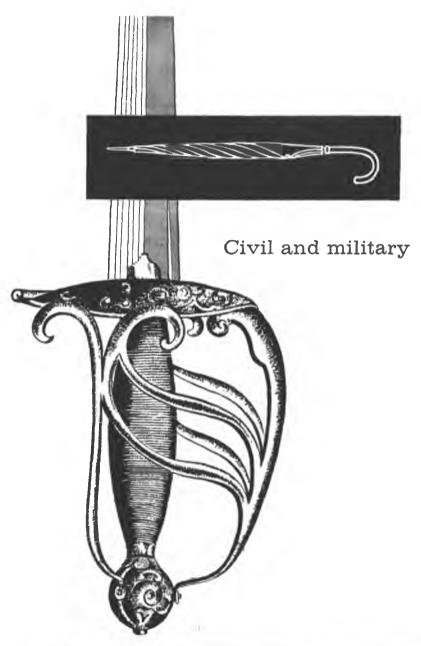


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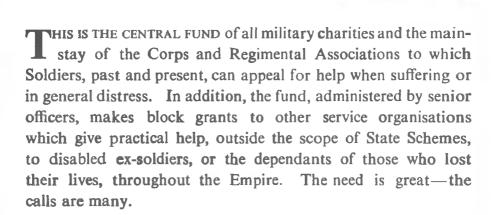
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Message from the

Colonel of the Regiment

In this the last issue of The Wasp and The Eagle, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for the way in which all members of the former Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment loyally and unhesitatingly accepted the amalgamation of the two Regiments to form The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).

Consequent on the demands of Army reorganisation, we now form part of The Royal Anglian Regiment and have the high honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother continuing to be our Colonel-in-Chief, with their Royal Highnesses the Princess Margaret and the Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonels-in-Chief.

To the new title we take all the traditions of our former Regiments and they will be guarded and observed with the same devotion as did our predecessors.

In this re-organisation we have given the lead to the whole of the Infantry of the Line, our recruiting is the best in the Infantry, our battalions are showing their high efficiency and devotion in the important roles they are playing in many parts of the Commonwealth. They are indeed worthy successors of the 16th Foot, the 44th Foot and the 56th Foot, and they have the full support of our splendid band of Old Comrades of the Regiment.



Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L.,
Colonel of the Regiment

The Royal Anglian Regiment Special Order of the Day

By

Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., Colonel of The Royal Anglian Regiment

IN accordance with the gracious pleasure of The Queen, The Royal Anglian Regiment has today been formed, and I have submitted to Her Majesty a message of loyalty and devotion. The Queen has marked the occasion by conferring on The Regiment signal honour by appointing Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother to be Colonel-in-Chief and their Royal Highnesses The Princess Margaret and The Duchess of Gloucester to be Deputy Colonels-in-Chief.

We have all, therefore, today become members of a Regiment new in name but old in the

spirit and in the traditions we inherit from our former Regiments.

The grouping of Infantry into large Regiments is made necessary by the conditions of modern war, and it is with the realisation of this need that we have now become The Royal Anglian Regiment of four Regular Battalions and seven of the Territorial Army.

I have entire confidence that all units of the Regiment will maintain the high reputations which our former Regiments gained by their devoted and distinguished service to the Crown and Country.

The Colonel of The Regiment's Loyal Message to Her Majesty The Queen read as follows: --

To: Sir Michael Adeane,

Private Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen, Buckingham Palace, S.W.I.

With humble duty to The Queen, I have the honour to report that today, in accordance with Her Majesty's gracious pleasure, The Royal Anglian Regiment has been formed from the following former Regiments:

1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk)

and East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire)

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

The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

It is a source of great pride that The Queen has been pleased to honour The Regiment, by appointing Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother as its Colonel-in-Chief and Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester as Deputy Colonels-in-Chief.

Conscious of the service it has been the privilege of the former Regiments to give to the Sovereign since the seventeenth century, The Royal Anglian Regiment humbly vows to The Queen to continue to devote itself to the honour of Her Majesty's service.

F. S. DENNING,

Lieutenant-General, Colonel of The Royal Anglian Regiment.

The following gracious reply was received:

To Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., Colonel, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

I have received with great pleasure your report on the formation of The Royal Anglian Regiment. I am confident that under its new title, The Regiment will fully maintain the outstanding standard of service established by the former Regiments which have joined together under your Colonelcy.

ELIZABETH R.

The Colonel-In-Chief

Formation of the Royal Anglian Regiment

The following message was received from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief:

Officer Commanding, 3rd Bn. The Royal Anglian Regiment.

I am most happy to welcome the 3rd Battalion of the newly formed Royal Anglian Regiment.

I have followed with great interest, ever since I became your Colonel-in-Chief, the activities and achievements of the Regiment in peace and war. I am confident that your fine reputation will be a firm foundation on which to build in the new Regiment.

I send my sincere good wishes for the years

ELIZABETH R. Colonel-in-Chief.

The Commanding Officer sent the following reply to The Colonel-in-Chief's gracious message:

"To: Private Secretary to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

"All Ranks 3rd (16th/44th Foot) Bn. The Royal Anglian Regiment acknowledge with gratitude Her Majesty's gracious message read to them on parade today by The Colonel of The Regiment. All are deeply conscious of the honour which has been bestowed upon The Regiment and are delighted by the fact that Her Majesty continues as their Colonel-in-Chief. All are determined that the reputation and the traditions of the former Regiment built up from three centuries of service shall live on and continue to inspire them in the vears ahead."

Birthday Greetings

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

The Private Secretary to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Clarence House, London, S.W.I.

All Ranks of The Third East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) beg most respectfully to tender to their Colonel-in-Chief their very sincere good wishes on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday.

PATON, Deputy Colonel. Denning, Colonel.

The following gracious reply has been received:—

The Colonel of The Third East Anglian Regiment, Blenheim House, Eagle Way, Warley, Brentwood, Essex.

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| The Green Tiger | The Royal Leicestershire Regiment |

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Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks:

The Green Tiger-The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

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

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

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

The Waggoner-The Journal of The Royal Army Service Corps.

The Royal Army Pay Corps Journal.

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

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

The Ranger-A Journal for The Connaught Rangers.

The Britannia and Castle-The Journal of the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and

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

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

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

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

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

History of the R.W.A.F.F.

This History was published on September 30 by Messrs. Gale & Polden, of Aldershot, and covers the whole record of the R.W.A.F.F., from its inception to the independence of the four former British West African Colonies. It has been written in two parts by Colonel A. Haywood, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., and Brigadier F. A. S. Clark, p.s.o., both distinguished and experienced former officers of the Frontier Force.

Members of the R.W.A.F.F. Dinner Club can obtain copies for 32/6 (post free) if they send their remittance to Lt.-Col. G. H. C. Napier, Upper Flat, 15, Magdala Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham.

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PERSONALIA

We have had news of Jeremy Snaith who has been farming in South Africa for the past three years. He now owns 3,200 acres on which he specialises in wheat, the land being part of the Duke of Westminster's original holding. He, his wife and their three young children are all well and are very happily settled in South Africa. He would welcome letters from old friends, particularly those who served with him in the 5th Battalion. His address is: Halkyn Farm, Westminster, Orange Free State, South Africa.

Mr. C. C. Waterman has been admitted to The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, as an In-Pensioner. Formerly of Queen's Place, Queen's Road, Watford, Mr. Waterman, who is now 88 years of age, has been a familiar figure at Watford Branch functions for several years.

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We were very pleased to have Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Hugh Webster call at R.H.Q. in October.

They were expecting to move to the Brent-wood area, as Colonel Webster has now had a business move to his firm's Romford office. Both Colonel and Mrs. Webster had recently had spells in hospital; Colonel Webster quite a long one, following a road accident, but both are now fully recovered.

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Major Charles Lucas wrote from Cyprus in July. He and his family have now settled down and are finding life interesting and enjoyable.

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Major J. E. Scaife writes to say that on retirement he has decided to settle in the place of his birth and that his permanent address is now 5. Beresford Drive, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

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Mrs. Helen M. Cubitt, of Fritton House, Great Yarmouth, paid a visit to the Regimental Chapel in June. Mrs. Cubitt is the daughter-in-law of Sir Bertram Cubitt who did so much towards helping with negotiations for the dedication of the Chapel as The Essex Regiment Chapel.

We congratulate Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) on his promotion to Colonel on assuming the appointment as Deputy Commander of a T.A. Infantry Brigade.

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Lt.-Col. Walter Phipps is now teaching at a Preparatory School in Bedford. In addition to the academic subjects which are his main responsibility, he also supervises all the School Games—which is no doubt why he was looking so well when we last saw him.

Our readers will be very sorry to learn of the sad death of Mrs. Joan Bailey, wife of R.S.M. D. Bailey who served with The Essex and 3rd East Anglian Regiments.

Mrs. Bailey was taken ill whilst with her husband and family in British Honduras, and died some months after returning to this country. We extend our sympathy to Mr.

Bailey and his three children.

Recent very welcome visitors to Warley were Brigadier Michael Holme and his wife Sally, both looking very bronzed and fit.

They were spending a few days leave in this country, and have now returned to Bahrein where they expect to remain for some time to

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Mr. William Richard Brown, late Sergeant of The Bedfordshire Regiment, was admitted to The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, as an In-Pensioner on October 5, 1964. Mr. Brown, who is 81, served in The Regiment from January 1901 to January 1909, and with the Royal Engineers during the First World War.

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Mr. P. C. Munn has recently heard from Mr. W. Newell who served with 1st and 2nd Essex and also as Lieutenant (Q.M.) with the R.A.F. from 1939-45. Mr. Newell sends his best wishes to all old Comrades.

We offer our congratulations to Major H. J. Young, T.D., who celebrated his 80th birthday on October 5. Major Young commenced soldier-

on October 3. Major found commenced soldering in 1902 when he enlisted in the Ilford Cyclist Company of the 1st Volunteer Battalion, The Essex Regiment, on April 15 and was commissioned on August 13, 1940, having held every non-commissioned rank. Though long since compulsorily retired from military service, "H.J." remains a most active and enthusiastic worker for all matters Regimental, and in many other spheres. We wish him "Many Happy Returns."

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We regret to report the death, in August, of Mr. Jack Paice, the well-known carillonneur. Mr. Paice, who had played at churches in many countries, came regularly to Warley to play for our services. His last visit was on the occasion of H.M. The Queen Mother's visit on July 25.

On completion of his Short Service Regular Commission, Capt. H. W. Nichols has taken an appointment with the Ministry of Labour. He writes to say that he and his family are all well and enjoying living on the outskirts of Taunton. His address is now 7, Claremont Drive, Salmington, Taunton.

COLONEL M. L. REYNOLDS, O.B.E. Regimental Secretary, The Royal Anglian Regiment

We are very pleased that Colonel Mervyn Reynolds (late 16th Foot) was able to accept the invitation to become Regimental Secretary to the new Regiment. He took over his new duties when he moved to The Regimental Depot in September last, and the very many of our readers to whom he is well known will, we know, wish to join us in wishing him a long and happy stay with The Regiment.

We are very pleased to announce that on the occasion of the Service of Remembrance at Warley next year (July 4), we are to have the honour and pleasure of a visit from the Chaplain General to the Forces, the Venerable Archdeacon I. D. Neill, C.B., O.B.E., M.A., Chaplain to the Queen.

Mr. E. Hellicar has retired from the Army in order to take an appointment under the Health Service. He writes to say that he and Mrs. Hellicar are both well and find plenty to do in settling into their new home, c/o All Saints Hospital, Lodge Road, Birmingham, 18. Their son is serving in Brunei as the P.T. Sergeant with The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Many readers will remember Major Lester Allan who, on his retirement some five years ago, purchased a fully equipped caravan site in Oxfordshire. Lester has managed the site since that time, but following an illness during the early part of last summer he has now sold the site and has purchased a secretarial college in Cheltenham. We wish him good health and prosperity in his new venture.

The Reverend H. John, M.B.E., Vicar of Kempston for the past 14 years, has accepted the living of Tollerton, near Nottingham. He was appointed Honorary Chaplain to The Regimental Depot, 16th Foot, in 1950. With the first National Service intake arriving at Kempston Barracks in May the following year, he soon became a well-known personality throughout the Regiment. Old Comrades, too, will remember the inspiration of his stirring addresses at so many of our Regimental Remembrance Sunday services.

Many of those who came to see the presentation of Colours ceremony on July 25, were visiting Warley for the first time for many years. We hope that they may be able to visit more regularly, and take this opportunity of reminding them of the Services in the Regimental Chapel, which are held at 11 a.m. on the first Sunday in each month.



Colonel M. L. Reynolds, O.B.E.,

General Sir Henry C. Jackson was present at the Annual Dinner of the Mounted Infantry Club, which was held at the United Service Club on June 18, 1964.

Many of our readers who served with the 2nd Battalion 16th Foot in India between 1922 and 1924, will remember the Garrison Church at Kamptee. Christ Church fell into disuse at the time of the Independence of India, but is now being refurbished to make it worthy once more for Army worship. Kamptee is again becoming a large military centre, and many Christians are expected to use the Church. A donation of five guineas has been made from Regimental Funds towards the restoration. Individual subscriptions may be sent to The Chaplain General, The Ministry of Defence, Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, London, W.I.

His visit to the East Anglian Brigade Depot at Bury St. Edmunds, on May 29, to attend a passing-out parade of recruits, must have revived many memories for Councillor Bickerton, the Mayor of St. Albans. During the 1914-1918 War, the Mayor, like many young men of those days, was very keen to serve, and not until he had arrived in France, was it discovered that he was under 18. He was sent back to England. Later, on reaching the right age, he returned to France and was posted to the 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment (The Pompadours. While serving with the Battalion he was captured and remained a prisoner-of-war for the last eight months of the war.

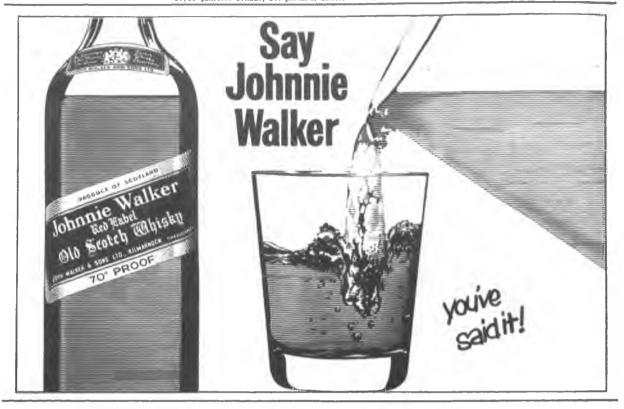


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A Major in the Royal Signals:

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R.S.M. V. Herd, on relinquishing the appointment of R.S.M. of 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) has been posted to Cyprus, where he has taken up the appointment of Garrison Sergeant-Major. We understand that he has enjoyed his tour of duty in Hertford so much that he intends to settle there when the time comes for him to retire.

In May, Mr. Arthur E. Wootton retired as Postmaster of Hoddesdon, an appointment he had held for the past nine years. During the 1914-1918 War, Mr. Wootton served with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.F.) and later with the Royal Air Force.

A visitor to Warley, on September 30, was Major (Q.M.) Ted Stevart, who was spending his last day in the Army after nearly 32 years' service with The Essex, The 3rd East Anglian and The Royal Anglian Regiment. Ted, who is to enter the Church, is now at Worcester on a two-year course of study.

During the latter part of the summer, parties visiting the Chapel and Museum have included those from the Chelmsford Field Club and the Corringham Women's Institute.

We are always glad to arrange for such visits.

Ex-R.S.M. Sidney Lawrence Edwards is the latest former Essex Regiment member to become an In-Pensioner at The Royal Hospital, Chelsea. He served with The Essex Regiment for a total of 28 years, from 1917. We wish him a long and happy stay at Chelsea.

We owe our appreciation and thanks to many of our readers on occasions when their assistance is given so readily. Mr. B. Oliver, M.B.E., and Mr. G. E. Aldritt have been most helpful in representing The Regiment at recent funerals of old Essex Regiment comrades.

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Ben Palmer, who are now with SHAPE, hope to be at Warley again in July next, when their Daughter, June, is to be married.

Mr. Jack Richardson has accepted an appointment with his firm in South Africa, and Mrs. Richardson and he left for that country in June. Their address is: c/o Messrs, John Walker & Sons, Ltd., P.O. Box 3179, Cape Town, South Africa.

Capt. Brian Parsons, writing from Australia, tells us that when he visited the Royal Military College at Duntroon, he met there Lt.-Col. L. H. R. Fuhrman, the P.M.C.

Lt.-Col. Fuhrman was at school at Brentwood before the war.

We have heard from Lt. Martin Lewis, who is serving with the Singapore Guard Regiment in Malaysia. At the time of writing, he had just completed a tour in Sarawak, during which time he enjoyed some helicopter flying with the R.A.F. His return to Singapore coincided with the Indonesian paratroops landing in Malaya.

He has met Capt. Patrick King who is with the Malaysian Rangers.

Notice

Mr. Johnny Day, the Hon. Secretary of the 6th Bedfords (1914-18) O.C.A. is most anxious to arrange a reunion of all survivors of his old Battalion. Will all those interested please get in touch with him at his home address, "The Mount," 48, Westbrook Road, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

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Ex-No. 23658005 P. Stopes—Technician, Chelmsford.

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Lt.-Col. C. C. Norbury, M.J., M.C., Officer Commanding, 3rd (16th/44th Foot) Bn. The Royal Anglian Regiment



Lt.-Col. D. W. Browne, M.C., Ujncer Commanding, 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.)



Lt.-Col. R. J. Randall, Officer Commanding, 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.)

3rd (16th/44th FOOT) BATTALION THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT

The Battalion began to arrive in Berlin on July 14, 1964, to be greeted by an enthusiastic advance party who immediately took us on a tour of the city, and introduced us to the many night spots and other places of interest. The Battalion quickly made many friends amongst the Allies and West Berliners and acquired a

taste for "Schultheiss" Beer!

Having found our feet, we immediately tackled the serious business of guards, duties and ceremonial parades. These include guarding the Russian War Memorial near the Brandenburg Gate, and the three prisoners in Spandau Prison. The Sector Zonal border between West Berlin and the Eastern Zone is patrolled daily by members of the Battalion and a number of guards have also to be provided for Brigade Headquarters. However, these duties have not prevented us from carrying out quite a lot of training and learning something of Berlin, including such things as touring the Eastern Sector of Berlin and seeing Hitler's Bunker and the magnificent Russian War Memorial in Treptower Park.

The Battalion has taken part in a number

of ceremonial parades and is constantly in the public eye. On August 14 a platoon from "D" Company took part in a tripartite ceremony at the Kommandatura to mark the departure from Berlin of the U.S. Commandant, Major-General James H. Polk. The Battalion also provided a Guard of Honour for Major-General John F. Franklin, Jnr., the new U.S. Commandant, when he paid an official visit to the G.O.C. on September 3.

Blenheim Day was celebrated this year on August 14 in traditional style with a funfare, various stalls and the Beating of Retreat. The prize for the best stall was awarded to "D" Company, run by C/Sgt. Law, who bought an old car for £1 and set up a "Breakers Yard" on the sports field. With the aid of a sledge hammer the car was a complete wreck by the time the Battalion had finished with it!

The following is the text of a message of greetings received from 1 PWO, also stationed

in Berlin:

"We see from a Treasury Paper dated March 6, 1705, that in common with ourselves you received (quote) Bounty money



Major - General J. H.

Polk inspecting the
"D" Company guard
of honour at the
Kommandatura.

which Her Majesty is graciously pleased to bestow upon the Land Forces who behaved themselves so gallantly in the late action in Germany (unquote). That is to say on the afternoon of August 13, 1704. Commanding Officer and All Ranks I P.W.O. send you best wishes on Blenheim Day."

The following is the text of the reply sent to I PWO:

"Your Blenheim Day Greetings greatly appreciated. Commanding Officer and All Ranks 3 East Anglian heartily reciprocate."

On September 1 the Formation Day parade was held at Wavell Barracks to mark the change of name of the Regiment. Our Colonel, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., came out to Berlin to visit the Battalion accompanied by Lady Denning, and took the parade. Every member of the Battalion was present for the ceremonial changing of cap badges and to hear the General's address, which included a message from our Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. Major-General D. Peel-Yates, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., the British Commandant, Mr. A. G. R. Rouse,

C.M.G., O.B.E., Minister and Deputy Commandant, Brigadier A. M. Taylor, M.C., the Brigade Commander, and Mr. I. M. Leadbitter, O.B.E., H.M. Consul General, were among those present, together with a large number of spectators who watched the parade in brilliant sunshine. During the course of the parade, the Colonel of the Regiment presented W.O.II (R.Q.M.S.) J. Bedford with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

During their three day stay in Berlin, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald and Lady Denning attended a Battalion Cocktail Party at Wavell Barracks, visited the Eastern Sector of Berlin and attended a performance at the West German

Opera House.

The Band and Drums have had a very busy time since they arrived in Berlin and have played on numerous occasions at functions and parades. The most spectacular of these was the British Military Tattoo held at the Olympic Stadium on the evening of September 16. The Band was part of a Massed Band which played to over 90,000 spectators who packed the Stadium in pouring rain to watch the Tattoo. The weather, however, did not dampen the enthusiasm of the spectators or the splendid



Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., inspecting members of "D" Company on the Formation Day Parade.

performance of the Band, who played the 1812 Overture during the Grande Finale to the accompaniment of the guns of 40 Regiment R.A. At this Tattoo, the Drum Major, C/Sgt. Haley, was selected to lead the 19 bands taking part, a role he played with great credit.



The new regimental flag flying on the Formation Day Parade

The Battalion Band's engagements, however, have not been confined to ceremonial parades only. On October 1 they entertained the patients of the Stadt Hospital, Spandau, one of the largest hospitals of this kind with over seven hundred infirm patients. The Band, under the direction of Band Master W.O.I F. Cockroft, played a selection of German tunes and marches in the hospital grounds for the patients, many of whom crowded the lawns to watch.



L/Cpl. R. Speirs and Pie. S. Littlechild patrolling the border in a Ferret Scout Car. The border wire and an East German watchtower can be seen in the background



A bird's-eye view of the march-past, in slow-time, on the Formation Day Parade.

SHOOTING

Before the Battalion moved to Berlin a great deal of time was spent bringing the Battalion shooting up to standard. Last winter, small bore shooting flourished under the direction of C.S.M. Phillips, and largely as a result of the inter-platoon competition which took place, "C" Company won the Northern Ireland Command Small Bore League and Championship, and the Battalion team was placed third in the Army Small Bore Championship.

At the end of February, with the improved weather and the annual Administrative Inspection behind us, the W.T. Staff began training teams for the Queen Victoria Trophy and Unit Team matches. Scores gained in these matches were quite encouraging, although the weather was very much against us. The results of these matches will not be known until December.

Training for the Non-Central Matches greatly assisted our preparation for the Northern Ireland Command Rifle Meeting which took place at the end of May. For one event at this Meeting we had to produce teams of 48 from each Company, and it was most encouraging to note that each Company beat the previous year's winning score by more than 80 points, "H.Q." Company being the outright winners. In addition to this match, the Battalion team won the Northern Ireland Queen Victoria Trophy, were placed 1st and 2nd in the S.M.G. team match with 2nd and 6th individual places. The team also gained 1st and 3rd places in the Britannia, 1st and 3rd in the LMG Team Match with 2nd and 3rd individual places, and gained 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th places in the Individual Rifle Match. Teams from "A" Company also won both the Falling Plate Match and the Young Soldiers Team Match.

During the first three weeks in June, the Battalion Team settled down to some serious training for Bisley, and during the Meeting gained six places in the 'Army Hundred'—Capt. B. W. Cridland (44th), C.S.M. Phillips (65th), C/Sgt. Potton (79th), Pte. Aves (88th), Cpl. Bradshaw (91st) and Pte. Fountain (95th).

In the Unit Team Championship—The K.R.R.C. Cup—the Battalion was placed 6th out of 17 units competing, our Class 'A' LMG Pairs were placed 13th and 15th, and our Class 'B' Pair 12th in the Worcestershire and Lindley Cups. We were placed 9th in the Parachute Regiment Cup (C/Sgt. Potton gaining a place in the SMG XXX), 6th in the Britannia Trophy and 8th in the Small Arms Cup. Capt. Cridland and C.S.M. Phillips were also selected to fire in the English Regiments' Team in the Methuen. Five members of the Battalion team were selected to represent the British Army in the Allied Weapons Meeting held on September 17, 1964, at Ruhleben Ranges.



Ptes. Dale, Gibson, Fowler, Tiller, L/Cpl. Hill and Pte. Jeffery sightseeing in the Kurfüerstendamm

SPORT

A number of inter-Company competitions have been held since our arrival in Berlin. Currently, "H.Q." Company and "C" Company are drawn equal at the top of the Inter-Company Hockey League, and 13 Platoon and the Signal Platoon "A" Team are heading the Inter-Platoon Football League, with 6 Platoon a close second.

An inter-Company swimming competition was held at the Brigade Indoor Pool on Tuesday, September 15. This was won by "A" Company with 39 points. "B" Company followed with 34 and "C" Company a close third with 33. "D" and "H.Q." Company took 4th and 5th place respectively.

Two inter-Company cross country competitions have been held in the Grunewald Forest area. The first of these was run on September 5 and won by "A" Company with "B" Company second, "C" Company third. The second competition, held on October 3, was won by "D" Company with "C" Company a close second and "B" Company third.

The preliminary round of the Army inter-Unit boxing competition was held at Wavell Barracks on October 10. The Battalion team was matched against strong opposition from I S.C.L.I. and it proved to be a thrilling competition. After 10 of the 11 bouts both teams were equal with 15 points each. Pte. Gallagher



Cpl. J. Applegarth, Pte. M. Watkins, L/Cpl R. Speirs and Pte. S. Littlechild, of the Recce Platoon, with four refugees who escaped to the Western Sector of Berlin on the night of September 15, 1964.

won the final bout after a very close match and secured a victory for the Battalion. The following represented the Battalion:

Bantam: Pte. Wells; Feather: L/Cpl. Bundy; Light: L/Cpl. Witherstone; Light Welter (1st string): Pte. Wray; Light Welter (2nd string): Cpl. Hayward; Welter (2nd string): 2/Lt. Tewkesbury; Light Middle: L/Cpl. Vint; Middle: Lt. Styles; Light Heavy: Pte. Leaver; Heavy: L/Cpl. Kitchener; Welter (1st string): Pte. Gallacher.

On the soccer field all goes well. At present the Battalion "A" team heads the Inter-Unit League in Berlin having played seven games, winning six and the remaining match, which was a tremendous struggle against I PWO, resulting in a draw. The "B" team have won three of their six matches and lost two, the remaining match being drawn.

At Brigade level the Battalion has produced several players who have represented Berlin Combined Services on the two occasions this team has played the West Berlin Police side. Both games were played at the Olympic Stadium before crowds of 60-80,000 and served as preliminaries to the West Berlin Police Show and the British Military Tattoo. The players selected for these games were: 2/Lt. Groves, L/Cpl. Plumb, Pte. Heslop, Pte. Musicka and Pte. Mercury.

High hopes are held for a long run in the B.A.O.R./Army Cup this year, the Battalion Team just beating r S.C.L.I. in an extremely hard fought game by three goals to two in the first round.

Since our last notes we have we'comed the following old friends back to the Battalion:

Major A. F. Mackain-Bremner, Major J. A. Bacon, Capt. H. D. Lucas, Lt. V. J. Gee, W.O.II

Collison, C/Sgt. Hardy, Sgts. Bennett, Butler, Faint, Green, Hetherington, Norman and White and Sgts. Batchelor and Philip who are with us 'in spirit' but at present in the U.K. as Special Recruiters.

We also welcome Lt. (Q.M.) C. C. Bates and 2/Lt. M. H. Turner in addition to a number of newcomers from the Depot, but have said goodbye with regret to:

Major P. D. Blyth, Capt. W. R. R. Pike, Capt. S. A. Green, Capt. (Q.M.) S. A. Burrage, Lt. J. R. Elder, W.O.II Parrot, Sgts. E. Ball, Braybrook, Hammerton, Killen, Lowe, Newton, Tucker, Wardle and Wilson.

As these notes go to press we prepare for a three-week training period at Soltau in West Germany after which we will return to Berlin to prepare for the usual Christmas festivities.

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Depot

The Royal Anglian Regiment

The formation of The Royal Anglian Regiment was celebrated on September 1 by a special parade, taken by Colonel R. Denny, the Regimental Colonel, and this was followed in the afternoon by hastily-arranged fete, which proved to be a great success. On the same day we were honoured by a visit from the Army Commander, General Sir Roderick McLeod, who came to say goodbye.

Many changes have taken place since our last publication, the most notable being the departure of Lt.-Col. Palmer, who took such a great personal interest in all activities at the Depot. We wish him and Mrs. Palmer a happy future, and welcome Lt.-Col. H. W. Clark from the 2nd Battalion. From the Sergeants' Mess we have said goodbye to Q.M.S.I.'s Knox and Fell, to whom we send our good wishes, and in their places we welcome S/Sgts. Wright and Wood. Recent passing out parades have afforded us the honour and pleasure of visits by the Mayors of Great Yarmouth, St. Albans and Thetford, and also the Lord Mayor of Leicester.

Recruiting has been quite brisk and the Junior Soldiers' summer camp, held in the Lake District, was a most successful one.

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

There can be no doubt that the Battle Camp at Okehampton lacks certain facilities so far as training country is concerned for Infantry work. Care has to be taken that men do not cut down the two trees on the acres of tors and dales and use them for camouflage or for other uses as might occur to them.

Nevertheless, it is grand training country for stamina and developing web feet in wet weather.

The Adjutant, having taken one look from his bedroom window and, being in league with the Medical Officer, managed to trip to the Naval Hospital at Plymouth to have his appendix removed. He could not have chosen a better time. We are glad to report that he is now better.

For field firing, the facilities are adequate, and some enjoyable and instructional hours were spent on this aspect of training. Some units in the Brigade were allocated field firing ranges on the first training day; live firing was done before any dry training.

The first week was thus taken up by Rifle Companies and part of "H.Q." Company in Section, Platoon and Company training in the field. A most entertaining and well-executed night patrol took place, with the added spice of two damsels from the Battalion's adopted village of South Zeal as the prize. Full marks to the Quartermaster, who was tempted to put on boots and gaiters and turn out on this night frolic, as he put it, to take the girls on charge, should they be captured. Mist descended and kept many from their beds later than was expected, and clouded and covered the activities of the Quartermaster, who seemed to be on night patrol each evening thereafter.

For A and B Echelons, Brigadier N. St. G. Gribbon, O.B.E., set an exercise for the "victual-ling" of a simulated F Echelon in the field for 24 hours. With all elements on the ground in B.A.A., R.A.F. fixed wing and helicopter support made the exercise most impressive and instructive.

The Support Company weapons—the BAT and 3in. Mortars-were fired at Lulworth, and it is to be regretted that the length of the journey deprived visitors at guest night of the pleasure of the company of two Malay officers attached to the Battalion at camp, Capt. Mohd Fabzil and Lt. Adul Manap. It was good to have them with us and to share their The Band and Drums, together enthusiasm. with the other units of the Brigade, beat "Retreat" in Okehampton on the middle Saturday evening, whilst a similar performance was given at South Zeal earlier in the week. On both occasions the Band and Drums acquitted themselves splendidly, to the enjoyment of all.

Invariably the goodbyes. In particular, R.S.M. Herd, who has served the Battalion so well, took his leave, and to others of the Permanent Staff, we wish them well and good soldiering.

We welcomed and appreciated the visit of Brigadier G. W. H. Peters, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., our Honorary Colonel; Major S. Whitbread. J.P., Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire; Major-General F. D. Moore, C.B., C.B.E., Chairman of Bedfordshire T. & A.F. Association; Brigadier J. A. Sykes-Wright, D.S.O., O.B.E., Secretary of Hertfordshire T. & A.F. Association; and Colonel G. R. Steel, M.B.E., a former Commanding Officer of the Hertfordshire Regiment.

Camp, 1964, will be recalled by all as one of spirit and achievement. This was a successful and happy camp, where only the weather was cloudy.

OFFICERS' MESS

Mess functions have been well to the fore since our return from annual camp. Another successful Ladies' Night was held in October and was well attended by mess members and their ladies.

Welcome newcomers to the Mess are Capt. D. M. Lusty, who has joined us from the T.A.R.O., Lt. P. S. Dodson and 2/Lt. F. Gilfedder, who came to us from the King's Own and Durham Light Infantry, respectively, and 2/Lt. R. P. James who is newly commissioned into the Regiment.

Since our last notes, Major Howard Wright has transferred to the T.A.R.O. because of his business commitments, and Lt. M. H. Turner, who has been commissioned into the Regular Army, has joined the 3rd (16th/44th Foot) Bn., The Royal Anglian Regiment.

A dinner night was held in October, when Major Wright, Capt. Beevers (who shortly leaves us to take up another appointment) and Capt. Newman were dined out and the newcomers welcomed into the Mess. We were very pleased to welcome Brigadier N. St. G. Gribbon and Brigadier J. A. Sykes-Wright as our guests at this function

SERGEANTS' MESS

During recent months, activities in the Mess have been curtailed because of training commitments, but full advantage was taken at annual camp of the opportunities to stage several enjoyable functions.

We warmly welcome to the Mess R.S.M. Charlesworth, who has joined us from The Suffolk/Cambridgeshire Regiment. At camp we said farewell to R.S.M. Herd, who is now in Cyprus. Departures from the Mess are Sgts. Green and Mundie, who have now rejoined their Regular Battalion, and Sgt. Phillip, who has been posted to the Royal Anglian Regiment Depot at Bury St. Edmunds. As their replacements, we welcome Sgts. Braybrook, Lowe and Uppington, and trust that their stay with us will be a pleasant and interesting one. Since our last issue, Sgts. Sutherland, Cavell and Roberts (Band) have all left the Mess. We are sorry to lose them and wish them every success in the future. We are pleased to welcome the return of Sgt. Livesey, who has rejoined the T.A.

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THE CASTLE

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TERRITORIALS "INVADE" ISLE OF WIGHT AND DESTROY "MISSILE"

A Realistic Exercise for Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Men

The Isle of Wight was invaded during the week-end of September 25/26 by members of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), who had set out to destroy a new "ground-to-ground missile."

More than 100 members from Hertford, Ware, Watford, Dunstable, Hemel Hempstead, Luton and Bedford, waded ashore by the light of Saturday's dawn on a commando-style exercise, the first of its kind the Battalion has held. They were aided by Gunners from the Harlow Battery of Essex Yeomanry, and Signallers from the Norwich and Yarmouth 331 Signal Unit.

For the purposes of the exercise—which was named "Saltmead Ledge"—the Isle of Wight was assumed to have threatened to secede from this country, and to have perfected and built a new ground-to-ground missile with a plasticine explosive war-head, and aimed it at Southampton. The Territorials were given the task of invading the island and capturing and destroying the missile before mid-day on Sunday.

Under their Commander, Major Bruce Elliott, and Second - in - Command, Capt. Bernard Townshend, the part-time soldiers carried out the exercise with speed and precision, and satisfied the umpires that they would have been successful had it been a true invasion.

INTO BATTLE

Arriving at Southampton at midnight on Friday, September 24, the Territorials prepared for battle and went into action just before dawn on Saturday, without any sleep. The Royal Naval Reserve, based at Southampton, conveyed the invasion force across the Solent, under the direction of Lt. J. Davies. After wading ashore, the Territorials carefully manoeuvred their way across five miles of Isle of Wight territory—and into action.

In a brief skirmish with the "enemy," provided by the 4th/5th Royal Hants. (T.A.), the missile was put out of action and the Territorials withdrew to the beach as skilfully as they arrived. On the beach, with the muggy green sea water lapping at their feet and sitting on the discoloured golden sand, the part-time so'diers then went into action to show their skill at cooking. With solid fuel stoves and 24-hour rations, they revitalised themselves under the scorching sun. Then, with the aid of the Royal Naval Reserve, they withdrew to Southampton, their mission completed.

The exercise was watched by the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. D. W. Browne and Brigadier N. St. G. Gribbon, Commander of 161 Infantry Brigade (T.A.).

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

Presentation of Colours by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother

When, in 1961, the barracks at Warley were sold, possibly no one would have conceived that a major military parade would ever be held there again. Yet, with the whole-hearted cooperation of the Ford Motor Company Ltd., and Brentwood Urban District Council, who had acquired the sites to the south and north of Eagle Way, respectively, it was decided that the presentation of New Colours should be held there. Warley, being the home of The Essex Regiment for so many years, is a place with amenities well suited to the requirements of such a ceremony and is centrally placed in the Battalion area.

Thus, on July 25, the old parade ground, which is now a walled car park for the Central Office of the Ford Motor Company, was transformed for a short time to become the scene of most memorable and historic ceremony, enacted before 1,600 guests of the Battalion.

Early in 1964, Her Majesty, The Colonel-in-Chief, had graciously consented to present new Colours to the Battalion, and from then on plans were made for this event to take place at the end of July, five weeks after the end of the Battalion's annual camp. Thus, activities at camp consisted in the main of carrying out strenuous tactical training on Dartmoor, interspersed with practice for the Colours parade. Then followed week-end rehearsals at Warley.

Saturday, July 25, dawned fine and warm and remained so for the rest of the day.

Over 600 cars arrived in the Warley area

Over 600 cars arrived in the Warley area from 9.30 a.m. onwards, and by 10.45 a.m. all guests were seated in stands facing across the square where, beyond Eagle Way, could be seen the magnificent new six-storey Ford building, stretching across the site of the old Depot to form an impressive and modern backcloth to the parade.

The preliminaries to the arrival of Her Majesty were heralded by a fanfare played by six trumpeters from the 1st Battalion, under the direction of W.O.I Cockcroft. At the same time the Salamanca Eagle was marched on parade and placed in front of the dais. Soon the spectators could hear the strains of the music growing nearer as the Battalion marched up to the parade ground to the tunes of "I'm " Mandolinata." Ninety-Five" and Battalion formed line and General Sir Roderick McLeod, the G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command, arrived and was received with general salute; he was followed by the Colonel of the Regiment, the Deputy Colonel and Honorary Colonel, who were also received with a general



Her Majesty hands The Queen's Colour to Lt. F. Dentith.

All was ready, and at 11.5 a.m. the bright red helicopter of the Queen's Flight was seen approaching from over Brentwood. It landed on the cricket field, where Her Majesty was greeted by Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Essex, Sir John Ruggles-Brise, accompanied by the Vice-Lieutenant, the Chief Constable and the Chairman of Brentwood Council. At 11.15 a.m. the royal car arrived at the dais, where the Colonel of The Regiment, Sir Patrick Hennessy, Chairman of the Ford Motor Company, the Deputy Colonel and the Honorary Colonel were presented to Her Majesty. Her Majesty ascended the dais and was received with a Royal Salute by the 200 officers and men on parade, all of whom were dressed in No. 2 Dress for the occasion. Lieutenant-Colonel R. J. Randall then reported the Battalion ready for Her Majesty's inspection. The inspection completed, Her Majesty returned to the dais and presented Territorial Decorations to Capt. L. W. J. Kay, R.A.P.C., and Captain J. R. Howard, and Territorial Efficiency Medals to Orderly Room Colour Sergeant K. V. Hancock and Sergeants D. J. Attridge, K. E. W. Percy, P. Culliton and S. R. Abbott.

The Commanding Officer gave the order for Old Colours to take post. The Old Colours were those of the 4th Battalion, presented to the Battalion by the Marchioness of Salisbury

at Gordon Fields, Ilford, on June 11, 1919, and those of the 5th Battalion, presented by Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood at the cricket ground, New Street, Chelmsford, on July 2, 1910. Then came the order to march off the Old Colours, and to the fading strains of "Auld Lang Syne," they left the parade for the last time, symbolic as they were for over half-a-century of devotion and sacrifice to duty. This was a moving moment for everyone.

The silver drums were piled and the New Colours brought forward and uncased and placed on the drums. Five Chaplains, led by The Venerable Archdeacon I. D. Neil, Chaplain General to the Forces, took their places, and the Commanding Officer invited the Chaplain General to conduct the Consecration Service. The service concluded, Her Majesty moved to the piled drums, where the Senior and Junior Field Officers handed the Colours to the Colonel-in-Chief who presented them to the Officers of the Colour Party. Her Majesty returned to the dais. At this point the Colonel of The Regiment read a message from Colonel The Right Honourable Sir Winston Churchill, Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, in which he regretted his inability to attend on such a memorable occasion, but sent his very good wishes.

Her Majesty then addressed the parade, and said: "This is the last Battalion of The Essex Regiment to bear the honoured name of your County, and it is, I feel, very right

that this ceremony should take place at Warley Barracks, which has been for more than a century the home of your Regiment." She congratulated the Battalion on its smartness and drill, and added: "With the end of National Service the T.A. consists only of volunteers, and I know that many of you on parade today have not served in the Regular Army. Upon you and, indeed, upon the whole Territorial Army, there rests a great responsibility. By your fitness for battle and by your ready acceptance of a high duty in time of peace, you can do much to dispel the threat of war."

The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel R. J. Randall accepted the New Colours on behalf of the Battalion and in his reply thanked Her Majesty for bestowing such a great honour on the Battalion by presenting the New Colours. He assured Her Majesty that the Colours would always be a reminder to the Battalion of the great achievements and traditions which had been handed down by former members of the Regiment. The New Colours were then slow marched into the line of Guards and received with a general salute. The Battalion advanced in review order, gave a Royal Salute, followed by three hearty cheers for the Colonel-in-Chief, before marching off parade past Her Majesty to the stirring tune of the Regimental March.

Her Majesty left the dais and presentations of senior retired officers of The Regiment and serving officers of the Brigade and Division



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The Old Colours of the 4th and 5th Battalions, The Essex Regiment (T.A.), are marched off parade.

4th/5th BN, THE ESSEX REGIMENT (T.A.) PRESENTATION OF COLOURS - WARLEY, JULY 25th, 1964.



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Back row (left to right): 2/Lt. C. J. Baxter; Lt. I. M. Kennard; 2/Lt. A. E. Davis; 2/Lt. A. R. Dann; 2/Lt. R. T. J. Wreford; 2/Lt. G. Ritson; 2/Lt. I. Blythe; 2/Lt. R. R. Brown.

Third row: Capt. L. W. J. Kay, T.D., R.A.P.C.; Lt. D. M. Stewart; Lt. T. A. Nightingale; Lt. P. C. G. Ward; Lt. P. J. Brisbourne; Lt. (Q.M.) A. E. Beeton; Lt. G. E. T. Green; Lt. P. M. Jefferis; Capt. F. W. Kemp.

Capt. F. W. Kemp.

Second row: Capt. R. A. Shervington; Capt. T. H. R. Milbank; Capt. (Q.M.) D. J. Bebbington; Capt. B. E. Thomas; Lt. J. Dentith; 2/Lt. J. A. G. J. Robb: Capt. B. G. Chaplin; Capt. R. C. Tomkins; Capt. J. R. Howard, T.D., Rev. G. D. Restall, R.A.Ch.D., Capt. P. J. R. Alderton.

Front row: Major P. L. Purdy; Major T. C. B. Swayne; Major D. C. Purves; Major J. H. Harries, T.D., Colonel A. Noble, D.S.O., T.D., D.L. (Honorary Colonel); Lt.-Col. R. J. Randall (Commanding Officer); Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother (Colonel-in-Chief); Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L. (Colonel of the Regiment); Major G. V. Ashton, T.D.; Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L. (Deputy Colonel); Major G. H. Brewer, T.D.; Major D. A. Tovey, T.D.

were made. During this time over 200 Comrades of the Regimental Association paraded in two ranks along the side of the square, filling it completely. Her Majesty inspected the Comrades, pausing frequently to talk to them. Among those present were five Chelsea In-Pensioners of The Essex Regiment.

At the end of the review, Her Majesty left the parade ground by car, and this was the signal for the Chapel bells to be rung, signifying a most happy conclusion to a splendid parade. Her Majesty than went to the Officers' Mess marquee on the lawn of Regimental Headquarters, where she met the serving officers and their wives and took lunch with them.

After lunch the Mayors and Mayoresses of

Boroughs with Regimental and Battalion affiliation were presented to Her Majesty, after which the Commanding Officer presented the Queen Mother with two engraved silver salt cellars on behalf of all ranks of the Battalion.

At the entrance to the Chapel grounds, nineyear-old Diane Womack, daughter of W.O.II Womack, presented Her Majesty with a bouquet of pink flowers, and Her Majesty then met the Warrant Officers and their wives before entering the Chapel by the west door, conducted by the Rev. G. D. Restall, the Battalion Chaplain. After leaving the Chapel, Her Majesty was able to meet a representative group of N.C.O.s and their wives beside the path to the Lych Gate.

The sun continued to shine, and at 3 p.m.,

ON PARADE

Commanding Officer
Lieutenant-Colonel R. J. Randall

Second-in-Command

Major G. V. Ashton, T.D.

Parade Adjutant
Captain R. C. Tomkins

Field Officers handing New Colours to H.M. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Major G. V. Ashton, T.D. Major T. C. B. Swayne

Officers of the Old Colours of 4th Battalion The Essex Regiment, T.A. Lieutenant D. M. Stewart Lieutenant P. J. Brisbourne

Officers of the Old Colours of 5th Battalion The Essex Regiment, T.A. Lieutenant G. E. T. Green 2/Lieutenant A. E. Davis

Officers of the New Colours

Lieutenant J. Dentith 2/Lieutenant J. A. G. J. Robb Lieutenant (Q.M.) A. E. Beeton

No. 1 Guard

Major D. C. Purvis Captain F. W. Kemp Captain T. H. R. Milbank 2/Lieutenant R. T. J. Wreford

No. 3 Guard

Major G. H. Brewer, T.D. Captain R. A. Shervington Lieutenant P. M. Jefferis 2/Lieutenant C. J. Baxter No. 2 Guard

Major D. A. Tovey, T.D. Captain B. E. Thomas 2/Lieutenant R. R. Brown 2/Lieutenant G. Ritson

No. 4 Guard

Major J. H. Harries, T.D. Captain J. R. Howard, T.D., Lieutenant I. M. Kennard 2/Lieutenant A. R. Dann

Regimental Sergeant-Major W.O.I L. F. Cotter

Bandmaster

Drum-Major

in Deum-Major I

Bandmaster W. Baldwin

Drum-Major H. F. Conrad

Staff Officers to the Parade

Battalion Adjutant: Captain P. J. R. Alderton

Battalion Quartermaster: Captain (Q.M.) D. J. Bebbington

Aide de Camp to the Colonel of the Regiment: Lieutenant T. A. Nightingale

Staff Officers: Major P. L. Purdy, Captain B. G. Chaplin

Regimental Officers in Attendance:

Captain L. W. J. Kay, T.D., R.A.P.C. Lieutenant P. C. G. Ward 2/Lieutenant I. Blythe

as the royal car drew slowly away along Clive Road to the cricket field, Old Comrades, serving soldiers and other spectators joined in rousing cheers for Her Majesty. Shortly afterwards Her Majesty left by helicopter on the fifteenminute journey to Felsted School, there to begin her next engagement.

Much credit is due to the many organisations, establishments and individuals whose excellent co-operation helped to smooth the administrative burden, and our thanks are due especially to the Brentwood Urban District Council, the Ford Motor Company, the Civil and Military Police and the Automobile Association, the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and the Parks Departments of Brentwood and Southend-on-Sea.

A few days after the parade, the Commanding Officer received the following letter from Sir Martin Gilliat, Her Majesty's Equerry:

"Dear Colonel Randall,

I write at the command of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother to tell you how very much Her Majesty enjoyed her visit to your Battalion.

It was for Queen Elizabeth a source of very great pleasure to be able to present the New Colours, and Her Majesty is full of praise, not only for the excellence of the parade, but for all the other arrangements, which made the day so memorable for Queen Elizabeth herself and for all those who were at Warley last Saturday.

Queen Elizabeth can well appreciate the detailed planning and meticulous preparations which preceded her visit and wishes me congratulate you personally and all those in the Regiment whose hard work brought about such a happy and successful occasion.

Finally, I am to tell you how grateful Queen Elizabeth is for the magnificent present which was made to Her Majesty. The salt-cellars will always be a most treasured possession and will be for Queen Elizabeth a constant reminder of her close association with your Battalion, an association in which Her Majesty takes such particular pride.

Yours very sincerely,

MARTIN GILLIAT."

Regimental Golf Meeting, 1964

The Brigade Golf Meeting was held at the Flempton Golf Course near Bury St. Edmunds on July 17 and 18, 1964, and 20 competitors took part.

It began with 18 hole Scratch, Medal and Bogey contests run concurrently. During the afternoon a Stableford foursome was held.

On the Saturday the annual match against the Flempton Golf Club took place. This, for the first time, we lost. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. J. C. Denny. The winners were:—

The Inter-Regimental Cup: The Pompadours.

The Suffolk Cup: Lt. J. B. Winckley; Runner-up: Capt. H. D. Lucas.

The Pompadour Cup: Colonel R. H. Senior; Runner-up: Lt.-Col. H. M. Boxer.

The Scratch Competition: Lt. J. B. Winckley; Runner-up: Lt.-Col. C. R. Murray-Brown. The Stableford Competition: Colonel R. H. Senior and Lt. J. B. Winckley; Runners-up: Lt.-Col. P. G. Upcher and Lt.-Col. D. F. Coburn.

It is hoped that not only shall we see all the old familiar faces next year, but that some Territorial Army Officers will join us.

The Australian Royal Military College

Presentation of Regimental Pictures and Plaque

On May 29 Capt. B. M. Parsons travelled from the Australian Staff College Headquarters in Victoria to the Royal Military College at Duntroon, to present to the College two pictures and a plaque. The presentation was made on behalf of The Colonel of The Regiment to commemorate the many happy associations which had been made during the service of The Essex Regiment in Korea (1953-54) and The 3rd East Anglian Regiment in Malaya (1959-62) as part of the Commonwealth force there.

The two pictures representing each of the former Regiments were:—

"The Raising of the 16th Foot" and "The Last Stand at Gundamuk" and they and the plaque were received by the Commandant, Major-General C. H. Finlay, C.B.E., who expressed his thanks and very great pleasure and appreciation of the thought which had prompted the presentation.

The pictures have now been placed in the Mess Ante Room, a very honoured gesture on the part of the College authorities.

Editorial

In this the final number of *The Wasp and The Eagle* the Editorial staff extend their thanks to all readers and contributors for their support and encouragement in the past, and hope that this support will continue to be given to the new Regimental Journal of The Royal Anglian Regiment, *The Castle*.

The Castle will publish its first number in April, 1965, and there will be three issues per year. Further details concerning the new Journal are given on another page, and readers' ideas and suggestions will be welcomed by the Editor.



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Extracts from The London Gazette

September 1, 1964

Her Majesty The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother as Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, September 1, 1964, on formation.

Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, September 1, 1964, on formation.

Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester, as Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, September 1, 1964, on formation.

The Royal Anglian Regiment

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., is appointed Colonel, The Royal Anglian Regiment, September 1, 1964, on formation

September 15, 1964

By provisions of the Royal Warrant dated August 20th, 1964 (published in Army Order 51 of 1964), all officers of the Land Forces belonging to 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Notfolk and Suffolk), 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire), 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) and The Royal Leicestershire Regiment will be transferred to The Royal Anglian Regiment with effect from September 1, 1964.

REGULAR ARMY

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

2/Lt. T. B. Thomas to be Lt., April 10, 1964. 2/Lt. C. P. McMillen to be Lt., June 21, 1964. 2/Lt. Clifford John Brock, from Short Service Commission, to be 2/Lt., July 9, 1964, with seniority December 29, 1962.

Major (Q.M.) L. B. Day retires on retired pay, July 31, 1964.

Capt. K. Burch to be Major., August 3rd, 1964, with precedence in the East Anglian Brigade next below A. G. P. Evans-Evans, 2 East Anglian.

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., relinquishes the appointment of Colonel, 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), September 1, 1964, on reorganisation.

STAFF

Colonel J. G. Mileham, B.A., late Inf., retires on retired pay, June 24, 1964.

3rd (16th/44th Foot) Bn., The Royal Anglian

Lt. D. P. Barnard, having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, September 4, 1964.

Lt. N. H. Rider relinquishes his commission,

October 4, 1964.

2/Lt. (on probation) Michael Howard Turner, B.A. (Univ. Cand.) from Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire (T.A.) to be 2/Lt. (on probation), July 29, 1964.

Major (Q.M.) E. T. Stevart retires on retired

pay, September 30, 1964.

Capt. G. N. Dean to be Major, October 12, 1964.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Sgt. Ronald Percy James to be 2/Lt. (on

probation) May 13, 1964.
Capt. D. M. Lusty, from T.A. Reserve of Officers, Mx., to be Capt., June 1, 1964, with

seniority June 3, 1958. 2/Lt. J. F. C. Harvey (on probation) resigns

his commission, July 13, 1964.

Lt. P. S. Dodson, from King's Own, to be Lt., July 27, 1964, with seniority July 13, 1961. Major H. T. Wright, T.D., from Active List, to be Major, June 5, 1964.

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) H. L. Tuckey, T.D., having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, June 15, 1964, retaining the hon, rank of Lt.-Col.

Capt. (Hon. Major) L. Moody, M.C., having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, July 10, 1964, retain-

ing the hon, rank of Major,

Capt. (Hon. Major) J. D. Allen, T.D., having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, September 1, 1964, retaining the hon. rank of Major.

2/Lt. P. N. King (on probation) is confirmed in his appointment as 2/Lt., August 1, 1962.

To be Lt., August 1, 1964.

2/Lt. F. Gilfedder, from D.L.I., to be 2/Lt. (on probation) August 1, 1964, with seniority October 28, 1962.

Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, T.D., from unattached list to be Colonel, August 3, 1964.

The Essex Regiment

Lt.-Col. D. F. Garrard, T.D., from Active List

to be Lt.-Col. May 25, 1963.

Lt. Hon. Capt.) The Lord Petre, having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, June 5, 1964, retaining the hon, rank of Capt.

Capt. (Hon. Major) J. A. Nicholson, having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, June 24, 1964, retain-

ing the hon, rank of Major.

Capt. M. T. Nash, having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, July 29, 1964, retaining the rank of Capt.

Lt. R. J. Bench resigns his commission, August 25, 1964.

Major C. E. A. Whyte, T.D., having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, September 18, 1964, retaining the rank of Major.

Pte. Geoffrey Ritson to be 2/Lt. (on probation) May 13, 1964.

L/Cpl. Alan Roderick Dann to be 2/Lt. (on probation) May 13, 1964.

L/Cpl. Christopher John Baxter to be 2/Lt. (on probation) May 13, 1964.

Capt. (acting Major) T. C. B. Swayne to be Major, May 22, 1964, with seniority November 21, 1963.

2/Lt. R. R. Brown (on probation) is confirmed in his appointment as 2/Lt., September 19, 1962. To be Lt., September 19, 1964, with seniority September 19, 1963.

The Regimental Calendar

1965

March 19

Annual Dinner of the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.), Officers' Dinner Club, at The United Service Club, Pall Mall, London.

April 30

Annual Dinner of the 3rd (16th/44th Foot) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment Dinner Club, at The United Service Club, Pall Mall, London.

Southend and District Branch Annual Dinner and Dance, Grand Hotel, Leigh-on-Sea. Tickets 21/-, and further information from: Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. F. Harrod, 9, Whittingham Avenue, Southend-on-Sea.

July 4

Service of Remembrance and Reunion — Warley. Tickets and further details from: Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association, Warley.

July 16.18

Regimental Weekend. Regimental Depot, The Royal Anglian Regiment, Bury St. Edmunds.

October 9

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.

Regimental Remembrance Sunday and Annual Reunion Bedford, September 27, 1964

Kempston Barracks came to life again in a blaze of sunshine on Sunday, September 27. With the last-minute preparations being made for the day's celebrations as early arrivals parked their cars and greeted friends, the old Depot soon had a most welcome air of activity.

The day's ceremonies began with the Service of Remembrance in the Church of The Transfiguration. A large congregation had assembled in the Church when, at 11 o'clock, the Colonel of The Regiment arrived accompanied by Lt.-Col. D. W. Browne, M.C., O.C. 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). After draping the Regimental Colours on the Altar and placing the Branch Standards on either side, the Reverend H. John, M.B.E., Vicar of Kempston, conducted the Service. The Lesson was read by The Colonel of The Regiment and then all stood in reverent silence as he read the Roll of those who had died since our last Remembrance Service.

After the Service, the parade formed up for the march to barracks. Headed by the Regimental Band and Corps of Drums, The Regimental Colours and their Escort were followed by a strong party of Old Comrades marching behind their massed Standards. The column continued down the main road to march past The Colonel of The Regiment, who took the salute at the entrance to Addison Howard Park.

Troops and Old Comrades then formed up on either side of the Regimental Memorial in readiness for the Wreath Laying Ceremony. From the top of the Keep, the notes of "Last Post" and "Reveille" rang out on this quiet Sunday morning. The Colonel of The Regiment then went forward to lay the first wreath in homage to our fallen. He was followed by a procession of representatives of Units and Branches who placed their tributes to the fallen at the foot of the Memorial. So ended the

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morning's solemn ceremonies of Remembrance.

The rest of the day was now set aside for the Annual Reunion. Whilst the officers and their guests adjourned to the old Officers' Mess for a buffet luncheon, the majority of our visitors moved into the former Dining Hall which was soon packed with a cheerful crowd enjoying their drinks, snacks and reminiscences.

Once again the supervision of the Inter-Branch Competitions was in the capable hands of Bedford Branch and we are most grateful to their volunteers who gave up so much of their afternoon to do this. We were pleased to see our friends from Saffron Walden Branch of The Essex Regiment Association entering teams and achieving a win in the Darts Competition. The final results were:-

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

After tea the prizes for these competitions were presented by Colonel R. H. Senior, deputising for The Colonel of The Regiment.

A fine performance of Beating Retreat by the Band and Drums of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) marked the official end of the day's celebrations, a day which bright and warm sunshine had made all the more enjoyable.

The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association **Notes From Branches**

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

The "Yellow Devils" were well represented at Dunstable when the Freedom of Entry was conferred upon The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).

At the July monthly meeting, letters were read from Lord Luke and Lt.-Col. W. S. Chirnside, M.C., renewing their Vice-Presidencies, and also from Mrs. Durler (sister of the late Capt. B. C. Cumberland) who, in sending her usual donation to the Benevolent Fund, remarked upon the excellent state of the Balance Sheet. Tribute was paid to the memory of Lt.-Col. A. C. Young who had done so much to maintain the strong link between the Old

The annual outing to Brighton was again a great success. The weather was very kind and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, voting it "The Best Ever."

Comrades and The Regiment.

August 13 is a date that will always be remembered by the "Yellow Devils"—the day they went into action at Suvla Bay 49 years ago. Each year they gather at Luton Town's War Memorial on the nearest Sunday to pay tribute to their comrades who made the supreme sacrifice. This year, on Sunday, August 16, Mr. C. Boughton placed the wreath on the War Memorial and members then attended the customary service at Luton Parish Church.

Revised plans for the proposed Gallipolli Reunion in 1965 have been received. Those interested should contact Messrs. Thos. Cook and Sons at any of their branches.

We had a good representation at Kempston for the Remembrance Service and Reunion on September 27. Mr. Jim Ward laid the Branch wreath and Mr. Jack Ward a wreath in memory of Pte. S. Needham, v.c.

The Luton Branch of the "Yellow Devils" was started in 1924 and its survival over the past 40 years is very largely attributable to the untiring efforts of our President, Mr. C. W. Gilder, our Chairman, Mr. Fred King, and our Hon. Secretary, Mr. Jack Ward. We are very sorry to hear that Mr. Ward has had to undergo an operation and we wish him a speedy recovery.

LONDON

London Branch was well represented at Kempston Barracks for Regimental Remembrance Sunday and the Annual Reunion. We always welcome the opportunity to meet old friends there and appreciate the work involved to make the gathering a success.

This year London Branch held its Annual

Dinner and Dance at Bucklersbury House on Saturday, October 10. A record number of 137 attended and we were pleased to welcome among our guests Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning and Brigadier and Mrs. Paton. Before proposing the Regimental Toast, The Colonel of The Regiment explained the need for the re-organisation of the Infantry and emphasised that we would all still be part of the larger Regiment. After dinner the floor was cleared for dancing and a very happy occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We should like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the evening.

We were greatly shocked by the news of the death of Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, Regimental Secretary, and of Prebendary Douglas Owen, our Branch Chaplain. Another sad loss to the Branch came through the death in September of Mr. Percy Coulter; formerly of The Essex Regiment, he joined the Branch soon after the amalgamation and was one of our committee members.

In conclusion, we offer our congratulations to one of our members, Mr. Frank Meiers of

Erith, who was recently presented by His Excellency The Belgian Ambassador with the Gold Cross of King Albert The First of The Belgians.

HERTFORD

Since our last notes things have been rather quiet on the Hertford front.

Branch meetings have been held regularly, all of which have been extremely well attended and a lot of useful work has been done.

Our Small Bore Rifle Team under the leadership of our stalwart Charlie Mansfield is doing very nicely and is improving with every match. We have won five out of the nine matches fired this season and would particularly welcome challenges from any other interested Branch.

The Branch was well represented at Bedford on Sunday, September 27, on the occasion of the annual Regimental Remembrance Sunday. We were greatly impressed with the solemnity of the Church Service and the Wreath Laying ceremony, and thoroughly enjoyed the gettogether afterwards. Our congratulations to our ladies in winning the darts cup for the third year running and to Bedford Branch on again winning the Aggregate Cup. One of our members, Mr. Bob Woods of Cheshunt, having missed the coach at Hertford, was determined to get to Bedford, and by various means of transport finally arrived just after 2 o'clock. Well done, Bob! Not bad for a man in his 82nd year.

Aur annual general meeting is taking place in the very near future and with the coming of the winter months and the social season we hope to have lots to report later on.

WATFORD

At the time of writing, we are busy getting ready for our branch annual dinner on October 24. Unfortunately, it will be the last to be held at our present headquarters at the Drill Hall, which is due for demolition in their near future. The present headquarters, being in the centre of Watford, has been most convenient, and it remains to be seen how our activities will be affected by the move to a new Drill Hall on the outskirts of Watford. However, our Social Secretary, G. Down, and his merry men will no doubt decorate the old place in their usual excellent style befitting our farewell.

We have had our usual functions throughout the summer. On July 24 we attended St. James' Church for the St. James' Festival and as usual received a warm welcome from our popular Padre, Rev. A. Richards, and the congregation. Also well supported was the recent Remembrance Sunday at Bedford. Our social activities continue and at weekends many of our members attend the Drill Hall for a get-together and tombola. At these times our old friend George Moore comes into his own—selling his raffle tickets. Through these week-end activities we have enlisted several Honorary Members who have supported us well.

We shall greatly miss Mr. and Mrs. Nobbs who have moved to Norfolk. Dick has been a stalwart member for many years, and his wife, who does beautiful embroidery, has for several years presented a Christmas gift for our raffle. No doubt they will still keep in touch with us.

We very much regret to record the death of two of our members: Mr. E. F. Hackman who was among the first to join the Branch on its formation, and Mrs. Barnett who regularly attended our functions.

ST. ALBANS

We were all very shocked by the sudden death of Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, the Regimental Secretary. Our President, Lt.-Col. J. H. Busby, M.B.E., represented St. Albans Branch at the funeral service in the Regimental Chapel.

Branch meetings have been held regularly throughout the summer and have been well attended.

Eighteen of our members attended Regimental Remembrance Sunday at Bedford this year. We enjoyed meeting our old friends and hope we shall be blessed with such fine weather on future Reunions there.

Two of our members stayed at the Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home and came back looking all the better for their holiday on the East Coast.

As this is the December number we should like to send special Christmas greetings to one of our former members, Sgt. "Mick" Smith now serving with the Regiment in Berlin.

BEDFORD

Little of note has happened in this Branch since the last issue of *The Wasp and The Eagle*. The winter games league has only just begun, we have played three games, winning two and losing one.

The ashes of our late President, Lt.-Col. E. G. Fanning, M.C., D.L., were buried in Bedford Cemetery on October 10 at a private ceremony which our Secretary was invited to attend.

We would like to congratulate Mr. Wells and his wife on becoming grandparents for the sixth time, when their daughter Claudia gave birth to a son on October 7.

HITCHIN

Since the publication of the last issue of *The Wasp and The Eagle* we have lost our beloved President, Lt.-Col. A. C. Young. We need hardly say that this was a very great shock to us all. He showed a great interest in the doings of our Branch and never failed to attend all our functions. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Young who was always at his side.

On September 26, 1964, a coach load of comrades and their families and friends attended the annual social at the Saffron Walden Branch where, as usual, they were royally entertained. All enjoyed themselves. We always look forward to our visits to this, our "sister" Branch.

On September 27, 1964, we were only able to muster six comrades for the Regimental Reunion, but as usual our Standard was held high and proud. The service was, as always, a very impressive and moving one. The Branch wreath was laid by our Chairman, Lt.-Col. L. J. Cooper.

We are glad to report that Comrades Furr and Norris, who have both been very ill, are now out of hospital and well on the way to recovery.

1st BATTALION 16 FOOT (1939-45)

A very happy annual reunion for those who served in the 1st Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment during the last war was held in London on Saturday, October 17. Following the success of the previous year, Mr. F. W. Earnes was well supported by over 50 former other ranks at "The Clachan" in Kingly Street. The officers visited this cheerful gathering in the early part of the evening and then, with some difficulty, withdrew to their own gettogether across the road at the "Masons' Arms" in Maddox Street. We were very glad that Lt.-Col. J. C. Preston, M.B.E., was able to come up from Devon to be with us this year. Among others from afar were Majors Brightman from Wales, Hefford from Westmorland and Legry from B.A.O.R.

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The Canons of Bayeux

It had to be Tilly. It was hardly possible even to consider any other village as our H.Q. for the occasion: not that one could really recognise it—even the crossroads were new, let alone the buildings. So it was that, after months of talk, reservations and cancellations, six of us returned to Normandy twenty years on. We were, alphabetically: Capt. Alexander, Lt. Barrett-Lennard, Major Barry, Major Filby, M.C., Capt. Needham, R.A.M.C., Capt. Salmon.

We sadly missed a number of others whose spirit was willing but whose commitments were compulsive.

The evening of June 5, 1964, saw us established at Tilly with time in hand to wander up the road to Buceels—unchanged and unmarked. The roadside Crucifix and the farmyard of Battalion concert fame ("Buttercup Joe?") revived with acute clarity the days long since gone. Those of us who came back from the battle of Tilly to rest there will have largely happy recollections of Buceels—to say nothing of the Calvados with which it mysteriously abounded.

On the morning of the 6th we were again on 'Gold' Beach, this time surrounded by a large party of Essex Yeomanry led by their former Brigadier. All was much the same and, a mile or two westwards, we could clearly see the Mulberry caissons off Arromanches. The route through Ryes to St. Sulpice was, after a little, followed: thence to a flag-bedecked Bayeux very much en fête. The Norman "capital" is timeless and to expect to see any change there would show a sad lack of understanding. Virtually the only innovation is the vast War Cemetery kept, as are all the cemeteries, in a condition of perfection and dignity-sharp and salutary reminders of the good fortune of those who have the privilege of returning to pay their respects.

Montmurel, that tiny hamlet on the road running south from Bayeux, is unchanged.

Essex Wood is still fronted by wide fields of wheat and backed by the little farm whose ownership was so fiercely disputed. To be accurate, however, it is not really a wood at all: the trees are for the most part in the hedges and gave us the impression of being a wood as we approached it that Sunday long ago. Of all the horrors of that grisly place, the one which most readily came to mind was the armoured flame-thrower which was mercifully discouraged by a PIAT courageously used that dark night; one can see now how easy it was for an A.F.V. to get into our position and how tactically untenable was our ground. Of the burnt out Centurions and the crashed ME 109 there remains not a sign.

Coerced, cajoled and confined by our friend Hugh Barrett-Lennard, we all attended Requiem Mass at the monastery at Juaye Mondaye on the evening of D Day. Even the most heathen among us had to admit that the idea was not inappropriate. Fortified by an impromptu sermon in French, sonorously delivered from the Altar steps by our clerical companion, we proceeded to take wine with the Abbott and his Brothers—most kindly hosts. The presence of many "Ancients Combattants" with their Colours, and several local Mayors, made our reception a touching one which we all regard as an honour to have attended.

The fact that the following day was Sunday gave our former I.O. a further opportunity to remind us of our spiritual duties—an opportunity which he grasped with a firm ecclesiastical hand. It was an act of extreme courtesy on the part of the Bayeux Cathedral authorities to invite the Rev. Barrett-Lennard to celebrate Mass there and, moreover, before a vast congregation. It no doubt came as a severe shock to him suddenly to observe, in the midst of the service, his companions soberly installed in the pews normally reserved for the Canons behind the High Altar. Hence our title.

After the service we laid a cross of poppies in the Cathedral, beneath the 56th Infantry Brigade Memorial Tablet, to the memory of fallen Pompadours. It seemed to us fitting that it should be here that we made our small tribute, rather than in the cemeteries. Of these we managed to visit four: Bayeux, Tilly, Jerusalem and Hottot, where many well remembered names of all ranks stand forever recorded. All these cemeteries were the setting for Anglo-French memorial services that Sunday, the one we attended being that small secluded corner of a Norman field at Jerusalem.

Space does not permit more than a mere mention of such names as Ellon, Folliot, Parfouru l'Eclin, the Collaborator's Cottage and Launay Ridge, among a host of others. Yet simply to record them takes one back to the days when there was a spirit abroad that even death and destruction failed to dim.

It was a most agreeable gesture on the part of Le Patron and Madame at our hotel in Tilly to regale us—at 8.45 a.m., of all times—with champagne on our last morning. A happy note on which to end our short pilgrimage: a pilgrimage which was more than worth making—indeed someone had to make it in the name of all those who had been there twenty years before. It is for this reason that all reference to particular names or personal deeds has been deliberately omitted from these notes.

It is a little sad to think that, as far as we could tell, the old 56th Independent Infantry Brigade was not formally represented. But, however that may be, we all intend (D.V.) to return for the 25th Anniversary in 1969. Maybe some reader may care to take up the idea too.





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Annual Service of Remembrance, Warley

The annual gathering of members of the old Essex Regiment took place at Warley on Sunday, October 4. Members and their wives began to arrive shortly after 10 a.m. and the Regimental Chapel was filled, almost to capacity, some time before the Service was due to commence. Among those present we were delighted to see four of our In-Pensioners from the Royal Hospital, including Mr. C. West who recently lost a leg.

At II a.m. the Colonel of The Regiment and the Deputy Colonel took their places, and the traditional processional hymn was announced. During the early part of the Service, Memorial Pews were dedicated in memory of Colonel R. V. Read, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., and of Major J. N. Coker, M.C., T.D., and we were very pleased that Mrs. Joyce Read and Mrs. Aline Coker were able to be present with other members of their families and friends. The names of those who had died during the past year were read out by the Deputy Colonel before "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded. The Address was given by our old friend the Reverend K. A. Vine, M.B.E., T.D., who also conducted the Service, and the Band of 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) played, by kind permission of the Commanding Officer Lt.-Col. R. J. Randall, during the Service and for the march past which followed.

The march past, led by Major Harry Staff with Mr. P. C. Munn as standard bearer, took place on the R.H.Q. lawns, and the salute was taken by the Colonel of The Regiment, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning, and the Deputy Colonel, Brigadier C. M. Paton.

Light refreshments were then served and the proceedings closed with the annual general meeting of The Essex Regiment Association.

Despite the lateness of the year, the very warm and sunny weather was much enjoyed by those present, and helped to make the occasion such a memorable one.

We were much indebted to Officer Commanding 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) for the cheerful and efficient help afforded by members of his Battalion, to Mr. P. C. Munn and his party for their help as Marshals during the Service, and to our regular Chapel "Staff," Lay Reader, Mr. T. L. Wilson, organist, Mr. R. B. Davidson, and the rather few, but very loyal, members of our choir.

The Essex Regiment Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WARLEY, OCTOBER 4th, 1964

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES

The President of the Association, Brigadier C. M. Paton, c.v.o., c.B.E., D.L., took the Chair, and 58 members were in attendance.

I. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous year's meeting, which had been published in the Regimental Journal, were passed and signed.

2. Accounts

The accounts for the year ended December 31, 1963, were adopted.

3. Auditors

Messrs. Bird and Partners were unanimously appointed as auditors for the ensuing year and were accorded a vote of thanks for their past services.

4. At this point in the meeting, the President reported on the recent activities of the Regiment and, after outlining the present position at Warley, he spoke of possible future developments, especially in regard to the Chapel and Museum. During the discussion which followed, many members expressed the wish that the Chapel should remain indefinitely at Warley, and that funds might be raised to make this possible.

Three members present each offered to contribute the sum of £100 to start the fund, and others also promised their support. Brigadier Paton, after expressing thanks to the prospective donors, stated that the position was being kept under constant review, but that at present it was not practicable to take further action. The Colonel of The Regiment was again taking the matter up with the Army Board and much would depend on the reply he received.

The offers of financial assistance were most encouraging and would be recorded in case of future needs. The Association would be kept fully informed of any developments in the situation.

Mr. Munn thanked Brigadier Paton for his report, and offered congratulations to General Denning and to the Brigadier on their appointments as Colonel and Deputy Colonel of The Royal Anglian Regiment. These congratulations were warmly endorsed by the meeting.



A group of Essex Regiment members of the 29th Division at the anniversary parade in April. Left to right: Messrs. F. Walters, J. E. Tresadern, J. E. Fuller, A. S. Perdeaux, Major H. J. Staff, Messrs. F. W. Vere, B. Garratt and T. W. Usherwood.

5. Any Other Business

Wing-Commander Elliott, Chairman of the Chelmsford Branch, spoke of the need for branch representation on the two central committees of the Association. The Secretary stated that a formal, written proposal to this effect had been received by him, and would be put before the General Purposes Committee at their next meeting.

6. Mr. Harrod referred to the last Minutes and the question of Chapel seating and catering arrangements for the annual reunion, which was to have been considered by the central committees. The Secretary said that it had not been necessary for special consideration for this year, as the normal reunion was not being held, but the matter would be fully considered before the 1965 reunion arrangements were decided.

7. After general discussion on matters already minuted above, Major Staff proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was carried unanimously, and the Meeting closed at 1.35 p.m.

Notes From the Branches

ASSOCIATION OF SERGEANTS (PAST AND PRESENT), ALL BATTALIONS THE ESSEX REGIMENT (44th/56th FOOT)

> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES

The 35th Annual General Meeting of the Association took place at the T.A. Centre, Gordon Fields, Ilford, on Saturday, May 2. The President, Major F. W. Waddell, M.B.E., took the Chair and 16 members were present. Letters regretting their inability to attend were received from a number of members.

Before the business of the meeting, all present

stood in silence in memory of all members who had passed away since the 1963 meeting.

A proposal that the existing officers and committee, if willing to serve, be re-elected for a further period of 12 months, was carried unanimously, and officers pesent expressed their willingness to continue in office. A discussion in regard to an Annual Dinner in 1964 culminated in a firm decision that the dinner be held during October, the venue to be arranged.

The forthcoming formation of The Royal Anglian Regiment was discussed and a proposal that Warrant Officers and Sergeants from the new Regiment and serving with 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) should be eligible to join the Association, was carried.

A vote of thanks to the President, Hon. Secretary and the Committee for their good work was warmly endorsed, as was a vote of thanks to the Commanding Officer, 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) for kindly permitting use of the T.A. Centre.

The Dinner was held at the T.A. Centre, Wood Lane, Dagenham, on Saturday, October 24, and was one of the best to be held for some years. Thirty-two members and twelve guests were present, including Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., Deputy Colonel, The Royal Anglian Regiment, and Major T. R. Stead, the Regimental Secretary. Major F. W. Waddell, M.B.E., took the Chair and Mr. Percy Munn, the very hard working Secretary, and his Committee must have felt that their efforts had been well worthwhile when they looked around and saw the assembled cheerful company. The arrangements by R.S.M. Cotter were of the very high standard we always associate with the R.S.M., and the T.A. staff were excellent.

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

Our Branch activities are now rather few, but we have managed to maintain a good gathering of members at the various Association functions, and especially at the Presentation of new Colours to the 4th/5th Battalion by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

The Branch Annual General Meeting for this year was held at the T.A. Centre, East Ham, on September 25, with Major J. D. Castle, T.D., in the Chair. After reports from the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, the Committee were thanked by the Chairman for their good work during the past year, and were unanimously reelected 'en bloc' for the ensuing year. The Chairman reported to the meeting the tragic death of Major A. L. Harris, of 300 Regiment R.A. Major Harris had been a staunch supporter and friend of the Branch for many years and would be sadly missed.

After the meeting Major Stead, the Regimental Secretary, spoke of current events in The Regiment and explained the position in regard to the formation of The Royal Anglian

Regiment.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. W. Leaford, will be glad to hear from any Old Comrades. His address is 71, Herschell Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

10th (SERVICE) Bn. (1914-18) THE ESSEX REGIMENT

Thanks largely to the continued help of the county papers, there was a bigger turnout than for many years at the Battalion's Regimental Chapel Service on July 5. One or two were a little short of breath or shaky of limb, and some who had come from far afield, Wivenhoe, Newport and Colchester, had had to make an early start.

The Rev. Philip Wright, M.B.E., came from Woodford Bridge and preached a simple sermon of appreciation and sustenance. His text was "Call to remembrance the former days," and with us, he remembered all those comrades we have lost.

The popular hymns were sung with great feeling, and though we perhaps sang a wrong note here or there, we enjoyed our singing and were assured that all shared our enjoyment.

Our 50th Anniversary Dinner was held at the "Talbot," London Wall, on September 26, when 49 stalwarts were present.

We were delighted to have with us Major-General Sir Donald Banks who commanded the Battalion during part of its long period in France during the First World War, and in addition to the many who turn up regularly year after year we were very pleased to see three members who had not previously been to a 10th Dinner. Colonel Chell was, of course, in his accustomed place. He does so much to keep us together and to make our dinners such happy occasions, and we shall hope to see him at least once per year for many years to come.

SAFFRON WALDEN

We have had two major social functions since early summer. The first was on June 6 when we held a fete at the home of our President, Major Lipscombe. The occasion was a great success and resulted in a considerable sum being raised for our Benevolent Funds. The fete was opened by Mrs. Helen Martin, widow of our late President, and the stalls and side shows were soon doing brisk business. We are most grateful to Major and Mrs. Lipscombe for their kindness in allowing us the free run of their home and gardens.

On September 26 we held our annual social and dance at the Town Hall, Saffron Walden, and though our numbers were down slightly a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

The following day a party travelled to Bedford for the Reunion Service and during the competition which followed our team of George and Bill Start and Tom and Jim Lighting managed to win the darts competition. As



A group of 10th Essex (1914-18) Old Combrades after the Battalion Service at the Regimental Chapel, Warley.

[Photo: J. Bagaley, Basildon, Essex, always, we had a strong representative party at Warley for the Service of Remembrance, and also at Chelmsford for the Banch Social evening in October.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA AND DISTRICT

The Branch is still very much alive and continues to meet at Southend on the last Friday in each month. During the past few months some 25 new members have joined the Branch from the Stanford-le-Hope area, and in view of the increasing numbers from that district a sub-branch of the Southend Branch has been set up in Stanford where meetings will be held from time to time in the United Services Club. Branch Headquarters will remain at Southend, and the Annual Dinner and Dance will continue to be held there.

It is with regret that we record the death of one of our oldest members, C/Sgt. G. Pearson, who served at Warley for many years.

Finally, we are sorry that this will be the last issue of *The Wasp and The Eagle*. We feel it is now, even more, in the hands of Branches to keep alive the names of The Essex Regiment of which we are all justly proud. Any old comrades who would like to join our ranks, and help us to do just that, will be most welcome. Please contact the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. F. Harrod, 9, Whittingham Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

CHELMSFORD AND DISTRICT

The Branch has had a very successful first year and membership now exceeds 200.

The annual general meeting was held at the T.A. Centre, Market Road, on September 14 when the existing officers and committee were re-elected. Lt.-Col. Tommy Gagen was welcomed as a new vice-president and Mr. Henry Ling as a new committee member.

On Saturday, October 17, another of our popular socials was a great success, and tickets were sold out some time before the event. With the coach load of members which came from Saffron Walden was a well known figure—ex-C.S.M. Alf Mummery, D.C.M., who was lucky enough to win the star prize of the raffle, a camera presented by Ilford's Ltd.

During the evening the Branch Chairman, Wing Commander (ex-Major Bill of the 1st/5th Battalion) E. I. Elliott, O.B.E., made a presentation on behalf of the committee of a table cigarette lighter to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Gordon Gilder, and his wife, Marianne, for their services to the Branch during 1963/64.

In his reply, Gordon commented that "the successes of the Branch were mainly due to the members for electing such a grand bunch of chaps for their committee." Their hard work and support, and that of their wives, is an outstanding feature of Chelmsford Branch.

It is the intention of the committee to run many more of these socials and other functions in which all the family can participate, as one of the aims of the Branch is to make it a "family affair."

This year the Branch was represented on the Remembrance Service parade at Chelmsford on November 8.

The Essex Army Cadet Force

The Essex Army Cadet Force annual .303 rifle meeting took place at Purfleet on July 12, 1964.

The results were as follows:

Inter-Regimental Trophy: 1st, 6th Essex Cadet Regiment (R.H.Q., Chelmsford), 453; 2nd, 1st Essex Cadet Regiment (R.H.Q., West Ham), 437; 3rd, 7th Essex Cadet Regiment (R.H.Q., Southend), 434.

Five Cadets of the Essex Army Cadet Force took part in the A.C.F. National Athletic Championships, which were held at the Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea, on July 18, 1964.

Cadet K. Turner, 7th Essex Cadet Regiment, from Leigh-on-Sea, was placed third in the shot and gained three points for the county.

The Essex Army Cadet Force held their annual camp in August at Wretham, near Thetford

During camp they were visited by General Sir Roderick McLeod, G.B.E., K.C.B., A.D.C., G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command, and Major-General R. A. Fyffe, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., G.O.C. 54 (E.A.) Division/District.

Engagements

MR. P. B. LIGHT AND MISS P. H. REFORD

The engagement is announced between Lt. Peter Benjamin Light, The Royal Anglian Regiment, younger son of Dr. L. H. B. Light, Redwings, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, and of Mrs. Ronald Maule, and Penelope Hope, daughter of Lt.-Col. L. B. H. Reford, M.C., and Mrs. Reford, Forest Cottage, Lower Beeding, Horsham, Sussex.

Mr. F. C. Grover and Miss J. C. Palmer

The engagement is announced between Richard Frank Grover and June Christine Palmer, only daughter of Lt.-Col. B. J. Palmer, The Royal Anglian Regiment, and Mrs. Palmer.



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Births

- SIMMONS.—On June 1, 1964, at the Fontainbleau Civil Hospital, France, to Sgt. and Mrs. John Simmons, a son, Alistair Jens, a bother for Tina.
- LEWIS.—On September 23, 1964, in the British Military Hospital, Singapore, to Jenny, wife of Lt. M. J. Lewis, The Royal Anglian Regiment, a daughter, Deborah Anne.

@bituaries

FROST.—Lt. Harry Frost died in April, 1964, at the age of 82 years. Harry commenced his soldiering before the First World War when he was a member of the Territorial Force. He was in action at Gallipoli and throughout the 1914-18 period with 5th Bn. The Essex Regiment, and was with the Suffolk Regiment during World War II. Since 1945 he had been a great supporter of the 5th Bn. O.C.A.

CHAMBERS.—Capt. E. H. G. Chambers, 103, Goldington Road, Bedford, died in Bedford General Hospital on April 23, 1964. He was 80. A pre-war Territorial, he served in the ranks of The Bedfordshire Regiment during the First World War. He rejoined the Army for the Second World War and was commissioned into The Royal Pioneer Corps.

During his fifty years in Bedford, he was well known for his keen interest in the town's sporting organisations. A former secretary of Bedford R.U.F.C., he was vice-president of the Rugby Followers' Association of Bedford. Although handicapped as a result of an illness four years ago, he was a regular supporter of all Regimental functions. The funeral service on April 25, was attended by Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Secretary of the 16th Foot.

MAYHEW.—Mr. William Mayhew died in Bedford General Hospital on April 29, 1964. Aged 96, he was one of the oldest of the former soldiers of The Bedfordshire Regiment. He was born in Elstow, near Kempston Barracks, and after serving in Ireland, India and the South Africa War, returned to Bedford to go into business as a greengrocer. Until his 90th birthday he used to do his own cooking and shopping, but partial blindness then made it necessary for him to be looked after in hospital. The funeral service was held at the Pentecostal Church, Bedford, on May 4, 1964.



The late Mr. L. A. Platts, M.M.

PLATTS.—On May 6, 1964. In-Pensioner Leonard Alfred Platts, M.M., at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Ex-Sgt. Len Platts first enlisted in The Essex Regiment on August 3, 1907, and served with them for more than 24 years. He was awarded the Military Medal during World War I and later the Meritorious Service Medal. He was 71 years of age when he died and had been in poor health for some time.

Mr. B. Oliver, M.B.E., represented The Regiment at the funeral.

ASHDOWN.—Mr. Frank Ashdown, of 73, Whitmore Road, Beckenham, Kent, died suddenly on May 18, 1964. He served with 1st/4th Bn. The Essex Regiment during the 1939-45 War and he was a very popular member and supporter of the Association.

JUNIPER.—Mr. J. J. Juniper, ex-5998142, died on May 21, 1964. A well known and much liked ex-Pompadour, James Juniper served for exactly 23 years with 2nd Essex. After enlisting on August 19, 1914, he served in France and with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. He was discharged in 1937 and lived for many years in Brentwood. He will be remembered by many as the cheerful Post Corporal of the 2nd Battalion.

PRATT.—On May 30. Mr. George F. Pratt died very suddenly. During the First World War, when 19 years of age, he was promoted

R.S.M. whilst serving with The Essex Regiment. At that time he was believed to be the youngest R.S.M. in the Army.

COLLIER.-Major S. E. Collier served with The Essex Regiment (13th Battalion) during World War I and again in World War II (5th Battalion and Home Defence). He died in May, 1964, at Colchester.

PAMPLIN.-Mr. Edward Pamplin died on June 7, 1964, at the age of 81 years. An exregular soldier, Mr. Pamplin enlisted at Warley in 1899 and served for almost 10 years with the Colours. He fought in S. Africa and throughout World War I.

MOORE.-In-Pensioner Harry Moore died at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on June 7, 1964. Mr. Moore was an old Pompadour who served for almost 13 years with The Regiment. He had been at the Hospital for just four years, and was much liked by his comrades.

HALE.—On June 10, 1964, Mr. A. Hale, 16, Masefield Road, Harpenden, Herts, aged 78. He served in the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment from 1916 to 1918. He was a member of St. Albans Branch but ill health in recent years prevented him from attending their functions.

HACKMAN.—After illness bravely borne for several years, Mr. E. F. Hackman died on June 17, 1964, aged 72.

He served as a Sergeant in the 6th Bedfordshire Regiment from 1914 to 1918, being gassed and twice wounded. He was one of the earliest members of Watford Branch and later became one of its Vice-Presidents. We sadly miss this staunch member of the Regi-

mental Association and offer our sympathy to his widow and family.

HARVERSON .-- Mr. H. W. Harverson died suddenly on June 23. He was with The Essex Regiment during the First World War, and later was with the County Home Defence. He was a member of the Metropolitan Essex Branch of the Essex Regiment Association.

RHODES.—Sir Christopher Rhodes died at Blakeney, Norfolk, in June, 1964, at the age of 50 years. He served with the Pompadours during the Second World War, attaining the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and being awarded the Croix de Guerre and the United States Legion of Merit.

YOUNG.—The news of the sudden death of Lt.-Col. Alan C. Young on June 28, 1964, came as a shock to us all and brought a heartfelt loss to the Regiment.



The late Lt.-Col. Alan C. Young.

Born on February 7, 1901, he was commissioned into the 16th Foot from Sandhurst on July 14, 1923. After a few months with the 1st Battalion at Colchester, he was posted in November that same year to the 2nd Battalion and served with them at Kamptee and in Iraq.

In 1928 he began a tour of duty at the Regimental Depot. It was here that he met his wife, Hensie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. P. Martin of Bedford, whom he married at St. Cuthbert's Church in January, 1931. It was also during this period that he become Editor of The Wasp for the first time, in September, 1929. His interest in the Regimental Journal continued wherever he might be posted; his enthusiasm and experience in this field were invaluable when the time came to publish the first edition of The Wasp and The Eagle in 1958.

Alan Young returned to the 2nd Battalion

at Bordon at the end of 1930 and moved with them to Colchester in 1933. In December, 1934, he sailed for India once more on posting to the 1st Battalion at Dacca. He left the Battalion at Chakrata in July, 1936, when he was selected as an Instructor at the Small Arms School, India. This tour of duty was extended when he was appointed to command the Pachmari Wing in 1938.

In 1940 he returned to England, joining the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment as

Second-in-Command until being appointed Commanding Officer in May, 1941. In November, 1942, he was transferred to the 9th Battalion which he commanded for nearly three years.

Promoted to substantive rank in January, 1946, he took command of the 2nd Battalion in Greece in May of that year. He was in fact to be the last Commanding Officer, as the Battalion was placed in suspended animation at Fayid in May, 1947, and was finally amalgamated with the 1st Battalion in October, 1948.

After a period in command of 16 P.T.C. at Kempston in 1947, he was appointed Commandant of the Military Prison and Detention Barracks at Shepton Mallet until 1949 when he was given a similar appointment at Colchester M.C.T.C.

He retired from the active list in September, 1952, to become Regimental Secretary of the 16th Association. On the amalgamation with the Essex Regiment in 1958 he was appointed Regimental Secretary at the new R.H.Q. at Warley.

Alan Young, affectionately known to so many as "Porky," was a Regimental Officer whose absorbing interest was the Regiment. His administrative ability was evident in the organisation of numerous Regimental occasions, and the welfare of former members of the Regiment was always a matter of great concern to him. He gave our Branches every encouragement and support in their activities and he and Mrs. Young were very welcome guests at many of their functions.

Many tributes to his memory have come from serving and retired members of the Regiment and a substantial sum has been received by the 16th Foot Benevolent Fund as donations in lieu of flowers.

The Funeral Service was held in the Regimental Chapel at Warley on July 3, 1964. In addition to family mourners, The Colonel of The Regiment and The Deputy Colonel, there were representatives from the Regular and Territorial Battalions, Branches of the Regimental Associations and many of his friends in the Regiment.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Young and to their son, Capt. Martin Young, R.M.P.

Sushforth.—Mr. W. Rushforth died at Saffron Walden in June, 1964, at the age of 82. Walter Rushforth served with The Essex Regiment as a regular soldier in South Africa, India and in France during the First World War. The Saffron Walden Branch of The Essex Regiment Association was represented at the funeral.

- PINNEY.—The death is reported in June, 1964, of Mr. A. Pinney, 32, Russell Street, Luton. Born in 1884, he joined The Bedfordshire Regiment in 1903 on an eight-year engagement. He rejoined the Colours on mobilization in 1914 and rose to the rank of Lance-Sergeant. He was a member of the Luton Branch and of the Regimental Association.
- LAMBERT.—Mr. William John Lambert died on July 12, 1964, at his home in Brentwood. He was aged 69 years and had served during the First World War, in which he was wounded, he enlisted on a regular engagement at Kinsale in 1921, and remained with The Regiment until discharged to the reserve in 1948.

Mr. Lambert's father and five brothers all served in the Army and between them the family totalled 236 years military service.

- FOSKETT.—On July 16, 1964, Mr. William Foskett, aged 84 years. Mr. Foskett served with 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment during the First World War.
- KING.—Capt. Clifford King died on July 27, 1964. He served during the First World War with 13th Bn. The Essex Regiment, and during the 1939-45 War he was with the 7th Home Defence Battalion.
- SNEEZUM.—Richard Sneezum died on July 27, 1964. He served with the 13th Service Battalion of The Essex Regiment and later he was Second-in-Command of a company of the 9th Battalion when it was formed in 1940. Capt. Sneezum's family home was in Ipswich.
- PEARSON.—Mr. George Pearson, an old Boer War veteran of The Essex Regiment, died at Southend in July, 1946. Mr. Pearson though over 80 years of age, was a member and supporter of the Southend Branch of the Association.
- PAXMAN.—Capt. James Paxman who died on July 30, served with The Pompadours during the 1914-18 War during which he was severely wounded. He resigned his commission shortly after the war and joined his grandfather's old firm of Davey Paxman & Co. Ltd., of Colchester.

James was 67 years of age when he died, and though his period with The Regiment was comparatively short, he was a very strong supporter of all Regimental matters.

THURLEY.—The death is reported from Brisbane, Australia, of Mr. F. W. (Bob) Thurley, M.C. He died on August 11, 1964, at the age of 84. He joined the 2nd Bn. The Bedford-

shire Regiment in South Africa in 1902 and continued to serve with the Battalion until the First World War. It was as R.S.M. of the 2nd Battalion that he was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry at Ypres in October and November, 1914.

On his retirement in 1922 he became licensee of The Bedford Arms in Kempston. In 1958 he emigrated to Australia to live with his son, a Staff Sergeant in the Royal

Australian Army.

ANSELL.—The death on August 25, 1964, at the age of 53 is reported of Mr. J. ("Tubby") Ansell. A popular and outstanding sportsman who served with the 1st Bn. 16th Foot in India prior to the War, he will be remembered by many of our readers for his boxing prowess which won him the Army and Royal Air Force Heavyweight Championship for 1935-36.

- FARNSWORTH.—Mr. Ernest H. R. Farnsworth (ex-6000156) died in hospital on August 28, 1964, aged 72 years. He was a regular soldier of The Essex Regiment, serving from 1911 to 1931. He had been ill for some time prior to his death.
- OWEN.—The Regiment has lost a good friend through the death on September 8, 1964, of Prebendary D. A. Owen, M.A., Rector of St. Peter-upon-Cornhill, London. It was as a Chaplain in Tobruk in 1941 that he became so well known to the 1st Bn. The Foot. The friendship established then, continued after the war when Mr. Owen became Honorary Chaplain to London Branch. It was through his enthusiasm and kind co-operation that the Regimental Window was installed in St. Peter-upon-Cornhill in 1951. At the funeral service which was held at his church on September 14, the Colonel of The Regiment was represented by Lt.-Col. A. C. Clarke, O.B.E.
- COULTER.—Mr. P. Coulter died on September 11, aged 72 years. He served with The Essex Regiment 2nd and 4th Battalions during the First World War and was a staunch supporter of all Regimental functions. He was a member of the London Branch of the 16th Foot Association. Mr. G. E. Alldritt represented The Regiment at the funeral.
- FRASER.—On September 19, 1964, Mr. Donald J. Fraser aged 82 years. An old regular soldier of The Essex Regiment, Mr. Fraser enlisted in 1899 and served for 10 years with the Colours, and then with the R.F.C. towards the end of the First World War.

- KEANE.—On October 2, 1964, Cpl. J. Keane, a regular soldier of the 3rd (16th/44th Foot) Bn. The Royal Anglian Regiment, died at Arborfield. Cpl. Keane was serving with the Army Apprentices School, and had been ill for some time prior to his death.
- COOPER.—It is with deep regret that we report the death on October 4, 1964, of Mr. F. T. Cooper, of the "Half Moon," Wilstone, nr. Tring, Hertfordshire. He was 68.

After serving with the 8th Bedfords in 1914-18 he was on the committee of its Old Comrades' Association which formed immediately after the First World War. In 1950 he became Honorary Secretary, holding that office until his death. He also took a leading part in founding Watford Branch.

In spite of illness during recent years, he cheerfully continued to devote his time to the affairs of his Branch. He was a staunch supporter of the Regimental Association and will

be sadly missed at its functions.

The funeral took place at Watford on October 8 and was attended by Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Mr. Packer representing the 8th Bedfords O.C.A., and representatives from Watford Branch.

- MARDELL.—In-Pensioner W. A. Mardell, M.M., died at the Infirmary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on October 10, 1964. He was 76. He served in the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment from April, 1915, until March, 1919, and was awarded the Military Medal at St. Julien in 1917. He had been an In-Pensioner since August, 1960. The funeral took place privately.
- TURNER.—Mr. A. E. Turner, of Suffolk Road, Barking, died in the London Hospital on October 14. He served with 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment and was a regular supporter and member of the Romford Branch of the Association.

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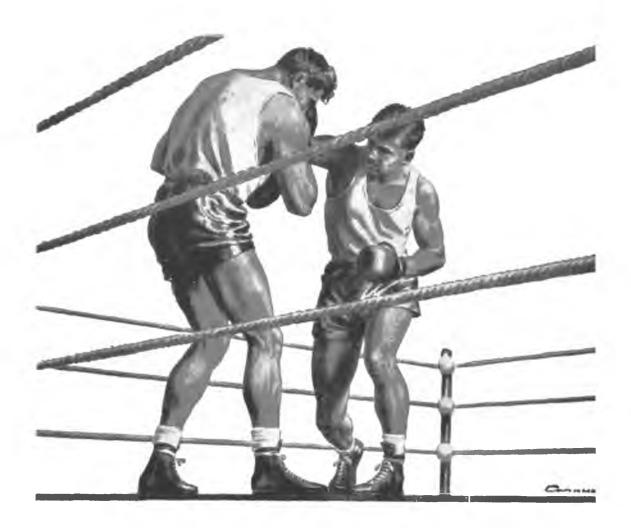


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