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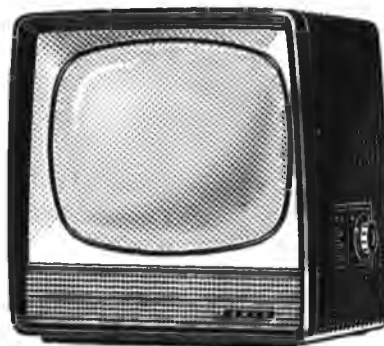
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Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, C.B., Colonel, 1st East Anglian Regiment
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Message from the Colonel of the Regiment

During our discussion prior to amalgamation it was decided that our respective Regimental Journals — The Britannia and The Suffolk Regimental Gazette — should cease publication, and that a new Journal should be started which would record not only the activities of the Regular and Territorial Battalions, but also the news and doings of Past Members of each former Regiment.

The merging of the two publications is another step in the process of amalgamation, which has been carried out so happily and successfully.

In wishing The Britannia and Castle every success, I would stress that this can only be achieved by the active support of all, both by buying the Journal and contributing to its pages.

A good Journal is a great Regimental asset, in that it serves to keep all Past and Present Members of The Regiment in touch, not only with the Regiment itself, but with each other.

I sincerely hope that it will achieve a very wide circulation.

R. H. MAXWELL,
Brigadier,

Colonel, The First East Anglian Regiment.



H.R.H. The Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief.

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(Royal Norfolk & Suffolk)



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Colonel:— Maxwell, Brigadier, R. H., C.B. (Hon. Col. 23 Lond.) 29th August, 1959.



The Colours of The Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments.

AMALGAMATION DAY

29th AUGUST, 1959

The following messages were sent from Regimental Headquarters on 29th August, 1959:—

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, BUCKINGHAM PALACE, LONDON, S.W.1.

"All ranks of the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk), which has this day been formed by the amalgamation of the former Royal Norfolk Regiment and former Suffolk Regiment, present their humble duty and loyal greetings to your Majesty and assure your Majesty of their determination to give the same devoted service as that rendered to the Sovereign by their predecessors.

Maxwell, Colonel.

Barclay, Associate Colonel."

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS MARGARET, CLARENCE HOUSE, LONDON, S.W.1.

"All ranks of the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) tender to their Colonel-in-Chief their loyal greetings on the occasion of the formation of the Regiment as a result of the amalgamation this day of the former Royal Norfolk Regiment and the former Suffolk Regiment.

Maxwell, Colonel."

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4th BATTALION, THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT (T.A.)
THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE REGIMENT (T.A.)

"On the occasion of the amalgamation of our two Regiments, we send our good wishes to the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk). All the honours achieved by the former Royal Norfolk and former Suffolk Regiments are bequeathed to it. We are confident that all ranks of the new Regiment will prove themselves worthy of their great inheritance.

Wilkinson, Colonel, The Royal Norfolk Regiment.
Maxwell, Colonel, The Suffolk Regiment."

9th INFANTRY BATTALION (THE MORETON REGIMENT) AUSTRALIA
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"Greetings from the Colonel and all ranks of the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) on this their amalgamation day.

Maxwell, Colonel."

The following replies were received:—

FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, BALMORAL CASTLE.
TO THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT.

"Please convey my warm thanks to all ranks of the First East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) for their loyal message. I greatly appreciate the assurance which they have sent to me on the occasion of the amalgamation of their distinguished parent Regiments.

Elizabeth R."

FROM HER ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCESS MARGARET, BALMORAL CASTLE,
TO THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

"Please convey to all ranks of the 1st East Anglian Regiment my warmest thanks for their kind message of loyal greetings.

Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief."

FROM 9th INFANTRY BATTALION (THE MORETON REGIMENT) BRISBANE,
TO 1st EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT (ROYAL NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK) NORWICH.

"Heartily reciprocate good wishes for a long and happy association your Regiment.

Kelly, Moreton Regiment."

The following messages were exchanged between Lt.-Gen. Sir Reginald Denning, Colonel, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, and Brig. R. H. Maxwell, Colonel, The 1st East Anglian Regiment.

"On the occasion of the amalgamation of the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments, the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th of Foot) send to you sincere good wishes that the new Regiment may carry on the magnificent traditions of the two former Regiments as we are certain they will. We are indeed proud that we shall have the privilege of serving alongside you in the East Anglian Brigade.

Denning."

"All ranks of the 1st East Anglian Regiment sincerely appreciate the good wishes of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment and cordially reciprocate your pride that we shall serve together in the East Anglian Brigade.

Maxwell, Colonel, 1st East Anglian Regiment."

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 Smith, W. C., O.B.E., f.s.c., p.s.c. (T/Lt.-Col.) ... G.S.O.I., War Office.
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 Dean, P. S. W. ... G.S.O.2, War Office.
 Lummls, E. T., p.s.c. ... G.S.O.2, War Office.
 Ferrier, R. A. P. G., p.s.c. ... G.S.O.2, H.Q., U.K. Land Forces.
 Ingle, F. D., p.s.c. ... Bde. Major, Ghana Indep. Inf. Bde.
 Forrest, P. B., M.C. ... 1st Battalion.
 Fisher-Hoch, C. J. V. ... 1st Battalion.
 Aikens, B., p.s.c. ... Held Strength, Depot.
 Petit, J. M., M.B.E., p.s.c. ... Depot.
 Dye, J. B., M.C., p.s.c. ... 1st Battalion.
 Athill, A. H. ... Held Strength Depot.
 Wiggington, H. E. W., M.B.E. ... Malay Forces.
 Williams, R. M., M.C., p.s.c. ... 1st Battalion.
 Turnbull, A. W. J., M.C. ... 4th Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.).
 Creasey, T. M., p.s.c. (Local Lt.-Col.) ... G.S.O.2, Staff College, Camberley.
 Howgogo, G. C., p.s.c. ... 1st Bn., Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.).
 Power, E. W. A., p.s.c. ... 1st Battalion.
 Haycraft, I. A., p.t.s.c. ... G.S.O.2, (Int.) H.Q., B.A.O.R.
 Morgan, E. H., M.B.E., M.C. ... 1st Battalion.

Captains

Fairholme, W. D. G. ... Sultan's Armed Forces, Muscat.
 Thain, P. ... Army Apprentices School, Arborfield.
 Lywood, K. C. G. ... Trg. Offr., Depot.
 Mason, F. E. I. ... G.S.O.3, D.G.M.T., Works Team, War Office.
 Styles, T. H. ... Singapore Mil. Forces.
 Gillmore, A. H. V., M.C. ... M.I.O., Malayan Police.
 Starling, J. G., M.C., p.s.c. (T/Major) ... Bde. Major, 158 Inf. Bde. (T.A.).
 Emsden, B. H. C., (T/Major) ... Q.O. Nigerian Regiment.
 Palmer, L. A. ... Held Strength, Depot.
 Deller, W. C., p.s.c., (T/Major) ... Bde. Major, 161 Inf. Bde. (T.A.).
 Fitzgerald, J. D. A. ... 1st Battalion.
 Pullen, H. N. D. ... 1st West Indies Regiment.
 Fleming, F. R. ... Staff College, Quetta, Pakistan.
 Cobbold, A. G. B. ... Staff Captain "A" H.Q., 10 Inf. Bde.
 Godfrey, F. A., M.C. ... British C.-In-C.'s Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany.
 Holman, R. M. ... Aden Protectorate Levies.
 Horrex, A. B., M.C. ... 1st Battalion.
 Herring, F. E. ... G.S.O.3, War Office.
 Gunton, M. K. D. ... Held Strength, Depot.
 Hopper, P. D. L. ... Staff Captain "A" H.Q., 4 Div.
 Hall-Tipping, J. ... Held Strength, Depot.
 Macdonald, J. P. ... G.S.O.3, Nigerian Mil. Forces.
 Catchpole, A. K. ... 1st Battalion.
 Jones, J. G., M.B.E. ... 1st Battalion.
 Murphy, B. M. ... G.S.O.3 G.H.Q., Middle East Land Forces.
 Dean, T. D. ... 4th Bn., Suffolk Regiment.
 Beck, S. G. ... M.T.O., School of Infantry, Warminster.
 Heath, J. R. ... Mons Officer Cadet School.
 Mills, B. H. G. ... G.S.O.3 H.Q., 4 Div.
 Smith, D. T. ... Attd. Army Air Corps, Cyprus.
 Churchill, J. D., M.C. ... Sultan's Armed Forces, Muscat.
 Ford, P. C. ... 1st Battalion.
 Frers, J. A. K. W. ... H.Q., Libya and Cyrenaica Area.
 Henderson, M. L. ... Kenya Forces Trg. Centre.
 Wilson, R. G. ... 1st Battalion.

Lieutenants

Herbert, A. C. ... Aden Protectorate Levies.
 Raven, P. G. (T/Capt.) ... Special Air Service, Malaya.
 Clarke, D. L. ... 1st Battalion.
 Thorne, M. E. ... 1st Battalion.
 Trollope, C. J. N. ... Depot.
 Thorne, D. C. ... Depot.
 North, J. G. M. ... Depot.
 Gowing, R. D. ... Infantry Junior Leaders School, Plymouth.
 Gunton, B. J. M. ... 1st Battalion.

Trevethick, R. L. ... E.A. Bde. Junior Bandmen and Junior Drummers Est.
 Reynell, N. ... Army Outward Bound School, Towyn.
 Mortiss, J. Y. ... Nigerian Mil. Forces.
 Morton, P. W. ... 1st Battalion.
 Barnes, C. M. J. ... School of Infantry, Warminster.
 Peat, W. J. B. ... 1st Battalion.
 Lewis, N. J. ... Atd. Parachute Regiment.
 Lunn, M. J. R. ... A.D.C. to G.O.C., North Midland District.
 Coates, K. ... Depot.
 Rowsell, S. A. J. ... 1st Battalion.
 Bally, D. R. ... 1st Battalion.

2nd Lieutenants

Jefferson, I. W. ... 1st Battalion.
 Horrex, H. R. ... 1st Battalion.
 Conder, E. H. ... 1st Battalion.
 O'Meara, M. P. R. ... 1st Battalion.

Quartermasters

Joanny, A. (Major) ... Depot.
 Albrow, F. J. (Major) Depot. R. Malay Regiment.
 Jasper, G. S. (Captain) Held Strength, Depot.
 Warren, T. C. (Captain) 4th Bn. Suffolk Regiment (T.A.).
 Howard, C. E. (Captain) 1st Battalion.
 Norman, H. H. (Lieut.) 1st Bn. Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.).
 Chatting, T. W. (Lieut.) 4th Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.).
 McColl, N. (Lieut.) ... 1st Battalion.

(b) REGULAR ARMY—SHORT SERVICE OFFICERS

Captains

Seekings, P. C. ... Singapore Guard Regiment.
 Reach, C. W. ... P.S.O., East Anglian Brigade.

2nd Lieutenants

Stone, P. P. D. ... 6th King's African Rifles.
 Gamberoni, D. C. P. ... 1st Battalion.

Quartermasters

Curtis, A. B. (Captain) 1st Bn. Sierra Leone Regiment.
 Sewell, J. A. (Lieut.) ... 4th Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.).

(c) EXTENDED SERVICE OFFICERS

Majors

Tiltmarsh, H. H. ... D.A.D. Hirlinga, Fareif.
 Parker, T. R. ... G.S.O.S. War Office.
 Buckingham, D. G. ... Adjutant, Glasgow Administration Unit.
 Powell, K. W. ... Coy. Comd., G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.
 Green, P. E. ... Camp Comdt. Kowloon, Hong Kong.

(d) REGULAR ARMY—NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS

2nd Lieutenants

Alderson, A. J. ... 1st Trg. Bn., R.E.M.E., Blandford.
 Eldner, J. M. ... 1st Battalion.
 Baxter, C. M. ... 1st Battalion.

Sutherland, J. A. ... 1st Battalion.
 Moore, J. K. ... 1st Battalion.
 Kitching, T. G. ... R.A.O.C., C.O.D., Bicester.
 Ridley-Thomas, R. ... 1st Battalion.
 Smith, F. G. ... 1st Battalion.
 Mather, C. A. S. ... 1st Battalion.
 Pattinson, R. S. ... 1st Battalion.
 Abbot, R. J. ... 1st Battalion.
 Belcher, D. J. A. ... Held Strength, Depot.

**FORMER REGIMENTAL OFFICERS STILL ON THE ACTIVE LIST
REGULAR OFFICERS**

Major-Generals

Goodwin, R. E., C.B.,
 C.B.E., D.S.O., p.s.c. G.O.C., North Midland District.

Brigadiers

Barclay, F. P., D.S.O., Deputy Commander, H.Q., East Anglian
 M.C., A.D.C., p.s.c. District.
 Freeland, I. H., D.S.O.,
 i.d.c., p.s.c. ... Brig. "Q" (Ops.), War Office.
 Turner-Cain, G. R.,
 D.S.O., J.S.A.C., p.s.c. Comd. Royal Malay Inf. Bde.

Colonels

Innes Hopkins, R. H.,
 p.s.c. (T/Brig.) D.D.O.S., Southern Command.
 Buler, M. A. H., C.B.,
 D.S.O., M.C., i.d.c.,
 p.s.c., f.s. (T/Brig.) D.D.P.A. (O), War Office.
 Prickett, A. J. C.,
 J.S.A.C., p.s.c. (T/Brig.) Comd. 62 Inf. Bde. (T.A.).
 Allen, R. M., C.B.E.,
 J.S.A.C., p.s.c. ... Col. (Q) Logistics, S.H.A.P.E.
 Heal, W. A., O.B.E.,
 p.s.c. ... Bde. Col., East Anglian Bde.

Lt.-Cols.

Wilson, H. M., M.C.,
 p.s.c., Emp. List (I) A.Q.M.G., H.Q., Southern Command.
 Parkin, A., O.B.E.,
 p.s.c., Emp. List (I) A.Q.M.G. (Qtg.), H.Q.1. (Br.) Corps,
 B.A.O.R.
 Hinde, K. A. L., p.s.c.,
 Emp. List (I) ... G.S.O.1, Allied Staff, Berlin.

Majors

Shuttleworth, W. F. A.,
 p.s.c. ... D.A.Q.M.G., H.Q., Mid-West District,
 ... Western Command.
 Ward, J. A. W. ... R.A.P.C.
 Thursby, P. D. F., p.s.c. Para. Regiment.
 Eberhardle, C. E.,
 M.B.E., M.C., p.s.c. Para. Regiment.

Captains

Kelly, J. N., M.C. ... 7th Gurkha Rifles
 Oddie, W. R. A. ... Para. Regiment.

Officers are requested to notify the Editor of any changes of location or of any error in this list.



Brigadier P. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., Associate Colonel, 1st East Anglian Regiment.
Honorary Colonel, 4th Bn, The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.).

EDITORIAL

We are the heirs to two Regimental Journals of high repute and, as such, let us say at the outset, that we are in no doubt as to the magnitude of our task. Both The Britannia and The Suffolk Regimental Gazette had each achieved over a large number of years, a very high standard. It is this standard which we must maintain. But we must emphasise that, to be good, a journal must have good contributors. If we do not get the news we cannot publish it. We, therefore, take this opportunity of appealing to our Readers not to be backward in sending us articles and any little tit-bits of news and information they may have. There may be many old members of either The Royal Norfolk Regiment or The Suffolk Regiment who have lost touch, either because they haven't taken in their journal for some years or have gone off to live in some out of the way place. It is these "lost sheep" that we all would like to hear about. If any of our readers happens, by chance, to bump into them, we would like to hear of it so that we can report, at least, that they are alive and well.

Equally important is our circulation. The more copies we can sell the better our Journal will be. You can help over this. If you know of anyone who is not a regular subscriber try and enrol him, or failing that, when you have finished with your copy, pass it on. We will always try to keep the cost as low as possible but even at 1/8d. per copy, there may be some old members of The Regiment to whom this may seem a bit too much.

We are delighted to realise how large a number of individual subscribers to either of our two former journals have elected to continue their subscription to the new journal. This is very encouraging. We have to notify the printers well in advance the exact number of copies required. In this first number it was naturally not easy to assess this figure. We can only hope, however, that we have not underestimated and that there will be enough to go round.

Full details regarding our Journal, including the price and dates of publication, will be found elsewhere in this number. There was a strong desire at one time that our first number should be published very soon after amalgamation, but this was found to be impracticable if only because of the desirability of including an account of the amalgamation ceremonies in the 1st Battalion. If there has seemed to be a long gap between the final numbers of former journals and our first number it is hoped our readers will understand.

Finally it must be recorded how grateful we are to Lieut.-Colonel Monier-Williams for producing our cover design. We are, indeed, fortunate to have the services of such an accomplished artist. We know that a great deal of thought and hard work was put into it, and feel confident that our readers will appreciate it.

REGIMENTAL NEWS

REGIMENTAL CONSTITUTION

During the course of our pre-amalgamation discussions it was decided that for the management of our affairs it would be necessary to form a Regimental Association to be known as The 1st East Anglian Regiment Association. The constitution and responsibilities of this Association are as set out below.

1. The Association exists for the benefit of the 1st East Anglian Regiment and, through the Regimental Committee, to assist the Colonel of the Regiment to control and coordinate all Regimental Charities and Central Organisations.

2. **Regimental Headquarters.** This is located at Britannia Barracks, NORWICH. The office and the work carried out will be the responsibility of the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the 1st East Anglian Regiment Association who will normally be the Retired Officer (R.O.II) of the Regimental Headquarters. He will be assisted by the Retired Officer holding the appointment of R.O.III at the Regimental Headquarters and the Retired Officer holding the appointment of R.O.III of the increment to Regimental Headquarters.

3. **Regimental Committee.** (a) The supervision and co-ordination of all Regimental activities and Charities is a duty assigned to The Colonel of the Regiment. The Regimental Committee has the task of assisting the Colonel in these matters and of advising him upon other matters that he may refer to them.

(b) **Composition.** The Regimental Committee will be comprised of the following:—

Chairman:

The Colonel of the Regiment.

Members:

The Associate Colonel of the Regiment.

The Officer Commanding the Regular Battalion.

The Officer Commanding the 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment.

The Officer Commanding the 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment.

The Officer Commanding the 1st Bn. The Cambridgeshire Regiment.

Two Retired Officers of The Regiment or serving officers who are no longer on the Regimental list, to be nominated by The Colonel of the Regiment.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. 1st East Anglian Regiment Association.

The R.O.III Regimental Headquarters.

The R.O.III Regimental Headquarters increment.

Any Managing Trustee of the funded Charities (see para. 4) if not already included above.

In attendance:

The Colonel of the Regiment may invite such other retired or serving officers of The Regiment as he deems fit to be in attendance at meetings in order that he may obtain the views of a wider cross-section of the Regiment.

4. **Managing Trustees.** (a) The following will be the Managing Trustees of the funded and chattel

Charities of The Regiment incorporated in the 1st East Anglian Regiment Charity Commissioners Scheme:—

The Colonel of The Regiment.
The Associate Colonel of The Regiment.
The Officer Commanding the Regular Battalion or his appointed representative in U.K. if the Bn. is serving abroad.

Not more than six Officers nominated by the Colonel of the Regiment provided they are eligible by the terms of The Charity Commissioners Scheme.

(b) The Colonel of The Regiment will call meetings of the Managing Trustees as and when required but not less than once a year. Once a year the Managing Trustees will examine the audited accounts of the Regimental Charities.

5. **Central Regimental Activities.** Executive Committees of The Regimental Committee will administer the following Central Regimental Activities in accordance with their separate rules and will be answerable to the Colonel of The Regiment through the Regimental Committee for their own particular activities.

- (a) The Officers' Club. Appendix "A"
- (b) The Officers' Benevolent Fund. Appendix "B"
- (c) The Officers' Dinner Club. Appendix "C"
- (d) The Regimental Journal. Appendix "D"
- (e) The Regimental Museums. Appendix "E"
- (f) The Regimental Chapels. Appendix "F"
- (g) The Suffolk Regiment Cottage Homes. Appendix "G"
- (h) The Past and Present Associations. Appendix "H"

In addition there are The Royal Norfolk Regiment Memorial Cottages and The Suffolk Regiment War Memorial Homes which are self contained organisations having separate Committees and Trustees.

Appendix "A"

THE OFFICERS' CLUB

1. The Club has two objects:—
 - (a) To enable Officers to pay their annual subscriptions to the following Regimental activities by means of one Bankers Order only:—
The Past and Present Association.
The Regimental Journal.
 - (b) To form an Officers' Fund.

Membership.

2. The Club is open to:—
 - (a) All Officers of the 1st East Anglian Regiment both Past and Present, Regular and Non-Regular.
 - (b) All former officers of The Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments, Regular and Non-Regular.
 - (c) All officers of the 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment, the 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment and the 1st Bn. The Cambridge-shire Regiment past and present.

Annual Subscriptions

3. Members will pay an annual subscription at the rates set out below. They are asked to use Bankers

Orders which may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer 1st E.A.R.A.

4. Out of each officers subscription, set amounts will be paid automatically to the Past and Present Association and the Journal, the remainder being credited to the Officers' Club Fund. Rates of subscription will be as follows:—

Distribution of Annual Subscription

	Total Annual Sub.	Past and Present Assoc.	Journal	Officers Club Fund
(a) Regular Serving Officers				
Cols. and above	115 0	10 0	5 0	1 0 0
Lt.-Cols. and Majors	110 0	10 0	5 0	15 0
Capts. and Subalterns	1 0 0	10 0	5 0	5 0
(b) All Other Officers Past and Present	17 6	5 0	5 0	7 6

Note:—Rates of subscriptions for serving Regulars will alter as above upon substantive promotion, officers are requested to alter their Bankers Orders upon promotion, submitting them to their Bankers through the Hon. Secretary, 1st E.A.R.A.

The Officers' Club Fund.

4. The annual income to the fund will normally be disbursed during that year on instructions from the Colonel of the Regiment after consultation with appropriate members of the Regimental Committee.
5. The Fund may be used in any way that would meet with the approval of the Officers of the Regiment, i.e.

- (a) Subscriptions to Officers Charities (formerly paid by Units).
- (b) Additional payments and donation to Central Regimental Activities.
- (c) Donations to other Army Activities.
- (d) Grants towards the cost of Officers Central or Special entertainments.

In this way it will usually be possible to avoid the necessity for calling upon officers for further ad hoc subscriptions and yet enable all officers to feel that they are giving proper financial aid to activities they would wish to support.

6. The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the 1st E.A.R.A. will administer the Officers' Club Fund.

Appendix "B"

OFFICERS' BENEVOLENT FUND

1. This Fund is included among the Charities of 1st East Anglian Regiment Charity Commissioners Scheme and is administered by the Managing Trustees of the Scheme.
2. The object of the Fund is to assist former officers of The Suffolk Regiment and Past and Present Officers of the 1st East Anglian Regiment, their widows and orphaned children, who are in need of financial assistance.

Applications for Assistance.

3. Applications for assistance from this Fund will be made to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer 1st E.A.R.A. who will arrange for the application to be placed before the Regimental Committee for consideration.

Limits of Assistance.

4. The Capital of the Fund should be regarded as expendable and there is therefore no limit to the number of cases which may be dealt with in any one year.

Appendix "C"

1st EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT OFFICERS' DINNER CLUB

RULES

1. The object of the Club is to bring together by means of an annual dinner past and present officers of the 1st East Anglian Regiment, The Royal Norfolk Regiment, The Suffolk Regiment and The Cambridgeshire Regiment.

2. Membership.

The following shall be eligible for membership:-

- (a) Regular Serving Officers of the 1st East Anglian Regiment.
- (b) Regular Officers of the 1st East Anglian Regiment who have retired.
- (c) All Officers who, on the date of amalgamation, were members of The Royal Norfolk Regiment Dinner Club or The Suffolk Regiment Dinner Club.
- (d) Any gentleman who has served as an Officer in any Bn. of:-
The Royal Norfolk Regiment.
The Suffolk Regiment
(incl. 142 Regiment R.A.C.).
The Cambridgeshire Regiment.
The 1st East Anglian Regiment.

The Committee shall have the power to terminate the membership of a member by unanimous vote without giving any reason for doing so.

3. Subscriptions.

Members shall pay an annual subscription to the Club of 10/- by bankers order in April for the ensuing year.

The cost of any dinner, less any sum allocated by the Committee from Club funds shall be divided equally among those dining, who will be called upon to pay their share.

4. Management.

- (a) The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee composed as under, all of whom must be members of the Club:-
The Colonel of the 1st East Anglian Regiment.
The Officer Commanding, 1st Battalion, or his representative.
Two serving officers of the 1st East Anglian Regiment, serving in U.K., one of whom will not be above the rank of Captain. To be nominated by The Colonel of the Regiment.
Two retired officers to be nominated, each to serve for a period not exceeding three years.
An officer of Regimental Headquarters will be The Secretary and Treasurer.
- (b) A meeting of the Committee shall be held at least once each year. Three members will constitute a quorum.

5. Dress.

The dress for members attending dinners will be Tail Coat or Dinner Jacket. Decorations and Orders will be worn.

6. Annual Dinner.

The Annual Dinner will normally take place on the 1st Friday in October.

The date, place and hour of the dinner will be notified to members at least two calendar months in advance. Members wishing to attend must give at least three weeks notice to the Secretary of their intention to do so.

The chair at the Annual Dinner will be taken by the Colonel of the Regiment or, in his absence, an Officer appointed by the Committee.

Only three toasts will be permitted i.e. The Reigning Sovereign, The Colonel-in-Chief, The Regiment.

Except on special occasions there will be no speeches.

7. Regimental Tea Party.

When it is decided to hold a tea party or cocktail party for members and their wives, this may be held under the auspices of the Dinner Club, provided that the Club finances are not called upon to bear any loss.

Appendix "D"

REGIMENTAL JOURNAL

Object.

1. The Regimental Journal is published in order to foster esprit de corps and to keep alive interest in the Regiment amongst serving and past officers and men. It also forms a valuable record of day to day activities of Units of the Regiment.

Journal Committee.

2. The Journal Committee will consist of:-
O.C. Depot 1st East Anglian until formation of Brigade Depot.
R.O.II, R.H.Q., Editor.
R.O.III. Increment to R.H.Q.

The Editor.

3. Assisted by the Journal Committee as may be found desirable the Editor will be responsible for:-

- (a) Making the necessary forecast of circulation, income and expenditure, so that the number of pages per issue may be determined.
- (b) Deciding on the form and contents of each issue.
- (c) Distributing the magazine, keeping a card index of all subscribers and notifying them when their subscriptions fall due.

Sub Editors.

4. These will be appointed by:-
O.C. The Regular Battalion.
O.C. Territorial Battalions.
5. They are responsible for collecting and preparing Unit contributions and forwarding them to the Editor in time for inclusion in issues.

Publication.

6. The Colonel of the Regiment will decide the frequency of publication of the Journal after consultation with the Committee.

Subscriptions.

7. Subscription is 5/- per annum for all subscribers, or 1/8d. per copy post free.

Appendix "E"

REGIMENTAL MUSEUMS

Committee.

1. Chairman: R.O.II R.H.Q.
Member: R.O.III R.H.Q. R, Norfolk Museum.
Member: R.O.III Increment Suffolk Museum.
The Chairman should bear in mind and in due course build up a 1st East Anglian Regiment Museum in accordance with the wishes of the Colonel of the Regiment.

2. All applications for financial support will be placed before the Regimental Committee by the Chairman.

Appendix "F"

REGIMENTAL CHAPELS

1. The Regiment has two Regimental Chapels, one situated in Norwich Cathedral and the other in St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds. The affairs of each Chapel will be carried out by separate Committees.
2. These Committees will submit an annual report to the Regimental Committee who will also consider all applications for funds.
3. All correspondence will be addressed to the Honorary Secretaries of the appropriate Committees.

Appendix "G"

SUFFOLK REGIMENT COTTAGE HOMES

General.

1. The Cottage Homes consist of two semi-detached houses situated in Out Risbygate, Bury St. Edmunds. The Homes are endowed.
2. Being a charity, they are run in accordance with an Indenture dated 1st December, 1903, and a Charity Commissioners Scheme dated 28th May, 1937. The Regimental Committee of the 1st East Anglian Regiment Association are the Managing Trustees.
3. An Executive Committee responsible for the supervision, management and selection of occupants for the Houses is composed of the following:—
Chairman: Appointed by the Colonel of the Regiment.
Members: Two Retired Officers or W.O.s.
Hon. Secretary: R.O.III Increment to R.H.Q.
4. The Committee will report annually to the Regimental Committee who will consider all applications for financial assistance recommended by the Committee.

Appendix "H"

THE 1st EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION

During the whole course of our pre-amalgamation discussions the whole question of the continuance or otherwise of our respective Old Comrades Associations was a thorny one.

Although the desirability of amalgamation into one Association was apparent it was realised that nothing should be done which would be likely to upset the equilibrium of the older members. It was decided, therefore, that a New Association should be formed which would be called the 1st East

Anglian Regiment Past and Present Association, and which all those joining the Regiment after amalgamation would be eligible to join, but, at the same time the old Associations, i.e. The Royal Norfolk Regiment Association and The Suffolk Regiment Old Comrades Association would continue as before retaining their own funds and managing their own affairs. A set of rules for the New Association have been drawn up and are as under:—

RULES OF THE 1st EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT (ROYAL NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK) PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION

1. Title. The Association shall be called "The 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) Past and Present Association."

2. Sections. There shall be two sections of the Association, one for the county of Norfolk to be called the Norfolk Section, and one for the county of Suffolk to be called the Suffolk Section.

3. Office. The Headquarters of the Association shall be at Regimental Headquarters of The 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk), Britannia Barracks, Norwich.

4. Objects.

(a) To foster esprit de corps and a feeling of comradeship amongst all ranks, serving and retired of The 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk). The Royal Norfolk Regiment, The Suffolk Regiment and The Cambridgeshire Regiment.

(b) To assist members of the Association to find suitable employment.

(c) To relieve distress through poverty of members of the Association, their widows and orphans.

(d) In exceptional cases to assist any serving or retired member of The 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk), The Royal Norfolk Regiment, The Suffolk Regiment and The Cambridgeshire Regiment, in very necessitous circumstances. (Note) Financial assistance to serving and retired members of The Royal Norfolk Regiment will, when approved, be provided by The Norfolk Section of the Association. Similarly, assistance to past and serving members of The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiments will be provided by the Suffolk Section of the Association. Assistance to past and serving members of the 1st East Anglian Regiment will be granted by the Hon. Treasurer of the Association from Association funds held at Regimental Headquarters.

5. Membership.

(a) Members of the Association shall be those past and present Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk). The Royal Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiments who shall pay subscriptions as set forth in these rules. On joining, a member, will opt for one of the Sections mentioned in rule 2, but may transfer from one Section to the other, at any time, on application to the Honorary Secretary of the Section to which he belongs. All such transfers must be referred to the Headquarters of the Association before being approved.

(b) Life Members of The Royal Norfolk Regiment Association and of The Suffolk Regiment Old Comrades' Association shall be deemed to be mem-

bers of the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) Past and Present Association.

(c) Any member who misconducts himself or brings discredit on the Past and Present Association is liable to expulsion by a majority vote of the General Committee, and any subscriptions paid shall be forfeited.

6. Subscriptions.

(a) Officers.

- (i) Regular Officers 10/- per annum.
- (ii) Retired and non-Regular Officers 5/- per annum to be paid by Bankers Order.

(b) Other Ranks. 10/- for life membership.

(c) Members of the Association are invited to make annual donations.

(d) All subscriptions and donations are to be paid to the Headquarters of the Association, where for the time being they will be divided as follows:—

1/5 to The 1st East Anglian Regiment Past and Present Association.

2/5 to each of the Norfolk and Suffolk Sections.

7. Officers of the Association. The Officers of the Association shall be:— The President, ex-officio, The Colonel of The Regiment.

Members: Two to be appointed by each of the two sections.

The Honorary Secretary: Normally the Regimental Secretary.

These Officers will meet at the discretion of the Colonel of the Regiment, and at least once a year to receive the accounts and annual reports of the two sections of the Association.

8. Responsibilities of Sections.

(a) The Norfolk Section will retain the existing funds of The Royal Norfolk Regiment Association. The Suffolk Section will retain the existing funds of The Suffolk Regiment Old Comrades Association.

(b) Sections will appoint their own Officers and Committees, subject to the approval of the Colonel of the Regiment.

(c) Subject to these rules, Sections will retain their independence in carrying out their work of furthering the objects of the Past and Present Association.

(d) Section Committees will submit their audited accounts and balance sheets, together with a report on the previous year's work, to the Honorary Secretary of the Past and Present Association as soon as possible after the 31st December in each year.

9. Badges. New members of the Past and Present Association will wear the badge of the section for which they opt. Membership cards, with abridged rules, will also be provided by each of the two Sections.

10. Any matter not covered by these rules, or upon which the rules appear ambiguous, should be referred to the Honorary Secretary of the Past and Present Association who will obtain the ruling of the Officers of the Association.

REGIMENTAL DAYS

Our annual Regimental Days to be observed in the future are "ALMANZA," 25th April, and "MINDEN," 1st August. In addition the Regiment

will carry on the long established customs of the Suffolk Regiment as follows:—

(a) On Minden Day red and yellow roses are worn in the headdress all day both on and off parade. Colours and Drums are dressed with red and yellow roses on parade.

(b) In commemoration of the Battle of Dettingen, red and yellow roses are worn in the headdress of all ranks, and Colours and Drums dressed with red and yellow roses on Ceremonial Parades only to celebrate the Sovereign's birthday or when the Sovereign is on parade in person.

REGIMENTAL COLLECT

The following is the collect for the 1st East Anglian Regiment approved under War Office authority dated 18th September, 1959.

"Almighty God, who art a Rock and Fortress to all who trust in Thee, grant strength and courage to all who serve in the 1st East Anglian Regiment ever to stand firm in the Christian Heritage of Britain, that by loyal service they may shield our land from danger, and so ensure us the blessings of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Reunion at Bury St. Edmunds.

Sunday, 24th July, 1960, has been provisionally booked for The Suffolk Regiment O.C.A. Reunion to be held on the Recreation Ground, Gibraltar Barracks.

It is hoped that the Band and Drums, 1st East Anglian Regiment, by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel C. R. Murray Brown, D.S.O., and Officers 1st East Anglian Regiment, will be available to play a selection of music and Beat Retreat at the Reunion.

The day will start with a Drumhead Service in the Gymnasium at 11.30 a.m.

Feeding arrangements will be similar to last year. In the case of Officers and their wives, application should be made to the P.M.C. Depot Officers' Mess. Lunch and Tea tickets 8/6d. each.

In the case of Other Ranks, application should be made to the Secretary, The Suffolk Regiment O.C.A., Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds. Combined lunch and tea tickets 6/- each; lunch only, 4/-; tea only, 2/-.

In both cases applications for tickets should be forwarded by not later than Saturday, 9th July, 1960.

Further particulars will be forwarded to Branches at a later date.

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NORWICH, Norfolk.
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142nd REGIMENT, R.A.C.

The Ninth Reunion of the 142nd Regiment, R.A.C., was held in London on 14th November. This unit was the 7th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment until its conversion to armour in 1941, and retained its Suffolk character until its disbandment in Italy.

Once more, we owe a very happy evening to Lieut.-Colonel Roberts, and those present came from as far afield as Cardiff, North Wales, and the Midlands. There were many enquiries for absentees, and Brigadier Maxwell hoped that the numbers would be doubled next time. Any member of the Regiment who is not at present on the books and who would like to receive notice of the next Reunion should write to Lieut.-Colonel D. O. Roberts, M.B.E., 33 Hillcroft Crescent, Ealing, London, W.5.

The following are those who were present:—

H. F. Ashbrook, L. H. Bedford, A. Bush, D. Camp, M. G. Casburn, W. H. Chamberlain, T. J. Cook, G. H. Cotterell, S. L. Croker, F. G. Doxey, H. A. Dunnett, A. H. Edmonds, S. M. Farley, J. Fielding, S. K. Foster, J. Gammon, P. B. Harris, E. A. Hasdell, A. Hinds, F. Hubbard, H. T. Knowles, L. Lane, K. Lauder, W. Lloyd, H. F. J. Lord, W. C. McCandless, H. T. MacMillan, W. Matthews, R. H. Maxwell, D. Mayhew, W. North, P. F. O'Connell, L. J. Page, F. W. Palmer, C. Pepper, P. C. Powell, G. A. Prime, A. D. J. Richardson, H. Risbridger, D. O. Roberts, E. Roberts, J. W. Salmons, H. W. Saunders, W. Schoolong, M. J. F. Shaw, A. W. G. Smith, B. H. Smith, E. J. Stanton, F. Stevens, S. G. Stratton, S. R. Sylvester, N. H. Underwood, C. A. Vallis, T. Wainwright, G. Ward, A. G. Whitmore, V. H. Whitpen and W. S. Winfield.

QUEENSLAND CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

On the occasion of the centenary of the State of Queensland, the following telegram was despatched to the 9th Infantry Battalion (The Moreton Regiment):—

"All Ranks, 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) send special greetings on the occasion of the Centenary of the State of Queensland."

Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Kelly, who commands The Moreton Regiment replied:—

"Thank you very much for your cable on the occasion of the Queensland Centenary Celebrations; the thought was very much appreciated by myself and all ranks of The Moreton Regiment."

REGIMENTAL TIES

Stocks of ties of the 1st East Anglian Regiment are held by the regimental tailors, Messrs. Conway Williams, 48 Brook Street, London, W.1. There are two qualities: Pure Silk at 18/6d. each and Rayon at 8/6d. each.

MUSEUMS

Our regimental museums are to continue as at present. That of the Royal Norfolk Regiment is now established in Britannia House at Norwich, next door to Regimental Headquarters.

HONOURS

Congratulations to the following who have recently received honours:—

C.B.E. Colonel R. M. Allen.
O.B.E. Lieut.-Colonel A. Parkin.
M.B.E. Major H. E. W. Wiggington.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations too, to Colonels I. H. Freeland and G. R. Turner Cain on their promotion to the rank of substantive Brigadier with effect from 1st January, 1960.

Retirements.

R.S.M. B. R. Fitt, D.C.M., has left the Regiment after more than 27 years service, all but four months of which was with The Royal Norfolk Regiment. He won the D.C.M. at Kohima in May, 1944, and was promoted W.O.I. in 1954. His many friends will wish him good fortune in civilian life and look forward to meeting him at future Regimental functions.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE

1st September, 1959

Regular Army.

Lt. (Qr. Mr.) N. McColl from Short Service Commission to be Lt., 30th August, 1959.

18th September, 1959

Regular Army.

Capt. J. D. A. Fitzgerald, with effect from 27th August, 1959, seniority in the rank of Captain is restored to 22nd December, 1954.

6th October, 1959

Regular Army.

Lt. R. G. Wilson to be Captain, 4th October, 1959.

27th October, 1959

Regular Army.

Short Service Commission.

Cadet P. P. D. Stone to be 2nd Lt., Suffolk, 15th August, 1959.

Memoranda.

Lt.-Col. K. A. L. Hinde, Emp. List 1 (Late Suffolk) to be Supernumerary to Establishment.

3rd November, 1959

Territorial Army.

Major D. S. Sach from T.A. Res. of Officers to be Major, 17th September, 1959, with seniority 12th September, 1955.

6th November, 1959

Regular Army.

Lt.-Col. W. S. Bevan, O.B.E., to be supernumerary to Establishment, 10th May, 1959.

Major P. F. O'C. Raymond retires on retired pay, 2nd November, 1959 (Reserve Liability).

Territorial Army.

Brig. Francis Peter Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., is appointed Hon. Col. 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment T.A., 1st September, 1959, in succession to Lt.-Col. (Hon. Col.) John Howlett Jewson, M.C., T.D., tenure expired.

10th November, 1959

Brig. F. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., late Infantry, is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The Queen, 7th November, 1959, in succession to Brig. F. W. B. Parry, C.B.E., retired.

Territorial Army.

Cambridgeshire Regiment.

Lt.-Col. W. F. Page, M.C., T.D., to be Bt. Col., 1st August, 1959.

24th November, 1959

Regular Army.

Short Service Commission.

Major C. W. H. Long, M.C., (Emp. List 3)

relinquishes his commission on completion of service, 23rd November, 1959, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

27th November, 1959

Regular Army.

Lt. K. R. S. MacKichan retires on account of disability.

4th December, 1959

M.B.E. Major H. E. W. Wiggington.

8th December, 1959

Territorial Army.

Major D. S. Sach at his own request reverts to the rank of Capt., 17th September, 1959, with seniority 12th December, 1952.

15th December, 1959

Regular Army.

Major F. J. Lockett retires on retired pay, 19th December, 1959 (Reserve Liability).

22nd December, 1959

Regular Army.

2nd Lt. D. R. Baily to be Lt., 20th December, 1959.

5th January, 1960

Regular Army.

Captain M. M. Ramm to retire, receiving a gratuity, 4th January, 1960 (Reserve Liability).

8th January, 1960

Regular Army.

Major D. P. Aphthorp, M.B.E., retires on retired pay, 7th January, 1960 (Reserve Liability).

12th January, 1960

Regular Army.

Col. I. H. Freeland, D.S.O., late Infantry, to be Brig., 1st January, 1960.

Col. G. R. Turner-Cain, D.S.O., late Infantry, to be Brig., 1st January, 1960.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Births.

FLEMING.—On 13th December, 1959, at General Hospital, Southampton, to Priscilla and Captain Francis Fleming, a daughter (Matilda Gay)

TROLLOPE.—On 9th January, 1960, at Colchester Military Hospital, to Shirley, wife of Lieut. Charles Trollope, a daughter (Diana Francis).

BROWN.—On 16th January, 1960, at Iserlohn, Germany, to Monica, wife of Lieut.-Colonel C. R. Murray Brown, a son (Robert).

Deaths.

FULLER.—On 23rd August, 1959, at Norwich, as a result of a road accident, Ex C.S.M. James Fuller.

TURNER.—On 4th October, 1959, Brigadier Antony James Dillon Turner, D.S.O., M.C. (late The Suffolk Regiment), at the Ghana Army Military Hospital, aged 52 years.

DUGDALE.—On 14th October, 1959, at Cosham Wilts., Ex Sgt. Arthur Dugdale.

BOSWELL.—On 18th October, 1959, at Norwich, Major Bernard Boswell, T.D.

STONE.—On 20th October, 1959, at his home in the Isle of Wight, Brigadier General P. V. Powys Stone, C.M.G., D.S.O.

SEWTER.—On 26th October, 1959, at Norwich, Ex Pte. Frank (Joe) Sewter.

DREW.—On 13th November, 1959, Edith Elsie, beloved wife of Major B. G. F. Drew (retired, The Suffolk Regiment).

TAYLOR.—On 24th November, 1959, Lt.-Col. Archibald Gilson Taylor (late The Suffolk Regiment), of Gosfield Hall, Halstead, and formerly of Barnfield, Stanstead, Sudbury, Suffolk, in his 81st year, son of the late Joseph Lecand Taylor of Saffron Walden, and beloved father of Hugh and Robert.

THOMPSON.—On 30th November, 1959, at West Mersea, Ex R.S.M. William J. Thompson.

WELLS.—On 8th January, 1960, at "Randle V.C." Memorial Cottage, Norwich, Ex Cpl. Harry Wells.

OBITUARY

Brigadier-General P. V. P. Stone, C.M.G., D.S.O. The Royal Norfolk Regiment. Many old members of the Regiment will learn with regret of the death of Brigadier-General Percy Vere Powys Stone at the age of 76 years. General Stone joined the Norfolk Regiment from Sandhurst in 1902 and immediately saw active service with the 2nd Bn. in South Africa. From 1905 until 1910 he served with the West African Frontier Force in Nigeria and was awarded the West Africa General Service Medal in 1906. As a Captain in the 1st Bn. on the outbreak of the Great War he landed in France early in August, 1914, but it was not long before he was in command of the Battalion and commanded the 17th Infantry Brigade at the age of 34. A brilliant war record was recognised by the award of the C.M.G., D.S.O., French Legion of Honour, seven mentions in despatches and brevets of Major and Lieut.-Colonel. General Stone retired in 1920 and was for some years Chairman of the London Branch of the Regimental Association and continued to interest himself in its work until his death. Our deepest sympathy is offered to his widow and relatives.

Major B. Boswell, T.D. The Royal Norfolk Regiment. We regret to announce the death of Major Bernard Boswell at his home, The Old Hall, Seething, Nr. Norwich, at the age of 74 years. Bernard Boswell joined the 4th Bn. Norfolk Regiment in 1912 and served for 20 years, including 4 years in the Dardanelles, Egypt and Palestine. He was awarded the Territorial Decoration, Major Charles Long, whose father was a contemporary of Major Boswell, represented the Regiment at the funeral. We offer sincere condolences to his family.

Brigadier A. J. D. Turner, D.S.O., M.C., The Suffolk Regiment.

It is with very much regret that we announce the death of Tony Turner, which occurred suddenly at the Ghana Army Military Hospital on 4th October, 1959.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his widow.

The following are extracts from a letter written to the Colonel of The Regiment by Maj.-Gen. V. Paley, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C., Ghana Army:—

"Tony Turner came out to Ghana some 18 months ago, giving up his appointment in the War Office in connection with Boys and Cadets prematurely in order to become the National Organiser of the Ghana Builders Brigade. This was a new organisation set up by the Government with the three-fold aims of relieving or rather preventing unemployment, of instilling a sense of patriotism and discipline into the youth of the country and of

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giving training in crafts and in agriculture to the ever increasing number of school leavers in this country. He was an excellent choice. He was an idealist who fully believed in the aims and in the possibilities of this new body. He was well liked yet was firm to the point of being prepared to resign if unsound principles were in danger of being instilled into his organisation.

He was buried with full military honours in our military cemetery with a firing party, gun carriage and escort company of the Ghana Infantry, Police Band (ours being away on tour too far off to secure in time), a detachment of Police and of course a detachment of his own organisation, who also in conjunction with the Police lined the route.

You will realise the esteem in which he was held when I tell you that the Prime Minister himself attended the burial and laid a wreath, and that both the Minister for Economic Affairs—the next senior Minister in Ghana at the time—and the Minister of Communications attended, the latter being the Minister responsible for the Builders Brigade.

Tony Turner is a great loss to this country."

Lt.-Col. A. G. Taylor, The Suffolk Regiment.

We regret to announce the death of Lt.-Col. A. G. Taylor, which occurred at Gosfield Hall, Halstead on 24th November, 1959. He was in his 81st year.

Colonel Taylor was gazetted to the Suffolk Regiment from the East Surrey Militia in March, 1900, and served with the 1st Battalion during the South African War, and in Malta and Egypt. At the outbreak of the 1914-18 War he was posted to the 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion, and subsequently was appointed Adjutant of the 4th Battalion (T.A.). Finally, after a short period in command of the latter, he was posted to the Staff. At the end of the war, Colonel Taylor was appointed Commandant, Douai Demobilisation Collecting Station.

He joined the 2nd Battalion in 1919, at Rugeley, and remained with that Battalion until his retirement in 1927.

During the Second World War, Col Taylor volunteered for employment by the Ministry of Information as a Censor, and was Chief Censor Cable Division throughout the war years.

Col. Taylor was a Vice-President of the Suffolk Regiment Old Comrades Association, in which he always showed great interest and was a regular attender at the Meetings and Annual Reunions. He was a familiar figure at Depot functions and will be sadly missed.

Royal Victoria Patriotic School.

Hitherto this school has been exclusively for the daughters of deceased servicemen. Now, however, The Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation which administers the school, has decided to extend the eligibility to the daughters of servicemen who are living, whether or not they are still serving or have been discharged to civil life.

Full particulars of these facilities can be obtained from The Secretary of the School at Bedwell Park, Essendon, Hatfield, Herts.

Regular Forces Employment Association.

During 1959, this Association placed 19,546 Regular Servicemen in employment, which was 81% of the total who registered in one or other of the 52 Branches of the Association in the United Kingdom. It is interesting to note that of this number, 8,355 were from the Army and included 37 from The Royal Norfolk Regiment and 24 from The Suffolk Regiment.

There are branches of the Association in Britannia Barracks, Norwich, and in Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds.

Lady Grover's Hospital Fund for Officers' Families.

The object of the Fund is to help defray expenses incurred by illness in the families of officers. Membership is open to:—

- (a) Serving and retired officers, for the illness of wives and children.
- (b) Widows, for the illness of themselves and their children dependent upon them.
- (c) Unmarried daughters for their own illness.
- (d) Bachelor Officers for the illness of mothers and unmarried sisters if dependent upon them.

Full particulars of benefits and subscriptions can be obtained from:— The Secretary, 17 Sunbury Court Island, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex.

The Army Cycling Union.

Membership of the Cycling Union is open to all serving Officers and Other Ranks. The subscription rates are Annual Membership 7/6; Life Membership 22/6d.

Cycling activities in each Home Command and B.A.O.R. are organised by an Officer who represents the Command on the Army Cycling Union General Committee.

Membership application forms and all other information may be obtained from:— The Army Cycling Union, The War Office (A.S.C.B.), Stanmore, Middlesex.

1st EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION

If you have served, or are still serving, in either the 1st East Anglian, Royal Norfolk, Suffolk or Cambridgeshire Regiments and are not already a member of your Regimental Association, you should join the 1st East Anglian Regiment Past and Present Association. Write to the Secretary for full particulars at:—

Regimental Headquarters,
1st East Anglian Regiment,
Britannia Barracks,
NORWICH, Norfolk,
NOR. 67A.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Regimental Headquarters is now firmly established in its permanent home in Britannia House, Britannia Barracks, Norwich. There was a tedious delay before this was achieved and even after the Depot of The Royal Norfolk Regiment had closed down and finally vacated these Barracks, we were still trying to work in temporary accommodation. We had been insistent that our new premises should be properly adjusted and redecorated to our requirements before we moved in, and we are satisfied that the delay has been worth while. It is hoped that as time goes on members of the Regiment will become accustomed to where we are and, if ever anywhere near this part of England will make a point of coming to see us. We feel sure that such visits will be of mutual benefit. We ourselves will be in a position to pass on all sorts of items of Regimental news and interest, and likewise will ourselves be eager to receive news from individual members of the Regiment. The Headquarters premises are so designed that we feel confident that all who do visit us will receive the welcome and hospitality that they would expect from their own Regimental Headquarters.

The set up here is as follows:—

In charge: Lieut.-Col. F. R. Marshall (late Royal Norfolk Regiment).

Assisted by: Major W. G. Cripps (late Royal Norfolk Regiment), and a small staff).

Our Address is:

Regimental Headquarters,
The 1st East Anglian Regiment,
(Royal Norfolk and Suffolk),
Britannia Barracks,
Norwich. NOR. 67A

Our Telephone No. is: Norwich 25001.

In addition, the increment to Regimental Headquarters is established at Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, (shortly to move to Blenheim Camp) under the command of Lieut.-Col. H. R. Hopking, O.B.E., late Suffolk Regiment. Telephone No. Bury St. Edmunds 2394.

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1st BATTALION

GENERAL NEWS

29th August, 1959. This was a great day for all of us. As the train carrying Suffolk Officers and men rolled into Iserlohn station the steam emitted from the engine as it applied its brakes was muffled by the sighs of relief from inside the carriages and on the platform. The following is an extract from the 4 Division Magazine "Quadrant."

"The 1st Bn. The Suffolk Regiment was welcomed by all ranks of The 1st Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment. As the Suffolks passed through the gates of Aldershot Barracks, Iserlohn, the familiar Royal Norfolk flag, which was flying outside the guard room, was lowered and the flag of the new Regiment was raised.

"There followed a short but impressive ceremony to mark the amalgamation of the two historic and illustrious infantry Regiments. The two Battalions forming up opposite each other to witness the lowering of both the old Regimental flags and the raising of the new. As these two famous flags were lowered for the last time against the background of the setting sun, the Band and Drums played the new Regimental March whilst officers saluted and men stood solemnly to attention.

"The Commanding Officer in a short welcoming address referred to the fine traditions and spirit which both the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments had built up over 274 years. These, he said 'would be carried on under the new flag which symbolised them'."

The heartaches, headaches and backaches of several months disappeared as the Battalion settled down to prepare for its Inauguration Parade on 19th September.

There are many things still to be done, mostly of a regimental nature. The new Mess Rules are not yet finalised. The Band needs new music stand banners, both Band and Drums need new badges for their card cases: new colour belts are to be designed. The Drum Major awaits his new sash and scarlet jacket. The sash is to have 50 battle honours on it. All this takes time and costs money. The silver has been sorted and that to be disposed of under Regimental management has already left the Battalion.

The strength of the Battalion on 29th August was 38 Officers and 756 other ranks. About 160 men in drafts are expected until mid-1960—then it is anyone's guess. We are already turning over all key and specialist appointments to regulars. This we must do if we are to be able to operate in 1962 when National Service comes to an end. Regular Recruiting is to be the number one aim in future and measures to help this include the posting of C.Q.M.S. Tuffield to Cambridge and W.O.II Forrest to Norfolk as Special Recruiters. Both are held on our establishment which all agree is hardly designed to improve the situation. Let us hope the Treasury will relent soon! Sgt. Pocock is already recruiting in Suffolk. We are making a concentrated effort to modernise our machinery and standards of living. Some measures might well make the 'old and bold' turn in their graves but this is 1960 and times have changed. Outwardly one will see no change, except for the better.

At the time of writing our advance party has already left for Berlin and the main body leaves on 6th February. It is the greatest regret to us that these Battalion Notes are not as complete as we would have liked. There is just not time. There must be much which the retired officers and

soldiers will hope to read about how the new Battalion is faring which is not here. This will be put right in the next number.

Changes in appointments which have taken place and will take place before the next issue are mentioned elsewhere. Special mention must be made of two. Major McArthur has retired after 21 years service, all but six months in the Royal Norfolk Regiment. As P.R.I. at the time of amalgamation he performed a great task on closing 1st Royal Norfolk funds and the opening of the new accounts. The Battalion was indeed lucky in having such a conscientious and capable accountant at that time. Major Fisher-Hoch needs no introduction, he retires in April and will leave a nasty little void which will remain unfulfilled for many moons. Those of us who didn't know him before 29th August know him very well now. Besides commanding H.Q. Company, being P.M.C., Officer i/c Football and many extraneous duties he will long be remembered as Father Christmas by the children, and as the mainstay of the concert party. He will have spent 19 years in the Suffolk Regiment and about nine months with us. To both, all will wish the very best of fortune in the future.



Inauguration Parade — The March Past.

INAUGURATION PARADE

of

THE REGIMENT

by

THE 1st BATTALION

at

ISERLOHN, GERMANY

in the presence of

BRIGADIER R. H. MAXWELL, C.B. — Colonel, The 1st East Anglian Regiment
and

BRIGADIER F. P. BARCLAY, D.S.O., M.C. —
Associate Colonel, The 1st East Anglian Regiment

SATURDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, 1959

ON PARADE

The 1st East Anglian Regiment

Commanding Officer: LIEUT.-COLONEL C. R. MURRAY BROWN, D.S.O.

Adjutant: CAPTAIN J. HALL TIPPING



Brigadier Maxwell inspecting the Suffolk Regiment Guards.

From the former 1st Bn.
The Royal Norfolk Reg.
Second-in-Command:
Major J. B. Dye, M.C.

No. 1 Guard
Major A. H. Athill
Capt. J. G. Jones, M.B.E.
Lieut. M. E. Thorne
2/Lt. D. M. Cropp

No. 2 Guard
Major E. W. A. Power
Capt. J. D. A. Fitzgerald
2/Lt. J. M. Kidner
2/Lt. F. G. Smith

From the former 1st Bn.
The Suffolk Regiment
Second-in-Command:
Major P. B. Forrest, M.C.

No. 1 Guard
Maj. C. J. V. Fisher-Hoch
Capt. A. B. Horrex, M.C.
Lieut. W. J. B. Peat
2/Lt. M. Baxter

No. 2 Guard
Maj. R. M. Williams, M.C.
Capt. A. K. Catchpole
Lieut. P. W. Morton
Lieut. B. L. Coates

COLOUR PARTIES

The Royal Norfolk Regiment

The Queen's Colour: Lieut. D. L. Clarke
The Regimental Colour: Lieut. B. J. M. Gunton

The Suffolk Regiment

The Queen's Colour: Lieut. C. M. J. Barnes
The Regimental Colour: Lieut. S. A. Rowsell

Regimental Sergeant-Major:

R.S.M. G. V. Raynor

Bandmaster:

G. A. Holben, A.R.C.M.

Drum-Major:

T. Hitchen

On the afternoon of 17th September, the Colonel and Associate Colonel arrived and were immediately swept into a round of social events. That evening the Warrant Officers and Sergeants entertained "bachelor" in their Mess, giving both Brigadiers a chance to meet old friends and new ones.

Photographs of the Officers and W.O.s and Sergeants took place next morning to the strains of the Regimental Band who were recording for British Forces Network our new Regimental March, "Rule Britannia and Speed the Plough." It will interest readers to know that no suitable new march could be designed and that Bandmaster Holben has written a very effective 'link' between the two old marches which has now been officially accepted by the School of Music and War Office.

On the evening of the 18th the Officers Mess held its first Guest Night. With the combined silver on the table and two magnificent centre-pieces, Officers in their new or amended mess kits and toasts and traditions familiar to only half of the diners, the evening was unique. Undaunted by the thought of the parade next morning the usual high jinks continued until the early hours. Brigadier Barclay broke a finger and didn't know it!

It was indeed a disappointment to us, and must have been to many at home, that more old soldiers of both regiments could not be with us on this unique occasion. Many may have seen the Anglia television production of the "Birth of a Regiment" which faithfully portrayed the occasion. We have not yet seen it.

When all spectators were seated and Brigadier Maxwell and Brigadier Barclay had arrived, the Band and Corps of Drums marched on, right across the front, wheeled and approached the dais, counter-marched and took up station behind the inspection line. They were a grand sight, drummers all in scarlet and a total strength of 83 on parade.

Two guards from each Regiment then marched on to parade simultaneously from opposite sides of the parade ground, Major Forrest as second-in-command designate, and senior officer of either regiment, fell in the officers, and the Colours of both Regiments were then marched on separately. Royal Norfolk to "Rule Britannia" and Suffolk to



The Colonel and Associate Colonel with Officers of the 1st Battalion, September, 1959.

Back Row: Lt. B. Coates, 2/Lt. D. M. Cropp, 2/Lt. L. G. Baxter, 2/Lt. R. Ridley-Thomas, 2/Lt. J. Sutherland, 2/Lt. H. R. Horrex, 2/Lt. J. K. Moore, 2/Lt. F. G. Smith, 2/Lt. A. Train, Lt. C. Barnes, Lt. S. A. Rowsell.

Centre Row: Rev. E. Kendra, Lt. M. E. Thorne, Lt. W. J. B. Peat, Capt. (Q.M.) C. E. Howard, Capt. A. B. Horrex, M.C., Capt. J. G. Jones, M.B.E., Capt. J. Hall-Tipping, Capt. J. D. A. Fitzgerald, Capt. A. K. Cathchpole, Capt. F. C. Ford, Capt. K. C. G. Lywood, Capt. R. G. Wilson, Lt. (Q.M.) N. McColl, Lt. B. J. M. Gunton, Lt. D. L. Clarke.

Front Row: Major R. M. Williams, M.C., Major J. B. Dye, M.C., Major A. F. McArthur, Lt.-Col. C. R. Murray Brown, D.S.O., Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, C.B., Brigadier F. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., Major P. B. Forrest, M.C., Major C. J. V. Fisher-Hoch, Major A. H. Athill, Major R. B. Gofton-Salmond, R.A.P.C., Major E. W. A. Power.

"The Duchess." At this stage the colours were within the ranks of their former regiments.

It was a lovely day, clear blue sky and a hot sun, when Brigadiers Maxwell and Barclay inspected their respective regimental guards. Then each Regiment marched past their respective Colonels in line. The standard of drill and marching was excellent, the new Self-Loading Rifle Drill making its debut and coming out of it fairly well. As the guards wheeled for the second time in line they executed a manoeuvre which left a gap of an arm's width between each man. The Suffolk guards now marched straight into the ranks of the Royal Norfolk guards and halted, No. 1 Suffolk guard having passed through the ranks of No. 2 Royal Norfolk guard. This complicated drill movement was apparently thought up by the Adjutant in his bath! It proved most effective and symbolised the joining of the two Regiments. The next manoeuvre, equally as complicated, left the new Battalion formed up in line as four new guards, Norfolk and Suffolk soldiers shoulder to shoulder, with the Massed Colours in the centre.

The Commanding Officer now assumed command and requested permission of Brigadier Maxwell for the new Battalion to march past for the first time.

At the conclusion of the parade the Colonel of The Regiment (Brigadier R. H. Maxwell) gave a short address. He said that when, two years ago, the news was first received that The Royal Norfolk Regiment and The Suffolk Regiment were to be amalgamated it came as rather a shock, but at the time the thought in everyones mind was "Well, if it has to be, we couldn't wish for better partners. We are both the same age, we talk, almost, the same language and we like each other." He spoke of the very friendly atmosphere that had prevailed during our joint discussions prior to amalgamation, and paid a tribute to Brigadier Wilkinson, who, had been Colonel of The Royal Norfolk Regiment, and who had done so much to bring this about. It was clear that the new Regiment had got off to a good start and, in urging all to see to it that our two counties had cause to be proud, he expressed the absolute confidence of himself, of Brigadier Barclay and of their own Commanding Officer that they would do so. Finally he read out the following message which had that day been received from Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, their Colonel-in-Chief who had always taken such a lively and personal interest in her Regiment:—

"On this day of your Amalgamation Parade I send to all ranks my very best wishes for the future, I am truly delighted to be Colonel-in-Chief of The 1st East Anglian Regiment and I assure you that the interests of The Regiment will always be my constant concern."

Margaret. Colonel-in-Chief.

We had about 300 guests from local units, and the Divisional Commander 4 Div., Major General Hopkinson, arrived by helicopter and generously lent his Staff Car to Brigadier Maxwell. Other guests included our Brigade Commander, Brigadier Pope, Brigadier Freeland and Lt. Colonels Bevan, Campbell and Parkin.

The officers' and sergeants' messes entertained their guests to lunch afterwards.

In the evening a monumental All Ranks Dance was ably arranged by Lt. Gunton, who had gone to considerable lengths and risk to import a large number of the opposite sex. The Battalion was now successfully launched and then settled down to one week's training before going on Brigade Exercises.

Training.

Exercise "Random Harvest." The weather held and the whole Battalion drove out in Troop Carrying Vehicles to a concentration area just east of the River Weser. It was a two and a half day, two-sided exercise in which we were enemy against the Buffs. A hectic first morning practising assault boating and infantry tank co-operation with our affiliated Squadron of The Greys was followed by recess. and orders for an opposed night crossing. As very few soldiers or junior officers had had any previous experience at this phase of war it was doubtful if our approach and crossing would be silent. "B" Coy led the assault from the main beach while "C" Coy crossed as a diversion about a mile up stream and an hour earlier. The crossing was successful, "B" Coy were soon moving inland, "C" Coy were out of touch and "A" Coy got over with Battalion Tac Headquarters. The tanks and battalion vehicles, guns and other supporting troops came round by road over an existing bridge. "A" Coy married up with the tanks and with a platoon riding on a Centurion each set off across country in the dark preceded by the two forward troops of the squadron. By first light we were on our objectives.

For the next 36 hours we pressed forward only to be driven back atomised and generally umpired out! We thought we had completely foxed the Buffs and could have run right through but they say that was not so. Anyway a most valuable training exercise was completed and great fun had by all. We returned tired and exhausted.

Apart from this one large scale exercise, training has been mainly on the initiative test, section and cadre level. 110 miles marching is all the rage and although completely without military application it has produced a tremendous inter-Coy spirit. Practically all men in the Coys are involved in some way or other—running staging posts, dressing stations, pacing, etc. "B" Coy hold the record in a time of 27 hours 6 minutes, which by anyone's standards is very good. It is unofficially the Army record.

CHRISTMAS 1959

There is no need to write at length about the usual round of Coy and Department parties which go on non-stop in the month of December. The children's party was very ably organised by Mrs. Forrest and her Welfare Committee and Major Fisher-Hoch's arrival as Father Christmas in a jeep-borne float with flaming torches delighted the children. Judging by the excitement and noise they will long remember their first Christmas in the new Regiment.

The pantomime too was much enjoyed and the hard work put in by Major Fisher-Hoch and the Band and Drums was reflected in the excellence of the production. The cast was 100% Band and Drums

and together with all their other social activities, Officers', W.O.s' and Sergeants' and all ranks' Balls, they have very fully earned their pay this year.

The All Ranks Dance was not so successful from a dancing viewpoint owing to lack of girls. Our contact with the Hagen Laundry failed owing to some trouble they had encountered at another unit dance the week previously! But much beer was consumed and NO ONE went into the guard room over the whole Christmas period.

Capt. J. Hall Tipping has left to instruct at the School of Infantry and Capt. A. B. Horrex, M.C., is now Adjutant.

Capt. J. D. A. Fitzgerald leaves for an appointment in Mauritius.

Lieut. D. L. Clarke leaves for the Aden Protectorate Levies as an instructor at their Infantry Training Centre.

C.Q.M.S. Tuffield is to be special Recruiter for Cambridge.



Santa Claus (Major Fisher-Hoch) arrives at Iserlohn.

Farewell Parade of G.O.C. in C.

The Battalion was honoured in being selected to provide the Band and Drums at the parade for the departure of the G.O.C. in C., General Sir Dudley Ward, at Munchen Gladbach. The Commanding Officer has received a letter of appreciation in which the excellence of their turn-out and playing was commented on.

Sport.

At all games we have very good Battalion teams indeed. Unfortunately in Army Cup matches, Soccer and Rugby, we were unable to settle down and are now out of both. Our Cross-Country team is in very good form and we have high hopes of doing something big in this line. Inter-Platoon and Company competitions have been fought with great keenness and the all round standard of fitness is now very high.

All in all the Battalion has settled down well, is doing well and looking forward with confidence to the future.

Personalia

Major A. P. McArthur has retired.

Major C. J. V. Fisher-Hoch leaves for courses and retirement in April.

Major A. H. Athill has left to command the Kenya Regiment Training Centre.

C.S.M. Boxall is leaving in May to assume duties as C.S.M. H.Q. 5 Inf. Bde. Gp.

Cpl. Lee (R. Norfolk) completes his 22 years and leaves for civilian life. He has been running the P.R.I. Shop at enormous profit (to us!).

There are very many others too numerous to mention here.

The Orderly Room regrets that it is quite unable at this time to provide information regarding new additions to families. They are so numerous that any disclosures of figures might radically change the married percentage we are allowed! In fact they are overworked and will produce the details next time.

OFFICERS' MESS

P.M.C.: Major C. J. V. Fisher-Hoch.

Mess Sgt.: Sgt. Hull.

September to January has passed so quickly and the whole period has been crammed with activity of one form or another.

The first large mess function was after the Amalgamation Parade. It was a fine and sunny day and lunch was served on the terrace outside the mess for a multitude of guests. It made a fine climax to the day and the parade.

Guest nights have been held each month, the last being the Ladies Night before Christmas. Fifty sat down to dinner. The Band was in good tune and

voice and with sundry other entertainments the evening ended in the early hours of the morning with dancing and the arrival and departure of Father Christmas.

Curry lunches for wives and guests on one Sunday a month continue with the final one held as an advance party benefit before their departure to Berlin.

One of the most interesting jobs on amalgamation was the sorting of silver. Laid out in the dining room it made a grand display. The resulting selection must have given us a collection equal to any in the Army today. It has been displayed twice since. Once for the Sergeants' Mess on the occasion of their Christmas visit, and once for a German Youth visit. It is regretted that no photos have yet been taken. This will be rectified before the next Journal is issued.

Christmas has come and gone with the usual over-excesses and excitements. The Commanding Officer started the holiday with a lunch time drinks party in the mess. There was no looking back. The mess was handsomely decorated and our cards exceeded a hundred. Many thanks and best wishes are extended by us all to those individuals who sent us cards.

Visits from the Royal Ulster Rifles make us aware the move is not far away. Alas poor annexe—still not complete. The coming and going of workmen, diggers and dozers has churned up what garden there was, terrified the mess cats, and the many detonations and explosions have been a hazard to members and windows alike. We hope the Ulsters are able to move in before 1961.

Before the departure of the advance party Major Page and the Officers of 5 Fd. Sqn. R.E. held a drinks party for us and presented the mess with a set of engraved silver ash trays. A most kind and appreciated gesture. For the record, this is the first piece of silver presented to the Regiment.

Even in this short period there have been many changes. We have said farewell to Andrew Athill and family on departure to U.K. prior to their move to Kenya. Ken Lywood has moved to the Depot. Jonathan Hall-Tipping and Charles Barnes to the School of Infantry. Jimmy McArthur has retired and Brian Coates and Andrew Train have returned to civilian life. Paddy Ford to G III (Int.) at Bde. is now on a course in England. We wish them all the very best of fortune in their new appointments.

Some however have returned or joined the fold. Ernie Morgan from Aden. Peter Morton from the Depot. Hugh Horrex our latest joined regular and Chris Mather and Bob Pattinson are our new N.S. arrivals.

We have been delighted to have visits from Bob Slade on holiday in Iserlohn, Colonels Bertie Bevan, Arthur Campbell, Alan Parkin and Malcolm Dewar, and from Adrian Robertson, Murray Petit and Pat Hopper.

We are all looking forward to the move to Berlin. In the meantime we all extend our heartiest wishes for a Happy New Year to all members of the Regiment.

SERGEANTS MESS

Once more the time has come to review the past few months of Mess life. With the festive season almost over, heads are somewhat more clear and normality once more resumed.

Apart from a slight lull in tempo during the month of November one can almost say that we have had two festive seasons during the past four months. First and foremost was that of the Amalgamation, which was quite a busy affair. The practice of work hard, play hard was certainly exercised to the fullest extent. However on the 19th September our efforts were finally put to the test by holding the Inauguration Parade and judging by the remarks and photographs since, it was time well spent.

Our sporting activities as a Mess have been of a somewhat limited nature, although needless to say we have been well represented within the battalion and company teams. Shooting, Hockey and Basket Ball seem to pull out our best talent, and special mention must be given to Sgt. Watson for his efforts in the Bn. Football Team, and his marching feats. It is hoped that when we are finally settled in at Berlin that we can improve our Badminton Club, so that we may be able to throw out a few challenges to other Messes, or as it mentioned that we should "Squash" that one.

The Christmas Festivities within the Mess started rather earlier than usual owing to the fact that several members had to get away on well earned leave in the U.K. Our first Social Event took the form of a Sgts' Mess Christmas Draw, and we were honoured with the presence of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Murray-Brown to assist with the proceedings. Credit must be given to S/Sgt. Ridout who was responsible for the running of the "Bung Club" in conjunction with the Christmas Draw. Judging by the amount of prizes which went to certain members, it was quite obvious that much time had been spent during the previous months on the Pokey Die Pot, and "Bunging Up." However now that the Draw has taken place, the old familiar cry of "Bung Up" at all times of the night is no longer heard, and one can now settle down to a bath without having to produce the "Bung" from amidst a load of lather.

On the evening of the 22nd December a very successful Dinner and Social was held in the local hotel in the Bn. Training Area, where all members and their ladies were seated. The traditional "Pork Cutlet" was included on the menu, which was not unfamiliar to most members who frequent such haunts as the Bahnhof during the weekends. The success of the evening must be attributed to C.S.M. Fowler and his committee, who kept the party going until the small hours of the morning with all the usual fun and games to be found at Sgt. Mess Socials.

By 07.30 hours Christmas Morning the strain of previous events appeared to have taken its toll. The tradition of serving tea to the men in bed was upheld, but the time of Reveille differed quite considerably in some quarters. Before serving the Mess Dinner, the Officers were invited in for drinks. This was in return for the hospitality given to us on the morning of the 19th when the Sergeants visited the Officers' Mess for drinks.

The highlight of Boxing day was the "Living In" members' dinner. The ladies of the Mess turned up in force, and did the serving. A delightful spread

was laid out by Sgt. Lawson and his staff. To those who have dined at such places as the "Cosmo" in that other place! the resemblance was much the same. Food and wine were in abundance, so much so that the ladies were able to be seated during the latter stages of the proceedings and the honours being returned by the "Living In" members.

Our entrance to the New Year was assisted by the efforts of C.S.M. Cox and his committee, who organised the Sgts' Mess New Year Ball in the Gymnasium. With the assistance of the Bn. Dance Band all the traditional honours were done at the appropriate stages of the night. The attendance of other Unit representatives were somewhat restricted owing to the fact that our more Northern Friends were celebrating the New Year in their traditional styles. However a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

At the time of writing our Advance Party are on their way to Eerlin. Much speculation was cast to our future there, but thanks to the efforts of the R.S.M. and The Bandmaster, who have made a recce, it doesn't seem such a bad place after all. The mere fact that the Living-In members will live in Company Blocks, which are ten minutes walk from the Mess, should improve the Messing considerably, as it is not considered etiquette to travel that distance for breakfast every morning.

CORPORALS' CLUB

On the 29th August we saw the birth of the new Regiment, but apart from being the birth of a new Regiment it was also the birth of a new Corporals' Club.

Much has been said by N.C.O.s of both the old Regiments about the marvellous Corporals' Messes they had in other stations, but now everyone has got to know everyone else in the Mess a great spirit of comradeship has developed and many new

friendships made, and we can now all say without doubt that the present Corporal's Club is the best ever known by any of the members.

Our first event as a new club was the house warmer we had on the eve of the arrival of the ex-Suffolk members and it could be seen from the start that the new club was going to be a great success. At the Cricket Match and Beating Retreat the Corporals' Club provided a beer tent for its members which was very much appreciated by all.

We had a very educational tour of Ritter Brewery where members learnt quite a lot about the art of making beer and also it seems in the art of drinking it. At this visit to Ritter Brewery a challenge was thrown to Ritter Brewery to a football match to be played at Iserlohn. On 7th November quite a good crowd turned out on a very cold afternoon to watch the stars of the club play the members of Ritter Brewery. The club managed at great expense to secure such players as "Nobby" East, "Dinger" Bell and that flash ballplayer-comebarman Harry Lockwood. It was a close game which we narrowly lost 6-1. As we thought our opponents had the luck of the game we asked for a return match at Ritter Brewery which we are very sorry to relate also ended in a failure for the Club.

After the match at Iserlohn we had a very enjoyable evening finishing off the large amount of beer which Ritter Brewery had kindly brought along with them. Our dart team under the keen eye of George Turner, has brought off many good victories which includes the defeat of the Green Howards Corporals' Mess and our own Sergeants' Mess. Amongst our other sporting activities was a Basket Ball match and a Hockey match both of which ended in victory for the Corporals' Mess.

Our last social function was the Christmas Social and Dance, held in the Gymnasium. Thanks



Life in the Corporals' Club.



The Skiffle Group.

to the great arrangements of our P.M.C. Cpl. Edwards, and a great deal of hard work by the Entertainment Committee and many other members of the Club it was a great success. Thanks also to Joe Lambert for a great buffet.

"A" COMPANY

Major A. H. Athill; Capt. R. G. Wilson;
C.S.M. M. Fowler; C.Q.M.S. J. Nichols.

"A" Company settled down very quickly after amalgamation to serious training. It seemed a long time since any rifle company had four full strength platoons with enough officers and N.C.Os to go round and every opportunity to carry out company training was taken although rather restricted by the rehearsals for the Amalgamation Parade.

No sooner was the parade finished that the Battalion moved to Brilon for a Brigade Exercise, held in most perfect weather.

In spite of the fact that the men had only been together for three weeks, they did a creditable night river crossing and deep penetration on tanks of the Greys. To most of us, the riding on the tanks across country by night was most exciting.

A few days after our return from Brilon, we went to Sennelager with "B" Company, to fire our annual classification. Again the weather was perfect and consequently, in spite of gloomy forebodings, classification with the new self loading rifle reached a very high level, twenty-five per cent of the men getting marksmen with the rifle. Ptes Fincham and Caulfield shot particularly well.

After Sennelager the company strength fell off as a release group went out. Quite a number of company personalities left with the group including L/C Bullard, the company clerk, Pte. Colls, Cpl. Desborough and others who had served with the company throughout their service.

About that time the vogue for long distance marching started, and a team of 2nd. Lt. Suther-

land, Sgt. Watson, L/C Vaughan and Pte. Worboyes succeeded in capturing temporarily the B.A.O.R. record of marching 110 miles in 29 hours 8 minutes. Warboyes' ankle swelled up and he had to stop after 75 miles, and L/C Vaughan was unable to keep up with the longer legged Sutherland and Watson, and took 32 hours over the march. But 2nd Lt. Sutherland and Sgt. Watson averaged well over 4 m.p.h. to complete the course in 29 hours 8 minutes which was a very determined effort.

In sport, "A" Company lies second in the Battalion football league at the time of going to press, and has two members of the Battalion football team, Sgt. Watson and Pte. Morse. Pte. Prior always plays an excellent game in goal and it is largely due to his efforts that we have managed to hold second place.

There have been few postings to and from the company except for release groups leaving, but in October C/Sgt. Nicholls took over from C/Sgt. Newitt who went to organise the M.I. room, and Cpl. Horne was posted to Sp. Company to train the new drafts. Cpl. East and Cpl. Edwards went to the Regimental police and Cpl. Brunning to the depot at Bury. In January Major Athill will hand over command to Capt. Wilson, as he is off to East Africa for a tour with the Kenya Regiment and it is expected that in Berlin Major R. M. Williams will become the new "A" Company commander.

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"B" COMPANY

"B" Company formed on amalgamation from a direct fusion of "B" Company 1st Royal Norfolk and "B" Company 1st Suffolk, and we then found ourselves 135 strong, but now our numbers have shrunk—we shall be 65 strong when we go to Berlin.

Personalla on Amalgamation.

Company Commander: Major E. W. A. Power.
2 i/c: Captain A. K. Catchpole.
5 Pl.: 2/Lt. M. Kidner.
6 Pl.: 2/Lt. M. Baxter.
7 Pl.: Lt. A. C. Gladwell.
8 Pl.: 2/Lt. A. F. Train.
C.S.M.: C.S.M. Fowler, M.M.
C.Q.M.S.: C/Sgt. Holden.
Pl. Sgts.: Sgt. Taylor, Sgt. Mixer, Sgt. Day, Sgt. King.

The week at Sennelager was a huge success. We lived under canvas in company with "A" Company, and every day provided the most glorious shooting weather; shooting results were therefore somewhat naturally good, despite the fact that it was the first time that many had fired the new course. No less than 24% qualified as marksmen with the new self-loading rifle. The overall champion shots throughout the week were:—

Pte. Soldiers: Rifle: Pte. Brown (63).
L.M.G.: Pte. Bowtell.
Cpls.: Rifle: Cpl. Speight,
L.M.G.: Cpl. Russell.

As a finale to the week we beat "A" Company in a "bursting balloon" competition.



Cpl. Smith and L/Cpl. Ridley after their 110 miles march.

September.

We had two targets to go for, the Amalgamation Parade and the Brigade Exercise "Ex Random Harvest" at the end of the month.

The former will be mentioned elsewhere in the Journal, the latter however required a lot of hard strenuous work by all, particularly those ex members of 1st Suffolk who had had a lot of leave at Shorncliffe.

The highlight was probably the company exercise in which we first of all marched the 25 odd miles to the Mohne See in a day and then bivouacked for the day. The next day we began the homeward march, this time tactically with attacks on the way, culminating in a march and shoot competition which was won by 5 platoon.

October.

A glorious Indian summer continued until about the 25th of the month and enabled us to enjoy to the full both the Brigade Exercise and the annual classification at Sennelager.

November.

November was notable for three events of importance:—

Adventure Training.

Trips to Winterberg.

The first 110 mile march.

Adventure Training.

Many and far-flung have been the places visited by men of "B" Company; Switzerland, Austria, Holland, Belgium, Italy, we've been to them all and made a lot of good friends. It won't be quite so easy to travel from Berlin to all these places but even so we hope to keep it up.

Winterberg.

Beds made for you, waitresses at table, good food, games in the evening, all for 2/- a day. What more can you want? All three platoons went up for a four day stay at the Dew Drop Inn, run by Naafi, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves; three days out of the four were spent in hiking in the hills and the other in "resting."



"B" Company, 1st Battalion, August, 1959.

The First 110 mile march.

The current craze was taken up by Ptes. Duck and Care who had a go at the end of the month. A route was chosen which lay in the hills to the South of Iserlohn and they set off at 12 noon from the company square. At each stage of the journey they were accompanied by a pace maker, whose main job in the later stages was to keep them from falling asleep. Conditions were good the whole way round, the weather being mild and still, Duck eventually finished in 29 hours 26 minutes, but Care unfortunately pulled a ligament about 20 miles from home.

December.

December was a month of rounding things off.

Football.

The first half of the battalion inter-company league was completed with the company first with an unbeaten record. It is perhaps football in which the company excels, to the extent that we have six battalion players — L/Cpl. Douglas, Ptes. Mann, Holden, Chisnall, Ryan and Perry — and on one notable occasion, New Year's Day, "B" Company players scored 17 goals in the two matches which were played against the 1st Bn. The Green Howards.

We provided both the finalists in the Christmas Six-a-Side competition and were runners up in the inter company friendly matches.

So altogether we have had a very successful season and shall be hard put to it to maintain our record.

The Second 110 mile march.

Cpl. Smith and L/Cpl. Ridley did the course in 27 hours 6 minutes to recapture the record from "A" Company. One need say no more than it was a very gallant effort, done in conditions which weren't good, with heavy rain and high winds in the night. Neither marcher was showing any ill effects after a week.

Basket Ball.

7 Pl. reached the final of the Battalion inter Platoon basket ball competition when they were beaten by the favourites, the Band.

Other Sports.

Cpl. Smith, L/Cpl. Douglas and Pte. Holden represented the battalion in the Cross Country; Major Power, 2/Lt. Horrex and C/Sgt. Holden at hockey; 2/Lt. Kidner and Cpl. Johnston at Rugby.

1st January, 1960.

Christmas is over and a New Year is ahead of us. We know all about Berlin from our Company Commander who has already served there for 3½ years, and it holds no horrors for us. Our target for the next six months is to win the Berlin Brigade Platoon Battle Test, the Battalion Drill Competition and the Battalion Rifle Meeting, and we don't mind who knows it.

We shall very shortly lose a large number of our friends who will complete their National Service; to them we say "Goodbye and Good Luck." To all our readers wherever you may be, in a T.A. Drill Hall, in a pub, in your homes, we say, "B" Company, 1st East Anglian Regiment is the same as all other "B" Companies, the Best Company. Why not give us a trial?

"C" COMPANY

Major E. H. Morgan, M.B.E., M.C.

Capt. J. D. A. Fitzgerald

C.S.M. R. Evans, M.M.; C.Q.M.S. E. J. Sennett.

Since amalgamation the company has gone a long way to becoming a part of the new battalion. All our members have settled in and the company is now one happy family. We are perhaps lucky in as much as most of our members come from one battalion and therefore knew each other from the start, but this situation is rapidly changing as the numbers disappearing on discharge continue to grow, and by the beginning of March the company will be down to about thirty strong. Rumour has it that a draft is on its way.

The original organisation of the company was in the hands of Capt. Fitzgerald, who is now 2nd i/c with Major Morgan as Company Commander, the Platoons being commanded by 2/Lts. Jefferson and Cropp and Lt. Rowell, the latter shortly to leave us for the Depot, C.S.M. Evans mans the Company Office and sees that the company is kept in good order. C.Q.M.S. Sennett fiddles the stores, while Sgts. Garwood, Kelly and Bullock man the platoons.

Old worthies, like Cpls. Doherty, Rackham and Gurnett are still part of the company, despite the number of days they spend away from us on one pretence or another. Cpl. Rackham is gradually building up to a regular rubber ball, having spent so much time under the eyes of the A.P.T.C. and is now off once again to Aldershot to improve his qualifications.

Our sporting activities have been decidedly limited; at football we are bottom of the league, whilst at a New Year's turnout for cross-country, we won hands down. In the small-bore shooting league, our platoons hold three of the first four places.

9 Platoon.

Was commanded first by Lt. Coates, who has now left the Army to join the Kenya Police, and then by 2/Lt. Jefferson. Over the last few months we have been training to fit ourselves into this European style of warfare; digging, crawling and stalking around, both by day and night. Our efforts have not been in vain, for now we are a little more in the picture. Unfortunately, we are in the same boat as many others, the numbers going out are leaving great gaps in our ranks, and as from January a completely reorganised platoon is to be formed.

10 Platoon.

In the inter-platoon young soldier .22 competition 10 Pl. has been doing very well. We have won two rounds, winning our first with 341 points and winning the second with 337 points.

With one more round to go we stand a very good chance of winning the competition. Our shooting team is: Ptes. Fuller, Nichols, Hockley and L/Cpl. Andrews.

Since amalgamation we have lost all our section commanders, Cpl. Kershaw and L/Cpl. Savage being discharged; Cpl. Adams posted to the Intelligence section of Battalion H.Q., L/Cpl. Lamont went home on compassionate leave and has since gone on regular release. We wish him the very best of luck in the future. Ptes. Charles and Cooper (215) posted to the M.T. Platoon with Ptes. Gray and

Tilling off to H.Q. Company. Cpl. Green of H.Q. Company came for a short time but has now left us again. Ptes. Rackham and Robinson have been with us for only a few weeks: Pte. Rackham being the brother of Cpl. Rackham, who is in 11 Platoon.

In the past four months the platoon has been on a few exercises and perhaps our biggest one was Exercise Random Harvest at Brilon. This was quite a hard exercise and the platoon worked very well. We had one amusing incident, which occurred during the exercise and caused quite a laugh to those concerned. It was just after first light when movement was observed about three hundred yards to our front. There were tanks in the area so a patrol was sent out with a Rocket Launcher to locate the trouble. The area was circled, and the patrol was about to go into the attack, when who should appear scrambling through the bushes but our C.S.M. and a Company Storeman. Although it didn't appear very funny at the time, there was cause later to joke about what would have happened to the C.S.M. if he had been caught.

The platoon has not been very good at any of the major games. But on losing L/Cpl. Savage the platoon suffered quite a bit as he was a very good footballer and played for the C.E.Y.M.S. team in Norfolk.

The biggest topic at the moment is of course our posting to Berlin. There are countless questions to be asked on all subjects, and the answer is always the same, "Why not wait until you get there." We are really looking forward to going to Berlin and making a point of enjoying ourselves.

11 Platoon.

Like the other platoons we have spent most of our time settling down and getting to know each other. Training has been plentiful and varied, mainly to fit us for this European type of warfare. The platoon has been under Lt. Rowsell for most of the time, Sgt. Garwood being the Platoon Sergeant. Like the rest of the company we have suffered from the rundown and under the new organisation will disappear completely. Nevertheless we have still been able to keep up with the others in the small-bore league and are at present lying fourth, one of our members, L/Cpl. Kirwan, holding the position of best young soldier shot.

Unfortunately, football has not been one of our major attributes, although Sgt. Garwood has now qualified as a referee and promises to get a bit more life into the game.

We are looking forward to the move to Berlin and the prospects of new surroundings. Finally we would like to wish "bon voyage" to those members of the platoon who have left for the wide open markets of civil life.

SUPPORT COMPANY

Major J. B. Dye, M.C.; C.S.M. A. F. Cox;
C.Q.M.S. C/Sgt. T. Aspinall

Support Company formed on "A" Day, 29th August, 1959, consists of the signal, mortar, anti-tank and machine gun platoons, assault pioneers and a training wing. Each sub-unit has contributed notes on their activities since that day, and these will be found in succeeding columns.

From the company point of view it has been a busy period of getting to know each other and coming to an amicable arrangement as to how things should best be run. This has been happily

achieved, and it is now difficult to remember (even if one wanted to) who came from which Regiment. The new East Anglian tradition will be further cemented on the 11th January, when members of the new draft are posted to their platoons, they having been East Anglian soldiers from the day they joined the Army.

The arrival of recent drafts has brought us almost up to our proper strength, and we look forward to getting down to cadres and specialist platoon work on arrival in Berlin.

There has been plenty of military activity round the B.A.O.R. "bull-run" during the past three months, and visits have been paid to Brilon, Sennelager and Hohne for formation training, classification and field firing. The trip to Hohne by the mortar and anti-tank platoons was made very enjoyable by our being looked after by 8th Royal Tank Regiment extremely well and the fact that we had a year's allocation of ammunition to get through in four days.

On the sporting side we have more than held our own. After being runners-up in the first half of the Coy football league, we beat our old rivals "B" Coy in the final of the Christmas knock-out competition after an excellent game. At basket ball the only trouble we encounter is from the Band, and we have high hopes in the Battalion .22 shooting competition.

At the time of writing most people are commuting daily between Berlin and Iserlohn, but by mid-February we hope to be in one piece in Berlin and look forward to our new life there.

Signal Platoon.

Lt. M. E. Thorne, 2/Lt. J. K. Moore, S/Sgt. Fox, Sgt. Waller.

The Signal Platoon formed on amalgamation in August has had a very pleasant start to its career. There has been plenty to do, both from the training and the recreational side, and as a result one wouldn't know there had been an amalgamation. In the training world, we soon found ourselves working hard on Battalion and Brigade Exercises, out of which everyone emerged with credit, in particular the wireless operators on exercise "Random Harvest." Cpl. Biggs succeeded in getting 4 miles of cable stolen by an irate German farmer, which will no doubt please Higher Authority immensely (£13 10s. 0d. a mile). In October we held our classification, in which nearly everyone was successful, and those who weren't will get another chance in February when training starts for those lucky enough to get sent to us from the Draft.

In other forms of training we can also claim some fame, as we are lying a close 2nd in the Battalion .22 Young Soldiers Platoon Competition. The team, Ptes. Hopgood, Ringwood, Curson and Wheeldon, have shot very well.

Our thoughts now turn to Christmas, and we are busy organising decorations for the cook-house. Pte. Bendon has painted a very good mural and S/Sgt. Fox has set it alight with flashing lights in the style of Picadilly Circus.

We confidently expect the C.O. to award us the crate of beer.

On 11th December we had a most enjoyable Platoon Party at the Am Ufer Pub where, after an enormous supper, Ptes. Carr, Allison and Bendon and others kept us entertained with Rock and Roll, etc. The Platoon Skiffle Group is in fact heavily booked up.

In the sporting world our main Platoon effort has been directed into the football field, and our results so far with six wins and four defeats, show we have a good team. In particular, because when playing against the Mortar or A/T.K. Platoons, they invariably picked the "stars" of the opposite platoon to fill up the team.

The following have represented the Battalion in various sports:—

Rugger: First XV: Lieut. Thorne, 2/Lt. Moore. Second XV: Cpl. Desborough, Cpl. Biggs, Pte. Stocker, Pte. Erewin and Pte. Morris.

Cross Country: 2/Lt. Moore, Pte. Stares, Pte. Morris and Cpl. Desborough (always first home).

Hockey: First XI: Lieut. Thorne, Cpl. Cook. Second XI: Cpl. Boon, Pte. Morris.

Football: Second XI: Pte. Wheeldon.

Seven members of the platoon have felt the lure of civilian life too much for them, Cpls. Desborough and Cook, L/Cpl. Duffield, Ptes. Tuck, Hurn, Woodrow and Defty. All of whom we hope to see at the Signal Platoon reunion party (9th January, Great Eastern Hotel, Norwich).

In their stead we welcome L/Cpl. Ratcliffe (Ex 1st Suffolk Signal Platoon) and Pte. Durrant from the Boys' Battalion. Lastly, we wish Cpl. Boon good luck on his R.S.I. course at Hythe in January, and to Pte. Stocker on becoming an Orderly Room Clerk!

3" Mortar Platoon

Lt. D. Baily, Sgt. Beckett.

In the months since amalgamation the platoon has enjoyed a lot of interesting and rewarding activity, military and otherwise. But alas, by the time this column goes to press we will have undergone an almost complete change of composition.

At Brilon, the platoon was in "B" Company area, and our drill and work aroused their wonder and admiration. On Hohne ranges zero visibility prevented anything but (predicted) shooting, but excellent results were achieved. At Sennelager we had one day only in which to fire nearly two tons of smoke-bombs; this was achieved uneventfully with the exception of five bombs landing hazardously close to the British Military Hospital vegetable garden, due to a trivial range error of 1,000 yards on the part of a crew who shall remain anonymous.

Apart from training, most of us have taken part in more internal activities. A party of ten spent a most enjoyable three days at Winterberg early in December, and a team of five took part in "Adventure Training" by cycling to Arnheim and surprisingly, back again. Their experiences are recorded elsewhere. Until Christmas six of us have been training for the 110 mile march and promising timings have been made.

Amongst the many "Goodbyes" the first must go to Lt. Peat, who is not far away however, having taken over the training of the 60 strong draft. It is understood that the draftees' feet have not touched the ground since. Our Platoon Sergeant has left us for the dizzy heights of the Q staff. He is now C/Sgt. Nicholls and we congratulate him on his promotion. Cpl. Smith has followed Lt. Peat into the Training Platoon and Ptes. Hastings and Sadler (our two soccer stars) recently opted for the vacancies of Company Storemen. Our own storeman Pte. Richardson, has been lost to civvy street. In the next month or two he will be joined by most of

the old hands, Cpls. Turner and Smart, L/Cpl. Merrion and Ptes. Maddern, Huckle, Catterwell, Greer and Mason. Good luck all; we will keep the mortars warm for you if it ever gets too cold outside

In view of these 90% casualties, we are particularly pleased to welcome seven newcomers. Sgt. Beckett has returned as Platoon Sergeant from temporary absence in "C" Company. Five regulars from the recent draft, Ptes. Sparrow, French, Goodchild, Badcock and Sutton are having their first taste of mortar work.

So starting from scratch with a nearly brand new platoon, we hope to go from strength to strength once we are installed in Berlin.

M.M.G. Platoon.

Lt. P. W. Morton, Sgt. Cross.

The M.M.G. Platoon was reformed on the 30th November, 1959, after nearly a year's disbandment. Several ex-members of both the former 1st Royal Norfolk and 1st Suffolk M.M.G. Platoons were drafted in from the rifle companies, principally "B" Coy. Among the "old hands" are Sgt. Cross, Cpl. Cranfield, L/Cpl. Carlile and L/Cpl. Page.

The new Platoon Commander and Sgt. Jones are being dispatched to Netheraven early in January to learn the tricks of the trade.

Despite the usual Christmas and New Year rush and the additional hazard of the move to Berlin looming in the near future, a short basic cadre was held. After the usual initial bloodshed from crank handles, locks, fuzee springs, etc., everyone had a fairly clear idea of what they were up against. Despite only having one service gun, two shoots were arranged and a surreptitious talk to the new draft produced several names who it is hoped will join the platoon in mid-January.

When the move to Berlin is completed and sundry transactions have been carried out with the Royal Scots and the Royal Ulster Rifles, the platoon should be nearly up to strength in both men and equipment.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Major C. J. V. Fisher-Hoch

Capt. J. G. Jones, M.B.E.;

C.S.M. P. E. Boxall; C.Q.M.S. D. Richardson.

Amalgamation meant the world to the respective H.Q. Coys. With it came expansion beyond the dreams of any commander, 389 chicks in one brood. "Hox and Box's" army knew no bounds as they tried to reach the 400 mark. This, without their proper entitlement, the Signal Platoon, cunningly acquired by that other expansionist and chick clutcher O.C. S.P. Coy. Thwarted by runouts, demob and days to do in reaching 400, we sat back temporarily defeated, trying to locate the remaining 300. These like all good employed men cling to their departments, hide in holes and only emerge for pay and leave. While some old soldier taxpayer may wonder why 300 odd men are required to administer the remaining 200 odd men, we would like to discount, with one flourish of the pen, the Band, 45, and the Drums, 38. Now you can see it all, private battalions within private armies. Having discounted them, you will now have to refer to their notes to be re-assured, as taxpayers, that they have in their own inimitable way earned their keep.

Major company activities above and beyond the call of routine have been Ex Random Harvest, Football, Cross Country and Basket Ball. On the exercise the company carried out its duties of "A" and "B" Echelons with distinction. The Company Commander managed to burn his tent down and for once the C.S.M. was silent. Our three platoon football teams have challenged the companies might and emerged fairly well against strong opposition. With six battalion players we felt it would be hard to take them on at full strength. Cries of "rhubarb" and remember the Christmas Knockout." The Band excel at basket ball but the remainder of the company was in winning vein in the Brigade Minor Units competition when Christmas activities overran the gym and stopped play. In the Boxing Day cross-country the company crept in an exhausted

tion to moving marrieds and handing over quarters, is busily making crates and boxes and patching up the barracks ready for hand over.

The M.T. on top of a thousand and one runs a day are in the middle of their annual inspection and change over of vehicles. The Cooks carry on providing meals by the hundred on facilities designed for half that number. The Provost, M.I. Room, Officers' and Sergeants' Messes flog on preparing for a last minute dash. On top of it all the P.R.I., the pigs, the horses, and the Shop have almost weathered another audit board. The Pay Department broods on another barrack stoppage. To cap it all the weather is now at zero and snow is falling to shroud the whole in peaceful oblivion. Join H.Q. Company, sample life and retreat from the world.



C.S.M. F. E. BOXALL and Major C. J. V. FISHER-HOCH.

third place proving that the tarmacs can keep up more or less.

Christmas was the usual round of departmental parties. Q.M., M.T., Ord. Room, Cooks, Band, Drums, etc., all had bigger and better and more original thrashes. The Company managed to draw Christmas Day duties but no one was the worse for that. Twenty per cent were granted home leave and are now slowly filtering back.

Christmas and New Year over, the advance party is away and the move to Berlin is almost on us. The Orderly Room are excelling to get us there. They have already paved the way with "bumph," but oblivious to all asides and comments, they will no doubt succeed. The Q.M.s department, in addi-

To all those who have left the company over the last five months we wish the best of luck in civilian life and to the new arrivals a happy tour in their new jobs. From all the tarmacs to all ex-members we send best wishes for the New Year wherever you may be.

Band.

Bandmaster G. R. Holben, A.R.C.M.

Having recently recovered from the effects of Christmas and the Band Social, we are pleased to report that the condition of the band is excellent. With regard to the amount of liquid refreshment taken out of circulation by our members I think



Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion.

that the total amount consumed over the period does credit to our spirit and stamina. You can be firmly assured that the amalgamated band has been well and truly christened in the traditional manner.

Amalgamation proved the success anticipated by all parties concerned and the two drinking schools were quickly united in a common purpose. With a strength of forty-six members we are in the happy and enviable position of being able to leave a few people off mess bands. Quite a happy innovation that! The actual amalgamation parade went off very well; it proved to be a great success with its attendant dances, etc. Quite a lot of work fell to the band but it was carried out with that gay abandon which is common to all bandsmen.

Spotlight on sport, and once again, being sportwise, the band has raised its beautiful head. We beat the rest of the battalion at hockey, won the inter-platoon basket ball competition and went to the fifth round of the inter-company football competition. We were just reaching the peak of our sporting proficiency when preparations for Christmas interrupted us.

It's a good job we were in training or many of us would not have survived Christmas. Our first task was to get a Christmas pantomime organised, and we decided to do the lot ourselves this year. The only person involved outside the band was Major Fisher-Hoch, H.Q. Company Commander and Band President, who proved a great success as our "fairy" adjutant! He cast some of the best spells we have seen cast for many a year. The way he produced crates of beer behind the stage and the way that they were disposed of was indeed fantastic in the purest sense of the word. We performed a cross between *Babes in the Wood* and *Cinderella*, and that other well-known piece, "Utter Chaos." I must say that it gave us a most enjoyable evening, and if the audience did not enjoy it they should have been in the cast.

The remainder of our Christmas activities followed much the normal pattern, with a Ladies Night in the Officers Mess, battalion Carol Service in the gymnasium and dances for pretty well everybody. A band of single members volunteered to play carols at a German orphanage and then around married quarters on Christmas Eve, a gesture that was much appreciated. Their musical

director, L/Cpl. Jones was unfortunate to fall asleep during the tour owing to pressure of work.

It goes without saying that the Band Social was a roaring success (even at four o'clock in the morning). The only difference amalgamation made was that there were twice as many thick heads in the morning. There was a happy, infectious spirit running throughout the whole of the evening. It was quite difficult to distinguish members from guests, and later in the evening many found it difficult to distinguish anything. It was all a matter of the right sort being full of the right stuff.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Bandsmen "Chunky" Horne and "Jet" Johnson, back from Kneller Hall. Congratulations on coming third in the Cousins Competition, Chunky, and also on the birth of your son. We also extend a hearty welcome to Bdsm. Martyn, a recent emigrant from Northampton. We have said goodbye to quite a few of our number in the past few months, these include Bdsm. Carter, Ager, MacDonald, Hull, Anderson and "Ghosty" Beckingham. We hope that they are all doing well for themselves in Civvy Street. Soon we are to lose Edsm. "Sid" Webb, "Fred" Hall and L/Col. "Taffy" Evans. Sid will be sadly missed by all the band car-owners who he has kept on the road for so long. Taffy is off to The Welsh Guards Band, he says that the Bearskins fascinate him. We wish them all every success in their ventures. There have been more additions to the married families and we are pleased to congratulate Cpl. McHale on the birth of his daughter, Cpl. Kellett on the birth of his daughter and L/Cpl. Christie on his expected arrival.

At the moment our immediate concern is centered around our move to Berlin, and anything that is not firmly attached to the floor or ceiling is being hastily packed and screwed down. Our spies report that we are proceeding to a very good barracks which, unfortunately, is a long way from the city centre. The local brew is reported to be excellent, and no doubt we shall be able to make a full report on this by the time the next notes are due.

As there seems to be no more news that can be trusted to cold print, we will wish everyone a rather belated Happy New Year and close until the next issue.

Battalion Orderly Room.

O.R.S.: Q.M.S. E. G. A. Smith; O.R.C.: Sgt. D. O. James.

As these are the first notes written on this Regiment it was thought that we would start off by telling you who holds the appointments in Battalion H.Q. The Commanding Officer, is as you all know, Lt.-Col. Murray Brown with Major Forrest as his 2nd i/c. The Adjutant is Capt. J. Hall Tipping with Lt. Clarke, in between rugby, skiing, etc., as Assistant Adjutant and Int. Officer. It is proving quite a job, making him staff trained!

In the Orderly Room, Q.M.S. Smith is in the chair with Sgt. James as his Orderly Room Corporal. The Clerks are Cpls. Knights, Johnson and Shave. L/Cpls. Gaffer, Smith, Keetley and Parnell, Ptes. Woollorton, Davies, Jacobs and Stocker.

For a short period we also had Lt. Barnes as I.O. but he was posted to the School of Infantry Warminster, where he will soon be joined by Capt. Hall Tipping. The latter was Adjutant for 1st Royal Norfolk for two years and we wish him all the best of luck in his new appointment. Capt. Horrex will then be Adjutant, faced with the problem of moving the Battalion to Berlin in February, without losing anything or anybody!

The Orderly Room staff having just finished doing all the paper work for the amalgamation with their respective Regiments, thought that they were due for a small and well earned rest, but it was not to be, as directly after amalgamation we were faced with the knowledge that we were having a documents inspection in October. Having completed that, we are now in the middle of two more tasks, one being the move to Berlin, and the other, is that we are running within the Battalion Orderly Room, a clerks cadre, mainly for the benefit of the Q.M. and the C.S.M. of H.Q. Company who are always crying out for clerks. Mind you they need them as they are the only two offices that have a tea break every hour!

There has only been one exercise, so far, this was at Brilon at the end of September. There was quite an argument between the O.R.Q.M.S. and Sgt. James as to who would go on it, with the result that Sgt. James has been on his first exercise with this unit, he also says it is his last but the O.R.Q.M.S. thinks differently.

At the time of printing we will have already lost two of our clerks, Cpls. Knights and Shave, who will have been released from National Service. The Orderly Room will shortly be all Regular with the exception of Ptes. Davies and Woollorton, who leave in March, and L/Cpl. Smith who leaves during August. Many think he might sign on as he is the most regimental L/Cpl. an Orderly Room has ever seen, due undoubtedly to R.S.M. Gingells' training whilst he was on the R.P. Staff at the Depot.

SPORT

Rugby Football.

Lt. B. J. M. Gunton.

This season has been very much curtailed by the hard ground due to the very dry summer which meant we could not start playing matches until October. The side showed great promise but unfortunately having beaten the Green Howards in the 1st round of the Army Cup, we went down to 45 Fd. Regt. R.A. by 3 penalty goals to nothing in the 2nd. So far we have played 8 matches, won 6 and

lost 2. Our two best results were beating 1st Buffs 38-0 and 41 Fd. Regt. R.A. 22-8. Eight of our team have represented the Iserlohn and Dortmund Garrison side. The Garrison trip to Paris was a great success. Several of the players have only started playing this season and already promise well, and we hope to recruit many more.

The following have played for the Battalion this year: Capt. Catchpole, Capt. Ford, Capt. Horrex, Lt. Clarke, Lt. Thorne, Lt. Gunton, Lt. Morton, Lt. Peat, 2/Lt. Moore, 2/Lt. Horrex, 2/Lt. Kidner, 2/Lt. Sutherland, Sgt. Basset, Cpl. Berwick, Cpl. Johnson, Cpl. Smith, Cpl. Goodrum, L/Cpl. Orlebar, L/Cpl. Williams, L/Cpl. Vaughan, L/Cpl. Barber, L/Cpl. Cook, Pte. Summers, Pte. Brewin, Pte. Lawrence, Pte. Boswell, Pte. Brewin.

Association Football.

Officer i/c: Major C. J. V. Fisher-Hoch.

Capt.: Sgt. Watson.

What a successful season the Battalion has had to date! Our only lament is that so many good players have been discharged and by the end of 1960 Sgt. Watson, our captain of this year, will be the only Battalion player left. However new blood is coming along and with training there is no doubt that just as good a team will be built up again.

Unfortunately in the most important game of the season, the 1st round of the Army Cup, we lost to the Seaforths 5-1. The score, as ever, belies the game. A draw 1-1 with seven minutes to go and the Battalion attacking hard. Then a long pass by the Seaforths and a runaway goal was scored. We all felt that whoever scored this third goal would win the match and it was so. An exciting cup match and a game we might easily have won.

The Brigade League gives us plenty of good games with neighbouring units. Our present league position is as follows:—

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
2nd	8	6	2	0	42	21	18

If the weather holds we hope to complete all remaining fixtures before the move to Berlin and end up the eventual winners.

Total number of Battalion games played to date and results are as follows:—

	P	W	L	D	F	A
15	11	3	1	83	34	

The Company League based on two matches against each other stands as follows:—

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
B Coy	6	6	0	0	35	13	12
A Coy	6	3	2	1	20	20	7
SP Coy	4	2	1	1	13	7	5
H.Q. (Band)	6	2	3	1	15	25	5
H.Q. (Adm.)	4	2	2	0	22	17	4
H.Q. (M.T.)	3	0	2	1	5	13	1
C Coy	5	0	5	0	8	14	0

"E" Coy have played well as a team and got into their stride from the start. However in a Christmas Inter-Coy Friendly Knockout S.P. Coy beat them 2-0 in an exciting final. Both teams had several regular players on leave. "B" Coy asserted their superiority in the Boxing Day 6 a-sides by having an all-company final. B1 defeated B2 4-1. The second half of the Company League will be fought in Berlin as will the Inter-Platoon Knockout for the Mortimer Cup.



1st Battalion Football Team.

Front row (L. to R.): Pte. Patamore, Sgt. Watson, Lt.-Col. C. R. Murray Brown, D.S.O., Major Fisher-Hoch, Cpl. McFarlane, Pte. Hastings.
 Back row (L. to R.): Pte. Charles, L/Cpl. Blackwell, Pte. Frost, Pte. Percy, Pte. Morss, L/Cpl. Pygall, L/Cpl. Douglas, Cfn. Millar.

This article would not be complete without mention of our Corps attached who have played in key positions for the Battalion. Cpl. McFarlane R.A.P.C., Pte. Aldridge R.E.M.E., now discharged, and Pte. Thompson A.C.C. Thompson is our prolific goal scoring centre forward. His best effort to date was scoring 11 goals in a Brigade League match.

To those who have represented the Battalion and all footballers in the Battalion and to those who have left for football in civvy street we end with every good wish for the New Year.

Battalion Footballers 1959. Goal: Pte. Perry (B), Sgt. Evans (R.E.M.E.), Bdsn. Maine (Band). Backs: Sgt. Watson (A), L/Cpl. Blackwall (H.Q.), Pte. Charles (H.Q.), Cfn. Miller (R.E.M.E.). Halves: Pte. Aldridge (R.E.M.E.), Bdsn. Carter (Band), Pte. Ryan (B), Pte. Lawrence (S.P.), Pte. Morse (A). Forwards: L/Cpl. Pygall (H.Q.), Cpl. McFarlane (R.A.P.C.), Pte. Thompson (A.C.C.), Pte. Hastings (S.P.), Pte. Patmore (H.Q.), L/Cpl. Douglas (B), Pte. Frost (S.P.), Pte. Man (B), Bdsn. Hindmarsh (Band).

Hockey.

Capt. J. G. Jones, M.B.E.

The almost incredible situation exists in that thirty-three hockey players of battalion standard are available to play at any one time. In addition there are a large number of competent players in companies ready to step into the breach should there be insufficient regular players at any time. Once the Battalion is all together in Berlin it will be possible to field three hockey teams but it is unlikely that any other unit will be in the same

happy position and so it may be difficult to obtain fixtures for all three.

So far the best combination of forwards, halves and backs has not been found and there is still much experimenting to be done. The standard of half back and back play has been generally higher than the forward play though this has shown improvement in recent games. The Battalion has entered the Berlin Indep. Brigade Group Competition from where it will be possible to continue into the Army Competition should the team be fortunate enough to beat all the other units in Berlin.

The results of the matches so far are:—

P	W	L	D
17	9	7	1

Chief Goal Scorers: Major Williams 7, 2/Lt. Ridley-Thomas 5, Cpl. Kirby 5.

Cross Country Running.

Lt. S. Rowsell.

The Battalion has a strong team and hopes to do well in the B.A.O.R. Competition. There are several very experienced runners in the team whose own performances have considerably improved this year and who have helped along the less experienced runners.

It will be difficult to choose a final team of ten from the sixteen men training for there is severe competition for the last few places where the standard is very level.

We have taken part in thirteen contests and won twelve, losing only to 45 Fd. Regiment, R.A., by 15 points when five members of the regular team were not running.

Results so far have been:—

Opponent	No. Played	Result
Garrison Units Competition	3	3 wins
47 (G.W.) Regt., R.A. . .	1	1 win
2 Queens Own Rifles of Can.	4	4 wins
Royal Scots Greys . . .	1	1 win
2nd Panzer Grenadiers . . .	2	2 wins
41 Fd. Regt., R.A. . . .	1	1 win
45 Fd. Regt., R.A. . . .	1	1 defeat

The following have been under training for the Battalion Team and have run for the Battalion in one or more matches:—

Lt. A. S. Rowsell, 2/Lt. J. K. Moore, Lt. W. Peat, Cpl. Read, Cpl. Smith, L/Cpl. Douglas, L/Cpl. Cook, Pte. Holden, Pte. Owen, Pte. Stocker, Pte. Morris, Pte. Pratt, Pte. Gavillet, Pte. Lawrence, Pte. Baldwin, Bds. Horne.

The team will be running in the Brigade Competition in Iserlohn before going to Berlin. Should they be successful and win they will remain in Iserlohn for the B.A.O.R. Competition.

CHRISTMAS, 1959

Apart from the various Mess functions reported in their notes, the programme for the Battalion included the Pantomime on 19th December which was much enjoyed by all. It was probably the first time anybody had seen "The Babes in the Wood" and "Cinderella" being played simultaneously, interspersed with a number of excellent scenes which had nothing to do with either. Our thanks are due to Major Fisher Hoch and the Band for producing a wonderful show. The Battalion children vetted the Dress Rehearsal and gave it a "W" grading (Wizard).

The children (over 150 of them!) had their party on 21st December. After a magnificent tea organised by the Wives' Club they recuperated in the darkness of a film show. Father Christmas was then seen to approach escorted by clowns from the Drums carrying flaming torches. Santa (Major Fisher Hoch) was travelling in the biggest sledge ever seen which completely hid one of the M.T.O.'s jeeps.

On 22nd December the whole Battalion attended a Carol Service in the Gymnasium conducted by our Padre, the Rev. Kenneth Kendra. The choir consisted of the Drums who got their own back by singing one of the carols without the help of the congregation.

On the next evening the All Ranks Christmas Dance took place and, although there was a shortage of ladies, this did not seem to lessen anybody's enthusiasm. The Battalion Raffle was drawn during the dance, and cameras, wristwatches and other attractive goods were carried away by the winners. Those winners going on leave or demob after Christmas are hoping the certificate from P.R.I. will be sympathetically received by the customs.

On Christmas Eve there were various competitions in the W.V.S. rooms ranging from snooker to chess.

Christmas Day dawned with the W.O.s and Sergeants distributing "early" morning tea to all. The Officers and W.O.s and Sergeants built up strength in the Sgts.' Mess and then, headed by the Colonel, marched to the Dining Hall as an "organised" body where they demonstrated the "Chain Service" system. In the evening the Dining Hall was cleared for Horse Racing with bar and

buffet, Major Morgan and Major Fisher Hoch as course officials.

The Inter Coy Football Final took place on Boxing Day between S Coy and B Coy, S Coy winning their crate of beer by 2-0.

A party of 40 finished off the holiday with a weekend trip by coach to Amsterdam and a two day 6-a-side football competition over the weekend accounted for those who still felt energetic.

ADVENTURE TRAINING

Officer i/c: Capt. J. D. A. Fitzgerald.

Initiative tests are OUT and Adventure training is IN. When Higher Authority gave their blessing to units running their own Adventure Training, a small committee was set up under Capt. Fitzgerald to vet the hundreds of wild and imaginative schemes that were sure to come in. There were none, so the committee had to invent a few of its own: and immediately started to meet brick walls.

Setting up a Winter camp, where, as an incidental, our Ski team could train, was stymied. A Winter Warfare Camp was to be set up by 4 Div. Pleas to German and Dutch fishing firms to take soldiers on fishing trips were apologetically refused.

However, the committee was able to go ahead with one scheme. Parties of soldiers were to go off on W.D. bicycles to visit places of interest in Germany. So far two parties have been.

The pioneers of the scheme were L/Cpl. Kealey, Ptes. Fox, Collings and Keeler of B Coy, who biked to Minden to look at the battlefield there. With their bikes loaded with Bergen rucksacks, sleeping bags and compo rations they set off early one morning. They met adventure very soon. They were picked up by M.P.s who thought they were "on the trot." Back in barracks the M.P.s were satisfied and without further mishaps the party reached Minden, 100 miles away, and inspected the battlefield.

One other party from SP. Coy, L/Cpl. Merrion, Ptes. Madden, Greer, Catterwell and Mason were sent to Arnhem. At Arnhem they most unfortunately asked the police for advice about barns to sleep in. The police sent them to a Dutch military barracks, and then there was trouble. The M.A. at the British Consulate thought that Initiative Tests and their attendant embarrassments had raised their ugly heads again; and they were sent back to Germany.

Despite the lack of speed and comfort of W.D. bicycles, a week of living off compo and sleeping in the open or in barns, both parties thoroughly enjoyed the break from routine.

GERMAN VISITORS

After visiting one of their own country's barracks, a German Youth Club at Luedenscheid thought it would also be a good idea to see how the British Army lives. So on 18th November, 35 members of the club were guests of the Battalion for a day.

A programme was arranged for them by Major Morgan. Unfortunately, because of an oversight in the local Liaison Office, the day chosen was Bussund-Bet Tag, a rather sombre German holiday and day of national prayer which dates from Charlemagne. Pressure from the local Press prevented the firing of the flashier weapons of Support Company's repertoire.

However, they were allowed to inspect and handle all our weapons, and to fiddle about with wirelasses while the R.S.O. fidgetted nervously in the background.

The party then went to the Officers' Mess where the dining room had been laid out as for a Guest Night. This especially interested the Germans, as the Bundeswehr, having had to start from scratch, has practically no silver and no tradition behind it.

After coffee in the Mess, they were taken to see a display of the Band on the square. The Band was a colourful sight and the visitors were highly impressed by the standard of the marching and the music. "Colonel Bogey," better known to the Germans as "The River Kwai Song"—until recently in the German Top Ten—received an encore.

After lunch in the Dining Hall, the party were shown the Gymnasium, and finally the miniature range, where some of them fired.

DEPOT

At 0615 hours on the 29th August, 1959, in the cool after-dawn light, the Regimental Flag of the new-born 1st East Anglian Regiment was run up the flag pole for the first time. The Depot was on parade to greet it with a general salute and Reveille was sounded. It was a satisfying climax to the amalgamation committees, council of Colonels' Meetings and the general hubub of amalgamation. It was a wonderful feeling to think that "Now we can get on with this new Regiment of ours."

However, such is the speed of modern life that already we are looking ahead to the formation of the Brigade Depot here. Our birth as the new Regimental Home, lasts but six months. Some would argue that the Brigade Depot has already formed;

already we have two companies, though no one is clear what "B" Coy is exactly.

A good deal has happened since amalgamation. As well as being almost the Brigade Depot, we might well have been mistaken for the Wessex Brigade Depot! strange stocky foreigners labelled "Devon and Dorset" and "Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment" have been under training. For one ghastly month three intakes were under training, with enough N.C.O.s adequately to train one intake only.

The new Depot has stepped into the shoes of the old Depots of the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments in that we are representing the Regiment whenever possible. A contingent marched to the Battle of Britain Service and Remembrance Day Service in Bury St. Edmunds as usual.

The 5th November Firework Display grows bigger every year. This year was a splendid effort by Q.M.S.I. Colyer, who thrilled the children, and even some mothers with a blood curdling display of fireworks. A first class bun fight followed and every child left with a bag of sticky toffee, bloated with exciting memories.

Passing out Parades have been thick and fast. Col. W. A. Heal took the first parade of the new Depot who were due to join 3rd East Anglian. The Mayor of Bury St. Edmunds took the first intake to pass out for 1st East Anglian. Brigadier Maxwell took the last parade on 22nd December.

Christmas went well. The recruits held a dance sharply followed the next night by the Corporals'. The Sergeants had their usual draw which gets bigger and better every year. The Children's Party was, literally, a howling success. Christmas day was officially celebrated on the 23rd December. The programme was time-honoured: Gunfire - no work except fatigues - Sergeants to Officers' Mess - Offi-



The Mayor of Bury St. Edmunds, Councillor F. G. Banks, inspecting recruits at a Passing Out Parade.

(By courtesy of West Suffolk Newspapers Ltd.)



Guy Fawkes Night at the Depot.

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cers and Sergeants serve men's lunch - clear up and pack up - sleep.

1960 is here and with it the Brigade Depot. Reluctantly our Depot closes and hands over the reigns Regimentally to R.H.Q. We wish both the 1st Battalion and R.H.Q. the very best of luck for the future.

OFFICERS MESS

Any person expecting to walk into the Mess on the 30th August and find it any different from the morning of 29th August would have been sadly let down. Peter Morton was still having breakfast at a quarter to nine, the clock in the ante room was five minutes fast. Mr. Watts walked into his office at 8.20 a.m. and the Commanding Officer of The Depot The 1st East Anglian Regiment called in for his cigarettes at 8.55 a.m. It is true there had been some parade at dawn to watch the new flag raised for the first time in Gibraltar Barracks.

As a net result of amalgamation we have said goodbye to Peter Morton, Arnold Palmer and Michael Lunn. Captain Ken Lywood has joined us from the Battalion, Major Joe Joanny is almost with us, and David Thorne arrives soon. Charles Trollope is with us too, pro tem as a Depot Jack of All Trades while he sorts out his children into sizes.

The Old Guard remain, Major Murray Petit, Jeremy North and George Jasper. Jeremy and George reckon they are the oldest inhabitants now except for Sgt. Golding. Major Murray is conducting dubious experiments in his cellar with fermenting bottles. Odd parcels arrive at his office. North End House is a wine taster's paradise.

Various parties have been held. Lt.-Col. Murray Brown visited us and met the local inhabitants at a soiree which went rather well. A ladies guest night,

a dangerous experiment, was held on 22nd December. This merged into a red glow in the Green Room Cellar "Night Club." I am afraid the officers behaved quite disgracefully. Lt.-Col. Hopking was extremely loth to leave.

SERGEANTS MESS

Despite the fact that "it's all coming down this year anyway" the Mess has been redecorated and looks a little less like Castle Dracula than before. Not only the Mess but some of the Bunks have been attacked as well. Sgt. Sharpe's looks particularly hideous having been "done out" contemporary style. Sgt. Jones had a go, and "Mary" Gilbert says he would like some nice restful wallpaper.

Once a month various members can be seen scurrying about with brooms, bumpers, etc. for the C.O.'s Inspection. Tom Kelly says that he never has enough time to get his things ready because he's always "Miss Gibraltar Barracks," but whether this is true or not is debatable. Sgt. Dennis Golding is the proud owner of a tape recorder which several of us are a bit wary of, just in case "something" should come out.

Our only non-combatant is being "bowler hatted" because as he says "this 110 mile march lark has been a bit played out, and as he's the only Royal Engineer here he's not going to do it on his Jack."

We had the Christmas Draw but it was not necessary for Members to bring wheelbarrows as Sgt. Jones won 9 out of 10 of the prizes, without buying a ticket at that.

The New Year was seen? in and we decided to have a quiet day, but Monty turned up in the evening and was most annoyed because Mary wouldn't go out with him to carry on the celebrations. However, with Paul Hemsley's help, who at

the time was "Standing in for Tom Kelly" while he had a rest, an enjoyable evening was had by the four stalwarts who happened to be there. In the "wee small hours" the party broke up and cries of rage were heard from Paul when he was struck in a most peculiar place by Monty's car, Monty being at the wheel at the time. When last seen our slim young Pay Sergeant was disappearing erratically through the gates murmuring "I'm gangin home."

Sgt. Thompson was most perturbed to find that the first arrival for his Intake had the same name, but the cruelest blow was the fact that he (the recruit) was 6ft. 5½in. tall. One can imagine "Tom" with his 5ft. 6in. balancing his cane on one end and standing on the knob to see whether Pte. Thompson needs a hair cut.

We were extremely lucky one day just before Christmas when Sgt. Redhead paid us a visit from one of his leaves, he couldn't have enjoyed himself very much because he didn't stay very long. Jack Pocock has been heard to complain that the roads round the Barracks aren't wide enough for his car, we are all wondering if he will ever pass his test. Still he does try. C.S.M. Denny who is "in the chair" now that Peddler Palmer is running a pub, is being viewed with a wary eye now that he has a police record, a difference of opinion with the strong arm of the law over a small matter of lights. "That warn't half a dear ole beer."

Yet again the compost heap is expected to be moved, and R.S.M. Gingell has started a sweep to see if anyone can guess its final location. The M.O. and the P.S.C. are definitely out of the running so perhaps it's going behind that **Chicken Run** after all.

The R.Q.M.S. is now to be seen riding a bicycle, presumably to save shoe leather? Also he seems to be under the impression that it's always raining or is this just an excuse?

Finally we would like to wish all who have left us all the very best of luck wherever they are, and to extend a hearty welcome to all who may be thinking of paying us a visit, no matter how short.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Football.

Having had a very successful 1958/59 season in all sports, the Depot have a high standard to keep up in the 1959/60 season. In 1958/59 we lost the final of the District "Major Units" to the K.S.L.I. and lost the final of the District "Minor Units" to the Depot 3rd East Anglian Regiment on a replay. We also reached, and lost, the final of the Bury and District League Knock-out Cup and came sixth in the league itself.

Up to the date of writing we have reached the semi-final of the District "Minor Units" Competition, and are awaiting our 3rd replay against 6th Command Workshop Colchester! The first two games were drawn 2 all and the third drawn 3 all. In the "Major Units" we are due to play the Queens Surreys. After a hard fought 1 all draw against R.A.S.C. Stanstead in the Army Cup, we lost the replay 3-5, even though leading 3-1 for almost the

entire game. The team is captained this year by Cpl. Boast, an able replacement for Pte. Sillis. We have playing for us this year a professional from Ipswich, Pte. Thrower, who has assisted greatly in the team's successes. Unfortunately we had to withdraw from the Bury and District League owing to a lack of Saturday players. This is a great pity when considering our success last year.

Hockey.

The Hockey team is led, once again, this season, with tremendous enthusiasm by C.S.M.I. Richards, A.P.T.C. In the Army Cup Competition we lost the semi-final 3-0 to the Queens Surreys after a half time score of 0-0. Mr. Lunn moved from goal to right wing where his speed was very useful, we are very sorry to have lost such an enthusiastic player. We beat Movement Control comfortably 5-2 in the quarter-final of the District "Minor Units" and in the "Major Units" are due to meet the Queens Surreys in the semi-final on the 16th March, 1960. The Queens were last years runners-up in the Army Cup so this should be a tough game.

Basketball.

Here again the successes of the 1958/59 season were many, the major feat being our near defeat of the Guards Training Battalion, Pirbright, who went on to be Army finalists, losing to the Canadians. We lost this game by only 3 points. This season we have not, to date, played in competition although we have beaten R.A.F. Wattisham three times in friendly matches. In the District Competition we are due to meet M.C.T.C. at Colchester on 3rd February. If we win we will play Queens Surreys or K.S.L.I., both of whom we beat last year.

Rugby.

The XV have played only one game so far this season which they drew 0-0 against Feltham. However, we hope to enter the East Anglian District 7-a-side competition. Playing in the team are Capt. North and Mr. Coates and a very useful discovery at full back, Pte. Payne. We have unfortunately lost our very able scrum-half, Cpl. Cruden and Ptes. Burgess and North have left us for Mons O.C.S.

Other Sports.

Cpl. Woodrow is getting a team up to play U.S.A.F. Mildenhall at table tennis.

We have already played two badminton matches, beating the R.E. club and losing to the Hospital. C.S.M. Denny is an enthusiastic player, although beaten by Cpl. Winkle, who now claims the C.S.M. owes him a crate of beer!

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Second in Command	Maj. S. S. F. Hornor
Trg. Major and Adj.	Maj. A. W. J. Turnbull, M.C.
Asst. Adj. and I.O.	Lt. M. R. Steward
Medical Officer	Lt. J. M. Elliott (R.A.M.C.)
Q.M.	Lt. J. A. Sewell
2nd Q.M.	Lt. F. Ayers
Chaplain	Rev. C. N. Tubbs (R.A.Ch.D.)

"H.Q." Company

O.C.	Maj. B. E. Dillon, M.B.E.
M.T.O.	Capt. E. R. Cousins
Signal Platoon	Capt. R. T. R. Pierce
Signal Platoon	Lt. W. N. Ridley Thomas
Adm. Platoon	Capt. M. J. Sainty (R.A.P.C.)

"S" Company

O.C.	Maj. P. W. Raywood
Mortar Platoon	Capt. F. A. Stone
Mortar Platoon	Lt. E. C. Evans Lombe
A/Tk. Platoon	Capt. D. W. Clarke
M.M.G. Platoon	Lt. V. C. Raywood

"A" Company

O.C.	Maj. R. Boulton
Second in Command	Capt. F. A. Powell
Rifle Platoon No. 1	Lt. M. C. Cadge
Rifle Platoon No. 2	Lt. C. W. Wharton
Rifle Platoon No. 3	2/Lt. M. J. Perkins

"B" Company

O.C.	Maj. D. G. Burdett, T.D.
Second in Command	2/Lt. C. Warrington
Rifle Platoon No. 4	Lt. C. J. Pratt
Rifle Platoon No. 5	Lt. D. G. Standley
Rifle Platoon No. 6	Lt. D. P. Jolly

"C" Company

O.C.	Maj. J. H. Howard
Second in Command	Capt. J. B. Salter
Rifle Platoon No. 7	Lt. C. N. Westerndarp
Rifle Platoon No. 8	Lt. D. M. Longley
Rifle Platoon No. 9	Lt. P. J. Darley

"D" Company

O.C.	Maj. C. B. Grant, M.C.
Second in Command	Capt. J. M. Shearman
Rifle Platoon No. 10	Lt. J. A. Pratt
Rifle Platoon No. 11	Lt. D. H. Tetther
Rifle Platoon No. 12	2/Lt. P. E. Watson

GENERAL NEWS

These notes are our first in the new journal, which we welcome, and we feel confident that the high standard of its predecessors will be maintained.

The last notes in the Britannia were written while the Battalion was still in camp at Okehamp-ton. On our return we played our part in the ceremonies in Norwich which marked the amalgamation and which have already been fully described.

The arrival of autumn found the Battalion faced with a very busy programme, which left few weekends free, particularly up to Christmas.

Priority number one all this time was recruiting, and this remains the case. A measure of increases have been achieved over this and during the year a total of 100 all ranks have joined the Battalion, including a goodly number of young men who will not now be called up for National Service, they are particularly welcome and we have room for many more.

Planning is now under way for Camp, which this year will be at Redesdale in the Border country, from 21st May to 4th June. Picts and Scots beware.

OFFICERS MESS

After returning from Camp last summer there was little Mess activity until the Autumn, although "Buckingham Palace" was in demand as usual for the Royal Norfolk Show, the Regimental Cricket Week and the amalgamation ceremonies at Britannia Barracks.

We learnt with much regret that Col. John Jewson was to retire as Honorary Colonel, but that being so, were glad that Brigadier Peter Barclay was to be his successor. To mark this milestone a portrait was commissioned and gladly executed by Colonel Gerald Hare. Past and present officers of the Battalion contributed to this and the portrait was hung in the Norfolk Club on 14th November when Colonel John was dined out. Brigadier Barclay was prevented from attending by illness, his dining in will follow later, but we were glad to see Brigadier Wilkinson, Lt.-Cols. Roy Humphrey and Mike Braithwaite, Majors Eustace Cary-Elwes, Bill Summerfield and Tom Eaton and Capt. Harold Cory and Geoff. Peacock, Colonel Gerald Hare also came and kept watch over his work.

Right through the Autumn preparation went forward for the Regimental Ball, to be held at the Lido in Norwich on 8th January, and run entirely by the Battalion. The lions share of the work fell upon Major Alex Turnbull and right nobly he bore it. On the day, Mrs. Betty Jewson co-ordinated the ladies arranging the flowers despite an injured back and all arrangements went smoothly. The maximum number of 450 attended and the result will enable a substantial donation to be made to Regimental Charities.

During the Autumn Capt. Maurice Sainty, Tony Payne and Lt. Q.M. Jim Sewell left us and we were sorry to see them go. We welcome Lts. Tim Chatting and Fred Ayers, both Quartermasters—this must herald an era of plenty!

Two 2/Lts, P. Watson and E. Warrington have just been commissioned and we welcome them too.

The projected move to Britannia Barracks is still delayed and indeed uncertain, so we must now think about Camp, let us hope the weather at Redesdale is kind.



Portrait of Colonel J. H. Jewson with the artist, Lieut.-Colonel R. G. D. Hare.
 Photograph by Eastern Daily Press.

SERGEANTS MESS

During the Annual Inspection of the Unit in December the Brigadier was entertained in the Mess, and it was pleasing to see that several members were able to make their way to the Cattle Market T.A.C. for this occasion.

Very many congratulations to R.Q.M.S. Ayers, now Lieutenant (Q.M.), and thus moved to the officers' mess. Best of luck in your new sphere Ex R.Q.! The vacant R.Q.M.S.'s chair has been occupied by Alec Barr, who has proved himself a worthy successor by his diligence as C.S.M. H.Q. Coy. As if you hadn't guessed, in order to regularise the position a C.S.M. H.Q. Coy was now required. This vacancy has been filled by C/Sgt. Hudson. It seems but yesterday, and yet I'm told it's two and a half years since Huddy took over the C/Sgt.'s job from Harry Graves, in those halcyon days when the stew was well and truly burnt and our digestion temporarily immobilised!

After long and faithful service with the Signals Section "Topper" Brown now takes over the reins of C/Sgt. "H.Q." Coy, a well deserved promotion to a very popular member of the unit.

A new member to the Mess is Sgt. Eagle, renowned for his activities in Patrols with "D"

Coy. Welcome to the Mess Dave and may your stay be a long and happy one.

At our last mess meeting in January it was decided to run a Annual Sergeants' Mess Social and Dance. All our member are keen enough for social activities to thrive in the mess, but the transport problem all too often confronts us, remembering that we have outstations of up to 45 miles away. Still, with enthusiasm undaunted we hope to make our first social and dance, which will be held at the end of January, a success in every way.

In the field of P.S.I.s Sgt. Taylor has left us, and now gone to Bury St. Edmunds, and Sgts. Martin (for King's Lynn, "B" Coy.) and Stevens (for Dereham, "D" Coy.) have joined us. Good luck in your change of station.

To all old members may I remind you that we shall always be pleased to see you, call on us at any time.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

For the first time "H.Q." Company contributes to the new "Britannia and Castle" and may we wish it every success.

One of the most outstanding events in the last quarter was the Norfolk T.A. County Shoot, which

was held in October at Horsford Range. Teams of four were entered by each company in the Battalion and by every minor and major T.A. unit in Norfolk. Our team which consisted of C.S.M. Barr, Sgt. Turner, Sgt. Toll and L/Cpl. Grant did quite well, being runners-up in the team event and also in the Falling Plate Competition. In some ways the team had hard luck but acquitted themselves quite well none the less. Sgt. Turner had the distinction of being placed third in the individual event and carried off more prize money than any other man on the range.

The Brigade Commander's Inspection, which took place in December, went off very well, to everybody's relief. Numbers on Parade were not great, but then it was a rather awkward time of the day for most men.

On the Social side the Christmas Draw and Social deserves a mention. Held in the Canteen, it was not only the largest but the most successful we have ever run. Perhaps fortune shone brightest on L/Cpl. Burrell, who won prizes of a bottle of whisky and another of gin together with a box of chocolates and a pair of part worn socks and a pair of discarded L/Cpl. chevrons. However prizes were on the whole very fairly distributed, one prize of a box of chocolates went to Brig. Doyle whether this was a diplomatic move on the part of the organisers we cannot say.

The following day saw the Company Children's Party, this was much enjoyed by all the combatants and especially by the R.S.M. He thoroughly entered into the spirit of things by leading games and eventually playing the part of Father Christmas. He didn't fool anybody though, that voice and thick ear are a dead give away. We must remember to thank everybody concerned with the above events, quite a few people have given labour, time and money to make them successful and they certainly deserve recognition of their efforts.

Just recently there have been a number of changes in the hierarchy of the company. They are as follows: C.S.M. Barr to R.Q.M.S., C/Sgt. Hudson to C.S.M., Sgt. Brown to C/Sgt. To Corporal go L/Cpl. Burrell and L/Cpl. Grant together with Pte. Spaul. Ptes. Studd and Badcock are to be L/Corporals (paid). Congratulations to all concerned.

For the immediate future our energies must be directed to recruiting and training for Camp in May, Northumberland here we come!

THE BAND AND DRUMS

Bandmaster: R. W. P. French

Band Sgt.: H. Dawson; Drum Major: C. Baker.

First of all congratulations to all concerned who have striven hard to carry on with the new journal "The Britannia and Castle."

My last notes were written at Camp and I must say Devon was indeed "Glorious" the weather was the best ever.

The Band played at the Officers' Mess and Brigade Church Parade and also to the troops (men and women) during their lunch hour.

The Dance Band played at the W.R.A.C. Sgts.' Mess and at the W.R.A.C. All Ranks Dance, both of which were a great success and very much appreciated by all.

During last season the Band had several engagements and have been booked up for next season.

On Remembrance Sunday we had the Drums on Parade for the first time and they did very well considering some of them had never been on a Parade before. The Band and Drums led the Parade to the Garden of Remembrance and to the Cathedral and then played at the march past where the Lord Mayor of Norwich took the salute. In the afternoon the Band and Drums attended the Service at Wymondham War Memorial. The Cornet section sounded the Last Post and Reveille for the three services.

Many thanks to Staff Sgt. George and the ex-members of the 1st Battalion Band for their help at the Mess Band Parade at Cambridge which was much appreciated.

We are looking forward to the hoped for move to Britannia Barracks so we can have a proper practice room and store room combined.

During the last three months we have managed to get one recruit in the Band and nine drummers; we hope to get more before we go to Camp in May.

"A" COMPANY

1959 was a year of achievement for "A" Coy. At long last our efforts at recruiting really began to bear fruit and our effective strength was doubled during the year. 1960 is already off to a good start and we look forward to earning many more 5/- Recruiting Bounties. We are very much a family company; Sgt. Amis looks down—or up—with pride on his two sons and a nephew, and we also have the Baxter brothers.

Another of our founder members has now left us C/Sgt. Ronnie Durrant, who joined us in 1957 has emigrated to Australia with his family. We were also sorry to say goodbye to our P.S.I. C.S.M. Holland, who had become a real friend during his tour with us, and we welcome his successor Sgt. Offord.

Training has been going well, and it is interesting to get down to fundamentals with our new recruits. "A" Coy formed the backbone of the defence in the weekend exercise at Weybourne, and our younger members particularly acquitted themselves well on one of the coldest nights of the year.

A recent innovation has been the inter-platoon competition, honours were fairly evenly divided between Sgt. Amis' platoon which won the Efficiency Cup and Sgt. Pillar's platoon which has the best record for attendances on Thursday evenings. The Durrant Efficiency Tankard was won by L/Cpl. Olley.

We are now having regular club nights on Monday evenings, and much surplus energy has been worked off playing the "A" Coy version of Basketball. Our Christmas Social was enjoyed by 140 members and friends, and at our Christmas .22 shoot everyone succeeded in winning a prize.

"B" COMPANY

Since our last appearance in print we have had a change of P.S.I. Sgt. Taylor has departed to the Depot 1st East Anglian and Sgt. Martin has replaced him. We hope that Sgt. Martin and family will spend an enjoyable two years at King's Lynn.

Recruiting is now speeding up and at the moment of writing we have seven men awaiting medical examination and several others about to enter the "pipe-line."

At the end of October we were reduced in numbers by the transfer of Fakenham personnel to "D"

Company and we were very sorry indeed to lose them.

A welcome is extended to 2/Lt. Warrington who, having done his most recent period of training with 1st Cambridgeshire returned to the fold shortly before Christmas.

"C" COMPANY

It was a cold still December day when the winter peace of Wroxham Broad was shattered by a concentration of supporting fire on the beach. A thick smoke screen blinded the remaining enemy defences as "C" Coy leapt ashore into the assault, rapidly crossed the open ground and road beyond to seize the beach head positions.

This was the last stage of a day's training with assault boats, a novelty to the new members of the company and a reminder to the old soldiers. There were lighter moments; a boat race, the spectacle of Sgt. Leggett falling full length in very wet mud and of our Brigade Commander, Brigadier Doyle, being transported to the beach by the O.C. Company in a tiny child's rowing dinghy which seemed in imminent danger of sinking under its burden. The B.B.C. television cameras were deployed on the landing beach and the scene was portrayed on television screens in East Anglia the following evening as part of the local news.

We took part in a boxing tournament arranged by the Cross Keys Social Club in Wymondham. Pte. Scott is to be thanked for his organising powers and also for providing both contestants in the first bout, namely his two young sons who put up a most spirited scrap. Cpl. Eke (as he then was) had two fights winning the first but meeting rather a too crafty boxer in the second. Pte. King won his fight with a confident display of experience.

We congratulate Sgt. Eke on his promotion.

We welcome our new P.S.I., Sgt. Willmott, and also our newest recruits Bean, Kidd, Sturman and Tooke. We hope they will have a happy and vigorous life with us.

"D" COMPANY

The last four months of 1959 were as busy as the rest of the year for "D" Coy.

Training in the Autumn rose to a climax with the Brigade Competitions weekend. "D" Coy had the task of supplying the Battalion effort in the Patrol and First Aid Competitions. Every one had worked with great keenness to reach a high standard in both teams, and in the event the Patrol walked away with the trophy and the First Aiders were only edged into second place by one point, something less than one per cent of the points gained (and it was suggested that this was only so because the winners had so little confidence in their own first aid ability that they had the Battalion Padre in attendance just in case).

Thereafter, weekend training has been concentrated on a series of recruit and other cadres organised at Battalion level. Happily we continue to be in a position to supply a considerable number of the recruits to be trained. As these notes are being written we have six new volunteers waiting for the steady puff-puffing Quartermastering machine to produce their uniforms and other personal kit. (Perhaps one day, the Q staffs of the

Army will note that the age of steam has given way to more rapid movement).

The Brigadier's Annual Inspection produced, we hope, no major gaffs. Do Brigadiers have some specially developed sense which makes them scent out the very private soldier who will respond to a polite question with: "Collecting some more bloody tins!'"? To explain this slight divagation would be beyond the scope of these notes; suffice it to say that the Brigadier showed himself able to make further comment in like kind. Perhaps more worthy of note on this visit is the fact that it produced "D" Company's first appearance on T.V.

An important administrative reorganisation during this period has been the swap of drill halls between this company, Support and Bravo. The detachment at North Walsham is now the responsibility of Support; we are sorry to lose a number of old faces from that direction but are sure they will be equally happy with Support Company. The Fakenham drill hall (such as it is) is transferred from "B" to "D" and with this transfer we welcome a new Company Sergeant Major, W.O.II Snowling who is already making his presence felt in the new company; also Sgt. Richardson and a small group of others.

A number of promotions affecting the company: we congratulate Sgt. Eagle, Cpls. Leeds, Smith H., Hubbard and Haley and L/Cpls. Duff and Reeve. And we are very pleased to see signs of others capable of rising in rank.

Finally a mammoth Children's Party ended the year. Though there were 80 children present, there were still enough "eats" left over to satisfy even Pte. Pitchers.

SUPPORT COMPANY

The middle of September saw the Annual Brigade Competitions, in which "S" Coy succeeded in gaining second place, both for the M.M.G. and 3in. Mortar, this being an improved position on the previous year, and it is hoped to do even better in 1960.

At the beginning of December, North Walsham Detachment was transferred to "S" Coy and a very warm welcome is extended to them. Apart from the fact that we hope to see their numbers increase steadily, we shall look forward to seeing them at All Saints Green when ever possible.

During the month of January "S" Coy took part in Exercise "Weybourne Hope" which was organised by "D" Coy. The members of "S" Coy, together with other personnel from the Battalion, and also members of the Norfolk Cadets, manned the cross roads and the Weybourne A.A. Practice Camp on the North Norfolk Coast, and virtually prevented "D" Coy from gaining entry to the camp. The total bag of prisoners was 26 out of a possible 30. In spite of hard frost, driving hail and several inches of snow on the ground, it is understood there were no acute cases of frost bite, and every one in the company is looking forward to a return match later in the year.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Hewett and to Cpls. Copland, Fearnley and Pye on their recent promotions.



4th BATTALION THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT (T.A.)

It is interesting and possibly not generally realised that of the four Battalions in The East Anglian Brigade three of them form 161 Infantry Regiment (T.A.) — 4th Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.), 4th Battalion The Suffolk Regiment (T.A.) and 1st Battalion The Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.). It is even rumoured that the Brigade Commander, Brigadier Doyle, is considering discarding that green lanyard and sewing on the East Anglian titles.

In the last six months the Battalion has accomplished a great deal in the way of valuable, if often very basic training. Results are obvious to anyone who has watched the development of the Battalion since camp last May, and the keenness and sense of urgency displayed by almost every member of the Battalion has been most encouraging.

Unfortunately there is no doubt that the standard of shooting and weapon training generally is lower than it has been for some years, mainly due to increased concentration in other, more realistic, fields of training. However, with the experience and skill of the recently arrived R.S.M. Hazelwood we hope that we shall soon be once again in the top flight of prize-winning T.A. Battalions. Despite our present standard the Battalion team obtained second place in the Unit All Arms Championship at the Divisional Rifle Meeting in September.

Whatever the standard of shooting the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Bromeswell on or about Minden Day is always a success, if only socially, and a success it certainly was in 1959.

In June we sent a small team to take part in the Nijmegen Marches for the second year running. They were led by Capt. Brown and included several men who were in the 1958 team. The intensive programme of training they carried out on the roads of Suffolk before leaving stood them in good stead in Holland, when four days intense heat caused large numbers of marchers to fall out. Our only casualty was Pte. Clarke of "C" Coy, who broke a bone in his foot and had to be forcibly removed from the line of march.

At the 161 Brigade Competitions in September we won the First Aid and Signals Competitions, both in their way triumphs of training, the teams having started virtually from scratch earlier in the year. We are also able to report that the prizes for the other competitions remained within the Regiment.

Recruiting has once again been the subject of a great deal of effort at all levels throughout the

Battalion. These efforts have born some fruit and the Battalion is at present the second strongest unit in Eastern Command, with a total of 330 all ranks. Among the means used is a recruiting brochure produced by the Commanding Officer, of which 20,000 copies have been distributed throughout the county. The greatest success has been at Haverhill, where the T.A. Centre was closed late in 1958 due to lack of numbers, the strength of the detachment being only three. Within three months it was apparent that Sgt. Marsh and Sgt. Jay were staging a serious come back and the Centre was re-opened. It now has a strength of 15 all ranks, a most pleasing increase.

Officers Mess.

As this is our first contribution to the Britannia and Castle we give below for the benefit of our many friends in Norfolk, together with old subscribers to The Suffolk Regimental Gazette, the present list of Officers currently serving with 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment (T.A.) and their appointments.

Lt.-Col. G. T. O. Springfield: Commanding Officer.
Major C. C. Wells, T.D.: 2nd I.C.
Major J. G. Lawrie, T.D.: O.C. Sp. Coy.
Major M. H. Vinden, T.D.: P.M.C.
Major R. A. F. Kemp, T.D.: O.C. "C" Coy.
Major R. C. Smyth: O.C. "H.Q." Coy.
Major W. Mayhew: O.C. "B" Coy.
Capt. G. L. Brown: O.C. "A" Coy.
Capt. D. S. Sach: O.C. "D" Coy.
Capt. T. D. Dean: Adjutant.
Capt. (Q.M.) T. C. Warren: Quartermaster.
Capt. H. W. Garrod: Sp. Coy.
Capt. R. Hammersley: Sp. Coy.
Capt. C. O. Goodford: "B" Coy.
Capt. F. A. F. Biddle, R.A.M.C.: R.M.O.
C.F. 4th Class P. L. Strickland, R.A.Ch.D.: Padre.
Capt. P. B. Bird: Signals Officer.
Capt. (Q.M.) W. G. H. Race: 2nd Quartermaster.
Lt. H. W. Hill: Sp. Coy.
Lt. J. D. C. Young: Signal Platoon.
Lt. C. N. Leaning: "D" Coy.
Lt. J. G. Hazelwood: "B" Coy.
Lt. J. D. L. Wight: "C" Coy.
Lt. C. J. Wright: "C" Coy.
Lt. N. St. J. Watkins: I.O.
Lt. B. R. Marshall: "B" Coy.
Lt. J. S. Sanders: "H.Q." Coy.
Lt. R. H. P. Mermagen: "H.Q." Coy.
Lt. M. E. St. G. Askins: "H.Q." Coy.
Lt. P. F. Catchpole: Sp. Coy.
2/Lt. B. A. J. Wells: "D" Coy.
2/Lt. S. J. Brown: "B" Coy.
2/Lt. N. C. P. Keeble, R.A.P.C.: "H.Q." Coy.
Lt. C. A. R. Malcolm, 8/A. & S.H.: "B" Coy. (att.)

At this stage it would perhaps be appropriate to welcome a number of newcomers to the Mess.

Bruce Wells really needs no introduction since it is already well known that he is Cecil Well's cousin—a fact which may or may not be an advantage.

Kim Malcolm is on attachment from 8/A and S.H. and busy studying Estate Management at Sudbourne.

Nick Keeble is welcome on account of his connections with the Royal Army Pay Corps and also the help we may expect in balancing our 1514s.

Our congratulations to Christopher Wright who has been fortunate enough to secure a two years appointment in Sweden and was last seen in Ipswich with a list of Stockholm Night Clubs a yard long.

John Wight has moved from Wangford and purchased a farm at Walsham-le-Willows. The P.M.C. recently had a card from Christopher Nourse who has passed his finals in the Medical world and is now frantically advertising for customers. Giles Creagh is to be seen from time to time in either Bury St. Edmunds or Ipswich and his capacity to enjoy life tends to increase rather than diminish. Mike Casey is also given to popping into the Mess now and again, seemingly more and more affluent, with bigger and better motor cars. Bill Lewis sent a card at Christmas. He is living at Thirsk in Yorkshire and finds time to put in a few drills with 4th Bn. The Green Howards. He is hoping to be at Camp in June at Stanford P.T.A.

The 4th Battalion Annual Ball for 1959 was held last November at Lowestoft and was by a very long way the most successful so far. The South Pier Pavilion made an admirable venue and a distinguished number of guests and friends attended. We were particularly happy to have with us our Hon. Col. Sir Robert Gooch and Lady Gooch, Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. Goodwin, Brigadier J. R. Doyle, The Mayor and Mayoress of Lowestoft, Alderman and Mrs. Woodrow and Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nunney. Also Lt.-Col. D. U. Fraser and Monty Case who both travelled up from Warminster for the occasion. Bill Deller and Tom Dean were the centre of a large party which seemed to include many well known characters including Guy Dawson, Giles Creagh, Geoffrey Howgego and Jeremy North, to mention but a few.

With 1959 behind us we are now beginning to look ahead to Camp 1960 which takes place in Northumberland.

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1st BATTALION THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE REGIMENT (T.A.)

Dear Editor,

In this the first edition of The Britannia and Castle I should like to say how pleased we of The Cambridgeshire Regiment are to continue our affiliation with the 1st East Anglian Regiment. It is indeed an honour and a privilege.

In the final edition of The Suffolk Regimental Gazette my predecessor Col. Walter Page was kind enough to wish me every success on taking over command of the 1st Cambridgeshires. I should like to say, on behalf of the Battalion, how very sorry we were to see him go and how pleased we were to hear of his elevation to the Brevet rank of Colonel. His period of command took the Regiment through a very difficult period. Almost immediately after he took over command the Regiment changed from being a Parachute Light Regiment back to Infantry and became the 1st Battalion The Cambridgeshire Regiment once again. This was the third change the Battalion had had since the war and for a T.A. Battalion such transition is not calculated to inspire confidence and the consequent upheavals reflect upon the members.

However, the Regiment survived and since returning to Infantry we have once again got onto a sound basis and here I should like to pay tribute to Col. Page for all the good and hard work which he put into re-organising the Battalion and bringing it up to the fine unit it is today. It may be a little under strength in comparison with our sister battalions in Norfolk and in Suffolk, but it has tremendous spirit and Col. Page has laid a firm foundation on which I shall be proud to build.

I should also just like to mention the Old Comrades of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, who have stood by the Battalion in all its changes and supported it loyally. Their turn out on 21st June, 1959 on the occasion of the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief was evidence indeed of their pride in the old Battalion. I should like, if I may, to pay special tribute to one old comrade, Mr. Arthur Tucker, who has done such tremendous work for the Regiment and who has now after ten years as Secretary to the Old Comrades' Association had to relinquish the post. He has not left us and still keeps a finger in the pie as Secretary of the Sergeants' Dinner Club. The Regiment owes him a great debt of gratitude, a statement with which all who know him will heartily agree.

Of the future I have great hopes. My ambition is to double our strength within the next two years and I am sure that, with the support of every loyal Cambridgeshire, this can be done.

This is our centenary year and I am confident that it will be a prosperous one. In May we go to camp in the North with the whole of 161 Infantry

Brigade and we look forward to renewing our old acquaintances and making many new ones.

In closing may I wish you, as Editor of the brand new publication "The Britannia and Castle" every success and may I thank you for being allowed to appear on its pages.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

F. D. Storie-Pugh,
Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding 1st Battalion
The Cambridgeshire Regt.
(T.A.).

REGIMENTAL REVIEW

When last these notes were produced for the "final" edition of The Castle and Key the Battalion was sweating it out on Exercise Happy Wanderer on the gentle slopes of Dartmoor. We did well on that exercise, very well for not a man wilted or fell by the wayside, even our gallant doctor humping his medical pack and carrying his little primus stove on which he brewed the most delicious concoctions stayed the course.

With hardly a pause after returning from Camp on 6th June (The Battalion returned on that day but Sgt. Brown decided to take a day longer and, proceeding by some curious route of his own, elected to stay the night sleeping in the ditch beside his vehicle, which had developed an acute attack of hiccoughs—the vehicle not Brown—somewhere near Royston), everyone swept into preparation for the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief.

That visit has already been reported but long will it remain in the memories of all who were able to be present. To perpetuate the memory the Battalion now has its own thirty minute film of the great day in colour. This film was made at very short notice by Four Square Productions, an enthusiastic group of amateur cinematographers comprising a bank manager, a draper and a priest. They gave their services and put in a great deal of time and work in editing and producing the film which is now a real regimental prize.

Last July in the Lamb at Ely we dined out Colonel Walter Page who completed his tour of Command on 1st August. It was a sad occasion but we know that he will never lose touch with the Battalion and even after he had given up command he turned up as a spectator on one of our exercises at Stanford, complete with his son and heir—it could be that he was preparing him to follow in his father's footsteps.

On that exercise the Battalion did very well in the 161 Infantry Brigade Competition especially C.S.M. Chapman and his "bombers." They were bang on target and the new H.Q. Coy P.S.I. Sgt. Harris did a very good job of controlling the fire. The Mortars won a handsome cup for their efforts. Another splendid trophy went to C/Sgt. Gillett's team of sharp shooters with the Medium Machine Guns. They might have done even better if, in their anxiety to get all their rounds fired, they had not gone on firing at their target for two minutes after the "theoretical" attacking infantry had reached the same target.

Doctor Walker was doing pretty well in the First Aid Competition with assistance from the old

and bold of the Cambridgeshire Band led by Sgt. Preston as Medical Sergeant with Sgt. Kennedy and Cpl. Ward in close support. However all their efforts suffered a sharp set back when a certain stretcher party, who had better remain anonymous, arrived after a short walk carrying a "casualty" with a broken 't'ib' and 'f'ib' tripped over a tree root and deposited the "casualty" unceremoniously at the feet of the umpires—no marks Sgt. Preston!

In August two of our P.S.I.s left us to join the 1st Battalion of the 1st East Anglian Regiment in Germany, C.S.M. Fowler and Sgt. Bullock. They have been replaced by C.S.M. Drew and Sgt. Gay. Later in the year we lost Sgt. Shepperd who went off as an instructor at the Signal Wing of the School of Infantry and he was succeeded by Sgt. Bryant. To those who have left us we send our thanks for the work they have done and the help they have given and wish them every success and to those who have arrived we extend a warm welcome and offer the customary "blood, sweat and tears" which is the right of every P.S.I.

In September we did our stuff in the Divisional Rifle Meeting in which Pte. Brown of Ely excelled himself by winning the Young Soldiers' Cup which was such an enormous piece of silver that his eyes boggled at the prospect of having to fill it. Never mind the Ely company soon filled it for him. At the same meeting we also carried off the Young Soldiers' Team Cup. R.S.M. Lyon did well too. Having, in company with Sgt. Harris, failed to get off a single round in the L.M.G. competition (broken firing pin Mr. Lyon?) he went on to lead H.Q. 161 Infantry Brigade Team to victory in the Open Falling Plate Competition.

During November little was seen of our Training Major or our Quartermaster. People caught occasional glimpses of them as they flitted through March or Wisbech with wet towels round their heads and rubber stamps in their hands murmuring queer phrases such as "just how can you balance these accounts," "nothing there for the P.R.I." or "who invented C.E.S. accounting." Never mind it will all come right in the end!

In December we had a bigger and better Christmas Shoot with some really good side shows, especially "A" Company's tipping the Sgt. Major out of bed, which went down well with everyone especially C.S.M. Drew the unfortunate Sgt. Major! H.Q. Coy as usual put on a show with female interest and *cherchez la femme* they certainly did.

The Commanding Officer and the Adjutant reached the Shoot a little later than most, but they had hardly got inside the door before C.S.M. Robinson and his assistant Cpl. Noble had them battling it out on the table tennis table. Tight trousers never were designed for table tennis. However that didn't worry Major Howgego for he went from strength to strength with the assistance of some unusual umpiring by Capt. Neville Bleach and a constant supply of liquid refreshment to defeat Sgt. Beaumont a very tactful sergeant in H.Q. Company, in the final—his prize, a handsome dynamo for his bicycle!

The attendance at the shoot was very good and everyone was most disappointed when the licensing laws brought the bar to a close. What else can you do when you invite teams from the City and the County police to take part. Next year we will hold it on a Saturday when there should be no problem.

Christmas over, the dusters and brooms come out and the window cleaners were put to work, even the hay-boxes were scoured and polished and for why? Brigadier Doyle fortified by a Christmas spent in America, Bill Deller fortified by his entry into matrimony in September and Claude Hubbard just fortified, were due to carry out the Annual Administrative Inspection on 9th and 10th January.

The inspection has now taken place but the report has not yet been received. That crafty Colour Sergeant Croft in H.Q. Company did his best to ensure success by chipping away a few pieces of masonry around the securing bolts in his armoury just so that "Strong arm" Deller could have the pleasure of pulling the chain! He did—and thoroughly enjoyed it. It made his day.

The Brigadier's day was made too, when an attractive lady reporter from the Cambridge Daily News approached him and asked if she might interview him. The Brigadier readily agreed but, after explaining for a few minutes to the young lady just why he was visiting the Battalion, was a little surprised when she said "excuse me sir, but do you have a pencil and paper, I think I ought to take some of this down. I rushed out of my office so quickly when I heard you were here that I forgot to bring my note-book!"

Further reports on the inspection must await the receipt of our report.

OFFICERS MESS

The Mess continues to flourish and there have been several very successful ladies nights which have been very well supported. The Regimental film of the visit of H.R.H. The Princess Margaret has been very much appreciated by everyone.

Our first big occasion in the Mess in this quarter was the dinner held at Ely to dine-out the Commanding Officer. This sad occasion proved a very successful one and Col. Page was despatched in traditional style after an extremely good meal. Before he left Col. Page presented the Mess with two wonderful candelabra which were accepted on behalf of the Regiment by our Colonel, Brig. Backhouse.

It was very pleasing, but not surprising to hear that on appointment to T.A.R.O. Col. Walter was promoted to the brevet rank of full colonel. The congratulations of all members go out to him on this recognition of his services to the Regiment and on his ability as a Commanding Officer. We hope that we shall see a lot more of him and it was great fun to see him at the Annual Ball dressed in the full splendour of his new rank. It was great fun to see Mrs. Page too for only a few weeks before she had, with due ceremony, handed over the regimental brooch to Mrs. Storie Pugh.

The ball was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who were able to attend. It was good to see so many officers of the 3rd and 4th Battalions present. The food was terrific with due credit to Mark Bradford and John Cook who had organised a really enjoyable evening.

It was with great sorrow that we heard on 27th September of the tragic death in a motor car accident of Andrew Stephen. It was indeed a tragedy, for his father had been killed while commanding the 2nd Battalion at Singapore. Andrew had been with us since completing his national service and after camp in 1958 he was selected for the appointment of G.S.O.3 at our Brigade Headquarters in

Colchester. Our deepest sympathy goes to his mother and to his brother Martin. He was buried, with full military honours in the Barton Road Cemetery in Cambridge.

During this quarter we had the greatest pleasure in announcing the arrival of a new recruit for the Regiment, Robert Neill Forsythe, son of James and Mary Forsythe and born at Norwich on 1st November, 1959. Our heartiest congratulations to James and Mary.

Other arrivals whom we are delighted to welcome have been Lt. (Q.M.) Charles Isaacson who was transferred to us in November from 162 (City of Cambridge) Field Ambulance.

Vic Norman had been feeling the pressure of work for some time and decided that he needed a second quartermaster to help him out. With two Q.M.s we should now be well away. Who knows the C.O. may get his frogmans kit yet!

2/Lt. A. K. Checkley who was commissioned into the Regiment on 27th November. He comes from King's Lynn and has already served his apprenticeship in "A" Company.

2/Lts. Bowe and George who are attached to us for training from 357 Light Regt. R.A. and D.L.I. respectively.

On the debit side we have said goodbye to Brian Keatley and his charming wife Diana. We feel that they haven't really left us and we hope that we shall see lots more of them, but Brian has now taken a job in London, has moved to Bishops Stortford and has therefore decided to transfer to 1st Herts. Our loss is their gain and similar platitudes. Seriously though the Mess is particularly sorry to see Brian go since, as Mess Secretary, he did a great deal to ensure the smooth functioning of all the Mess activities, especially at camp.

His brother Bill, we haven't seen for some time either as he has gone down from St. Catherine's and has also gone to work in London. Bill, it seems, really does have to work too and it is taking quite some time for him to get used to the whole idea. Still he has promised to come and see us in the New Year.

On the occasion of the Annual Administrative Inspection we were very pleased to entertain to dinner our Brigade Commander, Brig. J. R. I. Doyle, O.B.E., our Brigade Major Bill Deller and our D.A.A. and Q.M.G. complete with moustache, Claud Hubbard—we had thought of asking Sam Bellamy along to sit next to Claud, but we decided it would not be fair—on Sam.

In closing, the members of the Mess would like to express to C/Sgt. Croft their appreciation for the very real efforts and hard work that he puts into keeping the Mess and in particular the Regimental Silver in such very good condition.

SERGEANTS MESS

Welcome to Sgt. Randall who will be better known to many as "Jungle." He is adding strength to "C" Coy at March, where C.S.M. Robinson has taken over from C.S.M. Fowler who has returned to more "regular" hours and past times. Another welcome too to two (sounds like Reg Smith's number) new P.S.I.s—C.S.M. Len Drew and Sgt. Happy Gay, both signals balm, who have already transformed their companies ability to communicate with each other by means other than those provided by the G.P.O.

A socially successful evening was held last

month when the Mess scruffs met at Ely for a Mess Tramps Ball, everyone in their best rig out and quite a few unrecognisable. The Drews won first prize and now have the doubtful distinction of being the scruffiest on the Isle of Ely as well as the Isle of Cyprus. C/Sgt. Gillet, Sgt. Shepperd and Sgt. Taylor performed the transformation scene which reduced our normally smart Drill Hall to a shambles.

"H.Q." COMPANY

The untimely death of Captain Stephen has been referred to elsewhere in this magazine. We at Cambridge would like to place on record the esteem we always had for him, particularly when we worked with him, and to give his family our deepest sympathy in their loss.

Sgt. Brown, P., and Pte. Rookes, T., have both got married and we wish them every happiness.

The canteen decorations have been finally completed and we now have a clubroom to be proud of. We christened it with an opening night on 18th June. Recently we have found it an extremely attractive place for parties, such as our Company Dinner on the 10th December and our Christmas Children's Party on the 22nd December. This was our first Company Dinner and was a great success. Forty-seven of us sat down to dinner at eight o'clock and the remainder of the evening (plus a fair part of the next day) was spent in playing various games. The Commanding Officer, of course, always excelled himself at these! The Children's Party was also a great success, thanks to a lot of hard work put in by several people. Of these, Mrs. Howgego and Mrs. Norman deserve a special vote of thanks.

Sgt. Harris has put in a lot of hard work laying on training and in spite of the upheavals always being experienced in the Company Office, we are glad to report that not more than five out of six of the important letters from the Adjutant have got lost! We had an excellent Company weekend on Kelling Heath. We started off on the Saturday with a map reading exercise. This was followed by an outing to a pub where Sgt. Graves organised some rather complicated darts competitions. On Sunday we had a day's platoon and section training, ending with firing the rocket launcher. Colour Sgt. Croft was in his element organising our comforts and our food.

Our stand for the Christmas shoot was kept a great secret. Even the Company Commander had the greatest difficulty in discovering from Colour Sgt. Croft and Sgt. Harris what was going on. Anyone in the town the day before would have seen the extraordinary sight of two soldiers carrying a nude female dummy each, through the streets. Needless to say their ears were very red when they arrived back at the Drill Hall.

"A" COMPANY

When these notes were last written, we were in the midst of the heat and burden of annual Camp, which we overcame without any major casualties! Even our younger members, Bates, Vincent and Snowy Clarke are still able to undergo training!

During June the Company detachment was proud to take part in the Parade at Ely in honour of our Colonel-in-Chief H.R.H. The Princess Margaret, which has been more fully reported elsewhere in this Gazette.

During June we regretfully said goodbye to our former P.S.I. C.S.M. Robinson. When Robo took over on our conversion to Infantry some three years ago, the T.A. strength at Wisbech was three! It is now 53, and this is the measure of his achievement in a comparatively short time, nobly assisted, be it added, by the C/Sgt. A small party was held in honour of C.S.M. and Mrs. Robinson, to mark his departure to "C" Coy at March, and he was presented with two silver tankards. We wish good luck to Robo among the wild men of March! We welcome in his place C.S.M. Drew from 1st East Anglian Regiment, and hope his stay in Wisbech will be a happy one. Already he is acquiring web feet, and the Fen Tigers, or rather the Fen Signallers, are beginning to tremble!

During November we held a farewell party for Cpl. Diggins (A.C.C.) and his family, who have emigrated to Australia, and the Company presented him with a Silver Service in recognition of his "hash"! Cpl. Diggins was one of our three remaining Paratroops, and we wish him a happy landing in Australia. We also congratulated L/Cpl. Jupp (A.C.C.) on his promotion to full Corporal to fill the gap in our A.C.C. ranks and compliment him and Setchfield on the results of their course at the Depot Bury St. Edmunds.

Next we must mention Sgt. Warrington of 4th Royal Norfolks, who has been attached to this Company for the past six months, and congratulate both he and Cpl. Checklev of "A" Coy on successfully passing before the recent Commissioning Board at Bedford. We hope to see their names in the London Gazette shortly! 2/Lt. Osborn also must receive a mention for successfully passing the Mons "Young Officers" Course.

The Company took part in the usual Combined Parade at Wisbech on Armistice Sunday, when a large parade and service was held, which included elements of the Cadet Battalion and other Cadet organisations in the town. We are now busy preparing for the Battalion Christmas Shoot, when we hope to put on our usual "Cockle and Wheel Stall," the Archery Stall and "Tip the Sgt-Major out of bed"! This will be followed by our own Christmas Dinner and party for all ranks at Wisbech on 19th December.

We congratulate Brighty on his promotion to L/Cpl. and Stebbings on promotion to Sergeant and Drum Major, and sympathise with Lieut. Nicholson who has emigrated to Yorkshire. We hope his future attendances will not become too infrequent! Finally we welcome the following recruits, Vois, Foster, Ablett, Dean, Stebbings (brother of the Drum Major), Harris and Bates (cousin of Boy Bates).

"B" COMPANY

Throughout the year attendance at Drills and week-ends has been very good. An enthusiastic spirit pervaded the company which was later to pay dividends.

Although the visit of H.R.H. The Princess Margaret on Sunday, 21st June is regarded as a red letter day for The Cambridgeshire Regiment, it was in particular a special day for Ely and the Ely Company. "B" Coy, in no small way, felt themselves as host for the day. Arrangements were made for the catering of members of the Regiment and the Cadets at the Drill Hall and for other visitors in the grounds of the Ely Theological College. We are most indebted to the college and to the King's

School, Ely, for their most ready co-operation in all our plans for that memorable day.

Everyone has agreed it was an outstanding success, even the weather was "royalty" fine, and the members of "B" Coy are to be congratulated on the success of the work they did.

Nineteen members of "B" Coy were at annual camp, and everyone returned having had an enjoyable time — and none was found wanting in the endurance test.

It was left to "B" Coy to gain the first win for the Regiment in the Brigade Training Weekend, 19th/20th September, when we won the M.M.G. Competition. Much praise is due here to Capt. Leach and the coaching and training of the irrepressible C/Sgt. "Bernie" Gillett.

Yet perhaps the one trophy we prize most of all was the Champion Young Soldiers Cup which was won by Pte. Brown at the East Anglian Division shoot at Colchester on 26th/27th September. This was without doubt the best individual achievement in the Regiment throughout the year.

We ended our training year on a bugle note, when Major Howgego and his staff came over to pay out the "Annual Bounties" on a Social evening, during which the Regiment film of H.R.H. The Princess Margaret's visit was shown.

Great news! Since 29th September seven new recruits have been enrolled at Ely and we have prospects of more after Christmas. C/Sgt. and Mrs. Gillett are now in the throes of preparing for the Children's Party on Sunday, 20th December.

We have said our farewells, our thanks and best wishes to Sgt. Shepperd who has done yeoman service as P.S.I. He leaves us to go as an instructor to the Signals Wing at Hythe.

We have also met our new P.S.I. Sgt. Bryant, whom we welcome and hope he'll like "B" Coy and have a happy time with us.

Note.—Cpl. Kelly gets no credit for emulating the Company Commander in being involved in a car crash and having "time off" in hospital.

"C" COMPANY

First of all we welcome to the company as our P.S.I. W.O. II Robinson, who is no stranger to us as he was with us when the Regiment reverted to their role of Infantry.

He should qualify for the full bounty for the camps he has done with us. Only the Q.M. and he are left now of the originals.

It was with sorrow that we said goodbye to our "Bob" who will be sadly missed by all at Gas Lane. He has joined the ranks of the "1/Lug Holes" as he calls them. No offence meant 1st East Anglian Regiment.

We welcome to the company Sgt. Randall who is known by all, and we hope his stay will be a long one, after all he has got a couple of years service in!

Most of the company have re-engaged and have decided to stay another two years with us. We were sorry to lose Boy Binlev and Porter who have joined the Royal Marines and Royal Navy respectively. We wish them luck in their new arm of the Silent Service.

Plenty of exercises lately and shiny "C" Coy has had a hand in all of them, our turn out has been quite good but we could do with a few more. In the various competitions in the Brigade we had men in the teams for stretcher bearers, signals and

3in. Mortars. The mortar detachment with the assistance of a detachment from "A" Coy won the Brigade competition. Well done.

Most of the football team are from "C" and at Norwich they beat 122 Fd. Engr. Regiment 12-0. It was a different story though when they met a very good team from the 5th Bedfords and lost 11-1 in the semi-final.

The Drums have really started in earnest and are now second to none. You can go into the gun shed and see music written all over the doors, surely L/Cpl. Wilkinson could use a blackboard. But never mind the results are certainly showing.

The Band and Drums gave a display at the Cambridge City versus Luton charity match at Cambridge. The Band was not quite ready so the Drummers did their stuff. However at half time a good display was given by Band and Drums under Bandmaster Peters and it was greatly appreciated by the crowd.

The next display was in aid of Earl Haig's fund and the Drums were competing with the famous Dagenham Girl Pipers. They all had tea together and our P.S.I. would like to know how they can eat their tea while holding hands under the table.

Major Lee our Company Commander would like to congratulate all who helped to achieve the excellent results obtained on the recent inspections.

Things we should like to know?

Did Agger break his wrist at football or did he do it at the well known art of "Judo"?

Do you have to keep the battery completely dry for efficiency? Answers required from Cambridge.

We thought Sgt. Feary was good at landing but this time his chute did not open. Result injured foot.

The driving instruction is going very well on Saturday mornings but certain people should remember that to jam the foot on the accelerator is not the best way of stopping the vehicle.

All aerials refitted and erected by our C.S.M. Apply at the Drill Hall at Gas Lane. We shall soon have T.V. in all offices. Be careful when going into all stores and rooms, there are "mikes" everywhere.

Where, oh where, did the P.S.I. get his "Tin lizzie" from, what will it be next, Rolls or Bentley?

We hear rumours that we shall soon have a permanent Captain in the company, is he really going to throw that Green Beret away? (or bleach it!).

We conclude by congratulating L/Cpl. Abbott on his recent engagement to Christine Bass (Pte. in the W.R.A.C. who we understand is a good cook too). This is the outcome of a romance on Dartmoor. Good luck!

"D" COMPANY

In September we welcomed to "D" Coy our new P.S.I., Sgt. T. Gay, who took the place of Sgt. S. Bullock who is now with his old regiment again in Germany. Sgt. Gay soon found his feet and it was not long before his excellent experience as a Signal Instructor was put to good use to the benefit of most of the company. He organised several signal exercises at Newmarket during the Autumn as well as elsewhere and a marked improvement in the



"The Old and the New." Len Tubbs as "Ole Bill" joins some of the soldiers of today.
(Left to right: Pte. Fenner, Cpl. Page and L/Cpl. Burch).

standard of signalling in the company has been achieved.

The Company Rifle Team, minus a few of its regular members, did not gain a trophy at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, but they did gain a number of individual awards. Pte. Rix emerged as the Battalion Individual Champion with a score of 109, while he was also a member of the winning falling plate team. C/Sgt. A. Challis a regular member of the team, was otherwise engaged at a Brigade Motor Cycle Rally at Colchester, where he won an award.

In October the Company were given a new role in the Battalion when they were given a squadron of motor-cycles and told to train as "Don R.s." C/Sgt. Challis was given the task of training a fully operational dispatch rider platoon the members of which will have to undergo a rigorous driving test as well as having to qualify as first class signallers and map readers. Sgt. Gay has been made responsible for the instruction of signals and Lt. Knight for the map reading and navigational instruction. It is hoped to enter a company team in the Brigade Trials next year, and also take part in local events. An appeal in the local press for experienced motor cyclists and mechanics led to enlistment of several volunteers, but more are still needed.

The Company have recently been entertaining the British Legion at their fortnightly social evenings at the T.A. Centre, Newmarket. A display of modern weapons was given, and C/Sgt. Challis dressed as a modern soldier aroused a great deal of interest from the "old comrades." Soon after this a splendid "Old Bill" type of 1914-18 veteran appeared complete with battered tin hat and mud-stained greatcoat, this was in fact the well known comedian Len Tibbs who kept the company in fits of laughter and brought back many memories to several oldtimers in the audience.

THE 1st EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT (ROYAL NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK) PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION

NORFOLK SECTION

President: Brig. F. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C.

Secretary: Major W. G. Cripps.

Headquarters: Britannia Barracks, Norwich.

Inaugural Meeting.

The inaugural committee meeting of the Norfolk Section, to which 20 members of the Association were invited, was held prior to the Annual Reunion Dinner on 26th September.

Brigadier Barclay, who had taken over the post of President from Brigadier Wilkinson, opened the proceedings by announcing Major Ambrose's retirement from the Secretaryship of The Royal Norfolk Regiment Association and went on to state that Major Cripps had taken over the duties.

The President referred to the formation of the 1st East Anglian Regiment Past and Present Association, and explained that the Royal Norfolk Regiment Association would henceforth become the Norfolk Section of the new Association. He assured all present that apart from some changes in eligibility for membership and Officers' subscriptions, the Norfolk Section would continue in the future as had the Royal Norfolk Regiment Association in the past.

The General and Executive Committees were appointed and in view of the increased responsibility of the Territorial Battalion in the future organisation of reunions, there is a strong representation of the 4th Battalion in these Committees. The Commanding Officer of the Battalion is Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Forthcoming Events.

- 12th June: London Branch will place a wreath on the Cenotaph in Whitehall in memory of the fallen of the Regiment.
16th July: "At Home" Britannia Barracks.
24th Sept.: Reunion Dinner, Britannia Barracks.
12th Oct.: Edith Cavell Memorial Service, Norwich Cathedral.
29th Oct.: Reunion Dinner, The Drill Hall, Providence Street, King's Lynn.
4th Nov.: London Branch will plant a Cross in the Field of Remembrance, Westminster, to be followed by a Reunion Dinner at the Victory Club, Marble Arch.
11th Nov.: Memorial Service, Memorial Cottages, Norwich.

Norwich Branch.

The Annual Reunion Dinner in Norwich took place in the gymnasium, Britannia Barracks, on 26th September with Brig. Barclay, our new President, in the chair. The guest of honour on this occasion was Major "Father" Ambrose to whom a presentation of a cheque was made in appreciation of his fifty year's service in, and for the Regiment. We were particularly pleased that Brig. Maxwell was able to be present on this memorable evening. Just over 280 sat down to dinner, a record attendance of former members of the Regiment, since on previous occasions our numbers have always included fifty or more serving soldiers from amongst the recruits under training at the Regimental Depot. It was the first occasion, too, on which the 4th Battalion had taken an active part in the organisation of the dinner and right well they did what was asked of them. R.S.M. Fitt, as on many a former occasion, converted the gymnasium into a tastefully decorated dining room. The catering and service was first class and it was generally accepted that this was the best function of its kind held in Norwich for some years.

Messages of loyal greetings were sent to Her Majesty The Queen and to Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, our Colonel-in-Chief. Their replies, read out after dinner by Brig. Barclay, were as follows:—

From the Private Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen

"The Queen sincerely thanks the members of the Norfolk Section of the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) Past and Present Association assembled at dinner this evening for their kind and loyal message of greetings which Her Majesty very greatly appreciates."

From Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret

"I thank you for your loyal message on the occasion of your Annual Reunion Dinner and send you my best wishes for a happy evening."

Signed: Margaret,
Colonel-in-Chief.

Other messages were received from 1st Battalion, Brig. Scott and Lt.-Col. Atkinson who is in New Zealand but hopes to be present at next year's dinner.

In his speech, Brig. Barclay outlined the future activities of the Norfolk Section and impressed upon all those present that it was up to them to

see that the wonderful spirit so apparent on this occasion was maintained in the future. He paid tribute to Major Ambrose and said that the Regiment was indebted to him for all the hard work he had done during his long association with the Regiment, and particularly during the past fourteen years as Secretary of the Regimental Association and Curator of the Regimental Museum. Major Ambrose, in reminiscent mood, recalled that he was born in the Regiment when the 1st Battalion was stationed in Dagshai, and that he spent his early years living in married quarters in Britannia Barracks. He and his playmates were unpopular with the soldiers' wives at the time because of a habit the boys had of waiting for the wives to hang out their washing and, when they had gone back to their quarters, changing the garments around from one linen line to another. In a more serious mood, Major Ambrose explained that the success of any Regimental Association resulted from what its members put into it. It was no good deploring the absence of young members at Association meetings, the thing to do was to go out and bring them along.

Brig. Maxwell reported on his recent visit to Germany when he attended the inauguration ceremonies in Iserlohn. He said that it was obvious that all was going well at all levels. He paid a tribute to the work of our former Colonel, Brig. Wilkinson, in the preliminary work prior to amalgamation. He urged all present to do what they could to help in the very important matter of raising regular recruits for the new Regiment.

After Dinner, there were the usual small and more intimate reunions which went on till well in the morning.

King's Lynn Branch.

Lt.-Col. Archie Debenham presided over a gathering of 140 at the Reunion Dinner held, as usual, in the Drill Hall on the last Saturday in October. It was particularly pleasing to see Brig. Jephson at this function since he lives permanently in Eire and his visits to this country are all too rare. Others present included Brigadiers Barclay and Wilkinson, Major Jack Dye from the 1st Battalion in Germany and Major Murray Petit from the Depot. Major Stephen Pope brought along a strong contingent from the Downham Market Branch.

London Branch.

The branch has gone through the last six months with remarkable smoothness. A few new faces have come on the scene but, unfortunately, one or two old ones seem to have disappeared so that an average attendance at our meetings has been maintained.

A new venture started in 1959 was the coach trip to Norwich, a complete success which will be repeated in 1960. A report on the first trip has been provided by George Burns and after reading it, should there be others who would care to join us in the future, would they please write to me: The Secretary at 11 Warburton Court, Peckham Rye, London, S.E.15.

The ceremony at the Field of Remembrance was very well attended, a considerable encouragement to the organisers. The Regiment's Cross was planted by our new Association President, Brig. Barclay. The reunion dinner which followed at the Victory Club is reported by John Scotcher whom we were



The London Branch Dinner, November, 1959.

Left to Right: Brig. Barclay, Lt.-Col. Floyd, Brig. Wilkinson, Brig. Scott, Lt.-Col. Montgomerie.

delighted to have with us once again. In sending you good wishes for 1960, may I express the hope that we shall meet many more of you at our future functions.
"Friar Tuck."

Our Annual Reunion Dinner took place on Friday, 6th November at the Victory Club, Seymour Street, London when 105 members were present. It was nice to see a number of new faces this year but I am afraid there were a good many of the old faces missing, but let us hope that they can make it next year. The evening commenced at 6.45 p.m. with a get-together in the bar, then we all sat down to dinner at 7.45 p.m.

Dinner comprised tomato soup, roast chicken, baked potatoes and green peas followed by apricot melba and coffee and, need I say, was enjoyed by all. After dinner Col. Floyd rose to make his customary speech but before doing so he asked all members to stand in silence in memory of Brig. P. V. P. Stone, C.M.G., D.S.O., who has recently passed away. Col. Floyd reminded all present of all the good work that Gen. Stone had done for the Regimental Association in the past and said how much he will be missed. After the silence Col. Floyd greeted all members and he had a special word of welcome for Brig. Barclay and Brig. Wilkinson and also for Chelsea Pensioner Parnell and Mr. Gibbs who first joined the Regiment in 1895. He surely must be one of the oldest former members in the country. The Colonel, in the course of his speech, spoke of the smooth way that the Royal Norfolk and the Suffolk Regiments had carried out the business of amalgamation and said he was sure that everyone present would wish to join him in sending good wishes to the 1st East Anglian Regiment. Brigadier Barclay gave a short resume of current regimental activities and remarked what a blessing the Memorial Cottages have been in re-housing disabled members of the Regiment. He appealed to all present to take a more

active part in the Association's work in helping their less fortunate comrades. The Brigadier thanked Mr. S. A. Tuck our Branch Secretary for all the good work he is doing and congratulated him and his committee on their efforts in organising the reunion dinner. The Brigadier concluded his speech by thanking everyone for their attention and said he hoped all would enjoy themselves in the remainder of the evening. There was ample evidence that his hopes in this direction were more than amply fulfilled. I know that I, for one, was very sorry when the old enemy "time" caught up with us and a most enjoyable evening came to an end.

John Scotcher.

To Norwich by Coach.

Almost immediately after the 1958 Reunion Dinner at Norwich, the members of the London Branch decided that the best and cheapest way to travel to Norwich would be by coach. Sid Tuck, our Secretary, was given the go ahead sign and he started by asking how many members would be prepared to make the journey if a coach was hired. The response was very satisfactory. Twenty-nine members put their names on the list. A 35-seater coach was booked for the trip. The 26th September, 1959 dawned and the coach left the "Clarence" at Whitehall at 12.30 p.m. on the first stage of its journey to Norwich. One hour later it had reached a certain hostelry at Leytonstone where the remainder of the party were to be picked up. Those of us who were waiting had been imbibing pretty freely. It was very obvious that those who had assembled at the "Clarence" had also partaken of copious draughts of liquid refreshment. Anyway they all seemed glad to de-bus and with one accord make a beeline for a certain place. The idea was that they should pick us up. Actually by the time we had all boarded the coach it was very difficult to

say who had picked up whom. A close observer would have seen the grey hairs beginning to grow on poor Sid's head. However eventually he took a count and seemed satisfied that we were all aboard and the coach once more travelled on towards Norwich. Tuck's peace of mind didn't last long—about four and a half miles I think. After travelling that great distance some bright spark had realised that if we travelled too far without a halt it would not be possible to obtain further liquid sustenance until we arrived at Norwich. Consequently the coach was halted at a certain well known road house on the London-Epping road. Its hospitable doors welcomed us with open arms and we allowed ourselves to be drawn inside without much of a struggle. Even Sid saw it was hopeless and joined in the fun. We stayed here quaffing ale and eating pork sausages until mine host called "Time, gentlemen, please." It took us about twenty minutes to get everyone aboard—they seemed to be getting off the coach just as fast as they got on. I wonder why?

Eventually, however, we were once again off on our journey. After various short halts—mainly at the request of a certain Mr. Savage—we pulled into Riverside Road. We had approximately forty minutes to spare before the dinner was scheduled to start. Somehow we all managed to get to Britannia Barracks on time and, believe it or not, we even looked respectably sober. The dinner was a great success and I think I can safely say there were no complaints. All our members thoroughly enjoyed it. Only grievance was that the bar ran dry. Most of our party slept in the barracks and I can assure you that they had a lot more fun before they eventually laid them down to sleep. There was the instance when one brave soul, daring to don pyjamas, was immediately labelled "capitalist" by those who had forgotten to bring theirs. Nobody else dared show any such garments after that. Then there was the incident of the "old" soldier with 362 days service and a row of gongs as long as a cricket pitch. His feet didn't touch. All good things however

must come to an end and quietness gradually settled over the scene.

"Gunfire" was served at 6.30 a.m. and very welcome it was too. Breakfast had been laid on at the Foundry Bridge Cafe for the majority of the coach party and 9 a.m. saw them assembled there. At ten o'clock we departed for home. Sid Tuck now began to "box clever." No alcoholic refreshment could be obtained before twelve and the party seemed to be divided on this question. Some wanted char and wads whilst others wanted wallop. Unfortunately there weren't even any cafes open until we almost reached Bishops Stortford. By now the bewitching hour of twelve had struck and we were looking for a nice hostelry when Sid instructed the driver to pull into a transport cafe. The protests made by the beer wallopers could have been heard for miles around and Sid's stock had fallen to a very low ebb by the time we set off again. Presently, however, we pulled into a road house and everyone seemed happy. One of our members ordered two pints of ale and a collar stud—and was shaken rigid when his order was served in full. He actually needed the collar stud too. Our last "pull up" was at the "Robin Hood" on the main London-Epping road. We then made direct for London where the party was dropped off at various points. On one thing we were all agreed. The weekend had been a great success and we are sure, providing a dinner is held in Norwich next year, we will repeat the venture. Should we do this, we would be grateful for more support for the coach. Out of a total of just over fifty members from London, only twenty-seven actually used the coach. This must be very disappointing for the organisers who put so much hard work into the London Branch on behalf of its members. So, if you travel to Norwich in 1960 try the coach. It's cheaper and its great fun. To the staff at the Depot who did so much to make us comfortable—thank you. To Sid Tuck (who looked so much older when the weekend was over), the sincere thanks of the entire London Branch for his patience and forbearance. G.B.

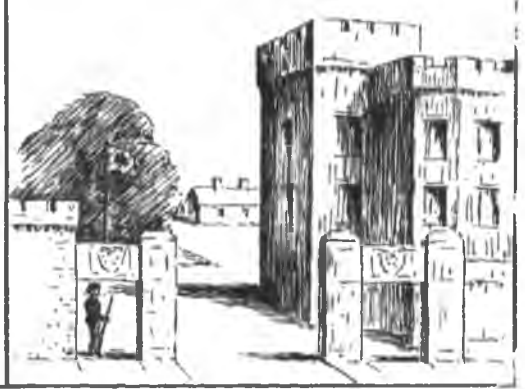
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“ BEYOND THE GATES ”



SUFFOLK SECTION

This month "Beyond the Gates" is presented to its readers under an unfamiliar cover, that of the new Journal of the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) and so appropriately entitled "The Britannia and Castle." To the new Editor and his staff we wish every success with the new publication.

Amalgamation seems to have gone according to plan so far, with everyone settling down under the new badge and title. The next stage will be the partial demolition and rebuilding of Gibraltar Barracks, due to start shortly. Some of the old buildings, such as the Keep (without which no barracks would be complete) will remain, but many of the familiar landmarks will disappear.

Information has been received that two more old hands have become members of the scarlet-coated fraternity at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. They are ex-R.S.M. Frank Noonan, aged 75, and ex-Cpl. Henry Chilcott, aged 68. Frank Noonan, who served during the South African campaign with the Rifle Brigade, joined The Suffolk Regiment in 1903. Wounded in the 1914-18 War, he was discharged to pension in 1924. Henry Chilcott enlisted in 1909, served throughout the 1914-18 War and was discharged in 1936. He re-enlisted in 1939, transferred to the Royal Military Police and served with that Corps until 1944.

It is with great regret that we announce the sudden death of Major A. E. Burgess ("Burgo") at his home in Bury St. Edmunds on 24th January, 1960, aged 62 years. He had been unwell for some time. A life member of the O.C.A., he was a regular attendee at the Annual Sergeants' (Past and Present) Dinner and other Regimental functions. He will be greatly missed by his many friends in the district.

The wife of ex-Pte. T. Jackson writes to say that her husband died in November last, after a long illness. Jackson enlisted in 1931 and served in the 1st Battalion as batman to Brigadier Backhouse.

News has also been received of the death, suddenly, of ex-R.S.M. Jack Bidwell, although no details are to hand. He needs no introduction to the old hands, who will be sorry to hear of his passing. He was known to hundreds of soldiers during the last war as R.S.M. of the London District Assembly Centre.

Major Stan Chandler has recently been in the news, having been awarded a Certificate of Good Service by the Lord Lieutenant of the County in recognition of his splendid work with the Army Cadet Force, with whom he has been serving for the past seven years.

Several of the organisations in the town include a very strong representation of the Regiment. Prominent among these is the Bury St. Edmunds Branch of the British Legion, with Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Josselyn as its President. Visitors to the Club will see such stalwarts as Ernie Borley, Billimore, Kirk, Bert Balls (still footslogging as a postman), Dick Warren, Jim Knights and Bill Everitt, to quote a few. The Club Steward has also a slight Regimental connection in that he is the nephew of ex-R.S.M. E. Dowsett. Mr. Dowsett served with the 3rd Battalion during the 1914-18 War, was mentioned in despatches in 1917 and awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in 1919. It seems that although over 80 years old, he is still very much the soldier, and his regimental cane is still well to the fore!

On 5th September, 1959 the Annual Dinner of the 1st East Anglian Regiment Sergeants' Dinner Club (Past and Present) was held at Gibraltar Barracks, under the chairmanship of the Colonel of The Regiment. This was the first dinner to be held under the new regime, and it was good to see that amongst the 124 diners there were a number of our new friends of the Royal Norfolk Regiment. The dinner has been held annually since 1906, with the exception of the two war periods, and is still a very popular function. All past members of Royal Norfolk or Suffolk Regiment Sergeants' Messes are eligible for membership, together with serving members of the 1st East Anglian Regiment and T.A. Battalion Messes. During the evening, a telegram of greeting from H.R.H. The Princess Margaret was

read, together with a number of messages from members of the Club who were unable to be present.

These brief notes must inevitably end with an appeal for news items. News of old comrades, however trivial, and of Branch activities, are required and these can be sent in at any time to the Secretary of the O.C.A. at Gibraltar Barracks. Without such contributions the composition of Old Comrades news is extremely difficult and it is hoped that members will rally round and help to make this new publication a worth-while effort.

Reunion at Bury St. Edmunds.

Sunday, 24th July 1960 has been provisionally booked for The Suffolk Regiment O.C.A. Reunion to be held on the Recreation Ground, Gibraltar Barracks.

It is hoped that the Band and Drums, 1st East Anglian Regiment, by kind permission of Lieut-Colonel C. R. Murray Brown, D.S.O., and Officers 1st East Anglian Regiment, will be available to play a selection of music and Beat Retreat at the Reunion.

The day will start with a Drumhead Service in the Gymnasium at 11.30 a.m.

Feeding arrangements will be similar to last year. In the case of Officers and their wives, application should be made to the P.M.C. Depot Officers' Mess. Lunch and Tea tickets 8/6d. each.

In the case of Other Ranks application should be made to the Secretary, The Suffolk Regiment O.C.A., Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds. Combined lunch and tea tickets 6/- each; Lunch only 4/-; Tea only 2/-.

In both cases applications for tickets should be forwarded by not later than Saturday, 9th July, 1960.

Further particulars will be forwarded to Branches at a later date.

Bury St. Edmunds Branch.

28th November, 1959 will stand out as a red-letter night in the annals of the Branch, inasmuch that it was not only the night on which the Branch held its most successful Annual Social Evening but that it was also the last of its kind under the old organisation. Henceforth, we of the Suffolks and Royal Norfolks, with the prefix "Ex" before our names, must regard ourselves as East Anglians, as indeed by birth, blood and upbringing most of us are.

This enjoyable evening could not have taken place in the manner it did without the full and enthusiastic co-operation of serving personnel of the East Anglian Regiment, now occupying our old home, Gibraltar Barracks. To Major J. M. Petit, M.B.E., O.C. Depot, R.S.M. Gigell, Sgt. Gilbert and all who helped in any way to prepare the Rock Theatre or in the catering arrangements, we owe our sincerest thanks. For the catering arrangements,

in a spacious hall admirably suited for large scale Socials was a major factor in contributing to the success of the evening.

Branch guests for the evening came from Ipswich, Wisbech, Cambridge, Mildenhall and Lavenham, plus wives and girl friends.

Tombola, games and dancing kept everybody who so desired, busy and interested, whilst the quarter-deck held that motley little crowd who love to look on the panorama of enjoyment glass in hand and tell each other, with gusto, tales of bygone days.

There is no question that the presence of Senior Officers at a Branch function goes a long way to cement the feeling of comradeship. It gave genuine pleasure to many to find such prominent personalities as Brig. Backhouse, Col. Heal, Lieut-Col. Josselyn, Major Petit and Major March (Branch President), sharing their enjoyment.

The energetic Major Stan Chandler, Branch Chairman, worked hard to keep things going, ably supported by his Branch Secretary, Mr. Sillett who like most Secretaries had to do much of the donkey work that goes on unseen and unsung but without which no function is a success.

Mrs. March, wife of the Branch President, drew the lucky numbers in the draw, the prizes being evenly distributed. Thanks are due to the donors of prizes, A Target Judging Competition was won by Mrs. Sillett, wife of the Branch Secretary.

Always at an O.C.A. gathering there is an element of die-hards whom it is good to see making the old hands feel at home. Among such were "Nap" Davey and Polly Hopkins from Wisbech, George Parker, Wyartt and Taffy Williams from Ipswich, Morley from Mildenhall, Manning from Cambridge, Ernie Borley and others of Bury, whilst a pleasing feature was the number of a younger generation capturing the spirit of service comradeship to carry into future years.

My final word is a mighty thank you on behalf of all of us to Mr. Secretary Sillett and his charming wife.

Ipswich Branch.

Our first contribution to the Regimental Journal opens with a message of good luck to the Journal, to serving members of the 1st East Anglian Regiment and to Past members of the Royal Norfolk and The Suffolk Regiments.

We wish the Journal every success and hope that after the first publication giving items of "Local" Regimental interest, the yearly subscription list from ex-members of the Regiments will be increased and put the publication of the Journal on a sound footing.

We hold our meetings on the first and third Fridays of each month at the Drill Hall, Great Gipping Street, Ipswich and we invite any ex-member of the Regiments who may be staying in or

passing through Ipswich to give us a call, when we assure them of a very convivial evening.

Our meetings during the past few months have been well attended and other functions which have taken place are given below.

Thirty-two members and friends left Ipswich by coach at 0945 on Sunday, 20th September for a visit to Great Yarmouth. A stop was made at Elythburgh Common for a leg stretcher and refreshments. We arrived at Great Yarmouth just before mid-day and went our various way for various reasons! During the afternoon a good number were to be seen on the Pier enjoying the sea air and trying their luck at "Bingo." The weather was most kind—sunshine for most of the day. We left Great Yarmouth about 6 p.m. and pulled in at Woodbridge Cherry Tree Inn for a drink, arriving back at Ipswich at about 10.30 p.m. Everyone enjoyed themselves on a very good day out with a very pleasant coach trip.

A few members and the Standard carried by Capt. G. S. Parker, attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph in Christchurch Park on Sunday, 8th November. A Poppy wreath from the Branch was laid on the Cenotaph by Mr. H. Phillips. Capt. Parker also carried the Standard at a Remembrance Service held at the Salvation Army Citadel on Sunday, 15th November.

On 28th November, thirty-one members and friends attended a Social Evening arranged by the Bury St. Edmunds Branch at the Rock Theatre, Gibraltar Barracks. A very pleasant evening was spent by all and credit is due to Major Chandler and the Secretary, Mr. Sillett for the arrangements and hard work entailed for the entertainment of those present. Members of the Ipswich Branch were prominent in the prize list — both at "House" and in the Draw.

A good muster of members and friends assembled in the Recreation Room at the Drill Hall for the Annual Social on 18th December. Included in the party were Col. Smitherman and Springfield, Cpts. Dean and Warren. The main attraction of the evening was the Draw in which were 45 prizes. A good number of those in the form of parcels were given by members of the Branch, the remaining being made up by purchases from the bar! Mrs. Warren presented the prizes, noted winners being Col. Springfield, parcel, bottle of port and ½ dozen bottles of Britvic. Mr. Barnard with a bottle of sherry, parcel of fruit and two other parcels headed the list for numbers. Mr. Gilbert was very lucky in taking off both bottles of whisky. Two pheasants given by Col. Springfield and Capt. Dean were won by Miss Weir and Mr. Given. After refreshments, produced by Mrs. Brame, Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Baker, a farewell was made to Col. Smitherman who is leaving for Hong Kong in the New Year. Col. Smitherman suitably responded. Games were then indulged in—the old favourite mystery parcel being first. This caused quite a good deal of amusement as did the Guessing Competition. The "Pensioners" race was also something to

be laughed about! Mrs. Manning at the piano ably assisted in the games. The evening's entertainment finished around mid-night.

We very much regret to report the death of one of our staunch supporters and a very well known member of the Bands of both Battalions—the 1st and 2nd Battalion The Suffolk Regiment—Mr. S. Loveday. He collapsed and died whilst watching a football match at Portman Road, Ipswich on 16th September. The funeral took place at Ipswich on 21st September and the Branch was represented by Col. Smitherman, Major Williams and Mr. Wyartt. A wreath was sent on behalf of members of the Branch. Mr. Loveday became a member of the Branch after discharge from the Army (1st Bn. Band) in 1955. He was always willing to do anything to help with the running of Branch functions and always had a cheerful disposition. Sidney's presence at our meetings will be sadly missed. Our condolences goes to his wife and daughter.

Our congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. E. Orman of Victoria Villa, Brantham Hill, Nr. Manningtree on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 8th January, 1960. Mr. Orman enlisted in February, 1902 for 3 years with the colours and 7 years reserve. He was recalled from the reserve on 4th August, 1914 and was taken prisoner of war on 26th August, 1914 whilst serving with the 2nd Battalion at Le Cateau. He was released on 27th December, 1918 and discharged from the army in February, 1919. He has been a member of the Ipswich Branch of the O.C.A. since its inception in 1947.

Cambridge Branch.

During the year 1959 the Branch continued to meet regularly in the Sergeants' Mess of the 1st Battalion, Cambridgeshire Regiment at the Drill Hall, East Road, Cambridge. We are very indebted to R.S.M. Lyon and the members of his Mess for the facilities which they have so kindly placed at our disposal.

Now that the Royal Norfolk Regiment and the Suffolk Regiment have amalgamated to form the 1st East Anglian Regiment we hope that we shall be able to attract new members into the Branch, and we look forward to making the acquaintance of the Old Comrades of the Royal Norfolks.

We held our annual Christmas Party on the 2nd January and we think that all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There was a good attendance of members, wives and friends, and music was provided through the good offices of Albert Manning. We had a very successful draw and many prizes were distributed.

It is with regret that we learn that Cpl. Jack Gilbert died recently at his home in Nottingham after a short illness. He served in the Merchant Navy from 1916 to 1918 and then re-engaged in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He subsequently transferred to the 1st Battalion Suffolk Regiment in India in 1920.

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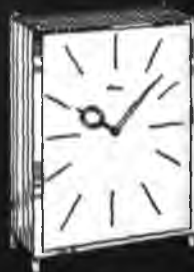
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