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The Essex and Kent Scottish

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Pte. Angle

On Our Tenth Anniversary

1st September 1974 marks the tenth anniversary of the formation of the Regiment. 1974 is starting badly with a shortage of oil, coal, wood, paper, whisky bottles, other bottles, train drivers, power and nearly everything else. Perhaps there is a shortage of leaders! Anyway we intend to prove that our past ten years have been worth recording. Three events of major importance are planned.

Presentation of Colours

Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, our Colonel-in-Chief, has graciously consented to present new Colours to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th (Volunteer) Battalions. We plan the ceremony to take place at Tidworth on July 12th, where the 1st Battalion will be stationed.

Detailed instructions will go out, including method of obtaining tickets in early April. The following outline plans cover the weekend.

Friday, 12th July

- a.m. Presentation Parade.
Luncheon for all, including Old Comrades.
- p.m. Massed Bands Programme.
All Ranks' Ball.

Saturday, 13th July

- Regimental cricket match (1st day) versus Gentlemen of Suffolk.
- Golfing Society Annual Meeting.
- 1st Bn. Sports.
- WO./Sgts. Ball.
- Officers' Ball.

Sunday, 14th July

- Regimental cricket match (2nd day).

Regimental History

Having led the way in the Large Regiment concept (this will be the last reference to 'the Large Regiment') we intend to record in the form of a short history our first ten years, proving thereby that the Regiment still leads the way. Major Michael Barthorp, who has recently completed a history of the Northamptonshire Regiment for the 'Famous British Regiments' series has agreed to write this history which should be on sale by the end of the year. Without wishing to include the frivolous any history can be dreary for want of eyewitness accounts. These are often omitted in the terse official diaries, and alas, appear all too infrequently in this magazine. Will all readers, especially NCOs, serving and retired, please put on their thinking caps and send to the Regimental Secretary any story or action they think worth recording, including their own reactions at the time. The physical conditions under which certain actions in Cyprus, Aden, Belfast, Londonderry took place are worth noting. The improvisations made to overcome some particular problem, manpower shortage, combat development trials, cuts in staff ceiling, etc. Anonymity will be guaranteed if desired.

Portrait of our Colonel-in-Chief

The Officers Club is commissioning a portrait in oils to be painted by Mr. Richard Stone, of Colchester. Her Majesty has consented to sittings during the spring and it is hoped to unveil the portrait in the summer. This painting will be regimental property, not belonging to any one battalion. It will be available on loan to battalions and will otherwise probably be hung at the Depot Officers Mess of The Queen's Division.

Philatelic Souvenir Cover

To commemorate these events it is intended to issue, in conjunction with Stamp Publicity (Worthing) Limited, a philatelic cover. The cover, which will be on sale at the Presentation of Colours Parade, or may be ordered from Regimental Headquarters, will depict the Regimental Drummer painted by C. E. Stadden. The cover will be cancelled by a special British Forces Postal Service Handstamp. Details of the cover, and its cost, will be given wide publicity in due course.

On The Year's Highlights

The visit of the Colonel-in-Chief (page 7).
The winning of the Infantry Football Cup (page 94).

One MC, one DCM, three MMs. These are very rare awards in peacetime, even in Northern Ireland, and deserve special mention (page 25).

The individual successes in sport: Pte. Maxwell—boxing (page 102), L/Cpl. Cheong—shooting (page 46), J/Sgt. Gough—Orienteering (page 25).

Mrs. Goodfellow, CO and Chief Scoutmaster.

On Northern Ireland

We regret to announce the deaths in Northern Ireland in 1973 of Private Anthony Goodfellow (3rd Bn) in April, and of 2Lt. L. W. H. Dobbie, RAOC (att. 3rd Bn.) in October. An obituary for Pte. Goodfellow appears on page 103. 2Lt. Dobbie was killed by a parcel bomb, believed to have been intended for the Commander Land Forces, handed in to the Ops Room where it exploded almost immediately, very seriously wounding Captain Raymond Hazan. As the result of this latest terrorist outrage Ray Hazan has lost the sight of both eyes and his right arm below the elbow. A report on his present progress appears on page 66 along with others who have been seriously wounded.

Also in 1973 five soldiers, L/Cpl. J. W. Owen and Ptes. E. W. Edwards and P. Easton (1st Bn), L/Cpl. R. Grant and Pte. N. Markwick (2nd Bn) all lost their lives accidentally on duty.

To the bereaved parents and relatives we extend our sincere sympathy. To all those wounded a speedy recovery.

On The Goodfellow Trophy

In the coming years the Scouts of Londonderry will be competing for a new trophy. This will be a cup for their annual orienteering competition presented by the Scouts of Rushden in memory of Tony Goodfellow, killed by a sniper's bullet while serving with the 3rd Battalion in Londonderry.

Anthony Goodfellow was a Queen's Scout who also achieved his Gold in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. His mother, Mrs. Sylvia Goodfellow, flew to Londonderry to make the presentation to the local Scouts.



On The TAVR Review

Everything new
Comes under review

And so when our new Volunteers came about
They were given two years to sort themselves
out

Government say county boundaries come under
A new sort of region including the Humber
We hope the effect will not be disastrous
No recent re-orgs have been able to master us
We have put our views forward and hope to
arrange

That because we're so good there's no need to
change.

On Recruiting

When one sees the insecurity of civilian life all around it is hard to understand why recruiting for the Regular Army is so bad—but had it is. Are YOU doing enough about it? Do these facts not strike you as worth talking about to your friends? The trouble is, I think, that you are just plain ignorant of the facts below:

| | <i>Salaries</i> | |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Gross</i> | <i>Gross</i> |
| | <i>Minimum</i> | <i>Maximum</i> |
| Corporal | £2,131 | £2,324 |
| Sergeant | £2,387 | £2,587 |
| C/Sgt. ... | £2,514 | £2,753 |
| WO.II ... | £2,628 | £2,883 |
| WO.I ... | £2,748 | £3,058 |
| 2Lt. ... | £1,555 | £1,825 |
| Lieutenant | £2,245 | £2,504 |
| Captain | £2,815 | £3,332 |

(after 10 years' service)

Pensions. Minimum annual pensions payable after 22 years for an NCO—16 years for an officer—are currently:

| | |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| Corporal | £740 with terminal grant of £2,220 |
| Sergeant | £824 " " " " £2,472 |
| C/Sgt. | £883 " " " " £2,649 |
| WO.II | £906 " " " " £2,718 |
| WO.I | £945 " " " " £2,835 |
| Captain | £965 " " " " £2,895 |

For the soldier who does not wish to serve for 22 years, gratuities are payable at rates starting after 12 years at £275 rising to £1,125 after 21 years' service.

A wide range of widows, families and disability pensions and gratuities are payable in the event of injury or disability whilst serving.

Education allowances are available to assist towards the education of service children receiving education in boarding school or day schools away from the service family.

Charges for quarters are far lower than rents prevailing in civil life, so are single soldier's food and accommodation charges when one realises that a loaf of bread costs 15p and eggs are 50p a dozen. Also ask yourself:

- (a) How many firms offer furnished accommodation to employees?

- (b) How many firms offer lump-sums or pay pensions when an employee is injured or killed on duty or for that matter, where can a life pension be obtained at the age of 40 years or thereabouts.
- (c) How many firms pay education and separation allowances; and one must remember that long distance drivers, commercial travellers, etc., have quite often more separation than one meets in the service. Again, to obtain more pay in civil life many hours of overtime are required, bringing boredom to wives left on their own during such times?

In civilian life not many firms other than state airways and railways, etc., offer free travel for leave! Rent accommodation is difficult to obtain, is unfurnished and expensive! Mortgages require high interest rates! *Basic* wages are often well below those shown above and can be confirmed from any newspaper.

Nowhere in civil life except for the brilliant, or outstanding type, is so much promotion available within supervisory grades.

On Tiger Company

Old Tigers will be disappointed with the short write up in this year's 'Castle'. The plain facts are that the Company has been out of business since the beginning of '73 although those few staff members who remained with the Canterbury Wing of the Junior Soldiers Bn, Shorncliffe, have done a splendid job.

But cheer up! Tiger Company is now at full strength again, the only independent company in the Army to be allowed to remain and is destined for a tour in Northern Ireland.

Be warned! The future of this company depends upon the Regiment's ability to maintain the three battalions at minimum manning strength. WE must, YOU must, recruit.

On Locations 74

On present plans:

1st Bn to Tidworth in May.

2nd Bn remain in Munster (BFPO 17).

3rd Bn remain in Paderborn (BFPO 16).

4th Bn (Tiger Company) to Northern Ireland, March-July, then return to Canterbury.

On The Association

For the second time the Annual Report covering the affairs and accounts of the Association's activities appears in 'Castle'. In addition to the report on page 61 there is a short statement regarding the present condition of those members of the Regiment who have been seriously wounded in Northern Ireland or injured elsewhere on duty.

It is the wish of the Chairman and members of the General Committee that any serving or retired member of the regiment will offer his help where he is able to so do. Will he please write to the Regimental Secretary.

RHQ has found considerable difficulty in getting accurate information regarding the movements of injured soldiers and the Benevolent Committee would like information of any retired Royal Anglian who is in need of help.

Royal Anglians taking advantage of the automatic membership to the branches of the former regiment's Associations can be summed up by a comment which appears in the Grimsby Branch of the 10th Foot Association notes. 'The recently discharged chaps, Royal Anglians, to whom we are permitted to offer membership, do not seem to have much inclination to join. Perhaps it is that the 'comradeship' in the Forces today bears little comparison to what we had and can still look back upon.'

These are good clubs and like any good clubs you are missing a lot by not joining. Why not give it a chance? If you live in East Anglia you cannot be far from one of the branches.

On Sergeants Past and Present Dinner Club

The Annual Dinner of the Past and Present Dinner Club was held in the WO./Sgts. Mess at the Depot. Major-General Michael Holme was in the chair and gave to the assembled members, 115 in number, a stirring account of the Regiment's activities since the last dinner. Once again our thanks are due to Major Stan Chandler, whose enthusiasm is so infectious, and to the RSM of the Depot. Mess and his staff.

On The Regimental Dinner 1973

The Dinner Club held its annual dinner on 5th October, 1973, at the United Service and Royal Aero Club.

The Colonel of the Regiment was in the chair and our guests this year were the Lord Lieutenant for Leicestershire, Colonel R. A. StG. Martin, OBE, and the Lord Lieutenant for Lincolnshire, The Earl of Ancaster, KCVO, TD.

Ninety-nine members attended the dinner, which was only six short of the 1972 dinner.

It is hoped that the attendance in 1974 will be even more, as by that time the 1st Battalion will be at Tidworth.

The date for the next dinner is Friday, 4th October, 1974.

On Career Prospects for Junior Soldiers

An annual return compiled by Defence Statistics gives the analysis of ex-junior soldiers of all categories, by present arms and corps, highest rank held and length of service completed, at the end of each calendar year. It substantiates the excellent career and promotion prospects available in the Army. For example, over 1,000 ex-juniors are now at commissioned service and more than 2,000 have attained warrant rank.

On Marriages and Births

Although none have been reported, the Editor believes some to have been successfully negotiated. However, he is grateful, since lack of space now precludes the printing thereof and in any case they could be dreadfully out of date . . . almost time for a divorce!

The Colonel-in-Chief's Visit



Guard of Honour of Junior Soldiers. Captain Michael Boocok commands the Guard.

As long ago as December 1971 the Colonel of the Regiment proposed that our Colonel-in-Chief should be invited to visit our Volunteer Battalions in camp, particularly since there was no possibility of Her Majesty visit-

ing any of our Regular Battalions, which were all abroad. 1972 proved an impossible year for Her Majesty. Planning continued, in fact ideas grew to include our regular recruits and junior soldiers at the Queens Division Depot.



Inspecting the Corps of Drums of the Junior Soldiers.

THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF WITH VOLUNTEER OFFICERS AT BASSINGBOURN
JULY 1973



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Back row: 2Lt. G. Newsum, 2Lt. J. Metcalfe, 2Lt. P. V. B. George, 2Lt. R. Shawcross,
Lt. A. E. Elsey, Lt. M. D. Rowe, Lt. D. A. Kirk, Lt. I. P. Arnold.
Third row: Capt. C. A. Bull, Capt. P. Light, Capt. M. J. Haylock, Capt. C. H. Cole, Capt.
M. L. Brown, Capt. D. K. Harris, Capt. D. R. Haslam, TD, Capt. R. P. Jones, Capt. M. Shaw.
Second row: Maj. W. J. G. Hancock, Maj. F. Ayers, TD, Maj. G. Raeburn, TD, Maj. G. G.
Simpson, Maj. A. T. C. Haywood, Maj. T. A. Nightingale, TD, Maj. B. D. Freeman, Maj.
B. J. Jones, TD, Maj. D. M. Stewart, TD, Maj. J. A. G. J. Robb, Maj. P. N. King, Capt.
A. F. Streek, Maj. R. G. Wilson.
Front row: Maj. R. A. Shervington, TD, Maj. A. A. J. Wilson, TD, Maj. J. H. Holl, TD,
Lt.-Col. P. W. Raywood, TD, Lt.-Col. P. D. L. Hopper, Lt.-Col. W. G. Wallace, TD,
Maj. R. C. Tomkins, TD, Maj. W. H. Baxter, TD, Maj. W. J. Gleadall.



Major Pat King explains the use of the gymnasium.

On 12th July, 1973, Her Majesty arrived by helicopter at Bassingbourn precisely at noon. She was met by the Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire, Colonel G. T. Hurrell, and Lt.-Gen. Sir Ian Freeland. The Guard of Honour was provided by permanent staff instructors and junior soldiers of the Regiment, comman-

ded by Captain Michael Boocock, and extremely smart they were. The Band and Drums of the Junior Soldiers of the Queens Division were on parade too and added colour and music to the occasion.

Before lunch Her Majesty saw our recruits under training in the magnificently equipped gymnasium Major P. W King and CSMI Burt, APTC, accompanied Her Majesty. On the way to the Officers' Mess for luncheon a visit was made to the Changi Lychgate where, at Her Majesty's request, she met Mr. Robert Ringer who, as a POW, had designed and set out the old English lettering around the frieze panels

Luncheon was excellently arranged and served by the Mess staff under the PMC Major John Langhorne, Queen's Regiment. Awkward incidents will invariably occur on great occasions (never if the Duke of Norfolk is in charge) and this proved no exception. The Royal sugar shaker had received a topping up of salt! The Colonel Commandant, perceiving the predicament, gallantly offered his strawberries which Her Majesty equally gallantly accepted with a smile and a joke. Not long after this someone stole the Colonel of the Regiment's sword, which fortunately he did not require in the afternoon. It takes all sorts . . . It has not yet turned up.

The afternoon was a Volunteer occasion and

Major Peter King introduces heavily disguised men of 5 (Hertfordshire) Coy.





Her Majesty talking to soldiers of the 5th Battalion.



Lt. and Mrs. Charles Simmons are presented to Her Majesty.

is reported in the battalion contributions. Suffice it to say that its success can be measured by the tremendous interest Her Majesty displayed in everything she was shown, culminating in a splendid tea and walkabout. Our photographs clearly prove the point.

It was indeed a great honour to be able to entertain our Colonel-in-Chief and we are now all looking forward to July this year when Her Majesty is to present New Colours.

Her Majesty was accompanied by the Hon. Mrs John Mulholland, Lady-in-Waiting, and Captain Alastair Aird, Assistant Private Secretary, and other members of her Household.

Lt-Col. Mike Doyle, Queen's Regiment, Commanding The Depot, made possible this visit on his territory and the Regiment is most grateful to him and his staff. The occasion has emphasised the ability and willingness of the Divisional Depot to provide a *Regimental home*.



With soldiers of the 6th Battalion



Soldiers of the 7th Battalion explain their demonstration.



With 7th Battalion soldiers.



The 'Walk-about'.



Her Majesty talks to General Freeland prior to departing.

The Second Book of Shagrath

Being the continuation of the War twixt the
Angleirons and the Irai

And lo! it came to pass as prophesied in the First Book of Shagrath that the Angleirons did return to the land of the Mickii to create havoc and destruction once more on the tribes of the Provii.

There was in the Western part of the land of Mickii—towards the setting sun—a province called Cre-ggan in which dwelt a particularly dirty brand of Padii. Their tents of brick were dirty and unkempt and oft did smell most highly of swine. Their children were many and roamed the place in great unruly bands and they were possessed of truly strong throwing arms. For many years they dwelt alone—untouched by the Great Warlord Willi of the Whitewash, and his bailiff Ar-Yew See. But it came to pass that the Great Willi was sore displeased with the tribes of the Cre-ggan and summoned thence the Chief of the Angleirons, Mike of the twin tribes Thorni and Thorni. And Willi sent unto Mike and spake with angry voice and heavy heart bidding him take his Chiefs and smite the tribe of the Cre-ggan hip and thigh with bullets of rubber.

And lo! Mike returned to his Chiefs, Charles of Lumbei, Robin of the Dum-mond, Neil of the Crumbi, Ette-Robin and read the tablets unto them thus: 'I have spoken to our leader. It is eight moons since we wrought havoc among the tribes of the Lowah—falz and now our time has come to gird up our loins and go with the bird again unto the land of the Padii.'

And there was great muttering and murmuring amongst the Angleirons and a great weeping and wailing amongst their women—but this was stilled by promises, before many moons, of the physic Are-n-Ar. And so it came to pass that the Angleirons set up their tents on the Ridge of Pigs, that overlooks the land of Cre-ggan and in the Lane of Blie and they didst prepare for battle. With much sadness they learnt of the profile that is lower than the belly of a serpent—for the Chief of the Province of Lund-on-deri, one Most-in, had dwelt in the land for many moons and had spoken many times with the War Lords of White-Hall and the elders of the Padii. And thus it came to pass that Most-in delivered

unto Mike of the Twin Tribes Tablets of Stone, which were the Commandments of the Province, and Mike was sore displeased:

1. Thou shalt NOT beat the Padii about the head and shoulders with sticks of wood.
 2. Thou shalt NOT attack with mighty voice and assail the tender ears of Cre-ggan with blasphemous tongue.
 3. Thou shalt NOT dispatch the missiles of Pe-Vee-See nor the tubes of vapour that smarts the eyes and makes them run like the River Foyle.
 4. Thou shalt NOT make noises in the night with chariots of steel or boots of rubber lest thou offend the tender ears of the Cre-gganites.
 5. Thou shalt NOT return with mighty strength the missiles of stone and brick neither the bottles of glass that smiteth thee about the head and ears.
 6. Thou shalt NOT place against the walls of tents those that hide missiles of iron and stone. Thou must ask them in soft and slumberous tones if, they being honest men, do carry such implements.
 7. Thou shalt NOT covet with lascivious eyes the fair maidens as they abraid themselves when thou dost wish to search their tents.
 8. Thou shalt feed the curs of the Cre-ggan dog biscuits.
 9. Thy chariots shall obey the law of the land even unto the bridge of Crayg-avvon lest they fall foul of the Are-em-pee.
 10. Thou shalt appoint one man—Charles of Lew-cus to be thy mouth to speak unto common Cre-gganites, yea also the wise men of the place. He shall listen with glad eyes to their miserable words and nod his head but he shall not raise his voice or swear unto them. This shall be called good See-ar, even to the ends of the earth. Thou shalt not let thy half-breed henchmen Patrik son of Donald nor Peppery Bob speak for they know not their tongue.
- And it came to pass that there was much gnashing of teeth amongst the Lewd-enants who didst wish to close with the enemy and

prove their valour. And there was much chuntering in the tents of three stripes, who did wish to smite forever the Cre-gganites, and those of two stripes, who did run about in many circles, did moan and wail and curse the Provii.

But behold, Mike spake to his chiefs and maketh plans to smite the Cre-gganites. The tribe of Angleiron shall descend into the Road that Curves and the Heights of Cre-ggan and the Drive that is Central and shall corner those that do intend to cause us harm and pain with bolts of stone and steel and bring them forth for Tomson and the Are-yew-see. The Angleirons were most uplifted by these words and did raise their hearts and with mighty voice did curse the Cre-ggan and prepared for the great day of vengeance.

Thus spake Shagrat.

* * *

Cruising To The Channel Islands

by Fraser Macdonald

From March 25th to April 7th, 1973, I was lucky to have an Army Scholarship place on board the Sail Training Association Schooner, 'Sir Winston Churchill'. The adventure started off on a bleak Sunday afternoon in Southampton when I was brought aboard ship. I was at once issued with the ship's dress, a blue pullover with 'Sir Winston Churchill' on it and a pair of jeans. As soon as I was in this dress I was called up on deck to learn the ropes. The 'Churchill' is 135 feet long and has three masts, the Fore, Main and Mizzen, and it was rigged so that each mast supported the other. We were given instruction on the steerage of

the vessel and of the methods of sailing. There were 39 trainees on board (five of us were Army Scholars) and we were divided into three groups, called Watches; the idea being that one watch would always be on deck for four hours. On the bridge would be a Helmsman, two Lookouts (Port and Starboard), a Messenger, who also rang the ship's bell every half hour, and a 'Notebook' who made records of the weather, course, cloud cover and speed.

The next day we were told our destination was St. Malo in Brittany, but en route we anchored off Cowes. Here I did my first stint as Helm; just like driving a car only slower and heavier. Once berthed at St. Malo we completed duties and were given shore leave.

At midday the next day we laid a course for St. Peterport in the Channel Islands and had an uneventful passage there. Once more we had shore leave. There was by now a certain discontent with the wind as we had not once been able to sail properly. On the way to Alderney we were becalmed and the engines were used. We berthed in Alderney for one whole day; slightly longer than intended. When we left port we were aware of a Force 8 in the Channel, but we were not prepared for the ensuing Force 10. We arrived at our destination, Weymouth, where we stayed for two days to mend sails and ropes that had been damaged. After Weymouth we sailed in to Dartmouth where we made a 'grand entrance' with all hands on deck and with the Yard arms (horizontal spars on the Fore Mast about 50 feet above the deck) manned. The next day, Saturday, 7th April, the cruise finished and we all dispersed. Major Adrian Gillmore (late of the 1st Battalion) very kindly gave me bed and board on his farm nearby until I could catch my trains and plane to join my family in Münster.

It was certainly exciting and quite an experience; everyone helmed, painted, scrubbed, hauled ropes, handed sails. There were other duties like helping in the galley which we all had to share. There is one drawback and that is sea sickness which usually lasts only a few hours, but luckily I was one of the few who did not get this. All in all the cruise was extremely enjoyable, and is worthwhile for anyone who wants something which is different, tiring, exhilarating and exciting all at the same time.

J. F. MACDONALD,
Edmonstone,
Haileybury (17 years).

THE POACHERS

In this first once-a-year Castle we must record that for the Second Battalion (as with the other battalions, no doubt) it has been an extremely busy year. The Press date of the last issue saw us in Belfast and at the same time this year we are back again, this time down the road in Londonderry, where the name of the Regiment is known only too well. In between we packed a great deal into our short time in Germany and proved for the *n*th time that it is possible to do more than one thing at a time—just!

Like all good Battalion Reviews we shall start at the beginning and work forward.

That last month of our tour in Belfast in 1972 was like the three that preceded it, except for one thing: it was the last. The cold weather of November reduced terrorist activities in quantity but produced a different quality. Shooting at A Company's base at Mulhouse continued as night entertainment to supplement the television. One attack was so steady a 10-rounds application at a sangar that the sentry used his loud hailer to send corrections to the gunman.

Towards the end of the tour we became painfully aware that the IRA had a new weapon—the RPG 7. The first attack missed a Saracen but made a good hole in a factory wall; the second hit the very top of Albert Street Mill—fortunately without producing casualties. But the third did—a Saracen on patrol to monitor and protect, if necessary, a People's Democracy March was fired on by both small arms and an RPG-7 and Pte. Sanderson of A Company was badly hurt. This last incident occurred just two days before we handed over to 1st Bn. The Queen's Lancashire Regt.

It must be recorded here that our flights back to Germany were magnificent. Of course, they were going in the right direction and it was nearly Christmas—but more than that, all flights were smack on schedule. The reception arrangements at Gutersloh were slick, and we were home with the minimum of fuss. A lot of the credit in the Battalion, as always on these moves, must go to Captain Paul Garman (Assistant Adjutant and Prime Mover) and to Captain John de Bretton Gordon (MTO and Battalion dispatcher of men and cargo).

Back in dear old Duty-Free land the days up to Block Leave whizzed by as everyone buckled to to sort out stores and company lines after four months away. The Rear Party (we call it Munster Company) had done a wonderful amount of work. The vehicles, radios and weapons had all been successfully inspected and the Barrack Blocks completely redecorated. Even the leaves were swept up; and in Oxford Forest (sorry, Barracks) that is quite an achievement. One of our local neighbours, Frau Schoemann, who complains volubly when we even slam a door, had sent flowers to Colin Ball, the City's Services Liaison Officer, in the early Autumn in gratitude for stopping the noise from the Kaserne. He very sportingly told her why and our return was quickly brought home to our nery Frau by APCs being driven about again. Memory is not too accurate but I seem to



L/Cpl. Shortland and L/Cpl. Higgins doing a personally check at the Letterkenny VCP.



8 Platoon Standby Section

remember Major Robin Drummond's B Company leaving Barracks for a quick drive round with all his APCs within 36 hours of arriving at Gutersloh.

Those ten days were a constant round of social gatherings and everyone clearly had a strong dose of high morale. Back pay was collected in wheelbarrows (almost) and, almost as quickly as it had happened, the noise was stilled and the Barracks was silent again as that soothing balm—Block Leave—was applied liberally.

On 9th January it was all over and the Frau Schoemanns of the world hit the roof again! We knew that on 23rd May we would start training for Northern Ireland again. That was five months away—too far to let it bother us now. We had to get back into the mechanised infantry game again—and fast. A prodigious Cadre programme began for NCOs, Anti-tank and Mortar men, Signallers and APC drivers, Pioneers and MT drivers. At the same time, Exercise Snow Queen, taken over from the 3rd Battalion, got under way in Bavaria with Captain Robin Greenham and, later, Captain Bob Pepper at the helm. This was maximum class activity with a vengeance. Company Commanders were taking muster parades of half-a-dozen men on some of these winter mornings.

On top of all this we had to reassume our unique role as Nuclear Convoy Escort (NCE) Battalion. This we had left—over the past six months—in the tender hands of 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, one of 4th Guards Armoured Brigade's 'tank battalions'. No, they did not do their Escorts with Chieftain tanks!

We had to lend them twelve Landrovers. We re-assumed on Monday, 22nd January, 1973, after using the last three days of the previous week to be rebriefed, rehearsed and practised by our very good friends, 8 Regiment RCT, and the Americans who work with them. Looking at my diary, I see that four days later I had to attend a Conference at Brigade HQ to brief 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, who were to take the NCE role from us in May before our next flog in Ireland. So much for turbulence.

Although we began working at very high pitch, Colonel Dick Gerrard-Wright was very concerned about the 'Nights-in-bed State' and so great efforts were made to make sure that all our training, particularly at night and over week ends, was purposeful and necessary and that men were not 'mucked about'. It was too damned cold anyway. At the risk of boring the reader, this thread of full days at maximum revs continues. Our Fitness for Role Inspection (FFR) was fixed for Friday, 9th February. Before this could happen we had to have all the supplementary inspections, Catering, Ordnance, Medical, Documentation and, of course, our own rehearsals for the Inspection itself. The Inspecting Officer was to be Brigadier John Swinton, Commander 4th Guards Armoured Brigade, and the CO decided that we would give him a mechanised parade on the Square. It contained the lot: march (or rather drive) on, advance, dismount, inspection, drive past, halt, advance, advance in review order, drive off. It can easily be imagined that this took some rehearsing! That old regimental motto, 'It will be alright on the day', was effective again—it was. The mixture of diesel and smoke and ceremonial quite clearly amused and impressed the



Reece platoon patrols meet in the Enclave.

7 Platoon.



Hey! I'm supposed to be the attraction around here. Miss TV Times, Scruffy and Major Robin Drummond.



Brigadier. If only it hadn't rained. Apart from the obvious reasons, your Chronicler wears spectacles and many of the finer points of this parade were lost.

While our preparations were at full throttle we had a very welcome visit from an old friend. Lieutenant Colonel Fergus McKain-Bremner. He came on for a few days after the 2nd Division Study Period. It is good to know the Regiment is well represented at Warminster.

The day after the FIR Inspection was, of course, 10th February, and so, as everyone knows, Sobroan Day. A day when traditionally the battalions' right arms perform their proper function. This one was no different. For the officers, anyway, it went on well into the 11th: we had our annual Austen Dinner with Band, Birds and Mess Kit. The Warrant Officers and Sergeants very sensibly left their Ball until the following week and had a really impressive affair in a requisitioned hotel (for the evening) in the City: as always—a truly magnificent evening. The 2IC represented himself and the CO (absent in England), and had the joy of escorting Sue Gerrard-Wright in addition to his own Sue. (There are more Sues than sergeants in this battalion).

The reader will by now be saying to himself, "The 2nd Battalion are working flat out, boozing steadily with the maximum nights in bed—but, what of sport?" Quite right; but even we could not do everything and sport is big time in Germany. If you cannot train teams diligently



C/Sgt. Fisher and Mr
'Where is my Ferret'.

and to the exclusion almost of all else, don't bother. We therefore decided that we would play the maximum number of sports, but for fun and with everyone who could limp taking part. In this we succeeded. It was a rare day to find a sports pitch not in use, and in the evenings Frau Schoemann (whose house is near the Gymnasium) was entertained by the shouts of the Basketball team's supporters or the groans of the Ladies' Keep-fit classes.

With the FFR Inspection and Sobroan Day behind us, the next event was the dreaded Audit Board—a very frantic week-end for all elders and calculating machines. And so into the field in earnest. Our first sally was to the Haltern Training Area, about an hour's drive away. Here the companies were able to do their thing. Most mixed some limited battle shooting and firing the Annual Range Course with manoeuvre drills with their platoons mounted. All agreed it was of value but marred somewhat by the brass monkey weather.

The most significant feature of March was the change of Command. We said farewell to Sue and Colonel Dick Gerrard-Wright on Friday, 9th March, and bade welcome to Sue and Colonel Mike Thorne. Yes, that's right, another Sue! The last days of Colonel Dick's

Command were a round of farewell parties which gave them both very little rest and caused him to re-plan his MFO packing to some extent. The Officers' Mess had, for example, managed to acquire a brick from that well-known Lower Falls landmark, the Raglan Gap. This, when suitably mounted by the LAD and the Tradesman Pioneers, would not easily fit into a briefcase.

Colonel Mike Thorne started his tour in Command at a canter. The first week-end he spent down in Bavaria with the Snow Queen party, and having addressed the battalion on the next Monday, set out to see A and B Companies on an NCE exercise. The following Monday (19th March) we had our first conference on our next Op BANNER tour and then he set off for the Director of Infantry's Conference at Warminster. While he was away, the Annual Massed Bands Concert in the Halle Munsterland, in aid of the German Red Cross, took place. This, as always, was a glittering occasion and the hall was packed. Those Germans do love military music and they particularly appreciated the Band and Pipes of the Queen's Own Highlanders and the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (who, of course, played Amazing Grace). Our own Band was very much in

evidence, as was the Assault Pioneer Platoon Commander, Csgt Mossy Groom, doing the explosive effects for the Band Display of the Battle of Waterloo.

In the following week the National Defence College from Latimer visited, and Lieutenant Allan Deed and his platoon from C Company provided the mechanised infantry for the demonstration done by the Brigade. And still the Cadre programme forged ahead. At one time over 100 soldiers were cadre students and a further 90-odd were skiing either on Snow Queen or at the Silberhutte in the Harz Mountains. The Recce Platoon even went there en bloc.

April was the first month in which we finally dragged the whole Battalion out of barracks for full field training—and the Cadres paused. From 2nd to 13th April we were at Soltau for our Exercise SPRING SMOKE. This was to be the first time the Battalion had been able to train together like this for well over a year. We set up a Battalion base at Rheinschlen Camp and set out for the training areas, and everyone joined in with gusto—it was one way of keeping warm. We all took full advantage of the excellent support available to us. We had Badger Squadron of 2 RTR, under command of Major Martin Tweed from our own Brigade, and C Squadron 15/19H from Fallingbostal, who were on hand and wanted to train with infantry. We brought our own Gunners from 19 Field

Regiment, who live in Dortmund Sharing the area with us was one of those rare birds, an Armoured Engineer Squadron. We soon struck up a firm friendship and did a great deal of valuable friendship together. Watching those armoured sappers launching their cumbersome and massive equipments fills one with admiration. The support was rounded off by Army helicopters and a Field Ambulance Section, all from our own Brigade in Munster. We trained at an ever-increasing pace, culminating in two exercises each using two Combat Teams, umpired by the third and enemy-ed by the fourth. We were all very oily, muddy, gungey and tired when we reloaded our tracks onto the special train at Barri siding on Friday, 13th April. We had re-learnt a lot of old lessons and perfected many new skills. Without doubt we left Soltau a better mechanised battalion: to use NATO parlance—we felt we were 'Combat Ready'.

In all this flurry of activity, A Company somehow found a new Company Commander, Major Charles Lumby, pale and wan from a tour of the MOD. Captain (now Major) Roger Howe had been holding the company together manfully since the departure of Major Charles Barnes, to be the Pompadours' 2IC, in January. Shortly after SPRING SMOKE we had a change at the top in the LAD—Captain John Hawxwell handed over the Captain John Jessop.

While we were motoring at Soltau, the

2Lt. Groom, Cpl. Codling,
L/Cpl. Dowland and Pte.
Crowe at the Letterkenny
VCP.





**'You drive, I'll sell tickets'—RSM Stan Bullock,
RSM Roy Sharpe**

Mortar Platoon were mortaring at Munsterlager, just down the road. They returned to Munster a week later than the rest of us, just in time for Easter. After a very well-earned pause, we all returned to the Tray. For the Cadre Staff, under Captain (now Major) Alan Thompson, now began a period of easing up, although cadres were to continue for a while yet. The Companies, one after the other, journeyed to Sennelager to fire their Range Courses on the Alma Electric Target Ranges. For A Company, that special treat for the BAOR soldier, a week's worth of Special Ammunition Site (SAS) Site Guard.

On the sporting side, on Saturday, 28th April, the Battalion team boxed the stuffing out of the Munster University side.

A small party of us, in fact, Battalion Tactical HQ, consisting of the 2IC—Major Pat Macdonald, Ops offr—Captain Gordon Brett, Signal Officer—Captain Peregrine Rawlins, and Anti-tank Officer—Lieutenant (now Captain) Mike Chambers, and a very strong Signal Platoon side, went off to play lower control on a 1st Division Radio Exercise for a whole week. The 2IC wore many hats that week but enjoyed playing Commander 16 Parachute Brigade best. Capt. Rawlins proved how very good he is at

finding excellent German barns and farmyards. The weather was lousy and we didn't enjoy ourselves much. While the 'few' were busy, the balance of the mechanised companies were on another NCE exercise for three days near the Dutch Border. It was wet for them, too.

B Company relieved A Company on SAS Site Guard and a large party went off to Toden-dorf, near the Baltic, to vent their spleens and GPMGs in an air defence training session. That week we began to come to grips with our preparations for the visit of HRH the Duchess of Gloucester, our Deputy Colonel in Chief, then only two weeks hence. This visit is covered in a separate article.

On Friday, 18th May, the majority of the Battalion, with the Band and Drums, set forth for the little town of Altenberge, about twelve miles north-west of Münster, for a large party. A few years ago we started building flats for soldiers' families and by the beginning of 1973 over 50 of ours were living there. The Altenbergers proved to be very hospitable and even put out a broadsheet in English to keep our folk up to date with events in the town. It was proposed early in the year that we cement this friendship more firmly and 'adopt' each other. The party on the 18th May was the official christening of the idea. There was a wilkommen-und-speech making fest to start the ball rolling, some drinking, some music, some eating and drinking and some dancing. The food ran out, the English beer ran out, but it was a great evening and our bonds with Altenberge are now firm. We have even sent them reports from Londonderry at their request because they wanted news from us for their local newspaper, *Steinfurter Nachrichten*.

After the Duchess of Gloucester's visit on 23rd May we put our APCs behind us and turned once more (for the third time in two and a half years) to the Irish problem. Colonel Mike Thorne led a party off to see the Pompadours the very next day, leaving the Battalion to move itself to Sennelager for a fortnight's battle shooting. The Northern Ireland Rece Party rejoined us there in time for shooting to begin on Monday, 28th May, and C Company, with its SAS Site Guard behind it, joined on the following Thursday.

There is no doubt that we got the maximum benefit from this session at Sennelager. The weather on the whole was very good and our quarters in Polish Barracks dry and comfortable. The weather and the exercise gave every-

one enormous appetites and we are showing separately a list of the rations consumed by the Battalion from the cookhouse during these two weeks. We were able to make use, for our first time, of the new ranges specially designed for units preparing for Northern Ireland, and we used them for all the hours God gave and Range Control would allow.

Back in Münster, browner and fitter, we took a long week-end (it was Whitsun anyway) and then continued our training for Londonderry. The finale of this was Exercise PADDY'S PLACE, written and produced by Captain Gordon Brett in great style. We found it very difficult to make Oxford Barracks and Münster look like the Lower Falls in 1972. It was even more difficult to make it look like Londonderry. However, within these limits we were able to test out our drills and standing procedures and some of the most dedicated rioters ever seen in a Christian country, including Ireland.

It was about now that we heard the list of awards for our second Belfast tour. The CO's Mention in Despatches we already knew, but to this was added Major Charles Barnes, Capt. Roger Howe, Capt. Alan Thompson, all awarded the MBE, Sgt. Nigel Whitfield a very well-earned DCM, Lieutenant Tom Longland and Second Lieutenant Michael Shipley Mentioned in Despatches. We were all delighted and the cork-popping was heard the length of the barracks.

Two well-known Battalion characters left us at about this time. One was Major Richard Kitchin, a son of the Regiment who has retired to study social work in the West Country. The other is Bandmaster Peter O'Connell, who served this Battalion and the Band with great devotion during his time with us. He has gone to be a Music Master at Millfield School. What can it be that's so attractive about the West Country? We also welcomed back Major Bobbie Hastie, who later relieved Major Neil Crumbie who has moved to the MOD at Stanmore. This relief in fact actually took place in 'Derry when Major Hastie returned from his course at Warminster. Later we also welcomed back Captain Ray Hazan, who was so soon to be tragically wounded and crippled at Bligh's Lane. We wish him a speedy recovery and the best of good fortune for the future.

So it was that, as July faded away into history, the Second Battalion found itself once more relieving the Third Battalion 'in the line'.

Twice in one year—it can't last and we hope it won't happen again. Just as they did in Belfast, the Pompadours handled our reception and handover like the very good friends they are. Soon they were gone, the grins disappeared and we settled down to the job in earnest. I won't attempt to describe the area, the camps or the people. Anyone who wants to know more can approach the nearest Army Careers Information Office and ask to be able to come and sample the place first hand. Suffice to say here that we deal almost exclusively with Catholics and the majority are hard-line Republicans. By definition they do not like the British Army, government, RUC and law and order generally. They complain volubly and frequently, but we can't! In a way the triviality of the majority of complaints gives grounds for some comfort. They've nothing better to rattle on about. Some of the things we are alleged to have done indicate that most of Dave Allan's Irish jokes are in fact true episodes of Irish life. We are the last of the Royal Anglian battalions to come to Londonderry and there's no doubt that the other two made a name for themselves here. Unfortunately, it is unprintable in this Journal, but the others will be pleased to know that we have inherited it!

As these notes are written we are within our final four weeks and thinking constantly of our return to a more normal existence. In describing life in BAOR in that way, one can perhaps give some idea of how odd it must be here! What is so sad is that Londonderry is a charming little place standing in truly beautiful countryside. The air is clear and unpolluted. If only these misguided folk would sort themselves out—and they have the ultimate solution in their hands—Londonderry would be a very pleasant place to be indeed. We hand over to the 2nd Battalion, The Queen's Regiment. So although the Royal Anglian badge leaves the City, the Queen's Division is well represented. The 'long distance' battalion here is also 'ours'—1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers—at Ebrington Barracks.

So in the Castle Magazine's first year, this Battalion has come full circle. It began with our Belfast tour in its last gasp and it ends with us about to leave Londonderry. When you read this we will have enjoyed our Block Leave and already be deeply committed to re-training as a mechanised infantry battalion. We all hope we'll be left alone to get on with that for a bit longer next year.

KESTREL MAJOR.

Our Deputy Colonel-in-Chief visits Munster



The CO's daughter Lucy presents a small bouquet as HRH visits Oxford School, Munster.



Major Robin Drummond ('B' Company) is presented to HRH by the CO—Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Thorne.

The weather in northern Germany in May is chancy to say the least and we all hoped that THE day would be fine. It was—just. We were all up early putting final touches to the arrangements. In particular, our attentions were lavished on the special dias/saluting base made for us by 6 Field Workshop REME and given a final polish by Sergeant John McKenzie and the Tradesmen Pioneers.

The Deputy Colonel-in-Chief had, in fact, arrived in Munster the previous afternoon and had been staying at Cambrai House with Commander, 4 Guards Armoured Brigade, Brigadier John Swinton and his wife. So HRH's arrival with us was a relatively simple matter. The CO set forth at about 0930 hours to bring her to Oxford Barracks and explain the programme to her on the way. On the dot of 1020 German Police, clad in green leather and on their immaculate white BMW motor cycles, took up their positions for traffic control at the Barrack gates. Moments later, preceded by her RMP Escort, the Royal cars swept into Barracks and straight to the Battalion Square. The CO presented Captain John Sutherland, the Adjutant, Captain Peregrine Rawlins, her ADC for the day, and RSM Roy Sharpe before taking H.R.H. to the dias to meet OC B Company, Major Robin Drummond, and his CSM, Peter

Keal Major Drummond then explained, as H.R.H looked out across an enormous but very empty Square, that she was about to see a short demonstration of a Special Ammunition Convoy whose Escort would be a typical example of the Battalion's role. At a signal the convoy drove onto the Square led by four RCT motor cyclists. Driving into the centre of the Square it halted stretched out in front of the dias and the infantrymen of the escort dismounted from their APCs and took up their standard cordon positions. Sergeant David Whitehead, the Escort Platoon Commander reported the parade to H.R.H. who was then introduced to Lieutenant Ian Rawcliffe, the 8 Regiment RCT Officer in the convoy and to Lieutenant Douglas Cowan from Texas, the US Army Ordnance Officer acting as Courier Officer for the convoy. The Deputy Colonel-in-Chief talked to members of the Escort before returning to the dias.

After the "Rent-a-Convoy" had driven off H.R.H. and her party drove to the Battalion Wives' Club Hut where, having been greeted by Mrs. Sue Thorne, the CO's wife, she met and chatted with several wives of soldiers and NCOs of the Battalion. Here she also met Major Charles Lucas, the Families Officer.

The next official call was a visit to the Band and Corps of Drums on the Square. H.R.H. was greeted by Drum Major Ray West and Bandmaster Peter O'Connell and she then listened to a short programme of military music. This was Bandmaster O'Connell's last official engagement before retiring and was a fitting close to a very successful career.

On her way back to her car, H.R.H. stopped to admire the nest of a very enterprising tit in one of the supports of the flagpole on the Square. From this flagpole H.R.H.'s Standard was flying.

Now came a break in the military flavour of the visit. H.R.H. paid a call on Oxford BFES School which is not only in our barracks but it also educates the majority of the Battalion's primary school-age children. Lucy Thorne, the CO's youngest daughter, presented a small bouquet and Mr. David Mills, the Headmaster, introduced members of his staff and conducted H.R.H. round a number of his classrooms to see, and be seen by, large numbers of excited and thrilled children.

By this time most of the morning had gone and so, before lunch, H.R.H. paid a visit to a packed Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess where she chatted to a large number of the members.

Lunch in the Officers' Mess followed. The Deputy Colonel-in-Chief was met by Major Pat Macdonald and Major Neil Crumhie at the entrance to the Mess and then the remaining officers and their wives were presented. Here again the emphasis was on a family occasion and H.R.H. chatted happily to everyone. Indeed, we all marvelled at how she could, after such a busy morning, still be so fresh and cheerful. It was during lunch that birds produced an informal note. Firstly, we received a telegram for the Duchess saying that her ducks at home had successfully hatched a clutch of eggs. Then, no sooner were all seated at table,



HRH at the Wives' Club meeting Mrs. Barbara Makin and Mrs. Pat Waters.

when a swallow, who had stupidly flown into the Mess, put on an impromptu cabaret and aerobic display in this large, high-ceilinged room. Its finale was a very fine strafing run down the table scoring a bulls-eye in the fair locks of Captain John Jessop, our REME officer. He took it very well and First Line Repairs were carried out on the spot. The swallow, obviously feeling much better, withdrew. After lunch and before leaving the Mess, H.R.H. signed the Visitors' Book simply Alice.

The first event in the afternoon's programme was a demonstration of Internal Security Equipment and IRA weapons arranged by 'A' Company. This had been the particular responsibility of Captain Roger Howe, who had been commanding the Company while Major Charles Lumby was away at Warminster on a course. Members of the company showed the Deputy Colonel-in-Chief items of equipment special to our role in Northern Ireland and the Assault Pioneer Platoon Commander, Colour Sergeant "Mossy" Groom demonstrated search equipments. H.R.H. showed great interest and asked several searching questions. The IRA weapons were very kindly loaned to us by Major Simon Boucher (Queens), OC Northern Ireland Training Advisory Team BAOR—based at Sennelager.

The last part of the programme was watching the finals of the Battalion Potted Sports Competition. This was a cross between the TV series "It's a Knockout" and the Aldershot Tattoo! Competitors in this final match had to



Major Drummond presents Sgt. David Whitehead, who was commanding the escort platoon in the nuclear convoy demonstration.

carry buckets of water over various obstacles placed on the Square and fill up a series of dustbins as a relay race. It was clearly as entertaining for the participants as for the spectators. The former were all soaked by the end.

Colour Sergeant Mossy Groom waits to show H.R.H. a selection of search equipment.



but fortunately the Royal Party was not splashed, although at times the cascades of water came very close. H.R.H. presented the winners trophy to Sergeant Mike Draper of 'A' Company and the 'Booby Bucket' to Sergeant Briant Willoughby of the Orderly Room as runners-up.

By this time the Brigade Commander had arrived to take H.R.H. to her next engagement. The motor cavalcade drew up, the RSM called for three rousing cheers and with a charming smile and a wave the Deputy Colonel-in-Chief was gone. It all seemed to have passed so quickly and everyone agreed that it had been a most successful visit.

On the 25th May our feelings were confirmed by a signal:

"On my departure from Germany I send you my thanks for your hospitality during my stay. Please convey my best wishes to all those I had the pleasure of meeting and who helped to make my visit such an enjoyable one.

ALICE."

The Deputy Colonel-in-Chief was accompanied throughout her visit by her Lady-in-Waiting, Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott, and Lieutenant Colonel Simon Bland, Scots Guards, her Comptroller and Private Secretary.

"Snow Queen" 72/73

The village of Thalkirchdorf lies between the popular German ski resorts of Öbertaufen and Immenstadt in the Allgau Alps and is within a few miles of the Austrian border. The translation of the name of the village means 'The Chapel in the village of the Valley'. This church built in the valley known as Konstanzer Tal is one of the first ever built in Germany as christianity crept northwards from Italy. Running east and west from the valley are the Danube, which finds its outlet in the Black Sea and the Rhine which flows into the North Sea. It naturally became a very important route between the north and south of Europe. Thalkirchdorf lies at the head of both these mighty rivers at a height of 500 metres. The village is easily reached by train via Ulm and Immenstadt and by road direct on the Alpine Strasse which runs from Munich to Breganz.

In the Gasthaus of the village 'Zum Adler' we had our 'Snow Queen hut'. It was very comfortable and visitors have remarked that it was probably the best hut that the army was using as a skiing base in Bavaria. The hotel is run

by Gustav and Barbara Hammerely, who gave us a lot of help, especially in the initial stages. In effect, apart from the public rooms, we took over the building completely. In the cellar was a bowling alley which we used as a bar of our own, as well as a kitchen and dining room. The bedrooms were upstairs. At any one time the hut could have forty of us.

Courses were run throughout the winter with the 3rd Battalion and ourselves running four courses each. Each course lasted two weeks and was designed to carry the novice and his 'Snow Plough' as far as the 'Stem turn'. Several students progressed even further. The cost of this all in holiday was only DM 100 to each student, most of which were refunded in food and accommodation charges. The course was enjoyed and considered good value by all those that went down there.

The days skiing would begin at 0900 when we would all gather in the car park to take the Bedford truck up to the slopes at Sinswang. At this time of the morning the temperature was often still -20°C and the snow piled several feet on the vehicle's canopy. However, in the usual German way, the roads were always clear and we never had any trouble reaching the slopes.

The Sinswang slope was perfect for our requirements and offered everything to both the complete beginner and the more experienced. On arrival the twenty-eight or so students would be marshalled into four classes of nine, roughly according to ability.

The instructors came from within the Battalion and we were indeed lucky to have such an experienced staff. The chief instructor was Sgt. Arnold, who is now at Folkestone, and the other instructors were Cpl. Evans, Pte. Fuller and Pte. Carritt. Each has been skiing for many years.

Generally training would go on until lunch when some soup, chocolate and rolls would be brought up to the slopes. Skiing would then go on until tea time when once again the temperature would drop dramatically and it would be too cold to go on. Then it would be back to 'Adler', supper and later in the evening a sing song in the bar.

In the two months we ran the hut 107 students attended the course and in many cases the result of the 'End of course Tests' were very encouraging. Next year we hope to be able to enter teams for the Divisional Championships and individuals for BAOR and Army Championships. Once again we shall be based on the 'Adler'.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Honours and Awards

For Service in Northern Ireland

MBE for Gallantry to

Major C. M. J. Barnes

Captain R. Howe.

MBE for Meritorious Service to

Major G. H. Bradshaw.

Captain A. E. Thompson, MC.

Distinguished Conduct Medal to

Sergeant N. Whitfield.

Military Medal to

Corporal N. Jephcote.

Corporal J. Laker.

Lance Corporal W. J. Simpson.

Mentioned in Despatches

Lieut. Colonel J. Hall-Tipping (twice)

Lieut. Colonel R. E. J. Garrard-Wright,

OBE

Major P. P. Young

Major N. J. Lewis

Major T. D. A. Veitch

Lieutenant T. Longland

Lieutenant A. Behagg.

2nd Lieutenant M. G. A. Shipley.

Queen's Birthday List, June 1973

British Empire Medal to

Staff Sergeant A. Tasker.

New Year's Honours List 1974

MC for Gallantry on Operations

Captain S. M. Brogan (retired)

MBE for Meritorious Service

WO1 G. E. Veitch

Much water has passed under the bridge since this time last year. Some reports about people in these columns may now be quite incorrect. If so apologies!

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The following appointments to command have been announced. Congratulations to:

Major M. A. Aris, 3rd Bn, March, 1974

Lt.-Colonel W. R. W. Pike, 1st Bn, December, 1974



Junior Sgt. Gough (now with 3 R. Anglian) holding his Army Individual Junior Orienteering championship cup

Junior Sergeant J. Gould, The Army Individual Junior Orienteering champion.

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Major General Fergus Ling has succeeded Lieutenant General Sir Richard Craddock as Colonel, The Queens Regiment. General Ling is well known to the Regiment having been GOC Eastern District a few years ago

It is good to see so many civic dignitaries visiting our Battalions. The Lord Mayor of Norwich and the Mayor of Cambridge have visited the 1st Bn in Cyprus. The Mayor of Northampton has visited the 2nd Bn in Munster and the 3rd Bn in Londonderry. The Lord Mayor of Leicester has visited the 1st Bn in Cyprus, the 2nd Bn in Londonderry and Tiger Company in Canterbury. The Mayor of Southend visited the 3rd Bn in Londonderry.

Captain J. Nash has been granted a Regular QM Commission.

2Lt. T. J. Anderson (Gen. List TAVR) has been granted a Short Service Volunteer Commission and is serving with the 1st Battalion for one year.

The Mayor of Northampton and WO.II Housome, BEM, and Sgt. McElone.



Provisional selections for promotions in 1974

To Brigadier: Colonel D. R. C. Carter.

To Colonel: Lt.-Cols. R. E. J. Gerrard-Wright and D. C. Thorne.

To Lieutenant Colonel: Majors P. J. Sincock, C. M. J. Barnes, B. N. Crumbie, C. M. F. Randall, L. C. J. M. Paul, S. A. Green.

To Regular QM: Captain A. C. Downes.

To WO.I: WOs.II Gay, Perry, Becket.

Now confirmed:

Colonel Carter to be Vice-President Regular Commissions Board.

Colonel J. B. Akehurst to be Commander Dhofan Area, Muscat.

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Major (Staff QM) H. H. Norman, MBE, has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

Captain Patrick Shervington captained the Infantry Hockey XI this year. He is currently serving at the Platoon Commanders Division, School of Infantry. He reports that 2Lt. Nigel Richardson, who holds a University Cadetship at Southampton University, plays in the Combined Services Under 22 team.

Captain Colin Groves has replaced Major Michael Aris as Regimental Representative at Sandhurst.

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Commissions, Regular unless stated, have been granted to:

March 1973

D. J. Baylis, J. A. Borthwick, I. R. M. Hall, J. McColl, A. J. T. Wells, J. W. Zielinski; (Special Regular), S. C. Lane, P. J. Lamb.

June 1973

P. L. C. Crook; (Short Service) P. M. Holme, J. B. C. Prescott.

November 1973

S. P. M. Blyth, T. C. Taylor; S. P. B. Badger (Short Service).

December 1973

W. P. Seccombe (Special Regular).

Congratulations and welcome to the Regiment.

Dr Richard Southern, who holds a TAVR captains commission in the 5th Battalion, writes from Chile to say 'it was nice to receive my January '73 Castle in October. The postal services here have been getting erratic. You will no doubt have heard about the recent outbreak of "crack and thump" which did not help matters'.



WHO SAID BIRDS CAN'T FLY

Mrs. Jackie Wright, wife of Cpl. Danny Wright, is one of the many wives who has taken the advantage of the sporting facilities Cyprus has to offer. She has become a keen parachutist. Here she is being given a final check before her first jump.

Pte Paul Smith of the 1st Bn Recce Pl was one of the men involved in the tragic accident on 15th September in Kenya in which two members of the Pl were killed. Although he himself was badly hurt, with a bruised spine and a broken wrist, he set about aiding those more seriously injured than himself with total disregard for his own comfort. Throughout the incident he remained cool and continued to administer first aid until he was overcome by shock and himself collapsed.

Field of Remembrance

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, was present at the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey on 8th November.

Many individuals and Association branches placed crosses in the Regimental Plots which are now located alongside each other. The Colonel of the Regiment was present and supported by a good turn-out of Old Comrades and serving officers from the Ministry of Defence.

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Lt-Col Jo Joanny has recently spent a long time in hospital and has had his right leg amputated below the knee. He left hospital just before Christmas and is now at home. Best wishes to him for a complete and speedy recovery. RHQ (Norfolk) sustained RHQ (Suffolk) for many months whilst Colonel Tiny Heal was having his (most successful) hip operations, and so the tables were turned this time. In the summer Major Tom Stead had a nasty operation and was hospitalised for a month or more. He is now looking fit and active again. Major John Dudley was so busy one summer weekend that he badly cut his wrist entering his house through a window! It comes to all of us sooner or later . . . Major Chris McMillen's cerebral spasm (also in the summer) has settled and he appears none the worse now.

Tewkesbury, Baxter and Murray Brown are very well—thank you!

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Since we last notified, the following officers have retired: Majors Sergeant, Ingle, Medley, Kitchin and Young, Captains Bates, C. C., and Peele, and Lts. Sherman, Black, Meredith (SSC), Edwards, J. R. C. (SSC), and Monk (SSC).

The following have transferred: Captains M. Turner-Cain to RAPC, and Andrew Dexter to RAOC.

Depot Queen's Division

'My husband and I will be unable to attend the Passing Out Parade as we are being converted to North Sea Gas!' We have a Passing out Parade once every two weeks and this is one of the more original replies to our invitation sent out to all families. People come from far and wide to these parades, and it is a great pleasure to the Permanent Staff and to the Recruits to get such support. Their parents and friends come regardless of the weather.

This year has been a busy one. The Regimental Representatives changed over, Major Wil-

son going to the 6th Battalion as Training Major, and Major King replacing him from Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion.

Three main events have occupied us here. The first was Open Day and Schoolboys' Exhibition in June. The weather was out of this world, and a crowd of twenty-two and a half thousand descended on the Saturday. All three days were a great success, and we hope that the Army, especially our Division, benefits from everyone's labours. The Royal Anglian Regimental Weekend took place here as well, and again the weather was kind to us. Although primarily for the TAVR, Bassingbourn had its fair share of The Queen Mother's visit, reported elsewhere, with recruits and juniors in the gym, and the Officers' Mess doing the lunch. After these three events all Royal Anglian recruits here between May and July must rate themselves the greatest living experts on tent and marquee erection. Battalions take note.

A major change has been made in the recruit training syllabus, and after being increased to fifteen weeks in September, authority has been received to implement eighteen weeks from 1st January, 1974. This will not in any way alter the present aim of this Depot, which is to provide trained riflemen, fit to take their place in a rifle section in the Battalions. Skill at Arms Wing, ably led by Captain Don Gillam, SASC, has been sorting out the new programme. A young soldiers company for those between 17 and 17½ years old will also be formed in the new year.



Pte. Matthews, Tobruk Platoon, talking to General Sir Michael Carver during the latter's farewell visit to Bassingbourn.

L/Cpl. Smith of the RIT, showing some young hopefuls the GPMG (SF).



In the sporting world the Depot has achieved a great deal. Junior Soldiers Company won the Junior Soldiers Challenge Cup for Football in November 1972, but failed to retain the title in 1973, being beaten in the final by the Junior Soldiers of the Parachute Regiment. The Depot team reached the final of the 1973 Army Minor Units Football Cup. They also won the Army Junior Orienteering in July, in which the individual champion was J/Sgt. Gough of this Regiment. The juniors also reached the semi-final of their hockey championship. The Permanent Staff hockey team got knocked out in the semi-final of the Army Minor Units Hockey in 1972 and have reached the semi-final again this year. The basketball team unfortunately lost to Permanent Staff. Junior Leaders Regiment RAC, in the final of the Army Minor Units. Our Regiment is well represented in all teams here, and it is very encouraging to find so much good talent abounding amongst junior soldiers.

The Depot Training Area changes shape almost monthly. There is a new 50 metre .22 outdoor range, which will help train SLR shots using Heckler Koch. There is an artificial ski slope, and also a 66 mm. LAW range. We are hoping for a 'no danger area' ETR as well. The

bomb dump is ideal for street patrolling, and part of it is being converted into a water assault course. 'Plant a tree in 73' has gone wild here, and lots of trees have been planted over the whole area.

Recruit Training apart, we do 'our thing' for the TAVR, and run 14 day recruit courses for all Queen's Division T & AVR Battalions as well as NCO Cadres for them. We also see all pre-Warminster, pre-Brecon and pre-Regular Commissions Board Courses for potential officers. This enables one to meet old friends and acquaintances from the Battalions and keep up with all that is going on. It is always a pleasure to see them passing through, and this goes for all visitors.

Those of us serving here reckon the facilities are second to none, but still feel that it will be worth coming back in four or five years' time to see the changes that have been made taking shape, especially the Outside Training area.

The recruits keep coming in, albeit not as many as we would like, and amongst them is Pte. Flood, all the way from Bermuda to join 2 R Anglian. His father came over during the war to join the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and his son has followed suit.

Pompadours

After the hilarity of the FFR inspection, which was conducted in early December 1972 by the Commander, 20th Armoured Brigade atop a camel, the Pompadours settled down to concentrating their efforts on the more serious business of Christmas before, once again, working up for the forthcoming tour in Northern Ireland.

Prior to this there were one or two military affairs to attend to. In late November 'B' Company, under Major Alistair Veitch, were dispatched to Schleswig Holstein to act as enemy in an exercise run by Berlin Infantry Brigade. The 'carrot' in this case was the fleshpots of nearby Denmark but unfortunately (for the single soldiers) these proved to be inaccessible and the Company had a hard but healthy four days on the plain.

At the beginning of December Lieutenant Mike Walsh and a team of instructors disappeared to a mountain retreat in Bavaria called Thalkirchdorf and the next two months ran a ski hut for the battalion. About 120 soldiers passed through their tender hands up to the end of January without any sort of physical harm coming to anyone. This must be something of a record. The standards achieved obviously varied but the two weeks away from barracks provided a welcome break for those involved, particularly as the 'hut' was in fact the local inn!

Shortly after the start of the skiing the Christmas festivities began to gather momentum with the Sergeants' Mess first away, with a first class dance and draw. The Mickey Hayes show visited the battalion on the 13th December followed a few days later by a discotheque for the families' older offspring and a conventional party for those of more tender years. The Corporals' Club ran an excellent draw in the week before the Christmas break which ended with the battalion Christmas lunch and fruit throwing on 17th December.

A party of cadets from St. Edward's School CCF, Oxford, stayed with the battalion in the weeks prior to Christmas. Their mentors were 'C' Company with Sergeant Gordon Lancaster as the principal. They had a busy and varied time and managed to see all aspects of life in BAOR including a visit to our neighbouring armoured regiment, the 4th/7th Dragoon Guards. As the CO's two sons were amongst the visitors, affairs were conducted with even more zest than usual.

The visit coincided with a week's held firing on the Sennelager Ranges. This helped to keep at bay, temporarily, the customary stultification which falls slowly but inexorably like a fog on the whole British Army around the 18th December, usually. At length, however, the last section attacked and the last platoon defended and within 24 hours Pompadours were speeding in all directions for their well-earned Christmas break. Those left behind were taken in by the families. An uncharacteristic quiet fell on Alanbrooke Barracks, deserted now except for the brief appearances of one or two fragile looking individuals bent on recharging their batteries for the next bout of roistering.



L to r: WO.I Bullock, Cpl. Jeffreys and Pte. Nomkes with Miss Gloria Honeyford.

Within a few days of course, it was all over for yet another year and the battalion returned to start winding itself up for the forthcoming tour in Londonderry. Sandbag emplacements and unloading bays began to appear; the roads and blocks in camp bore the names that later would become all too familiar; riots, cordons, VCPs became daily occurrences. In January the battalion was once again on the Sennelager Ranges. Shooting was naturally slanted towards IS and tremendous value in particular was gained from the incredibly realistic Urban CQB range there and 'Tin City', a dry training area, both of which reproduce, almost completely, the atmosphere of Belfast or Londonderry. At the same time the company search teams were being put through their paces on special courses also being run at Sennelager whilst the Company Commanders had a day's ordeal by television to ensure the projection of the correct image should they have to appear on the silver screen in the months to come.

The recce to Londonderry took place in late January where for a few days we were ably shown round our parish-to-be by the Grenadier Guards and places such as Bligh's Lane, Creggan Heights and Brook Park became something more than just recurrent names in the papers. The battalion's training culminated, a fortnight or so after the return of the Recce Party, with a series of Company IS exercises which were entered with gusto by all concerned. In a 24 hour period almost every possible situation was thrown at the participants and by the end of these exercises and the some-



Members of Bn. HQ assemble 'the Pompadour'.

what longer battalion IS exercise which followed the battalion had again re-adopted the techniques and frame of mind of twelve months previously. We were all delighted to hear at this time of the award of the Military Medal to Corporal Nevil Jephcote and Mention in Dispatches to the Commanding Officer and Major Trevor Veitch for distinguished service in the Belfast tour of last year.

Two weeks pre-tour block leave followed the battalion exercise. During the break those remaining in Paderborn were pleased to witness the wedding of Major Trevor Veitch and participate in the associated festivities before the couple left for some bothy in the wilds of Ulster. Shortly after the battalion returned from leave a 'smoker' run by Captain Brian Cornish and Major Peter Alderton revealed



Comd. 20 Armd. Bde. chats with Pte. Charles.



RCT Driver—Cpl. Lancaster and L/Cpl. Robinson.

talent in all sorts of unlikely places, the best being the 'C' Company act whose efforts won them a prize.

The following day a Drumhead Service was held on the Battalion square which was taken by the Brigade Commander, and on the Monday, 19th March, in characteristically grey weather, the Advance Party of the Battalion assembled in the gym and were spirited away to Northern Ireland and the start of the Pompadours second Op Banner tour.

In late March the Pompadours found themselves once again embarking on an emergency tour in Northern Ireland, a position identical to that of almost twelve months beforehand. This time it was for Londonderry's Creggan Estate, as opposed to Belfast's Lower Falls, that they were now destined.

The Advance Party had left earlier in the



General Mogg and CO share a joke with Pte. Ward, L/Cpl. Major and Ptes. Glascombe and Gounley, 'C' Company.

month and the period of the takeover from the Grenadier Guards was relatively quiet and uneventful. It quickly became apparent, however, that the extremists amongst the inhabitants of the Creggan were even more intransigent than those of the Lower Falls.

Although the Creggan was the Battalion's main responsibility, it also had Rosemount and the Glen Owen estate to look after, as well as the southern half of the rural enclave surrounding Londonderry to the west of the River Foyle. Companies were located in different bases, with 'A' Company at Bligh's Lane and Support Company in Brooke Park. The remainder were based on Creggan Camp, a fortress of sandbags, barbed wire and corrugated iron put up following Operation 'Motorman' the previous year.

The AG, General Sir John Mogg, speaks to 'B' Company's Heavy Squad. Lt. Otter and CO listen.



**CLF, Major General Leng,
with Cpls, Hawkins and
Beaumont, 'C' Company.**



Echelon was situated across the river in the relative peace of the Drumahoe factory, although later on it was to move across the river to Fort George, not far from the City Centre.

The prologue to the tour was inevitably four days of rioting in the Creggan. Although not so serious as the Divis 'battle' of the previous tour, it established a pattern which continued virtually unabated throughout. Almost every patrol, whether on foot or in vehicles, attracted some form of hostile attention.

Gunmen, displaying varying degrees of aptitude and determination, made their appearance in early April and, again, their presence was evident more or less continuously throughout the four months. On 27th April a sniper engaged the 'Tesco' VCP on Creggan Road, killing

Private Anthony Goodfellow. This was our only fatality during the Battalion's stay in Londonderry. Later on, Anthony Goodfellow's mother came to Londonderry and presented the Scout movement there with a trophy in memory of her son, earning thereby the deepest admiration of all Pompadours, not to say that of the people of Londonderry.

Just prior to this, a Support Company patrol was caught at point-blank range by a 50-70 lb. land mine on the periphery of the Glen Owen Estate. Miraculously no-one was killed, although four soldiers were badly injured. Happily they are now almost recovered from their injuries.

'Search and lift' operations were mounted regularly throughout the tour and the Battalion netted a respectable bag of hard-core Pro-



**CGS speaking to Pte.
Batterbee.**

visionals and their associates. In May and June, in common with all other units in Ulster, the Battalion helped to protect polling stations during the Local and Assembly elections. This tricky job was completed successfully despite a crescendo of violence which preceded the Assembly elections at the end of June. About a month beforehand the Battalion experienced its first rocket attack of the tour when a Saracen APC was unsuccessfully engaged in Central Drive. From then on the level of violence rose, with both Bligh's Lane and Creggan Camp being subjected to a number of rocket attacks and shootings. On 20th June the latter was also mortared from a position somewhere in the Estate; luckily all the nine bombs fired fell just short of the camp perimeter. In the follow-up a section of 'B' Company narrowly escaped serious injury when a booby trap exploded in a house some of them had entered. A member of CESA—the Catholic Ex-Servicemen's Association—who was with them at the time, was not so fortunate and lost a leg.

In late May, with the move of neighbouring 40th Field Regiment to Belfast, the Battalion's area was enlarged to embrace the whole of the Enclave and the Shantallow Estate. 137 (Java) Battery was left behind under our command, together with a company of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. At the same time, Echelon moved from Drumahoe and Support Company from Brooke Park, all four sub-units being based at Fort George. As the violence of June increased, however, and with the Assembly elections looming, the force levels in Londonderry were increased again and the Pompadours' boundaries contracted to their former size with Support Company moving yet again to Bligh's Lane. At about this time terrorists successfully



Quick five minutes break. Ptes. Debbs, Smart, Batterbee, Walker and Davey and L/Cpl. Scott ('B' Company).

planted bombs in the old Brooke Park base, which had been handed back to the Municipality, and virtually destroyed it.

The pre-election violence continued after they had been held until mid-July with further rioting, shooting and rocket attacks. On 4th July both Creggan Camp and Bligh's Lane were subjected to concurrent rocket attacks. In the follow-up a running gun battle developed across the Creggan in which Pompadours fired some 200 rounds. At least one gunman was accounted for and another one, and a nail bomber, were shot about ten days later on.

The Poachers' Advance Party arrived in the middle of July. With their coming the tempo dropped markedly: a tactic experienced by the Pompadours four months previously and doubtless designed to encourage a false sense of security in the newcomers.

The Battalion returned to Germany, with few regrets, at the end of July. Everyone went on a month's well-deserved leave almost immediately. In late August the Battalion assembled again to start picking up the thread of its primary role after a pause of eight months and to embark upon the rigours of the BAOR training season and its attendant activities. The first major exercise involved 'C' Company and was held at Sennelager to mark the departure of CINCENT, General Benneke. Then followed the 4th Division FTX and a most welcome period spent classifying on the electric target ranges at Sennelager. The final day was devoted to an abbreviated, though successful, Rifle Meeting with a view to selecting an embryo Battalion skill-at-arms team.

At the moment Pompadours are involved in



Pte. Buckley, Brett and Pups.

a large-scale NATO exercise in Denmark which tested the ingenuity of those responsible for planning the move.

Despite an extremely busy eight months it is satisfying to be able to record the continuing sporting successes of the Pompadours, in particular the football team who once again won the BAOR Infantry Cup against the 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales, and then took on, and beat, the UK champions, the King's Own Border Regiment. The boxing prowess of Private Maxwell also continues to earn laurels both for himself and the Battalion. In April he won the Combined Services Light Middleweight title, and followed this by winning the ABA title in May. As a result he was selected to represent UK in the European Championships in Belgrade.

Band 3rd Battalion

On Sunday, 4th March, the Band participated in the St. Louis-Voust Carnival, near Krefeld. It was an overnight stop and they were well entertained by the 28 Signals Regiment . . . too well!

The following day they travelled down to Bonn and took part in the Rosenmontag Procession. It was a lively occasion in which the Band excelled. In fact they won the medal for the 'Best Band of the Day'. During the day a distinguished French gentleman developed an ear for our music and insisted that he provide a well-known French elixir for all to sample. (Tasted something similar whilst serving in Tibet!).

Towards the end of the month they provided the Battalion Baggage Party for the move to Northern Ireland, together with Rear Party

duties (what would they do without the Band?). Whilst weighing the Orderly Room boxes, a small key fell to the ground. Cpl. Franks turned to his assistant, Bdsms. Elchardus, and said, 'What key was that?' Bdsms. Elchardus immediately replied, 'In the key of G, sir!' 'sir!'

Between 7th-12th May the Band performed at the Bielefeld Tattoo. Not a great epic as far as Tattoos go, but the music was excellent. During the Tattoo rehearsal, L/Cpl. Messenger had to go for dental treatment and has not been seen since!

In June the front widened across the waters with reports of rebels crossing the Ulster border daily and incidents generally increasing. To meet this dramatic situation the MOD decided (and quite rightly) to send the stout-hearted lads of the Band, under command of 'Bomber' Bowness-Smith. They played at all Company locations, Altnagel Hospital, and were well received. Offers poured in. Would they play down at the Glenview Estate? They did, and took Support Company with them (Thank you, Sp Coy). Returning from Blyths Lane location, the locals from you-know-where were so delighted with them that they decided to speed their departure with stones and milk bottles. Very friendly!

On leaving Northern Ireland, the Band went to England on a schools tour. It was a hectic three weeks, but rewarding.

To conclude these brief but informative notes, the Band had a very busy summer season. Kur Konzerts, Schützenfeste, you name it. Bdsms. Burkitt, Phillips and Elchardus have thrown themselves into the local dramatic society (Phillips was rejected by Hammer Films Inc. for the part of *****).

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

ALLIED REGIMENTS

THE GIBRALTAR REGIMENT'S GUNS

The connection between the Gibraltar Regiment and the Royal Artillery began a few months before the last war, when the Gibraltar Defence Force Anti-Aircraft Section was formed by the then Governor, General Sir Edmund Ironside. Fifty volunteers drilled continuously as territorials for four months, and were embodied to go to war on September the 2nd, manning two 3-inch 20 cwt. high angle guns. They saw action from various gunsites in many engagements against enemy aircraft, and helped to bring down Italian and Vichy French raiders. Other elements of the Gibraltar Defence Force had been trained from the outbreak of war to man some of the Coast Artillery guns on the Rock, and these men joined the much expanded Anti-Aircraft Section in 1942 to form the Gibraltar Defence Force Anti-Aircraft Battery. This Battery was commanded by Major William Thomson, and manned four 3.7in. Heavy Anti-Aircraft guns at Napier Battery, just above the present Fortress Headquarters. Towards the end of the war, when things had quietened in this theatre, the old hands were released and the Battery closed down; in its place there came into being the Gibraltar Defence Force Training Establishment, which trained the returning youngsters of military age, for a form of reduced conscription had by then been introduced. They continued to be trained as gunners in Heavy and Light Anti-Aircraft guns.

In 1958 the Gibraltar Defence Force became The Gibraltar Regiment, and its main role changed from artillery to infantry. But a strong link was maintained with the guns, for, in addition to the infantry companies, there was included in the Regiment's establishment a Coast Artillery Troop, responsible for manning the 9.2in. guns of the Upper Battery.

And so to the present day, with conscription now ended, and The Gibraltar Regiment made up mostly of volunteer reservists; the battery is now an important sub-unit of the Regiment, and includes coast guns, light air defence, and the saluting battery of 25-pounders. Guns of all shapes and sizes have played a vital part in

Gibraltar's history, and it is fitting that today its guns should be manned by The Gibraltar Regiment.

On the Regimental Day Parade, 15th September, 1973, the Artillery Battery was named 'Thomson's Battery' in honour of the memory of the late Sir William Thomson, OBE, JP, who was the first Honorary Colonel of the Regiment and the first local Commander of the Heavy Anti-Aircraft Section during the second world war.

NEW ZEALAND

Colonel John Garland, ED, Honorary Colonel of one of our Allied Regiments, The Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, writes to tell us about the Presentation of new Colours to his Regiment in February, 1973, by HE The Governor, General Sir Denis Blundell.

As a result of the New Zealand Defence Act 1911 several amalgamations took place within the sixteen Infantry regiments then in existence. Further amalgamations took place in 1964, when the ten remaining regiments became seven numbered battalions of the single Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment. The Auckland and Northland Regiments became The 3rd (Auckland [Countess of Ranfurly's Own] and Northland) and inherited all battle honours and affiliations.

There is a striking similarity in the timing of these re-organisations with our own, and until this year their 3rd Battalion carried both sets of old Colours just as our East Anglian Regiments did until new Colours were presented. There is one significant difference in their new Colours and the Colours we are to receive in July this year. Significant because each battalion's Colours in the New Zealand Infantry Regiment have emblazoned selected battle honours won by their own antecedent regiments whereas our battalion Colours will have the same honours emblazoned, selected from the battle honours won by all our antecedent regiments. It has always been the custom in the British Army that battalions of a regiment should bear the same battle honours and the Ministry of Defence decreed that this should be adhered to in the 'Large' Regiments. We did discuss the possibility of adopting the similar method to our New Zealand compatriots, particularly in the Territorial (Volunteer) Battalions but we were not allowed to

New Role for 1st Battalion

In May 1974 the 1st Battalion is to become part of the United Kingdom's contribution to the Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (Land Component).

The author of the article which follows is Colonel E. Turnill, OBE, a Royal Anglian, who at present is Chief of Staff, HQ AMF(L). The article is a useful first briefing on the 1st Battalion's new mission.

THE ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE MOBILE FORCE

AMF and flexible response

The Force has its origin in the late 1950s when the Western Powers reconsidered their appreciation of the Communist threat to NATO Europe. A policy of massive retaliation was one which might, in the case of a local threat, have limited the options open to the Allies in managing the crisis. Consequently a policy of "flexible response" was adopted by the NATO Alliance which ensured a graduated reaction to any confrontation.

Of particular concern, then as now, were the more remote areas of NATO Europe; Northern Norway, Denmark, Greece, Turkey and Northern Italy, where there are common frontiers or waterways with Russia or her satellite states and where NATO forces are not strongly represented.

It was therefore appreciated that within the concept of flexible or graduated response a multinational force was required which could be deployed rapidly to a threatened area and which would, by its composition and presence, make clear to any actual or potential aggressor that an attack against one member of the NATO Alliance would constitute an attack against all of the member countries. This Force would demonstrate the unity of purpose upon which NATO is based and the presence of soldiers from many different member nations would cause the aggressor to think again.

In March 1960 General Lauris Norstad, then Supreme Allied Commander Europe, announ-

ced the formation of a small, strategically mobile, multinational task force.

Belgium, the United Kingdom and the United States of America were the first countries to earmark units for this new force, shortly followed by Germany which placed a parachute battalion on call. Canada, Luxembourg and Italy soon offered their contributions. These units were placed at a permanent state of readiness and were prepared, at short notice, to be deployed to any threatened area of the Alliance, particularly to the flank countries.

The Headquarters was set up in 1960 in Mannheim-Seckenheim, West Germany, and is still the location of the permanent staff of 20 officers and 20 NCOs of the nations which contribute units to the Force. The present Commander is Major-General John Groven, Belgian Army. There are two Royal Anglians on the staff, the Chief of Staff and the G2 (Chief Intelligence Officer), Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gill.

Multinational contributions

The Force has two components, Land (AMF(L)), and Air (AMF(A)). The Land component has a permanent headquarters; the Air Component operates under the command and control of the NATO Air Commander of the area to which it is deployed.

The Land component is conventionally equipped and comprises infantry, artillery, combat support and administrative units from the seven contributing nations. The United Kingdom provides a large and diverse contribution including an Infantry Battalion, soon to be the 1st Battalion of the Regiment, an Artillery Battery, a Radio Troop, a Reconnaissance Squadron, a Helicopter Unit, a Force Artillery Headquarters, the Headquarters for and certain elements of the Logistic Support Battalion and a number of staff officers on the permanent headquarters in Germany.

The Air Squadrons for AMF(A) are provided by Belgium, Canada, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States. They are equipped with the most modern aircraft, including Harrier, Mirage and Phantom.

Problems and solutions

Like most fighting formations composed of a variety of arms, AMF has a number of problems and these are sometimes complicated by

the multinationality of the Force. Composed of units from a number of nations and faced with the need for rapid deployment at short notice to remote areas, differences in language, procedures and equipment, extremes of climate and terrain, the Force relies to a great extent upon its exercises to enhance its efficiency. The location of these, their scope, setting and time of year are varied as much as possible so that the flexibility and combat effectiveness of this unique Force are constantly improved. The primary mission of the AMF is to deter aggression, but if deterrence fails its soldiers and airmen are fully equipped and trained to fight alongside the soldiers and airmen of the host nation in defence of the area concerned.

It should also be said that problems are reduced by the very high standard of the units provided by the nations for the Force—they are indeed some of the elite units of NATO and it is already the feeling at Headquarters AMF(L) that the 1st Battalion will fit in very well.

Logistic support

The Headquarters of the Force Logistic Support Battalion is provided by the United Kingdom and each nation providing a unit for the Force sends an element for its logistic support. These national support elements are placed under the operational control of the Logistic Support Battalion Headquarters as soon as they arrive in the operational area and are integrated into operating sections on a functional basis.

Because of the diversity of equipment there is limited exchange of spare parts. Each of the national support elements receives requirements from its contingent, plans resupply and co-ordinates the plan with the British commander of the Logistic Support Battalion.

Languages

On any operation or exercise there will be at least six different languages spoken within the Force. English is the language of command, but in order to assist those units in which English is not the mother tongue, a number of liaison teams are employed within both command and logistic organisations. The Headquarters also provides liaison officers to both flank formations and to host nation Headquarters. Although English and French are the official languages of NATO, they are not always understood by members of the Force and host nations. HQ AMF(L) tries to ease these problems through the production of a small pocket

dictionary in nine languages, by encouraging its units to learn basic military phrases in the language of the host nation and by sending some of its permanent staff on language courses.

Rapid deployment—a key factor

The units of AMF are normally stationed in their own countries. The ability to deploy rapidly, usually by air, during a time of tension, to any threatened part of Europe therefore is an essential characteristic of the AMF and one of the key factors in planning for any exercise or operation. The air flow plan is made so that the units arrive in the tactical order required by the Commander AMF(L).

The planning for and control of the armada of aircraft which are used, ranging from the giant United States C5-A Galaxy and C-141 Starlifter through Boeing 707 and VC-10 to the C-130s and C-160s, can be complex. In some countries the Force uses civilian airfields and here military and civilian air control staff work closely together to control the heavy increase of air traffic which occurs during deployment. In other countries, where smaller military or civilian airfields are used, there may not be the required facilities for navigation, weather prediction and the many other needs of the arriving aircraft and crews. In this case, mobile navigational and meteorological stations are flown in to assist in the operation. The provision of these specialised facilities and the more usual support of fuel resupply, fire fighting equipment, servicing and unloading teams are factors which have to be considered in planning.

Valuable Experience

The Force is often referred to as 'NATO's Fire Brigade', particularly by European journalists. This could give a false impression of the mission of the AMF. Fire brigades are generally summoned only after a fire has already broken out. The mission of the AMF is to prevent the outbreak; it is NATO's fire prevention brigade.

Some of the Allies think there is a need for even greater unity in NATO, both political and military. Multinational forces may play a more important role in Alliance defence in the future. The AMF is a proving ground for the special techniques of the command and control of a multinational formation. The experience gained is of value for the NATO Alliance as a whole, and that means for Britain and the British Army too.

The 1st Battalion can be sure of an exciting and rewarding tour with AMF.

1st Battalion

Our last battalion notes brought the battalion from Northern Ireland to Cyprus, with the emphasis on the Londonderry end; by now we have two Cyprus summers and one winter under our belts and are already looking ahead to the next move. Before commenting on the events and experiences of the last year we ought to say something about the layout and setup in Cyprus for the benefit of 'Castle' readers who are not familiar with the island.

The 1st Battalion is the sole infantry battalion in Near East Land Forces, and in fact the only British national field force major unit on the island. The UN Force (in which the 3rd Battalion served three years ago) is an entirely separate organisation with which, for political reasons, we have no official connection—although of course we keep up our sporting and social links with neighbouring UN units. In view of the size of the island and the potential internal security problem of defending two widely separated Sovereign Base Areas (SBAs) there ought really to be at least two battalions, if not more, permanently stationed on the island, making one for each SBA as a sensible minimum. However, for all the usual infantry reasons there is only us to do the whole lot—Although we are reinforced (in a sense) by being commanded by not one but two land force headquarters superimposed one over the other, and both exercising their command and delegatory functions to the full! We also have four other Joint or RAF HQs to deal with. But that is another story.

Because of the basic operational IS commitment, the battalion's deployment is split between the two SBAs, so that we have the battalion minus Support Company in Salamanca Barracks, RAF Episkopi, in the Western SBA, and Support Company stationed 50 miles away at Dhekelia in the Eastern SBA. A certain separatist Support Company Commander adopted a new title '1 R Anglian (East)' but hastily dropped it after displeasure was expressed by 1 R Anglian (West). As well as the separation

between the two elements of the battalion there is the additional problem that the majority of our families stationed in the Western SBA are quartered in Limassol, over half an hour's drive away from barracks. This is a considerable nuisance both administratively and from the training angle since over half an hour's lead or lag time has to be added to the beginning and end of every day's activity.

IS duties and tasks in the two SBAs together normally absorb an average of five platoons' worth of soldiers on duty or standby at all times, though during the period of the increased threat in summer the bill went up, and the duty company had all three platoons constantly deployed. In addition two other platoons were deployed from other companies. Our commitments are such that we can seldom go into the field to train as a complete battalion, and are considered to be stretching a point when we send even one company out of the island, as we did for exercises in Sharjah.

Other limitations on our training are, on field exercises, the shortage of training areas—we get lower priority than UK based units—and in all aspects, the lack of competition with and from other major units. Most inter unit competition such as skill-at-arms have to be run in the form of minor unit events.

The methods by which we have overcome all these problems in the way of effective training have been by running all training within the battalion on a basis of competitive exercises and sports meetings, by deploying individual companies successively, but in a battalion tactical setting, and by making maximum use of the excellent training opportunities offered by Sharjah and Kenya, as a change from the Cyprus terrain and climate. Fitting in all the necessary battalion exercises, each one run three times over so as to get all the rifle companies through, plus as much work-up training as we can in between our IS duties and all our other commitments, has meant that life has necessarily been lived at a hectic



HOT LINE TO HEAVEN

The Padre, Captain Robert Williams, has a chat on the radio during an exercise early last year at Goshi/Trouli Training Area.

pace throughout the year; but all of us will agree that it is unlikely that anyone can have too much activity, and that even so too much is better than too little.

There have been many highlights over the year; on the tactical side we started with the winter series of competitive section, inter-platoon, and finally company level test exercises 'Bungay Roger', 'Suffolk Punch' and 'King Canary', all held on the barren parched and lunar landscape of the Troulli training area. Parched, that is, except when the whole area dissolves into liquid mud during one of the rare but accurately-timed rainstorms. The winter series of competitive exercises and sports ended in March with the Battalion skill-at-arms meeting—won by 'C' Company, who therefore shut out 'A' Company from getting enough points overall to prevent 'B' Company coming through as the aggregate inter-company competition winners. Well done, 'B' Company.

Our FFR inspection culminated at the end of February in our first trial airportability exercise, and this in turn led up to HQ Dhekelia Area's exercise 'Grape Vine', an airmobility and limited-war exercise set in the eastern SBA. The Battalion less the IS duty Company flew from Akrotiri to the Dhekelia SBA—only 15

minutes in the air, but just as good air-ability practice as flying to Kenya. 'Grape Vine' provided the final work up for 'B' and 'C' Companies' one-week exercises in Sharjah. 'A' Company was to follow in June.

The Battalion is not properly scaled as an air-portable Battalion, so equipment-wise we have to improvise and are only semi-airportable. Nevertheless, we decided to make ourselves fully proficient in air-ability skills, following several years of mechanisation and latterly urban COIN in Ulster.

In any event, all three companies' air moves to and from Sharjah went quite satisfactorily from the air-ability point of view, despite a tendency for Hercules aircraft to burst into flames (in only one case, to be fair) or just remain motionless on the tarmac.

In April we ran the first island-wide event of 1973—the Cyprus Walkabout, a senior orienteering race to the top of Troodos, 30 miles and 6,000 feet up, and back. In Cyprus there is a strong tendency for the large scale 'Near-elf' events to be handed over to and run by the resident battalion. They can be quite a chore, but have the advantage that they do provide many opportunities for a large number of people from all strata of the Services and the civil administration here to meet Royal Anglian soldiers, which they would not otherwise have. Since our soldiers invariably carry out these jobs with tremendous cheerfulness and elan they create an excellent impression and are a good advertisement for the Battalion and for the Regiment as a whole. Two other events which we organised for everyone else were the 'Near-elf' skill-at-arms meeting in May, and the 'Near-elf' Military Skills competition for minor units in October.

Throughout early and mid-summer duties and training were heavily affected by an increased terrorist threat. Fortunately no actual kidnap or assassination attempts were made and could well have been deterred by the precautions we took. By August the precautions were lifted in time for the first of the 1973-74 round of inter section—platoon and company competitions, exercise 'Viking Raid'. 8 section of 3 platoon were top section, 5 platoon 'B' Company were leading platoon, and 'A' Company won overall. The second round, exercise 'Counter Punch', is still going on at the time of going to press.

September and October saw our biggest exercise of the year, 'Moses' and 'Zachary'—when half the battalion at a time flew out to



The first Battalion Team to finish, Pratt, Vessey and Drage.

Kenya for three weeks' jungle, mountain and bush training on and around Mount Kenya. We were relieved in Cyprus by 3 RRF in the related exercise 'Barlem'. Exercises 'Moses' and 'Zachary' are described in more detail in a separate article; they represented a mammoth movement and administrative task, but were extremely well worthwhile and formed the high spot of the training year. Besides getting a great deal of training value out of exercising in vast expanses of novel terrain we established good public and personal relations with everyone with whom we had official or social contact, and earned a lot of welcome comments.

Notable competitive successes came our way in the fields of orienteering and shooting. In the Cyprus Walkabout in April the battalion fielded seven teams each of three runners. Six of our teams finished in the first eleven and the seventh came 21st out of 75 teams. In the 'Nearelf' skill-at-arms meeting, in which guest teams from 41 Commando RM and the Canadian UN Contingent competed, the Battalion's three companies competing as minor units won every team event except the falling plate and pistol. The shooting team did well in our first appearance at Bisley for several years; the team

won the Royal Ulster Rifles Cup (falling plate) and L/Cpl. Cheong won the Army Hundred Cup. We hope to build up our orienteering and shooting teams so as to improve on these successes next year both in Cyprus and the United Kingdom.

In the New Year the battalion's training will include skiing and winter warfare survival training on and around Mount Olympus. By that time we will already have a substantial representative party training with 1st Battalion The Royal Scots on exercise 'Hardfall' in Norway, as an introduction to our new role with the ACE Mobile Force. We are looking forward to our new task and posting but still have an active winter and spring in Cyprus before we go.

Finally—visitors: we have had perhaps more than our share but they have all been most welcome. Notable among them have been Lieutenant General Sir Ian Freeland, who opened the batting in March with a full three day visit and a medal parade. Major General Jack Dye came later in the year, unfortunately for only a day and a half. From the Army Department we saw the Adjutant General, the Quartermaster General, the VCGS and finally, in Decem-



Lieutenant General Sir Ian Freeland inspects the Quarter Guard furnished by 'A' Company and stops to look at Pte. Collin's GSM (South Arabia). On his left Pte. Henry.

ber, the CGS himself. From our regimental area we played host to three mayoral visits, the Mayor of Cambridge and the Lord Mayors of Norwich and Leicester, which is more mayor-power than we have ever concentrated into one year before. There are still four months of visiting-time left to us in Cyprus, so we may still find more sun-seeking migrants landing on our doorstep between now and May.

MOSES AND ZACHARY ON SAFARI

1st Battalion's Training in Kenya:

August-October 1973

1st Battalion's 'Safari' to Kenya was mounted by HQ NEARELF from Cyprus and differed from the usual training periods in Kenya because we were only allowed to take two Companies off the Island at a time. To meet this requirement the Battalion split into a main body which remained in Cyprus and an Exercise HQ plus two Companies in Kenya. The six-week period was divided into two three-week exercises, called exercise 'Moses', consisting of A and B Companies, and exercise 'Zachary', consisting of C and Support Companies. The HQ Staff remained in Kenya throughout the period to provide control and continuity to the training. The Band and Drums went to Kenya with Ex 'Moses' and returned independently during Ex 'Zachary'. We took with us from Cyprus elements of the following units: 62 (NE) Support Squadron RE, who carried out MACC projects, 16 Aviation Flight AAC, who supplied helicopter support, 262 Signals Squadron, who provided our rear link element, 30 Regt. RCT, who provided drivers, 48 Command Workshops, who provided an LAD, and BMH Dhekelia, 227 Provost Company RMP, 275 PCCU RE and NEAF Mountain Rescue Team, all of whom supplied specialists. From UK came a satellite tracking station from 14 Signals Regiment, which provided a direct link with Cyprus and UK, a Local Resources Section from the RAOC, and Jungle Warfare Instructors from the Guards Independent Para Company and Irish Guards. Battalion HQ split, with the CO and Ops Trg Officer in Kenya, leaving the 2IC and Adjutant taking the strain in Cyprus. Preparatory training consisting of a Study Day, Exercise 'Viking Raid' and jungle training in Akrotiri Forest was carried out in Cyprus before the move to Kenya.

The Advance Party under Major Pollard, the 2IC, left on 27th August and established the four permanent bases we were to use in Kenya.



The Assault Pioneers repairing a bridge whilst exercising at Gathuru in Kenya.

These consisted of a transit camp in Kahawa, just outside Nairobi, a HQ and logistic base in the Agricultural Showground in Nanyuki, a Jungle Training Camp at Gathuru, sited deep in the forest at 7,600 feet above sea level, and a Bush Training Camp on the banks of the Uaso Ngero river on Smalls Farm, NW of Nanyuki. In addition the Advance Party recced the Jungle Exercise and live firing areas.

Captain John McCurdy, SASC, from HQ Dhekelia, was attached to the advance party to clear the siting of the Support Weapons we were to use in a live firing Company attack and succeeded in locating the one place on Smalls Farm where a Combat can safely be deployed. After a hectic seven days, the fly-in for Exercise 'Moses' began.

The programme time was divided equally between Bush and Jungle training. The Jungle phase consisted of initial training, followed by a three-day exercise. The training was conducted by Jungle Warfare Instructors from UK and trackers supplied by 1st Battalion The Kenya Rifles. The Recce Platoon provided demonstration troops and enemy. Companies were given an introductory talk by Mr. Bill Woodley, the warden of the Aberdares and Mount Kenya National Parks, about the action



NATIVE FIREPOWER

Members of the Mortar Platoon, Capt. Peter Shalders and Pte. Ian Seeking, examine the low trajectory projectiles of this Masai Warrior.

to take when confronted by game animals. We certainly needed it and had frequent opportunities to practise this advice. Rhino, leopard, forest hog and buffalo were encountered daily by patrols with a diminishing degree of surprise on our part, lead scouts and sentries needed no prompting to remain alert! The Jungle Exercise set platoons the task of moving to a new area, establishing a base, searching, practising ambush and anti-ambush drills, attacking an enemy camp and casualty evacuation.

During the first week companies sent their platoons to Samburu Game Reserve. This is a bush game reserve in which most of the big game and many of the smaller animals can be seen and photographed. The visits were made in Land Rovers and proved popular—possibly due to the excellent and enormous lunch served in the Lodge. On their return from Samburu, platoons had a recreational night out in Nanyuki after a shower and supper at Battalion HQ.

Half-way through Exercise 'Moses' A and B Company changed camps and switched from Jungle to Bush training, or vice versa. At the

same time they began sending platoons up Mount Kenya as far as Point Lenana, 16,355 feet above sea level. This climb had been planned in conjunction with Mr. Phil Snyder, the Assistant Park Warden for Mount Kenya, to minimise the effects of high altitude on the troops. A base camp was established at 10,000 feet on the Naro Moru track and another at 13,700 feet in the Teleki Valley. Platoons aimed at the first, a Meteorological Station, during the afternoon and spent the night there. They set out at dawn to cross the 'vertical bog' and passed through a radio relay station deployed by the Signals Platoon at 12,900 feet beside the helicopter LS. They reached the bivouac lines at Teleki during the afternoon. The next day they climbed to Point Lenana, returned to the start point at 10,000 feet and moved back to company base camps. This method reduced the load to be carried and also the time spent on the mountains. No cases of pulmonary oedema occurred, but some climbers suffered from altitude sickness. We also had cases of hyperventilation and sprains and injuries from falls. The helicopter was used to bring casualties out twice. Warrant Officer Julian, of 16 Aviation Flight, is to be complimented on his lift out



With RSM J. J. Buffine, BEM, are two Warrant Officers of the Kenya Army, who, among others, were invited for drinks after our stay in Nanyuki. On the left, is the tall fearsome looking figure of the RSM of 3 K.R.

from the Teleki Hut. No helicopter has previously attempted this.

The Bush Training phase took place on what must be one of the best field firing areas in the world. Companies passed platoons round a daily circuit of bushcraft, navigation, fitness and field firing. Ranges included everything up to GPMG, CQB, and anti-aircraft fire. The only problem was getting the elephants out of the range area! A night shoot involving a patrol to an ambush position and engagement of targets by using all weapons, including 81 mm. mortars, using all the light sources, was completed by all platoons. The bush training culminated in an infiltration and company attack exercise. This involved the company in a 20-mile infiltration in half platoon groups by day and night, with a night river crossing. At dawn, as the last half platoon moved into the RV, the combats opened fire to break up rock emplacements and the 81 mm. mortar then engaged the position. GPMG (SF) guns, manned by the Anti-Tank Platoon, provided overhead fire as the Company moved towards the objective. As the fire switched, the platoons broke the crest of the escarpment and skirmished, live firing, through their objectives. The safety control staff, from the CO down,

were mightily relieved when the last of these attacks was completed.

Having completed their training, A and B Companies moved to Nanyuki to do some shopping before flying out on the aircraft which brought in C and Support Companies. C Company went straight into the same training programme as the other two Rifle Companies. Support Company joined up with their detachment, which had supplied the fire for A and B Companies' attacks, and carried out support weapons training in the bush, including man-packing of mortars. The Assault Pioneer Platoon moved on to the Naro Moru track on Mount Kenya and carried out a number of engineer tasks for the Kenya National Parks. These included track improvement, the removal of a 10-ton rock which overhung 'Percival's Bridge' and the construction of helicopter LPs at heights up to 12,500 feet; the platoon was required to supervise local work gangs on these tasks. Having finished work on the Naro Moru track, they crossed to the Aberdares to remove another 'difficult' rock and then on to Nanyuki to carry out improvements to buildings in the Showground, which we had used as a HQ. Meanwhile the detachment from 62 (NE) Sp Sqn RE finished remaking the track to Smalls



I THINK THEY CAME THIS WAY

Members of Sp Company learning the art of tracking whilst in Kenya. From left to right, Ptes. Roger Owens, Ian Seeking and Tich Davison.

Farm and were putting in some work on the Sivivil track up Mt. Kenya for the National Parks. Support Company then did a short jungle training period before moving back to Smalls Farm to support the last company attack.

During Exercise 'Zachary' five members of the Battalion Climbing Club based themselves at TwoTarn hut on Mt. Kenya, and during a six-day training period succeeded in getting two climbers to Batian and Neliar peaks—both over 17,000 feet. Meanwhile the Band and Drums were performing in the Nairobi Show with Kenyan massed bands after a rapid conversion to the African style of musical presentation.

As the recovery phase got under way and as camps began to be taken down, we had a chance to look back on some of the additional activities which we had undertaken in Kenya. The Band Beat Retreat at Nanyuki Sports Club, Nanyuki Town and Timo. The Officers Mess gave a 'Moving in' and 'Moving out' cocktail party, the Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants Messes combined to entertain the British High Commissioner, Major General Butler, our GOC, Brigadier Robertson from HQ Dhekelia Area, and the Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants from 1st Battalion The Kenya Rifles, with whom we exchanged Regimental Plaques. Also during the period Major Cled Lewis, RAMC, our RMO, operated his own 'flying doctor' service in the helicopter, visiting units, clinics and farmers throughout the area and assisting the local medical practitioners whenever possible. Finally, some of the 'six-weekers' managed to slip away for long weekends to make a 'Safari' to some of the farther flung sites of Kenya—which simply served to reinforce the opinion of most of us on our return—it is a magnificent country.

1st BATTALION IN SHARJAH— EXERCISE HOPOVER

UK-based battalions come out to Cyprus for overseas training as a change from Salisbury Plain; it is very unusual for a Cyprus-based battalion to want to get out of the island for their training, especially to go to Sharjah, but that is what we did in March and later on in June. All companies had spent much of the winter familiarising themselves, especially their feet, with almost every dusty or muddy map-square of the Troulli and Goshi training areas, so it was felt that a change of scene would be welcome. The overt aim was to practise, firstly, airportability in an actual long-distance move,



'B' Company try their hand at fishing whilst training at Gathiuru Forest on the foothills of Mount Kenya.

and, secondly, field firing and minor tactics. An underlying purpose was probably to prove, to any who had expressed doubts, what a paradise the island of Cyprus really is compared to the Gulf. Very true

The British presence in Sharjah now consists only of small Military Assistance Teams (MAT Gulf) located in one corner of the former RAF Sharjah complex, plus the British officers still seconded to the Union Defence Force (UDF), whose headquarters is a short way up the road from MAT. MAT sponsor British units training in the desert and mountains by providing liaison, local advice and guides, and administrative support including a unit pack of vehicles and training aids. The training areas consist of the UDF's extensive field firing ranges at Manama, plus practically limitless expanses of sand, sea, or gravel desert, and razor-backed mountain ranges going up to 5,000 feet.

Time was very short for all three companies since all the airlifts tended to fly outward at the latest forecast time and recover at the earliest. B and C Companies were able to get over this to some extent by camping on the actual range, two hours across the desert from the MAT base in Sharjah. They found it extremely hot, but even so, April in Sharjah is rightly said to be a cool month compared with June, when A Company went. A Company recce party took one look at the B and C Company campsite at midday in June and withdrew to live at MAT and recast the training programme so as to start in the middle of the night and finish by 10.30.

Actual training was realistic since ammunition for once was plentiful, and the field firing ranges allowed ample space for tactical fire and movement. A considerable problem met by B and C Companies in the 'cooler' season was that local Bedu children, scouting for empty cases (cartridge cases are so prized as to be virtually a form of currency in the Gulf), would have to be painstakingly searched for and winkled out of downrange vantage points before firing could begin; sometimes they would overtake the point section during advance to contacts. By the same token, no targets or training aids could ever be left out on the ranges, since they would infallibly vanish overnight. Old Arabian hands would know all about these inconvenient facts of desert life, but British units, with an image to keep up, can hardly adopt the normal old-Arabian-hand SOP of clearing any range simply by opening fire down it. B Company found a limpid pool to swim in, which wasn't good enough for C Company's medical detachment! They zealously sterilised it, whereupon all the fish and creeping things rose dead to the surface and rotted there for the remainder of the exercise.

Despite these drawbacks, all three 'Hopover' exercises were good value, and Cyprus, true to forecasts, certainly did look 300 per cent more attractive once we had stepped off the aircraft back at Akrotiri.



I ONLY CAME FOR THE BEER
 (Champion rifle shot Cyprus 1973—L./Cpl. David Cheong.

Shooting 1973

The Battalion shooting team met with considerable success in the 1973 season, but left plenty of room for improvement and a sense of anticipation for 1974. Although it was the first time that we had brought any silver back from Bisley, our performance there was a little disappointing.

Our own meeting, from which C Company emerged the winners, was notable only for the mediocrity of the scores and the in-fighting amongst the team captains. However, it proved a basis for team selection for the NEARELF meeting, which was run on a minor unit basis. Our three teams, Command, C and B Companies, came first, second and fourth from sixteen entries. In addition, we won all team and individual competitions except for the falling plate, pistol and target rifle events. Seven members of the Battalion got in the GOC's XX, with six of them in the first eight. L/Cpl. Cheong was the clear and decisive NEARELF individual rifle champion.

This augured well for Bisley, but we suffered from two disadvantages. Firstly, we had lost a certain amount of experience by not sending a team in 1972, and, secondly, we were unable to get the whole team together to practise in England until ten days before the meeting. The meeting is invariably dominated by four or five teams and it must be our clear aim to get amongst them. Our final position of 14 out of 62 belied our true worth; however, winning the Royal Ulster Rifles Cup for falling plate from 143 entries provided a 'nail-biting' spectacle. The team consisted of Cpl. Denny, L/Cpls. Cheong and Wharton, and Pte. Sluggett. L/Cpl. Cheong's performance in winning the Army Hundred Cup was a great achievement, all the more so because he won it on a reshoot after all other shooting had stopped, and with several thousand pairs of eyes on him scored a cool 48 in a rapid practice. He and Pte. Sluggett both got in the Army 100 with L/Cpl. Wharton and Major Long just missing out at 106 and 112 respectively. CSgt. Smith got in the SMG XXX again, and the remaining members of the team were Sgts. Jones and Spauls, with Captain Tilley as non-firing team captain.

It is worth recording that the Battalion in its present form (i.e., since 1959) has won every divisional/district level meeting that it has entered for. Next year, however, we shall be competing against 10 GR at this level. They are the current holders of the Major Unit Championship at Bisley—'a good game to win'!

FAMILIES OFFICE

In the last edition of 'Castle' these notes appeared under the doubtful heading of 'Family Affairs'. As part of the new image, it was thought that a more conventional heading was required.

The Families Office is now directed by Capt Mike Kinson and WO2 Reg Callaghan, Major David Ingle having finally reached retirement after many years of Family Officer duties. Capt Kinson immediately showed how seriously he took this important appointment by arranging for his wife to produce a baby son three days after he started work as UFO. A quick census reveals that 137 babies have now been born in Cyprus during this tour, so the Virile Vikings certainly are virile.

With 350 families on the island, most of whom change residence at least once during their tour, the Families Office are kept busy coping with problems of life on this idyllic island. Much assistance has been given to the Wives Club, and beach trips whilst the Battalion was training in Kenya were especially popular. A successful Summer Dance was held, but the problems of the very wide dispersal of our families make social events difficult. Thoughts are already turning to Tidworth, where every one will be in straight lines, and the Families Officer is already so inundated with Tidworth questions he hardly has time to fill in daily questionnaires sent out by 1st Battalion The Royal Scots.

BAND NOTES

As last year's tour of Israel and Turkey was so successful, it came as no surprise that we should be asked once again to reappear.

Our visit coincided with the Tel Aviv Festival, and although our many public concerts and Marching Displays gave great pleasure to thousands of Israelis and tourists alike, the highlight of our short stay was the tremendous variety show held in the 10,000-seater indoor stadium for the Miss Tel Aviv beauty contest. The programme was due to start at 7.30, but did not commence until nearly 9.00. On enquiry as to the delay, we were told by the organisers that every person entering the building had to be searched for weapons. In fact everywhere we played stringent security precautions were always in force. These problems, however, did not deter from the performance of the Band or the line-up of beauties on parade.

The Embassy Staff very kindly laid on a trip to Jerusalem and the surrounding countryside. The greenery, forests and fields made a change from the never ending scrub and semi-desert of Cyprus.

After a short break in Episkopi we flew out to Ankara for engagements in the British Embassy. We met up with some old friends from last year, and as then, we stayed with the families of the Embassy Staff.

The hospitality shown to us was overwhelming. As the British Community is somewhat small, any new faces are welcomed. The Show-

Royal Anglian wives on their marks to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake race. From left to right: Mrs. Sandra Smith, Mrs. Enid Fraser, Mrs. June Kent, Mrs. Lillian McAnally.





Drum Major Douglas May and the Drum Major 1st Kenya Rifles have a chat during the Nairobi Show at which the two bands combined to give a Display.

band, with 'Baz' Starbuck's Golden Trumpet hitting the high C's, opened the visit with a grand dance held in the Embassy grounds. The following day a fanfare of trumpets heralded the British Ambassador as he opened the Queen's Birthday party. This reception brought together all the Military and Foreign Office Staff of all nations having diplomatic relations with Turkey. In the evening, to a select audience resplendent in their full dress, we performed with all pomp and circumstance the ceremony of Beating Retreat.

After a most depressing ten-hour drive on some of the world's worst roads we arrived in the magnificent city of Istanbul. The programme of events was more or less the same as in Ankara. A reception, marching display, and a grand ball. We had some competition during the evening of the ball from a local discotheque playing outside the Consulate grounds, but with the help of our new amplification equipment the locals had to concede defeat.

A proposed tour to the Lebanon had to be cancelled at the last minute owing to the dodgy situation in the Middle East, so we took a deep breath and went all out to prepare for the visit to Kenya.

The presence of a British Military Band in Kenya, the first for ten years, brought back many pleasant nostalgic memories to the small British and European community. We were not allowed, for diplomatic reasons, to play the British National Anthem, but as we always finished our concerts with the Regimental March, it was felt that the stirring strains of Rule Britannia amply compensated for the omission.

A dance was held one evening for the local Police Benevolent Fund, due to commence at 8 p.m. Over an hour later the place was still empty! Surely, we thought, this will be an almighty flop, but our host, the Chief of Police, assured us that at 10 p.m. the hall would be packed to capacity. Lo and behold, at the appointed hour the dance floor was overflowing. 'How could you be sure,' we asked, 'that the people would turn up?' 'No problem at all,' replied the Chief, 'I closed down all the bars and dance halls in the area. They must come here or go thirsty.' The evening was an assured success.

We moved into Nairobi for the second half of our tour and took part in the Nairobi Agricultural Show. We joined forces with the Kenya



Members of the band were used during the filming for the TV series 'The Regiment', with one of the stars of the film. On the left Sgt. Daniel Harper and S/Sgt. Basil Starbuck.

Army Band Corps, the Prison Service and the Kenya Police Bands to form a Massed Formation of 600 musicians, which included Corps of Drums. Three performances a day were given: Retreat, Display, and a Grand Finale Tattoo. During this time we also gave concerts, which included a lunch-time performance at the High Commissioner's Residence.

The Curium Concerts have been proving even more popular, this summer season the concerts being heard by audiences numbering just over 10,000.

We welcome Bds. White, who joined us from Bassingbourn, and congratulations to SSgt. Stewart, Sgt. Philbrick, Cpl. Harrod, L/Cpls. Coleman and Hill on their promotions, and champagne to SSgt. Starbuck for the birth of son Adrian.

MOUNT KENYA CLIMB

It was decided that whilst in Kenya six members of the Viking Climbing Club would attempt to top Mount Kenya. It was, as it turned out, an ambitious decision.

The six members of the club, led by Capt. Tom Thomas, who expressed a wish to get out of a week's training by swanning on the mountain, were Lt. Kit Stallard, 2Lt. George Tomlin, Cpl. Charlie Shirley, Ptes. Paul Smith and 'Sarn't Major' Higley.

Unfortunately, Pte. Smith was involved in a road accident and was medivaced to Cyprus. Then there were five.

The problems facing us were multiple. First and most important was the altitude. At 17,000 feet all movement is sluggish and it is an effort to do the slightest task. After prolonged periods major apathy sets in accompanied by depression. We all suffered from stabbing headaches.

Secondly was the expense; we needed eight porters to carry our rations and equipments. With the help of a William Nuttall, universally known as Minto, we managed to organise cold-weather clothing and porters quite cheaply.

Then there was the problem of the route up the mountain. Mount Kenya's 17,058 feet had only been climbed nine times up to the second world war. All routes up the mountain are graded at least IV, which is Mild Severe. It was very easy from two miles away to plump for that gully or that spur, but the obvious routes were nearly all unclimbed.

As Mount Kenya is on the equator, the weather is very peculiar. What should be burn-

ing hot is freezing cold, because of the altitude. The seasons are divided on the mountain. When its summer on the Southern face it's winter on the Northern face, and vice-versa.

Despite all, the four of us (Tom Thomas having to work a little longer than most!) set off. Our first day's march was halted by a large bull buffalo not twenty yards from camp. We cowered and imagined sudden gory death, when an African rushed past us shouting, swearing and throwing rocks at the beast, which retired and left us to continue our march with eyeballs on stalks! Even at 10,000 feet movement was hard and oxygen scarce. The next obstacle was a vertical bog, glutinous mud two feet deep interspersed with twelve-foot heather and elephant grass. Nearer the mountain, we saw giant lobelias and groundsel. The groundsel grew in woods up to 15 feet high. We were always on the lookout for the 20-foot budgie! At our first camp, Klarwells hut, we were beset by Giant Rock Hydrax, a rat-like animal, up to two feet long, whose nearest relative is the elephant.

The second day dawned on 'Sarn't Major' Higley's breakfast congealing in a mess tin. The only man to manage to make corned beef into porridge. So much for our high-protein diet. Feeling very solid, we set out for the Tyndal Glacier to do some training. The mountain was magnificent, a yellowish colour with the dramatic hanging Heim and Forel glaciers tacked on to the side. There is a basic difference to climbing on snow and ice on the equator, which we discovered early on! The snow is slushy and the ice like diamond. Crampons fill with snow rapidly and have to be extremely sharp to grip on ice. Cpl. 'Charlie Shirley was in agony, as he had a common high altitude ailment. He found sitting on ice soothing, but it did nothing to improve his condition. On our return, a bit dispirited and overwhelmed by the mountain, Tom Thomas was there to meet us.

He had an ambitious plan: two lifts to the assault camp the following day. It was over a thousand feet up in as many yards. However, it was accomplished and we settled down, shattered, for our first night at 14,800 feet. That night we decided, with the help of Phil Snyder, the mountain warden, that the route we should take would be on the south-east corner, mainly over snow and ice with only four hard pitches.

Up with the sparrow the following morning, we made for the base of the Darwin Glacier to get the feel of the mountain. The glacier took

two hours to climb the first day; later on we were climbing it in fifty minutes. Tom Thomas and Kit Stallard led, leaving the others to experiment and practise their techniques under the watchful eye of George Tomlin. Tom Thomas had been climbing without his mitts when he noticed his fingers were grey. After five very painful minutes hopping from one crampon to the other we set off down again.

Feeling more optimistic, we set out again the next day and managed a tricky move on to the snowfield above the Darwin. However, the author had neglected to dry his boots thoroughly and was suffering from a frozen foot. When we returned, George Tomlin, Charlie Shirley and the 'Sarn't Major' dropped out. We all would have quite cheerfully gone home but for some morbid fascination the mountain had over us. Then there were two.

After a day of preparation the two set out to top Batain, the highest peak. After two hours' rough march it was still dark, but we had reached the foot of the Darwin. We fairly ran up the Darwin and the snowfield, pausing only to quiver at the drop below us. We had made the decision to go unroped mainly because of speed and also the lack of belays available.

Our next problem lay in the Diamond glacier, so called because it is so hard. Trying to get a grip on soft snow or hard ice is no fun. However, we made it and decided that we would try a different route down. Sitting astride the Gate of Mists, a snow cornice between the two highest peaks, we experienced the odd sensation of seeing summer and blue skies on one side of the mountain and winter mists on the other.

From here on it was rock work, so Tom Thomas took the lead on very thin holds. He pulled me up after him and by one o'clock we were at the summit, in swirling mists. After a quick smoke and photographs, we started the descent, which was to take us over Nelion, the second highest peak (17,022 ft.).

Recrossing the Gate of Mists, Tom Thomas's crampon came off. This is supposed to be certain death for mountaineers, but somehow he managed to creep back, crampon in teeth, and refix it. Setting out again rather shakily, we topped Nelion at 4 p.m.

On top of Nelion there is a small emergency bivouac, the Lobonar Hut, where because of the late hour we decided to stay. An uncomfortable night was made worthwhile by the sunrise and sunset, which were spectacular. The shadow of the mountain reached to the horizon in a deep purple glow.

At dawn, Kilimanjaro could be clearly seen poking through the cloud. The experience of standing in sunlight and seeing the rest of the world in the night was extraordinary.

At seven o'clock we started the descent, and nine hours later were back at the camp. Nine hours of almost vertical descent, wishing the whole time one was three thousand feet lower.

After a tedious night descent of the vertical bog we were back in Nanyuki, savouring the delights of a monster meal.

For the rest of our time in Kenya we were continually wondering if it had all really happened.

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5th (Volunteer) Battalion

A Good Life

Learning new skills

There's more and more evidence—and those of us who are involved in TAVR are very much aware of it—that young people who have outgrown youth clubs and aren't willing to settle for bar billiards in the local are recognising in the TAVR an opportunity not only to learn new skills—but to put themselves in the way of new challenges, of different problems.

Tremendous opportunities

Certainly there are very sound, very obvious reasons why the UK needs a fully-trained reserve army; but the difference now is one of standards. Nowadays, the reserve army demands men of high calibre, for they will be expected to slot into a military scheme alongside regular army troops smoothly, efficiently and effectively.

At the moment, there are tremendous opportunities for young men who want to become officers in the TAVR. You might have seen the advertisements in the newspapers recently where the regular army has been explaining pretty bluntly what kind of man it needs to be an officer. Let's be quite clear about it; those standards are also those of the TAVR. We too, need men of action, decision, determination and maturity, people who are fully involved in their communities, their companies, their careers—and yet have the will and energy to fulfil the role of soldiers.

A tall order?

Maybe.

But you might fit: you might be that kind of person who would be able to say to a squad of soldiers, 'Follow me'—and not get an Anglo-Saxon reply!

The challenge is enormous. Young executives so seldom have the opportunity to lead, and so have little experience of how to handle awkward personnel situations when they arise—or, more importantly, to anticipate and so

avoid them. The reserve army provides these opportunities for leadership, for man-management and communication, the very factors needed constantly in any sphere of industrial life. 'But,' says the critics, 'you have the Army Act to back you up'!

Extra experience

Well, most of us think that invoking the Army Act—especially where volunteers are concerned—is a confession of failure.

The Armoured Corps, the Gunners, the Infantry, Signals, Transport, Engineers—the whole spectrum is open to you if you are interested. Any commanding officer of any TAVR unit will demonstrate to you that the TAVR is a sound, cost-effective system. And it doesn't take much thought to realise that the opportunities in the reserve army will provide that extra experience that must help in a 'normal' career.

Think about it—and join us.

In February Lt.-Col. J. R. Heath, after a very active tour of command, moved to a Staff appointment with Headquarters UKLF. At his dining out by the Officers of the Battalion Lt.-Col. Heath was presented with a silver salver.

This year we have endeavoured to master two techniques new to us. The arts of Counter Revolutionary Warfare and Deep Penetration have taken us into fresh ground and have provided very interesting training for everyone.

The Support Weapons platoons showed their paces at the winter concentration at Warcop in November. In the Battalion, the Support Weapons are permanently grouped in four of the companies for ease of training so that 1 and 5 Companies each have 4 MOBATs and 2 and 4 Companies each have 4 x 81 mm. Mortars. The exception is 3 Company which is allocated to 3 Division on mobilisation and has retained a mix of 2 WOMBATs and 2 x 81 mm Mortars. The journey to Warcop for some Companies is a formidable one, taking over nine hours and gale force winds and driving rain did little to

help matters. The crews of 3 Company's open WOMBAT vehicles fared worst despite their 'suits foul weather'. However, despite the wet journey, everyone bounced into form on the Saturday morning and after zeroing some very good shooting was carried out.

The new training year commenced with a flurry of activity in March as every member of the Battalion was put through his individual efficiency tests at a series of test weekends run at Stanford Training Area. The standard was very high, even amongst those who had recently joined.

1 (Suffolk) Company's Anti Tank Platoon, commanded by Lt. Fred Searle and coached by Sgts. Garrod and Seaber, proved to be the undisputed experts, taking first and second places in the inter Company competition.

The Mortars also carried out a competitive programme and the overall standard was high. 3 (Essex) Company Mortar Section commanded by Lt. Alec Wilson, assisted by S/Sgt Grätze and Sgt. Brighton, took first place.



I'm commandeering your bike mate! Another Company test exercise. The participants are too heavily disguised to recognise.

CO's Test Exercise

We then moved into the period of CO's Exercises when each Company is faced with an exercise set by the CO to determine their ability in a particular role. This year the exercises proved to be both interesting and demanding, but laced with some quite amusing situations. The first part of each exercise was related to Counter Revolutionary Warfare and then as night fell each Company had to carry out a deep penetration manoeuvre of some twelve miles to attack an enemy base area.

For this series of four weekends the CO with questionable expertise managed to select dates that corresponded with weather conditions ranging from bad to—awful! Indeed, 2 (Lincoln) Company attended Stanford Training Area in April in a state of considerable anticipation and several jars of suntan cream, but were treated to the coldest night temperature recorded in that area for twenty years!

One feature of the exercises was the enemy, produced mainly by the Support Platoon of the company being exercised. As the enemy for the CRW phase were required to be civilian dressed terrorist type, the demand brought considerable response from what would seem to be



4 Company test exercise. The end of the line for two terrorists!

a large number of frustrated actors in the Battalion. One remembers vividly Pte. 'Sir Oliver' Phillpot of 2 Company playing a range of parts from 'old hill farmer' to 'political crowd raiser'. Lt. 'The Nick' Kelsey, also from 2 Company, proved to be a great partisan leader with the cry of 'form a line in front of me lads—I'm right behind you!' whenever faced by the troops. During 4 (Leicester) Company's exercise a very puzzled Platoon Commander at a road block was never quite certain whether

the civilian lorry driver whose lorry had broken down 'just down the road', was in fact a genuine civilian or the enemy, and was a very worried man until the umpires told him the truth.

The series of exercises showed that the companies had indeed managed to master the basics of these two new tasks although there were obviously one or two matters that still needed further training.

In May, to the envy of the remainder of the Battalion, 4 (Royal Leicestershire) Company, reinforced with a platoon from 1 Company based on Ipswich and with a few individuals from 3 and HQ Companies, left for their Annual Camp, which this year was in Gibraltar. With such a target in sight there was no trouble at all in gathering together the 120 all ranks on Friday evening, 25th May, for a long night drive to Brize Norton and a dawn takeoff.

The Camp training was unusual in that the Company was given the responsibility for guarding the Land Frontier with Spain. Normal infantry company training occupied the time remaining after this considerable commitment had been met.

The Company had a good start, being welcomed at the airport by Lt.-Col. Jimmy Hughes, of the Regiment, GSO1 Fortress HQ, so the Company was amongst its own!

The daily routine was to have one platoon on guard duty and two platoons training. After the wide open spaces of Stanford, the training areas available on the Rock were minute, but in spite of this, much useful training was carried out.

On the social side the Company was made very welcome by the Gibraltar Regiment, to whom the Regiment is affiliated, and their hospitality was outstanding. The end of camp came all too soon. The change from weekend soldiering to being part of a regular military garrison had been achieved with few problems and little fuss, and the fact that we had successfully done a real job of work alongside the Regulars gave all ranks a great deal of satisfaction.

In June all our Companies competed at the Eastern District Skill at Arms meeting held on the Fingringhoe ranges, Colchester. The very large number of Regular Army and TAVR entries required some 17 hours of shooting to decide the various events and the range officials deserved great credit for the smooth running of the meeting.

3 (Essex) Company repeated their success of the last four years and against stiff opposition

won the Essex County Shield for the overall TAVR championship. To gain the award they had won the Rifle Match team event, the Suffolk Cup, and the GPMG Team challenge shield. They were also runners up by a narrow margin to 'C' Company 6 Royal Anglian in the Section Match. Ptes. Hempstead and Gray of 3 Company, both with less than a year's service, won the GPMG 'B' Pairs. 1 (Suffolk) Company represented by Cpl. West and Pte. Jefferies won the GPMG 'A' Pairs by a one point margin from a 3 (Essex) Company pair.

In the falling plate competition teams from 2 (Royal Lincolnshire) and 3 (Essex) Companies won their way through several rounds to the semi finals where teams from 'D' Company Mercian Volunteers were too good for them.

The 'brains' of the Battalion were put to the test in late June with a Command Post Exercise run in conjunction with the Commanding Officer's exercise for 5 (Hertford) Company at Stanford Training Area. A hectic weekend covering most of the known phases of war plus one or two that are unknown, tested the various command elements to the full and prepared them for further efforts at Camp later in the year.

Amid all the activity of the early part of the year a great deal of work had been going on behind the scenes for the visit of our Colonel in Chief Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother to Bassingbourn Barracks on 14th July to see the TAVR Battalions of the Regiment. The result of all the hard work by a planning team headed by the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Pat Hopper, was a very smooth running and enjoyable day.

The events of the day are covered elsewhere in 'Castle', but our own part is recorded here.

ROYAL VISIT

As the sky darkened with impending rain Her Majesty arrived at the Officers' Mess for a photograph to be taken with the TAVR Officers. Our Mess Sergeant, Sgt. Hargraves, supervised the meal and Cpl. Weed was one of the waiters provided by our Battalion. They carried out a difficult task in a most professional manner. During the meal our Band played a selection of light music adding the final touch to a memorable event. The Bandmaster WO.1 (BM) B. W. Crossman, L(Mus.), T.C.L., A.R.C.M., was presented to Her Majesty, who complimented him on the performance of the Band.

After lunch it was 'all systems go' for our

Battalion. The 2IC and the Company Commanders had just 15 minutes to change from Service Dress to Combat Kit and get from the Officers' Mess to the display area. Such speed after such a fine lunch was not welcome but after some eventful moments all arrived at the displays in time. Everyone was thankful that the brief rainstorm had passed over and there was every chance of a dry afternoon.

Promptly at 1420 the gleaming maroon Royal car came to a halt outside the Battalion Command Post consisting of three camouflaged radio vehicles and shelters. The CO guided Her Majesty round the various displays. At the Command Post the Second-in-Command and RSM were both presented and L/Cpl. Richards from Corby had a long conversation with the Queen Mother.

The Royal Party then moved on to 2 (Lincoln) Company display of 81 mm. Mortars coming into action, the crews being under the command of Capt. Harris. A very slick display showed Her Majesty the speed with which these weapons can be deployed and fired, and she complimented the crews on their ability. Next on the circuit was 5 (Hertford) Company where Major P. King and his men demonstrated the 66 mm. and 84 mm. anti tank weapons. Both weapons were brought into action against the 'Hertford Heavy Tank', a very good home made tank target. Once again the Queen Mother showed great interest and spent some time talking to the display team.

1 (Suffolk) Company were next, giving a polished performance of the GPMG (SF) engaging distant targets. Major Barry James explained the subtleties of dial sights and fixed lines and was able to introduce his brother, Lt. Bruce James, commanding the gun teams.

The Queen Mother then moved on to where a 4 ton cargo lorry lay on its side. This was not the result of over enthusiastic driving, but part of a demonstration by the REME members of HQ Company. With impressive speed—and a little wheelspin on the wet grass—the four man team with the aid of a winch truck and tackle righted the vehicle, and prepared it for towing. Major Freeman, OC HQ Company, presented the members of the team to Her Majesty.

Next to be visited were 4 (Leicester) Company. Major Wilson had the difficult task of demonstrating the A13, C42 and A41 wireless sets, but with great ingenuity an interesting display was produced. The Queen Mother showed great interest and asked a number of questions from the team.

The final display was by 3 (Essex) Company. As Her Majesty was greeted by Major Nightingale, two Landrovers mounting Wombat anti tank guns drove into the arena. Both guns came into action, one mounted and one dismounted, with impressive speed against a dreaded newcomer to the armoured scene, the Grätze Car. This was a most realistic looking armoured car built from hardboard mounted on a Land Rover by S/Sgt. Grätze of 3 Company. To everyone's delight the car received a direct hit and with smoke pouring from the hull the crew bailed out. The Queen Mother then spoke to a number of 3 Company soldiers and congratulated them on a fine display.

The displays over, the soldiers who had taken part and their families moved to the tea party area where once again the Mess staff had done a lot of work on the layout and presentation of the meal. The band again played to provide the right atmosphere for the garden party. The Queen Mother was anxious to meet as many families as possible and, spending only a short time over tea, she was soon moving slowly down the length of the enclosure speaking to a large number of our wives and children. Then with her characteristic wave the Queen Mother drove to the waiting Helicopter. As the machine slowly gained height and flew low over the airfield Her Majesty could be clearly seen waving a white handkerchief.

So ended a most eventful day in our life. We were pleased and proud to be able to entertain our Colonel in Chief and from all accounts Her Majesty enjoyed her visit to her TAVR Battalions.

Members of the Battalion taking part in the displays

Bn HQ—Command Post and HQ Company—Vehicle Recovery: Major Tomkins, Lt. Elsey, 2/Lt. Alexander, WO.I Harris, Sgts. Litchfield, Lamb, Allen, Cpl. Metcalfe, L/Cpls. Richards, Binley, Ptes. Gillies Simpson and Bingham.

Major Freeman, Sgt. Dobbs, Cpl. Cunningham, Cfn. Clarke and Cfn. Rennie.

1 Company GPMG—SF Demonstration: Major James, Lt. James, Sgts. Brown and Garrod, Cpl. Ammiss, L/Cpl. Dunnage, Ptes. Studd and Worby.

2 Company—81 mm. Mortar Demonstration: Capt. Harris, 2/Lt. Newsum O/Cdt. Phillpot, Sgt. Bilton, Cpls. Cavill, Holder, L/Cpls. Freeman, Moate, Ptes. Eaglen, Darbyshire, Close, Riley, Goodman.

3 Company—Wombat Demonstration: Major Nightingale, Lt. Wilson, S/Sgt. Gratzke, Sgts. Goodall and Wilcox, Cpls. Bentley, Salmon, L/Cpls. Davies, Flower, Bellhouse, Cole, Rose, Ptes. Turroff, Cook, Gates, Kemp.

4 Company—Wireless Demonstration: Major Wilson, Lt. George, Sgt. Proud, Cpl. Smith, Ptes. Parmer and Kerrigan.

5 Company—66 mm. and 84 mm. Anti Tank Demonstration: Major King, 2/Lt. Cannon, Sgts. Pryor and Perry, Cpls. Burrows, Fisher, Onley, L/Cpls. Simmonds, Parrish, Ptes. Sparkes Ingram, Pittkin.

The following is the text of a letter sent to the Commanding Officer by the Colonel of the Regiment:

'You must have felt pleased on Saturday that all your hard work of planning and co-ordination worked out so well and produced such a successful and happy day. Many thanks indeed for all that you and your Battalion staff did on behalf of the Regiment.

'I am quite sure the Colonel-in-Chief was very pleased with everything and now feels that she knows more about the Regiment and particularly the TAVR. Your officers and soldiers gave really excellent training displays. Queen Elizabeth was particularly impressed with the spirit and keenness of the Volunteers and the good attitude of their wives. The visit should give a good fillip to volunteer soldiering and that was one of my main aims in organising the visit in that particular way. I would also like to mention Sgt. Hargrave and all the mess staffs and volunteer waiters who did so well in serving lunch. They were splendid and gave a nice tone to the Mess.

'Your Band too under Mr. Crossman played very well at lunch and tea and added much to the occasion. Would you please pass on my thanks to Mr. Crossman and Sgt. Hargrave.

'Finally, I am tremendously grateful to you personally for all that you did to make Saturday such a success.'

At the end of July the officers were pleased to see many old friends at the Battalion Cocktail Party, held at Peterborough. Well over 100 guests, including many friends from Bassingbourn, were entertained in the Drill Hall. Masses of flowers, our best silver and the gentle tones of our Band transformed the hall into a very pleasant room. The Mess Staff carried out their duties with perfection and to all accounts our guests enjoyed themselves. It is unfortunately only on rare occasions that the Battalion has an opportunity to say a sincere

'thank you' to all our friends and supporters but we are most grateful for their help.

Our 'health and beauty' experts took the field in August when the annual expedition to the Peak District took place over the August holiday weekend. This is a very popular event when small groups are instructed in the arts of fell walking, climbing, pot holing and canoeing. An energetic and enjoyable weekend was spent by everyone.

The Major Hooton Trophy

During this early part of the year the Battalion's drivers were able to prove their worth in the Battalion MT Rally 'Ex Winter Gear'. This is an annual event to compete for the Major Hooton Trophy. Twenty-eight Land Rovers, each with a crew of two, entered the event which took the competitors along main and minor roads, and muddy tracks in Norfolk, Lincolnshire and Peterborough area. Ice was quite a problem during one section and another, with several stream crossings, claimed some victims. Sitting at one ford waiting for help L/Cpl. Jakeman and Cpl. Watson (4 Leicester) Coy. were more than a little surprised to see two Land Rovers drive past them—not only past them straight over the ford—but up the stream!

Craftsman Andy Ward, a former prize winner from 3 (Essex) Coy had a rear half-shaft snap early on in the night run. However, he just placed the vehicle in four wheel drive and with the front wheel traction only, completed the whole course.

The eventual overall winners were HQ Coy. 'A' team—Cpl. C. F. Berrisford, Pte. N. Pertill, Pte. D. E. Bright and Pte. J. Key. The best driver/navigator award went to Pte. Bright and Pte. Key and the best driver prize was won by Cpl. David Head of 5 (Hertford) Coy.



Bn. MT Rally—Ex 'Winter Gear'. A ½-ton crosses a ford during the night run.



5 Company Mobats in action under the supervision of Sgt. Ken Lacey.

Camp 1973

It must be freely admitted that to the majority of the Battalion the thought of Warcop as the location of Annual Camp, in particular during late September, did not seem to be the best of choices. Many envious looks were passed and 'snide holiday remarks' made of those members of 1 and 4 Companies who had already been to Camp in Gibraltar.

However, the 'proof of the pudding etc.' proved to be a very wise saying and Camp 73 turned out to be highly enjoyable and full of very worthwhile training.

No small measure of the success of camp was due to the good accommodation at Warcop and to the helpful attitude of the administrative staff and range wardens. The ranges, being very close to the camp and well laid out, enabled full use to be made of them.

Last but not least the weather was on our side for most of the two weeks, and who will forget those first few hot and sunny days 'midst the delightful scenery of Westmorland? Equally, who will forget that torrential rain during the Night Withdrawal of the FTX.

The speed with which the various administrative departments of the Battalion set up shop on the first Saturday of camp reflected great credit on both the advance party and those arriving on that Saturday. By 1900 hours after considerable journeys, some over 270 miles, the Battalion was all set to go with just under 400 all ranks in camp.

The journey to camp provided quite a few stories, but undoubtedly the best was that of

Pte Larcombe of 5 Company (Hertfordshire). Having missed the Company transport at the Training Centre, Hertford, due to a late demand at work he set off on his 50 cc. Honda to arrive at Warcop some nine hours later. Such determination won the praise of the Commanding Officer, and no wonder!

The first Sunday in camp passed quickly with recess of the training areas and general preparation. In the evening the old 5th Battalion tradition was enacted to pay homage to the Gods of Rain at Annual Camp by observing a Pagan rite which dates back to the days of the Ancient Britons. At a given signal, and led by the RSM, all Warrant Officers and Senior NCOs converge upon the Officers' Mess to be welcomed by the inhabitants. The object of the exercise is to appease the Gods by consuming as much 'rain' as possible in a limited time. As the ceremony is purely symbolic those taking part have to make do with whisky, gin, rum and any other liquid which happens to be on the shelves. The ceremony ends with another 'given signal' which is known as 'The Nod'. As the signal is transmitted by the RSM no-one has yet discovered a legitimate reason for ignoring it. A quick stock check after this ceremony made by those who could still count indicated that there should be no rain in the area for 57 days. Well, we were nearly right!

In bright sunshine and high temperatures, training got under way and the ranges were fully occupied with field firing both by the in-



Anti Tank Platoon live firing.

fantry companies and by the Support Weapons. A Junior NCO Cadre was run for two days to teach methods of instruction. The Signals and MT Sections were hard at work providing essential services and those other hard worked specialists, the cooks produced a flow of excellent meals. Some of us also made use of the expertise of the Camp Medical Centre manned by our own MO and his happy pill dispensers! (No, not THAT pill!)

Each Company spent 24 hours away from Camp on the Catterick ranges where they undertook some night firing exercises.

The Battalion was very pleased this year to see the Band at Camp who joined with The Corps of Drums and provided a series of musical events during the first week. In particular a concert at the main dining room during the evening meal was much appreciated. They performed at both the Sergeants' and Officers' Messes and also gave a concert at the Kings Head in Appleby. Finally on the first Friday of camp prior to the Officers' Mess Guest Night they gave a most impressive display of Beating Retreat.



A 4 Company Mortar in action. Manned by Pte. Parmar and team.

On the first Wednesday of camp the Battalion received a visit from Lt.-General Sir Allan Taylor, Deputy C-in-C UKLF, who is very much concerned with TAVR matters. He saw a great deal and commented very favourably on the Battalion's performance.

The next day we were delighted to welcome Brigadier 'Nottingham', Brigadier Andrew Mayes. His visit was slightly curtailed as his helicopter was diverted to Barnard Castle owing to bad weather, but he was able to see a lot of training.

We welcome the great interest shown in the Battalion by our many friends and thank them for their support in so many areas. The 14th September was visitors' day and the following were present: The Colonel of the Regiment; Col. G. S. H. Dicker, Chairman TAVRA East Anglia; Col. A. de S. Clayton, Secretary TAVRA East Anglia; Col. G. A. Wharton, Chairman TAVRA East Midlands; Col. S. H. Clark, Secretary, TAVR East Midlands; Col. A. Fraser-Darling, TAVR Colonel (Midlands); Col. J. P. Davey, TAVR Colonel (South); Col. W. A. Heal, Honorary Colonel (Suffolk); Col. B. S. Foster, Honorary Colonel (Lincolnshire); Col. Sir Arthur Noble, Honorary Colonel (Essex); Col. R. A. Humbert, Honorary Colonel



Men of 5 Company (Hertfordshire Horse) searching for bandits on Murton Fell during exercise Bracken Bender. 'Pick up the step No. 2.'

(Herts.), Col. F. G. Barber, Honorary Colonel (Hunts. & Peterborough); Lt.-Col. W. G. Wallace, CO 7th (Volunteer) Battalion.

On Saturday morning the Battalion relaxed—at least that was supposed to be the general idea. This relaxation took the form of blood sports in the shape of inter Company football and orienteering. The former was termed a knockout tournament and this could be used as a general description to the games. The two teams left standing to play off in the final held on the following Thursday were 2 and 5 Companies. In the orienteering 5 and HQ Companies shared the honours so all in all 5 Company showed up very well indeed. After this gentle relaxation the Battalion was released until first parade on Sunday and a general move took place to Blackpool and various parts of the Lake District.

However, despite the glamour of the city lights, the Battalion was all present and correct for the Church Parade on Sunday morning. Our Padre, the Reverend Ken Belben, conducted the service. The Band played the hymns. After the service the Commanding Officer presented the following awards:

S/Sgt. H. E. Waters—1st clasp to TEM.

S/Sgt. R. D. Gratzke—TEM.

Cpl. G. H. Salt—TEM.

Bdsm. R. J. W. Watson—TEM.

Cpl. J. Millar—Lord Lieutenant's Certificate.

Behind Cpl. George Salt (of 5 Company) there is a little story. Having gone to Blackpool on Saturday he was taken to the wrong coach

park by a taxi driver for the return trip to camp. Having telephoned the Duty Officer in camp to explain the problem, he then started back to camp. He covered well over 20 miles on foot before he got the first lift and finally arrived in camp half an hour before parade. The state of his blistered feet (those civi shoes!) was not revealed in his smart march forward to receive his TEM from the CO.

Church parade over, the Battalion prepared to move out on the main exercise of camp, designed to last for some 80+ hours. The first stage of the exercise was an Internal Security type operation with Companies deployed in the Catterick training areas. Bn HQ and 5 Company were left on the highest point of the Warcop training area, Murton Pike, to deal with any local insurgents. Monday dawned damp and misty giving the 'locals', played by 1 Company, all the cover they needed to go about their dirty deeds. 5 Company on their little Everest mobilised a section of the Hertford Heavy Horse to hunt the bandits. The Company Commander, Major Peter King, hired a string of hill ponies from the local riding school. The big problem was that the ponies would only move in a certain order and unless the patrol leader was on the correct horse he was never at the front of the patrol. Also saddle sickness was a new one for the MO!

Early on Tuesday the battle flared up and the Battalion had to take up a defensive position on the Warcop Ranges to counter a large scale enemy force. The Sioux helicopter flown by Sgt. Miles, was of great use to the Battalion

Lt.-Gen. Sir Allan Taylor, Deputy C-in-C UKLF watching Mortar Plotters at work. 'Personally I would put Chelsea down for a draw and Spurs for a win at home.'



in carrying out various recces, not the least being to the moon-like top of Murton Pike, where 1 Company had left a Landrover in their haste to get away from 5 Company. That the Landrover was axle deep in bog was a mere detail. Our noble REME experts, Sgt. Dobbs, Cpl. Cunningham, Cfn Clarke, Rennie and Ward by much hard work managed to get a 4 ton vehicle up a track that had never seen anything bigger than a sheep and after 3½ hours recovered the vehicle, much to the relief of all concerned.

Meanwhile the remainder of the Battalion had been faced with a sudden withdrawal to a rest area on the Tuesday night. Whereas the other nights had been mild, dry and bright, Tuesday night was wet, very wet, windy and black, indeed one of the darkest and wettest nights even some of our veterans can remember. The country to be covered was rough and the movement was across the 'grain' of the land. Although some groups were late (Come in No. 3, your time is up), every single man arrived at the rest area where the CQMSs were waiting with a very welcome brew, in the early hours of the morning.

After 'heads-down' for a couple of hours, the Battalion prepared once again for battle. This time it was on advance to contact and the weather was warm and sunny. As the day progressed the Battalion chased the enemy off a succession of hills, each one getting higher and steeper; at least it seemed that way. After a long hard slog the evening meal caught up with the Companies and then the CO said those

magic words 'Exercise Ends', and so we all returned to camp, tired but pleased with our performance over the last few days.

The last two days of camp flew by with a glut of company parties and training and packing up. The final of the football match was played on a very mild sunny afternoon and 2 Company, as expected, beat 5 Company by 3 goals to nil. However, 5 Company played very well and deserve credit for their effort. The Lincoln All Stars, or Haytons Own, played a very skilful game. We hope they do well in the future.

So once again camp is behind us. Much has been learned in the past year and put into practice at camp. The Battalion presented a very professional face and our various visitors were very impressed. Certainly we could carry out our role if required. However, such a high standard cannot be attained unless every member of the Battalion pulls his weight. We all look forward to next year, to train hard and play hard, and we can only hope that camp 1974 at Otterburn in the last two weeks of September will be as good as Warcup 1973.

COMPETITIONS

Reserve Army Driving Championships

The championships were held at Bedford on the weekend 6th-7th October, 1973. 2 Company entered two vehicles crewed by Captain David Harris with Cpl. Cunningham (driver), and Sgt. Bradley with Pte. Atkinson (driver). Captain Harris's vehicle did well to finish 7th overall.



Keep still! Demonstration of a road block and search by the Drums Platoon during the Officers' Study weekend in November '72. The detainee is S/Sgt. Brian Cocksedge, HQ Company, Senior PSI (now serving with 3 R. Anglian).

and Sgt. Bradley finished sufficiently well up in the field for the team to take first place in the championships. A later recount of scores reduced this to second place but this does not detract from the fact that 2 Company put up a fine performance.

We end with a pat on the back for all the hard work and efforts of the Volunteers. The writer of these notes is himself a Volunteer who feels now to have a chance to say 'thank you' to all the Regular staff who devote a tremendous amount of time and effort and enthusiasm to train us to the highest possible standards. Without their example and guidance we would not be in a position to train so well.

So ends another eventful year. The future seems to hold many challenges for us.

Shooting

Eastern District held their Northern Skill at Arms meeting at Beckingham ranges on Sunday, 7th October. The Battalion was well represented and achieved the following noteworthy results:

Rifle match individual runners-up, C/Sgt. Capstaff, HQ Company, L/Cpl. Binley, HQ Company; team runners-up, 2 Company.

LMG pairs, individual winners, WO.II Graves, 2 Company, L/Cpl. Whitworth.

SMG match team runners-up, HQ Company. Falling plate runners-up, 2 Company 'B' team.

IT PAYS TO BE ADVENTUROUS

In a pine forest deep inside northern Germany, a young second-lieutenant was poking around under what passes for the bonnet of a Ferret scout car. It was raining; he was tired after an overnight exercise and the problem he was trying to crack would have to wait until he and his driver had sorted out the machinery.

He looked like any other soldier: combat kit and beret, once shining boots rapidly surrendering to the mud.

I next saw him twenty-four hours later, in 'civvies', at the officers' mess, laying-in on a foundation for a night on the town—a six-course dinner.

All very 'army' you might think. And so it was. Except that this young man is in insurance in a Midland town—and of course, an officer in an engineer regiment of the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve. He's not, by any means, unusual.

The Junior Infantrymen's Wing, Preston

by

Major F. T. Young

The Junior Infantrymen's Wing, Preston, rose phoenix like from the old King's Division Depot in September 1971 when the junior entry threatened to submerge existing junior units.

Now, just two years later it will disappear again as a result of RoSLA (you won't find that in Staff Duties) and Mrs. Thatcher's incredible decision not to allow a year at a junior unit to count as the final year at school.

In its short life JIW has achieved much—over four hundred junior soldiers have passed through Fulwood Barracks and the wing has built up an enviable reputation in both sporting and military fields. Achievements in 1973 include: Winners of the Army Junior Minor Units Athletics Championship; Winners Junior Welsh 3,000; Winners Light Infantry Cup; Winners Gosport-Cherbourg Cross Channel Race in 'Sabre' with the CO Lt.-Col. J. A. C. Bird, QLR, as skipper.

Other activities this year include sending a team to Bisley (Cpl. Burns, Royal Anglian, came 53rd in the Army Hundred). A party of senior boys under 2Lt. Shipley carried out a special expedition in Norway (where they met the fabled Captain Mike Wright, also Royal Anglian, who has not been seen below the tree line for five years . . .) and the formation of a parachute club in which over twenty boys completed a course of four jumps.

It seems a terrible shame that the unit must go but better brains than ours have made the decision. The remaining one hundred and fifty juniors will go to Oswestry and Divisional Depots and the permanent staff (who have included Lt. Stallard and L/Cpl. Gill from the Regiment in addition to those mentioned) will return to their battalions. Fulwood Barracks will remain empty for at least two years . . . better brains did I say? . . .

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

The Seventh Annual Report and Accounts were presented at an Annual General Meeting held at Blenheim Camp, Bury St. Edmunds, on 29th July, 1972.

Colonel J. C. Denny, OBE, MC, Chairman of the Association, took the chair.

One Resolution recommended by the General Committee was adopted which empowered the Executive Committee to appoint an Investment Sub-Committee to act in all matters concerning the investment of the Association's Funds, subject to the Managing Trustees' income requirements.

This report covers the year ending 31st December, 1972, insofar as the Audited Accounts are concerned and the period 1st May, 1972, to 31st July, 1973, in other respects.

Northern Ireland

We have to report the sad news that operations in Northern Ireland took the lives of five soldiers between August, 1972, and 31st July, 1973. Four from the 2nd Battalion and one from the 3rd Battalion. The Association has been fully represented at the funerals, which have all been with full military honours organised by the Regiment's representatives at the Queen's Division Depot. The General Committee has expressed its gratitude to the Commanding Officer of the Depot.

One soldier in the 2nd Battalion was accidentally shot in Londonderry. He, too, was given full military honours.

The Benevolent Committee keeps a watching brief on the bereaved families and offers assistance where needed.

All were members of either the Military Widows Funds or the Single Soldiers' Dependents' Fund, and their next of kin received immediate awards from those Funds.

Committee Membership

The following changes in members have taken place. Major P. W. King and WO.II G. A. Hetherington have replaced Major R. G. Wilson and WO.I H. C. Simmons on the

General and Executive Committees. Lt.-Col. P. D. L. Hopper has replaced Lt.-Col. J. R. Heath as Chairman of the Executive Committee. On the Benevolent Committee, Capt. R. E. Haes has replaced Capt. J. H. Keep. The General Committee recommended the appointment of Lt.-Col. H. S. R. Case, former Suffolk Regiment, to be Case Work Secretary co-opted on to the Benevolent Committee. This became necessary due to staff shortage at the RHQ. The Trustees approved the appointment.

Membership

There are now 3,378 members registered, 544 officers and 2,834 soldiers. 230 new life members joined between 1st May, 1972, and 31st July, 1973.

The Accounts

Net assets representing the Balance of Funds of the Combined Capital Funds Account increased from £3,816 to £5,382. Expenditure was maintained at almost exactly the same figure as last year. Income from the Day's Pay Scheme increased by £900, due largely to increases in Service Pay. Investment income also showed an increase of £170, whilst our profits on sale of regimental regalia rose by £100.

Your Executive Committee recommended that the Benevolent Fund should in future bear 50% of administrative expenses, and that the share of these expenses for 1971 should be paid to the General Fund in the current year. This action, together with the increase in Association Subscriptions and profits from sales of regalia, has resulted in a healthy credit balance in the General Account.

Abridged Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Accounts are shown at the end of this report.

The Investment Committee reported a capital profit on sales of £471. Investment Capital in the Benevolent Fund stands at £21,959 at cost with a market value as on 31st December, 1972, of £24,777.

Your General Committee recommended the adoption of these accounts.

Investment Policy

The planned build-up to reach our Capital target figure of £50,000 by 1975 is falling behind due to the considerably increased expenditure on benevolence over the figure estimated in 1967 (£550) and also inflated administrative costs. Your General Committee has considered the problem and recommends that case grants and grants to former regiment's Associations and to the Army Benevolent Fund must not be restricted and that the planned capital build-up of £50,000 must be delayed until later than 1975 if need be. The increase in investment income and capital profit on sales effected by your Investment Committee will continue to assist the capital build-up plan.

The profit on sales of regimental regalia for 1972 has already been passed in the first six months of this year.

The Day's Pay Scheme

As on 1st July, 1973, 1,626 soldiers were donating a day's pay annually to the Benevolent Fund. This figure reflects a slight decrease in numbers due to poor recruiting figures for the year being outnumbered by soldiers leaving the service. The regimental recruiting organisation is actively trying to remedy this adverse trend and the help of all old comrade members is needed.

The percentage within the Regiment subscribing remains the same at approximately 82%. 97% of serving officers are now subscribing.

The income from the Scheme was £7,957, this being £929 more than in the previous year.

Benevolence

Forty grants have been made since our last report.

The average grant made, not including major rehabilitation grants, was £15 each for 31 cases. Of these no less than 23 were occasioned by action in Northern Ireland, mainly to assist next of kin to visit wounded soldiers more frequently than is permitted under official regulations.

The number of major rehabilitation grants included three occasioned by action in Northern Ireland. Your Association has been able to maintain its assistance to its members in need at a level in pace with the ever-increasing costs of living and general inflation. This is made possible only by the success of the voluntary donation of a day's pay by so many serving officers and soldiers of the Regiment. There are still some who consider the Welfare State should be

able to handle all forms of benevolence. Your Committee is convinced that without the continued support for the Day's Pay Scheme the whole concept of Army Benevolence would collapse, existing funds would quickly be used up and our old comrades from two World Wars, now looked after by our former regiments associations, as well as our own Royal Anglian soldiers, would, when the need arose, be thrown upon the already overburdened State Welfare organisations. Although our financial assistance to the Associations of our former regiments was £320 less than the previous year, the figure of £2,550 given to them in 1972 is likely to be exceeded again in 1973.

Your Committee approved a grant to the Army Benevolent Fund for 1972 of £700. The creditor figure shown in the Balance Sheet of £4,483 includes loans from the Army Benevolent Fund of £2,974. These loans are made to long-service soldiers on retirement to assist them to resettle, pay down payments on house mortgage, or buy furniture. These are not automatic interest-free loans to anyone who wants one; they are interest-free loans made only where the applicant, or his family or dependants would suffer hardship if the loan was not available. They are recoverable through the soldier's terminal grant and therefore short term. Furthermore, they are only made after taking into consideration any grants from Army Central Funds which are available to long-service soldiers in their last year of service. In 1972 the next of kin of all killed in Northern Ireland during the emergency received automatically a grant of £100 from the GOC's Welfare Fund as the result of the Lord Mayor of Belfast's Appeal. This automatic grant has now ceased and your Committee has agreed that the Benevolent Fund shall accept the responsibility of paying the grant in the future. Further, it was agreed that this shall be extended to the next of kin of those killed anywhere in the world under active service conditions such as exists now in Northern Ireland.

Annual Functions

Your Committee is anxious to bring together as many members of the Association at regular annual functions as is possible. Since its formation, members of the Association have been welcome at the Annual Regimental Reunion, normally held in July. Due to the distances involved in crossing our large regimental area, the functions so far held at Bury St. Edmunds, and in 1972 and 1973 at Bassingbourn, have not

been well supported. The Regimental Council considered this problem and recommended that our former Regiments Association functions are more appropriate for Royal Anglian Old Comrades in the various counties and that the Sergeants Past and Present Club, which now hold highly successful dinners annually at Bassingbourn, should be the focal point for the annual Royal Anglian function to be built upon and expanded for the future.

Magazine 'Castle'

In considering this problem of dissemination of information, your Committee has proposed, and the Trustees have agreed, that the 'Castle' Magazine and the Annual Report of the Association should be merged and should be a free issue to all serving soldiers who donate a day's pay to the Benevolent Fund and that this Fund should bear its share of the annual cost of publication.

Presentation of Colours 1974

Your Committee propose to make it possible for large numbers of retired members to attend this ceremony, when it is hoped Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will present New Colours to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th (V) Battalions of the Regiment at Tidworth in July, 1974. Funds will be made available to assist in organised travel and accommodation for Association members.

Conclusion

In conclusion, your Committee wishes to express once again on behalf of its members our thanks to the Army Benevolent Fund, The Royal British Legion, SSAFA, The Forces Help Society, The National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, and many other Welfare organisations.

Branch Club

The Royal Anglian Association Branch Club in Bury St. Edmunds is now in its fourth year. Located in the old Sergeants' Mess in Blenheim Camp is a thriving club with ladies and gents dart and crib teams in local leagues. We recently purchased our own discotheque which we put into operation on most Saturday nights and have buffet dances with various groups once a month. Club membership (not including wives) now numbers ninety plus. The cost of membership is 25p (plus 5p for wife) per annum. All serving and ex-serving members of

the Royal Anglian Regiment Association or affiliated associations are eligible to become members.

A most generous donation of £50 has been received for the Benevolent Fund, for which we are most grateful.

The club is open on Wednesday and Saturday nights and Sunday lunchtime, plus every other Thursday and Friday nights for darts, etc.

Anyone requiring further information should contact the Secretary, Mr. Collison, c/o 6 (V) R Anglian, Blenheim Camp, Bury St. Edmunds (Tele: Bury St. Edmunds 2396).

Insurance Cover—Journeys Abroad by ex-Soldiers and their dependents

A number of applications for help have been received by the Army Benevolent Fund from ex-soldiers and their dependents who have made journeys abroad for various personal reasons, especially to the United States and Canada, without taking the essential precaution of arranging adequate insurance cover for themselves and their dependents in case of illness. As a result they have been faced with hospital bills (amounting to some £1,400.00 or more in some cases), far beyond their resources.

The immediate inclination is to help. On reflection, however, it is clear that the resultant distress could have been largely prevented if the applicants had protected themselves by a normal insurance policy.

Major rehabilitation grants will not normally be made unless in the view of the Benevolent Committee there are good reasons why the applicant did not or could not take out an insurance policy, and that the withholding of a major rehabilitation grant would bring undue distress to the family.

**Are You a
Member of
The
Regimental
Association?**

**THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
COMBINED GENERAL AND BENEVOLENT FUNDS**

Abridged Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1972

| CAPITAL OF FUNDS | | ASSETS AND LIABILITIES | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1971 | | 1971 | |
| £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 21,739 | Balance brought forward from | 94 | Furniture at cost less depreciation |
| | 1971 | 22,440 | Investment at cost |
| | 25,555 | 151 | Case Loans |
| 3,816 | Excess of Income over Expenditure | 1,747 | Debtors |
| | 5,382 | 448 | Stock |
| | | 3,412 | Cash at Bank |
| | | | Special Investment Account |
| | | 28 | Cash in Hand |
| | | | 36,156 |
| | | | <i>Deduct LIABILITIES—</i> |
| | | 1,695 | Funds overdrawn |
| | | 170 | Creditors |
| | | 900 | Mrs. Wilkins Trust A/c |
| | | | 5,219 |
| <u>25,555</u> | <u>£30,937</u> | <u>25,555</u> | <u>£30,937</u> |

GENERAL FUND

Abridged Income and Expenditure Account

| INCOME | | EXPENDITURE | |
|------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1971 | | 1971 | |
| £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 422 | Subscriptions | 198 | Administration Audit, etc. |
| 29 | Profit on Sale of Stock | — | Membership Badges 50% |
| 50 | Stock transfer | 139 | Printing and Stationery |
| — | Refund of Admin expenses from | 192 | Grants—recruiting |
| | Benevolent Fund | 29 | Wreaths |
| — | Grant from RHQ | 137 | Regimental Reunion |
| 54 | Investments | — | Donations |
| | | (140) | Excess of Income over Expenditure |
| <u>555</u> | <u>£924</u> | <u>695</u> | <u>£924</u> |

BENEVOLENT FUND

Abridged Income and Expenditure Account

| INCOME | | EXPENDITURE | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 1971 | | 1971 | |
| £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 7,030 | Day's Pay Scheme—All Ranks | 50 | Administration, Audit, etc. |
| 1,195 | Investment Income per Schedule | 88 | Write off bad debts |
| | | — | Printing and Stationery |
| | | — | Membership Badges (50%) |
| | | — | Refund to General Fund for 1971 |
| | | | expenses |
| | | 968 | Case Grants |
| | | 450 | Donation to ABF |
| | | 2,870 | Grants to Outstations |
| | | 201 | Personal Accident Insurance |
| | | | Scheme |
| | | — | Appeals |
| | | — | Wreaths |
| | | 3,598 | Excess Income over Expenditure |
| <u>8,225</u> | <u>£9,327</u> | <u>8,225</u> | <u>£9,327</u> |

A Report on our Seriously Injured Members

Is your Donation of a Day's Pay to the Benevolent Fund really worth while?

Possibly the best way to answer this, other than to reel off a complete list of all those who have benefitted and why, totalling last year £4,437, is to tell you of the progress of our own serious casualties, since the Northern Ireland troubles started in 1969 and to quote from a report of just one of the many charitable institutions which care for the ex-servicemen, the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association (BLESMA). This short story starts like this:

'I was lucky . . . I only lost half a leg.' These are the words of Lance Corporal Robert Bradley of Willowfield Crescent, Rochdale Road, Halifax, a 26 year old victim of Northern Ireland, still serving with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. He was to have married in August last year, but having been blown up in July, he did not finally make it until December. His courage is typical.

However, not everybody is as fortunate as Lance Corporal Bradley and many, after leaving the Services, turn for help to the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association. And that's not all. In addition to helping limbless ex-servicemen and women in these various ways, BLESMA is also helping the community at large. Over the years it has built up a wealth of knowledge and experience which is readily available to all war pensioners and widows in respect of pensions. Today BLESMA is caring for the 6,300 limbless veterans of the 1914-18 War, average age 77 years, whose ranks have been swelled by 11,000 limbless from the Second World War and more recent areas of conflict, including Northern Ireland. This organisation provides grants for the relief of financial hardship; continuing grants to widows; Residential Homes for permanent residence, convalescence, or change of air, as well as a break for relatives from nursing care; rehabilitation training; placing in employment; pensions casework, and research on artificial limbs and appliances.

We have paid our respects to those soldiers who have died serving their country. There are still those who have been seriously wounded

and incapacitated in one form or another, severely handicapping their future. These are:

Corporal Kayes

Corporal Kayes, who received very serious internal injuries in Belfast on 26th August, 1972. He has undergone many operations and was not discharged from the Royal Herbert Hospital until June 1973.

Kayes has never given up hope of remaining in the Army and is at present on light duties at HQ Liverpool Garrison. Why Liverpool of all places? Well, his wife was living there with her parents all the time that he was in hospital. On discharge from hospital he was posted to The Depot Queen's Division until RHQ enquired why. A bit of a push from us and Kayes was on his way to join his wife and family in a new home found for him through the efforts of HQ Liverpool Garrison and North West District.

Let us hope that Corporal Kayes will one day be sufficiently recovered to rejoin the Regiment.

Cpl. and Mrs. Kayes' address is 28 Exeley, Off Lickers Lane, Wiston, Lancs.

Private Sanderson

Private Sanderson was hit in the leg in Belfast on 3rd December, 1972. His leg was amputated and he also lost part of his left hand. He was fitted with a artificial limb at Roehampton Hospital and discharged from the Army on 21st July, 1973—a long and tedious time in hospital and convalescing while learning to adjust to his new limb.

There has always been a most close association between the City of Leicester and the Regiment, thanks to the 17th Foot, and it was because of this that Sanderson was found a flat in Leicester as soon as he came out of the Army. RHQ Leicester may take the credit for this. His address now is 25 Evington Road (Flat 2), Leicester.

Sanderson has been able to get temporary employment whilst awaiting a Rehabilitation Course on Aviary Management, a course which is only run once per year.

C/Sgt. Smith

Was seriously injured in a traffic accident on 15th September, 1973, while in Kenya with the 1st Bn. Together with several other victims of the accident, he was flown back to the UK and admitted to the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

We are very pleased to hear that he is making good progress and that, through the good services of the hospital, he has been allowed a married quarter in Woolwich for his family. He spent Christmas with them but had to go back to hospital for further treatment.

Pte. Woodford

Suffered serious head injuries in the same traffic accident as C/Sgt. Smith, and evacuated to the Royal Herbert Hospital.

His jaw was wired up and he was unable to talk or to eat solid foods. He was allowed sick leave over Christmas. His jaw was released sufficiently so that he could both talk and eat, which is rather essential at Christmas time. He had to return to hospital and we hope his progress will now be maintained.

Pte. Rogerson

Was wounded in Belfast on 2nd April, 1972, and was evacuated to the Royal Military Hospital, Woolwich.

He has taken a long time to recover from his chest wound and spent his time between Woolwich and the Rehabilitation Centre at Cheshington.

Through the very kind generosity of a member of the public, he was sent on a week's holiday to Majorca last summer. His benefactor also paid for a fellow patient to go on holiday with him.

He has now been medically discharged from the Army and is living with his parents in Leicester. Major John Dudley, of RHQ Leicester, is helping him settle into civilian life.

Private Edwards

Was wounded in Belfast on 3rd May, 1973, and admitted to the Royal Herbert Hospital. Part of one of his feet has been amputated. He is recovering well and expects to go to Cheshington Rehabilitation Centre early in the New Year.

Pte. Gibbons

Was wounded in Belfast on 9th August, 1972, and was eventually admitted to Millbank Hos-

pital. Most unfortunately he has lost the use of one eye, as a result of his injuries, but he is recovering slowly and hopes to be discharged from hospital early in the New Year.

Captain Raymond Hazan

Was most severely wounded on 3rd October, 1973, by a parcel bomb delivered to the Ops Room in Londonderry. He is now totally blind, has lost his right arm below the elbow and one finger of his left hand. Ray Hazan's courage and complete lack of self-pity has permitted his medical recovery at record speed. Within two months he was in and out of Altnagelvin Hospital in Londonderry, in and out of Millbank Hospital and is now at the St. Dunstan's Training Establishment at Brighton. He is likely to be there for six months at least and would like to have a visit from any of his friends who are passing. Ray and Jennie are now living in an Army quarter at 6 Knollys Road, Aldershot, and Ray returns at weekends. Getting back is not too easy and if anyone can offer a lift it will be most welcome.

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We have mentioned only the most seriously wounded and you will note the reference to artificial limbs, and to St. Dunstan's Training Establishment. BLESMA have a hand in the former. SSAFA and the Forces Help Society have been actively engaged in the family problems in these cases and in our less seriously injured ones.

YOUR DAY'S PAY makes possible our own direct immediate help and the Army Benevolent Fund's ability to assist with financial grants to the innumerable Service and national charities and institutions which care for our wounded and disabled. YOU may be willing to rely on State Aid, WE are not. Why not make 1974 YOUR year for adding your bit to those in need?

Our thanks are not only due to the Army Benevolent Fund and all those institutions it supports but to the doctors, nurses and staffs of the hospitals and rehabilitation centres, to our Regimental Secretaries and the Associations of the former regiments who keep in touch with our rehabilitated cases and the next of kin of those who have been killed. It is fitting to finish with a special word of thanks to PS 12 (Casualties) in the Ministry of Defence who are permanently on duty day and night receiving and disseminating information about casualties, thereby alleviating anxiety in the speediest and most efficient way.

AROUND THE BRANCHES

The King's Shilling

*Proud reminiscences of an
Old Soldier*

by Mr. H. J. Snashall, MG

Took the 'King's Shilling' at the age of 17 and joined the Bedfordshire (now Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire) Regiment. Was one of the soldiers lining the route of King Edward VII's Coronation Procession, in Oxford Street, and recollect being much more impressed with the carriage and bearing of a detachment of our Foot Guards than the various Kings, Queens and Princes, headed by Emperor Wilhelm of Germany. Left the Depot and joined the 2nd Battalion of the Regiment which had just returned to Colchester from the South African War.

Went to Bordon in 1904, being quartered for a time in the last of the old paper huts. Training here was very strenuous for the next two years, and the troops from Bordon often met those at Aldershot and fought stern battles around Hazlemere and Hindhead amid the heather of that lovely country. I well remember a night attack made upon our line by the Devon Regt. and how astonished I was at the perfect alignment of our 'enemy' when dawn broke.

The end of 1906 saw us at Tidworth, on Salisbury Plain, and here again the training was tough, and when in 1907 we sailed for Gibraltar there was no fitter body of men serving. Life at Gib, despite the fact that duty men were guard every fourth day and night (the Garrison was much below strength), was interesting and enjoyable. The Wesleyan Padre, a Rev. A. B. Sackett, who must have died some time ago, used to arrange trips to Spain, and Tangier, Morocco, for the troops periodically—it meant hard saving to afford them on our meagre pay—and I well remember taking tea in the local fashion, sitting with legs crossed on a divan, on the occasion of one visit to the latter place. There was then no pier at Tangier and landing, in surf boats, usually meant a drenching and much

merriment. Training on the Rock meant, of course, much co-operation with the Royal Navy (there was no R.A.F. in those days), and we learned quite a lot about boats and how to handle them.

Bermuda was our next station, and what a lovely place it is. The islands are composed of white coral. The sea is always warm, being in the middle of the Gulf Stream, and we all became swimmers. Forty per cent of the company to which I belonged gained the mile certificate. I think it can be truthfully said that we spent as much time in the water as on land. It is a land of oleanders, arum lilies, birds of many colours, to say nothing of the bananas, paw-paws, sweet potatoes, etc., which are at hand. The atmosphere is humid and in the warmest months our training consisted of lectures, judging distances, and other light work, but we kept very fit. Cricket, as in the West Indies to the south of us, was the great pastime. Whilst there, I was one of the Guard of Honour on the occasion of the unveiling of a Memorial to Sir George Somers (Bermuda is shown on some maps as Somers Island), who with his fleet of ships taking supplies to the early British Colonists in Virginia, who were in great distress, were driven off their course and shipwrecked here. Many descendants of his companions form part of the present white population of the Islands.

The year 1912 saw the regiment leaving for South Africa, to be stationed at Bloemfontein, but my company was chosen to serve with the 5th Mounted Infantry at Harrismith, which little town lies in the Free State at the foot of the Drakensburg Mountains. We were mounted on tough, wiry ponies, and for training used to 'go on trek' for weeks on end, manoeuvring on the open veldt, and purchasing most of our food, and that for animals, when and where we could. Although the farms were few and far between, we usually succeeded.

We slept on the open veldt at these times, and had only one blanket, which was carried under the saddle. Only those who have known South African nights know how cold it could be.

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND
HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT
ASSOCIATION**

I think it was 1913 when the Great South African Strike took place, and we—the Bedfords M.I. Company—were in the Staats Artillery Barracks in Pretoria as a guard for the Governor General, Viscount Gladstone. These quarters were luxurious to the nth degree. They were built by President Kruger for the express use of the Artillery specialists from certain European countries who served with the Boers against us during the South African War.

I returned to Aldershot for a course in 1914, and while waiting for a boat to go back to rejoin my unit, World War I started and I had to report to my Regimental Depot. Spent a few days there and went with the Headquarters of the 3rd Battalion Bedfordshire Regt. to the East Coast. After a time I was posted to the newly formed Machine Gun Corps as Instructor (CSM), and whilst with a Company of that Corps serving on the famous, or infamous, Ypres Front, was commissioned, and rejoined the Bedfordshire Regt., which soon after went to Northern Italy with the British 5th Division, and also a picked French Division, to stiffen the morale of the Italians who had just received a thrashing at Caporetto. After six months in that country we were hurried back to France, where the Germans had almost reached Paris. After a short time they were on their way back again, and in the process of helping them I was lucky enough to gain two wounds and the Military Cross.

In 1920 my health was not too good, and securing an appointment with an insurance society I came to live at Croxley Green, after transferring to the Reserve. Soon the British Legion was formed, and together with many other ex-service men I joined up, and have been an active member ever since. Highlights of my time as a member of the Legion are the Dedication of the Branch Standard in 1929, when we were honoured by the presence of Sir John Brown, Chairman of the Legion, and the visit in 1930, as part of the Legion's 10th Birthday celebrations, of the Drum and Fife Band of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regt. The beating of 'Retreat' on the Green, and receiving of the salute by the late Colonel H. C. Woolrych, stands out in my memory.

During World War II I served in both the Home Guard and on Civil Defence duties.

My wife and I have made many friends in the district and we shall have many pleasant memories of times good, bad and indifferent—but mainly good—spent in Croxley Green. We can assure our friends we shall not forget them.

The Annual Dinner and Dance of the Association was held at Presdales School, Ware, on Saturday, 19th May, 1973, and attracted a record attendance of over two hundred and seventy. The seating for the dinner was arranged in the customary layout of Branch tables, with the welcome addition of the 6th Battalion (1939-45) whose Reunion Dinners are no longer held separately. We were very pleased to have the Deputy Colonel and Mrs. Holme as our guests on this occasion. General Holme proposed the toast to The Regiment.

After an excellent meal the decks were cleared for dancing and during the evening a marching display was given by the Corps of Drums of the Honourable Artillery Company.

That this annual event now receives such strong support is largely due to the reputation established by the stalwarts of Hertford Branch who so willingly undertake its organisation. During the course of this happy evening they were left in no doubt as to how much their efforts were appreciated by our members.

Sadly this was the last Regimental function which Brigadier John Longmore attended. His obituary appears elsewhere in this issue; we have lost a staunch friend whose support we have valued over very many years.

Hertford Branch

Hertford Branch held their Annual Dinner and Dance at the Shire Hall, Hertford, on 5th May, 1973. Once again this proved to be a happy and successful occasion, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mr. Charles Mansfield and his committee. The Deputy Colonel and Mrs. Holme were the guests of the Branch for the evening.

Watford Branch

Watford Branch now meets on the first Friday of each month at 8 p.m. in 'The Dog and Partridge', Hunton Bridge. Anyone who has served in The Royal Anglian Regiment would be made welcome at these meetings.

Bedford Branch

Bedford Branch continues to maintain a strong following, enrolling new members as passing years take their inevitable toll. A loyal band of at least thirty can be expected at any monthly meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. 'Ginger' Butler and with Mr. 'Buster' Wells keeping the records straight, as he has done for some twenty-five years. A coachload of fifty made the journey to Ware for the Association Dinner and Dance; the Branch is always well represented at local celebrations of national events, such as Battle of Britain Sunday, Remembrance Day Services, etc.

Ware (Hertfordshire Regiment) OCA

Presdales School, Ware, was once again the scene of much activity on 12th May, 1973, when Ware (Hertfordshire) Regiment OCA held their Annual Dinner and Dance. Members came from all over the country to spend a most enjoyable reunion. The presence of some two hundred and eighty guests was in itself a tribute to the work of their popular secretary, Mr. Jimmy Crane.

DIARY DATES

23rd March, 1974: Officers 1st Bn 16th Foot (1939-45), Annual Dinner, The Horseshoe, Tottenham Court Road, London.

18th May: The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association Annual Dinner and Dance, Presdales School, Ware

17th November, 1974: Wreath-Laying Ceremony, Regimental Memorial, Kempston Barracks.

THE ESSEX REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

The two big events of 1973 were the opening of the Essex Regiment Museum by HRH The Princess Margaret and the Regimental Reunion at Warley. The Museum opening is reported separately.

The Warley Reunion was, as always, a most successful occasion with more than 400 present. Following the Service in the Regimental Chapel the salute at the March Past was taken by Major General Michael Holme, the Deputy Colonel. Next came tea, served in the marquee, and then the familiar reminiscences around the bar. The music on this occasion was provided by the Essex Corps of Drums, a flourishing unit which has its origins in the old 4th Battalion Essex Regiment. In addition to the sounding of 'Last Post' and 'Rouse' during the service, the Corps of Drums played Regimental Marches for the Parade and 'Beat Retreat' after the tea interval—an excellent display which was greatly appreciated by all present.

Branches have again had a most active year, with both the Chelmsford and Southend Branches staging a number of successful social functions. The Southend Annual Dinner and Dance was held in April, with Colonel Peter Franklin and Mrs. Franklin as the chief guests. Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Pat Hopper were the guests of honour at the Chelmsford Branch Dinner held in November. The Thurrock Branch Dinner and Dance was also held in



Mr. William Smith, Essex Regiment, a patient at the Star and Garter Home, meets the Watney Mann Shire horses at the St. George's Day celebrations.

November and on this occasion Major-General Michael Holme and Mrs. Holme were guests of honour.

The 4th Battalion Comrades held their function at Brentwood this year, on 6th October, and the attendance was just short of 150. A splendid gathering with Colonel Sir Arthur and Lady Noble as guests of the Comrades. Further successful reunions and annual parades have also been held by the 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions and by the Saffron Walden Branch

The Essex Regiment Museum

On Tuesday, 24th April, 1973, the Essex Regiment Museum was officially opened at its new home in Chelmsford by our Deputy Colonel in Chief, H.R.H. The Princess Margaret. The Princess arrived by train and was met by Sir John Ruggles Brise, H.M. Lieutenant for Essex, Major General M. W. Holme, the Deputy Colonel, and Mrs. Holme, The Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford and other civic dignitaries. Following the now traditional 'walk about' from the station to the civic centre, the Princess was entertained to luncheon given by the Mayor and Corporation of Chelmsford. After luncheon the party proceeded to Oaklands Park where a guard of honour found by No 3 Company of the 5th (Volunteer) Battalion was drawn up on the lawns facing the Museum. The guard was commanded by Lieutenant Ian Arnold, who escorted H.R.H. on her inspection.

The Deputy Colonel in Chief then entered the Museum and following a tour during which she showed very great and knowledgeable interest in the many exhibits and the general pat-

tern of the display, she unveiled a wall plaque which commemorated the occasion. Closed circuit television was employed to show the events inside the Museum and this was screened with commentary inside the marquee, to allow the many hundreds unable to be in the Museum to follow the tour of the Princess

Tea was then served in the marquee in the gardens and during this interval the Princess met and talked to many members of the Regiment and their wives, and to members of the general public. The Royal visit ended with the departure of H.R.H. to Chelmsford station accompanied by H.M. Lieutenant, the Deputy Colonel and Mrs. Holme, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford. A most memorable day which gave great pleasure to the Regiment and to the citizens of Chelmsford. No. 3 Company of 5 (V) Battalion are to be congratulated on their fine turn out for the guard of honour, and 'C' (Essex) Company of 6 (V) Battalion for the efficiency and smartness of their marshalls.

In addition to the Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, Major General Holme, the following official military representatives were present: Brigadier C. M. Paton, former Deputy Colonel, Colonel Sir Arthur Noble, Hon. Colonel TAVR, Colonel P. H. A. L. Franklin, President Essex Regiment Association, Lieut.-Colonel P. Hopper, Comd 5 (V) Bn, Major P. W. King, Queen's Division, Major R. C. Tomkins and Major T. A. Nightingale, 5th (V) Bn, and Major D. C. Purves.

Major T. R. Stead, Regimental Secretary and Curator of the Museum at Warley was unable to be present owing to illness.

Her Royal Highness talking to—from left—Major H. J. Staff, Major H. J. Young and Colonel G. M. Gibson.



The new home for the Essex Regiment Museum consists of an extension to the existing Chelmsford and Essex Museum in Oaklands Park, Chelmsford. The extension, specially built by the Borough of Chelmsford, is in the form of a Gallery and is equipped with fitted showcases supplied by the Ministry of the Environment. The main costs were met by the Borough of Chelmsford and the Ministry of Defence. Military charities and units, and other organisations which made generous contributions were:

- The Army Museums Ogilby Trust.
- The Royal Anglian Regiment.
- The Chelmsford Territorial Trust.
- The Essex Regiment (Territorial) Trust.
- The Essex Regiment Association.
- The Essex County Council.
- The Area Museums Service.
- The Ford of Great Britain Trust.

Annual Civic Service, Warley

The annual Civic Service, which has been held at Warley since 1947, will not be held in future.

The Service, at which the Officers of the Regiment acted as hosts to the civic dignitaries of their counties, has always received the maximum support of the civic authorities. Originating with the former Essex Regiment for the county of Essex only, the function was extended to include the counties of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire after the 1958 amalgamations.

The decision to discontinue the Service has been under consideration for some two or three years, and was taken only after full discussions had taken place between senior, serving and retired officers.

Diary Dates

- 15th March, 1974: 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment Officers' Dinner Club, United Services Club, Pall Mall.
- 4th May, 1974: Southend Branch Annual Dinner/Dance, Lindisfarne Banqueting Suite, Westcliff-on-Sea.
- 30th June, 1974: Annual Reunion—Warley.
- 26th October, 1974: 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment Comrades Association Annual Dinner/Dance, Ilford, Essex.
- 2nd November, 1974: Chelmsford Branch Annual Dinner/Dance, County Hotel, Chelmsford.

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

The Annual Reunion was held on Saturday and Sunday, 7th and 8th July, 1973, at Northampton.

On the Saturday morning the Management Committee met prior to the Annual General Meeting to receive the report on the General Fund Account, to decide on the date for the 1974 Reunion and to receive reports from the five branches and to discuss affiliated membership of the Association.

The General Fund was presented by the Secretary and he explained that there had been an excess of expenditure over income of £2.76 for the year and the accumulated funds now stood at £492.14.

The Reunion to be held in 1974 was discussed and it was decided that the first weekend would again be the date and it would be held on 6th and 7th July, 1974. Clare Street Drill Hall was likely to be in existence for another three years so it was decided that the Reunion would take the usual form.

On the question of Affiliated Membership it was represented that members of HQ Company 5th (V) Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment and members of 'C' and 'D' Companies 7th (V) Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment were successors of the Northamptonshire Regiment and should be allowed to become ordinary members of the Association. After discussion it was agreed unanimously to alter the rules of the Association and the definition for 'Ordinary Members' would read—All Ranks, regular and non-regular, who have served in the Northamptonshire Regiment and those who have served, or are serving, in HQ Company 5th (Volunteer) Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment or Battalion Headquarters of 5th (Volunteer) Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment in Peterborough or those who have served or are serving in 'C' (Northamptonshire) Company or 'D' (Northamptonshire) Company of the 7th (Volunteer) Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment.

The Annual General Meeting followed at 12 noon at which there was an attendance of 29 members. At it the Secretary explained the General Fund Account and he also explained the Benevolent Fund Account. The Benevo-

lent Funds Capital Fund now stood at £11,840.43 and relief granted over the last twelve months had been as follows:

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| Amenities, 8 cases | 89.00 |
| Clothing, 18 cases | 213.00 |
| Coal, 16 cases | 129.50 |
| Convalescence, 11 cases | 144.59 |
| Debts, 21 cases | 364.05 |
| Funeral expenses, 5 cases | 117.85 |
| House repairs, 1 case | 10.50 |
| Rent arrears, 3 cases | 40.48 |
| Christmas grants | 88.25 |
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On Saturday evening the Dinner and Dance was held. It was attended by 290 people and we were entertained by the Band of the 5th (V) Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment during the dinner. Music for dancing was provided by a Discotheque and this was a disaster. In 1974 without fail there will be a live dance band.

On Sunday the Church Parade was held. The Comrades paraded under the command of Brigadier D. E. Taunton, CB, DSO, DL, with the Band and Drums of 5th (V) Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment. Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester inspected the parade, laid the wreath at the Northampton County Borough War Memorial in Wood Hill, attended the service in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and then took the Salute at the March Past afterwards from the Police Headquarters in Campbell Square. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. H. A. Tibbs, BA, and the sermon this year was preached by the Rev. John W. J. D. Galbraith, who was Chaplain to the 48th/58th whilst in Korea and Hong Kong in 1954, 1955 and 1956.

After the parade the officers entertained their guests for sherry and luncheon in the Officers' Mess of the Royal Pioneer Corps at Wootton and at the same time the Northampton Branch entertained in their Regimental Club. We are most grateful to the Commandant of the Royal Pioneer Corps for allowing us the use of his Officers' Mess. We were delighted to have the Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton and Rev. and Mrs. J. W. J. D. Galbraith as our guests.

Corby Branch

Secretary: Mr. J. R. Gayne, 17 Ashley Avenue, Corby, Northamptonshire.

The past year has followed very much the pattern of previous years. Early in February we again entertained the senior citizens of Marlow Court at the TAVR Centre. The recipe was as in earlier years—a few hands of tombola, a 'blow out', followed by drinks, dancing and singing until midnight. From all reports received the evening was very successful. Incidentally for the third year running, CSM Fensome, Sgt. Segasby and Cpl. Colegate prepared and served the special Christmas dinner for the old folk.

With the tremendous usage of the TAVR Centre it is a very difficult matter to fit in any branch functions but we have managed to get in two social evenings, the last being on 10th November, 1973. With the involvement of many of our members in one way or another it has also proved rather difficult to fit in any outside functions. At our Annual General Meeting in April all officers were re-elected. Membership still stands at just over the 80 mark. Financially we are holding our own. Finally, again we wish to express our gratitude to Captain A. W. M. Petch, TD, and the staff of the TAVR Centre for their help and co-operation over the past 12 months.

Huntingdon Branch

Secretary: Major H. H. Pallash, TD, JP, 11 Orchard Lane, Brampton, Huntingdon.

Unhappily we have to record the deaths last July of our President, Major Bill Marshall and Fred (Gus) Harrison. The long and painful illness endured by Bill Marshall and the tragic accidental death of Gus Harrison have claimed two most devoted members of the branch whose places will not easily be filled.

To say that the past year has been a period of success and progress would, to say the least, be an exaggeration. There have been many minor irritations, culminating in the enforced cancellation of our Branch Reunion Dinner due to lack of support from members. This was a major setback, and the time had come for a day of reckoning. There is nothing more disappointing and disheartening than exerting oneself to no avail—there are much better things to do with our time! Some hard re-thinking was necessary and the time had come to take stock.

With all this in mind, and the kind of deter-

mination borne out of near defeat, we happily regrouped and went ahead to organise what was probably the best Christmas draw yet, and we followed this up with a first rate social evening at Huntingdon on 23rd March. This event was well supported by our friends from Northampton and Peterborough branches and it proved an outstanding success.

We have welcomed a few new members in recent months and discarded a similar number of the 'dead-wood' variety, hence our total membership remains about the same. The Annual General Meeting in mid-April very conveniently slotted almost everyone into their previous duties. Eddie Lees continues to give his time to the Welfare side and his address for reference is 14 Eaton Close, Hartford, Huntingdon.

London Branch

Secretary: Mr. R. Lomas, The Cottage, 237 Long Lane, London, S.E.1.

London branch is dormant at present but the Secretary visits our four In-Pensioners at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, regularly. In-Pensioners C. G. Arnall and W. Gates have unhappily not been too well and spend a certain amount of time in the Infirmary. In-Pensioners T. Garvey and H. Hughes are both fit and were present at the opening of the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey on 8th November, 1973. The branch was well represented at this ceremony for in addition to the In-Pensioners, the President, Major F. S. Mumford, the Secretary, George Lomas, Captain A. H. Hamilton and Ron Tindall, the son of the late Secretary, George Tindall, were all present.

Northampton Branch

Secretary: Mr. L. A. Jeynes, MM, 78 Ringway, Briar Hill, Northampton.

The branch has had a very active year. The Annual General Meeting was held on 30th March, 1973, in the Club at which Joe Matthews retired as Secretary and was succeeded by Leslie Jeynes, MM, for the next 12 months term.

On 5th May, 1973, the Annual Dinner and Dance was held at Overstone when Brigadier D. E. Taunton, CB, DSO, DL, presided, standing in for Major D. Baxter, who was committed to the 7th (S) Bn Old Comrades Reunion. However he managed to attend after the dinner.

Among the guests were the Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton. A short standing silence was observed in memory of Major

General G. St. G. Robinson, CB, DSO, MC. Cheques were presented to Mrs. J. Matthews and Mr. Des Loveday for past services and a very enjoyable evening followed an excellent meal.

Another successful Reunion 'Reunion Weekend' took place on 7th and 8th July, 1973, and our Branch Club was open to all comrades (including two people from Australia). It was filled to capacity and all enjoyed a good weekend.

The branch has been looking after its Old Age Pensioner members and an outing was arranged to Skegness on Sunday, 2nd September, 1973. The bus, dinner and tea were provided and many thanks are due to Mr. J. O. Roberts for organising the good day out they all had. A supper and social was held on Wednesday, 12th December, for the 'Senior Citizens' and a very enjoyable time was had by all and once again thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Roberts.

The club organised an Annual Outing on Sunday, 19th September, with a bus trip to Cheddar Gorge. Dinner and tea were laid on at the Gorge and a call at a club was made on the return journey. The wonderful weather made it a very enjoyable day out for all sixty people concerned.

At the time of writing arrangements are being made for the Christmas activities and there will be the usual Christmas Draw and Children's Party in the New Year. The welfare side has not been neglected and sick visits have been made by Messrs. J. O. Roberts and J. Turland and gifts taken. A concert in aid of the local blind was held on 9th September, 1973, and was financially and entertainingly successful.

Peterborough Branch

Secretary: Mr. T. C. Ferreday, 13 Stukeley Close, Southfields Estate, Stantate, Stanground, Peterborough.

We congratulate Colonel F. G. Barber, OBE, TD, DL, on being appointed one of Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenants for the County of Peterborough.

The Annual General Meeting of the branch has been held and the following committee was elected:

President: Major R. K. Hill, TD.

Deputy President: Major B. D. Freeman.

Chairman and Treasurer: Mr. R. F. Oliver.

Deputy Chairman: Mr. Cook.

Secretary: Mr. T. C. Ferreday.

Press Secretary and Welfare: Mr. F. Baker.

The balance sheet was read at the meeting and it showed a loss on the year of £11.87 and a balance in the bank of £153.06.

The Annual Reunion Dinner of the 5th Bn, the 4th/5th Bn The Northamptonshire Regiment and the Peterborough Branch of the Regimental Comrades Association was sponsored by the Peterborough Branch again this year and took place in the TAVR Centre, London Road, Peterborough, on Saturday, 13th October, 1973. It was a very happy and successful reunion and many compliments were received afterwards from various people, including the Mayor of Peterborough. We are grateful to Battalion HQ and HQ Company of 5th (V) Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment for the help that they gave.

The numbers attending were some forty down on the previous year but over two hundred attended and thanks to the help given with printing of tickets, voluntary labour, provision of raffle prizes and bar profits the account was balanced and the overheads have been catered for.

10th FOOT ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

Annual reunion 1974 will again be held at the Beachholme Holiday Camp, Humberstone, near Cleethorpe, Lincs., as follows:

Saturday, 28th September, 1974

2.30 p.m.—Annual General Committee Meeting.

4.00 p.m.—Annual General Meeting.

7 for 7.30 p.m.—Dinner followed by dancing.

Delightful chalet accommodation, meals, etc., are available at moderate prices for those wishing to stay at the 'Beachholme', which is a first class holiday centre. Grimsby Branch are making all arrangements and full details and dinner tickets can be obtained from their Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. Brittain, 176 Convamore Road, Grimsby.

Sunday, 29th September, 1974

Divine service at 9.45 a.m. in the Music Room, Beachholme.

Annual Reunion, 1973

One of the objects of our Association which is 'To unite all ranks of the Regiment in one family and to cement the spirit of comradeship between all ranks' was most certainly achieved at the "Beachholme" where we held

our Annual Reunion on 29th and 30th September, business being the first item with the General Committee Meeting at which our President, Major-General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard was in the chair. It was a 'full house' with Trustees, Executive Committee and all Branches Committee representatives present. Unfortunately Major C. H. Macklam, Chairman of the Executive Committee, was unable to be present but his report was presented in type and accepted by the meeting. Our Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Major E. Jessup, presented the annual audited accounts and his report of our activities during the year. He expressed thanks to all those who subscribed or had given grants and the many Associations who had given assistance with our benevolent cases. The General Meeting followed and our President had pleasure in welcoming such a large gathering. The meeting gave their approval to the accounts, reports and working of the Association.

The next item commenced with the 'multitude' assembling in the bar before dinner followed by a great assembly for dinner with over 300 members and their families and friends from far and wide—to mention a few . . . Brig. D. R. Wilson (how delighted we all were to have you with us after all these years!), Brigadier Green, Colonel Vincent Kehoe from USA, the Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Association party—so grand to see them once again (delighted that Mr. Usher and Mr. Spershott have become Life Members of our Association—perhaps a new Branch next year?), three of our Chelsea pensioners, Butters, Grice and Palmer (sorry Law, Edwards and Wildgoose were not fit enough to travel, we missed them, especially Law floating around the dance floor with Mrs. Chick Martin). After dinner our President welcomed all present and mentioned the excellent service our County Regiment, the 2nd Battalion, were giving in Northern Ireland. He particularly welcomed our friend Colonel Vincent Kehoe. By kind permission Colonel Vincent replied, expressing his thanks and the plans to bring over his 10th Foot Representative USA Contingent to our 1975 reunion. What a great occasion that will be. Can one really relate all that followed the dinner when so many 'old soldiers of the Regiment get together'. I leave that to the readers' imagination. There was a good 'turn out' for the final item—the Sunday morning service which was so kindly taken by our friend, the Rev. Hugh Toft Oakes

To finish one must say that such an excellent reunion was not possible without the Grantham Branch organisation for which our grateful thanks for such a 'happy memory'.

Lincoln Branch

Since our last report Lincoln Branch has had a very frustrating period. Owing to the nature of its location it had been subjected to closure every time an I.R.A. bomb scare threatened the security of the Sobraon Barracks. This has caused quite a headache to our Secretary, Captain Wilf Lewin, as well as upsetting various functions that had been planned. However, being 'Yellow Bellies', this little upset has not put us off the programme for our usual activities.

Our first event of the season was a Buffet Dance to commemorate 25 years since the formation of our Branch. This very successful and happy function was held in the TAVR Centre, Sobraon Barracks, on the 27th October, 1973, by the kind permission of the Officer Commanding 2 Company of the 5th Volunteer Battalion. Other seasonal events have or are being held during the winter months, such as annual darts and dinner leagues and the Christmas draw.

Our London members might be interested to learn that the sum of £7 was collected at the Branch towards crosses on the 1973 Field of Remembrance, our best effort to date. Membership continues to rise, but we would welcome more ex-Lincolns, local or otherwise.

We were all very sorry to learn of the death of Joan Garrat, dear wife of Bill, a regular supporter of our Branch, who will be missed very much by all members who knew her, especially, I am sure, the ladies dart team to which she gave so much of her time.

The A.G.M. was held in September. There was no change in the Executive Committee, which remains as follows: Chairman, Fred Smedley; Vice Chairman, Frank Abbott, Secretary and Treasurer, Captain Wilf Lewin, and bringing up the rear as Assistant Secretary yours truly C. T. Howlett.

Grimsby and District Branch

With the exception of the election of Major Jack Ottley as the Vice Chairman, the composition of Branch officers and committee remains as of 1972/73. Major Gus Segon in his own inimitable way says 'Why change a winning team'—one could reply 'Give the younger members a chance but are there any of this

category?' The recently discharged chaps, Royal Anglians, to whom we are permitted to offer membership, do not seem to have much inclination to join. Perhaps it is that the 'comradeship' in the Forces today bears little comparison to what we had and can still look back upon.

Our Branch Dinner in March 1973 has to be mentioned, not because Sir Christopher and Lady Peggy graced the top table, but because for once tickets had to be refused. This hurt as it meant a lot more 'akkers' might have been forthcoming to swell the raffle proceeds. We are most grateful to those who donated materially, particularly Jackie and Mrs. Lindley's raffle gift.

It's a long way to travel from Norfolk to attend our dinner. The speakers, in spite of being given gentle hints, were on their feet too long—this includes the Mayor and our President! Nice to see Gus and Bernice and our thanks for Gus's speech which included a 'dig' about members improperly dressed—no medals—wear them in future. But alas Gus 'tripped up'—he was wearing the old officers' dinner club tie! Welcome to Lincoln Branch members—grand to see you all. Our grateful thanks to our ladies and all who made the event so successful. Our trip to Lincoln Branch Annual Sobraon Dinner at Lincoln was excellent, a real joint of beef amongst the raffle prizes too! Our thanks to Wilf Lewin and the members.

In the front as usual, our Entertainments Chairman, Harris ('Spiff')—a good social programme 'come dancing', etc., not exactly Mecca stuff but nevertheless enjoyable and popular too. How that man scrounges for his raffles. I never served with him but I suppose he did the same in India and Burma. The Branch still needs more and more cash and so the annual Bottle Stall is a must, it's hard work for the ladies' section when in operation, hard work for the fatigue wallahs beforehand, too. Afterwards as always the ladies say 'That is the last time'. They are always in the front line the next year, however, and we owe them a great deal. To our Hon. Treasurer and his wife we say 'thank you' for the many cash saving transactions in the Bottle Stall materials. A 'mention in despatches' to those who ensured our successful Lincoln Handicap draw. The money from such efforts is wisely invested, the Treasurer lives up to the A.C.C.A. after his name. The O.A.P. members and widows are remembered at Christmas time.

The members give pride of place to outside events. Last year it was a visit to Major and

Mrs. Segon's home across the Humber in a delightful village called Paull. A full coach party made it's way down the river and crossed at Goole. It will be a much shorter journey when the suspension bridge is in position. Probably Gus will say 'heaven forbid'. A great welcome on arrival—what a host and hostess Gus and Bernice are—a delightful tea in the village hall, after a group picture by the 'Hull Mail' then a short run to the delightful residence of our hosts 'Demswood', the charming olde worlde name on the wrought iron gates of rather unusual design. Something to do with the Major in his Peking days I believe! Once again, everything had been taken care of, drinks all round, poor Bernice, the members invaded her castle, even the bedrooms, on the char-poy's too. Gus has a Regimental corner, items from here, there and everywhere Now he has another, a plaque which was handed to him to commemorate our visit. A most enjoyable time and so we set our compass and prepared for home.—Oh no—Gus had a different idea! A short journey to the village 400 years old church. Was this a compulsory Church Parade regardless of creed? Two orders given, when you sing, SING, and when the plate is handed round GIVE, and not 1p either. Gus read the first Lesson, one could tell he was no beginner, a simple and appropriate service, all SANG and all GAVE. Farewells outside the church not only to our hosts but their friends also. a final instruction to the driver from dear old Gus, yes, the latter had tears in his eyes. He is regimental but he is human. The reason for his orders not to stop? He had thought of

haversack rations and liquid refreshment for the return journey. That's comradeship. Thank you Gus and Bernice.

This report wouldn't be complete without saying that news still arrives from Hon. Colonel Vincent J-R Kehoe, the gentleman commanding the American Contingent of the 10th Foot. He is by the way an honorary member of the Branch and presentations have been made by the Branch Secretary to the Contingent. Earlier in the year Hon. Colonel Kehoe, Mrs. Kehoe and two other American 10th Footers and their wives visited the Regimental Museum. the Branch Chairman and Secretary were invited to join the party. I feel sure they were impressed in what they saw. Whoever is responsible for the display of 'Regimentals' is to be congratulated. One thing I must impress upon those members who have studied the history of the Regiment. Should you wish to discuss that period dealing with the 10th Foot and the American War of Independence contact Vincent J-R Kehoe. What you don't know he certainly will enlighten you on.

We are pleased that in the area the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment has reappeared in that 'A' Company 7th Volunteer Battalion is active. The Commanding Officer is very helpful, our facilities at Westward Ho Barracks are many and comfortable, there could be more 'eggs in the basket' socially as the result of meeting Major Gleadell.

Finally the Annual Branch Dinner 1974 will be in March at The Town Hall, Grimsby.

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Grimsby Branch visit to home of Major and Mrs. Segon, Paull, Yorks.



THE AMERICAN CONTINGENT OF THE 10th REGIMENT OF FOOT

The American Contingent of the British 10th Regiment of Foot is an historically re-created unit formed to commemorate the service of the British Army in America during the American War for Independence. It is composed entirely of American citizens, who are authentically and accurately uniformed, equipped and trained in 18th century military drill and discipline, so that they appear in public exactly as a British soldier would have been seen some 200 years ago.

The unit was founded on July 15th, 1968, by Vincent J. R. Kehoe, of Chelmsford, Mass., a noted author, historian, photographer and professional make-up artist.

The 10th Regiment of Foot was chosen because it had been one of the British regiments actively involved in the Battles of Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill, and other important engagements during the War for Independence, and, as well, because Mr. Kehoe was in the 10th Mountain Division during World War II.

After commencing official correspondence with the Tenth Foot, Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association, in Lincoln, and receiving their official permission to establish an 'American Contingent' of the Regiment, Mr. Kehoe was granted an Honorary Commission as Colonel and set about to re-create the 10th Foot as it was in 1775.

Each man in the Regiment's American Contingent has been granted Honorary Life Membership in the 10th Foot, Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association, with the Officers of the American Contingent having been given Honorary Commissions, in rank, by the Regimental Association—a unique honour since all the men involved are Americans.

Every attempt has been made to ensure authenticity in all details relating to the Regiment, and many of the firms that originally supplied materials to the British Army of 200 years ago are still in existence today and have retained their original patterns and moulds. Items such as drums, flags, insignia and such have been obtained from these suppliers. Uniform buttons, Grenadier cap plates, officers' gorgets and other items have been cast directly from originals supplied by co-operative museums. As well, since wool, linen, cotton and silk were the only types of cloth used extensively 200 years ago, the Regiment faithfully reproduces uniforms only from them, with no modern fabrics, zippers or such employed.

The unit holds meetings on the first Friday of each month at Regimental Headquarters, 235 Old Westford Road, Chelmsford, Mass., and one drill on the second Thursday of the month at the Armed Forces Reserve Training Centre in Lawrence, Mass. The Regiment appears only in battle re-enactments and other ceremonial or historic events.



Famous in song and deeds, the Grenadiers of the re-created Tenth Regiment of Foot parade for Inspection and Review Day in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, USA. Uniformed and accoutred in authentic 1775 style, and armed with the famous 'Brown Bess' musket, these Americans have reconstructed three companies of Foot of the Tenth Regiment for the American bicentennial.

6th (Volunteer) Battalion

The 6th Battalion have had a busy year and one which has been littered with changes in personalities. The Battalion has lost its first CO, Lt.-Col. Paul Raywood, 2IC Major Paddy Drake, Training Major Bill Peat and RSM Sharp. In their stead we have welcomed Lt.-Col. Tim Swayne, former OC 'C' (Essex) Company, as CO, Major Jim Holl, former OC 'B' (Bedfordshire) Company, as 2IC, Major Richard Wilson as Training Major and RSM Knight. In saying farewell to old and valued friends the Battalion wishes every success to the new incumbents.

'A' (Royal Norfolk) Company, based at Dereham, had, amongst many remarkable week-end exercises, one in particular that is worthy of note. This took the form of a river crossing exercise 'Blue Haze', held in the Stanford Training Area during April, and was organised to train the unit in assault boat crossing and for 'fun'. After unloading the assault boats there was an extremely vigorous and energetic row up and down Fowlmere to the accompaniment of derisive jeers from a regular Queen's recruiting cadre, who provided an appreciative, if rowdy, audience. While all this was taking place various odd people (in both senses of the word) were putting together a raft of wooden timbers and oil drums which, C/Sgt. Turner assured us faithfully, he had heard from a friend of a friend, had safely ferried a Land Rover and trailer across water the last time it was used. Captain Martin Haylock (OC Ex) was determined to prove that the PSI's friend's friend was not suffering from hallucinations and that a Land Rover on its own could be ferried across with absolutely no effort at all. The ferry was launched and the Land Rover driven on to it. Tensely the audience awaited the climax of an experience of a lifetime. The raft slowly settled in the water and found a submerged assault boat. Our brave leader, however, was not daunted, and every available man in the unit stripped to the waist and, looking reminiscently like bathing belles of the 1890s, and sounding like the pigs from 'Ole MacDonald's Farm', slowly and grindingly managed to float the raft in three feet of water, just enough to cover the axles of the Land Rover and wet Capt. Hay-

lock's boots. The audience sang 'Rule Britannia' and patiently waited for the Captain to proudly sink with his Land Rover. Nothing of the sort happened, to our amazement and pride and their chagrin.

'B' (Bedfordshire) Company presented Major Jim Holl with an inscribed tankard on his leaving the Company and welcomed Major Jim Robb as his successor. In addition to losing Major Holl, CSM Derek Lawrence, who had served with the 5th Battalion and its predecessors for a total of 25 years, retired from the TAVR. Derek made his reputation as a Colour Sergeant. He is now serving with the Hertfordshire Cadets. His successor, Doug George, has all the advantages of 23 years' regular service in the Royal Green Jackets. The Company has also had two changes in PSI, C/Sgt Catchpole was dined out earlier in the year and Sgt. J. Gordon took over from C/Sgt. Dear, who occupied the chair briefly in the spring.

The Dunstable Platoon is doing well and early in the year had a successful dinner and dance at the Houghton Regis Youth Club. Autumn exercises took place at Stanford PTA with the Royal Signals from Bedford, and at Barton Road with other Companies. The OP and patrol activities, and the resulting attack and withdrawal exercises, were a great success. Like most Volunteer Units, 'B' Company is experiencing problems in recruiting and it is hoped that the allocation of individual platoons to specific areas of the County to stimulate a direct recruiting system will be more successful.

In late summer, 'B' Company came close to fame by achieving second place—one point less than the winner, the professional Fire Service, in the ATV 'It's a Knockout' competition. A creditable performance in which they out-classed police cadets and the regular RAF from Henlow.

'C' (Essex) Company has also had an eventful and sometimes difficult year. At the end of January it was a proud farewell to Major Tim Swayne in traditional manner, all ranks drawing him from Braintree Drill Hall on the bonnet of his Land Rover, en route to command the Battalion.

Welcome to 2Lt. John Metcalfe, from Edinburgh University OTC, who still manages to bestow on a 'berets, Khaki' the look of a 'bonnet, Lowland', and to Capt. Alan Dann, from the 5th Battalion, who is doing a good job as 2IC. Major Duncan Stewart, who took over as OC, is finding relief from the eternal accounts countered by the problems of the 'hot seat'. Much effort has gone into recruiting and a competition for this was won by Fitter-Cfn. Henigham, REME, who produced eleven recruits over a three months period. A very good performance. 'C' Company area includes Brain tree and Dunmow, and the new, so far disappointing, area of Bishop's Stortford. However, we soldier on.

The Company provided twelve smartly dressed volunteers for the opening of the Essex Regimental Museum in Chelmsford during June by HRH Princess Margaret. L/Cpl Ken Sands hit the headlines through his action in correctly refusing admission to a number of senior officers and civil dignitaries who were not in possession of the proper coloured tickets!

At the Eastern District Skill at Arms Meeting at Colchester, the Company team won the Section Shoot and Pte. (now L/Cpl.) Edney came 2nd in the Young Soldiers' Shoot, whilst Sgt Mack came 2nd in the WO's and Sergeants' Competition. In the Battalion meeting the Company managed to win the Section Shoot and Capt. Dann and Pte. Smith were runners-up in the LMG pairs.

'D' (Cambridgeshire) Company has had an active period of development. Maintaining its record of successes, the Company team won the inter company rally under the experienced guidance of good drivers and navigators. The teams consisted of C/Sgt. Chiver, Cpl. Choat, L/Cpls. Marshall, Marster, Locke and Gnr. MacAteer (an RA Reservist attached to the company). In January the Company had a successful range day, and the following month it undertook infantry/tank co-operation in a combined exercise with the Cambridge University OTC. Whilst there was inevitably some discussion as to who won, the Company has no doubts on the matter.

In an effort to keep the Company in the 'Public Eye' a slick attack and defence demonstration team was built up by Cpl Alan Choat and L/Cpl Keith Bate with their section. Their efforts were so successful at Pye Telecommunications sports day that requests for appearances are now being received up to a year ahead. Investigations are proceeding into retaining a full-time agent!



'We work with our hats on' or 'Are we the Arab Legion?'



OC's pipe out of control.



Nothing wakes up 'D' Company.

'D' COY, 6 BN, AT CAMP
'Can you get BBC 2 on this
thing?' Preparation for an
exercise.



Unfortunately, Capt. Bill Macnab had to relinquish his appointment as 2IC on returning to his native Scotland. However, he was succeeded by Capt. Jim Robb, who served with the Company Commander in the 'old days' in the Black Watch. Jim Robb was later transferred to 'B' (Bedford) Company to take over as OC. However, D Company keeps an international flavour.

In the latter half of the year the Company, satiated with its success in collecting trophies, cups and other honours, adopted the slogan where there is a copy there is a Cambridgeshire. The other three Companies all admire the Cambridge Company, not only for their achievement, but for their astonishing good luck!

The Company has had its share of personnel losses. The PSI, Danny Philips, has now moved to Cyprus and in his place they have welcomed S/Sgt. 'Chunky' Slinn. One of his main interests is starting a keep fit evening for wives and girl friends! The Company will be receiving the Freedom of the Borough of Wisbech on Sunday, 31st March, 1974, and in this parade will be joined by other detachments from the Battalion.

CAMP 1973

On 27th September the advance parties of the Battalion moved through torrential Dartmoor rain and mist into a bleak camp at Okehampton. Although bad weather persisted until the main party arrived on Saturday, 29th September, by the morning of the 30th the elements abated, the sun came out and the Battalion

started on a fortnight's fair to good weather. The milder weather held until the day of departure, 13th October. The Padre had done his work well.

The first week was occupied with the field firing ranges and training. One minor irritant is that on Dartmoor the mists need only to be slight before safety considerations preclude live firing. Two or three mornings were frustrated through this, and those who attended Warcop last year were heard to yearn for the facilities at that excellent camp. At the end of the first week the Gaza Cup competition was held. Successful Company was 'D' (Cambridgeshire) Company, the runners-up were 'A' (Royal Norfolk) Company. The prizes were presented by the Deputy District Commander, Brig. P. G. Litton.

The end of the first week marked a special milestone for the Battalion, as Lt.-Col. P. W. Raywood relinquished command and Lt.-Col. T. C. B. Swayne, former 2IC and earlier OC 'C' (Essex) Company, assumed command.

The Officers' Mess Guest Night on 5th October was attended by Brig. Litton, Col. Dicker, Chairman East Anglian TAVRA, Col. Clayton, Secretary TAVRA, Col. J. P. Davey, TAVR Colonel (South), Col. P. Franklin, Hon. Colonel (Essex), Col. Langdon and Lt. Col. N. Hodgeson, Camp Commandant and Admin Officer. Sub-Lt. R. Ayers, son of the Battalion's popular Paymaster, Major F. Ayers (formerly of 'A' (Royal Norfolk) Company), stationed at Plymouth, also attended.

The guard had an interesting incident one night when a young woman was seen prowling around the wire compound. Fearing that she was about to launch a full-scale one-woman



'D' COY, 6 BN, AT CAMP
Helicopter training—not so
far to fall now! Pte. (now
L/Cpl. E. G. Bergers) getting
away from it all.

assault on us. the guard apprehended her. Within minutes it was clear to the Guard Commander that the poor girl was distressed and was determined to commit suicide on the moor. He called the Padre and ambulance, and within a brief space of time the poor lass was safe and warm in hospital, from which she had escaped. Full marks for sensible, humane and speedy action—it saved a life in a non-dramatic way.

The middle Saturday was liberty day and a coach was run to Plymouth. A good day for purchasing presents, re-lubricating dry tonsils and bird-watching in this haven of very wild life. Sunday started with a church service conducted by the Padre, Rev. Canon B. D. Measures. The service and the communion thereafter were both well attended. After the church service the Section Military Proficiency Competition took place and was won by 'D' (Cambridge) Company. The day's activities ended with the traditional visit of the Sergeants to the Officers' Mess.

The second week started with a day's field firing and then helicopter training which culminated in lifting all four companies, one of which was to act as an insurgent enemy, to different parts of the moor. The exercise proceeded through the night. Many lessons were learned. Although helicoptering has its moments, unfamiliar souls direct their attention to counting the number of rivets, tracing wires, trying to look unconcerned and avoiding looking through the great gaping door; it is the most

comfortable way for the infantry to travel into action. Walking over tarns, into bogs, streams, ditches, etc., at night is much less palatable. Recce from the map was one point hammered home. The exercise finished at about 02.00 with hot soup, etc., and the cookhouse rang with the sound of singing—a sure sign of a sense of satisfaction and achievement.

The RN and Commando unit in Plymouth provided a most interesting day in the Royal Dockyard and the Royal Citadel. Troops were introduced to the mysteries of the assault ship 'Fearless' as well as other naval mysteries. The trip round the Citadel was conducted by a lady who gave an excellent tour, pointing out all the military and naval features of that fortress. She ended by thanking the troops for their courtesy and said she had not had such a polite and attentive audience for a long time! A comment on the TAVR which is worth noting. (Why? —Ed.)

During the period of camp, the Battalion was visited by Brig. P. G. Litton, Col. Clapham, Brig. Blake and Col. W. D. Flower, the Hon. Colonel designate (Norfolk).

On the weekend October 27th/28th the Battalion provided an enemy for the 7th Battalion IS exercises at Stanford. The enemy forces were led with great success by Captain Martin Haylock, of 'A' Company. His force was drawn from all units of the Battalion, who gave an excellent account of themselves, fulfilling every commitment successfully.

TIGER COMPANY

The past year has seen great change in Tiger Company, both in personalities and in role. In November, 1972, Tiger Company, reduced to virtually a Cadre strength, was training Junior Soldiers as part of Junior Infantrymen's Battalion, Shorncliffe. Now, a year later, the Company has reformed as the only independent infantry company in the Army, for an operational role as part of 2nd Infantry Brigade.

The training of Junior Soldiers provided an interesting spell of duty, and it was rewarding to see the standard of their military ability improving as the year went by. In the winter the Junior Soldiers of Tiger Company visited Dartmoor for a fortnight and Stanford for a three-day exercise, and in the summer the Company was on Salisbury Plain for two weeks. Perhaps the most noteworthy event of the Summer Term, however, was the Company's day trip to France in celebration of Royal Tigers' Day.

In March the Company was honoured by a visit from the Lord Mayor of Leicester, who toured barracks, meeting the permanent staff of Tiger Company. More recently, in November, the Company has been visited again, by this year's Lord Mayor. He lunched with the Officers, WOs and Sergeants, addressed the Company, and later met some of the wives in the

Tigers' Den. In the evening he entertained the Officers, the CSM and Sergeants and their wives to dinner. Also present was the Mayor of Canterbury, Colonel Pallot, Major Dudley, Major Peter Witt of the German Army, and David Partridge of the *Leicester Mercury*.

Major Witt spent two weeks with Tiger Company on an exchange posting, seeing something of how the British Army lived and worked in the United Kingdom.

In April Major John Bacon took command of the Company from Major John Hegg, who went on a posting to Australia. At the same time Captain Simon Underwood took over as 2IC from Captain Michael Goldschmidt, who went to the 1st Battalion in Cyprus. More recently, WO.II Eddie Davies has taken over from WO.II Chris Aldridge as CSM, and Lt. David Morris from Lt. Bill Mooring as a Platoon Commander.

Several former Tigers have returned to the fold during the reformation of the Company. Amongst these are Sgt. Bob McDonald, Cpl. Tony Davie, L/Cpl. George Houlden, L/Cpl. Mick Godfrey, and, of course, the CSM and the new Commanding Officer, Major Anthony Swallow, who has just taken over from Major John Bacon.

Visit of Lord Mayor of Leicester to Tiger Company, March, 1973. OC and 2IC Tiger Company, RSM of Junior Infantrymen's Wing escort the Lord Mayor of Leicester, Alderman Stanley Thompson, and his Secretary, Stanley Smith.





Tigers on patrol in Canterbury, September, 1973.
L to R: Ptes. Coleman, Theobald, Larder, Donnison
and Barrett.

Captain Tony James left the Company at the end of November on posting to the 1st Battalion. His place was taken by Lt. Joe Bass, who is going up in the world after joining us from the Queen's Regiment. We hope to make something of him!

Lt. Peter Black will soon be leaving us to become 'Black of the FO'. (God help England). Cpl. John Spelman is also leaving us to join the 1st Battalion. He has asked that it be noted that he is leaving the Tigers after 'seven years' loyal and diligent service'.

Some people are joining the 1st Battalion in order to go skiing in Norway and do other nice things. The remainder of us are going to Ireland in March with 7 Para RHA. We hope that it will be a happy and successful amalgam.

In the next report from the Tigers we can give some details on what it's like to work really closely with the Gunner—parachuting Horse Gunner to boot!—on acting as enemy for those selected Gentlemen Cadets from the RMA Sandhurst; and perhaps just a few details on intended sojourn (?) in the Bermuda Isles in early 1975. Till then . . .

Poachers' appetites

It may interest readers to know the amount of food consumed by the 2nd Battalion while training at Sennelager between 26th May and 8th June, 1973. Since officers and senior NCOs fed in their own Messes except for lunch in the field, these figures are mainly the achievements of Corporals and soldiers. 6,400 lb. of meat (of all types)—or 3 tons—is a lot of meat.

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| Beef | ... | ... | ... | 2,086 lb. |
| Mutton | ... | ... | ... | 256 .. |
| Pork | ... | ... | ... | 536 .. |
| Sausages | ... | ... | ... | 740 .. |
| Bacon | ... | ... | ... | 465 .. |
| Lamb | ... | ... | ... | 600 .. |
| Chicken | ... | ... | ... | 835 .. |
| Liver, Kidney, etc. | ... | ... | ... | 400 .. |
| Turkey | ... | ... | ... | 214 .. |
| Eggs | ... | ... | ... | 15,903 eggs |
| Cheese | ... | ... | ... | 109 lb. |
| Sugar | ... | ... | ... | 1,212 .. |
| Tea | ... | ... | ... | 258 .. |
| Coffee | ... | ... | ... | 12 .. |
| Milk (Cans) | ... | ... | ... | 1,093 cans |
| Milk (Fresh) | ... | ... | ... | 302 litres |
| Potatoes | ... | ... | ... | 13,519 lb |
| Ice Cream | ... | ... | ... | 36 litres |
| Pickles | ... | ... | ... | 79 jars |
| Mayonnaise | ... | ... | ... | 5 drums |
| Vinegar | ... | ... | ... | 49 pints |
| Curry | ... | ... | ... | 29 lb |
| Baked Beans | ... | ... | ... | 154 A10 cans |
| Baked Beans | ... | ... | ... | 220 A3 cans |
| Ham | ... | ... | ... | 51 lb. |
| Bread | ... | ... | ... | 1,079 loaves |

7th (Volunteer) Battalion

The highlights of 1973, apart from annual camp, have been the provision of a guard of honour for HM the Queen Mother at Corby and our participation in her visit to Bassingbourn, both of which are covered elsewhere.

After a rush of recruits following our formation in April 1971, the figures have shown a slow but steady rise since June of that year and to date we have recruited over 102 per cent of establishment. However, a good deal of wastage occurred in the summer of 1973 when many two-year men opted not to extend their service. Total wastage amounted to 29 per cent of establishment, leaving us with a posted strength of 73 per cent. The encouraging thing is that recruiting remains steady, and having survived the two-year loss, much of which was 'dead wood', there is now hope of a gradual climb to full strength. The officer position is particularly good, with only three sub-altern vacancies unfilled and three officer cadets awaiting their commissions. All the company commanders are now young enough to carry on for some years to come, some of the older ones having reached the age limit. The same has happened at WO/SNCO level, most of the departed being stalwarts of the cadre days. It is hoped that their sorrow in parting was salved by pride in having been ready in harness when the Battalion was formed, and having done so much to see us through our infancy. The same

can be said of our original PSIs, all but one of whom have been replaced, though we are well pleased with the new ones.

We are about to launch a major recruiting drive in three test areas by employing a firm to put leaflets through letter boxes. We await the results with much interest since a modest effort by one of the detachments using this method recently produced seventeen responses on one night.

Ordnance have excelled themselves by issuing eight more vehicles to us, including three most useful mini buses and, wonder of wonders, a spanking new staff car for the CO to replace his old Mini which he never could get into. He seems a little mellower!

The standard of shooting in the Battalion is not something we enjoy discussing with strangers, but at the Eastern District Rifle meeting in October we achieved:

Winners—Inter-unit team championship.

Winners—SMG team match.

Winners and runner-up --SMG match.

Runners-up—Section match.

Runners-up—LMG team match.

Runners-up—Individual rifle match.

At least we can produce a few gladiators.

Camp 73 was at Sennybridge, where the weather was for the most part kind, enabling us

Members of 'A' Company at Camp. PSI S/Sgt. Bradtke, Capt. Shaw, Lieut. Lynch, CSM Dixon, Capt. Rickard and Major Gleadell.



to make full use of the field firing ranges. Emphasis was put on internal security training, culminating in a very good three-day exercise in the second week.

We had the good fortune to have attached to us for the first week Lt.-Col. Karl Jamieson of the 3rd Bn The Jamaica Regiment, Jamaica's TA Battalion. Camp 74 will include shooting at Altcar, adventure training in the Lake District and a Battalion mobilization exercise at Swynnerton. It promises to be our best camp yet.

ROUND THE COMPANIES

LDY Squadron, Melton Mowbray

Dramatic changes in the command structure have included the departure of Major Ben Burchnall, SSM Richardson and SQMS Stonehouse. Though much missed, the Squadron has been lucky enough to replace them with men of similar enthusiasm. Losses of two-year men hit the Squadron quite hard, but their strength should rise steadily from now on. Thanks to the Depot, RAVC, horses were borrowed to provide an escort for the Lord Mayor's Show in Leicester, and the training weekends continue to be well attended.

'A' Company, Scunthorpe

Being very nearly at full strength the Company can afford to be selective and has adopted the policy of not signing a man on until he has appeared for three weeks. A sensible precaution which others are following. Ample overtime in the steel works makes attendances patchy but some ambitious and successful weekends have been run and several members have been on various courses. Probably the best weekend was at Stamford on exercise 'Iron Crab' with 16th Independent Para which involved helicopters, parachute drops and a lot of physical hard graft.

'B' Company, Leicester

Whilst sharing their drill hall with a Company of 5 Battalion and fishing for recruits in the same waters, it is pleasant to be able to record that relations are most cordial. This Company is also very nearly at full strength and continues to recruit fast enough to replace its wastage. To assist in this they have shown the flag at festivals in a number of towns in the county, and run an open-day in the city attended by the Lord Mayor which was given generous coverage by Radio Leicester.

'C' Company, Wellingborough

At some 59 per cent of establishment, the Company has come through a period of doldrums with its Corby detachment, but recent results there are very encouraging and recruits are coming in fast. In the recent exercise Anglia VII, 'C' Company commanded the Battalion contingent and claim to have put our arch-enemies of the 6th Battalion to rout. As have 'A' Company, 'C' Company entered 13 men for the Lyke Wake Walk, a gruelling 45 miles of Yorkshire moorland following a Viking funeral march route. Eleven completed the course, in 12 to 15 hours, the standard being 24 hours. 'A' Company entered 17, but had fewer finishers.

'D' Company, Northampton

Major Bill Baxter having gone to a more sedate job with the 5th Battalion, the Company is now under Major Mike Brown. CSM Ralph Martin is to end his long career in January to devote himself to his new life in the 'Yeoman of England' at Wootton, where readers will be especially welcome. The Company has had a particularly good shooting year, being the best all round in both Battalion and Eastern District Skill-at-Arms meets. Strong liaison with the local ACF has benefitted both parties, the Company gaining a steady trickle of recruits from ex-cadets.

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HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother inspects the guard of honour provided by 7 R. Anglian, accompanied by Capt. (now Major) M. E. Brown.

7th Battalion's Royal Guard of Honour

In 1950 Corby in Northamptonshire was designated a 'New Town', and with the steady growth of its population since that date it has become a good recruiting centre for both the Regular Army and the TAVR. It was, therefore, with great pride when the 7th (Volunteer) Battalion were given the task of providing a Guard of Honour for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother on the occasion of her visit to Corby on Wednesday, 11th April, 1973, to open the Queen's Square shopping precinct.

After many weekends' practice the Guard of Honour, formed from men from all Companies of the 7th (V) Battalion, marched into Queen's Square to await the arrival of Her Majesty.

Her Majesty was received by Lt.-Col. J. Chandos-Pole, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire, and having met local civic dignitaries, the Commanding Officer, Lt.-

Col. W. G. Wallace, invited Her Majesty to inspect the Guard of Honour, commanded by Capt. M. E. Brown and assisted by 2/Lt. M. Rowe, both of 'C' Company, based at Wellingborough with a detachment at Corby.

Her Majesty spoke to several of the men during her inspection and congratulated them on their high standard of turnout.

Her Majesty having declared Queen's Square open and having unveiled a commemorative plaque, then toured the new shopping area. The Guard of Honour then performed several very tight drill manoeuvres in the confined space allotted to them in order to be in the correct position for the Royal Salute as Her Majesty left the Square to visit other parts of Corby.

This occasion for the men of 7th Battalion was a double honour because not only had they provided a Guard of Honour for the Royal Visitor but also for their Colonel-in-Chief.

ARMY CADETS

LEICESTER, NORTHAMPTON AND RUTLAND ACF

Following his retirement as County Commandant, the Officers dined out Col. D. M. Smith in the Officers' Mess, Royal Pioneer Corps Depot at Northampton. During the course of the evening the Honorary Colonel, Col. S. Brown, TD, DL, presented Col. Smith with a silver candelabra on behalf of the Officers.

Prior to his appointment as Deputy County Commandant, Lt.-Col. K. W. Adams had commanded 'A' Company for eleven years, having joined the Company seven years earlier. At a dinner given by the Officers, SMIs and SIs. Lt.-Col. Adams was presented with an inscribed salver.

During the visit to the Midlands of the Duke of Edinburgh to see youngsters taking part in his Award Scheme, HRH had the opportunity of seeing some of our cadets who are taking part. When visiting Wellingborough, where he was welcomed by the Lord Lieutenant, the Guard of Honour was provided by cadets of 'D' Company. Subsequently Gold Award winners were presented to him, including Lt. John Munns, OC Kettering Detachment, 'D' Company.

During his visit to Northampton, the Duke saw cadets of Burma Detachment, 'A' Company, busy making doughnuts. He was offered one by Cpl. William Naylor, but declined as he had so much talking to do during the rest of the visit and had therefore to resist the temptation to sample a 'delicious looking doughnut'. The Detachment are learning cooking during weekly lessons held at Gibraltar Barracks, Northampton, organised by Mrs. V. Rose, the wife of Major A. H. Rose, OC 'A' Company. Unusual for cadets, but nevertheless one which should stand them in very good stead in later life and, in any event, it is being undertaken as part of the Award Scheme.

Every three years the Leicester and County Junior Chamber of Commerce organise, within the City of Leicester, a Lord Mayor's Show, with entries comprising floats from various trade activities carried on within the City,

coupled with entries from the Services, Pre-Service Organisations and other Youth Organisations. 'C' Company entered a float depicting various aspects of cadet life.

Weekend visits have been made to the Royal Anglian Regiment by cadets of all our companies, and these have been much enjoyed.

Cadets who visited BAOR were once again the guests of 9th/12th Royal Lancers, who looked after them very well indeed. The party was under the command of Lt. F. T. Powell, OC Loughborough Detachment 'C' Company, and was accompanied by SI Holmes of the same Detachment. In the Cadet Shooting Competition organised by 20 Armoured Brigade the team came third—a creditable performance in view of the lack of shooting experience of the cadets.

The cadets thoroughly enjoyed the visit and were particularly grateful to their hosts for the excellent time they had. Shortly before leaving for BAOR, Lt. Powell came across an old print of a mounted officer of the 9th (Queen's) Lancers in the full dress uniform of the late 19th century. Lt. Powell had the print mounted and whilst with the 9/12th Royal Lancers he presented it to the Officers' Mess.

The weather was pretty chilly and serious consideration should be given to the issue of warm and waterproof outer-clothing to cadets,



Left to right: C/Cpl. Bill Naylor, Cdt. Peter Spencer, Cdt. Michael Cunningham, Mrs. Vera Rose doughnut making before HRH.

not only for the period of visits to BAOR but also as part of the clothing issue to cadets for general wear during their service.

Parties of boys from St. John's School, Tiffield, Northants., have been working on clearing the old Stratford Canal, and amongst the parties were members of the ACF Detachment ('A' Company) at the School.

Ulverscroft Road Leicester Detachment 'B' Company held its first 'Open Night' early in the year, at which parents and friends of the Detachment and the cadets had been invited, and the evening was also well supported by parents. It is always encouraging to find how much parents like to attend Detachment functions.

Having decided to spend a weekend at the WETC at Leek at the beginning of the year, 'B' Company arrived to find they had chosen a weekend with the most appalling weather, from rain to sleet and snow. Nevertheless the sixty cadets who attended the weekend thoroughly enjoyed themselves, carrying out an interesting programme organised by 17 AYT, to whom the Company is, as usual, grateful. In addition, 'B' Company enjoyed a further weekend at WETC Leek, and another at Proteous Camp, Ollerton, Notts.

About sixty parents and friends of cadets of the Detachment attended the Brentwood Road, Leicester, Detachment, 'C' Company, when it held its first Annual Prize-Giving Ceremony, in which was incorporated an Enrolment Ceremony. The prizes were presented by the Deputy Commandant, Lt.-Col. K. W. Adams. The

strength of this Detachment is some seventy cadets, of whom the greater number were present.

In the East Midland District Orienteering Competition, held at Bestwood Lodge, Arnold, the Melton Mowbray Detachment ('C' Company) team was S/Sgt. Stephen Herring, L/Cpl. Duncan Staff, L/Cpl. Ian Crowe and Cdt. John Martin, and very well they did indeed by winning the Team Championship. In addition, Sgt. Herring was the individual winner. Their success is even more commendable since the team were complete novices except for Sgt. Herring, who was taking part in his second competition.

'C' Company continued their Company Training with a weekend at the WETC at Leek, Staffs. The weather left much to be desired, but nevertheless the cadets enjoyed their weekend and much useful training was undertaken. The assistance of 16 CTT was invaluable and much appreciated. 'C' Company also gained valuable experience with an interesting weekend at Proteous Camp, Ollerton.

Thirty-one cadets from Corby Detachment, 'D' Company, provided a route-lining party on the occasion of the visit of HRH Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, to Corby. Her Majesty expressed her pleasure at seeing so many Army Cadets lining the route and remarked on their enthusiasm.

'D' Company held their Annual Social at the ACF Centre, Northampton Road, Kettering, with many friends of the Company being present. The County Commandant, Lt.-Col.

Left to right: (standing) 2Lt. R. T. Bott, Cdt. Sgt. Walker, Cdt. Sgt. Hudson. (On the vehicle) Cdt. Pick, L/c. Coleman and four others.



A. P. Gilks, and his wife were present. Mrs. Gilks made the draw for the Company's Prize Draw. All those attending the Social enjoyed themselves.

Amongst visits made by 'D' Company was a most enjoyable one to the Junior Leaders Regiment at Oswestry. A former cadet of Corby Detachment, Christopher Dunn is now with the 32nd Light Regiment, RA, after passing out from Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Artillery, at Bramcote, where he obtained the rank of Junior Sergeant. From a letter received from the CO of Junior Leaders Regiment, Christopher Dunn seems to have done extremely well during his time with the Regiment. During his cadet period he reached the rank of Corporal.

Our inter company Annual Swimming Gala was held at Cossington Street Baths, Leicester. 'C' Company won and 'B' Company were runners-up.

We entered four teams in the Regional Swimming Championships at Colchester and did a great deal better than anticipated, coming fifth overall.

'B' Company started training after Camp with a training weekend at Proteous Camp, Ollerton, attended by some 70 cadets together with officers and SMI's and all enjoyed themselves.

During its KAPE visit to Northampton 7th Royal Horse Artillery organised a competition for Youth Organisations and 'A' Company (Northampton) entered two teams who successfully accomplished the tasks set them.

During the Melton Mowbray Carnival the local detachment of 'C' Company put on a display involving the mock attack on a bridge with all the usual pyrotechnics and this was very successful. The detachment also had a stand at the Carnival and took part in a march through the town.

We entered two teams for the Inter-Service Cadet Rifle meeting at Bisley, one from 'A' Company, Northampton, and the other from 'D' Company, Kettering.

Cadet Hundred Badges were won by L/Cpl. G. McKay and L/Cpl. M. Johnson, both of Burma Detachment 'A' Company, and by Sgt. S. York, Rushden Detachment, and L/Cpl. Carl Annies, Kettering Detachment, both of 'D' Company.

We believe our Brentwood Road, Leicester, Detachment of 'C' Company has achieved a record in holding a marathon table tennis game lasting 48 hours and 2 minutes. The object was

to raise funds for the Detachment to buy adventure training equipment. About £60 was raised. The marathon started on Friday evening, finishing on Sunday evening. All the arrangements were made by the cadets themselves, including coverage in the local press and on Radio Leicester. The cadets played in two hour stints with eight hours rest and the maximum time any one cadet played was ten hours. Close supervision was exercised by the Detachment's adults and parents of the cadets involved.

The team was Sgt. D. Grace, his brother Cpl. S. Grace, Sgt. Bresley, Cpl. Coleman, Cpl. Robinson, Cpl. Hepnall, Cpl. Pick, L/Cpl. Mason, G., L/Cpl. Mason, R., Cdt. Sutherland.

We gather that the world record for such a marathon is 70 hours and the cadets are anxious 'to have a go' next year at beating that record.

Annual Camp

We broke new ground this year with our Annual Camp at Okehampton, Devon, when 31 officers, 33 SMIs and 300 cadets arrived after a train journey to Exeter and thence by bus.

The training was carried out under Company arrangements and was varied and interesting. One Company made use of its wireless sets, not only to exercise more control over its schemes but also to correct, on the spot, errors of its Cadet NCOs.

Cadets with Cert. A Part II had the benefit of advanced training under 16 and 17 AYT's. The highlights of their programme, varied and interesting as it was, were a visit to the Royal Marines Commando Assault Course and an orienteering exercise starting on Wednesday morning, bivouacing overnight, and culminating in an attack on a bridge at dawn.

Parties of cadets visited Plymouth Dockyard and went swimming at Okehampton open air pool.

Our athletics meeting was held on Thursday and was won by 'C' Company. The prizes were presented by Brig. C. M. A. Mayes of Eastern District.

On Saturday the County Commandant held his inspection of cadets attending Camp and presented prizes and trophies won during the year.

At the conclusion of the inspection, our Honorary Colonel, Col. S. Brown, TD, DL, presented a Banner to the Regiment as a mark of his long and happy association with the

Force. The Banner was dedicated by our Senior Padre, Rev. F. G. Adams, TD, and was received on behalf of the Regiment by the County Commandant, Lt.-Col. A. P. Gilkes, who thanked the Honorary Colonel for the wonderful gesture in presenting us with such a magnificent Banner.

The finale to Saturday's Ceremonial was the March Past with the Honorary Colonel taking the salute. This year the County Commandant decided that the parade should be under the command of Cdt./CSM Robert Smith (Brentwood Road—'C' Company), who led the Regiment for the march past with the Companies under the command of their Cadet Sgts. The County Commandant led the officers and SMIs. Cdt./CSM Smith acquitted himself with great credit on his first big parade as Cdt./CSM.

It is always sad when Officers, SMI's and SI's of long standing leave us, either on change of employment or retirement. First, Captain S. F. Tong, commanding City of Leicester Boys' School Detachment, left the school on taking up a new appointment in Essex, and we wish him the best of luck in that appointment. Under Capt. Tong the Detachment had grown in strength quite considerably. 'B' Company marked the occasion by presenting him with a silver tankard.

The second to leave was Capt. L. W. Marlow, second in command of 'C' Company, who left the ACF after 11 years' service. Capt. Marlow had commanded Detachments at Loughborough and Ulverscroft Road, Leicester, before becoming 2IC of 'C' Company. All those who knew him know how hard he had worked for the ACF. To mark his retirement, 'C' Company presented him with an eight-day clock at a Social Evening held at the Instructors' Mess, T & AVR Centre, Brentwood Road, Leicester.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE ACF

From Cadet to County Cadet Commandant

In 1944 a young man named Tom Burdett joined the Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force at Whittlesey. He was a keen and successful shot and reached senior NCO rank; but in those

days he could have had little idea of what his future in the Army Cadet Force would be.

Immediately after completion of his Cadet service Tom Burdett was commissioned 2Lieutenant. He served for a while as the second officer of the Whittlesey Detachment, assuming command with the rank of captain in 1954 on the retirement of Major I. N. Burgess, MBE. He maintained the Detachment's interest in shooting, achieving a number of competition successes, and in the Drum and Bugle Band which was in great demand for Army Cadet Force events and public displays. In all he ran an extremely successful unit, which led to his appointment in 1960 as Officer Commanding 3rd (Isle of Ely) (C) Battalion, The Cambridgeshire Regiment.

The Battalion prospered under his command until 1963, when the family business demanded a great deal more of his time. He offered to continue to serve in a less time-consuming appointment until he could once again give the Army Cadet Force the attention he considered it deserved.

Fortunately, in 1969, he was in a position to accept the appointment of Deputy County Cadet Commandant, and now, after four (to use his own words) very rewarding years in that appointment, he has been offered, and has accepted, the appointment of County Cadet Commandant, Cambs & Hunts ACF, to be effective from 1st October, 1973.

The County is indeed proud to have one of its own Cadets as its new Commandant. Perhaps he is the first Cadet to have had a Commandant's 'baton in his knapsack'.

It might even be a double first, because the Deputy Commandant on 1st October will be Lieutenant-Colonel Derrick Buckenham, who was himself a Cadet and has had a very similar ACF career. Derrick Buckenham succeeded Tom Burdett in Command 3rd (Isle of Ely) (C) Battalion in 1963 and has held that appointment continuously since that date. A long tenure and with excellent results. His place with 3rd (C) Battalion will be filled by Major R. H. Newton, whilst Major W. H. Grogan will be appointed to command 5th (Huntingdon and Peterborough) (C) Battalion.

This account would not be complete without a tribute to Lt.-Col. L. S. L. Brown, TD, DL, for a very effective tenure of five years as County Cadet Commandant. His appointment as a Deputy Lieutenant of the County gives an indication of the esteem in which he is held.

SUFFOLK ACF

Having recently relinquished command of 'C' Company to take up the duties of County Public Relations Officer one of the first assignments was to provide a contribution for Castle 1974. Not having seen this publication I soon obtained a copy dated January 1973. A quick glance to formulate some ideas on requirements I soon found a very close association existed between personnel of The Royal Anglian Regiment and Suffolk Army Cadet Force. I observed some mention of Major Stan Chandler (ex QM/ACF) and with Colonel Peter Badger and now Lt.-Col. Peter Raven filling ACF appointments a link has been truly established.

I hope that a resume of our cadet activities to date will be both acceptable and interesting to Castle readers. The Rigorous Training weekends at Stanford PTA organised by The Regimental Information team, Royal Anglian Regiment, Depot Queens Division, particularly those held in February/March when conditions to say the least are only just bearable, are still extremely popular with cadets whose enthusiasm on return expresses achievement with complete satisfaction.

Small parties of Cadets have taken part in weekend exercises with TAVR units in the county and made useful contribution to their success.

There have been numerous visits to regular Army Units, namely Household Cavalry, The Life Guards, Windsor, Junior Leaders Regiment, RA Bramcote, RAC Centre, Bovington, Open Day at Bassingbourn and similar events at School of Artillery, Larkhill and The Parachute Depot. The enthusiasm shown and energy expended by cadets have been the subject of favourable comments and are much looked forward to by cadets each year. By way of change a visit to Ipswich by RCT Maritime Unit gave the opportunity for Felixstowe cadets to take a night trip to the next port of call—namely Lowestoft.

Shooting by Suffolk cadets has not reached the standard required but some progress has been made to rectify this situation. We failed to win the Pre-Service Challenge Shield, which went to Air Training Corp with the scores 431 to 375. Sgt. J. Foster (Hadleigh Platoon) won The Bland Cup (best ACF aggregate), and deservedly so, having maintained consistency throughout the year.

Annual Camp 1973 was a first visit to Proetus Camp, Ollerton, Notts., and proved most successful. The training brief was clear:

- (1) Section Training and Leadership (by night and day).
- (2) Adventure Training in self reliance and initiative.
- (3) Tactical Training involving Escape and Evasion exercises and patrolling.

With only a few periods of rain during the camp period, our prepared training programmes were completed without interruption.

A party of cadets and adults visited Edale Peak District for mountaineering expedition under the careful supervision of the Wattisham (RAF) Expedition Club. This was an innovation which will be repeated and expanded later.

No. 1 CTT ran a Potential Instructors course for officers, adults instructors and senior cadets, while 19 Airportable Bde. HQ Signals Squadron classified fifteen cadets as Signallers. The Squadron also provided radio safety links between training areas and ranges.

Swimming at a local lido was popular (with the girls) as well as cadets, and a helicopter visit to the camp enabled some forty cadets to enjoy the excitement of being airborne.

Watermanship training was carried out on the Chesterfield Canal.

A football match England (Suffolk ACF) versus Scotland (Angus and Dundee ACF) resulted in a win to England by 4-1 and this gave our newly appointed County Sports Officer 2/Lt. A. Dable an opportunity to take stock of players for the National Competitions in the autumn.

Ipswich (Chantry) Platoon of 'C' Company deservedly won The Hon. Colonels Cup competition and the Oakes Cup for Orienteering. As the memories of 1973 camp fade away we now begin our preparation for 1974 camp which will be by the sea at Weymouth. During the year our Jeep Display Team (Hadleigh Platoon) and our Corps of Drums at Ipswich, Bury St. Edmunds and Lowestoft have been in great demand for fetes and carnivals and impressive displays given, especially at the 'Spirit of Suffolk' County Festival 1973, which was attended by 40,000 people over two days. The Certificate 'A' Parts I and II have continued in 1973 with gratifying results, but preparations are being made to replace these with a new training schedule emphasising adventure type training which will present a stimulating challenge to both cadets and adults in the Cadet Force.

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ESSEX ACF

The Essex Army Cadet Force have had a very active and energetic year under the Command of Colonel D. G. Flindall, TD. There have been few changes in the senior posts, except that Major P. G. Harris has taken over 'A' Company (Brentwood) from Major E. H. Durrant, who has retired after twenty-two years with the County. Unfortunately, two prominent personalities have died during the year: the Medical Officer, Major M. Mulye, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Officer, Capt. W. H. Gardner, who achieved spectacular successes under the Scheme when he was directing the County's activities.

The Force continue to pilot the experimental Training Syllabus 'Claymore' and we hope we have made a success of it. We have reported our findings to the Ministry of Defence and it is gratifying to hear from the Director of Territorials, Volunteers and Cadets that these have been well received and have been useful in formulating the new ACF Training Syllabus, to replace Certificate A, shortly.

This has been a particularly good year for shooting and it will be of interest to 'Castle' readers to know that most of the best shots in the county are to be found in the Mistley and Brightlingsea Platoons of 'D' Company. Both these Platoons are affiliated to 3 Company 5th (Volunteer) Battalion. They have done particularly well in small bore shooting, winning the Eastern District Lomax Shield for 1971/72 and finding four members for the ACF XL and a further three within the ACF Hundred. The four in the XL did very well in the Junior Inter Service Cadet Match—the Whistler Trophy. Their placings and scores were: L/Cpl. C. Baxter 197 (4th), Cpl. K. Harbach 193 (8th), L/Cpl. S. Bruce 192 (10), and Cdt. D. Ainger 191 (11th). The highest possible score was 200. The same cadets also did well in the District Cadet Rifle Meeting and the Essex County Rifle Meeting.

It was a great achievement this year to win the Eastern Region Soccer Championship, beating Cambridgeshire ACF 3-0 in the finals on 8th April. It is a long time since this trophy has been held by Essex.

The Force has also done well at swimming, winning the Eastern Region Championships, and some Essex cadets went on to play their part in helping the Eastern Region to win the

National Championships. Cpl. D. Moore and L/Cpl. A. Mullis represented the ACF in the Inter Services Cadet Swimming Championships and won the senior butterfly and junior backstroke respectively.

While military activities prosper and improve in standard, this year has seen a great increase in orienteering and service of the community. The start in competitive orienteering has been promising and in community work large sums have been collected by sub-units for the British Legion Poppy Day Appeal, the Red Cross and other charities. At the same time the good record of qualifications under the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme were maintained.

Between May 72 and January 73 seventy-two Essex ACF cadets entered the Regular Army as junior entrants, of whom eleven went to Bassingbourn.

The highlight of the year was annual camp at Nesscliff, near Shrewsbury, from 28th July to 10th August, '73. Some one hundred and twenty adult members and four hundred cadets attended. Nesscliff is a former ammunition depot and the training areas are consequently flat and not very inspiring. However, due to their own efforts and generous help from the Regular Army, practically every cadet spent thirty-six hours in Snowdonia, based on a camp at Capel Curig. Some were able to walk up Snowdon, under expert guidance and supervision, and when the weather was unsuitable for this, other treks were organised in equally demanding country. At the same time, about ninety of the older boys were detached for four days' arduous training in Snowdonia with 45 Army Youth Team from Southend. They had to live rough and fend for themselves, whilst engaging in mountaineering, scrambling, orienteering, canoeing and other adventurous activities. Needless to say, they had a wonderful time and learnt a great deal.

Nearer the camp at Nesscliff much assistance was given by HQ Oswestry Garrison and the Light Infantry Depot at Shrewsbury and this greatly enhanced the scope of what would otherwise have been difficult to achieve. In short—a most successful and enjoyable camp.

A party of over 500 from some 35 different locations in Essex spent their annual camp at Nesscliff, near Shrewsbury, in August last year. Training in Snowdonia consisted of Adventure training, walks, climbing, canoeing, orienteering, and much of the period was spent in bivouac areas.

In the camp area, shooting and swimming, day and night exercises, and visits to nearby Regular Army establishments were organised. Welfare was in the capable hands of Mrs. Jackie Mullis, wife of the Deputy Commandant. Meals were of very high standard. The many visitors to camp included Major General The Viscount Bridgeman, President of the Army Cadet Force Association, Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Essex, Colonel Sir John Ruggles Brise, and Major General Hudson, GOC Eastern District.

NORFOLK ACF



Major General G. R. Turner-Cain, CB, CBE, DSO. Deputy Colonel The Royal Anglian Regiment, and Colonel W. D. Flower, TD, Commandant of Norfolk Army Cadet Force, photographed with Captain J. H. Race, MBE, and RSM J. C. Moore, BEM, on the occasion of the Re-badging Ceremony held at Bodney Camp, Stanford Training Area, on Saturday, 4th August, 1973.

Captain Jack Race served 18 years in the Royal Norfolk Regiment, including 3½ years as a POW in Japanese hands. He reached the rank of Captain before his retirement and has been Adjutant of the 3rd Norfolk Battalion Army Cadet Force for the past 15 years.

RSM Jack Moore served in the Royal Norfolk Regiment from 1930 to 1960, a period of 30 years, and from 1960 to 1964 with the TA Battalion. From 1964 to the present day he has been on the Permanent Staff of the Norfolk Army Cadet Force as RSM of the Cadet Norfolk Artillery.

ANNUAL CAMP 1973

Norfolk Army Cadet Force

The 1973 camp at Stanford Training Area can be summed up in three words—Badges, Visitors and Weather. The ashes of Britannia were carried through the Sergeants' Mess to the sound of drums before being buried as Last Post was sounded. Surely the most important funeral for The Royal Norfolk Regiment since the drummers carried Sir John Moore at Corunna. The first parade with the new badges of the Royal Anglian Regiment was on 4th August—the birthday of the Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen Mother. We had Major General G. R. Turner-Cain, Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, with us for the parade to welcome us into the Regiment.

Being in our home county we were happy to welcome many visitors. The Lord Lieutenant spent a morning going round the lines talking to people and seeing dinners. There were the usual visits from our Affiliated Formation Commander and the Chairman and Secretary of the TAVR Association. On Friday evening we welcomed among others the Chairman of the County Council, three Mayors and their wives, one Deputy Mayor, two Members of Parliament, Lt.-Col. Paul Raywood and two former County Commandants, who were among nearly one hundred guests.

Our final afternoon was spent entertaining families. The Band played, Cadet Norfolk Artillery demonstrated their 25 pounder and there was a battle display and sports. During the afternoon the County Commandant presented certificates and cups won during the year.

The weather was perfect, being dry and not too hot. Perhaps the real highlight of the camp was the visit paid by all ranks to the Colchester Tattoo.

This was Major Ted Riddell-Smith's last camp as he has handed over command of 1st Norfolk Bn to Captain John Young.

SPORTS REPORT

FOOTBALL

From Londonderry to Cup Final Pompadours Win Again



The victors return to work

The 1972/73 was again a highly successful season for the Pompadours, culminating in the winning, for the third successive year, the Infantry Cup.

The early rounds of the Infantry Cup provided easy opposition for the Pompadours, and not until the quarter finals was the first stiff opposition met. 1st Battalion Royal Irish Ran-

gers, at Barosia Barracks, Iserlohn. The Pompadours were two goals to one down at half-time, but in a powerful second-half display three goals were belted into the Irish net without reply.

The semi-final was played at the Sennelager Military Stadium on the 16th March, against the Worcestershire and Forester Regiment

Early on, Cpl. Coombs was brought down heavily in the W.F.R. penalty area, and from the resultant penalty Sgt. Allen put the Pompadours ahead. For the rest of the game the Pompadours' goal was under constant pressure, midway through the second half the W.F.R. scored a deserved equaliser, at full time the score was 1—1. Extra time was played, but neither side could break the deadlock. The replay took place in the Berlin Stadium the following week, and as the soccer team moved east to Berlin the Battalion flew off in the opposite direction to Creggan Camp, Londonderry. In the replay the Pompadours took control of the game from the start and never let up, scoring twice in the first half and once more in the second half to run out easy winners by 3—0.

The BAOR Cup Final took place at Sennelager Stadium on the 27th March against The Royal Regiment of Wales. The Welch, not being so adept with the round ball as they are with the oval one, lost 3—0.

The Infantry Cup Final was a repeat of last year's final, against the King's Own Borderers, from Ballykinler, Northern Ireland. The match was played on the 26th April, 1973, at the Sennelager Stadium. The Pompadours came direct from the streets of Derry to the playing field at Sennelager. The match was hard fought throughout, the Pompadours going ahead when a Borderers' player passed back into his own goal when being pressurised by L/Cpl. Wyatt. The Borderers equalised just before half-time. Early in the second half S/Sgt. Plumb passed a good ball through the middle to Cpl. Jephcote, who turned and rapped the ball into the back of the net. The Borderers equalised with just two minutes of play left, their centre-forward scoring a soft goal. The period of extra time was a ding-dong struggle with both sides having narrow escapes, but no further goals were scored. The game was decided on penalties, each side having to take five shots. The Borderers missed two out of their first four, the Pompadours' first four shots going straight into the back of the net to retain the cup and end a most memorable season.

The only blemish was the Pompadours' early exit from the Army Cup. The Battalion were unfortunate to meet in the second round of the competition one of the most powerful teams in BAOR, 28 Amphibious Regiment, RE, and lost 2—1. Owing to the annual Op Banner tour, leave and the BAOR training season, the Battalion had to play this match with only one previous game, a 5—1 win against 50 Missile

Regiment RA, in the first round of the Army Cup. Later in the year the Pompadours gained ample revenge, trouncing the Engineers 5—0 in the 4th Divisional Cup.

In the Detmold Major Unit league the Battalion won the League Championship for the second year, winning nine games out of the ten played, scoring 36 goals against 5. The Pompadours second team were runners-up in the Detmold Minor Units Championship, winning nine games, drawing two and losing one.

The Pompadours' record for the season was: played 22 games, won 18, drew 2, lost 2, goals for 83, goals against 19. Leading goalscorers: Cpl. Jephcote 26, Cpl. Coombs 20, Pte. Collins 17, Sgt. Allen 10.

The following Pompadours represented the Army BAOR during the season: Pte. Northrop in goal, Cpl. Thurston at right back, Sgt. Allen at centre-half, Cpl. Coombs at centre-forward and Cpl. Jephcote on the left wing.

1st Battalion

It was with a sense of foreboding the Battalion looked toward the 72/73 season. Our predecessors, The Prince of Wales Own, had won just about every competition in sight for the second year running and were regarded by Army and RAF alike as being a team of exceptional skill with depth of talent to match. As our own plans were, and still are, to build an Army—and Infantry—cup-winning side during our two-year stay, it was clear that, apart from team building, we were expected to get some results or face being looked upon as the poor relations of Services football in Cyprus. With this in mind an inter-Company Summer League was organised to see what needed to be done with the talent at our disposal and to shake off the cobwebs of an almost football-less tour in the streets of Londonderry.

Cyprus summers are notoriously hot, and by the end of our summer B Company had emerged clear winners with the slimmest players on record. But it paid dividends. We now had the players, and they were fit, carrying not a spare ounce amongst them.

With the advent of cooler weather the following players started training: Sgt. Lodge, Sgt. Livesey APTC, Cpl. George, Cpl. Froggatt, Cpl. Foster, Cpl. Glenton, Cpl. Lathbury, Cpl. Bell, Cpl. Manning, Cpl. Norman, Cpl. Wilcox,

L/Cpl. Thurlby, L/Cpl. Jones, L/Cpl. Scoles, Pte. Gent, Pte. Burnham, Pte. Clarke, Pte. Toll, Pte. Sheperd, Pte. Atter, Pte. Dennis. With few exceptions this was the squad that represented the Battalion throughout.

In late September pre-season friendly fixtures were played in order to find our strengths and weaknesses, and the first competitive team lost 2—0 to RAF Episkopi in the 1st Round of the Carter Floodlight Cup, the annual season-opener. Although put smartly in our place, the team's performance was creditable and we were able to commence League fixtures with less apprehension.

Captained by Cpl. 'Dinger' Bell, the team started well, dropping a mere three points in our first seven games and reaching the quarter-finals of the League Cup. Goals were scored alternately with abundance and non-abundance, showing that our preparation was correct but experience limited, and the bubble finally burst in early December when we dropped three valuable points to inferior opposition. Some consolation was sought amongst the broken ankles and strained knee ligaments to be seen on the trainer's bench, but mostly it was thought that our long hot summer had finally caught up with us. To the great credit of all players, their hard work and willingness to keep learning, the team picked itself up and returned to a winning vein after Christmas. At the three-quarters stage, we had drawn twice with the unbeaten leaders and once with the eventual winners, and fought our way to the League Cup Final. In the final month the League was won by RAF Episkopi, with ourselves in fourth place, those lost three points standing between ourselves and the title. With three points separating the top four teams, and the Battalion losing only twice, less than any other team, it was considered a fair season in so competitive a league, and in that frame of mind attention was turned to the Cup Final, where we were to meet Flying Wing Akrotiri.

We were 'taken to the cleaners' by five goals to nil, and so a tough season closed. On the day, we just couldn't put it together and the better team won handsomely. The League record read: Played 14, Won 6, Drawn 6, Lost 2.

Of the many friendlies played, all against good opposition and some of higher class, the most interesting with a view to progress were those against 1 Para 5—2, 3 Queen's 3—1, Austrian UN 3—0, DTB Limassol (Turkish 1st Division) 0—2, and a tremendous win over

RAF Malta by 4 goals to 2, albeit on our own ground.

Four of our friendlies were lost in the pre-season build-up. The team felt pleased, if not elated, with the following overall record:

| P | W | D | L | GF | GA |
|----|----|---|---|----|----|
| 31 | 15 | 8 | 8 | 68 | 55 |

Congratulations must be in order to those Battalion players who distinguished themselves by regular selection for the Army (Cyprus) FA against such notable opposition as the Cyprus FA in their World Cup build-up against Bulgaria, N. Ireland and Portugal. Such experience can only be good for Battalion football. A deserved 'well done' to Cpl. Bell, L/Cpl. Scoles, Cpl. Froggat, L/Cpl. Thurlby, Pte. Clarke, Pte. Burnham and Pte. Shepherd. Had it not been for a broken ankle Cpl. Manning may well have been successful, having been a trialist until injury forced him out.

No summer league was played in 1973. Army players had played somewhere in the region of 100 matches at all levels since our arrival in Cyprus. Battalion players had played about 70-plus, and with that in mind, we settled for a summer of cricket, exercises, birds, and exercises.

73/74 Season

The Battalion started the Cyprus football season with military training in Kenya, missed the Carter Floodlight Cup, and were thrown straight into the league with no preparation. We welcomed newcomers 2Lt. Wells, Ptes. Jackson, Yarrien, Foley, Avison and Eke, and oldcomers L/Cpl. Stratton and Pte. Mingay to the squad, and found we are stronger than last season. At present we are busy smoothing the rough edges, but the outlook is definitely good for the future. Last season's players play with much more stature and composure, and the new lads are helped by that confidence. To name a few, L/Cpl. Scoles, for all his slight build, must be the best centre-half on the Island, as his displays against international opposition have proved. Cpl. 'Dinger' Bell leads by skilful example from midfield and is as good in defence as he is in attack—some achievement for a player in today's game, where most are known for one aspect. Pte. 'Shep' Shepherd is a fine 'watchdog' or front sweeper, breaking up opposing attacks by skilful interception and tackling and initiating quick attacks, besides being almost unbeatable in the air. Some

qualifications for a player who, by repute is the oldest in the team and can't see past the end of his boot anyway. Goalkeeper Pte. 'Nobby' Clarke, although not quite achieving last year's immaculate form, makes the difficult look easy and performs miracles with the seemingly impossible, and best of all admits his present short-comings and is working hard on them. Pte. Bernie Burnham is adept at pulling defences apart by intelligent running, leaving space for the deadliness of Cpl. Dave Manning striking through the gaps. Perhaps most remarkable of all is the tremendous improvement of Cpl. Chris Norman and L/Cpl. 'Jonah' Jones, whose skill and enthusiasm lift the team at all times and contribute enormously to the overall effect. Add to all this the latent

skill of our newcomers and the future indeed looks rosy.

Our Army (Cyprus) players have been joined by 2Lt. Wells and L/Cpl. Jones, so once again the Battalion is well represented at higher level. With our move to UK soon upon us and the pending departure of players on advance parties and the like, it would be tempting fate to predict that the Battalion can continue its winning ways, although we believe we have the depth of talent to see us through. Only time will tell. But of one thing one can be sure, and that is that 1st Battalion are looking for success in the big competitions come the 74/75 season, and if hard work combined with skill is any yardstick, success there will be.

1st Battalion Football Squad.



5th (V) Battalion

At the end of the football season the Battalion was in good form in a number of competitions. In the Eastern District Challenge Cup, 4 (Leicester) Company had a very good record. In the quarter finals against a team from B company 7 Royal Anglian they had a resounding 10-0 victory, and then in the semi

finals playing at home against 575 Fd Sqn RE(V) they had another great win 11-1.

With those two fine wins there were high hopes for success in the final against 118 Army Recovery Coy REME(V), but after a hard game 4 Coy were defeated by a single goal.

BASKETBALL

Pompadours well on target

The 1972/73 basketball season commenced on our return from post 'Op Banner' leave with the usual series of warm up fixtures against local opposition. The team were soon back into something like the form they achieved the previous season. The local garrison league included several first class teams, among them being a US Army team and last year's BAOR Major Units champions, 39 Missile Regt., RA. This strong opposition seemed to spur the Pompadours to greater efforts, who played well throughout the competition, losing only one game, and that by a single point. So for the second year in succession we topped the Lippe Garrison League and qualified for the 4 Division Major Units championship.

This knockout competition produced some excellent teams and hard fought matches. Having successfully disposed of our first two opponents we met 24 Missile Regt., RA, at Dortmund, in the semi final. They proceeded to take us to the cleaners and eventually won comfortably. The Pompadours were without two of their star players and never hit true form, but it is doubtful whether we would have won even with a full squad. 24 Missile Regt. eventually went on to win the BAOR Section of the Army Major Units championship and only lost the UK final by five baskets.

Northern Ireland, we found, gave us little scope for any serious basketball, but the squad emerged unscathed from the streets of Londonderry, having had plenty of exercise and a marked improvement in their feints and side-steps. We are sure that the hard missiles thrown by our admirers helped the team to better reactions which will assist us during the coming season.

Following our long lay-off, our coach, 'Muscles' Goulding, commenced the training programme with some hard build-up sessions on basic skills and tactics—it is surprising how out of touch one becomes. The squad has been increased with the addition of some new faces and we eventually hope to have twenty players to call on for fixtures. The series of battalion sports days has helped in our search for new talent and the general standard within companies is improving.

Finding good opposition for our warm-up matches proved difficult initially, but a plea for

fixtures over the British Forces radio has produced some keen games and plenty of basketball for the whole squad. Two of last season's regulars are now back in action following compulsory lay-offs due to injury. CSM McDonnel is now in fine form and Sgt. Dutton has emerged from the rugby XV pack to play his usual role in the attack.

To keep the whole squad playing, a series of second team games have been arranged for our up-and-coming players. Their first game against 30 Field Ambulance was very encouraging, resulting in a win by 38 points to 27. Ptes. Smith and White got amongst the points, ably supported by the rest of the team. These matches, we feel, will give our younger players the match experience needed and improve their personal skills.

It is perhaps time to mention the efforts of our coach and player, SSI Goulding, APTC, whose guidance and expertise has brought the team so successfully through the last two seasons.

A special mention should be made of two players, Pte. Charles, who again topped the scoring averages and who was selected for the BAOR representative squad, together with L/Cpl. Jones who has made tremendous progress this season.



'Dead Eye'. L/Cpl. Jones—it's two points—or is it?

The draw for the BAOR Section of the Army Championships has been made and our first opponents will be our old rivals from 24 Missile Regiment RA. We intend to reverse last season's result, when they beat us soundly.

The team are now preparing for the 1973/74 season and the pre-season friendly matches are under way. We are confident that given a fair amount of luck, we shall again do well and hope for greater success in the BAOR championships.

HOCKEY

Pompadours do well

The 1972/73 season closed successfully with the impressive record of 19 wins, 4 draws and only 4 losses. We reached the semi-final of the Divisional Cup and were Divisional League winners in our group.

However, we are having to reshape the team after losing the services of two of our stars of the past two years, Major Styles and Capt Davenport. We would all like to thank Capt Davenport for his hard work and devotion to hockey in the Battalion, and wish him luck as secretary of the BAOR hockey, as well as his staff appointment in the 2nd Division. We shall also lose shortly another stalwart, Major Collado, who has played in every match since his attachment to us from the Gibraltar Regiment; hope he has enjoyed playing in the side.

But all is not lost. We still have our three divisional players with us, namely Cpl. Billimore, L/Cpl. Thorpe and Pte Freakley, and there are a number of other youngsters around. Whilst appreciating that umpteen-year-old Major Barnes and Captains Ladley and Groves can't go on for ever, they will steady the team until the right combination is found, but this may not be far off, as we have just beaten our arch-enemies of the hockey pitch for the past two years, the QRIH, by four goals to one in the Lippe Garrison League.

We have an interesting fixture list for the season that takes us up to the end of March, and we hope that the weather is kind to us so that we may be able to play a few games during the traditionally bad months of January and February.

Other players who have represented the side are: Capt. Duff, S/Sgt. Reed (RAPC), Sgt Sweeney, Cpls. McKenzie, DeCunha, Brizzan, L/Cpls. Nelson, Bentley, and Pte. Chandley.

ATHLETICS

1st Bn win Cyprus Major Units



Grim determination shows on the face of Cpl. Atkins as he overtakes Pte. Lincoln to win the Army Cyprus Individual cross country championship in April this year.

Athletics

Two years in Ulster certainly left the Battalion a lot of work in all sports, and most of all in Athletics. The second season showed that they were beginning to catch up. Cpl. Atkin, B Company, was unchallenged on the Island in the Steeplechase and certainly one of the best in the 5000 metres. Pte. Lincoln, B Company, in 800 and 1500 metres, trained scientifically, using a book written by some incredibly tough Australian. Cpl. Jones, B Company, an athlete of boundless potential who started learning the 400 metres hurdles and succeeded in breaking the Island seven-year old record. These three merged to form the basis of our team.

Sprints are obviously not our forte, but we are good from 400 metres upwards and a very reasonable strength in the Hammer, Sgt. Smith and Cpl. Bodger (Sp Company), and High Jump, Pte. Toll (Admin. Company). We made certain of winning all the track events from 800 metres and our fair share of field. The 400

metres relay was the decider. Pte. Skinner (Sp Company) No. 1, Cpl. Lathbury (B Company) No. 2, Sgt. Jones (B Company) No. 3, and Cpl. Bell (B Company) anchor man. Skinner was unfit but ran the race of his life and took four yards off his opponents, Cpl. Lathbury, built to run any distance, gained another yard, Sgt. Jones, an impressed volunteer, increased this lead, and Cpl. Bell, nothing but a sprinter, set the seal and we won by half a track and the Major Units Championship.



Smiling faces after the Bn. cross-country race from members of Comd. Company. Left to right: Pte. Gill Rennie, Cpl. Charlie Shropshire, Cpl. Ronnie Blackadder, Cpl. Alex Tuckwood, and Cpl. Tony Shirley.

The Cyprus Walkabout Competition 1973

The Walkabout is probably the most important event in the NEARELF Calendar. It is an orienteering event in which eighty teams of three men set out, via five check-points, to Troodos on Day 1 and return via another five check-points to Episkopi on Day 2, having spent the night at the Leave Camp. Teams select their own route between check-points and the total distance cross country and as the crow flies was about 22 miles there and 24 miles back. The country is extremely rugged, with sheer ravines and razorbacks, but the real test of the competition lies in the climb from sea level to 6,000 feet on Day 1.

Teams from all the three services, civilians and the Swedish Army, came from the Gulf, Malta, Masirah, UK and BAOR to compete. The Battalion was allowed four teams and we started training two months before the event with about twenty-seven men, working up to three fifteen-mile runs a week. Injuries took their toll and with two weeks to go we were down to twenty-one runners and one team administrator. At this stage we took to the hills, training at height in Troodos for three days and finishing with a full course run down in which some useful times were achieved.

Came the day and several cancellations from other teams. The vacancies were offered to us. We had hoped throughout to allow all those who had trained to compete. Last-minute difficulties led to some emergency changes and a surprised Sgt. Jones, the administrator, found himself not ministering to others but earning his own blisters. At the same time, Chief Tech Pratt, an RAF reserve, came to make up one of our teams (permitted in the rules!).

The first teams left at the crack of dawn. Our own in selected order of priority were: Team A: Lt. Morris, B Coy, L/Cpl. Atkin, B Coy; Pte. Lincoln, B Coy. Team B: 2Lt. Phipps, C Coy; Pte. Threadwell, B Coy; Pte. Larter, B Coy. Team C: 2Lt. Dexter, A Coy; L/Cpl. Wright, B Coy; Pte. James, C Coy. Team D: Cpl. Foran, A Coy, Pte. Mellow, A Coy; Pte. Bonnett, A Coy. Team E: Cpl. Vessey, B Coy; Pte. Drage, C Coy; C/Tech. Pratt, RAF. Team F: Cpl. Mitchell, B Coy; Pte. Morris, B Coy; Pte. Algar, C Coy. Team G: Sgt. Jones, B Coy; Pte. Sharp, B Coy; Pte. Mingay, B Coy.

We expected that last year's leading teams would again set the pace, especially 1st Green-jackets and RAF Akrotiri Physical Education Flight, but it is hard to judge progress over the first part of the course as the eighty teams leave at one-minute intervals. It soon became clear that last year's stars were again going to be very good, and 7 RHA came into the reckoning at once.

At the end of the second day a wonderfully fit 7 RHA team beat RAF Akrotiri by 10 minutes in the remarkable time of 10 hours and 43 minutes for the complete course there and back. Our teams finished almost in a block and our final results were: 5th, Team E; 6th, Team A; 8th, Team B; 9th, Team F; 10th, Team C; 11th, Team D; 23rd, Gallant Team G.

Cpl. Vessey and Cpl. Mitchell showed that on the day map-reading skills are as important

as cross-country fitness. We learned a number of lessons about training with full kit, equipment, and the carriage of equipment. For instance, a team must, to have a chance of winning, train and aim to run the entire course. Equipment must be strapped to the body really firmly. Reporting in to check-points must be a quick and time-saving drill. These lessons need to be put into practice early on during training next year.

ORIENTEERING

Wins in both Districts by 5th (V) Battalion

The Battalion entered company teams in the Eastern District Orienteering meeting held at Colchester on 22nd September, 1973. Captain R. T. J. Wreford, 3 Company, came in first in a time of 1 hr. 20 mins. 05 secs., beating all regular army competitors. Teams also did extremely well to achieve the first three places in TAVR Section.

1st 3 Company 5 (V) R. Anglian, total time 5 hrs. 56 mins. 32secs.; 2nd 4 Company 5 (V) R. Anglian, total time 7 hrs. 20 mins. 51 secs.; 3rd 5 Company 5 (V) R. Anglian, total time, 7 hrs. 34 mins. 06 secs.

3 Company were nominated by Eastern District to run in the army championships held at Stanford PTA on 14th October, 1973. The team gained 6th place in a time of 3 hrs. 52 mins. 43 secs.

All of our Companies entered teams into The East Midland District Orienteering competition held at Bestwood Lodge. The course was a tough one and extended the competitions in both stamina and map reading. After a tense battle HQ Coy team won the team event in the total time of 5 hrs. 52 mins., with 2 (Lincoln) Coy runners-up in 7 hrs. 10 mins. Sgt. Gold of 4 (Lincoln) Coy ran very well indeed to take the individual prize in the very good time of 67 mins., and Officer Cadet Alexander of HQ Coy was second only two minutes behind.



POLO IN CYPRUS

Ribald remarks, touched off, we believe, by jealousy, have not prevented up to twenty members of the Battalion either getting back on a horse or from taking up riding for the first time. With stables close at hand in Episkopi and Dhekelia, all sorts of unlikely figures have been seen in the non-infantry role—often with dire consequences. Apart from occasional forays into the world of show jumping, military skill-at-arms and tent pegging, the aim of our horsemanship has been to raise a Regimental polo team.

Our hopes received a blow soon after the Battalion's arrival in Cyprus, when Lt. Peter Black was posted away, but since then Major Tony Pollard, Major Cled Lewis, L/Cpl. Lofty Hammond, L/Cpl. Stumpy Matthews, Ptes. Benny, Clarke, Tom Manes and Tich Gooch have all played regularly. In the background, Lts. Peter Ferrary, Stuart Lane and Jeremy Prescott are all now ready to start playing and can be seen, stick in hand, in the polo pit or urging their more or less willing mounts into a canter at 0600 hrs. of a morning. The Regimental team has played in three tournaments. Firstly, in the Inniskilling Cup we were defeated by C Sqn. Blues and Royals by 4 goals to 0. We gained considerable experience from this encounter, and some months, and much practice, later won the Episkopi Polo Tournament, being unbeaten throughout. The team was: Back, Major Lewis; No. 3, Major Pollard; No. 2, L/Cpl. Matthews; No. 1, Pte. Gooch.

In Kenya several people managed to ride and play some polo, but their absence from Cyprus reduced our strength for the Robertson Cup in Dhekelia in September. This was another handicap competition, played as an American tournament. The team, however, played with tremendous spirit in the first two games, defeating Dhekelia Devils 4—0 and 16/5 Lancers 3—0, with Pte. Clarke coming in for Major Lewis, who was in Kenya. Everything depended on our last match of the tournament, against Episkopi Polo Club, who had also won both their games. It was a close-fought battle in which constant pressure on the opposition defence failed to produce a goal, mainly because of some appalling misses by our players.

Winners of the Episkopi Polo Cup, hot but happy. Major Tony Pollard, Pte. Tich Gooch, L/Cpl. Stumpy Matthews and Major Cled Lewis.

GOLF

Army Golf—The Egypt Cup

The Regiment entered the Infantry Inter-Regimental Team Competition in the Army Golf Meeting played at Muirfield, Scotland, with two teams, and the 'A' team defeated the Royal Irish Rangers in the final to win the Egypt Cup. This was the first competition in which 'Large' Regiments could compete; in previous years battalions had competed in the Argyll and Sutherland Bowl, the 2nd Battalion having been victors twice and the 1st Battalion once.

The winning 'A' team was Capt. Pearce, Lt.-Col. Noble, Lt.-Col. Clark, Lt.-Col. Murray Brown, Lt.-Gen. Freeland. The advantage of the Egypt Cup is that the 'A' team can be strengthened within the competition by the 'B' team, but not vice-versa obviously. Others who made up the two teams were Brig. Oulton, Col. Carroll, Lt.-Col. Arthur, Maj. Cobbold and Lt. Phipps.

The Regimental Golfing Society held meetings last year at Worlington, Flempton and Thetford.

FLEMPTON 1973

The Society Annual Meeting had a fair turnout. Twenty members competed and the results were:

Isham Salver Scratch Competition

Lt.-Col. A. G. R. Noble—76.

Pompadour Cup Handicap Competition

Lt.-Gen. Sir Ian Freeland—86—12=74.

Suffolk Cup—Bogey Competition

Lt.-Col. A. G. R. Noble—two up.

Inter-Battalion Cup

The Poachers.

Ponsonby Cup—Stableford Foursomes

Lt.-Col. A. G. R. Noble.

L/Cpl. J. Eke.

Colonel Tony Noble had a field day and but for a convenient count-out rule would have swept the board. Congratulations to Brigadier Ralph Oulton on returning a gross 80 to take 2nd place in the Isham Salver. It was good to have a young soldier, Junior Lance Corporal Eke, playing as back marker off a six handicap. He did not strike form in the morning but showed his worth in the afternoon.

BOXING

Maxwell does it again



Private Roger Maxwell, of 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, chalked up another triumph after stepping in to the Albert Hall ring to represent his country against Hungary in place of the injured Robbie Davies. Maxwell staked a claim for first choice rather than substitute when he became one of only three Britons to win their bouts against the Hungarians who carried the match 8-3.

As Amateur Boxing Association light-middleweight champion, Maxwell could be expected to box well against his opponent, Istvan Kovaks. In fact the southpaw soldier boxed at his best. The experienced Kovaks has been a national champion several times. But he did not inflict much punishment on Maxwell who varied his punching well and, in the last round, clinched the bout by hunting his quarry all over the ring to earn a unanimous points decision. Maxwell was picked for another A.B.A. match in Denmark last month.

OBITUARY

MAJ.-GEN. G. St.G. ROBINSON,
CB, DSO, MC

Colonel, The Northamptonshire Regiment
1944-53

PRIVATE ANTHONY GOODFELLOW:

3rd Battalion

Private Anthony Goodfellow was fatally shot while on duty at a Vehicle Check Point in the Creggan Estate, Londonderry, on 27th April, 1973.

Although he was born in Bishop Auckland, County Durham, in September 1946, he lived for most of his life in Rushden, Northamptonshire, and joined the Regiment from there. After his basic training at Bassingbourn he was posted to the Third Battalion in Aldershot in June 1970 and later moved with them to Paderborn. He served with the Battalion in Belfast in 1972 and was on his second tour in Northern Ireland when he was killed. In Germany he was employed as an Armoured Personnel Carrier driver but was a rifleman in Northern Ireland.

He was a proud and brave Pompadour who will be remembered with admiration and affection.

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PRIVATE NIGEL MARKWICK

2nd Battalion

Nigel Markwick enlisted on 13th August, 1970, and went to the Regimental Depot at Bassingbourn.

He joined the 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers in January, 1971, and stayed with them for four months before being posted to the 2nd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment in April. He served with the Battalion in Munster and was also with it during the previous tour in the Lower Falls area of Belfast.

He was tragically killed in an accident at Creggan Camp, Londonderry, on 12th September, 1973.

He was a cheerful, good-hearted and very popular soldier. His loss will be keenly felt by all members of the Battalion, but especially by all members of A Company, who knew him so well.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his parents.

Guy St. George Robinson, son of St. George C. W. Robinson and nephew of Sir Edward Carson, the famous Ulster loyalist leader, was born in Sligo, Ireland, on 2nd April, 1887. After passing out of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in 1907 he was given a commission in The Northamptonshire Regiment. He joined the 2nd Battalion, then serving at home, but a year later was posted to the 1st Battalion, serving with it in Poona and Aden before it came to England, to Devonport, in 1910. There, as assistant-adjutant, he was to a considerable degree, responsible for the battalion's high standard of shooting. He was also able to show his skill at games, playing Rugby football regularly for the Devonport Services team.

When war broke out in August, 1914, Lieut. Robinson went to France with the battalion as one of the platoon commanders. When the adjutant was wounded in September he succeeded him, and held the appointment until he himself was wounded during the attack by the Prussian Guard at Polygon Wood, near Ypres, in November. In January, 1915, he was one of the first officers in the Army to be awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in action.

After four months at home Capt. Robinson rejoined the 1st Battalion in France, where he resumed the appointment of adjutant until early in 1916, when he was sent to Sandhurst as an instructor. A year later he was back with the 1st Battalion in France as second-in-command, and it was fortunate for the Regiment that when they suffered such heavy casualties in the German attack of July 10th, 1917, on the trenches in the Dunes, near Nieuport, he was out of the line with the reserves. He took over command then, and retained it for the rest of the war, and then with the Rhine Army, until April, 1919, when he was appointed Assistant Adjutant at Sandhurst. In December he was awarded the DSO.

Entering the Staff College, Camberley, for the two-year course at the beginning of 1924, he became one of the members of the College hockey team, then one of the best in the country. After passing out of the Staff College he held a series of staff appointments, at the Small Arms School, the War Office, and China Command until 1932, when he returned to the Regiment, serving as second-in-command of the

2nd Battalion until March, 1933, when he was given command and promoted Lieutenant-Colonel. In 1935 he relinquished command on appointment as Assistant Commandant of the Small Arms School, Hythe. Two years later he was sent to Burma, to command the Rangoon Brigade. Returning to England in 1940, he first of all commanded an Infantry Brigade, and then the Essex and Suffolk Area until the end of 1942, when he was promoted Major-General and given command of the East Riding and Lincolnshire District. He retired in October, 1944, and was created CB in 1945.

On 5th November, 1944, he was appointed Colonel of The Northamptonshire Regiment in succession to General Sir Harry Knox, and held this appointment until the completion of his tenure in April, 1955.

A brother officer of the Regiment writes:

Although Guy Robinson gave splendid and devoted service both to the 48th and to the 58th in many capacities, and had the rare distinction of having had command of both the regular battalions of the Regiment, the one in war, the other in peace, it was as Colonel of the Regiment, in the closing stages of his career, that he made what was probably his greatest contribution to its welfare.

Before the war had ended, foreseeing the need for a thorough reorganisation of the Comrades' Association and all its affairs, he drew up a comprehensive scheme which was duly discussed, and approved, at meetings of representatives of all sections of the Regiment. This, briefly, provided for a Council which not only managed the affairs of the Association and its finances, but also dealt with other matters such as the annual reunion, the regimental journal, the museum, the history, and others too numerous to mention.

A most important aspect of this reorganisation was the division of the funds of the Association into two, a General Fund and a Benevolent Fund, the latter receiving approval, and consequently considerable financial benefit, as a charitable trust. The result was that the funds available for the principal object, the giving of help to members of the Regiment who were in need, were much more adequate than had been the case in past years.

The other major problem of great concern was that brought about by the reorganisation, from 1947 onwards, of the Infantry, which resulted in the amalgamation of the two regular battalions of the Regiment into one, the 1st

Battalion, The Northamptonshire Regiment (48th/58th). This required the solution of matters such as the disposal of the regimental silver and property which had been acquired through many years, the laying-up of Colours, and the retention of customs peculiar to one or other of the two individual battalions.

It was thanks to Guy's gift of clear-thinking, his organising ability, and, above all, his love for the Regiment that these difficult matters were settled so well, with so little ill-feeling, and in the best interests of the Regiment. In later years, when no longer Colonel of the Regiment, he was always ready to give the benefit of his long experience to those who needed advice.

It is indeed sad to think that we shall not see him again at those regimental functions which he always tried to attend despite advancing old age, and where he was so pleased to meet his old friends.

**BRIGADIER E. H. W. BACKHOUSE,
CBE, DL**

Colonel, The Suffolk Regiment. 1947-57

Brigadier Backhouse died on 20th November. He was born in 1895 and was commissioned into the Suffolk Regiment from Sandhurst in February 1914. He joined the 2nd Battalion in Ireland at the time that the Curragh Incident was at its height.

He was severely wounded at the battle of Le Cateau on 25th August, 1914, and was taken prisoner.

After the war, he served with the 2nd Battalion and on the staff, and took over command of the Depot in 1934.

During his time as Depot Commander, he was responsible for organising the very successful 250th Anniversary Celebrations of the Suffolk Regiment. These included the inauguration of the Regimental Chapel in St. Mary's Church, an institution in which he always took the greatest interest.

He commanded the 1st Battalion in 1938 and 1939 in Malta and Devonport. Just before the outbreak of World War II he was promoted to command 54th Brigade of 18th Division. He remained in command of this until, like all the 18th Division, he was taken prisoner at the fall of Singapore.

After the war, he was, for a time, Deputy Commander of Home Counties District, and he retired in 1948.

He was Colonel of the Suffolk Regiment from 1947-1957. During this time he devoted all his considerable ability towards the general good and well-being of his Regiment. Amongst many other things, he was responsible for the building of the War Memorial Homes.

On finishing his time as Colonel of the Regiment, he became Honorary Colonel of the Cambridgeshire Regiment.

His other activities included the Vice-Lieutenancy of Suffolk, Chairman of the Suffolk TA Association, County Councillor and Chairman of the Far East Prisoners of War Association.

We send our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Backhouse and her family.

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BRIGADIER J. A. LONGMORE,

CB, CBE, TD, DL

Brigadier John Longmore died on 16th August, 1973.

As Honorary Colonel of The Hertfordshire Regiment from 1952 to 1961 he followed in the footsteps of his father, Colonel Sir Charles Longmore, who had held this appointment throughout the 1920s.

Brigadier Longmore left Harrow in 1918 and joined the Coldstream Guards, serving with their 3rd Battalion in France and Germany. When the 1st Battalion The Hertfordshire Regiment (TA) was reformed in 1920 he transferred as a subaltern. On the outbreak of the 1939 war he was commanding the Battalion, and continued in command until 1941. He was then appointed Deputy Director of the Home Guard and Territorial Army.

After the war he maintained his connection with the Territorial Army and the Army Cadet Force. He became Chairman of the Hertfordshire Territorial Association, Vice-Chairman of the Army Cadet Force Association, its Honorary Treasurer, and later a Vice-President.

Throughout a lifetime of public service to the county of Hertfordshire, Brigadier John Longmore was always willing to devote time to serve the best interests of the Regiment. The respect and affection in which he was held was reflected in the presence of the large congregation at his Memorial Service in Hertford on 12th October, 1973.

COLONEL G. A. ANSTEE, OBE, MC

Colonel Geoffrey Anstee died suddenly at his home in Great Livermore, Suffolk, on 18th December, 1973.

Commissioned into The Bedfordshire Regiment in June, 1915, he spent his first six months with the 4th Battalion (Herts. Militia). In January 1916 he went to France and served the next two years with the 2nd Battalion, taking part in the battles of the Somme, Arras and Ypres. He was awarded the Military Cross after a successful raid on German trenches in June 1916. He was appointed Adjutant of the Battalion in February 1917 but had the misfortune to be wounded and taken prisoner during the great German offensive in March 1918.

He was repatriated in December 1918 and on the reconstitution of the 1st Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment he was appointed Adjutant. After serving the full term of three years he was appointed Adjutant of the Regimental Depot. He rejoined the 1st Battalion, sailing with them to Malta. After his return to England he was Adjutant of the 5th Battalion TA for four years.

At the outbreak of the Second World War he was commanding 'A' Company of the 2nd Battalion at Gravesend and embarked for the B.E.F., serving the early part of 1940 in the 'Ligne de Contact' in front of the Maginot Line. At this time he became Second-in-Command of the Battalion. During the subsequent German attack he was ordered to take command of the 5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment and with them took part in the subsequent evacuation on 1st June 1940. He continued to command this Battalion for the next two years.

In 1943 he received substantive promotion to Lieut.-Colonel. From October 1944 to December 1946 he commanded No. 3 ITC and 53 PTW at Bury St. Edmunds where recruits were given primary and continuation training. Recognition of his valuable contribution in this field came with the award of the OBE. His final active list appointment was that of Assistant Military Secretary to the GOC-in-C Eastern Command.

On his retirement in January 1949 he became Regimental Secretary and during the next four years the Regiment and the Regimental Association reaped the benefit of his wide experience and devotion.

He became County Commandant of Bedford-

shire Army Cadet Force in January 1950, was also Sector Commander of the Bedfordshire Home Guard.

Geoffrey Anstee was a man of great personal charm and by his genuine interest in people made a wide circle of friends. They will remember him with great affection as one whose company they enjoyed on many occasions.

Amongst those who attended the funeral service at Great Livermere on 24th December, 1973, were lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Busby, who represented The 16th Foot and Major J. A. Girdwood who represented The Northamptonshire Regiment. The interment at Bedford later that day was attended by Major D. T. Tewkesbury together with representatives of Bedford Branch.

We extend our sympathy to his daughter Elizabeth and to his son Major Denis Anstee, who is still serving with The Regiment.

DEATHS

- ADKINS—On 11th August, 1973, Lieut. L. C. Adkins, of Rainsford End, Chelmsford, late 10th Bn The Essex Regiment.
- ALCOCK—On 2nd November, 1972, at Bedford, Mr. William Patrick Alcock, late The Bedfordshire Regiment, aged 84.
- AMOS—On 20th April, 1973, at Flore, Northamptonshire, John Stanley Amos, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- ANSTEE—On 18th December, 1973, at Livermere, nr. Bury St. Edmunds, Colonel Geoffrey Anstee, OBE, MC, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
- ATKINSON—On 13th June, 1972, Mr. R. W. Atkinson, late 7th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- BACKHOUSE, On 20th November, 1973, at Bury St. Edmunds, Brigadier E. H. W. Backhouse, CBE, late The Suffolk Regiment.
- BAKER—On 19th February, 1973, at Peterborough, Cecil Baker, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- BARLOW—In August, 1973, Mr. F. S. Barlow, at Ardleigh, Essex, late The Essex Regiment.
- BINNS—On 19th April, 1973, at Peterborough, H. Binns, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- BISEKER—On 15th October, 1973, at Northampton, Percy Biseker, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- BISHOP—On 11th November, 1973, Mr. Sidney Bishop at Romford. Former Bandsman and CQMS who served for more than 40 years with 4th (TA) Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- BRADLEY—On 22nd March, 1973, at Northampton, Charles Robert Bradley, late 6th (S) Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- BRANDON—In February, 1973, Mr. L. Brandon, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, aged 79.
- BLOYCE—On 11th March, 1973, Mr. Richard Bloyce, late 5th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- BOX—On 30th December, 1972, Mr. Bertie Robert William Box, late 1st and 2nd Bns. The Essex Regiment.
- BREWIN—On 20th August, 1973, at Eastbourne, Lt.-Col. John Verinder Brewin, MC, aged 79 years, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- BROUGH—On 19th December, 1972, at Appledore, North Devon, A. E. Brough, aged 77 years, late 6th (S) Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- CAMPBELL—In March, 1973, Mr. A. Campbell, late 1st, 2nd and 10th Bns. The Essex Regiment.
- CANN—On 22nd January, 1973, suddenly at his home in St. Albans, Captain William Cann, founder member and former president of St. Albans Branch, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, aged 84.
- CHASTON—On 9th December, 1972, ex-Dmr. P. H. Chaston, of 29 Grove Crescent, Grimsby, late 2nd Bn. Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- CHILDS—On 3rd January, 1973, at Kettering, Mr. A. G. Childs, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, aged 69.
- COBB—On 17th August, 1973, J. W. Cobb, of Sandy Mount, Harworth, Doncaster, ex-Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- COE—In May, 1973, Mr. R. Coe, late The Essex Regiment.
- COLLINS—On 2nd February, 1973, at Headington, Mr. Leslie Peter Collins, late 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
- DADE—On 19th October, 1973, Mr. Harold A. Dade, at Brentwood, Essex, aged 84 years, late 9th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- DALE—On 17th April, 1973, Mr. E. P. J. (Mick) Dale, MM, at Brentwood, Essex, aged 55 years, former Sergeant 1st/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- DAVEY—On 18th August, 1970, Major N. G. Davey, MC, late The Essex Regiment.
- DONATO—On 1st April, 1973, Mr. R. L. Donato, late 1st/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- DURHAM—On 16th May, 1973, Mr. W. Durham, late 1st/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- EASTON—On 11th July, 1973, in Cyprus, as the result of an accident, Pte. P. Easton, 1st Battalion.
- EDWARDS—On 15th September, 1973, in Kenya, as the result of an accident on training, Pte. E. W. Edwards, 1st Battalion.

- ELLIS—On 14th January, 1973, at Peterborough. Sgt. Tim Ellis, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- ELLISON—On 17th August, 1973, at Weedon, Thomas Ellison, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- FORSYTH—On 5th June, 1972, Mr. Frederick Ernest Forsyth, at Claybury Hospital, Essex, late The Essex Regiment.
- FOSTER—On 7th July, 1973, at Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, Major Garth Foster, TD, aged 59 years, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- FOWLER—On 18th May, 1973, Mr. Albert Edward Primas Fowler, aged 60 years, former C/Sgt. The Essex Regiment.
- FRANCE—On 1st October, 1972, Mr. A. V. France, late 1st and 2nd Bns. The Essex Regiment.
- FREWIN—On 28th December, 1972, Mr. W. G. Frewin, late 1st/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- FURR—On 29th May, 1973, at Hitchin, Mr. R. W. Furr, late The Bedfordshire Regiment, aged 77.
- GAME—On 2nd February, 1973, Mr. H. F. Game, at his home in Cambridge, aged 86 years, late 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- GAYTON—On 8th June, 1973, at Plymouth, Frederick George Gayton, aged 87 years, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- GILBEY—On 10th July, 1973, at Yaxley, Samuel Thomas (Sam) Gilbey, aged 81 years, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- GRANT—On 2nd November, 1973, in Londonderry, as the result of an accident, L/Cpl. R. Grant, 2nd Battalion.
- GROUNDSELL—On 15th January, 1973, at Coulsdon, Surrey, Major L. D. (Leo) Groundsell, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- HAMMOND—On 24th July, 1972, Mr. R. Hammond, late 7th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- HORWOOD—On 21st August, 1973, in London, Mr. D. A. Horwood, ex-CSM, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
- INGLE—On 7th November, 1973, suddenly, Lt.-Colonel Charles Terence Ingle, at 12 Canynge Road, Clifton, Bristol 8, late Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- JOHNSON—On 14th December, 1973, suddenly at Boston, ex-WO II G. Johnson, of 22 Windsor Crescent, Boston, aged 65 years. (Ex-CSM 4th/6th R. Lincoln (TA)).
- JONES—ON 23rd November, 1973, Mr. A. (Buck) Jones, former Bandsman who served many years with 6th (Cedars) Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- KEAYS—On 27th January, 1973, Major G. A. V. (Bunch) Keays, late Lincolnshire Regiment, at Cape Town.
- LAGDEN—On 24th August, 1973, Captain L. N. Lagden, aged 84 years, late The Essex Regiment.
- LEADLEY—On 24th April, 1973, Mr. H. G. Leadley, late 7th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- LEWIS—On 22nd March, 1973, at Northampton, Colonel James Thomas Lewis, TD, DL, aged 60 years, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- LILLEY—On 30th September, 1973, at Oundle, G. Lilley, aged 82 years, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- LONGMORE—On 16th August, 1973, in Cornwall, Brigadier J. A. Longmore, CB, CBE, TD, DL, former Honorary Colonel The Hertfordshire Regiment (TA), aged 74.
- LUCAS—On 21st February, 1973, in Millbank Hospital, after a long illness, Lt.-Colonel George Arnold Lucas, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, aged 61.
- MARSHALL—On 28th July, 1973, at Daventry, Major William Vincent (Bill) Marshall, aged 72 years, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- MELLISH-OXLEY—On 21st March, 1973, Major Kenneth Gerald Mellish-Oxley, TD, at St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe, Kent, late 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- MORRIS—On 10th December, 1973, SMI Kenneth J. Morris, aged 50 years, of 4 Swaby Close, Lincoln, late Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- MORTIMER—On 6th September, 1973, at Hemel Hempstead, Mr. Samuel Mortimer, ex-Sergeant The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, aged 57.
- MUDFORD—On 27th June, 1973, at Loxwood, Sussex, Major Harold Ernest Mudford, late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, aged 79.
- OSBORNE—On 20th July, 1973, in a Nursing Home at Hythe, Lt.-Colonel Ronald Henry Hewett Osborne, former Commanding Officer 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, aged 72.
- OWEN—On 15th September, 1973, in Kenya, as the result of an accident on training, L/Cpl. J. M. Owen, 1st Battalion.
- PAPWORTH—On 23rd January, 1973, at Guildford, Surrey, Lt.-Col. Frederick Cyril Papworth, MC, aged 78 years, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- PEARSON—On 3rd June, 1972, Lt.-Colonel Hector Pearson, late 1st/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- PINFOLD—On 4th March, 1973, at Northampton General Hospital, Frederick Samuel Pinfold, aged 86 years, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

- PORTWAY**—On 23rd February, 1973, Colonel Cedric Portway, MC, TD, JP, DL, at Monks Ley, Great Maplestead, Essex, late 5th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- POWDERHAM**—On 14th December, 1972, Mr. Richard Powderham, late The Essex Regiment.
- ROBINSON**—On 21st March, 1973, at Folkestone, Major-General Guy St. George Robinson, CB, DSO, MC, aged 85 years, late Colonel The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- RUSSELL**—On 28th December, 1972, at Croydon, Mr. George Russell, late The Bedfordshire Regiment, aged 89.
- SAUNDERS**—In July, 1973, Mr. A. W. Saunders, at Saffron Walden, Essex, late 1st/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- SEAGER**—On 11th June, 1973, former Sergeant George Seager, aged 82 years, late The Essex Regiment.
- SELBY**—On 18th January, 1972, Mr. Percival F. Selby, aged 88 years, late 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- SHIPMAN**—On 4th October, 1973, Sydney R. Shipman, late Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- SISMEY**—On 3rd January, 1973, at Peterborough, George William Sismey, DCM, late 6th (S) Bn. the Northamptonshire Regiment.
- SMITH**—On 14th January, 1973, Mr. J. Smith, aged 69 years, at his home in East Tilbury, former RQMS 1st Bn The Essex Regiment. Served for 33 years.
- SQUANCE**—On 30th November, 1972, at the Bull Hotel, Quorn, Major Alan G. C. Squance, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- STRONGE**—On 17th August, 1973, Mr. Reginald Herbert James Stronge, in London, late 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- SURREY**—On 30th January, 1973, Mr. Sidney Surrey, aged 81 years, at Brentwood, Essex, late The Essex Regiment.
- THEOBALD**—On 22nd April, 1973, Mr. Hedley Theobald, aged 71 years, who served for 34 years with 1st and 2nd Bns. The Essex Regiment.
- VOLLEY**—On 5th April, 1973, at Grimsby, Chris Volley, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- WERNHER**—On 30th June, 1973, Major-General Sir Harold A. Wernher, Bt, GCVO, TD, DL, former Commanding Officer 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (TA), aged 80.
- WEST**—On 14th March, 1973, Mr. J. E. West, at his home in Norfolk, aged 71 years, late 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment.
- WHITBY**—In June 1973, ex-Pte. A. F. Whitby, late 1st/5th Lincolns.
- WILKINSON**—On 21st August, 1973, former CSM J. Wilkinson, aged 64 years, late The Essex Regiment.
- WILSON**—On 30th April, 1973, at Northampton, Clive Deric Wilson, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- WOODS**—On 16th June, 1973, A. Woods, aged 59 years, late The Northamptonshire Regiment.
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