. P.

Powle, M.C. We again offer our thanks to Colonel Powle for allowing us the continued use of his T.A. Centre at Whipps Cross. The use of this headquarters for our meetings and other functions has been most helpful to us all.

SAFFRON WALDEN

Since our last notes appeared, we have been very active in the social sphere. A party of 43 of our members attended the first social and dance of the newly formed Chelmsford Branch on February 29, and we were also very strongly represented on April 18 when a party went over to Hitchin for the Branch Social Evening. A most enjoyable evening was spent on both occasions.

Our own programme for the coming months is a very full one, and a report on our Social Evening on May 2, and on the fête to be held in the home of our President, Major J. Lipscombe, will be covered in the next issue of the Journal.

We would like to remind readers that our Autumn Social Evening this year will be at Saffron Walden on Saturday, September 26, when we extend a warm welcome to all members who would like to be present.

METROPOLITAN ESSEX

We derive a certain satisfaction from the fact that we have been able, during the past year, to maintain the strength of the Branch. We have lost members, but have been able to make our numbers up. Despite the large area covered by the Branch, and the huge potential of prospective members, we find it impossible to considerably increase our numbers.

Lt.-Col. C. V. "Joe" Sharman, who has been very ill during the past year, has, we hear, now shown signs of improvement and hopes to be fit enough to attend the Presentation of Colours Ceremony.

We were very pleased to welcome to our Annual General Meeting one of our most notable members in the person of Major the Rev. P. A. Wright. The Padre, besides being a very busy Parish Priest, is also a most enthusiastic worker for the Army Cadet Force, an author of books on agriculture and steam traction engines, and an agricultural journalist. All this work leaves him little time for attending meetings, and we are delighted when he can turn up. The enthusiasm of another of our members deserves reporting. He is Mr. P. C. Norfolk, and is serving with a T.A. Unit. On the date of the Presentation of Colours Ceremony he will be in camp near Crawley. He hopes to obtain leave to motor up for the Ceremony, and to return to Camp afterwards. Mr. Norfolk recently had the misfortune to have his wallet stolen. The wallet contained private papers as well as cash, but he was most con-

cerned over the loss of his Branch Membership Card.

ROMFORD AND DISTRICT

The Annual Dinner of the Branch took place this year on April 10 at the T.A. Centre, St. Mary's Lane, Upminster, by kind permission of the Officer Commanding 54 (E.A.) Div./District Column R.A.S.C. (T.A.), Lt.-Col. E. F. Logan, T.D. The foregathering of the Branch members once in each year is always a very pleasant occasion and we were again very fortunate to have with us our President, Lt.-Col. J. C. Lockwood, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., and our Chairman, Colonel R. A. Chell, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., D.L. A number of distinguished and very welcome guests included Lt.-Col. Logan, the Commanding Officer of 54 Divisional Column whom we were especially pleased to have with us. At the end of a very enjoyable meal, the business of the Branch was speedily and efficiently conducted under the able guidance of Stanley Court, the Hon. Secretary. A proposition by Major Bill Matthews that the officers of the Branch be re-elected "en bloc" was carried unanimously, and an appreciation of the officers' past services which was included in the proposition, was very warmly endorsed by all present.

A period of further refreshment at "the bar" terminated a most enjoyable evening.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT

Branch Headquarters are once again firmly established at the Old Collegians Club in the High Street where members gather on the last Friday in each month. The Annual General Meeting in December was well supported. Major Arthur Saunders was in the Chair and remains firmly in that position for another year with Mr. Charlie Harrod and Captain Albert Cooper as his Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. Mr. Harry Greenwood was elected Vice-Chairman and we were delighted to welcome back Mr. Doug Deer to the Entertainments Committee.

A recruiting drive in the Stanford le Hope area proved most successful thanks to the efforts of Mr. Alf Taylor and Mr. Ben Burgess, and a Social Evening held at the United Services Club in February was most enjoyable and was well supported, all Battalions of The Essex Regiment (1939/45) being represented. A coach party from the Branch paid their first visit to the Chelmsford Branch on February 29, the occasion being the successful first social of the new Branch. Congratulations Chelmsford!

Our big night of the year was on April 4 when we held our Annual Dinner and Dance at the Bell Hotel, Southend. A total of 80 members and their ladies attended and our President, Brigadier G. Shenstone, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., presided. Guests of honour were the Deputy



The Southend-on-Sea Branch Annual Dinner, April 4, 1964. A group of the ladies.

Colonel of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., and Mrs. Paton, and as a token of the members' appreciation of his past services to the Branch, Capt. Len Hammond and Mrs. Hammond were made special guests of the evening. For a really splendid evening our thanks are due to Mr. Charlie Harrod, Mr. Doug Deer and members of the committee who took such great trouble to ensure that the evening was a success, and to our Chairman, Major Arthur Saunders. Mrs. Charlie Harrod was responsible for the very attractively arranged "Regimental" posies with which each lady was presented.

CHELMSFORD AND DISTRICT

(Formation of a new Branch of The Essex Regiment Association)

At a meeting in the T.A. Centre, Chelmsford, on September 27, 1963, a new Branch of The Essex Regiment Association came into being. It is called The Chelmsford and District Branch, The Essex Regiment Association. The aims of the new Branch, in line with Branches elsewhere, is to promote 'esprit de corps' throughout the Regiment; past and present; to assist members to obtain employment in civilian life; and to provide help, financial or otherwise to past and present members who require it, also to their wives, widows and children or other dependents.

The following officers were elected: President, Lt.-Col. C. A. Southey; Vice-Presidents, Colonel N. R. Salew, O.B.E., D.L., Colonel P. V. Upton, M.B.E., J.P., D.L., Lt.-Col. J. F. Cramp-horn, T.D., Lt.-Col. R. J. Randall (Commanding Officer 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.)), Major D. W. Jarvis, T.D., and Major T. R. Stead; Chairman, Wing-Commander E. I. Elliott, O.B.E.; Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. S. Gilder; Assistant Secretary, Mr. C. Meeking, and Hon. Treasurer, Capt. G. Chinnery.

At the time of writing the membership of the Branch has risen to 170 members, a striking tribute to the work of the committee. No sooner had the Branch been formed than the committee embarked vigorously upon a programme of social events designed to bring everyone in, especially wives, mothers, girl friends and children. A social held on February 29 at the T.A. Centre, Chelmsford, when 250 people attended, was an outstanding success. That it was so is due in no small measure to the ladies who spent many hours preparing food and sandwiches.

Future events in the social calendar will include further socials at the T.A. Centre, Chelmsford, on October 17 next and January 23 and April 3, 1965. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the T.A. Centre, Chelmsford, on September 14.

POMPADOURS REUNION ARRAS SURVIVORS MEET

The annual get-together of former members of 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment (Pompadors), who were present at the Arras battles of 1917 and 1918, took place at Chelmsford on April 4. With the passage of time the number eligible to attend decreases, and some of the older members were unable to make the journey, but 21 members, several being joined by their wives, spent a very happy evening together.

7/59/459 DINNER CLUB

The Officers' Annual Reunion Dinner was held at the United Service Club, Pall Mall, on Saturday, March 21, 1964, when 32 members from 7th Bn. The Essex Regiment, 59 (The Essex Regiment) H.A.A. Regiment and 459 (The Essex Regiment) H.A.A. Regiment R.A. were present. Our guests included Lt.-Col. F. E. Wilkins, M.B.E., T.D., Officer Commanding 300 Regiment R.A. (T.A.), and Lt.-Col. D. B. Powle, M.C., Officer Commanding The Inns of Court and City Yeomanry. Major H. J. Staff, who needs no introduction and who continues to do so much for The Eagle and Gun Association, was in the Chair. He gave an amusing speech and some of us at least felt that we were once again back on the parade ground receiving our orders. The occasion was a most enjoyable one.

The Dinner next year will be held on March 27.

The annual Cocktail Party was held on Saturday, January 25, at the T.A. Centre, Whipps Cross. Numbers attending this year were a little disappointing, especially as last year's function had had to be cancelled owing to the very severe weather. However, over 50 members and their ladies were present and thoroughly enjoyed a very pleasant evening. We were very pleased to have with us as our guests

Lt.-Col. D. P. Powle, M.C., Officer Commanding The Inns of Court and City Yeomanry, who had very kindly allowed us the use of the Officers' Mess for the occasion, and also Major and Mrs. T. R. Stead.

29th DIVISION ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, April 26, the 49th Anniversary Parade was held at the Cenotaph. Some 300 members attended, and the Band of The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers played at the head of the column. A wreath was laid on behalf of all ranks of the Association. An excellent lunch at Lyon's Corner House in Coventry Street was followed by the Annual General Meeting during which arrangements were agreed for the Division's final parade next year.

The annual Memorial Service was held in the Divisional Chapel at Holy Trinity Church, Eltham, at 5.30 p.m., and a good muster of members made the journey from Coventry Street. Coaches had been booked to convey members who were without other means of transport, and this service was greatly appreciated. "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by trumpeters from the Royal Artillery, Woolwich Common. Former Essex Regiment members who were present this year were: Messrs. J. E. Fuller, B. Garratt, A. E. Mount, A. S. Perdeaux, Major H. J. Staff, Messrs. J. E. Tresadern, T. W. Usherwood, F. W. Vere, A. E. Wain and F. Walters.

Members are requested to note that next year will see the Final Parade of the Division. The date will be Sunday, April 25.

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Engagements

CAPTAIN A. J. MACG. PERCIVAL AND
MISS A. C. F. McDougall

The engagement is announced between Capt. Alfred James MacGregor Percival, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, only son of Lieut.-General A. E. Percival, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., D.L., of Bullards, Widford, near Ware, Hertfordshire, and the late Mrs. Percival, and Ann Charity Forsyth McDougall, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. McDougall, of Burlington, Ontario, Canada.

CAPT. B. J. TOWNSHEND AND
FRAULEIN H. TRAGER

The engagement is announced between Capt. Bernard John Townshend, 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), and Fraulein Hanna Trager, daughter of Frau Johanne Trager, of Innsbruck, Austria.

Marriages

ADKIN — FEARNLEY-TAYLOR. — On November 16, 1963, at St. George's Church, Bristol, Capt. M. Adkin, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), to Gentian Joy Beatrice Fearnley-Taylor.

GOOD—REYNOLDS. — On December 14, 1963, at St. Mary's, Oatlands, Weybridge, 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, N. Ireland, and Sarah Jayne, daughter of Colonel M. L. Reynolds, O.B.E., late 16th Foot, and Mrs. Reynolds, of 11, Chaseley Court, Oatlands Drive, Weybridge, Surrey.

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Births

KING.—On February 18, 1964, at the British Military Hospital, Taipang, Malaysia, to Capt. and Mrs. Patrick King, identical twin daughters, Patricia Mary and Caroline Jane.

BLUMSON.—On March 5, 1964, at Barton-in-the-Clay, Bedfordshire, to Jill and Capt. John Blumson, 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire (T.A.), a son, William John, a brother for Giles and David.

Obituaries

BATHURST.—Mr. James George Bathurst (ex-600835 R.Q.M.S.) died at Brentwood on May 14, 1963, at the age of 77 years. Mr. Bathurst commenced his military career at the 'Cedars,' West Ham, when he joined 6th Bn. The Essex Regiment (Territorial Force) in 1908. In 1912 he transferred to 8th (Cyclists) Battalion, and in November, 1920, he enlisted on a regular engagement. His regular service totalled almost 33 years, during which time he served with both 1st and 2nd Battalions, and also at the Regimental Depot.

Jim Bathurst, who was appointed Warrant Officer in 1937, was a cheerful, unassuming soldier, who made a host of friends, both in the Regiment and in civilian life. He was a staunch supporter of the Association and a popular figure in Brentwood, where he had lived for many years.

COLONEL L. L. HASSELL, D.S.O., M.C.

We regret to report the death of Colonel Ladas Lewis Hassell, which occurred suddenly at his home in Sussex on July 15, 1963.

Joining the 1st Bn. The South Staffordshire Regiment just before Neuve Chapelle in March, 1915, Colonel Hassell served with the 1st and 2nd Battalions of his Regiment more or less continuously till the end of the First World War. He gained the M.C. at the Battle of Festubert in 1915, and the D.S.O. during the third battle of Ypres in 1917.

In the Second World War he served in the Middle East and took over command of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment from Lt.-Col. (now Brigadier) S. D. Mills in May, 1940. During his command the Battalion served in Palestine, Lemnos, Syria and Tobruk. On February 16, 1942, Colonel Hassell was appointed to the command of an Infantry Brigade in the desert and handed the Battalion over to Lt.-Col. J. C. Preston, M.B.E.

The Editor of *The Staffordshire Knot* has kindly permitted us to republish the following from his obituary which appeared in the

September number (1963) of that Journal: "Professionally, he was essentially a Regimental soldier, and a born commander. As an individual, he was one of the most likeable people it has been my good fortune to meet, and in saying this, I feel sure I echo the feelings of all who knew him. In action, he didn't seem to know what fear was, and the hotter things got, the more jocular Ladas would become. When the rest of us were nearly at the end of our tether, he would produce, with a slow smile, one of his quite irrelevant witticisms." An officer of the 1st Bn. the 16th Foot writes: "We were all terribly fond of Colonel Ladas."

SMITH.—On July 18, 1963, Major George E. Smith, M.C. George Smith was commissioned into 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment before the War and was transferred to 10th Essex on its formation in 1940. In 1942 the Battalion became 9th Bn. The Parachute Regiment and George, as a Company Commander, was in his element. He commanded his Company in Normandy during the Ardennes Campaign and at the Rhine Crossing. He was a great pillar of strength and was well known for his never failing good humour. Shortly after the War he married, and he and his wife subsequently spent much of their life in East Africa where George held a business appointment.

MORRIS.—On August 17, 1963, ex-5722533 William Morris, aged 56 years. William Morris first enlisted with The Dorsetshire Regiment in 1926, but transferred almost immediately to The Essex Regiment and remained with them until 1941, when he joined the Corps of Military Police. He was a life member of the Regimental Association and was living at Laindon at the time of his death.

OAKMAN.—On September 10, 1963, ex-6191294 Mr. Alan Oakman. Mr. Oakman enlisted in The Middlesex Regiment on March 2, 1920, and joined The Essex Regiment in 1922. He remained with The Regiment until 1935, when he transferred to the Royal Army Education Corps and attained the Rank of Warrant Officer Class I.

During his period of service with The Essex Regiment, Alan Oakman served with both the 1st and 2nd Battalions, and after his discharge in 1957 he remained a staunch supporter of Regimental affairs. He was a Life Member of the Regimental Association and a member of the Association of Sergeants.

HOLMES.—On September 17, 1963, Mr. C. H. Holmes, aged 70 years. Mr. Holmes was an "Old Contemptible," who served with 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment.

BURRIDGE.—On September 27, 1963, at 128, Dudley Street, Bedford, Mr. Thomas Burrige, who served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the First World War in France and Italy.

BEAL.—On September 27, 1963, Mr. E. C. Beal, of 41, The Ridgeway, Flitwick, Bedfordshire. Mr. Beal joined the 3rd (Militia) Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment in 1902 and during the 1914-1918 War served with the regular Battalions of The Regiment. On the outbreak of the 1939-1945 War, he was one of the first group of men to join The Bedfordshire Home Guard. He was a keen member of the British Legion.

GEORGE.—At 61, High Street, Toddington, Bedfordshire, in September, 1963, Mr. S. J. George, who served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the First World War.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL F. G. SPRING,
C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

We regret to report the death of Brigadier-General Frederick Gordon Spring, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., at Fleet, Hampshire, in September, 1963. Brigadier Spring was born in 1878 and was commissioned in The Lincolnshire Regiment. He commanded 11th (Service) Bn. The Essex Regiment from July, 1916, to September, 1917. He led the Battalion with great distinction during the fighting at The Somme, Trones Wood, Ypres and Loos, and was much respected and loved by all ranks who served with him.

FIELD.—Formerly No. 6556 C.S.M., 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment, aged 82 years, holder of The Queen's and King's South Africa Medals and founder "Chum" of the St. Albans Branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association. The Branch with their Standard were present at the cremation.

TENNANT.—On October 2, 1963, Mr. George Richard Tennant, of Manor Park. Mr. Tennant served with 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment during World War I, and had for many years been a staunch supporter of the 4th Battalion O.C.A. He died whilst on holiday in Plymouth.

BRACE.—The death occurred in October, 1963, at his home, 70, High Street, Roxton, Bedfordshire, of Mr. Fred Brace, aged 64. He was born and lived in the same house all his life. Mr. Brace served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914-1918 War.

CAIN.—On October 12, 1963, Mr. George Cain, of 7, Stanley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire. Mr. Cain served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the First World War.

JUSON.—On November 2, 1963, ex-6013282 Cpl. T. E. Juson, aged 43 years. Mr. Juson enlisted in The Essex Regiment in 1938 and served with The Pompadours until his discharge in 1946. He then joined 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) and was a popular member of the Battalion for many years until recurring ill health compelled him to resign. Mr. Juson had suffered from periodic spells of illness for a number of years and had suffered much pain during the past two years.



The late Cpl. T. E. Juson

BYERLEY.—On November 7, 1963, at Norwich, Major A. M. Byerley, M.C., aged 75 years. Arthur Byerley was with 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment throughout the whole of the First World War. He was an accomplished pianist and whenever possible he gave much entertainment to The Tenth during the brief lulls in the fighting.

BRADY.—On November 7, 1963, at Middlesex Hospital, Mr. P. J. Brady, ex-Sergeant 6th Battalion (1914-1919), The Essex Regiment. Percy Brady was a regular supporter of 6th (Cedars) O.C.A., and was also a member of the Association of Sergeants. At one time both he and his father were serving together in the 6th Battalion in France. He was admitted to hospital following a fall and was aged 68 years.

McGLORY.—On November 11, 1963, in Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), Mr. Martin Joseph McGlory, of 56, Collie Road, Bedford. Mr. McGlory served in The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment during the 1939-1945 War.

TAYLOR.—Mr. Frederick Taylor, of Moss Lane, Elstow, died on November 11, 1963, at the age of 66 years after a short illness. He saw service during the 1914-18 War with the 7th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment, being invalided out. He was a member of the Bedford Branch of the Comrades' Association for many years. Members of the Branch with their Standard, attended his interment in Elstow Church Yard. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" was sounded by a member of the Branch, Mr. G. Hopper.

HIGGS.—St. Albans Branch regret to report the death on November 20, 1963, of Mr. C. E. Higgs, who served with the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914-1918 War, when he was awarded the Military Medal. His regimental number was 20730 and he rose to the rank of Corporal. Mr. Higgs was a keen member of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association and a former member of the St. Albans Branch whose members offer their deep sympathy to Mrs. Higgs.

CRANE.—Suddenly, at Hertford, on November 24, 1963, Mr. Harry Crane, M.M. Harry Crane enlisted into The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) in 1914 and proceeded to France in January, 1915. He was awarded the Military Medal for Conspicuous Bravery whilst serving with the 2nd Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment and served throughout the 1914-18 War with that Battalion. After the war he transferred to The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and proceeded to India with the 2nd Battalion in which he served until his discharge in 1924.

A loyal and active member of the Old Comrades Association he never missed a Reunion Dinner or a Regimental gathering, and served on the committee of the Hertford Branch for over 10 years. The Branch was represented at his funeral by Major J. S. Townsend and many members.

MARCHANT.—On November 28, 1963, in hospital at Croydon, Mr. H. W. Marchant, aged 83. He served in the 7th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment during the First World War, rising to the rank of Sergeant.

HILTON.—Mr. Albert Arthur Hilton died at Chelmsford in November, 1963. He was a member of 5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) for 35 years and was a staunch supporter of the Battalion O.C.A.

POTTS.—In November, 1963, Mr. M. W. Potts, aged 44 years. Mark William Potts, ex-6013117, enlisted in 1938 and served with 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment until 1946. He

was a life member of the Regimental Association.

FOXCROFT.—On December 7, 1963. Ex-300136 Sgt. W. J. Foxcroft joined 1/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment in 1913 and served at Gallipoli and Palestine; being wounded three times. He was discharged from the T.A. in February, 1920, and had been a staunch member of The Essex Regiment Association since 1921.

JONES.—On December 14, 1963, ex-5999814 Sgt. William J. Jones. Mr. Jones enlisted in The Essex Regiment in October, 1904, and was finally discharged in 1928. Apart from a period of 10 months with The Suffolk Regiment and six months with The Manchesters during World War I, the whole of his service was spent with The Essex Regiment. Affectionately known as "Knocker" Jones



The late Sgt. W. J. Jones

throughout the Regiment, he was for many years a member of the Association of Sergeants and a staunch supporter of the Regimental Association.

KEECH.—We regret to report that Invalid Pensioner Albert James Keech died at the Infirmary, The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on December 19, 1963. He was 78. He joined The Bedfordshire Regiment in 1902 and served in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 7th Battalions, being discharged in 1924. He was admitted to the Royal Hospital in March, 1962.

CAPTAIN G. J. LEATHEM, M.B.E., M.C.

We regret to report the death on December 24, 1963, of Capt. G. J. Leatham, M.B.E., M.C., a few days after his 80th birthday. He enlisted as a boy in 1898 and served with The Middlesex Regiment for twenty-three years. He was appointed to a Commission in September, 1915, and was later awarded the Military Cross whilst serving with the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. In September, 1921, he was promoted to Captain and transferred to The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. He was Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion from September, 1922, until April, 1926, and shortly before relinquishing this appointment, he was awarded the M.B.E.

After retiring in 1928 he joined the Staff of the Middlesex T. & A.F. Association and remained with them until 1946.

The funeral service was held on January 2, 1964, at St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church, Golders Green.

FISH.—The death is reported of Mr. W. Fish, formerly No. 7950, Private, 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment. He died on December 24, 1963, aged 76.

CLARKSON.—On December 29, 1963, Mr. E. A. Clarkson, formerly No. 7908, Private, 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment. He was a member of the Woolwich Branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association, who were represented at his cremation.

BRIGADIER J. F. CONNOLLY, D.S.O.

We regret to report the death, as the result of an accident, of Brigadier Connolly on January 2, 1964. During the latter part of 1945 and the early months of 1946, the late Brigadier commanded the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in India. He was much liked and esteemed by those who served under him, and he enjoyed his period of command. Although his service with the 16th Foot was only some eight months, he continued afterwards to take a great interest in all regimental affairs. Brigadier Connolly's own Regiment was The Buffs.

HOWCROFT.—On January 4, 1964, Mr. F. Howcroft, M.M. Mr. Howcroft served with 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment during the First World War when he won the Military Medal. He is reputed to have enlisted at 16 years of age.

PECK.—Mr. William Henry Peck died in hospital at Bedford on January 5, 1964. He was 87. He enlisted into the 16th Foot on January 1, 1894, and after recruit training joined the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment at Devonport.

He served with the Regiment during the Boer War. At the end of the war he returned to England and was appointed Instructor to Bedford Modern School. During the 1914-18 War he served with the Army Physical Training Corps, after which he returned to his duties at the Bedford Modern School, eventually retiring, in 1936, after 34 years' service.

COLONEL RICHARD VALENTINE READ, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

Dick Read was born in Brentwood on February 14, 1892. He was educated at Malvern and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, from where he joined the 2nd Battalion in 1911. For the next two years he served in Bordon and Chatham, and at the outbreak of war went with the Battalion to France. In the early fighting, he was wounded at the Aisne crossing, and he was no sooner back with the Battalion when he was again wounded at Ypres. It was on this latter occasion that he was gassed—and it was this which was to affect his health so seriously in his last years. After Ypres, he had a succession of Staff appointments, starting as Adjutant 12th (Service) Bn. The Essex Regiment, Brigade Major 10 Canadian Infantry Brigade, Brigade Major 92 Infantry Brigade, Brigade Major 180 Infantry Brigade, and ending with G.S.O.2 75th Division.



The Late Colonel R. V. Read, C.V.O., O.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

During the War he was awarded the D.S.O. and M.C., and was twice Mentioned in Despatches. By any standards, this was a remarkable achievement.

After the War, he was Adjutant 4th Battalion (1921-25) before he returned to the 2nd Battalion in India for a short spell of regimental duty which included the operations in the Khyber Pass. Then followed a period of Staff duty as DAAG Northern Command, India, when he returned to command the Regimental Depot from 1933-1935. He returned to India as Assistant Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief until he was selected to command the 1st Battalion during their tour in Palestine and Egypt. He then became Military Attaché in Washington until 1941, when he was posted to Northern Command as Assistant Military Secretary. He retired in 1945 to become Secretary of the Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association County of Essex. He was for a time, a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Essex.

Dick was essentially a Staff Officer, for he had all the attributes—great charm, tact, good temper, and he was a good mixer. It was these characteristics, too, which brought him a host of friends, both in the Army and the County. He will be sadly missed by them.

When he left Essex in 1952, he went to Cyprus to live and then to Fredonia in New York State. He had not been well and he and Mrs. Read were on a cruise when he died at sea on January 15, 1964.

The sympathy of all Dick's friends goes out to Mrs. Read in her great sorrow.

BARFORD.—Mr. E. Barford, an 'Old Contemptible' who served with The Pompadours, died at Chelmsford on January 15, 1964. He was a member of the Chelmsford Branch of the 'Old Contemptibles.'

AMES.—The death is reported of Mr. Arthur Ames, of 6, Council Houses, Felmersham. A former Regular soldier of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, he was about to retire from Meltis Ltd., for whom he had worked for the past thirteen years. The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, Felmersham, on January 24, 1964.

LONG.—On January 30, 1964, ex-8146 Sgt. A. T. Long, M.M., aged 77 years. Sgt. Long enlisted in The Essex Regiment in 1904 and served with both Regular Battalions of the Regiment. He remained until the end of World War I during which he won the Military Medal. In the last war he was with 30th (H.D.) Battalion until 1942. He was a life member of the Regimental Association and maintained a lively interest in all regimental affairs.

KINGHAM.—Mr. F. C. Kingham, 124, Lancaster Road, St. Albans, died on February 3, 1964. Enlisting on September 5, 1914, he served with the 8th (Service) Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment before transferring to the 24th Divisional Company. After his period of service in The Army Cyclist Corps he was posted to the 1st Bn. The Leicestershire Regiment. He was wounded in April, 1918, and later invalided out of the Army.

The funeral service took place at St. Albans on February 7, 1964, and was attended by Lt.-Col. F. Vincent, O.B.E.

WALKER.—On February 12, 1964, at 11, St. John's Street, Kempston, Bedfordshire, Mr. Alfred Charles Walker, who served with the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment during 1914-1918 War. Mr. Walker was a devout churchman and a member of the Kempston Parish Church Choir from boyhood to his death.

WINN.—Mr. Patrick John Winn died on February 14, 1964. He served with The Essex Regiment from 1906 to 1915 and later with The Royal Sussex Regiment. A native of Forest Gate, Mr. Winn suffered much disability after his discharge, and had a leg amputated in 1949. A widower for many years, he maintained a courageous front despite his handicap.

ROWLATT.—On February 27, 1964, Mr. Henry Rowlatt, aged 94 years. Henry Rowlatt enlisted in The Essex Regiment in 1893, and served for 12 years with the Colours. After his discharge, he settled in India where he had since remained. He died in Bangalore where he lived for many years.

PARISH.—The death, during February, 1964, is reported of Mr. A. G. Parish, at the age of 78. Ex-Private No. 10645, he served in the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment during the First World War. During recent years he had lived in an Old People's Home in Watford, but still managed to attend Branch Meetings.

MAJOR GEOFFREY WILLIAM COURTNEY, O.B.E.

We very much regret to announce the death of Major Geoffrey Courtney, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, which occurred suddenly at his home, 131, Lichfield Court, Richmond, Surrey, on February 29, 1964. He was aged 76.

Geoffrey Courtney was commissioned into The Bedfordshire Regiment in May, 1909, when he joined the 1st Battalion at Colchester. In March, 1910, he was posted to the 2nd Battalion

and served with that Battalion, first in Bermuda and later in South Africa. He left the Regiment, going on the Reserve of Officers at the beginning of 1913, when he obtained a post as a tutor with the Russian Imperial Household.

On the outbreak of the 1914-1918 War he rejoined the Regiment, serving with the 6th Battalion from the time of its formation in August, 1914. He went with the Battalion to France and remained with them until 1917, when for a short period he commanded the 8th (S) Bn. The East Lancashire Regiment. He was mentioned in despatches for his services in France and Belgium in December, 1917.

In the early part of 1918 he went to Egypt where he served on Lord Allenby's staff. He transferred to the Foreign Service in 1921 and for some time was employed on the staff of the High Commissioner for Egypt and the Sudan. In 1938 he was posted to the staff of the British Embassy in Paris and on October 18, 1938, at H.B.M.'s Consulate General, Paris, he married Anne, daughter of W. Noel Perrott, Esq.

Major and Mrs. Courtney were evacuated from Paris on June 10, 1940, just four days before the Germans moved into the city. Major Courtney retired from the Foreign Service in 1948.

The funeral service was held at Mortlake Crematorium on March 6, 1964, when a wreath was sent on behalf of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association.

Those who knew Geoffrey Courtney will always remember him for his quiet and charming manner. Although his time in the Regiment was comparatively short, he was always proud of his service in it and attended the Regimental Dinner and other regimental functions whenever he could. On these occasions it was always a pleasure to meet him and enjoy his friendly conversation.

Our sympathy in their loss was sent to Mrs. Courtney and their two children.

GILBERT.—Through the death of Mr. M. Gilbert, of Ivy Lodge, Woburn, on March 19, 1964, we have lost one of the oldest members of the Regiment. He was 89. Formerly Private No. 3997, he enlisted in The Bedfordshire Regiment on February 1, 1892. After recruit training at the Depot he was posted to the 2nd Battalion at Devonport. Twelve months later he joined the 1st Battalion in India. He took part in the Chitral Campaign 1895 and also the Delhi Durbar. He took his discharge after 12 years' service, over 10 years of which had been spent with the 1st Battalion.

FAIRWEATHER.—William Fairweather died at Dagenham on March 22, 1964, at the age of 82 years. He served as a Regular with the Norfolks before and during the First World War, and joined 7th (H.D.) Battalion of The

Essex Regiment at Ingatestone in 1939. Here "Fairy," as he became affectionately known, was always "on duty" and would quickly produce a cup of tea for visitors at any hour of the day or night. Colonel R. A. Chell and Major H. J. Young represented The Regiment at the funeral.

SIMPSON.—In March, 1964, ex-5245222 Abe Leslie Simpson, aged 57 years. Mr. Simpson served with The Essex Regiment from 1934 to 1945 and was a life member of the Regimental Association. He had suffered illness for some years prior to his death.

CAPTAIN W. POTTLE

Capt. William Pottle died at his home in Bedford on April 1, 1964. He was 87. He served with the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment during the Chitral Campaign, 1895. He was commissioned in December, 1914, and promoted Captain in February, 1917. After serving at the Regimental Depot, he retired in December, 1920, having completed many years service in the Regiment.

The funeral service was held at Howard Congregational Church, Bedford, on April 4, 1964.

AUSTIN.—On April 10, 1964, ex-6306694 C/Sgt. Leon Frederick Austin, aged 45 years. Mr. Austin enlisted in 1937 and served with The Essex Regiment until the end of the War. In 1949 he joined the 4th Essex and remained with them until 1957. He had been ill for some months, prior to his death, and he will be much missed by his many Regular and T.A. comrades in The Regiment. The funeral service was held in the Regimental Chapel.

SAUNDERS.—On April 10, 1964, ex-Sgt. Frank Saunders, who served for a total of 22 years with The Essex Regiment. He served with the 1st Battalion at Gallipoli and later at home, and was with The Pompadours at Malta during the period 1920-23. In 1928 he was posted as PSI to 7th Essex where he remained until his discharge in 1930. After service life "Jim" Saunders became a keen student of heraldry, and was accorded the rare honour of being awarded a "Certificate of Qualification" by the College of Heralds.

BUNTING.—On April 16, 1964, Capt. A. E. Bunting, aged 70 years. Eric Bunting served in both World Wars with The Essex Regiment. In World War I with 13th Service Battalion in France, and in the last War with 7th (H.D.) Battalion. He was Mentioned in Despatches in 1916. In civilian life Capt. Bunting was a successful Nurseryman at Colchester.

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