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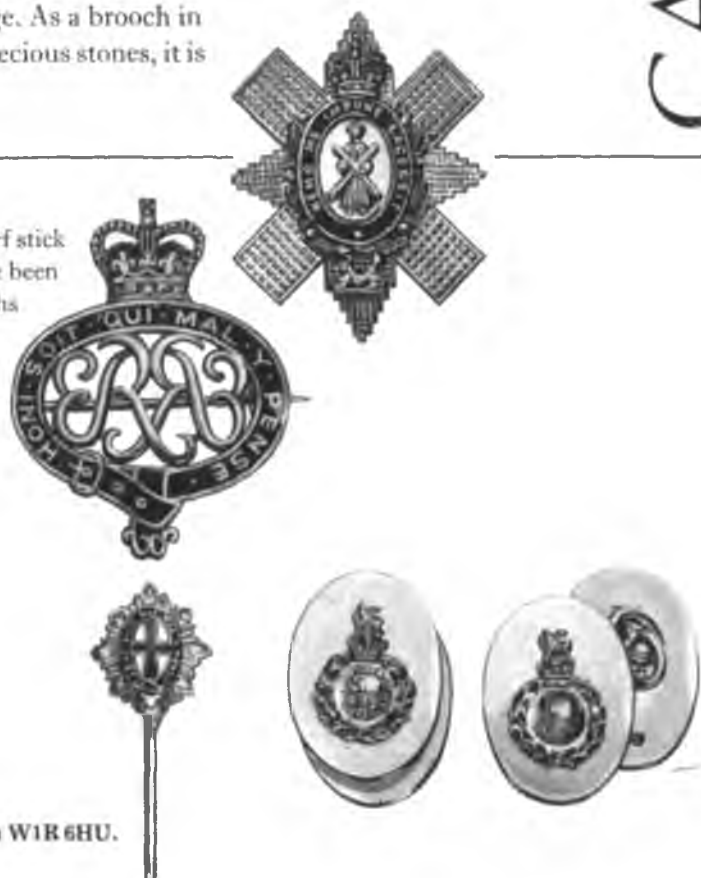
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## **SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY**

by

**Lieutenant General Sir Ian Freeland, GBE, KCB, DSO, JP, DL**  
**Colonel, The Royal Anglian Regiment**

It has been a great honour and pleasure for me to have been Colonel of the Regiment for the last five years.

During this period the Regiment has given outstanding service in Northern Ireland where many awards for gallantry and distinguished service have been won and all battalions have received the praise of their commanders. Elsewhere, in BAOR, in Cyprus and in the UK, our battalions have also made their mark in many spheres and upheld the best traditions of the Regiment.

I would like to congratulate all ranks on their achievements and thank them for their hard work and cheerful service. We can all feel proud of our Regiment

On 1st October, Major General J. B. Dye, CBE, MC, takes over from me as Colonel. Please give to him the same support that you have given to me and continue your good work.

Goodbye and best wishes to you all and to your families.

Lieutenant General,  
Colonel The Royal Anglian Regiment.

30th September, 1976.



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## Our Cover

Reproduced from the original painting by Charles C. Stadden  
of a Regimental Drummer against a background of the Abbey  
Gate, Bury St. Edmunds.





General Dye was commissioned into The Royal Norfolk Regiment in 1940. Serving in the 1st Battalion, he landed on the Normandy beaches on 'D' Day and fought in the campaign in North West Europe, during which he was awarded the Military Cross. He commanded the 1st East Anglian Regiment in 1962 leading it in the Radfan operations in South Yemen. His battalion was responsible for the opening of the Dhala Road. After a tour as GSO1 3rd Division he returned to the Middle East in

December 1966 to command the South Arabian Army until independence in November 1967 for which he was appointed a CBE. After attending the Imperial Defence College he was appointed GOC Eastern District from 1969 to 1971, and was Colonel Commandant of the Queen's Division from 1970-1974.

General Dye is the first Colonel of the Regiment to have worn the regimental badge as a serving officer, being in command of the 1st Battalion of the Regiment on its formation in 1964.

# Pte. Angle

## On Excellence '76

The 1st Battalion took the first five places in the NATO March and Shoot Challenge Cup in Norway. At Bisley five members of the Battalion gained places in the Army Hundred, Captain Domeison won the Victory Cup and the Army Championship. In the sporting field Privates Holman and Conway played soccer for the Army while Captain Willdridge, Sergeant Atkins, Corporal Hanniver and Private Brown 99 represented the Army in athletics.

The 2nd Battalion paid a short visit to Gibraltar which allowed Lieutenant Pearce and CSM O'Hare to lead an expedition in Morocco, the athletes to inflict the first defeat on the Gib 3 A's for several seasons and further cement the Royal Anglian Way and the links with the Gibraltar Regiment. The Band raised £300 at a concert in St. Michaels Cave. Captain Davenport and Corporal Leighton represented the Infantry at hockey. The Corps of Drums of the 1st and 2nd Battalions took part in the Edinburgh Tattoo, the first English Regiment to be so honoured—ever!

The 3rd Battalion did Public Duties in Edinburgh (unconnected with the Tattoo). Took three of the first four places in the Cyprus Walkabout, organised the first Hang Gliding Club in Cyprus and generally enjoyed themselves. They loaned the Infantry Cup to another regiment rather than win it five times out of six!

Officer Cadet Swetman of the 5(V) Battalion is champion rifle shot of Eastern District TAVR. 5 Company won the unit championship and the Essex County Shield. Six times out of seven the Battalion has held these coveted shooting trophies.

The 7(V) Battalion, besides being chosen to become the second BAOR roled TAVR Infantry unit in the District, had great success at Bisley, winning the Roupell Cup. Corporal Tebutt won the NRA Challenge Cup.

The 6(V) Battalion, not to be outdone in the shooting world, at the Eastern District rifle meeting, provided Lieutenant Davidson (Best Officer Trophy) and Corporal Duchemin (Individual Pistol Champion). Great news that the Braintree Detachment of the Essex Company is to be reformed into the fourth rifle Company again.

## On New Roles for the Regiment's Volunteer Battalions

During 1976 one particular Ministry of Defence decision was awaited with considerable interest throughout Eastern District. It concerned the re-roling of the District's four TAVR infantry battalions. These are the 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions of the Regiment and the 3rd Battalion Worcester and Sherwood Foresters (3WFR). Of these the 5th is a NATO Battalion, equipped and organised much as a regular infantry battalion and with a mobilisation role which at present commits it to a BAOR formation. The other three are 'general reserve' battalions, equipped with light weapons and with home defence roles.

When the Defence White Paper of 1975 announced the disappearance of the brigade level of command, it also made mention of the 'field force' concept in which most regular and some TAVR units in the United Kingdom were to be grouped into new formations with specific roles. 7 Field Force in Eastern District which is to form in April 1978 takes on the task of BAOR reinforcement. It was planned that it should include two TAVR infantry battalions. One of these is to be our 5th Battalion but interest centred on which of the other three should be "re-roled" to accompany it. The 6th Battalion was ruled out because it was required for home defence tasks in East Anglia. This left the choice between the 7th Battalion and 3 WFR. Throughout the year arguments, and rumours, favoured first one and then the other. Finally, in November last the GOC Eastern District announced that the decision had gone to the 7th Battalion. In re-grouping the companies in our three battalions to achieve the necessary reorganisation he worked to a plan proposed in April last year by the then Colonel of the Regiment which allowed for each Battalion to consist of a Headquarters and 4 rifle companies. These will be, from April 1978, as follows:

### 5th Battalion:

- Bn HQ and HQ Company—Peterborough and Corby (1).
- 1 (Suffolk) Company—Ipswich and Lowestoft (1).
- 3 (Essex) Company—Chelmsford, Colchester and Warley (1).
- 5 (Hertford) Company—Hertford and Hemel Hempstead (1).

'C' (Northamptonshire Company) Northampton and Corby (2).

**6th Battalion:**

Bn HQ - Bury St. Edmunds (1).

'A' Company—East Dereham, Norwich and Thetford (1).

'B' Company—Bedford and Dunstable (1).  
Company- Braintree (3).

'D' Company—Cambridge and Wisbech (1).

**7th Battalion:**

Bn HQ and HQ Company - Leicester (4).

'A' Company—Scunthorpe and Grimsby (1).

LDY Company—Loughborough and Melton Mowbray.

'D' (Northamptonshire) Company—Northampton (1).

2 (Royal Lincolnshire) Company—Lincoln, Boston and Gainsborough (5).

(1) No change.

(2) From 7 R. Anglian.

(3) Present platoon to be raised to company status.

(4) To be raised by the disbanding of 4 Company 5 R. Anglian and 'B' Company 7 R. Anglian at Leicester.

(5) From 5 R. Anglian.

This re-organisation is particularly important in two ways. Firstly, and nationwide, it allows for TAVR units to be permanently grouped with regular units (in the field forces) for the first time in peace time thus enhancing the 'One Army' concept. Secondly, it gives the Regiment the strongest TAVR Orbat of any Regiment of Infantry. Our Volunteers have a cause for some pride that their performance over the year has allowed them to be singled out for this distinction and we are confident that their performance in the new 7 Field Force and the Home Defence role will confirm the high opinion already held of them.

## On 'Crater to the Creggan'

From the Bentley Parish Magazine written by Mrs. Wade, mother of a serving Colonel in the Royal Engineers.

'A serving soldier handed this book to me the other day, saying, "You should read this. It is most interesting and so well written." I became absorbed in the book at once. Unlike many military publications, it is written in language that the lay person can understand and appreciate. The story tells of how the County Regiments, sadly diminished after the last war, have linked up to form the Royal

Anglians and how, while each preserving its own valued tradition and loyalties, they have united to form together something greater than any one of them individually. In making such a combine, whether in the Army, the Church or any other group of "separates", there has to be a great deal of give and take, of mutual understanding, and the sinking of personal prejudices for the greater good of the whole. The history of how this was done makes fascinating reading as we follow their adventures through Cyprus and Aden, Germany and Northern Ireland; and it has the additional interest for us here in that the author, the son of our Church Treasurer, spent his young life in Bentley and was well known to many of us as a schoolboy at Wellington and as a young officer in the forties. We who knew him in those days will be delighted to see him emerging as a military historian of repute.'

Thank you, Mrs. Wade. This is quite the nicest of the many reviews we have had.

## On Functions '77

### The Regimental Weekend

It has been firmly agreed that this annual event will take place on the first Saturday in June with cricket and golf on days immediately preceding.

#### Thursday, June 2nd

Cricket versus Gentlemen of Suffolk, at Bury St. Edmunds.

#### Friday, June 3rd

Cricket versus Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, at Bassingbourn.

Golf Society meeting at Royal Worlington GC.

#### Saturday, June 4th

Beating of Retreat by Band and Drums of the Regiment.

Officers Cocktail Party-Buffer Supper.

WO/Sgts. Cocktail Party-Buffer Supper.

A cricket fixture has not yet been arranged.

### Golfing Society

Spring Meeting. 25th March at Thetford GC.

Summer Meeting: 3rd June at R. Worlington GC

Autumn Meeting and match v Flempton: 16th and 17th September at Flempton.

Match v Queen's Regiment: 20th September at Gog Magog GC

### Officers' Dinner Club

At the Naval and Military Club, 94 Piccadilly, on 7th October, 1977

# MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

## Honours and Awards

Our congratulations to:

### 1976 New Year Honours

MBE—Major P. P. D. Stone.  
Major P. F. Shervington.

### 1976 Birthday Honours

CBE—Brigadier J. B. Akehurst.  
OBE—Lieutenant Colonel S. A. Green.

### Northern Ireland List No. 18

For Gallantry—  
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Mentioned in Despatches—Lieutenant Colonel C. M. J. Barnes, MBE.  
Major J. Houchin.  
Corporal L. Sadler.

### 1977 New Year Honours

MVO—Major R. J. Gresty.  
MBE—Major M. D. Franks.  
Major R. J. Abbott, AAC (formerly R. Anglian).

### Northern Ireland List No. 20

CBE—Brig. R. E. J. Gerrard-Wright, OBE.

### Commander Land Forces Cyprus Commendations

On Wednesday, 8th September, 1976, at Salamanca Barracks, the Commander Land Forces, Cyprus, Brigadier Acland, presented Commendations to L/Cpls. S. P. Aujla and W. S. Smith of the 3rd Battalion for their 'commendable junior leadership of the highest standards' when in charge of soldiers fighting a dangerous bush fire near South Paramali.

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### Commands 1977-8

The following appointments have been confirmed:

Lieutenant Colonel A. J. G. Pollard, to command 1st Battalion in June 1977.

Major P. P. D. Stone, MBE, to command 2nd Battalion in November 1977.

Major F. A. H. Swallow, to command 5th (V) Battalion in November 1977.

### Promotions

To Colonel in 1977  
Lieutenant Colonel J. R. Heath.  
To Lieutenant Colonel in 1977  
Major R. J. M. Mosse.

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### General Freeland

All readers of Castle will wish to join in thanking General Ian Freeland for his interest and wise counsels in matters Regimental for the past five years. Much water has passed under the bridge and although when he succeeded as Colonel of the Regiment he hoped that the turbulence of the previous five years would not be repeated, that hope was not fully realised. He has seen further changes in TAVR structure, increased violence in Northern Ireland and the disbandment of Tiger Company. On the credit side he has seen new Colours presented to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th (V) Battalions, the first ten years of our history published and many fine individual and team performances in the field of sport.

At the Regimental Officers Dinner in London on 1st October, Major General Holme, on behalf of all officers, presented him with a beautiful brass carriage clock originally the property of the Essex Regiment.

We send our very best wishes to him and to Lady Freeland for a happy retirement.

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General Dye has handed over the Deputy Colonelcy for Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire to General Tim Creasey (need we add 'another distinguished Royal Norfolk Officer!'). General Creasey is Director of Infantry and needs no introduction. He retains the knack of having time to do everything, and then a little to spare when he may be seen shooting or playing golf in various parts of the country.

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General Michael Holme has been succeeded as Deputy Colonel for Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex by Brigadier Dick Randall, who has recently retired and whose last ap-

pointment was Deputy Commander SW District.

General Holme was the first Divisional Brigadier to be appointed to the Queens Division and his wise counsels and knowledge of the problems inherent in that further blow to regimental authority has been invaluable. He will be greatly missed.

#### **Regimental Secretaries**

Colonel 'Tiny' Heal retired on 10th March after fourteen years as Regimental Secretary at the 1st East Anglian and Suffolk offices. Lt. Col. 'Monty' Case is taking over for one year until the future establishments of area offices are reviewed.

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Major Chris McMillen retired from his appointment as Assistant Regimental Secretary at RHQ. He will be much missed but luckily we have obtained his continued service on the Benevolent Committee where his experience will be invaluable.

Major Tony Cobbold has succeeded him.

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Major Eric Jessup retired from his appointment as Regimental Secretary for Lincolnshire. Captain Alwyn Smith has succeeded him. Our best wishes to him.

#### **Commissions**

Congratulations to Warrant Officers B. Newman, F. J. Perry and D. H. Greenfield on being appointed to Short Service Commissions. Also to WO.I T. Platts (ex PWO) who now holds a QM Commission in the Regiment as Director of Music to the Queen's Division Depot.

We welcome to the Regiment the following officers who have been commissioned since our last report:

#### **Regular Commissions**

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A new form of Short Service Commission, the University Bursary, has been introduced. This enables those who were not offered a Cadetship or did not wish to commit themselves to more than a Short Service Commission, and who had passed RCB, to be guaranteed a Short Service Commission after graduating. Bursaries have been given to P. R. Randall, A. C. Beck and S. P. M. Wedd.

2Lt K. D. Robinson has recently completed a SSC (Volunteer) attachment to 3rd Battalion under the SSVc Scheme. He holds a TAVR Commission in 7th (V) Battalion.

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The following officers have retired:

Col. A. F. Mackain Bremner, Col. R. L. Jackson, Lt. Col. A. D. Francis, Majors A. G. B. Cobbold, J. P. Growse, G. C. Lucas, R. G. Bates, M. D. Franks, L. C. V. McKean, M. J. Rigley, C. Ladley, Captains P. R. D. Aplin, A. R. Smith, M. S. Wright, S. F. A. Parker and 2Lt. K. W. Gibson.

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Major 'Monty' Smyth, retired Royal Norfolk officer, was holidaying in Gibraltar. He writes 'Rightly or wrongly I went into the Guard Room at the Frontier and introduced myself to the Guard Commander and had a few minutes chat. They seemed very cheerful and happy, particularly the corporal who came from "Peterborough, where do you think?!"' See 2nd Battalion report.

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Captain Paul Garman is now QM of the 10th Gurkhas and stationed at their RHQ in Dharan, Nepal. He manages to play golf only seven times a week on their 9-hole course! He has visited Kathmandu and Darjeeling. Signs of the Raj are much in evidence but the buildings are decaying.

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Simon Steward, lately 1st Battalion subaltern, to which he sends best wishes, writes from Belmont, Mass, USA. He is with the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York and has just received a 'distinction' for coming first out of 50 in his Masters Degree in the Science of Management. He attributes the result to good training under 'General Tim in Aden and Germany'. He now has two daughters and he and Di send best wishes to all who remember them.



**Her Majesty The Queen inspects the 10th Regiment of Foot, American Continent, in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, 11th July 1976. The contingent Honorary Colonel Vincent J. R. Kehoe talks with Her Majesty on parade.**

**Major Derek Tewkesbury retired as Regimental Secretary for Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire after 17 years in that office. To mark the occasion and our thanks he was presented with a clock on Saturday, 8th May, '78, by Major J. S. Townsend at the annual dinner in Ware.**





**L/Cpl. WALLY TAYLOR**

L/Cpl. Wally Taylor, of the Poachers, has had another fine athletics season, and has added more titles to his already outstanding list of honours. This season's most notable addition was the Individual Combined Services 400 m hurdles championship, an event he only started seriously towards the end of last season.



**Pte. KELLY, 2 R. Anglian**

Pte. Kelly, of the 2nd Battalion, is a fine example for any young sportsman. He started fencing seriously at the age of ten and in eight years, thanks to his father's coaching, has amassed 11 titles at Army and County level. Coming fourth in the National Schoolboys Championship he has become the Army Junior Champion, twice the Army under 20 champion, and is at present the BAOR champion.

The Colonel of the Regiment talking to Pte. C. Clover with the Commanding Officer Lt.-Col. H. M. duV Lohan, Queens, on the range. New recruit Pte. Charlie Clover, from Ipswich, was the gold medallist representing England at the Commonwealth Games in 1974. He threw the javelin 278 feet; an under-20 world record. He hopes to compete for the Commonwealth Games and the European Games in 1978.





**2Lt. John Davidson ('A' Company) receives his Best Officer prize at the Eastern District SAAM from the GOC, Major General S. J. St. M. Tabor, MC.**



**Eastern District Small Arms Meeting 22/23 June 1976. Cpl. K. Swetman, 5 Company, receiving the trophy for the best Rifle Shot TAVR.**



**The Captain of HMS Norfolk discussing the Vigilant Control Unit, L/Cpl. Gedge and L/Cpl. Raynham.**

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**Colonel David Thorne won the Army Veterans' Squash Racquets Championship. Age will not weary him!**

**WO.II B. Cocksedge receives his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal from Commander British Forces Cyprus, Air Vice Marshall R. Austin-Smith.**





# 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

1976 has been, as expected, just as hectic and as busy as 1975. On the military side the Battalion has taken part in two major AMF(L) exercises: one in Norway and one on Salisbury Plain, and an AMF(L) CPX in Sardinia.

On the sporting side the Battalion has again done well at Bisley, in the Army Athletics and at Football.

## Exercise Advent Express

This exercise was held on Salisbury Plain at the end of November and beginning of December. It was intended to exercise the southern flank NATO units, but because the Germans were unable to attend, we took their place alongside the 1st/509 (Airborne) Battalion of the US Army and the 1st Parachute Battalion of the Belgian Army.

The exercise started with three days of deterrent operations and 'A' Company were soon to be seen patrolling parts of the River Avon and River Wylie along to Salisbury, which can't have seen troops since WWII! The rest of the Battalion soon joined in and in the six days of combat operations, although technically in reserve, we managed to take a leading part in all the different phases of the exercise. From all accounts we did well and came out of our first major AMF(L) FTX with flying colours.

However, the highlight of the exercise came with the traditional NATO Challenge Cup



Ex Advent Express—Pte. Barrow and WO.II King.  
'Won't he ever stop!'

March and Shoot. Seventeen teams took part and the Battalion's five teams secured the first five places, the winning team coming from Command Company led by Captain Ferrary.

'B' Company—Imber—Ptes.  
Grey, Murray.





**Dryshod Trg—Dmrs. Johnson and Dennis.**

### **Exercise Hardfall 76/Exercise Atlas Express**

Any visitor to the Battalion in January would think we were mad. A quick glance and he would have seen soldiers wearing white camouflage suits, soldiers on snow-shoes or on skis, soldiers doubling everywhere with bergens on their backs and a large number of white tracked vehicles driving round and round the camp. All this and not an inch of snow anywhere. In fact there is nothing strange about this so-called 'Dryshod training'. It is the only way we know of getting really fit and prepared for Norway.

In mid-January the 1st Battalion welcomed a party of 90 officers and men from HMS Norfolk. They were shown around the Battalion in the morning, played sport in the afternoon and entertained in the evening.

The advance party left for Norway on 26th January by civil ferry from Newcastle, while the rest of the Battalion, accompanied by a 'flu bug', embarked on two LSLs.

By February 3rd we were firmly established in the Voss area and were soon down to much more intensive training than the previous year.

This year, as well as our own Hardfall training, we were due to take part in AMF(L)'s first Arctic winter exercise for six years. Nobody was under any illusion about failing to be completely prepared for our deployment well inside the Arctic Circle.

We trained hard in spite of the 'flu, spending up to 12 nights out on tactical and survival training in temperatures that fell to as low as -30°C. The final battalion exercise was testing,



**Ptes. Rampley and Love and a friend.**



**Puma Training with 'C' Company.**

to say the least. The temperature rose to about 0°C and for four days we had rain, snow and sleet.

Two noteworthy performances were the stay-behind parties led by L/Cpl. Norman, 77 'A' Company, and L/Cpl. Gallagher of 'B' Company. They dug themselves in for some five

days and provided first-class information.

On the day after the exercise we made a clean sweep of the NATO March and Shoot competition, this time the Northern Flank won. The Mortar Platoon, led by Lt. Stallard, were first, with 3 Platoon second and 9 Platoon fourth.



**'A' Tk Pl. trying to bust their Volvo.**



**The Drums inside the Arctic Circle. Dmr. Westcombe, Dmr. Taplin and DM. May.**



**C/Sgt. Sadler and an old faithful fitted with her arctic feet.**

At the beginning of March the advance party and 'C' Company group set sail again, this time up to Bardufoss area, well inside the Arctic Circle. After nearly three days of comfortable living on board, we were very loath to get off into the heavy snow that was falling steadily.

However, the disembarkation went smoothly and 'C' Company group of 150 men and 30 vehicles were soon off on their deterrent patrolling of the coastline between Bødø and Narvik.

The combat phase of the exercise lasted from 9th-15th March, with ourselves, the Canadians and Italians 'in action' against the Norwegians and 45 Commando RM. The weather was clear but very cold, with a chilling wind, but fortunately no heavy snow. The Battalion held the high ground in the centre and impressed everybody by the way in which we were able to move quickly on skis over rugged country while others were confined to the roads.



**L/Cpl. Taylor in a desperate hurry to get somewhere!**

**Captain (now Major) Fowler showing the 'young' men and CSM Kett of 'B' Company what it's all about.**



#### **Summer 1976 Tidworth**

So many varied events took place that it is difficult to pick out the most important. The weather was glorious and we managed to enjoy the many sporting and training facilities offered by the Tidworth area.

On May 4th the Battalion lined the route for the State Visit of the President of Brazil. This was a new experience for most of those on parade and indeed quite an experience for one of the mounted troopers, who found himself unseated in front of No. 7 Guard provided by 'B' Company. The sun shone and the 'dolly birds' came out in force.

All three rifle companies spent a week in Stanford TA (God's Country to some!) during June. While up there the Battalion with guards from 'A' and 'B' Companies marched through Lowestoft on 14th June and King's Lynn on 15th June. The Band and Drums beat Retreat both evenings. The weather on both days was very hot and large crowds turned up to see us, including many old friends.

'B' Company, after their performance at the Tidworth Tattoo, went on to provide the cast, less the stars, for a Southern Television pilot programme called 'Spearhead'. This is ITV's answer to the BBC's 'Warship'. We have heard that other networks liked the programme and Southern are going ahead with the remaining episodes of the series. Any visitor to the Battalion in the spring is to be warned that all our signs will be covered by Royal Wessex Ranger



**Route lining—Major King practicing the Samba behind L/Cpl. Dunne, or perhaps he can't wait.**



**General Hoffman inspecting Guard of Honour found by 'A' Company—Sgt. (now C/Sgt.) Bear Guard Commander.**

signs. It was good enough to confuse one senior retired officer!

On the 25th June we were very glad to welcome the new Commander AMF(L), General Hoffman, who spent a full day with the Battalion.

#### **Band**

Two events have stood out this year; the

first the band inspection by Lt.-Cols Woodhead and Sharpe, which the Band passed with flying colours after a rigorous and demanding programme.

The second event was the cutting of the record 'Rule Britannia', which has already sold over a thousand copies and is being reprinted. The record can be bought from the PRI for a cost of £2.

**Band and Drums King's Lynn**





**Marching through  
Lowestoft.**

#### **Royal Norfolk Show**

'A' Company, accompanied by the Band and Drums of both the 1st and 2nd Battalions, took part in the Royal Norfolk Show at the end of June. The Company were dressed in their Arctic kit, which certainly looked different to what everybody else was wearing in the heat wave!

#### **Minden Day**

Minden Day was celebrated a day earlier year, on 31st July, to enable the Battalion move down to Sennybridge; Major Gen J. B. Dye took the salute and a hectic ensued which was much enjoyed by all members of the Battalion.



**Minden Day. General Dye  
talking to Pte. Franks of 'A'  
Company.**



**Minden Day—Past and Present. Ptes Windmill, Morris, L/Cpls. Richardson and Courcy of Recce Pl with latest toy.**

### **Sennybridge**

The rifle companies lived out on the ranges at Sennybridge and were able to get the maximum use of the ranges. At the end of the first week, two days were set aside for an Inter Section Competition, which in the hot weather was a stiff test. Sections were tested on about every aspect of their work that could be crammed into 36 hours. C/S 22A came first, closely followed by C/S 33B second, and C/S 23A third.

In the meantime the Ops/Trg Officer (Capt. Slater) had been planning a most elaborate battalion exercise. He managed to get hold of most of the members of the UK element of the AMF(L) and somehow kept everybody tired and confused!

### **Exercise Augustus Exchange**

Some 80 members of the Battalion had the good fortune to bolster their summer suntans by taking part in Ex Augustus Exchange, which was held in Sardinia in late September/early October.

Over half the party drove down through France and Italy while the remainder flew. The exercise lasted for eight days in rather a hot and dusty training area on the southern tip of the island.

Perhaps the best indication of NATO solidarity was the rows of German, Belgian and British vehicles on the beach at Porto Pino. The sea was beautiful!

Pride of place for stories goes to OC 'B' Coy,

Major Drinkwater, who was confronted by a topless bather whilst carrying out a beach recce! Not far behind comes the QM, Major Fowler. On asking, in 'perfect' French, a foreign legionnaire the whereabouts of the POL point, was told 'down there on the left mate' in a broad Scots accent!!



**Section Test Exercise. Cpl. 'Grave Digger' Clarke and his Section.**



Ex Augustus Exchange—  
L/Cpl. Dowd, L/Cpl.  
Huscroft and Cpl. Cowan of  
the Signal Pl on stag.



#### 5 Brigade Skill at Arms meeting/Sports Day

While the Chiefs were in Sardinia the Indians competed in the 5 Brigade Skill at Arms Meeting and Sports Day. The competition was at company level and no one person could shoot or take part in more than one event.

The results were quite impressive, maybe because the Chiefs were away! In the shooting 'C' Company won overall with 'A' Company second out of 26 teams. In the sports, 'B' Company swept the board and came first out of 21 teams. 'B' Company won the Rugby and Cross-Country, whilst 'A' Company won the Football. The Football Cup won by 'A' Company was in fact won by HQ 1 Royal Norfolk in 1959.

#### Shooting

Training in Norway meant that we were not able to get down to serious shooting until early April. 320 firers took part in the Battalion Skill at Arms Meeting held in April. 'C' Company were the champion company, whilst the Recce Platoon were champion platoon.

During May a shooting cadre was held; its value was shown in June when the Battalion came first and second in the South West District Championship and first and third in the South West United Services Skill at Arms Meeting.

With these successes behind us we had high hopes of bettering our eighth position of 1975 at Bisley. Unfortunately a disastrous first day



Pte. Rolph of 'C' Company collecting the Champion Company Shield at the Battalion Meet.



Battalion shooting team with trophies after cleaning up SW District and SWUSSAM meeting.

on the Roupell (27th) and Moving Target Match (29th) was too much to pull back from in spite of coming second in the Whitehead and fourth in the SMG 45. We had therefore to be content with eighth again.

Individually there was much more to be pleased with: C/Sgt. Jones, Sgt. Denny, Cpl.

Cheong, Pte. Dickinson and Pte. Curtis all made the Army 100. In the SMG, Captain Domeisen won the Victory Cup and the Army Championship, whilst Cpl. Todd came 14th in the SMG 45. 2Lt. Hare and CSM Smith only just missed joining Captain Domeisen in the pistol XXX. Next year, who knows?

Cheers to the Range Wardens.



# THE POACHERS

The last edition of the Castle saw the battalion in Ulster completing a varied and eventful tour in the Lower Falls and Shankill districts of Belfast in which the battalion earned a Military Medal, three Mentions in Despatches and one Commander in Chief's commendation. Since then the Poachers have completed their five year tour in BAOR as a mechanised battalion, returning to England in June to be part of 16th Parachute Brigade. Exercises in Gibraltar in August, Norway in September and Italy in October provided a busy and interesting beginning to work as an air-portable battalion. When these notes are published the battalion will be back in Ulster on its fifth emergency tour of the Province. On return and after some leave, it will then exercise in Denmark and in early 1978 in the Gambia, West Africa.

## The last six month in Munster

This was a busy and eventful time. In January the battalion began a full programme of courses and cadres and once again skiing proved very popular. Captain Pepper and his team of instructors and staff at the battalion's ski hut in Bavaria catered for 250 soldiers. This year we had only one broken leg.

The Recce Platoon under Lieutenant Holme moved to strengthen 2 Queens on a six months tour of Belize. Meanwhile the mortar platoon while training in southern Germany in February formed a close liaison with the 2nd Battalion 92nd Artillery Regiment United States Army; this led to very fruitful exchange visits in May.

During this busy period the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess celebrated Sobroan Day with a spectacular ball attended by some 350 guests. 'B' Company under Major Houchin were not allowed to forget Northern Ireland and for six weeks assisted 4 RTR with infantry training for their tour of the Province. This training reached a climax when the whole battalion acted as enemy during a 48-hour exercise for 4 RTR.

The annual FFR took the form of a mechanised parade and full inspection of vehicles, men and equipment by Brigadier H. D. A. Langley, Commander 4th Guards Armoured Brigade. The square was still suffering from the previous night's heavy frost and the inspecting officer and his staff had some difficulty in keeping their feet. Perhaps the most interesting part of the morning came when the LAD were ordered into full NBC kit and tasked to recover a stalwart, all in front of the battalion.

The officers take their last duty free gin.



Visitors during this time included the Colonel Commandant and the Director of Infantry. Our Deputy Colonel and Commanding Officer for our first two years in Munster, Brigadier Dick Gerrard Wright, took his R and R from Belfast and spent three hectic days with us.

A particular feature in the battalion's programme over the past year has been the introduction of one day a month given to a 'fun' sports day. Tremendous competition on a friendly basis has been built up by a host of small teams from all platoons. These take part in a variety of sports, some with an 'It's a knock-out' flavour.

April saw the 'Poachers' in Sennelager for the annual battle camp and field firing period. At the end of the training an inter platoon march and shoot competition was held and won by 4 Platoon commanded by Lieutenant Badger. 3 Platoon came second under Second Lieutenant Gill and the Mortar Platoon commanded by Captain Chisnall third.

The battalion athletics meeting was held at Sennelager on a day more like midwinter than early spring. In spite of the cold, a large number of families came down by coach from Munster to watch what turned out to be a very exciting meeting. When the results of the penultimate event, the javelin, were announced Support Company lead by two points. The final result depended on the last event, the 4 x 400 metres relay. 'C' Company had a final trump card to play in the form of L/Cpl. Taylor, the Army 400 metres hurdles champion, who, with a fine run on the last leg, won the event for them, thus snatching the inter-company trophy at the last moment. On 22nd May the team, for second year in succession, won the 4 Guards Armoured Brigade meeting.

In June we left Munster. All the APCs and the G 1098 equipment were handed back to the Base organisation in BAOR; a mammoth task for the Quartermaster, Major Pond, and the TQMS WOII Parker. So it was that the last APC left barracks to a champagne farewell at the guard room and with it many memories of five years in BAOR.

### Return to England

After disembarkation leave the battalion immediately set about the task of re-establishing links with the counties of Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Leicestershire. Two KAPE tours visited the areas. The first lead by Lieutenant Pearce visited Lincolnshire and



**Ptes. Llyn, Johnson, L/Cpl. Woods and Pte. Davies enjoying Exercise Snow Queen.**



**Pte. Schuchart improving Anglo-German relations in Graach.**



**Cpl. Walker showing the flag in Northampton.**



Major Ray Pond (QM), Capt. Robin Greenham, Capt. Tom Longland and Lt.-Col. Barnes help Sgt. Ashcroft celebrate the last APC leaving Oxford Barracks.

Northamptonshire, while the second lead by Captain Underwood toured Northamptonshire and Leicestershire and also provided an escort for the laying up of the standard of the Old Contemptibles at Leicester Cathedral.

## GIBRALTAR

### Exercise Dolphins Leap

Nearly 200 years ago 400 officers and men of the 58th Foot were among the elite of the Great Siege of Gibraltar that withstood the prolonged and repeated efforts of Spain to recapture the Rock and Fortress of Gibraltar.

In August the descendants of the 58th Foot were back on the Rock (10th Foot Lincolnshire Regiment served nine times and the Northamptonshire Regiment six times, whilst this battalion was there for nine months in 1969), taking over for a three week spell the guards and duties on the Rock and so allow 2 RGJ to carry out skill at arms training in England.

Back in Gibraltar, everyone was settling in to the new routine other than guards and duties. Sport featured prominently here, with an inter platoon cricket league, volleyball and even in the heat, football. Those not yet detailed for duty found that there were any number of adventure training activities laid on, from sub aqua diving, sailing and canoeing to the expedition to Morocco under Lieutenant Pearce and CSM O'Hara. This trip, undertaken by 30 soldiers from all companies was to the

Moroccan Army Training Centre where instruction on mountain trekking and mountaineering was held daily. At the end of the two week course, the students were tackling slopes which would have only featured in their wildest nightmares before the trip. They also got



Major Ray Pond reliving some memories in Gibraltar.



**'B' Company mounting  
Convent Guard in  
Gibraltar.**

used to eating plenty of stewed donkey. The Officers' Mess cocktail party, attended by the Chief Minister Sir Joshua Hasan and a large number of civil and military guests, took place on Friday 13th.

On 16th August, and again on the following Monday, the Battalion performed the ceremonial guard mounting in front of His Excellency The Governor. Good crowds attended on both occasions to see some excellent drill. On

Wednesday, 18th August, the battalion orienteering meeting was held on the Upper Rock. The prizes were presented by Brigadier J. R. D. Sharpe, the Deputy Fortress Commander, who was visiting the Battalion that day. The team prize was won by 'A' Company. On the following day an athletics match was held against the Gibraltar AAA in the Victoria Stadium. It was an exciting match, the result of which did not become clear until the closing



**WO.I Joseph (Bandmaster)  
CO, Capt. Greenham and  
WO.I Keal in Ceremonial  
Dress, Gibraltar.**

stages. The Gibraltar AAA were stronger in the long distance events, while the Battalion sprinters showed them a clean pair of heels in the short distance events. With excellent performances in the final relays, the Battalion ran out winners by 60 points to 52, and inflicted on the Gibraltar AAA their first defeat for several seasons.

As during the 1969 tour, the Band held a concert in the magnificent setting of St. Michael's Cave. With some good PR and salesmanship before the day by Major Guy Hipkin, the concert was a sell-out, something rarely achieved in Gibraltar. Guests included H.E. The Governor, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir John Grandy, Lady Grandy, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Gibraltar, the Honourable Alfred and Mrs. Vasquez.

Throughout the three weeks CSM 'Mossy' Groom and a hard core of his assault pioneers carried out repairs to Royal Anglian Way, a high-level path on the Upper Rock originally constructed by the Poachers in 1969. Parties from each company provided manpower and muscle. CSM Groom started work on mounting and restoring a first world war heavy gun barrel and casing at Rooke Battery half way along Royal Anglian Way. Royal Anglian Way was officially re-opened on 26th August by the Mayor. During this ceremony the Commanding Officer handed over a cheque for £305, the proceeds to charity from the Band Concert in St. Michael's Cave.



**Miss Lesley Applewhite, Red Cross, with Poachers and friend.**

The visit enabled us to renew friendships and contacts with many members of our allied regiment, The Gibraltar Regiment. The Command-



**The Mayor of Gibraltar walks the restored Anglian Way.**

**Padre David Jones (centre) and helpers restoring Anglian Way on the Upper Rock.**



ing Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Domingo Collado, served as a Company Commander with the Pompadours in 1973-74 whilst the Adjutant, Captain Foji Casciari, served with the Poachers during 1971-72. The Regiment gave us tremendous support, accommodating Support Company in Buena Vista Barracks and entertaining the officers to a dinner night in their mess.

On the cricket field the Battalion can be pleased with its efforts with victories over the Gibraltar Regiment and the Grammarians, but were defeated by Fortress HQ. Liaison was also arranged against HMS Zulu, the Royal Naval Guard Ship in Gibraltar for most of the three weeks tour. Zulu responded by arranging several visits on board, and by giving a lift back to the United Kingdom to four Poachers who fancied their chances on the ocean waves.

On return from Gibraltar the Battalion had a mere three weeks to prepare for Norway. However, before leaving for Scandinavia, the Poachers had two important events to see to. The first was the farewell visit by Lieutenant General Sir Ian Freeland prior to his relinquishing his post as Colonel of the Regiment. The second was the official welcome to Gillingham in the form of a band concert and buffet supper. In the afternoon before the concert the Poachers were delighted to be able to entertain the 1st Battalion for an all too rare inter-battalion cricket match. The result was a win for the Poachers by 60 runs.



**Lt. Wells demonstrating an Eskimo Roll in Gibraltar Harbour.**



**Ptes. Johnson and Davies last minute shopping in Main Street, Gibraltar.**



# RECCE PLATOON IN BELIZE

At the end of January 1976 the Recce Platoon, commanded by Lt. Peter Holme, left Germany and moved by road and air to join 2 Queens at Bulford for a six month tour in Belize. Few people knew much about Belize or even where it was! There was much in store for the platoon.

Two weeks were spent in England with our new 'Foster Unit' before the command element moved off to Belize under 'A' Company 2 Queens.

The flight in a VC10 took fourteen hours approximately, with a stop in Gander, Newfoundland, to allow us to stretch our legs. On arrival in Belize the first impact was rather devastating. The main base, Airport Camp, was a mixture of mosquitos and aircraft engine noises round the clock. The first night was spent under canvas before moving early the next day to the south of the country some 140 miles away. The first part of the journey down the coast was aboard the frigate HMS Zulu, then a twenty minute flight in a RAF Puma to the main tented base, known as Salamanca Camp.

The remainder of the platoon joined a week later and set about the task of adjusting to the jungle.

Salamanca Camp was a small clearing in the middle of the jungle, maintained by vehicles along the dirt roads in the dry weather and by sea and helicopters in the wet season.

During our stay at Salamanca, company HQ and a platoon occupied the company base, a platoon on the border in Pueblo Vieto and a platoon near the sea at Punta Gorda.

Probably the most enjoyable location was Pueblo Vieto, where all the companies were on jungle patrolling for 5-6 days at a time. From this base the platoon had a radio relay station on the Little Quartz Ridge where a section went for a week at a time.

After Pueblo Vieto the platoon moved to Punta Gorda and enjoyed some of the delights of the country in the form of attractive women and a variety of local drink. After doing our guard duties and further training at the base camp the companies rotated and we moved to Airport Camp.

Airport Camp was the main HQ in Belize and housed Force HQ, Bn HQ and the HQs of all the other arms. Our duties here were to guard the camp, fire on ranges and do some adventure training. Most of the companies were put on adventure training courses. All soldiers in the platoon did two courses and some three. The courses offered were sailing, canoeing, sub aqua and island survival. There was even some water skiing under the instruction of the platoon commander whenever there was spare time. After a two month stint under the eyes of Bn HQ we moved to Holdfast Camp, which is near the border on the wetter approaches to Belize.

Holdfast Camp, although it leaked dramatically in the wet, was the best hatted camp in Belize. It was a comfortable camp, tailor made for a company, although there was only one platoon ever in it. Our task here was to attend the Jungle Warfare School at Sibun, field fire on the Mountain Pine Ridge and help 2 Queens recce platoon with tasks near the border at Plassey Camp. This period very nearly ended in disaster due to a helicopter error in torrential rain. The field firing was disrupted by torrential rain for a complete week.

With 2 Queens we flew via the Bahamas to rejoin the Poachers in Gillingham.

The select few who went to Belize thoroughly enjoyed their time there and proved that battalions in the Division can work together whether they wear the same cap badges or not. The tour also proved that the jungle is not quite so tame as some people make out. The platoon had ten casualties in the tour—three of them evacuated by helicopter at night from makeshift landing sites.

## NORWAY

In mid-September the Battalion took part in Exercise Team work 76, a NATO FTX in central Norway, involving amongst others 16 Parachute Brigade. Our move to Norway began on 12th September when the Advance Party under the Quartermaster, Major Pond, sailed from Newcastle on M.S. Borgan, bound for Trondheim. Three days later the Battalion followed, travelling to war in style aboard M.S. Venus. This ship, and M.S. Bolero, which some were fortunate enough to travel back on, were luxuriously appointed cruise liners of the Fred Olsen Line. More than once the comment 'What a way to go to war' was heard as we slept and dined our way to Norway. But even Fred Olsen could not quieten the waves, and

there were many members of the Battalion who parted with their supper on the first night out of Harwich. Thankfully the sea quietened down on the second day, and we arrived in sight of the Norwegian coastline in brilliant sunshine and with clear blue skies.

After two days in the concentration area at Rindleiret, the Battalion deployed for the exercise which took place between Namsos and Steinkjer in Western Central Norway. The Battalion formed part of the 'Orange' forces, consisting of 5 Norwegian Division, Regimental Combat Team 13 (Norwegian) and 16 Parachute Brigade. Opposed to us were 'Blue' forces consisting of the American 4 Marine Amphibious Brigade, 3 Commando Brigade, a Dutch Amphibious Combat Group and a Norwegian Infantry Battalion.

The exercise began on 20th September with the 'Blue' forces landing in the Namsos area to the north to counter the supposed aggression of the 'Orange' forces. The exercise continued for 4½ days, during which time the Battalion advanced, carried out helicopter coup-de-main operations, company and platoon attacks, took up defensive positions, carried out reserve demolition guards and patrols and finally did a night withdrawal after heavy and persistent attacks by 'Blue' forces.

Throughout the exercise we were blessed with clear blue skies and warm sunshine during the day, contrasted by very cold, starlit nights. The scenery was magnificent and most of us considered we were very lucky to be seeing it. The Battalion sailed from Trondheim to Newcastle in two phases on 25th and 27th Septem-

ber and we were complete in Gillingham on 30th September.

### ITALY

Exercise Tower Bridge was the name given to the deployment of 60 officers and men of 'A' Company to Corvara in the Dolomite mountains of Northern Italy, to work with the famous 'Alpinis', the crack Italian mountain troops. The party left from Brize Norton early on 16th October, where it boarded a Hercules aircraft of the Italian Air Force; our interpreters were immediately set to work translating such instructions as 'Fasten seat belts' and 'Extinguish all cigarettes', and we took off, heading for Rivolto airport, at Udine. Having arrived safely, we made the long journey to Corvara, whose fame as a tourist area is well known, both to the mountaineer in the summer and the skier in winter.

Monday, 18th October, saw the start of work. The first exercise was an advance to contact with the Alpini acting as enemy. Two platoons were tasked to clear separate routes out of Corvara. Both routes were very steep, very long and completely overlooked, which gave the commanders a few headaches, and gave everyone the chance to imitate a mountain goat. The exercise ended with a company night attack over one of the larger and steeper features in the area.

The first week ended with a move to San Candido on the Austrian frontier for a joint exercise with the Bassano Battalion. The exercise itself was held in an idyllic valley high up in the mountains.

**Dr. Lundt talking to Lt. Jim Badger on Exercise Teamwork.**



The Saturday and Sunday were spent on a sight-seeing extravaganza in Venice. The long coach ride from Corvara took us to an artillery regimental headquarters in Mestre, where we were entertained right royally for the short periods we spent in barracks. The Saturday afternoon and evening saw us hitting the high spots on Venice itself: it resembled a treasure hunt, the prizes being cups of tea and plates of chips. Some soldiers managed to afford a trip in a gondalo, and most saw something of the historical and artistic attractions of the city. On Sunday morning the Italian Army's 'Lagoon Troops' took us on a tour of the canals and islands of Venice in two landing craft. This was a most interesting tour, and included a visit to the glass factories on the island of Murano, where the company commander demonstrated the art of blowing lop sided light bulbs with holes in the side!

The second week was taken up almost completely by an Alpini raid exercise. We took to the mountains armed with such non-British military equipment as ice picks, snow goggles, anti-blizzard masks and long spats to keep the snow out of our climbing boots. The first three days were spent toughening up, including a very long hard march and in the technique of crossing the large expanses of rock fall, which made movement slow and difficult. The final day of the exercise began cold and wet, but soon warmed up as we tackled the most difficult climb of all—an hour's hard climb to the mouth of a tunnel, and then the ascent of the



**Pte. Jackson getting a few expert tips on spaghetti eating from the Alpini.**

mountain, using a first world war defensive tunnel system, we had covered about one kilometre horizontally but had ascended 645 metres.

The final event of Exercise Tower Bridge was a reception and presentation held in a local hotel, at which the Brigade Commander presented the company with a marvellous trophy, and each member a medallion of the brigade. All the civil dignitaries attended to say farewell, as did the local band; conducted by Pte. Ramage, they gave a sporting rendition of several favourite Alpini tunes, accompanied by a mixed Alpini/Poachers yodling choir. We left Corvara thick in snow. Exercise Tower Bridge will long be remembered by all who took part.

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# Pompadours

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The Pompadours' story for this year starts mid-way through our six months' tour at Catterick. During the month of November, Public Duties at Edinburgh Castle were carried out by 'A' and 'C' Companies, who, by all accounts, enjoyed the taste of ceremonial. The working year was rounded off with an inter-platoon competition held in the week 11th-16th December, prior to commencing block leave. Included in the competition were a five-mile cross-country run, a march and shoot, an orienteering competition, the BE test and some sports. The eventual winners of the competition were 3 Platoon, commanded by Lt. Mike Godkin.

After a refreshing leave, the Battalion returned to Catterick in the New Year and the pre-advance party departed for Cyprus. Soon it was time to pack boxes again and prepare Alma Barracks for hand-over to the DOE. The advance party 'fled' to the warmer temperatures of Cyprus on 21st and 22nd January, just before Catterick and much of the county was enveloped in a blanket of snow. The main party arrived between the 8th-12th February, and the Pompadours assumed command on the 8th February from the 1 DERR. We soon fell into

the pattern of the roulement to Troodos and Dhekelia, where we supplement the infantry battalion there with a company because half of their strength is given to UNFICYP. 'A' Company provided a guard to say farewell to the GOC, Major General Purdon, on 26th March. On 31st March a much larger parade was held in Happy Valley for Air Marshal Sir John Aitken, who handed over to Air Vice Marshal Austen-Smith as Commander British Forces Cyprus. The Band and Corps of Drums were, of course, at both events.

By now community life at Berengaria—a married-quarter complex 1½ miles north of Limassol—was becoming established. The Olympic-size swimming pool was proving something of a problem. However, after much frustration, negotiation and good old-fashioned self-help, and with all systems working, Lt.Col. Aris and Col. McMicking (Col. AQ) took the first official plunge. The Queen's Birthday Parade was held on 11th June in the Happy Valley Stadium and 'B' Company provided the Battalion's contribution, along with the Band and Corps of Drums. The Administrator, Air Vice Marshal Austen-Smith, reviewed the parade. Next on the agenda was the Near East

**Air Vice Marshall Austin Smith inspects the guard on his visit to the Battalion.**





**The CGS—General Sir Peter Hunt—talking to Captain Alan Behagg (OC Comd Coy), when he visited the Battalion on 4th March.**

Small Arms Meeting, where, despite entering in earnest, we also had to run the ranges. This task fell to 'C' and Command Companies, and fortunately all went very well both for the officials and our competitors, who took a lion's share of the prizes.

During the summer months only mad dogs and Pompadours ventured into the sun, as each Company was exercised in a CRW setting over three days out in the training area to our north. These were the lead-up to the Battalion Exercise 'Eagle Stroop' held from 26th-31st July.

August was the month set aside to hold the final inter-platoon competition during Lt.-Col. Michael Aris's command. Platoons competed for the Steel Trophy in seven events held over a five-day period. The highlight of the competition, and the deciding event, was the Watermanship contest. The platoons had to carry an assault boat plus ancillary equipment over a 300 m course, after which a team of ten paddlers took over. In the distance, about 400 m away, an RPL lay anchored ready to receive the boats and give them a full jerrycan of water

**The GOC, Major-General Purdon, being escorted by Major Peter Williamson, OC 'A' Company.**



**The VCGS—Lt.-Gen. Sir William Scotter chats to Sgts. Adey and Thurston, both of 'B' Company, during his visit to the Battalion on the 5th August.**



**Commander Land Forces Cyprus—Brigadier Acland talking to the CO, Lt.-Col. M. A. Aris, and the RSM, WO.I Fletcher, during one of his many visits to the Battalion.**

and set them off to the shore again. Once on terra-firma the boat had to be carried up the beach to the finish line. After a very full week, 5 Platoon, commanded by S/Sgt. Eke, emerged as the victors.

The end of the month drew nigh and on 31st August the Pompadours said farewell to Lt.-Col. Michael Aris and his wife, Sheila. We take this opportunity to thank them for all their efforts over the past 2½ years and wish them good fortune for the future.

Lt.-Col. Bill Dodd assumed command on 1st September and picked perhaps the quietest month of the year to take over. On the 8th we entertained the Greek National Guard to sports. In the soccer match, our first of the season, the result was a 2-2 draw, and at basketball the match was close-run until the last five minutes, when the Cypriots took control. The volleyball was, however, a different story, because somehow they seemed to play a different way to us. Although well and truly beaten, our volleyballers are not despondent and have been promised some coaching by the National Guard.

In conclusion, our first ten months in Cyprus have kept the Battalion very busy, as one event after another seems to have come our way. We have made excellent use of the facilities out here on both the recreational and adventure training side. The winter sports are upon us and we brace ourselves for the unknown in 1977.

#### **Cyprus Walkabout 1976**

This year the Battalion had to organise and conduct the Cyprus Walkabout, a task given to the 2IC, Major John Hart, and Major Tony Taylor. We entered six teams.

As the competition progressed it became very apparent that our 'B' team of Capt. John Walsh, Cpl. Andy Twell and L/Cpl. Jim Devaney were going from strength to strength. They were the eventual winners, 82 minutes in front of the 1 RGJ 'A' team, who finished second, with our 'C' and 'E' teams following. Still, first, third and fourth are an excellent effort in what amounts to a very gruelling course in difficult conditions.

**The Adjutant General, General Sir Jack Harman, talking to the CO when he visited the Battalion on 13th October.**



Although there can be no record, because the route changes each year, the 'B' team have recorded the fastest time since the event began in 1967. Their time of 10 hours 31 minutes is an outstanding achievement—congratulations from all Pompadours.

### Full Bore Shooting

The Near East Small Arms Meeting took place in mid-March. The Roupell Cup Match (SLR teams) was fired on the ETR at Akrotiri. Command Company took the lead. The remainder of the matches were fired at Dhekelia and Command Company went on to success to win the Team Cup. Sgt. Walshaw took the Individual second place. Our Bisley team, consisting of S/Sgts Appleby and Mallett, Sgt. Walshaw, Cpls Delph and Neal, and Ptes Feldon, Kinloch, Andrew and Dixon, returned to England and were excellently hosted by 3 Queen's at Caterick. We finished overall in 23rd place, which was an improvement of 14 places from the previous year.

### .22 Shooting

In the first round of the UKLF Knock-out, the team scored 729 out of a possible 800 and were the highest-scoring team out of the 37 entries. Round two was against the Depot the King's Division, and we achieved a very good shoot, scoring 762 and winning narrowly by three points. This win took us through to the third round, in which we were drawn against the Apprentice College, Harrogate, 'A' team, who scored 758, narrowly beating our score of 755.

In the NE District Individual Small Bore Championship our seven entries finished in the top 16 out of 33 entries. L/Cpl. Langridge (who finished third), Sgt. McGowan and L/Cpl. Davies were the mainstays of the team and all of them hailing from the Intelligence Section!

Sgt. McGowan and L/Cpl. Langridge were then selected for the Queen's Division team of eight to partake in the Inter-Corps Small Bore Match. Sgt. McGowan regrettably had to be withdrawn because of his early move to Cyprus, but L/Cpl. Langridge achieved two cards of 96 (HPS 100) for the Divisional team. He achieved the second highest score of the team and has since been awarded his Battalion colours.

Since the Battalion's arrival in Cyprus, regrettably .22 shooting has been on the wane, partially due to the climate and so many other training, IS and duty commitments. However, a very thriving 'Pompadours Ladies .22 Shooting Club' is going great guns (apun!), with Anita



Sp. Company celebrating their win in the Inter Company Gala.

Bryant (Mrs.) being the champion shot for the past six months, averaging 94 plus. So all is not lost.

## POMPADOUR BAND

Last year we visited no less than five countries, so you can imagine the adjustment we have had to make upon moving to Cyprus, where travel is limited to a mere sixty miles or so. None-the-less our arrival in February saw us performing in various ways, from Nicosia to the Troodos mountains. Engagements for the local populace have been confined to the Larnaca Festival, a concert for the refugees in Athna forest and an International Arts Festival in Limassol.

Our commitments for the forces here have kept us extremely busy with concerts ranging from local fetes to a very grand concert in the large concert amphitheatre of Curium when we combined with the RCT band who were visiting the island in September.

The importance of a band in a small community like ours was very evident in April when some of the bandsmen provided the pit band for Episkopi theatre production of 'Fiddler on the Roof': not only the music, I hasten to add, but set-builders, props, front of house and even performing on stage to strengthen the chorus!

Additions to the band this year are Sgt. Chas. Bruton, who joined us, on his promotion, from 3 Queens, Bds. Douglas Dennis, who transferred from 2 RRF, Bds. Peter Bartlett, and Paul Stephens, who came to us from the Depot, and Bds. Paul Arzon from Kneller Hall.

L/Cpl. Dereck Chapman left us for 'Muffti' in January and BSM Dave Birch left us to join the Fusiliers recruiting team in Newcastle and his position has been filled, happily from within the band, by Martin Greenwood.

Our pop group, 'Shot in the Dark', have been very much in demand all over the bases and even recorded for BFBS, as indeed did the band.

### Hang gliding

Some of the best possible conditions for this activity are found along the western coast of the island with steady winds, good thermals and steep cliffs.

The club had its origins in Catterick. A small band of enthusiasts gathered to form the club, using two craft purchased by the PRI.

On arrival in Cyprus we were fortunate in being able to find a skilled instructor to train the basic handling drills and get us on our way. L/Cpl. Ledbury (Admin Company) was the first member of the club to undertake a proper flight for a duration of 50 seconds. RQMS Brian Newman followed shortly afterwards with a flight of 40 seconds.

A brief look at the history of the sport dates back to Icarus' prototype, which broke up and fell into the Aegean sea. The idea then lay dormant until Lilienthal started, with limited success, to fly gliders in the 19th century. However, it was not until the 1950s and the NASA



L/Cpl. Ledbury flying high.

programme that a small stable flexible wing gliding craft became a reality. The sport rapidly caught on in America, moving slowly to Europe until the 3rd Battalion took the sport to Cyprus and formed the first organised club on the island.

Safety is obviously of paramount importance in this sport, which has recently sustained two fatalities (not ours!). So far our training schedule has proved successful with no injuries for a total number of 40 flights.

### Sailing

On unpacking in Cyprus we were found to be the owners of an Enterprise much in need of repair. A month's hard work on repairs in wood and glass-fibre, painting and varnishing, by the pioneers resulted in three smart boats ready for the water.

A Battalion 'Enterprise' with crew on the beach at Akrotiri Sailing Club.





An initial two weeks course at the Limassol Sailing Club was held to initiate the unenlightened. Since then sail training is held on Wednesday afternoons combined with a novices race for the more adventurous. During the remainder of the week the boats are available

for cruising. The more experienced helmsmen of the Battalion, having joined the LSSC as full club members, benefit from a full club novices programme at weekends and entry into the various regattas around the island.

## VISIT OF OUR DEPUTY COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

At 1700 hours on Wednesday, 10th November, HRH The Princess Margaret arrived at Royal Air Force, Akrotiri. She was accompanied by Major The Lord Napier and Etterick, Equerry, and Lady Davina Woodhouse, Lady-in-Waiting. A guard of honour, comprising fifty men from Support Company and fifty men from 34 Squadron RAF Regiment, along with the Band and Corps of Drums, formed up under the command of Major Brian Harrington-Spier. The Queen's colour was on parade, carried by Lt. Graham Duthoit. HRH inspected the guard before departing for Air House in Episkopi.

On the Thursday morning at 1100 hours, HRH, escorted by the CO, Lt.-Col. Bill Dodd, Major General Michael Holme, Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, and Major Tony Wells, OC 'C' Sqn 15th/19th H, saw a counter-revolutionary warfare demonstration.

HRH next went to the WO's and Sergeants' Mess, and then on to the Officers' Mess for lunch.

The afternoon was taken up by watching the potted sports in Happy Valley, and then to the Athletics Stadium for a garden party. The married soldiers and their wives were gathered in Company groups and the Princess circulated to meet as many of the couples as time would allow.

Throughout the day the weather remained beautifully warm and sunny. This was especially pleasing for the garden party, which seemed to be enjoyed by one and all. HRH conveyed a message of goodwill to the Battalion from Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment. The Princess also expressed her sincere thanks to the CO and all ranks for such an entertaining day with the Pompadours.



Pte. and Mrs. Yates are presented to Her Royal Highness.

# 5th (Volunteer) Battalion

Since the last edition of *Castle* numerous changes in appointment have taken place in the 5th Battalion. To list them all would almost fill the space available and only the more important are therefore included. Three founder members of the Officers' Mess have left during the year. Major Roger Tomkins, formerly 2IC, has taken command of 6 R. Anglian and will no doubt be reported upon elsewhere. Majors Trevor Nightingale and Brian Freeman, who commanded 3 Company and HQ Company respectively, both now have posts with CVHQ RA as Liaison Officers, as has Major Fred Honor, late of 4 Company.

Major John Hayton, who commanded 2 Company for seven years, is now 2IC and was succeeded by Major David Harris with Captain Peter Moseling as his 2IC. The following were also promoted: Major Alan Petch to command HQ Company with Captain Mike Milne from 1 Mercian as his 2IC and Major Roland Wreford to command 3 Company with Captain Ian Arnold as his 2IC. Major David Turner transferred from DLOY to command 4 Company with Captain Brian Hudson, formerly Wessex Volunteers and 5 Company, as his 2IC. Finally we welcome two new Medical Officers, Captain David Turner who is based at Peterborough and Captain Andrew Scott, formerly Royal Yeomanry, at Lincoln.

Of the regular staff we bade farewell to the QM and Adjutant, Major John Denny and Captain Richard Haes, after an extended tour which saw us through our difficult camp in BAOR and welcome their successors, Major Roy Jenns and Captain Peter Dixon. The game in the Peterborough area will feel a little safer now that our RSM/game warden RSM Prudence has left us to join 2 Queens. There was a strong rumour that he frightened more than he shot. We welcome RSM Beckett of the 1st Battalion and latterly 5 UDR as his successor.

As usual, the spring proved very busy for everyone. We undertook two support weapon concentrations, our annual FFR inspection and participated in a major all arms demonstration.

We also held our own orienteering competition and won the Eastern District Meeting. In addition Companies found time to complete their individual training tests, battle efficiency tests and annual range classification for the training year, all in preparation for Camp.

The second Anti Tank Platoon concentration of the year was held at Larkhill in March and Lt. Bruce James (5 Company) conducted a successful shoot. On the same weekend Lt. Peter Darbyshire ran the third Mortar Platoon concentration of the year at Stanford under the critical eye of the Adjutant. On 7th March Lt. Andrew Alexander organised a highly successful orienteering competition which was won by 5 Company.

A large part of the Battalion assembled at Stanford on 20th March for the FFR inspection by Brig. M. A. J. Tugwell. The programme comprised a CPX, Echelon Exercise and platoon level training by 2 and 5 Companies. Major John Hayton ran his CPX as a competition, thoroughly exercising Company CPs and awarding points for voice procedure and CP routine. It was won by 2 Company. Major Roy Jenns ran his Echelon exercise also on a competitive basis, testing the CQMS in field cooking and hygiene and all aspects of running their administrative areas. This was won by 4 Company.

Despite the FFR the Battalion was strongly represented at the Eastern District Orienteering Championship on the same day and the TAVR event was won by HQ Company with 5 Company runners-up. Then in May, in the TAVR section of the UKLF Orienteering Championships a team consisting of Lt. Alexander, Sgt. Berrisford and O/Cdt. Swetman, represented the Battalion and were placed second.

3 Company played a major part in Eastern District's 'Meet the TAVR Day' at Stanford on 28th March. On this occasion nearly one hundred VIP guests from industry and local government in East Anglia were entertained to a demonstration of weapons, equipment and firepower by the TAVR. Eleven TAVR units



**Much better than walking!  
3 Company 5 R. Anglian.**

from Eastern District took part and among them 3 Company presented an interesting static display and an impressive demonstration of the fire power available from their Wombats, 81 mm Mortars and GPMGs (SF).

#### **Annual Camps**

For us the current training year is the first in the three year cycle and the opportunity was taken to hold an early Annual Camp and get basic individual and specialist skills right from

the outset. Camp was held for all less 3 Company at Barry Buddon during the last two weeks in May. 3 Company trained with 19 Airportable Brigade in Germany in September.

Barry Buddon was well suited to the individual and section level training undertaken and good value was obtained from the variety of dry training areas, classification ranges, individual and team battle shooting ranges and platoon anti-tank and support weapon ranges available. Training was based on nine separate

**Ptes. North and Bell during  
the GPMG Cadre at Barry  
Buddon, May 1976.**



Cadres, administered by the normal company organisation, ranging from recruits to Section Commanders and including Signals, Mortars, GPMG (SF) and MOBAT. No fewer than eighty-four students were trained on the Recruit Cadre.

As a contrast to Cadre training and to restore platoons to their own commanders for part of the camp an Inter-Platoon Competition was held each evening. This was a fairly demanding event consisting of a race over the Confidence Course, an inspection of battle preparations, a test of section and platoon battle drills and, finally, a team shooting competition based on the Section Match. Much effort was put into this competition and the winners were 12 Platoon from Loughborough commanded by Sgt. Gould with 1 Platoon from Lowestoft under O/Cdt. Lopes worthy runners-up.

Our official Visitors' Day was held on 21st May, fortunately one of the three warm and sunny days we enjoyed. The Battalion welcomed Colonel Simon Whitbread, President of the East Anglian TAVR Association, Colonel Hunter-Jones, his secretary, Colonel Pakenham-Walsh, Colonel Makin, Col. TAVR (South) and five of our Deputy Honorary Colonels on this occasion. Our visitors enjoyed a fairly active day watching Cadre training and participating in pistol shooting and reversing landrovers with trailers. In the evening they were entertained by the Band and Drums Beating Retreat and to a memorable Guest Night in the Officers' Mess.

We were also pleased to see the Colonel of the Regiment at Camp—on the first Monday. Other official visitors included Lt. Gen. Sir James Wilson, as Colonel Commandant The Queen's Division, Brig. Sir Ian Jardine, Brig. Inf. UKLF, and Brig. M. A. J. Tugwell, Brig. Eastern District, all of whom saw as much training as time allowed. On attachment for Camp we were pleased to have 1st Lt. Gus Person, from the New York National Guard, who is now familiar with our brand of Mess games!

During the first week of Camp the Band and Drums were much in evidence. They beat Reveille on several mornings and each evening marched a different Cadre back into Camp from the training area. This was not the only form of light entertainment provided, since, in addition to the normal reciprocal visits between Officers' and Sergeants' Messes, most members of the Battalion enjoyed a professional 'Live show' in the canteen organised by Maj. Brian



**Ptes. Capon and Brown, 2 (R. Lincoln Company) during a Mortar Platoon exercise at Stanford.**

Freeman which will be remembered for a very long time.

#### **Shooting successes**

Whilst the Battalion was at Camp shooting teams from 3 and 5 Companies won most of the TAVR events at the Eastern District Skill at Arms meeting. 5 Company won the team SLR and SMG matches and were second in the GPMG match. O/Cdt. Swetman was champion rifle shot (TAVR) and Pte. Hornett was Best Young Soldier. 3 Company were winners of the GPMG match and Falling Plates. 5 Company won the TAVR Unit Championship and the Essex County Shield is therefore again held by the Battalion, for the sixth time in seven years.

This year and for the first time the Battalion entered a team for the TARA Central Meeting and NRA Service Rifle Championships at Bisley, which produced excellent results. The team was coached by S/Sgt. Spauls, PSI 5 Company, and spent a final period of intensive training at Tidworth. At Bisley the team gained fifth place in the TAVR Unit Championship (Dragon Trophy) out of 47 entries. Other team results included third place in the ETR Match and fourth place in the Wessex Volunteers Cup. In the TAVR Queen's Medal Pte. Hornett



Unknown warriors of 2 (R. Lincoln) Company.

(5 Company) was ninth, O/Cdt. Swetman (5 Company) 24th and L/Cpl. Tomes (2 Company) 46th. In addition Pte. Hornett won the Airey Cup for the Best Young Soldier and was TAVR winner of the Secretary of State for War, L/Cpl. Tomes was third in the Queen Mary and S/Sgt. Spauls third in the PSI's match. TARA VIII (Reserve) Badges were awarded to L/Cpl. Tomes and Pte. Hornett.

In early September the Battalion met at Beckingham and ran its own Skill at Arms competition for the first time in five years. For

once we were blessed with fine weather and glorious sunshine. Many of our families were entertained in the messes and by sideshows which were run by all the companies. All teams had carefully prepared for this competition and the shooting was of a high standard. At the end of the day Mrs. Tadman, wife of the Commanding Officer, presented the prizes with 5 Company winning all the team events. Individual prizes went to Lt. Geoff Newsum (2 Company), who won the individual rifle, best officer and best SMG, Sgt. Denny (1 Company)

'Which way is North?'  
3 Company 'O' Group  
during exercise Clam Fury,  
September 76.



was the best WO/Sgt., Cpl. Verden (5 Company) the best junior NCO and Pte. Hornett the best individual soldier. The latter two were also the best GPMG pair.

The following week most companies met again at Beckingham for the Eastern District (North) Skill at Arms meeting. This time mother nature was not so kind, for torrential rain and strong winds prevailed. The shooting suffered but again 5 Company did very well and were narrowly beaten for the team award.

annual study period at the Cambridgeshire Hotel, Bar Hill, near Cambridge. This was combined with a ladies' guest night. We also entertained the GOC, Maj. Gen. David Tabor, and Mrs. Tabor, and the Colonel AQ, Colonel Geoffrey Morgan, late of the Regiment, and Mrs. Morgan, to dinner. Our wives were invited to attend some of the lectures during the weekend. Major Bill Hancock, a former training major, talked about his new position as Deputy Emergency Planning Officer for Suffolk and what it entailed. The MO, Captain David

'Oh dear! Misplaced again.'  
Lt. K. W. J. Lloyd with  
member of 1 (Suffolk)  
Company.



During this period 3 Company were at their annual camp in BAOR with 19 Airborne Brigade. During the first week they took part in a series of small exercises in preparation for the divisional exercise 'Cool Gin' in the second week. 5 R. Anglian provided some of the umpires and the general opinion was that 3 Company had done exceptionally well alongside their regular counterparts.

In early October the Battalion Officers had a complete change of environment and held their

Turner, lectured us all on 'alcoholism', a very sobering subject indeed. It did tend to fall on stony ground, especially before a dinner night, but everyone did pledge to take notice after the weekend.

Finally a story that nearly got away. A team of anglers from 1 Company took part in the Army Angling Championships at Sudbury. Pte. Reynolds became the individual champion and won the Warwick Cup and £25 prize money. The 1 Company team were placed sixth overall.

First Lieutenant Gustav Person, the Executive Officer of Company 'B', 107th US Infantry Regiment of the New York National Guard, was attached to our 5th Battalion in Camp at Barry Buddon. He has written a most interest-

ing article comparing the life and organisation of his unit with our TAVR. His company now has a close affiliation with No. 2 (Royal Lincolnshire) Company and hopes are high for more cross fertilisation.

# 6th (Volunteer) Battalion

In April 1976 we bade farewell to Colonel Tim Swayne, who completed his 2½ year tour, and welcome his successor, Colonel Roger Tomkins, fresh from the rigours of the 5th Battalion. To Colonel Swayne we wish a happy retirement.

John Growse, our Training Major, just managed to squeeze in a second camp with us before seeking refuge in civilian employment at Cambridge. Rumour has it that no longer can he play golf on Wednesday and Friday afternoons; doubtless this will soon be remedied. He takes with him our good wishes for the future. In his place we welcome John Robinette and we hope that he will enjoy his time with us.

At the end of March the Battalion took part in the 'Meet the Press' weekend held at Stanford PTA. Apart from providing some of the demonstrations and light relief when 'A' Company set fire to the area with tracer, we were charged with the overall administrative arrangements at West Tofts Camp. It is a tribute to the tremendous hard work of our QM, Major Danny Bebbington, and RQMS Les Cotter that the end results brought so many compliments from those who were there. In

the Officers' Mess S/Sgt. Ron Smith pulled out all the stops for his 'swan song' and within a short time he and his team, backed up by Sgt. Moorcroft (Pompador Detachment) and his cooks, had a good Mess running, comprising practically every arm of the Territorial Army. What a 'swan song'—lunch for over 200 on Sunday! Well done. Ron Smith had been Officers' Mess Sgt. since the unit was formed, having previously served for many years in the same role with the 4th Battalion Royal Norfolk Regiment (TA). At a dinner in January the officers presented him with a piece of silver as a mark of their appreciation of all his hard work. His son-in-law, Sgt. Pat Cole, has followed him and so the Officers' Mess maintains the family tradition.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting in May was attended by superb weather and keen competition and by a record turnout by our families on the second day. 'A' and 'D' Companies battled for the major honours and after a close competition 'A' Company emerged as winners of the Company Challenge Shield and the Section match. 'D' Company were not to be outdone and won a 'major' prize when their OC, Major Tony Fry, took the Rose Bowl to be-

'A' Company cross one of the Gaza Cup obstacles.



come the CO's Champion Shot. The Officers Cup was won by 2/Lt. John Davidson ('A' Company). In the falling plate, a recruits team comprising Ptes. MacLoughlin, Thomas, Jenkins and Stone shot extremely well to reach the semi-finals, where they were beaten by the eventual winners, No. 1 team from 'B' Company. Pte. Buntine ('A' Company) did well to win the Best Trained Soldier Cup whilst Sgt. Tony Ground from the same Company is believed to be under instruction from Mrs. Ground following her success in winning the Ladies Cup with a score of 49 out of 50.

On the second day Bebbington Enterprises Unlimited imitated the Miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand and provided an excellent lunch for the Battalion and the families at incredibly little cost to either the PRI or Company Funds—well done the cooks and staff.

Later in the month, in the highly competitive atmosphere of the Eastern District meeting, TAVR prizes went to 2/Lt. John Davidson of 'A' Company for the Best Officer Trophy, and to 'A' and 'D' Companies as winners and runners-up respectively in the Section match, whilst Cpl. Duchemin of 'B' Company won the Individual Pistol Prize with a weapon he borrowed from an officer who happened to be just standing there! 'D' Company were third in the Unit Championship and fourth in the SMG team match.

The Battalion was represented at the TARA Central Meeting at Bisley this year by 2/Lt. Davidson, Sgt. Brown, Cpls. Moffatt and Budds,

L/Cpl. Downes and Pte Curtis from 'A' Company, WO.II Martin, L/Cpl. Ferdinando and Pte. Day from 'B' Company, and S/Sgt. Uppington and Sgt. Abbott from 'D' Company. Our hopes of retaining the Volongdis Cup (LMG Pairs) and gaining the China Cup (Section Match) were not to be realised. There is always next year. The final volley in the competitive shooting year was fired by 'D' Company at the Eastern District No. 2 event at Beckingham, where they improved considerably on last year's performance by coming in sixth overall.

#### Annual Camp 1976

This year we reverted to the practice of going to camp in the summer months—June. Our previous devotion to autumnal activities meant that this time we had two camps within eight months. Bearing in mind the shooting, recruiting, company training and general infantry work in which we indulged, spare minutes were rare. Redesdale Camp on the Otterburn Training Area was considered by general assent to be the best camp yet. Maybe the weather played a part in this, but we certainly undertook a challenging and interesting programme. Within the first two days we discovered the fallacy of associating 'Jaws' with the creatures of the sea, as we became closely acquainted with the winged variety amidst the great fastnesses of Otterburn. This is a well organised species possessed of effective Engineer Squadrons who are used to lead any attack, working steadily through boots, gaiters and

2Lt. John Raybould (right rear) with 'A' Company's Gaza Cup team.





other supposedly tough material, leaving a wide gap through which the back-up forces poured in their thousands. The biologically ignorant have been heard to refer to these flying teeth as 'midges'.

We were fortunate in having the Royal Yeomanry in Otterburn with us and full use was made of the opportunity to familiarise ourselves with the mysteries of armour.

Amongst the many important visitors who made the long journey north to see us were the GOC Eastern District, Major General S. J. St. M. Tabor, the CGS, General Sir Peter Hunt, and the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant General Sir Ian Freeland, on his last official visit. We were flattered to receive such important guests and we take as a compliment the following exchange between the CGS and Pte. Cheeseman of 'A' Company:

CGS: 'And what do you do when you're not with the TAVR?'

Pte. Cheeseman: 'You're not going to believe this sir, but I am a Lightshipman.'

CGS: 'I will believe anything of the TAVR.'

Immediately after the Saturday holiday, which was used to boost the profits of the major pharmaceutical concerns who produce insect repellants, we launched into exercise 'Roman Legion'. This was a most successful infiltration exercise covering a large part of the area, mostly without transport, for four days. Helicopters for recce purposes and the occasional trooplift, added to the professionalism. Despite the heat by day and night, everyone enjoyed it and felt that a lot had been learnt. In Battalion HQ for instance, not even the combined powers of the vocabulary of the 2 i/c and the Ops Officer managed a more than marginal relief from the attention of the flying teeth, whilst in 'D' Company the OC and his 2 i/c discovered latent powers of water divining, normally to be considered an asset in drought conditions, which involved them taking their soldiers through a bog and a river which were definitely not affected by lack of water.

More field firing followed the exercise. On one occasion CSM John Martin of 'B' Company was endeavouring to 'coax' sheep from the range with rifle fire under the watchful eye of the Colonel of the Regiment. The CSM said afterwards 'with that sort of audience, one false move and it would have been curtains for my TA career'. Woollen curtains, we presume. 'B' Company were honoured with a visit from the Lord Lieutenant of Bedford, Colonel Simon Whitbread, and Colonel Hanbury from the

Association. The long journey from Bedford to see the Company in the field was much appreciated by all ranks.

The Gaza Cup was competed for again with much enthusiasm. The competition involved a mountainous assault course, a march over rough hilly country and finally a Falling Plate shoot, all against the clock. The overall winners were 'B' Company in the form of Sgt. Brian Green's team. 'B' Company's other team had the distinction of being, very convincingly, the fastest team over the assault course phase. All competitors did well to complete the course in the semi-tropical conditions which prevailed. Now all three Companies have won this trophy since the competition began.

On the last day of camp the Orienteering Competition was won by Pte. Kerton of 'A' Company with a lead of 90 points over his nearest rival.

Congratulations on the award of the Territorial Efficiency Medal to WO.II Johnnie Housego and Sgt. Colin Sadd, both of 'A' Company, whilst the Second-in-Command has survived long enough to receive the first Clasp to his Territorial Decoration. In the field of culinary awards, Sgt. (now S/Sgt. Dennis Skipper) of 'A' Company, won the Eastern District Army Catering Competition at Colchester in May. After being judged, his salmon lasted but a few moments.

'A' Company has lost Captain Freddie Vigers as 2 i/c due to pressure of work, and will miss his experience and pleasant personality. In October Major Tony Fry had relinquished command of 'D' Company in favour of putting some time into running his business. He too, will be missed. Dennis Haslam, who succeeded him, has a desperate need for subalterns and should the reader know of any likely candidate who lives, or is going to live in the Cambridge/Wisbech area, please get in touch with 'D' Company at Coldhams Lane TAVR Centre, Cambridge.

Recruiting continues, with 'A' Company taking the lead. The Pompadour Detachment at Braintree, now part of 'B' Company, have had good results as well, and it is encouraging to see that despite the TA Review surgery which took place, this is a thriving and keen sub-unit. Captain Alan Dann, who commands it, now has his place in the Battalion Orbat as Asst. Adjutant when the Battalion is in the field, and another 'B' Company officer, Captain Peter Warren-Price, is now the long suffering Ops Officer.



S/Sgt. Pte Lawless  
'instructs' in hill climbing  
techniques at Camp 76.

'B' Company has welcomed Lieut. Alan Fairless to their midst from a Parachute Engineer Regiment, and he has soon settled in to the infantry routine. So much did O/Cdt. Robert Usher enjoy camp that he has deserted 'B' Company and is now at Sandhurst. This defection may perhaps be regarded as a compliment to the Company spirit, which inspired him.

All Companies have held successful social events during the year; one 'D' Company social raising a sizeable sum of money for a local hospital, which is a praiseworthy effort. This Company also had pleasure in taking part in the Old Comrades Association Parade at Ely for the second year running, and organised a well supported Old Comrades Range Day at Thetford in July. They would be glad to know of any source of reasonably priced 'Churchill' Crowns for use as prizes at the Range Day, and they are finding difficulty in obtaining sufficient to meet demand.

Next year the Battalion has been asked to provide a Company of 130 for two weeks in

Gibraltar in January and much keen lobbying is anticipated from all ranks. We have been successful in obtaining Warcop as the venue for the summer camp in June, and we look forward to a rewarding fortnight there.

#### Stop Press announcement

At the time of going to press we have just heard the splendid news that we are to get our fourth Company back again. The Pompadour Detachment at Braintree once more will become Company HQ of 'C' (Essex) Company. The Detachment has flourished in adversity and instead of giving up, as lesser folk might have done, have taken full advantage of all the facilities which 'B' (Bedfordshire) Company made available, and have remained an enthusiastic and cheerful body of men. Their friends in Bedford will not take it amiss that they are delighted to be going their separate ways, for it is clear that the encouragement which they got from Major Ron James and his Company HQ assisted them in maintaining their strength, and will always be appreciated.

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# 7th (Volunteer) Battalion

A change of training emphasis from internal security to conventional infantry work in an all-arms setting, together with the challenging possibility of our being given a NATO role, has made 1976 an interesting and rewarding year. It has also been one for developing the 'One Army' theme. Some fourteen soldiers have left us to join the Regular Army, the majority going to our Regular Battalions, whilst Lt. Kevin Robinson is doing a year's attachment to the 3rd Battalion and Cpl. Devaney a year with the 2nd Battalion. L/Cpl. Dunkley is waiting to go to REME for a year as an armourer. Twelve members of 'A' Company from Scunthorpe and Grimsby recently accompanied the 2nd Battalion to Norway for exercise 'Teamwork'. For Cpl. Fox and L/Cpl. Hare this was a return home, both having served as regulars with the Battalion, whilst the remainder much enjoyed doing the same job as their regular counterparts and using weapons and equipment which are mere subjects of conversation in the TA. Major Trevor Gough, OC 'C' Company at Wellingborough, used his former Movements experience to wangle a month in Cyprus with the 3rd Battalion; O/Cadet Stephen Riddle and RQMS Turner also managing to get there for a most instructive fortnight. We are very grateful for these attachments and hope they may produce a two-way flow of enlistments.

We had our first experience of RFA-promoted attachments when five young officers from the German equivalent of the TA joined us for the first week of annual camp. Lasting friendships were made, and in July Majors Gardner and Shaw and Sgt. Garratt and Cpl. Sills spent twelve days with 191 Panzer Grenadier Battalion on the Bergen Hohne ranges. They received a warm welcome and saw and learned a great deal from this regular German unit. Next year promises to bring more of these visits, and we shall certainly try to take part.

On the building front, work has finally finished on our HQ at Northampton, where we now have a drill hall to be proud of: after six months the builders have withdrawn and we



Well done, Cpl. Tebbutt, but we hope for bigger and better cups next year.

are looking for the lost items everyone said 'would turn up'. Scunthorpe drill hall is fast becoming a show place and the OC plans to swell his funds by opening it to the public!

1976 saw our first serious attempt at Bisley. A recce party returned empty-handed in 1975, but this year Cpl. Tebbutt of 'D' Company won the NRA Challenge Cup, our team came fourth in the Roupell Cup and were beaten semi-finalists in the falling plates. Bisley medals were awarded to our CO, Lt. Col. Bill Dawson, Capt. Mike Cook (team captain), S/Sgt. Walker and Cpl. Tebbutt. After the Bisley successes we were over-confident at the District shoot and had to be content with far too many seconds.

Recruiting has prospered during the year and we are at present 97 per cent of establishment. It was necessary to run our own recruit cadre at Stanford during August as the Bassingbourn cadres could not cope with our numbers. Our newly-joined RSM, WO.1 Fisher, RRF, enjoyed his baptism of fire by running it: sixty soldiers passed out and the fortnight was an unqualified success.

The finale of the year was exercise 'Clarion Call' at Stanford. This was an all-arms exercise to test 3 WFR and ourselves and was probably the largest TAVR exercise to be held there, involving the RAF, Army Air Corps, Royal Yeomanry, Royal Artillery, support elements

from 5 Royal Anglian, 10 Parachute Battalion and 22 Parachute Brigade HQ. The exercise was full of action and it was an interesting experience to operate with other arms and services.

The highlight of any TAVR battalion's year is annual camp, and this year we ventured north to Bellerby Camp on the Catterick training area. Although Bellerby is a small camp, the facilities are excellent and not surprisingly for 1976 we had very good weather. During the first week companies concentrated on field firing and a battalion weapons meeting was held. The section shoot was won by LDY Com-

pany. During camp we welcomed a continuous flow of visitors. Among others we were visited by Gen. Sir James Wilson, Colonel Commandant, Queen's Div, Brigadier Harvey, Deputy Commander Eastern District, Brigadier Sir Ian Jardine, Brig. Inf. UKLF, Brigadier Tugwell, Brig. Nottingham, Colonel Frazer-Darling, Territorial Colonel Midlands, our ex-CO, Colonel Wallace, now Territorial Colonel North, our County Honorary Colonels, The Chairman and Secretary of TAVRA, and others too numerous to mention.

We were delighted to have the Colonel of the Regiment with us on the middle Friday.



**'D' Company. Winners Falling Plate competition.**

pany with 'D' Company winning the falling plates. During camp the Officers beat the Sergeants on the range and on the cricket field, but on the golf course positions were reversed mainly due to Staff Sgt. Travis who, not content with winning the Army minor units discus championship, was to sweep the board at the Regimental golf meeting. 'C' Company won the first inter-company orienteering competition and followed this success by narrowly winning the inter-platoon competition. The latter was a thorough test of the Infanteer's skills and was held in a highly competitive atmosphere. Congratulations to Lt. Peter Ralph, who captained the team, and to their PSI, Staff Sgt. Ross.

General Freeland presented the champion company shield to Major Brown, OC 'D' Company, and addressed the Battalion. All ranks were sorry that this was to be his farewell visit to the Battalion and we are grateful for the encouragement we have received from him since our formation.

As another year ends, we regret the departure of Majors A. Haywood, J. Rickard, R. Parsons and G. Simpson, who have left, but have welcomed several junior officers and the appointment of a conrate sergeant to each company. Staff Sgt. Travis leaves to join the 2nd Battalion on promotion and we thank him for what has been achieved in 'D' Company during his stay



General Freeland presents the champion company shield to Major M. E. Brown, OC 'D' Company.



Brig. Sir Ian Jardine talks to the winning platoon.

# Depot Queen's Division

## 'A' Company

Changes have occurred in the Permanent Staff during the year. Cpl. Rod Allen has gone to the 1st Battalion, Lt. Alan Proctor, Sgt. Tom Hardy, Cpls. Sandy Sanderson, Brummy Hanson, John Ellingford to the 2nd Battalion, and Cpl. Paul Rogers (formerly of the 3rd Battalion) has departed for civilian life. Royal Anglian staff now with the Company include Cpl. Fred Threadwell, Mitch Mitchell (1st Bn.), Sgt. Dave Dunthorne, Cpls. Ally Allis, Honka Vine, John Isom (2nd Bn.), Cpl. Bernie Barnsdale and Cpl. Kev (Cow Pack) Brett (3rd Bn.).

'A' Company also has the services of L/Cpl. Bob Gilmore as its Company Clerk. Recruits who have been awarded prizes when passing out have been published in monthly news letters.

The Demonstration Section from 2 R. Anglian has now firmly been established at the Poachers Penthouse.

Majors Martin Franks and Wellington have now retired! We wish them both the very best of luck and good fortune in the future.

## 'B' Company

The following members of the Regiment are currently serving with Bravo Company: Captain Peter Shalders, 2/Lt. Len Pepperall, Sgts. Fossey, Stubbs, Cookson and Moore, Cpls. Drewry, Grenfall, Wysocki. Sgt. Nichols has arrived from Shorncliffe.

## Permanent staff

At present there are 12 officers and 58 other ranks employed at the Depot. The Regiment is well deployed in all departments and next year we hope to see a member of the Regiment



**Major Martin Franks handing over 'A' Company before retiring from the Army.**

as Second in Command. Lt. Tim Power continues to be the cadre officer and is responsible for the running of internal courses. Courses have been run for 37 platoon commanders, 57 SNCOs on the pre-Brecon training, and 65 JNCOs on the pre-AIPW training. In addition courses are run for TAVR units.

The Adjutant, Captain Julian Rawlins, leaves us shortly and we wish him the best of luck in the future. We shall certainly miss his talents on the cricket field and on the squash court.

#### **Adult and Junior recruits**

From 1st April 1975 to 31st March 1976 there have been 270 adult recruits enlisted into the Regiment. The junior intake at the Depot is currently 254 strong. This total includes 22 junior bandsmen. Of this total 102 are badged Royal Anglian. The numbers of juniors have necessitated the formation of a second Junior Soldiers Company, presently commanded by Major G. W. M. Hipkin.

**Sgt. C. Shenton, Drums Platoon Sgt. Instructor, with L/Cpl. Cripps, Glockenspiel instructor, and Junior Drummers Regan, Tansey, Ashley and McElroy.**





The newly-formed JS Company which started operating on 14th September, 1976. OC Major G. W. M. Hipkin and platoon instructor, Cpl. Marden.

Three Battle Camps were held in 1976, two at Crowborough and one at Okehampton. In addition External Leadership Exercises (Adventure Training under a newer name!) have also taken place in Aviemore, Cornwall, Derbyshire, the Lake District, Brecon and the Solent. Activities here included climbing, potholing, canoeing, hill walking, pony trekking, dinghy and deep sea sailing. In the course of a year a young man will almost certainly take part in two Battle Camps and three EL exercises.

We entered the Junior Soldiers Skill at Arms meeting but had some disappointing shoots as

a team. We did, however, gain an individual third place in the Green Howards Cup (the Junior Association Cup) and 16th place in the Iraq Cup (the Junior Roupell Cup).

#### Bermuda Regiment

We are pleased to announce that Sgt. Dunthorne and Cpl. Alliss have been selected to be attached to the Bermuda Regiment from 3rd-26th January 1977. We feel confident that WO.I R. J. Jones will look after them well and will spend some of his entertainment allowance on them during their off-duty periods!

The elephant tusks displayed in the entrance hall of the Officers' Mess on loan to the Mess from Lt.-Col. (Retd.) O. K. Parker, MC, DL. Both animals were shot by him whilst he was serving as a Major with the 2nd Bn. Northamptonshire Regiment (58th Foot) stationed in Khartoum. The ivory weighs 141 lbs. Major John Parker, DAAG Manning at HQ. The Queens Division, is photographed beside the magnificent elephant tusks loaned by his father.



# ARMY CADETS

## ESSEX ACF IN CAMP AT BLACKSHAW MOOR Report from the PRO

Some 325 cadets, accompanied by 100 officers and adult instructors, gathered from all over the county of Essex, went to camp near Leek in Staffordshire on 1st August.

They were from 33 units under the overall command of Colonel J. H. L. Parker, the County Commandant.

The cadets were in permanent huts and the weather, after a cold first day, was pleasant, if overcast. There is fine open training ground with very extensive views and good rifle firing ranges at Litchfield. The terrain affords some of the best expedition country for Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme participants, many of whom have qualified for their bronze and silver awards. Members of 45 Army Youth Team organised watermanship in assault craft (paddle-power), canoes and sailing dinghies; also some fairly stiff rock climbing on the nearby Roaches Hill.

In the British Junior UK National Pentathlon competition, Cadet Sgt. A. Mullis, of Bilericay detachment, came fourth overall among 37 entries in a very keen competition which included fencing, swimming, riding, shooting and cross country running.

On Saturday, 7th August, 'D' Company's

Corps of Drums were invited to take part in Leek town's annual carnival, a singular honour of which the Essex ACF is justifiably proud.

On Sunday, 8th August, all cadets attended a drumhead service conducted by the senior padre, Rev. K. G. Hay, T.D., of Prittlewell, assisted by the Rev. D. Nash of Rivenhall, followed by a march past led by the corps of drums from 'D' Company, Colchester, when the Commandant took the salute. This was followed, in the afternoon, by county sports organised on the lines of television's popular 'It's a knockout', and very popular it was too. Tie winners were 'D' and 'A' Companies. A rather bizarre challenge football match between officers and sergeants was won by the officers for fancy dress and by the sergeants for goals, although no-one could remember the score after the buckets of water appeared. Inter-company football competition cup winners—'C' Company.

On 11th August the Honorary Colonel, Colonel P. H. A. L. Franklin, visited and attended a guest night in the officers' mess. He presented the Army Cadet Force Certificate of Good Service to Major Derek Lodge of Boreham, Chelmsford, formerly the OC of 'B' Company who had recently retired on health grounds, and to Cadet Sergeant J. Moss, also of Chelmsford. Both have rendered outstanding service to the Army Cadet Force.

'A' Company Essex ACF  
'on the Hill'.





## Annual Camp 1976

Norfolk Army Cadet Force, under the command of the County Commandant, Colonel W. D. Flower, TD, carried out their annual training at Penally, near Tenby, South Wales, during the period 25th July to 1st August, 1976. Over 550 officers, adult instructors and cadets attended.

The cadets carried out a programme of intensive training in order to obtain their various qualifications in the Army Proficiency Certificate. This included a two-day field exercise in an adjacent training area, rifle shooting on the open range and adventure training in the remote areas of the magnificent Pembrokeshire coast. During the earlier part of the week, two teams of cadet marksmen competed in the annual United Kingdom Cadet Forces rifle meeting at Bisley and one of these came eighth in the major team competition, the Frankfort Shield, which they had won the previous year.

One of the highlights of the camp was a visit by fifty cadets to a Panzer Battalion of the Army of the Federal Republic of Germany who were training on the nearby Castlemartin tank ranges. The German Army put on a most exciting and realistic display for the cadets with three of their Leopard tanks, including a live firing demonstration. The boys were able to explore the inside of the tanks and were also taken for rides in these over part of the training areas.

Visitors to this most successful camp included the Deputy Commander of Eastern District and the Chairman and Secretary of the East Anglian TA & VR Association.

On Saturday the County Parade was held when the Commandant presented the prizes for the various inter-area competitions, including the much-sought after King's Cup (awarded to the detachment judged to be the best in the county during the last training year). This year it went to Sandringham Detachment of No. 3 Area.

### Exercise 'Norfolk Trot'

Five Norfolk Army Cadets had a taste of winter at over 10,000 feet in the Austrian Alps while their parents back home were enjoying the late summer. The five, with one member of the adult staff and three members of the 44 Army Youth Team, spent a fortnight in the Austrian Alps on the exercise nicknamed 'Norfolk Trot'.

Captain Tudor Quare, the commander of the Army Youth Team, commented on their return, 'Considering none of the cadets or the adult A.C.F. staff member had had any previous experience in these sort of conditions, the fact that they managed to reach the summit of the Wildspitze at nearly 12,500 feet was quite an achievement. They learned a considerable number of Alpine techniques and were mentally and physically tested for over eight days in the mountains. This was NO holiday.'

Among the techniques learned in the early days of the exercise was how to walk in crampons, the use of the ice axe, and the methods of moving over a glacier and crossing some of the very deep crevasses.

Later the cadets were taught how to rescue from a crevasse—a lesson which never had to be put into practice.

When the party moved on to the climbs proper it meant an early start to the day at 5 a.m. so as to cross the glacier before the sun started to melt the snow, and breakfast was taken at 8 a.m. on top of the mountain.

The highest climb was left to the last day and meant a 4.30 a.m. start for the party to get to the top of the Wildspitze within three hours and see the sun rise.

## LINCOLNSHIRE ACF

### Report by WO.II E. Sharpe

For 25 cadets of the Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force the late summer half term holiday brought the opportunity of visiting the county regular army unit, The 2nd Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment. Travelling by train, the contingent left Lincoln on the 25th of October for Gillingham in Kent on a typically dull Monday morning full of enthusiasm and anticipation. Arriving at Gillingham station at 1245 hours, the party boarded transport for Gordon Barracks. On arrival in camp kit was quickly dumped in the barrack rooms and the cadets marched off to sample the cuisine that the cook-house had to offer.

As an introduction to the battalion, the conducting officer gave a talk in regimental history in the officers' mess where items of silver, pictures and scrap books were on display. This was followed by a series of films to orientate the cadets for the exercise to be held on the Wednesday evening.

The cadets spent a day at Shoreham on the familiarisation with platoon weapons, the SLR, GPMG and SMG. Although the sky was overcast on arrival, the sun soon broke through, drying out the firing points from the previous nights rain. The spirit of competition was strong and keen among the firers and after each detail the cadets waited eagerly for the scores to see who would emerge as top scorer of the day.

During revision on the Silva compass and map reading the regular soldiers who were assisting were surprised and embarrassed when the cadets proved that their knowledge was greater than that of the soldier. Then there was a tour of the Naval Dockyard and ships at HMS Pembroke at Chatham.

A handout of the history of the Chatham dockyard covered the inception of the yard in 1547 up to its function today, followed by a guided tour of the yard, dry dock, where a nuclear submarine was having a refit, and various ships including one that was being reduced to scrap.

The sports competition in the afternoon was between the cadets and the men of 4 Platoon and was in the form of a football match and soft ball, although the name 'soft ball' belies the hardness of the ball, as some of the boys found out when trying to catch it, moreso Cadet Thompson when he caught it in the chin.

Mereworth Woods, though a small area, was well suited to the purpose for the Fighting Patrol exercise on the Wednesday evening. The cadets in groups of five, with men of 4 Platoon, checked their maps and compasses before making their way down the tracks to converge on the fire tower situated on a hill on the far side of the woods. Unfortunately for them, and the directing staff, it transpired that somebody must have purloined the object of assault. Nobody found it! Hidden sentry posts manned by more of the 'professionals' added realism to the exercise when they opened fire, scattering the patrols to the wet undergrowth to re-muster and return the fire. The final assault was made on a gun position that had been set up on a mound to the west of the training area and on command the silence of the evening was once more broken by the staccato of shots as the cadets let loose with SLR blanks. Who were the victors was not really evident, not that anyone cared, least of all the cadets who, wet and muddy, had enjoyed the exercise and were only too eager to return to barracks, tea and cake and bed.

A display of signal equipment and introduction to the Battalion signal system preceded lectures on the support weapons and assault Pioneer platoons role. A visit to Brampton Barracks for a tour of the School of Military Engineering offered the cadets first hand knowledge of the numerous trades available to a soldier of the Royal Engineers. In the technical workshops trainees were busy brick laying, pipe fitting, welding, maintaining engines and learning many other trades. Also included in the tour was a visit to the RE museum where great interest was shown in the weapons of yesteryear and the achievements of the engineers during many campaigns.

A lecture and display by the guard dog handling section was included in the programme and the cadets saw the dogs in action and were given an opportunity to be the guinea pigs. Donning the heavily padded, and much too large suit, and motor cycle helmet with a visor, three cadets took it in turn to be the intruder. Cadet Ironmonger was the first to volunteer but unfortunately for him the weight and momentum of the dog knocked him to the ground, bringing applause and laughter from the spectators as he tried to rise hampered by the heavy clothing. When he came back he said that it had been good fun, the fool. Time and weather curtailed the activity however and so the other two victims to be thrown to the dogs (by choice) had to delay the pleasure until later. Cadets, we know, seek and gain pleasure in mysterious ways but to volunteer to be attacked by well trained guard dogs seemed to be one of the most peculiar.

Time flew and all too soon the hour was at hand to say farewell and a sincere thank you to Lt. Badger and his crew of 4 Platoon for their assistance and looking after the party so well.

Here's hoping that now initiated it will be only the first of many visits to our regular brothers.

## **COUNTY OF SUFFOLK ACF**

### **Report by Maj. H. J. W. Tebboth of Ipswich**

The year 1976 saw a change of County Commandant and we take this opportunity of expressing thanks to Colonel Clive Ackland for all his work on behalf of Suffolk ACF during the period 1969-1976 and wish him well for the

future. The county force is now under the command of Lieut. Colonel J. F. Thom, MC, TD, JP, who, taking over just prior to annual camp, was able to take an early opportunity to 'get to know' the staff and assess the requirements of his new appointment. We are certain our new Commandant returned to Suffolk with happy memories of his first annual camp with the ACF.

During the year cadets have made the best of opportunities to travel. Apart from the ever popular visits to Regular Army depots, our own training programmes and public displays, cadets have been to:

**Berlin.** 'C' Company (Ipswich), at the invitation of Major General D. Scott Barrett, the Suffolk ACF trumpeters sounded salutes for the most important guests attending the Berlin tattoo, an exciting time for the cadets and the greatest honour was the salute sounded for HRH Prince Charles on the last evening.

**Holland.** 'B' Company (East Suffolk) repeated their Spring Bank Holiday camp to Overloon, Nord Brabant, where a friendly relationship has been formed with the local Scout unit.

**Isle of Man.** Annual camp took us to the Isle of Man, a first time visit involving a long train journey followed by a four hour sea crossing which provided plenty of interest. This was maintained throughout the whole 12 day period which included visits to Ramsey and Douglas and, of course, to view the scenery from the

highest peak - Snaffell (2036 ft). The fine weather enabled a full training programme to be carried out, the day and night exercises gave cadets plenty of excitement followed by lots of talking points in the barrack room afterwards.

The new APC (Cadet) syllabus 4 Star test was carried out by No. 1 C.T.T. and we are pleased to record that seven cadets were successful and duly passed this stiff test—a very worthwhile effort.

Adventure training, rock climbing and shooting activities were in the hands of 37 A.Y.T. who, by their own enthusiasm, ensured maximum benefit and enjoyment to all taking part although there were many apprehensive faces whilst descending the 70 ft. high cliff.

The third annual swimming gala once again proved a great success and followed the previous year's pattern. The eventual winners ('C' Company) had to fight to win the last event whilst 350 cadets cheered to end a satisfactory and enjoyable afternoon—with thanks to 37 A.Y.T. for their valuable assistance.

The Suffolk Army Cadet Force League which operates under the patronage of Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Suffolk, The Right Honourable The Earl of Stradbroke, organised a county fair at Ipswich during May 1976 with the object of raising funds to assist the ACF with welfare, sporting and other non-military items of expenditure. There were stalls and competitions, displays by Jeep team (stripping and assembling), ACF band and cadet displays

**Suffolk ACF Band display in Moorlagh Park, Isle of Man.**





Suffolk cadets from Bungay and Beccles enjoying a break from training at Stanford PTA while acting as enemy to No. 1 Company 5 Royal Anglian. The Group was under the command of SMI Gordon Reynolds, who some readers will remember as WO.II, No. 1 Company 5 Royal Anglian.

covering drill, mock attack and tower rescue, rock climbing and finally Beating of Retreat by the band of the 1st Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment by kind permission of the Commanding Officer. The League was supported by both Regular and TAVR units with static stalls/displays to whom we are most grateful. The financial gain was satisfactory and would no doubt have been greater if the weather had been less windy. Stan Chandler and Terry Calver, of Bury St. Edmunds, who will be known to many readers of The Castle, were two of the hardworking committee for this event.

Shooting and orienteering are two regular features of ACF life and during the year a great deal of experience was gained. A new form of Route Card and Compass exercise was introduced by Major D. G. M. Anstee (OC No. 1 C.T.T.) to cadets from Norfolk and Suffolk on Sunday, 24th October, 1976, at Stanford PTA and titled the 'Inter County Pontoon' competition. Teams consisting of one adult plus five cadets are timed when given the grid references and descriptions of eleven Token Collection Points (TCPs) each with a points value which are then marked on his map. After making his map appreciation so as to collect the value of 21 (pontoon) points his map and duplicate route card are handed in. They then set off to collect the correct coloured tokens to the value of 21 (only the D.S. know the colour of each TCP). The placing is then decided by the time taken and by the aggregate of the times of the teams best five members (5 out of 6). This year Norfolk were

the winners but without doubt this competition stimulated great interest, some disappointments for those who did not enter teams and considerable experience to those taking part who will reap the benefit at next year's competition.

Readers will be interested to know that the strength of the ACF continues to grow and shows an increase over the previous year. In Suffolk we have 638 cadets (51 per cent increase) and 120 officers/staff instructors (12 per cent increase). The large increase is no doubt due to many reasons—the varied programmes providing travel, adventure and excitement, the new APC training syllabus and the more professional approach by the adult staff who have worked hard since its introduction in September 1974.



Keen interest in the Static Display.

## ROYAL ANGLIAN (LEICESTER AND NORTHAMPTON) ACF

The past year has been a very busy one at all levels.

Remembrance Sunday 1975 was a memorable one for the officers, SMIs, SIs and the 56 cadets of Prince William School Detachment, Oundle, and the Kettering Detachment who were on the Parade at Barnwell Church and subsequently inspected by H.R.H. Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester. Although cadets from Prince William School had attended Remembrance Services at Barnwell over the past few years, this was the first occasion that H.R.H. Princess Alice had been at Barnwell and she was delighted at the number of cadets at the service and parade. The lesson was read by Cpl. S. Lawrence of Prince William School Detachment.

Hinckley Detachment Band and the County Air Rifle Static Display stand were at The Leicestershire Council of Voluntary Youth Services Exhibition 'Kaleidoscope' for Leaders, Senior Members, Organisations and others working with young people.

During the year various Detachments held social occasions to raise funds, the most notable being Wigston who raised £120 from a sponsored walk to pay the cost of a party for 60 pensioners and a further £200 from a dance to help in running costs of its mini bus.

Trooper Ted Boulter, formerly of Newbold



The Slinn family, Corporal Stephen, Sergeant Harold and Cadet Andrew with Councillor Denis Brown and the Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth.

Verdon Detachment ('B' Company) and one of the first cadets to join the Detachment, is now serving with 9/12 Royal Lancers, attended a parade of his former Detachment and presented the Detachment with a plaque of his Regiment which was received by Cpl. Stephen Smith who has now joined the Regular Army.

The Hinckley Detachment ('B' Company), the Hinckley Sea Cadet Corps Unit TS Amazon, and No. 198 (Hinckley) Squadron ATC, combined to take part in the Hinckley Triple Tattoo 1976 held at Hinckley on Saturday the 8th May.

Three generations of the Slimm family were gathered at the Tattoo. Pensioner Harold Slimm of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, his son SI Harold Slimm, and the latter's two sons Cpl. Stephen and Cadet Andrew, all of Hinckley Detachment.

At the dance earlier referred to two former cadets of Wigston Detachment, Tony Hampton and Ian Hewitt, now serving with 9/12 Royal Lancers, were presented by SMI W. Moore, Detachment Commander, with tankards for 'The valuable service they gave to the Cadet Force'. In return the two ex-cadets presented the Detachment with a plaque from their Regiment.

A contingent from 'D' Company took part in the Parade on the occasion of the presentation and laying up of Standards of the Kettering Royal British Legion. 'A' Company Band played the Parade to and from church and our Honorary Bandmaster, Mr. E. Hodkinson, played the Last Post in church.

Apprentice Tradesman Sgt. Ian Dale was awarded the Curtis Cup for the best performance in military training at the Passing Out Ceremony at Army Apprentice's College Arborfield. Sgt. Dale served with the Ulverscroft Road Detachment ('B' Company) from 1972 to 1974, being a Cadet Cpl. on leaving. His two elder brothers having also served with the Ulverscroft Road Detachment, on leaving joined the Army Apprentice's College at Harrogate. Sgt. Dale's brother-in-law is SMI David Walton, the AAI to 'B' Company.

The Honorary Bandmaster of 'A' Company's Band was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Birthday Honours List for service to Youth Organisations in connection with music.

Mr. Hodkinson was presented with his British Empire Medal at Company Headquarters, Gibraltar Barracks, Northampton, by the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, Lt. Col. J. Chandos-Pole, OBE, JP.

**Mr. Hodkinson** has had a long and varied military career, having joined the Army in 1914, serving until the end of the First World War. In 1924 Mr. Hodkinson joined the band of the 4th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment TA, serving until 1936 when he transferred to the Northamptonshire Yeomanry to form its band, and from 1940 until his discharge on the grounds of age in 1943 he served with various Regiments. On discharge he joined the Home Guard. Subsequently he helped to form and run two bands of youth organisations in Northampton, ultimately joining the Northamptonshire Army Cadet Force in 1954 as bandmaster and serving until 1964 on reaching the age of 65. Since his official retirement Mr. Hodkinson has continued in a voluntary capacity as honorary bandmaster to 'A' Company's band and has attended all annual camps to date.

Our congratulations go to Mr. Hodkinson on his award, which is very well deserved.

Our Training Officer Major C. Humfrey has, we believe, created the record for the ACF in being the first ACF officer to have ridden in the Grand Military Gold Cup. This meeting, which was formerly open to serving officers only, is now open to TA officers and Major Humfrey thus became eligible to ride and finished fourth out of ten riders.

Under the auspices of our Senior Padre, the Reverend F. G. Adams, and 'D' Company's Padre, the Reverend F. Pearce, all in camp, attended an open air Church Service on Sunday.

The Commandant's Annual Inspection of presentation of prizes was held on Monday following which Col. Gilks took the salute.



**Lt. Col. Delamain awards the overall winners.**

The standard of training in camp this year was high and all seemed to enjoy the camp.

### **Annual Camp**

This year's annual camp at Bellerby Camp, Leyburn, North Yorks, was attended by 32 officers, 46 SMI/SIs and 339 cadets.

15 CTT ran a very successful course for our new officers and SMI/SIs.

Three Star Cadets were on advanced training under the auspices of 16 AYT, whilst 17 AYT concentrated on more adventurous pursuits.

The remainder of the cadets were organised on a Company basis and training was both thorough and varied and included night exercises.

Visits were made to the Royal Engineers at Ripon, 5 DG and Royal Signals at Catterick, all of which were enjoyed by the cadets.

Some went swimming each evening at the Municipal Baths at Catterick, whilst other parties went canoeing, rock climbing and sailing.

Our canteen was once again run by WRVS and we must place on record our thanks to Mrs. Edmonds and Mrs. Blunt for all the sterling work they did in the canteen.

Our Medical Officer was assisted again by Mrs. Collier and Miss Chapman of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and we thank them most sincerely for their assistance.

The annual athletics meeting was held on Thursday and was won by 'C' Company with 'A' Company runners-up. The Mayor and Mayoress of Kettering, Councillor and Mrs. A. A. Morby, who were visiting us, attended the meeting.

On Saturday all cadets departed to Blackpool for a day's visit.

Our annual swimming gala was held on Sunday evening and was very successful, thanks to our sports officers, Capt. Aldwinkle and Lt. Kellett. The winners were 'A' Company and the runners-up 'B' Company.

The officers' dinner night was attended by Col. D. M. Smith, our former County Commandant, and Lt. Col. J. R. Britten, our former C.E.O., Col. T. C. S. Haywood, HM Lieutenant of Rutland, Col. G. L. Aspell, Chairman of the Leicestershire County Committee of the East Midlands T & AVR Association, and Lt. Col. H. C. W. M. Tullock, Assistant Secretary of the Association.

'Thumbs up' from a triumphant team.



## Sport

Our first-ever inter-detachment seven-a-side rugby competition was held on the Vipers Ground, Whetstone, Leicester. Ten teams were entered, including one composite team from 'C' Company. The final was won by Wigston Detachment 'A' (13 points), beating Hinckley Detachment (nil). The County Commandant, Col. A. P. Gilks, presented a challenge trophy to the winning team together with individual shields and medals to the runners-up.

We congratulate L/Cpl. J. James and his brother Cdt. E. James, both of Ulverscroft Road Detachment ('B' Company) on being selected for the England junior basketball team and Cdt. David Geary (Ulverscroft Road Detachment 'B' Company) and L/Cpl. Phillip Tilley (Burma 'A' Company) on being selected to represent the Eastern Region in the national athletics championships in York.

Our annual rifle meeting was held at Kibworth Range, Leicester, in early June. The results were team champions 'D' Company 549 points, second 'A' Company 481 points, third 'C' Company 363 points, and fourth 'B' Company 253 points.

The individual winner was Cdt. Kelvin Butler of Prince William School, Oundle Detachment ('D' Company) 109 points, followed by Cpl. Peter Hudson of Kettering Detachment ('D' Company) 107 points. The winners of the knockout competition were 'D' Company and the runners-up 'A' Company.

We entered teams in the London and Middlesex Cadets rifle meeting at Bisley, and in the Fennell small bore shooting competition.

In the Eastern Region athletics championships held at Colchester, Cdt. King (Melton Mowbray Detachment 'C' Company) L/Cpl. Whiting (Burma Detachment 'A' Company), Cdt. Laydall (Wigston Detachment 'B' Company) received their Regional Colours.

In the national athletics championships at Aldershot Cdt. King was runner-up in the 1500 metres class A and was awarded the AAA badge.

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE ACF

### Report by 2Lt. C. V. Grant, of Longstanton

Each year cadets of the four Royal Anglian Regiment Cadet Battalions throughout Cambridgeshire are invited by the Cambridge University Officers Training Corps to an 'open day' at County HQ. Under the direction of Lt. Col. C. J. G. Delamain, Officer Commanding CUOTC, and his staff, the activities included watermanship, small bore shooting, map reading, assault course, and telecommunications in the field, also a static display of light artillery and armoured vehicles in which the cadets showed much interest.

Divided into teams, the cadets competed in most subjects and their efforts were rewarded in a prize-giving ceremony at the end of the day.

# AROUND THE BRANCHES

## THE ESSEX REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

The main event during the past year was the annual reunion at Warley on Sunday, 27th June. One of the best ever turn-outs with quite a few of the 'old and bold' who had not been with us for some years. Splendid weather, the presence of the Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff and an address at the service by the Bishop of Chelmsford made the day a memorable one. Excellent catering was followed by record business at the well-run TAVR bar. A first-class musical programme was provided by the Essex Corps of Drums.

The Warley Reunion in 1977 will be held on Sunday, 26th June, and details will be forwarded to all subscribers early in the new year.

Branch activities throughout the season of 1976 have included very successful annual dinners by Southend, Chelmsford, Thurrock and Saffron Walden (social reunion) and the 4th Battalion Comrades' Association in addition to numerous other social activities. The 6th Battalion Cedars Association and the 7th Battalion 'Eagle and Gun' Association have now joined forces for future activities.



Interior view of the Regimental Chapel, Warley.

Considerable local publicity was recently given to a 'report' that the Chapel was in imminent danger of being closed and demolished. The 'report' was, however, entirely without foundation. The special committee of trustees are continuing their efforts to find an acceptable solution to the long term future of the Chapel.

Annual Reunion, Warley 1976. March Past led by 89 year old In-Pensioner Harry Staff.





## 10th FOOT ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

### Annual Reunion 1976

The annual reunion was held at the "Beacholme" on the 2nd-3rd October, 1976.

Major C. H. Macklam presided at the annual general committee meeting as Major General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard was otherwise engaged with the American Contingent. The General, however, attended the annual general meeting and presided. Both meetings were well attended and the Association business was satisfactorily carried out.

On the evening of the 2nd October four hundred and fifty people sat down to dinner, this included all 76 members of the American Contingent.

Our President presided at the dinner and extended a very warm welcome to an 'Old 10th Footer', Brigadier Dick Gerrard-Wright, who recently took over from Brigadier P. W. P. Green as Deputy Colonel of the Royal Anglian Regiment. Brigadier Dick replied saying how pleased he was to be present at the reunion dinner and that he was looking forward to renewing old acquaintances after dinner. The President also extended greetings to Colonel Vincent Kehoe and all members of the American Contingent and wished them an enjoyable evening. Colonel Vincent then replied on behalf of his members and expressed his thanks to all who were concerned with making his Contingent's visit to Lincolnshire a successful one.

Sunday morning found a large assembly in the music room of the Beacholme for the divine service. Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, graciously attended the service with the Lord Lieutenant of Humberside, The Earl of Halifax. The Bishop of Lincoln, Bishop Simon Phipps, gave the sermon.

After the service H.R.H. Princess Alice inspected the American Contingent on the car park of the Beacholme. This was followed by a 'March Past' and H.R.H. took the salute outside the Kingsway Hotel, Cleethorpes.

We cannot close this rather brief outline of the Association activities during this weekend without recording a vote of thanks to Wilf Lewin and members of the Lincoln branch, who must have given up so much of their own time to make this extra special reunion a memorable one.

### Annual Reunion 1977

The Annual Reunion for 1977 will again be

held at the Beacholme Holiday Camp, Humberside, near Cleethorpes, South Humberside, as follows:

### Saturday, 17th September, 1977

2.30 p.m. Annual General Committee Meeting.

4.00 p.m. Annual General Meeting.

7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Annual Dinner and Dance.

The usual very pleasant accommodation, meals, etc., will be available at moderate prices for those wishing to stay overnight at the Beacholme.

Grantham Branch will be making all the arrangements and full details can be obtained from:

Mr. P. C. Halls, Honorary Secretary,  
2 The Avenue, Dysart Road, Grantham.

### Sunday, 18th September, 1977

9.45 a.m. Divine service in the Music Room, Beacholme.

### Grimsby and District Branch

A most successful year. This was the comment made by the Chairman at the branch annual general meeting, and all forty-six members who attended the meeting fully agreed with him.

Our social functions have been carefully attended to by the Entertainments Chairman, Mr. E. Harris, ably assisted by his wife. Both have put in a lot of hard work and long hours to make our activities such a notable success. The financial gain to the branch was not inconsiderable. Carry on with the good work 'Spiff and Myrtle', your efforts do you great credit. We must not forget the others of the Ladies' section . . . to mention but a few—Mesdames Whitby, Casswell, Gibson, Latimer, French, and in fact all those ladies who so willingly help in selling raffle tickets, refreshments, etc.

The annual reunion dinner and dance held in the Town Hall, Grimsby, on 6th March last, was a splendid occasion and we had many complimentary remarks. We look forward to 5th March, 1977, for a repeat performance.

On a sadder note we have to record three deaths within the past five months. The first of these was that of our late Secretary, Bernard Brittain, who left us on 19th July, 1976, after many months of suffering. Bernard was our Hon. Secretary for almost twenty years during which time he served us so well and unselfishly, sparing no thought for himself. The second loss occurred on 19th September when the late

CSM Gerald Magnus Boyle passed away. He held the DCM and Bar. Both his decorations were earned in the Burma campaign. He was a member of the Branch until July 1971 when his employment prevented his attending meetings and other events. Thirdly, on 8th October Brigadier Henry Woodthorpe Clarke, MC and Bar, died at his home, Binbrook Manor. An old 5th Battalion TA Officer, the Brigadier was a very keen member of the branch and a life member of the Regimental Association.

It was grand to have the American Contingent of the Tenth Foot join us at the reunion at the Beacholme Holiday Camp, so many of them I spoke to remarked how great it was to be 'at home' with the Regimental Association of the Tenth Regiment, 'Our Regiment' as they aptly termed it.

At the branch AGM held at the Drill Hall, Westward Ho, on 28th July, the Chairman, before declaring the meeting open, paid a high tribute to our late Hon. Secretary, Mr. Bernard Brittain, for his long and dedicated service not only to the branch but to the Regimental Association in general. His keen interest in and devoted service to the cause cost him many hours of purely voluntary work, he said, and none asked for advice of Bernard in vain. He made a close study of Regimental history and answered many a question on this subject. He could almost be said to be somewhat of an authority.

Branch officers for the year 1976/77 were elected as follows: Chairman, Lt. Colonel S. C. W. Disney, OBE, MC, TD; Vice-Chairman, Major M. Latimer; Hon. Secretary, Major J. Ottley; Hon. Treasurer, Councillor D. C. Casswell. Mr. E. Robinson was elected Assistant Secretary and Mr. E. Harris chairman of the Entertainments Committee.

It is pleasing to note that a number of the Louth branch members, which had to close due to lack of support, have now elected to take up membership of the Grimsby branch. Amongst these is their chairman, Major J. E. Odlin, DCM, who is now serving on the Grimsby branch committee.

#### **Lincoln Branch**

Lincoln branch continues to thrive—membership has increased this year and we now have members from the TAVR 2 Company Royal Anglian, and a few Regular RAF as honorary members.

Events throughout the year have been varied, ranging from indoor competitions to buffet dances. An auction was held early in the year,

the proceeds of which were donated to the 'Old Contemptibles' Association', the cheque being presented to their President, Mrs. Richards, wife of the late Brigadier E. F. O. Richards. One or two of the Association members who could still make the trip up the stairs to the club had a pleasant evening swapping tales. Another event was of a similar nature—but this time the proceeds were given to the 'Lives' organisation and the sum of £100 was handed over to the Secretary. In each case the credit must go firstly to the members of the branch who gave so many articles for auction, secondly to Norman Johnson who so ably conducted the sale. Well done, Norman.

The annual general meeting held at the club in September was well attended. The Executive Committee saw one change in its membership, the Assistant Secretary now being Norman Johnson—we wish him well during his term of office. All were sorry to hear of the death of Bernard Brittain—no doubt the Grimsby branch will miss him greatly.

#### **THE AMERICAN CONTINGENT**

The American Contingent of the British 10th Regiment of Foot—an historically recreated 18th century British Army regiment—travelled from the United States to England for a week-long series of public appearances October 1-6 in Lincoln, Cleethorpes and London.

Comprised entirely of Americans, this 100-member unit was fully uniformed, equipped and trained as British soldiers of the 18th century, and its members portray with dedicated historical accuracy the British soldier as he would have appeared 200 years ago during the American War for Independence.

Formed in America by Americans for the Bicentennial celebration of the United States, this unit has gained acclaim in the United States and England and was invited by the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association (its parent body) to appear in England.

Fifty-six members of the American Contingent, each paying his own way, landed in London on October 1st, and immediately travelled by bus to Lincoln where they attended services at the Lincoln Cathedral and toured the Regimental Museum at Sobraon Barracks.

On October 2nd they paraded in full 18th century uniform through the streets of Lincoln with bayonets fixed and colours flying. That evening they attended, as honoured guests, the annual reunion dinner of the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association, which was held in Cleethorpes.

On October 3rd they presented a full military review in Cleothorpes for Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, the Duchess of Gloucester.

On October 5th they were invited to perform a series of colourful military demonstrations at the Chelsea Royal Hospital before a large audience of the in-pensioners. This invitation was initiated by the American Contingent since many of its members have established a special association with several of the in-pensioners who are former members of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

On October 4th and 6th the members of the American Contingent were granted 'free time' in London to visit military museums, Buckingham Palace, Horseguards Parade, and other attractions.

They returned to the United States on October 7th.

#### **Items of Interest about the American Contingent**

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

By 1976 the American Contingent had grown to a 100-man unit, all fully uniformed, equipped and trained as British soldiers of the 18th century.

The oldest active member of the American Contingent is a 68-year-old Private in the Colonel's Company. The youngest is a 13-year-old Fifer in the Major's Company.

On 11th July, 1976, the American Contingent proudly served as a Royal Guard of Honour in Boston during the visit of Queen Elizabeth II.

Since its formation the American Contingent has been officially assigned the duty to serve as an Honour Guard for the British Consul General in Boston.

Each time a member of the American Contingent visits London that man makes it a point to visit the Royal Hospital at Chelsea to spend some time with in-pensioners there who formerly served with the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

Officers of the American Contingent hold four Officers' Mess nights each year in the 18th century tradition, including a toast to the health of King George III.

The taking of snuff by officers of the American Contingent is a standard occurrence at each Mess Night. In April 1975 the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association presented a handsome silver snuffbox to the American Contingent. This snuffbox was originally presented to the 10th Regiment of Foot in the 19th century, and its presentation to the American Contingent was accepted with deep honour.

#### **THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT COMRADES' ASSOCIATION**

The Management Committee of the Association met twice during the last year. The first occasion was in February and at this meeting Brigadier P. W. P. Green, CBE, DSO, relinquished the chairmanship. He was succeeded by Brigadier D. E. Taunton, CB, DSO, DL. At this meeting it was decided that there should be a President of the Association rather than a Chairman, the President taking the chair at meetings, and so Brigadier Taunton was appointed President.

The Benevolent Fund Account and Balance Sheet was approved at the meeting. In the previous year 60 cases had been helped which was the same as for 1974. The Executive Committee had been realistic with their grants and the average grant had increased from £22 to £28.

The annual reunion was held on Saturday and Sunday, 3rd and 4th July, 1976. On the Saturday morning the Management Committee held the second meeting of the year. At this meeting it was decided that the annual reunion in 1977 would be held on Saturday and Sunday, 2nd and 3rd July.

The annual general meeting was held at 12 noon and 22 members attended. The Benevolent Fund and General Fund Accounts were explained and reports were received from the four branches of the Association which are at Corby, London, Northampton and Peterborough. Three of the branches were active and thriving but unfortunately there was a tale of woe from London. Running the branch had been a great struggle and reluctantly it had been decided to close it down through lack of support. This decision was accepted by the meeting.

On Saturday evening the dinner was held at the Guildhall in Northampton, a venue forced upon us because of the possibility of the altera-

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

tions to Clare Street Drill Hall not being completed in time, and this year it had been decided not to follow it with a dance. It was attended by 230 members and the Band of the 5th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment played during the dinner in their splendid way. It was probably the hottest evening of the very hot summer and the Guildhall is not well ventilated! The company soon dispersed after the dinner, the majority adjourning to the Regimental Club at Gibraltar Barracks.

On Sunday the church parade was held with the Comrades parading this year under the Command of Brigadier P. W. P. Green, and with the Band and Drums of 5th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment. Brigadier D. E. Taunton was the inspecting officer and he laid a wreath at the Borough War Memorial in Wood Hill and also took the salute at the March Past after the church service. The Rev. A. W. H. Cooke, Chaplain to 1st Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment during the Burma campaign in the Second World War, preached the sermon at the service.

After the parade the officers entertained their guests for sherry and luncheon in the Officers' Mess of the Depot Royal Pioneer Corps at Wootton and at the same time the Northampton branch entertained in their Regimental Club. We were delighted to have as guests the Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton, Lt. Col. and Mrs. D. M. Hainsworth, Lt. Col. and Mrs. J. Tadman, Lt. Col. and Mrs. W. G. Dawson, and Rev. and Mrs. A. W. H. Cooke.

There are now three branches of the Regimental Association and they are at Corby, Northampton and Peterborough. Their respective secretaries are:

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

Northampton: Mr. L. A. Jaynes, MM, 23 Coverack Close, Northampton.

Peterborough: Mr. J. E. Cooke, 1 Caldecote Close, Stanground, Peterborough.

If any members of the Regiment or former Regiments are in the areas please make contact. They will be made most welcome.

Please make a note of the following dates:

2nd and 3rd July, 1977: Annual reunion and dinner of the Northamptonshire Regiment Comrades' Association at Northampton.

22nd October, 1977: Reunion dinner of 5th Battalion, 4th/5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (TA) and the Peterborough branch of the Comrades' Association.

The annual dinner and dance of the Regimental Association was held on Saturday, 8th May, 1976, at 'Presdales' School, Ware. Three hundred people were able to attend this popular annual event and the Deputy Colonel and Mrs. Holme, together with Councillor and Mrs. Ireton, and Councillor and Mrs. Johnson, chairmen of Hertford and Bedford County Councils, were the guests of the Association.

Following the after-dinner speech Major Joe Townsend presented on behalf of all members of the Association, a most handsome gift of a clock to Major and Mrs. Derek Tewkesbury to mark his retirement as Regimental Secretary, having held that office for over seventeen years. In turn the new Secretary, Major J. A. Girdwood, was warmly welcomed by those present.

Dancing went on till midnight and all agreed that, not only was the band a very good one, but that the evening was enjoyed by all. Even the temperature was over seventy degrees Fahrenheit!

### Bedford

The Bedford Branch has had a most successful year and, in spite of the deaths of several staunch supporters, amongst whom were Major Ted Ashby, MC, and Mr. Tom Farmer, new members have been enrolled. A Memorial Ceremony was held at the Regimental Memorial to Tom Farmer on 27th February.

Mr. 'Buster' Wells, as usual, has been a tower of strength in organising many social events and Mr. 'Tom' Morley was able to proceed to Cyprus to visit the 3rd Battalion, Royal Anglian Regiment, and to observe how his two sons were faring in the Army of 1976 in that Battalion.

We all hope that Mrs. Wells, who has been in hospital now for several months, will be well enough to return home in time for Christmas.

### Ware (Hertfordshire O.C.A.)

The Ware Branch held several social events during 1976, these being: a supper social on 21st February, an annual reunion and dinner on 22nd May, and on 13th June an outing of

veterans to Eastbourne where a 1914-18 war veteran of the Regiment, W. H. Gunn of West Ealing, was able to renew contacts.

The annual autumn supper dance was held on 23rd October at Presdales School, when over 270 members were present. The President, Colonel G. V. Kenyon, CBE, TD, DL, presented the 1976 bowls trophies and a barometer/thermometer to Mr. E. Adams in recognition of his 45 years service to the Hertfordshire Regiment and its Old Comrades' Association.

### General items of news

Mr. H. G. Pateman, Honorary Secretary of Hitchin Branch, has been seriously ill in hospital; he is wished a very speedy recovery.

Mr. C. Mansfield has handed over Honorary Secretary of Hertford Branch to his son, Mr S. R. Mansfield. It is with great sorrow that we now hear that he has not been in good health recently.

The relatives and friends of the late Mr. Thomas Farmer gave generous memorial donations to the Association funds. Mr. Farmer was a very keen member of the Bedford Branch for many years.

Colonel M. H. Seys-Phillips, TD, DL, has bequeathed his father's books and souvenirs of the 1914-1918 war to the Regiment. His father served with Sir Douglas Howard, KCMG, MC, in the 2nd Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment. Sir Douglas, who was a cousin of Colonel Phillips' father, is a most distinguished member of the Association and is always pleased to see any members at his home at Clophill.

### 1977 Diary Dates

7th May—The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association annual dinner and dance, Presdales School, Ware.

20th November—Wreath-laying Ceremony, Kempston Barracks, Bedford.

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## 3 Div. History

A History of the 3rd Division is being prepared. If you can help with photographs and correspondence, orders, etc., please contact Lt. Col. R. R. McNish, Glebe House, Wylde, Warminster, Wilts.

## THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

### Eleventh Annual Report 1975

The Tenth Annual Report and Accounts were presented to an annual general meeting held at Blenheim Camp, Bury St. Edmunds, on 31st October, 1974.

Colonel J. C. Denny, Chairman, presided in the absence of Lt. Gen. Sir Ian Freeland, President and Colonel of the Regiment.

The decision taken to hold the AGM and publication of the Annual Report in the spring each year in future unfortunately was not possible for 1975. It is proposed to commence the new arrangement for 1976.

This report covers the activities of the Association for the year ending 31st December 1975 so far as the audited accounts are concerned, and to 31st August 1976 for other matters.

### Northern Ireland

During the period under review the 2nd and 3rd Battalions have each completed a four months emergency tour.

### Casualties

There have been no fatal casualties to report in the year under review from action in Northern Ireland. One officer died as the result of a helicopter crash in Oman whilst serving with the Dhofar Brigade. Six soldiers died of natural causes whilst serving.

Twelve soldiers received injuries on operations in Northern Ireland.

In all cases where financial assistance or advice has been sought it has been given through the Association organisation.

### Membership

There are now 3,934 members registered, 587 officers and 3,347 soldiers. 287 new life members joined between 1st January 1975 and 31st August 1976.

### Membership subscriptions

Your committee approved a proposal to discontinue Life Membership subscription for serving and retired officers. All officers and soldiers joining the Regiment after 1st January 1975 are registered automatically as members. TAVR officers and soldiers remain eligible to become members under the previous rules. Retired officers who did not donate a Day's Pay to the Benevolent Fund whilst serving continue to pay the appropriate annual subscription.

The Regimental Council has approved the proposal and the Constitution and Rules of the Association have been revised.

### **Accounts**

There was a very healthy excess of income over expenditure in the General Account of £894. Income had increased by £400 largely due to an increase in Life Membership subscriptions resulting from the improved system for joining recruits. There had also been donations totalling £300. Profits from the sale of souvenirs rose by £100.

The Benevolent Fund showed an excess of income over expenditure of £6,171, which was an increase of £350 over the 1974 figure. Subscription income from the Day's Pay scheme rose by £800 and investment income by £900 due to the good work of the Investment Committee. In applying the funds for benevolent purposes the expenditure was £350 greater in this last year.

The Balance of Funds representing the excess of income over expenditure in the Combined Funds rose from £5,271 to £7,065.

The abridged balance sheet and income and expenditure accounts are shown at the end of this report.

### **Investments**

Investment Capital in the Benevolent Fund stands at £34,157 with a market value as at 31st December 1975 of £28,718.

### **Capital Policy**

In June 1971 your committee approved a proposed to build up our capital to £50,000 by 1975. It was your committee's policy to build up sufficient capital to ensure that the Association would be capable of providing grants when and where required from investment income sources. Your committee has noted with pleasure that the Capital of Funds at 31st December 1975 stands at £50,382. Consideration will now be given to a new policy whereby the annual income of some £12,000 may if required be used for more liberal projects within the rules of the Association's charter.

### **Day's Pay scheme**

As on 31st December 1975 1,098 soldiers were donating to the scheme. This was 175 less than last year. Once again this reflects the net loss of soldiers serving due to discharges outnumbering new recruits.

The number of soldiers donating to the scheme is not much over half of the total serving roll of the Regiment. Your committee ex-

pressed concern about this. Statistics show that nearly all recruits join the scheme before leaving the Depot.

The fall in percentages of serving soldier subscribers from 75 per cent in 1967 to 50 per cent in 1975 is in large part due to the return to Battalions of those who in 1967 were at extra regimental duty and who were not made aware of the scheme at that time.

The income from the scheme was £11,297, which was an increase of £1,946 over 1974. Increases in serving rates of pay during the year were responsible for this.

### **Benevolence**

Forty-two case grants were made for the period to 31st December 1975 as shown attached to the report. Although this is only four more than in 1974, your Benevolent Committee is aware of, and had been expecting an increase in the number of appeals for financial assistance and has always retained sufficient funds immediately available.

During the financial year ending 31st December 1975 £1,884 was disbursed to soldiers and dependants in need of assistance. Annual grants to our former Regiments Associations totalled £2,850.

Your committee has approved a grant of £3,000 to the Army Benevolent Fund for 1976.

Interest free loans from the Army Benevolent Fund for serving soldiers, house purchase and furnishing amounted to £1,800. These loans are recovered through the soldiers terminal grants by arrangements with the Regimental Paymaster.

### **Donations to the fund and assistance from other agencies**

Your committee wish to record their appreciation to the following:

Queen's Division Depot Appeal at the Open Day.

PRI Queen's Division, profits from gaming machines.

The Gaza Society.

RAF Cranwell.

Walsham-le-Willows Horse Show.

In addition to the above several individuals have also contributed in the form of donations.

In conclusion, your committee wishes to express, on behalf of its members, our thanks to The Army Benevolent Fund, The Royal British Legion, The Forces Help Society, The National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, SSAFA and many other welfare organisations with which we cooperate.

# THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

## COMBINED GENERAL AND BENEVOLENT FUNDS

Abridged Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1975

CAPITAL OF FUNDS		£	ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		£
1974			1974		
38,046	Balances brought forward ...	44,038	100	Furniture at cost less depreciation	244
5,271	Excess of Income over Expenditure	7,065	33,563	Investments at cost ...	34,832
			2,778	Case Loans ...	2,723
			4,137	Debtors ...	5,414
			1,371	Stock ...	1,609
			5,768	Cash at Bank and Deposit ...	7,730
			276	Special Investment a/c ...	—
			48,171		£53,888
				<i>Deduct</i> LIABILITIES	
				4442 Creditors ...	2785
			4,854	412 First Day Cover a/c ...	—
					2785
<u>43,317</u>		<u>£51,103</u>	<u>43,317</u>		<u>£51,103</u>

### GENERAL FUND

#### Abridged Income and Expenditure Account

INCOME		£	EXPENDITURE		£
1974			1974		
430	Subscriptions ...	566	199	Admin. and Audit ...	236
173	Profit on Sale of Stock ...	275	47	Printing and Stationery ...	112
224	Refund of admin expenses from Benevolent Fund ...	147	99	Postage and Sundries ...	107
5	Lunches refund ...	1	—	Wreaths ...	18
—	Sundry Donations ...	312	200	Grant to Colours Presentation ...	—
71	Investment Income ...	66	358	Excess Income over Expenditure	894
<u>903</u>		<u>£1,367</u>	<u>903</u>		<u>£1,376</u>

### BENEVOLENT FUND

#### Abridged Income and Expenditure Account

INCOME		£	EXPENDITURE		£
1974			1974		
10,448	Day's Pay Scheme ...	11,297	147	Admin. and Audit ...	197
1,955	Investment Income ...	2,872	—	Write-off Bad Debts ...	46
289	Investment on Short Term Deposit	130	66	Printing, Stationery and Lapel Badges ...	94
			2,531	Case Grants ...	1,884
			1,041	Donation to ABF ...	1,400
			2,500	Grants to Outstations ...	2,850
			228	Personal Accident Assurance Premium ...	228
			84	Wreaths ...	10
			250	Benevolent Secretary Salary ...	350
			103	Inland Revenue Stamp ...	—
			800	Journal ...	800
			39	Donations and Appeals ...	269
				Excess Income over Expenditure	6,171
<u>12,692</u>		<u>£14,299</u>	<u>11,184</u>		<u>£14,299</u>

# SPORTS REPORT

## FOOTBALL

### Pompadours

The soccer team continued to do well at Catterick and had another successful season. When the Battalion moved to Cyprus in February 1976 the team remained behind to compete in the Army, Infantry and NE/NW District cups.

The Pompadours reached the semi-final of the Army Cup, beating five teams en route before going down to the eventual winners SEME Bordon.

In the Infantry Cup the Battalion were not so lucky, losing in round 2 to 1 RHF, who had been beaten by us in an earlier Army Cup game.

In the local league the Yorkshire Services Association Football League, the team performed well, playing 12 games, winning 9 and drawing 2. In this competition the Pompadours scored 36 goals with 17 against.

After Christmas 1975 NE and NW Districts combined in a knockout tournament which the Battalion won. The final was against ACC Harrogate, who were beaten 4-1 with goals from Graham Hughes (2), Pte. Brian Hillier and Pte. Barry Collins. The trophy for this competition was so large that the team were unable to take it in their luggage to Cyprus and it remained in UK in NE District HQ.

After the cold, wet pitches of Catterick, the team flew to Cyprus in early April 1976 to find that the 'park' was like concrete and the heat, not the cold, was the main problem during a 90 minute game. The team arrived at the latter end of the Cypriot season and played only a few friendly matches against local Cypriot first division sides. These teams are just about the same standard as the Battalion side—which makes England's 1-0 victory over the Cyprus national side last year seem a lamentable performance.

At the time of writing (October) the 1976-77 soccer season has not yet got under way.

We entered the Carter Floodlight Trophy, which was played, naturally enough, under floodlights at Akrotiri stadium. This provided some good football and the team went down 2-0 in the final to 9 Signals Regiment in a match

in which we had 90 per cent of the play. A genuine 'we was robbed'.

#### Team changes

Looking back over the past year there have been many changes in the Pompadour football team. Captain Alan Behagg now runs the team under the expert guidance of S/Sgt. Bunny Rae (APTC). In September 1976 the team lost an ardent supporter when Lt. Colonel M. A. Aris left the Battalion.

Whilst the management has changed, so have the players. After five good years between 1970 and 1975, in which the Pompadours won the Infantry Cup four times, there has been a need to bring in new and younger players to replace those who served so well in the past. Out of the team have gone L/Cpl. Northrop, Cpl. Jephcote, Cpl. 'Freddie' Dymond, Pte. Collins, Pte. Justin, and shortly to leave on posting Sgt. Alan Dent. The decision to dispense with the older players was not an easy one to make. Promising youngsters include Ptes. Brian Hillier, Lenny Paul, Sean Brooks and Jim Charnley.

The new season in Cyprus is an ideal testing time for the 'new look' Pompadour team and hopefully the squad that emerges on return to



Out of the team after six years loyal service, Cpl. 'Freddie' Diamond. Age catches up with everyone.





**New faces—could be good.** (Left to right) Pte. Sean Brooks (defender), Pte. Lenny Paul (striker), Pte. Jim Charnley (mid-field player).

UK in 1978 will be every bit as good as the team that Captain Jimmy (Sir Alf) Jenks created in Paderborn.

P	W	L	D	F	A
24	18	4	2	63	28

Goal scorers: Pte. Collins 23, Sgt. Dent 16, Pte. Justin 8, Pte. Hughes 5.

## Vikings

Played 40, won 32, drawn 5, lost 3, goals for 157, goals against 44. That sums up a very successful 1975/1976 season in which the Battalion won the Salisbury Plain Major Units and

Premier League Cups and also the South West District Cup.

We were also semi-finalists in the Infantry Cup. Ptes Holman and Conway continued to represent the Army.

## Depot

The following represent the Depot at football: Lt. Hall, Lt. Wells, Sgt. Draper, Cpl. Clarke, Cpl. Polston, Cpl. Drewry, Cpl. Gamble, Cpl. Brett, Pte. Halls. The team is now currently playing in the Cadastrian League, which is the main RAF major unit league for East Anglia, and the York and Lancaster Cup, which is the Eastern District minor units competition.

**Team Captain Sgt. Paul Thurston receiving his finalists medal after the Carter Floodlit Trophy Final at Akrotiri Stadium in September.**



# RUGBY

## Poachers



**Capt. Robin Chisnall making a break for the Poachers XI.**

After an encouraging start to the season in Ulster the Poachers XV went from strength to strength after some very lean years. The highlight of last season was the seven-a-side victory in the Munster 7s. The Poachers beat 8 Regt. RCT in the final and finished the day with 56 points for and only 7 against. In the Divisional tournament the team was drawn against Army Champions 1 RRW in the first round, losing by only one try.

The 1976 season has started well, with a strong squad of players and a good fixture list. The team was unlucky to be beaten in the

Army Cup by our near neighbours 36 Engineer Regiment from Maidstone; however, the next week the Poachers went to beat a Naval team 42-6.

Regular players for the team are: Lt. Badger, Pte. Raymond, Pte. Maycock, Cpl. Gill, Cpl. Dexter, Lt. Godkin, Capt. Barnes, Capt. Chisnall, Sgt. Swann, Cpl. Sanderson, Pte. Burrows, Drum Major West, Sgt. Waqairoba, Lt. Hawkins, Lt. Weller, Capt. Longland, Pte. Woodcock, Sgt. Smith, Lt. Pearce.

Played 12, won 7, lost 5, for 162, against 103.

## Pompadours

A few landmarks have occurred since these notes were last written. The first and perhaps the saddest is the departure of those two ex-Leicester stalwarts, S/Sgts. Bradbury and Dutton. They were, however, properly seen off by our resounding victory over 4 Fd Regiment RA. A match notable for the fact that the doctor, Simon Thompson, diagnosed his own broken leg correctly—who says they don't care! A successful seven-a-side competition was won by 4 PI in an all 'B' Company final.

We arrived in Cyprus when the rugby season was virtually over. A couple of players represented the Cyprus Barbarians against the Welsh Guards. 'C' Company were beaten in the final of the Dhekelia sevens by a 9 Signals team.

This season, however, the prospects are good. Support Company convincingly won the Episkopi sevens against 9 Signals 'B' team 32-0.

## Vikings

**Winners of the 5 Brigade seven-a-side rugby—'B' Company. Pte. Hales, L/Cpl. Brothers, Pte. Harvey, Pte. Huddleston, Pte. Groom, Pte. Newman, Sgt. Jones, Pte. Woods.**



## Depot

The Depot beat RA Ranges Benbecula in the first round of the Army Minor Units Cup by

13 points to 7 points. Again the Regiment is well represented with six players, most of them point scorers.

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## ATHLETICS

The 1976 season climaxed with the Battalion team again competing in the Army Inter-Unit Team Championships at Aldershot. In fact they were the only infantry battalion in the final and

did extremely well in coming fifth, achieving numerous personal bests and raising the overall standard of timings and distances.

The relatively short athletic season started



### Vikings

Winners of the 5 Brigade cross-country championship — 'B' Company. Pte. Roberts, Pte. West, Sgt. Meen, Sgt. Atkin, Pte. Aves, Pte. Hammond.

L/Cpl. Enfield, Dmr. Johnson, Cpl. Elba-Porter of Comd. Company's winning 100 m relay team.



with 'B' Company winning the Battalion championships narrowly from Command Company. Cpl. Shrubsall won the Victor Ludorum Cup.

Captain Willdridge and Pte. Brown 99 competed for the Army in the 400 m and 800 m, Cpl. Hanniver in the 400 m, and Sgt. Atkins in the 3,000 m.

A unit membership of the Andover Athletic Club, which benefited all concerned (they came top of the league, and the team got extra practice), probably proved the key to a very successful season.

## Poachers



Cpl. Thomas winning the Brigade Pole Vault title in Munster.

## Pompadours

With most of last year's successful team still with the Battalion the Cyprus season promised to be as rewarding for the Pompadours. We began as usual with the inter-company meeting on April 26th and the Happy Valley Stadium provided an excellent venue. The track, although not an all-weather one, was in good condition and the temperature ideal. From the start 'B' Company proved to be very strong and

went on to win the shield with 132 points from Sp Company with 68. 'B' Company also won the inter-company steeplechase with Pte. Donne finishing first, followed by Lt. N. Brehaut and Capt. J. Walsh ('C'). In the tug-of-war competition 'B' Company made a clean sweep by defeating Sp Company in the final.

The team plus reserves was selected and knuckled down to training. The first of six planned Combined Services Athletics (CSA) meetings got under way at Ayios Nikolaos. The meeting suffered from a few organisational hiccoughs, for instance the 8 ft pole just wasn't long enough for our pole vaulting pair, Cpl. Parsons and Cpl. Murton, both of whom can clear 11 ft. The second meeting at Episkopi went much better and our victory gave us a points margin sufficient to take us to the top of the five team league. Our main challengers proved to be RAF Akrotiri who, on the final fixture, turned out their strongest team and emerged as the league winners and the Pompadours finished a good second.

At the Army Cyprus major unit championships in June the Battalion won after a neck and neck battle for the trophy with 9 Signals Regiment. As a result of this meeting the following Bn athletes were chosen to represent Army Cyprus against the RAF at Happy Valley on 16th July:

- Lt. S. Blyth, 110 m hurdles.
- 2/Lt. N. Brehaut, steeplechase.
- TQMS J. Rourke, 5000 m.
- WO.II H. Hughes, hammer/discuss.
- Cpl. Twell, 800 m.
- Cpl. Parsons, pole vault.



Cpl. Murton ('C' Company) clears the bar in the pole vault with inches to spare.

Cpt. Murton, pole vault.  
L/Cpl. Hume, 100 m/200 m/javelin.  
L/Cpl. Williams, 400 m hurdles.  
Pte. Anderson, 5000 m.  
Pte. Braid, hammer.  
Pte. Clarke, 400 m.  
Pte. Barnes, 100 m.

The result was an overwhelming victory to the Army by 120 points to 80.

Our thanks must be extended to TQMS J. Rourke (now RSM 1 R. Anglian) for his loyal and dedicated service to Battalion athletics over

the past few years. His determination on the track will be sadly missed.

#### **Cross-country running**

We arrived at the end of the Cyprus season and only took part in the Cyprus Services Marathon. From somewhere the Bn found eight runners 'eager' to attempt the gruelling 26 miles 385 yards race and in a race of 25 starters three of the finishers were Pompadours, TQMS J. Rourke (6th), Sgt. J. Plumb (8th), Capt. J. Walsh (11th).



**L/Cpl. Hume (Comd Company) breaks the tape first in the 100 m at the Army Cyprus championships in June.**

**Cyprus Walkabout—the Pompadour prize winners.**



# CRICKET

## Depot

The cricket team had a good season. The Depot played 23 games, won 14, lost 8 and drew 1.

Captain Rawlins was second in the batting averages with an average of 27.92 from 14 matches.

Most of the gladiators will have left by next season and a new team will be formed by Major Hipkin. The highlight of the season will be the Regimental fixtures in June.

## Poachers

Five Battalion games were played in the limited time available this season; three were won, and two lost. We began and ended on a high note: in the first match against the Depot Regt. RE the first wicket put on 197, Major

Brian Davenport (129) and S/Sgt. Gordon Halewood (85). Capt. Simon Underwood then took 5-25 to give us an easy win. In the final match against the 1st Battalion excellent lower order batting retrieved an unhealthy situation. Major Guy Hipkin batted consistently well during the season, and of the bowlers Lt. Jim Badger, Cpl. George Ferrence and Cpl. Tony Ali were the pick.

### Results

2 R. Anglian 257 for 4 wkts. dec., Depot Regt. RE 113. Won by 144 runs.

2 R. Anglian 96, HQ Int. Centre 97 for 5 wkts. Lost by 5 wkts.

Grammarians (Gibraltar) 171 for 8 wkts dec., 2 R. Anglian 173 for 4 wkts. Won by 6 wkts.

2 R. Anglian 113, Gibraltar Regt. XI 115 for 3 wkts. Lost by 7 wkts.

2 R. Anglian 162, 1 R. Anglian 102. Won by 60 runs.

**Poachers XI (standing l-r):**  
Lt. Holme, Cpl. Ali, Lt. Badger, S/Sgt. Halewood, Cpl. Barnes, Pte. Titt.  
**(Sitting l-r):** Major Hipkin, 2/Lt. Beard, Major Davenport, Major Houchin, Capt. Underwood.



**Poachers Hockey XI (standing l-r): Pte. Catton, Lt. Badger, Cpl. Boyd, L/Cpl. Reast, Lt.-Col. Barnes, Cpl. Leyton, Cpl. Field. (Sitting l-r): Cpl. Gittings, Sgt. Simpson, Major Davenport, Cpl. Leyland, Pte. Wells.**



## HOCKEY

### Poachers

Despite only having half a season due to the Northern Ireland tour, a lot of hockey was played in the Battalion; a first and a second eleven played regularly, there was a closely contested inter-company league, and platoon level games were played on our monthly sports days. The 1st XI got through to the semi-final of the Infantry Cup and were 4th in Division 1 of the Western League. In the six-a-side competition one team reached the 2 Div. semi-final and went on to the BAOR Tournament, and the other team reached the Divisional quarter-final. The Battalion had therefore got through to the BAOR stage for the third year in succession—a praiseworthy effort.

The rear party XI run by Capt. Mike Kinson must not be forgotten either; while the Battalion was in Ulster they played 11 games and won seven of them, to finish second in Western League Div. 2 in the first half of the season.

Cpl. Peter Leighton and Major Brian Davenport represented the Infantry during the season; Major Davenport also played for BAOR.

Regular team players were Pte. Wells, Lt.-Col. Barnes, Capt. Kinson, Cpl. Germany, L/Cpl. Reast, WO.II Thompson, Sgt. Edmunds, Capt. Underwood, Lt. Greenfield, Cpl. Leigh-

ton, Pte. Catton, L/Cpl. Taylor, L/Cpl. Leyland, Pte. McKay, Pte. Evans, Cpl. Gittins, Lt. Badger, Cpl. Boyd, WO.II Smith and Major Hipkin.

### Vikings

The 1975/1976 season was unfortunately curtailed because of Norway training. However, a small cadre of enthusiasts under the able leadership of RSM Perry played extremely well and promisingly.

The 1976/1977 season has started with five players playing for the Infantry: Cpl. Cook, L/Cpl. Taylor, L/Cpl. Clarke, L/Cpl. Green, and Pte. Soames. Cpl. Cook, in addition, was given an Army trial as goalkeeper.

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## SWIMMING

### Depot

Cpl. Treadwell and Pte. Long are stalwarts in the swimming team and both excelled themselves in the area championships this year. The Depot were placed second, two points behind the Royal Herbert Hospital.



## Pompadours

**Capt. Otter winning the Army butterfly race.**



**Sgt. Wilson winning the individual medley race.**

### Swimming

In the individual Cyprus championships Battalion swimmers did exceptionally well. Capt. Otter and Sgt. Wilson each won three events and came second in another.

The next two competitions were the minor units swimming and water polo championships. In the swimming we managed to secure the first five places with 'A' Company leading the way home and 'C' Company in second place. In the water polo the various companies did quite well and Command Company reached the semi-finals.

### Water skiing

Since 16th June eighty Royal Anglians have undergone instruction in the art of water skiing. The water ski equipment is provided at reasonable cost by the Episkopi Water Ski Club. The club also provides one instructor who, with the Bn Second in Command, take turns in instruction. For a price of 300 mils (35p rough equivalent), any soldier may have two full circuits. Without doubt the cheapest water skiing in the world.

**The 21/C Major John Hart showing Cpl. Kevin Brett of 'A' Company just how easy water skiing is.**





# BASKETBALL

## Pompadours

No sooner had the Bn landed in Cyprus than our team took over our predecessor's (DERR) basketball commitments and finished third in the league with eight teams taking part.

The season culminated in the annual inter-service basketball game when the Army played the RAF at Ayios Nikolaos.

Cpl. White, 'B' Company, L/Cpl. Cornell, 'B' Company, Pte. Dixon, 'C' Company, and Pte. Cornell, 'A' Company, were awarded Army colours. Ptes. Lowery, Briggs, Foreman and Anderson complete the Battalion team, with WO.II Graham officiating.

# SKIING

In January the 1st Bn. took part in the 3rd Division Skiing Championships which was held in Bavaria. We were very fortunate in being able to borrow the 2nd Battalion's Ski Hut for the period.

The downhill team came fourth overall, a very good first attempt. The cross-country team came second in both the 4 x 10 km relay and the 15 km team event and won the Patrol Race. The team of Captain Domeisen, C/Sgt. Jones, L/Cpl. Todd and Brothers not only beat everybody in the 3rd Division, but beat the 1975 Army champions and runners-up who were competing from the 2nd Division.



Battalion cross-country ski team—Capt. Domeisen, L/Cpl. Brothers, Lt. Wilkes, Cpl. Todd, C/Sgt. Jones, C/Sgt. Hill.

# SQUASH

## Depot

The Depot reached the final of the 1975/76 Army Cup competition but were beaten by 22 SAS. Since then various postings have changed the team around. The losses have been offset by the arrival of Major Hipkin and Captain Hopkins. Major Parker and Captain Rawlins are still here so the Royal Anglian representation in the top eight is strong.

We have regular Cambridgeshire League fixtures for both the 1st and 2nd V with other players being given a chance in the friendly matches. So far the results have shown that some players need more practice but the potential is available.

The Army Cup draw has put us against the Cambridge Hospital in the first round. 22 SAS are in the top half of the draw so we will hope to meet them again to avenge last year's defeat in the UK final.

## Pompadours

The squash team have enjoyed a successful season. We played regularly in Catterick on a friendly basis, losing once in ten matches. We entered the Soldier Magazine Cup and after beating 1 RRF and Depot Regiment RCT in early rounds we lost to a very good side from 22 SAS, who went on to win the competition.

We arrived in Cyprus in time to provide Major Taylor, WO.II Rourke and Major Styles for the Army (Cyprus) team.

## OBITUARY



**COLONEL GEOFFREY CHARLES  
HOWGEGO, OBE**

Colonel Geoffrey Howgego died on 24th September at the age of 52. He was commissioned into the Regiment in 1946 and was Adjutant of the 1st Battalion in Malaya from 1949 to 1951. He later served at the Depot, was Training Major of the Cambridgeshire Regiment and commanded a company in the 1st East Anglian Regiment. He commanded the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment for 2½ years. Since then, he had had a number of staff appointments in Turkey, the Far East, Europe and the UK.

A memorial service was held on 2nd December, 1976, in the Suffolk Regimental Chapel, St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds, attended by a large congregation of his many friends, inside and outside of the Regiment. Lt. Gen. Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson gave the address, extracts of which follow:

'We first met in Singapore at the end of 1969; he was AAG at GHQ Farelf when I came out as Chief of Staff. Among many other duties he chaired the Joint Repatriation Committee which had to make a plan, acceptable to all three services, for getting all of us, including the families, home; and when the Conservative Government, in their election in 1970, decided to leave a presence in the Far East, he and his Committee had to work out new plans, not only for the repatriation of those going home but also for the accommodation of those staying—and this included, as well as our own three Services, those of the Aus-

tralians and New Zealanders as well. It was an immense task and no one could have done it better; he richly deserved the OBE which he was awarded for his services.

'From Singapore he went to SHAPE and there I only saw him once, but we worked together again when he became AMS at HQ UKLF, after a very serious operation and a long convalescence, in March last year. By then I was MS, and I saw a great deal of Geoffrey and of his work. He had been in the MS business before—indeed he was DAMS to General Dick Goodwin when he was Corps Commander in Germany. To be any good in MS you need the obvious qualities of impartiality, fairness, a sense of justice, common sense and judgement; to be really good at it, as Geoffrey was, you need much more, you need humanity and understanding and sympathy; you need to be prepared to listen (and you hear some fairly strange stories); you have to make people believe that you are there to help and that the door is always open. In short, you need to love your fellow men, with all their oddities and failings, as Geoffrey did.'

Referring to two others on his staff who had died this year of cancer, he said:

'None of them flinched; all of them showed to us and the world an almost incredible cheerfulness and resolution which leaves one full of admiration and of the hope that if one were faced with the same challenge we would respond half as well. Where do people find this courage? I know what I believe, just as I believe that Geoffrey and his beloved daughter Susie, who was killed when he was in Singapore, are together now.'

To Sandy and her family we extend our deepest sympathy.

## LT. COL. JAMES ARTHUR HUGHES

Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Hughes was killed in a road accident on Sunday, 19th December, 1976. He was at the time between jobs, having recently relinquished the appointment of Commander Recruiting and Liaison Staff, South East District, and had not yet assumed an appointment as a Special List Lieutenant Colonel on the staff of HQ United Kingdom Land Forces.

Jimmy Hughes was born in March 1927 and from a very early age always wanted to be a soldier. In 1942 at the age of 15 and with his parents tacit consent he falsified his age and joined a Canadian Army battalion then serving near his home in Jamaica. He served from 1942 to 1944 in North Africa, Sicily and the USA with various units, including the SAS. In 1944 he returned to the UK, having transferred to the Royal Norfolk Regiment. He was selected in 1945 for officer training and went to OCS Bangalore, India. In December of that year, having attached to his birth certificate a suitably abject letter of apology addressed to the Commander-in-Chief, his falsification of attestation papers was forgiven and he was commissioned into the 8th Gurkha Rifles. He served with that Regiment until after Partition—when he was transferred to the 10th Gurkha Rifles.

In 1948 he was granted a Regular Commission in the British Army and was gazetted to The Northamptonshire Regiment. He joined the 1st Battalion in Austria at the end of 1948.

Jimmy's subsequent military career was not very different from a great many others. He attended the Staff College in 1959 where he was known as 'Grand-dad' because of his chestful of medal ribbons—he was the only one at Camberley below the rank of Colonel entitled to wear the Africa Star!

After the formation of the Royal Anglian Regiment, Jimmy, a great supporter of the Large Regiment concept, had the distinction of serving in three of the four battalions: commanding a company in the 2nd Battalion in BAOR and subsequently serving as Second-in-Command of the 1st Battalion in Aden and the 4th Battalion in Malta and UK. As a result he probably knew more members of the Regiment than anyone else.

Jimmy will be remembered by many as a first class target and game shot but above all as a superb fisherman with an encyclopaedic knowledge of game fishing. There are a number of people in the Regiment who were intro-

duced to the gentle art by Jimmy and who will always be grateful to him for this.

Jimmy Hughes was a thoroughgoing, professional soldier who loved the life and had the happy knack of passing on his enjoyment to those with whom he came in contact. Never seeking popularity, he was nevertheless very popular with all ranks. He will be sadly missed by all those who were lucky enough to know him and who liked and admired him.

To Betty, his widow, and their two daughters we offer our sympathy in their sad loss.



## MAJOR GENERAL HUBERT ESSAME, CBE, DSO, MC

Peter Essame was born on 24th December, 1896, commissioned in 1915 and joined The Northamptonshire Regiment on 1st March, 1916, serving with the 2nd Battalion in the 1st World War. He was wounded twice, once on the Aisne when he was the Adjutant, which he was from 27th July, 1917, until 1st September, 1919. He was awarded the Military Cross in 1918 and was twice Mentioned in Despatches.

The period 1919 to 1930 was spent largely in India, where he attended the Quetta Staff College in 1929.

From May 1938 he was GSO II at the Air Ministry until the end of 1940, when he assumed command of 1st Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment. He was promoted Brigadier in September 1942 and commanded an Infantry Brigade in the 43rd (Wessex) Division during the campaign in North-West Europe, and was awarded the DSO in 1944 and the CBE in 1945.

In 1946 he was President of the Regular Commissions Board, promoted Major General in 1949 and retired later that year.

He wrote a number of books dealing with the campaigns in Western Europe after his retirement as well as becoming a military lecturer and broadcaster.

His books were The 43rd Wessex Division at War, The North-West Europe Campaign 1944-45, The Battle of Normandy, The Battle for Germany, Normandy Bridgehead, Battle for Europe 1918, and Patton.



**COLONEL GILBERT MEDCALFE  
GIBSON, TD**

With the death of Colonel G. M. Gibson on 15th April, 1976, the Essex Regiment mourns the passing of an elder statesman who played an outstanding part in the Territorial life and tradition of the Regiment.

Gilbert Gibson, 'Gibbo' as he was to become known to many, was born in 1890 and he enlisted in the London Rifle Brigade in 1908, the year of the formation of the Territorial Force. In the First World War he saw active service with his Regiment in France and Belgium as early as November 1914, and took part in the First and Second Battles of Ypres. He was commissioned in 1915 and joined the 4th Battalion in Egypt where he took part in the advance into Palestine and fought at Gaza.

'Gibbo' continued his service with 4th Battalion after the 1914-18 war and was appointed Commanding Officer in 1936. He trained his battalion by his own example of 'nothing but the best' and inspired all ranks with a pride of Regiment and devotion to duty, which prepared 1/4th Essex for battle as a highly efficient unit. After promotion and service in the Middle East, 'Gibbo' was serving on the staff of General Eisenhower at the time of demobilisation.

In the Territorial Army, the city, the hunting field with the old Surrey and Burstow or elsewhere, all who were privileged to know him always found that for Colonel Gibson only the very highest standards would suffice. He is remembered with great affection, and the Regiment extends deepest sympathy to his widow and daughter.

**BRIGADIER JOHN WILLIAM  
HINCHCLIFFE, DSO**

John William Hinchcliffe was born on 24th June, 1893, and was commissioned into The Northamptonshire Regiment on 11th August, 1915. He joined the BEF in France and Flanders in June 1916, and served with the 2nd/4th Battalion The Gloucestershire Regiment. In 1919 he went to India with the 58th and then after a spell at home at the Depot in 1924 he joined the 48th and was in Blackdown and then Hong Kong. In 1929 he was seconded to the Shanghai Volunteer Corps as Adjutant until 1933. He became 2IC and went to France with the 2nd Battalion in 1939. He was promoted to command the 2nd Battalion on 6th February, 1940, which he did until 28th November, 1942. He was wounded at Maroeuil in May 1940 and was awarded the DSO in the same year. He was promoted Brigadier in 1944 to command Basra area.

He retired in 1946 and joined the Conservative Central Office where he was the adviser on television broadcasting and publicity. He had a keen interest in the St. John Ambulance Brigade and from 1952 to 1966 was Deputy Commander No. 1 (Prince of Wales's) District, St. John Ambulance Brigade and was a Knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.



**BRIGADIER JOHN LINGHAM,  
CB, DSO, MC**

John Lingham was born on 27th June, 1897, and was commissioned from the RMC Sandhurst into the Northamptonshire Regiment on 15th September, 1915. Whilst serving in the 1st Battalion in August 1916 he was wounded in the Somme battle for High Wood, and awarded the Military Cross.

In 1917 he was attached to 2nd Battalion The Leicestershire Regiment and served with them in India, Mesopotamia and Palestine until August 1918, when he was seconded to the Royal Flying Corps in Egypt and there qualified as a pilot.

Between the wars he served in the 1st and 2nd Battalions in Ireland, Khartoum and Karachi. He served on the staff in the late 30s.

In March 1940 he was promoted Lt. Col. to command the 4th Battalion (TA). He served with them in England and Northern Ireland until 15th April 1942, when he was appointed to

command 197 Infantry Brigade of 59th Division. After service in Northern Ireland and Kent his Brigade took part in the Normandy battles for Caen, Arne Crossing and Falaise breakout. He was awarded the DSO in September 1944 and returned to England in December following the disbandment of his Brigade. In 1945 he attended the Combined Staff College in the United States of America and in July was posted to the Control Commission in Germany. He served as Land Commissioner in Lower Saxony and then in North Rhine-Westphalia where he was also Consul General, Dusseldorf. He was made a CB in 1948 and retired from the Army in August 1949 but continued as a Land Commissioner and Consul General in Germany until May 1954.

He became Colonel of the Regiment on 12th October, 1956, and held this appointment until 1st June, 1960, when the Regiment amalgamated with the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. His wise counsel and forethought was instrumental in overcoming the many problems caused by an amalgamation and to him much credit must be given for the smoothness with which it was achieved.

#### **BRIGADIER ROBERT BURTON LESLIE, MC, 1891-1976**

Brigadier Robert Burton Leslie, MC, who died at Exeter on 12th July, 1976, following a fall, in his 85th year, was born at Cork on 7th October, 1891. Educated at Dover College, he was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant The Lincolnshire Regiment from Sandhurst on 14th February, 1912. He served with the 2nd Battalion in Gibraltar and Bermuda before the Battalion joined the B.E.F. in France in November 1914. During World War I he was awarded the Military Cross (1915) and twice Mentioned in Despatches, being also made Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

In May 1919 he rejoined the 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment for a second tour as Adjutant, embarking with them for India in September. At Poona on 23rd February, 1920, he married Violet Sylvia, daughter of John Henry Lace, Indian Forest Service. Subsequently he again served on the staff as Brigade Major and Staff Captain before coming home in February 1926 to join the 1st Battalion.

From September 1927-September 1931 he was Adjutant of London University OTC be-

fore rejoining the 2nd Battalion and being promoted Major in April 1932. The following year while commanding the Machine Gun Company he and his three subalterns won the Army golf cup for the Regiment.

In February 1935, while on his way to join the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong, he was appointed Commandant, Ceylon Defence Force. In September 1937 he was promoted Lieutenant Colonel in The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and on 15th November disembarked at Singapore to take over command of the 1st Battalion. During his command, on 25th August, 1938, new Colours were presented. Two months later the Battalion moved to India, to be stationed at Wellington. On 23rd September, 1940, he was promoted Colonel and subsequently appointed Commander Rangoon Area as an acting Brigadier, becoming temporary Brigadier on 29th April, 1941.

In the face of the Japanese invasion, he was responsible for the evacuation of Rangoon 8th March, 1942, being once more Mentioned in Despatches. Afterwards he was employed as AAG, GHQ India before returning to England in May 1943. He finished his career as DDRD War Office before retiring to Budleigh Salterton, Devon, in August 1946.

Mrs. Leslie died on 21st February, 1966, but he is survived by his two married daughters, Sylvia Anne Parsons and Christine Mary Travers Hanlock.

#### **RSM ARTHUR FRANCIS SUTTON, DCM**

Frank Sutton died in hospital at Bishops Stortford on 10th October, 1976. After enlisting into the Middlesex Regiment as a boy in 1919, he transferred to the Essex Regiment in 1922 and served with the Colours for over 28 years. Promoted WO1 in 1939, he was awarded the DCM for services at Dunkirk and the Order of Oranje-Nassau for the training of Dutch recruits at Warley. After his discharge, Frank Sutton was for a number of years a Yeoman Warder at the Tower of London. He will be remembered with pride and affection by his very many friends in the Regiment.

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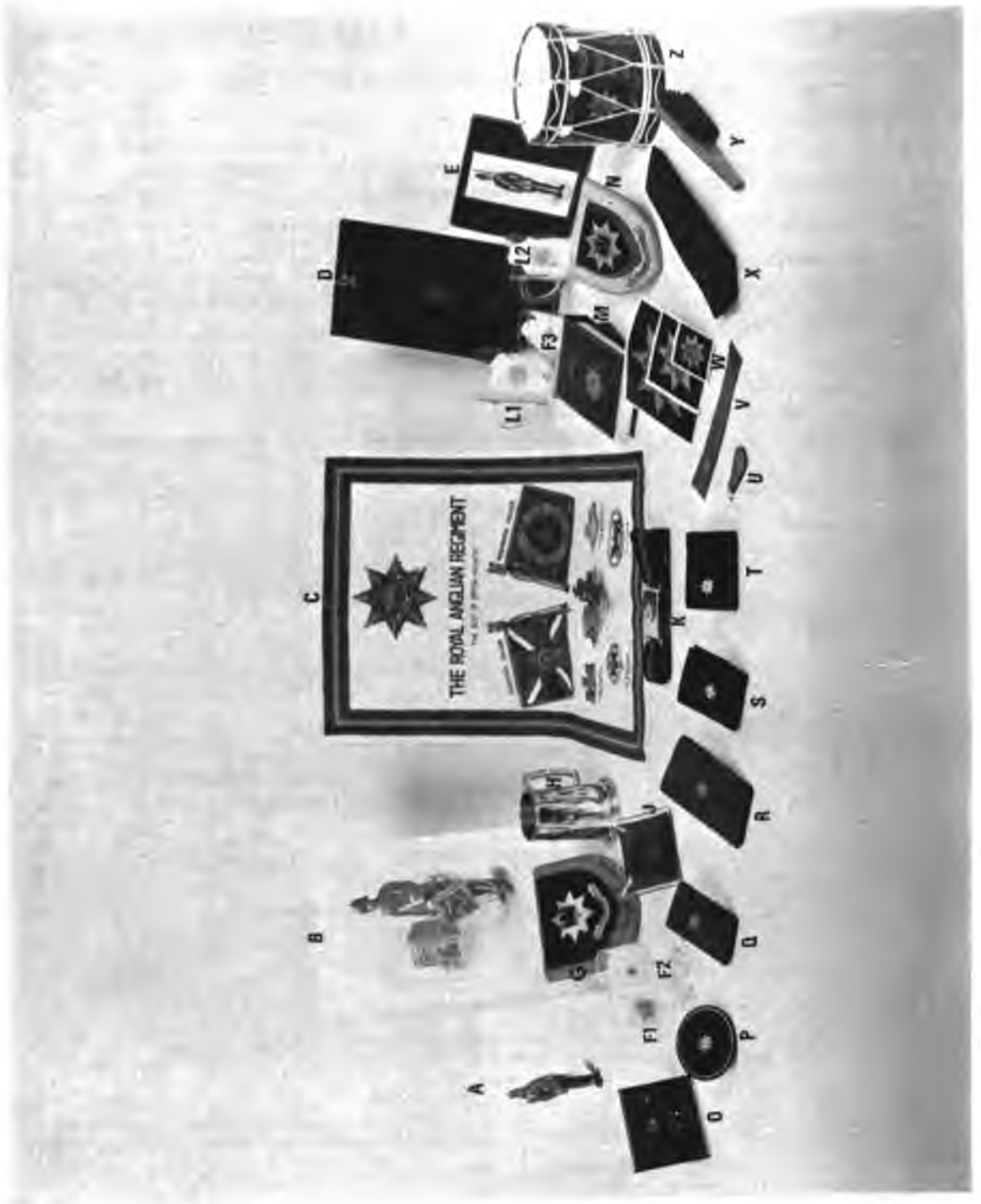
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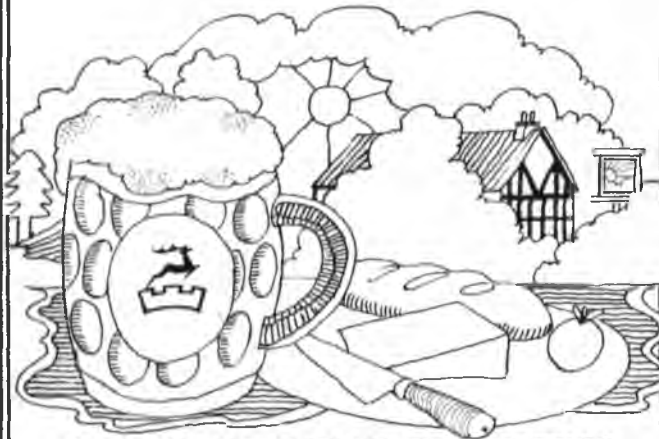
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