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The Great War — 42 Battalions — Mons — Le Cateau — Retreat from Mons — Marne, 1914 — Aisne, 1914 — La Bassee, 1914 — Givenchy, 1914 — Ypres, 1914, '15, '17, '18 — Neuve Chapelle — Gravenstafel — St. Julien — Frezenberg — Bellewaarde — Aubers — Hooge, 1915 — Loos — Somme, 1916, '18 — Albert, 1916, '18 — Bazentin — Delville Wood — Pozieres — Guillemont — Flers Courcelette — Morval — Thiepval — Le Transloy — Ancre Heights — Ancre, 1916, '18 — Arras, 1917, '18 — Vimy, 1917 — Scarpe, 1917, '18 — Arleux — Oppy — Pilckem — Langemarck, 1917 — Menin Road — Polygon Wood — Broodseinde — Poelcappelle — Passchendaele — Cambrai, 1917, '18 — St. Quentin — Bapaume, 1918 — Lys — Estaires — Messines, 1918 — Hazebrouck — Bailleul — Kemmel — Bethune — Scherpenberg — Amiens — Hindenburg Line — Epehy — Canal du Nord — St. Quentin Canal — Beaurevoir — Courtrai — Selle — Valenciennes — Sambre — France and Flanders, 1914-18 — Italy, 1917-18 — Struma — Doiran, 1918 — Macedonia, 1915-18 — Suvla — Landing at Suvla — Scimitar Hill — Gallipoli, 1915 — Egypt, 1915-17 — Gaza — El Mughar — Nebi Samwil — Jerusalem — Jaffa — Tel'Asur — Megiddo — Sharon — Palestine, 1917-18 — Shaiba — Kut al Amara, 1915, '17 — Ctesiphon — Defence of Kut at Amara — Mesopotamia, 1914-18.

The Second World War — Defence of Escaut — St. Omer — La Bassee — Dunkirk, 1940 — St. Valery-en-Caux — Normandy Landing — Odon — Caen — Le Perier Ridge — Brieux Bridgehead — Falaise — Venrai — Rhineland — Hochwald — Lingen — Brinkum — N.W. Europe, 1940, '44-'45 — Johore — Muar — Batu Pahat — Singapore Island — Malaya, 1942 — North Arakan — Imphal — Kohima — Aradura — Mandalay — Burma, 1943-45. Korea, 1951-52.

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Regimental Headquarters:— Britannia Barracks, Norwich.

Regimental Journal:— "The Britannia and Castle." Britannia Barracks, Norwich.

Regimental Association:— The 1st East Anglian Regiment Past and Present Association, Britannia Barracks, Norwich.

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

LOCATION LIST OF OFFICERS

(Compiled from official records and information available on 30th September, 1960).

(a) REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Cols.

Brinkley, W. H., p.s.c. A.Q.M.G., H.Q., Western Command.
 Bevan, W. S., O.B.E.,
 p.s.c. War Office.
 Brown, C. R. M.,
 D.S.O., p.s.c. 1st Battalion.
 Springfield, G. T. O.,
 p.s.c., f.s. 4th Bn. Suffolk Regiment (T.A.).

Majors

Greaf, A. O., M.C. Clothing & Equipment Research Establt.,
 Farnborough.
 Campbell, A. F., M.C.,
 p.s.c. (Bt. Lt.-Col.) H.Q., 4 Div.
 Harvey, H. C., p.s.c.,
 (T/Lt.-Col.) A.A.G., H.Q. Northern Command.
 Farrelly, T. P., T.D. A.R.D.E., Fort Halstead, Sevenoaks.
 Smith, W. C., O.B.E.,
 j.s.s.c., p.s.c. (Bt.
 Lt.-Col.) G.S.O. 1., War Office.
 Burton, R. S. M., p.s.c.,
 p.t.s.c. (T/Lt.-Col.) Inspectorate of Armaments, Woolwich.
 Robertson, A. J., p.s.c. G.S.O.2, H.Q., B.A.O.R.
 Calder, W. J., p.s.c. D.A.Q.M.G., 56 (London) Inf. Div. (T.A.).
 Dean, P. S. W. Language Course, Tokyo.
 Lummis, E. T., p.s.c. G.S.O.2, War Office.
 Ingle, F. D., p.s.c. Bde. Major, Ghana Indep. Inf. Bde.
 Forrest, P. B., M.C. 1st Battalion.
 Petit, J. M., M.B.E.,
 p.s.c. (Local Lt.-Col.) D.A.A. & Q.M.G., Staff College, Camberley.
 Dye, J. B., M.C., p.s.c. 1st Battalion.
 Athill, A. H. Kenya Regiment Training Centre.
 Wiggington, H. E. W.,
 M.B.E. 1st Battalion.
 Williams, R. M., M.C.,
 p.s.c. 1st Battalion.
 Turnbull, A. W. J.,
 M.C. G.S.O.2, War Office.
 Creasey, T. M., p.s.c.
 (Local Lt.-Col.) G.S.O.2, Staff College, Camberley.
 Howgego, G. C., p.s.c. 1st Battalion.
 Power, E. W. A., p.s.c. U.S. Cmd. & Gen. Staff School, U.S.A.
 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 Bn. Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.).
 Fairholme, W. D. G. Sultan's Armed Forces, Muscat.
 Thain, P. 1st Battalion.

Captains

Lywood, K. C. G. (T/
 Major) Trg. Offr., Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Mason, F. E. I. G.S.O.3, D.G.M.T., Works Team,
 War Office.
 Styles, T. H. 1st Battalion.
 Gillmore, A. H. V.,
 M.C. Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 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., p.l. 469 G.L. Section, B.A.O.R.
 Deller, W. C., p.s.c.
 (T/Major) Aden Protectorate Levies.
 Fitzgerald, J. D. A. Deputy Commdt., Mobile Special Police
 (T/Major) Force, Mauritius.
 Pullen, H. N. D., p.l. 1st West India Regiment.
 Fleming, F. R. Staff College, Quetta, Pakistan.
 Cobbold, A. G. B. Staff Captain, H.Q., 19 Inf. Bde.
 Godfrey, F. A., M.C. British C-in-C's Mission to the Soviet Forces
 in Germany.
 Holman, R. M. (T/
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 Horrex, A. B., M.C. 1st Battalion.
 Herring, F. E. G.S.O.3, War Office.
 Gunton, M. K. D. Staff Captain, H.Q., Southern Command.
 Hopper, P. D. L. Staff Captain, H.Q., 4 Div.
 Hall-Tipping, J. School of Infantry, Warminster.
 Macdonald, J. P. Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Catchpole, A. K. 1st Battalion.
 Jones, J. G., M.B.E. Staff Captain, H.Q., Aden Protectorate.
 Murphy, B. M. G.S.O.3, G.H.Q., Middle East Land Forces.
 Dean, T. D. 4th Bn. Suffolk Regiment (T.A.).
 Beck, S. G. 1st Battalion.
 Heath, J. R. Mons Officer Cadet School.
 Mills, B. H. G. 1st Battalion.
 Smith, D. T., p.l. Attd. Army Air Corps, Cyprus.
 Churchill, J. D., M.C. Army Apprentices School, Arborfield.
 Ford, P. C. H.Q., 5 Inf. Bde.
 Frere, J. A. K. W. G.S.O.3, H.Q., Southern Command.
 Henderson, M. L. Kenya Forces Trg. Centre
 Wilson, R. G. 1st Battalion.
 Thorne, D. C. 4th Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.).
 Raven, P. G. 1st Battalion.
 Trollope, C. J. N. 1st Battalion.
 Clarke, D. L. Aden Protectorate Levies.

Lieutenants

Thorne, M. E. (T/Capt.) School of Infantry, Sigs. Wing, Hythe.
Gowing, R. D. Infantry Junior Leaders School, Plymouth.
Gunton, B. J. M. Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
Trevethick, R. L. East Anglian Brigade. Junior Bandsmen and Junior Drummers Establishment.
Reynell, N. Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
Morris, J. Y. Nigerian Mil. Forces.
Morton, P. W. 1st Battalion.
Barnes, C. M. J. School of Infantry, Warminster.
Peat, W. J. B. Trucial Oman Scouts.
Lewis, N. J. Attd. Parachute Regiment.
Lunn, M. J. R. 1st Battalion.
Coates, K. Attd. Parachute Regiment.
Rowell, S. A. J. Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
Bailey, D. R. 1st Battalion.
Jefferson, I. W. 1st Battalion.

2nd Lieutenants

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

Quartermasters

Joanny, A. (Major) Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
Albrow, F. J. (Major) Qtg. Directorate, War Office.
Jasper, G. S. (Captain) G.H.Q., FARELF.
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.).
McCull, N. (Lieut.) 1st Battalion.

(b) REGULAR ARMY — SHORT SERVICE OFFICERS

Captains

Seekings, P. C. Singapore Guard Regiment.

2nd Lieutenants

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

Quartermasters

Curtis, A. R. (Major) 1st Bn. Sierra Leone Regiment.
Sewell, J. A. (Captain) 4th Bn. Cheshire Regiment (T.A.).

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Majors

Titmarsh, H. H. D.A.D. Lands, B.A.O.R.
Parker, T. R. G.S.O.3, War Office.
Buckingham, D. G. Camp Comdnt., Lowland District.
Powell, K. W. Staff Captain, Cyprus.
Green, P. E. Camp Comdnt., Kowloon, Hong Kong.

(d) REGULAR ARMY — NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS

2nd Lieutenants

Moore, J. K. 1st Battalion.
Kitching, T. G. R.A.O.C., C.O.D., Bicester.
Mather, C. A. S. 1st Battalion.
Pattinson, R. S. 1st Battalion.

Abbott, R. J. 1st Battalion.
Belcher, D. J. A. Nigerian Mil. Forces.
Vivian, G. T. Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
Jones, G. A. 1st Battalion.
Wilson, F. 1st Battalion.
Wright, P. N. 1st Battalion.

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Major-Generals

Goodwin, R. E., C.B.,
C.B.E., D.S.O., p.s.c. G.O.C. (Designate), East Africa Command.

Brigadiers

Barclay, F. P., D.S.O., Deputy Commander, H.Q.,
M.C., A.D.C., p.s.c. East Anglian 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.s.c., p.s.c. War Office.

Colonels

Butler, 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.s.c., p.s.c. (T/Brig.) Comd., 162 Inf. Bde. (T.A.).
Allen, R. M., C.B.E.,
j.s.s.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 Brigade.

Lieut.-Colonels

Wilson, H. M., M.C.,
p.s.c. Emp. List (I) A.Q.M.G., H.Q., Southern Command.
Fraser, D. U., M.B.E., Admin. Comdt., School of Infantry,
f.s. Emp. List (I) Warminster.
Hallett, J. N. R.,
M.B.E., j.s.s.c., p.s.c.
Emp. List (I) G.S.O.1, Allied Forces, Northern Europe.
Dewar, K. M. J.,
O.B.E., p.s.c. Emp.
List (I) O.C., Ghana Training Centre.

Majors

Shuttleworth, W. P. A.,
p.s.c. (T/Lt.-Col.) A.D.S.T., H.Q., Western Command.
Ward, J. A. W. R.A.P.C.
Thursby, P. D. F.,
p.s.c. Para. Regiment.
Eberhardie, C. E.,
M.B.E., M.C., p.s.c. Para. Regiment.
Case, H. S. R., M.B.E.
(Qr. Mr.) School of Infantry, Warminster.

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 errors in this list.

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS

WARRANT OFFICERS CLASS I

Name	Seniority on Brigade Roll	Present Unit
Gilchrist, W., D.C.M.	1	E.R.E. M.E.L.F.
Gingell, H.	2	Bde. Depot
Hazelwood, E.	12	4 Suffolk T.A.
Raynor, G.	13	1st Bn.

BANDMASTERS

Smythe, E.	1	Bde. Depot
Thompson, E.	3	Att. Kneller Hall
Holben, G.	4	1st Bn.

WARRANT OFFICERS CLASS II

Ramplin, J.	1	E.R.E. B.A.O.R.
Clough, J.	5	Bde. Depot
Lyon, V.	9	1 Cambs. T.A.
Boxall, P.	10	4 R. Norfolk T.A.
Forrest, J.	12	Special Recruiter
Ward, H.	14	H.Q. Ghana Army
Robinson, A.	17	1 Cambs. T.A.
Smith, F.	19	E.R.E. M.E.L.F.
Kay, E., M.M.	24	E.R.E. U.K.
Jones, G.	26	Trucial Oman Scouts
Fowler, R., M.M.	28	1st Bn.
Hood, R.	29	E.R.E. U.K.
Cooke, A.	30	4 R. Norfolk T.A.
Cox, A.	35	1st Bn.
Bates, C.	43	1st Bn.
Fowler, M.	45	1st Bn.
Groves, C.	47	5 N'Hamptons T.A.
Denny, J.	50	Bde. Depot
Drew, L.	52	1 Cambs. T.A.
Pratt, R.	55	4 R. Norfolk T.A.
Evans, R., M.M.	56	1st Bn.

COLOUR SERGEANTS

Richardson, B.	1	4 Suffolk T.A.
Rudling, M.	3	E.R.E. U.K.
Clarke, R., B.E.M.	4	E.R.E. B.A.O.R.
Holland, W.	15	E.R.E. U.K.
Doughty, A.	18	1st Bn.
Tuffield, C.	24	Special Recruiter
O'Mahony, J.	26	E.R.E. U.K.
Richardson, D.	29	1st Bn.
Sennett, E.	34	1st Bn.

SERGEANTS

Gilbert, V.	2	Bde. Depot (H)
Barrett, M.	4	E.R.E. U.K.
Harris, P.	7	1 Cambs. T.A.
Jacobs, G.	8	1st Bn.
Jeffery, J.	13	5 N'Hampton (T.A.)
Suddell, H.	14	2 E. Anglian
Allright, K.	20	4 Suffolk T.A.
Griffin, R.	22	1st Bn.
Parker, S.	29	1st Bn.
Aspinall, T.	32	1st Bn.

SERGEANTS—continued.

Name	Seniority on Brigade Roll	Present Unit
Pooley, F.	37	1st Bn.
Bird, A.	38	2 E. Anglian
Downes, A.	39	1st Bn.
Nichols, J.	45	1st Bn.
Marjoram, I.	54	E.R.E. U.K.
Mason, R.	55	Bde. Depot
Hull, S.	57	1st Bn.
Kelly, T.	59	1 Herts. T.A.
Herron, A.	62	3 E. Anglian
Bellamy, J.	63	1st Bn.
Fullard, W.	64	E.R.E. FAR.E.L.F.
Freeman, M.	65	1st Bn.
Holden, W.	67	1st Bn.
Shorter, L.	69	1 Herts. T.A.
High, M.	72	1st Bn.
Fox, B.	75	1st Bn.
Laver, D.	76	1st Bn.
Cross, P.	77	1st Bn.
Lawrence, J.	78	E.R.E. U.K.
Ansell, W.	81	1st Bn.
Whales, E.	83	1st Bn.
Garman, P.	87	E.R.E. U.K.
Garwood, R.	88	1st Bn.
Bates, W.	89	1st Bn.
Lawson, C.	90	1st Bn.
Foot, B.	91	2 E. Anglian
Sweeney, J.	95	1st Bn.
McColgan, O.	98	2 E. Anglian
Sharpe, R.	100	1st Bn.
Dugdale, J.	102	E.R.E. M.E.L.F.
Kyne, M.	106	1st Bn.
Baldry, A.	110	4 Suffolk (T.A.)
Boxall, E.	111	4 Suffolk (T.A.)
Mobius, D.	113	4 Suffolk (T.A.)
Taylor, B.	116	1st Bn.
Pocock, J.	118	Special Recruiter
Offord, G.	122	4 R. Norfolk (T.A.)
Watson, J.	128	1st Bn.
Curson, S.	135	Bde. Depot
Hemsley, P.	143	Bde. Depot
Smith, J.	146	E.R.E. U.K.
King, B.	147	1st Bn.
Pullock, H.	149	1st Bn.
Jones, J.	151	E.R.E. U.K.
Farrow, A.	152	1st Bn.
Place, F.	155	E.R.E. U.K.
Atkins, P.	158	1st Bn.
Jones, H.	166	1st Bn.
Kelly, N.	167	1st Bn.
Noble, J.	170	E.R.E. B.A.O.R.
James, D.	171	1st Bn.
Stevens, K.	177	4 R. Norfolk (T.A.)
Thompson, P.	178	Bde. Depot
Gay, T.	179	1 Cambs. (T.A.)

EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE

- TERRITORIAL ARMY. 20th May, 1960.
SUFFOLK.
Lt. (Actg. Capt.) C. H. Leaning is seconded for service on the Staff, 18th April, 1960.
- REGULAR ARMY. 24th May, 1960.
Capt. W. D. G. Fairholme to be Major, 17th May, 1960.
- REGULAR ARMY. 31st May, 1960.
Short Service Commission.
Lt. (Qr.Mr.) J. A. Sewell to be Capt. (Qr.Mr.) 10th June, 1960.
- TERRITORIAL ARMY. 3rd June, 1960.
SUFFOLK.
Capt. H. D. Sutor (late 1 E. Anglian) to be Capt., 21st March, 1960, with seniority 19th March, 1954.
- REGULAR ARMY. 10th June, 1960.
Capt. P. Thain to be Major, 15th June, 1960.
- REGULAR ARMY. 14th June, 1960.
Major E. A. Cooper-Key, M.B.E., M.C., retires on retired pay, 18th June, 1960, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col. (Reserve liability).
- REGULAR ARMY. 17th June, 1960.
Lt. D. L. Clarke to be Capt., 22nd June, 1960.
- REGULAR ARMY. 28th June, 1960.
Lt. C. J. N. Trollope to be Capt., 17th May, 1960.
- REGULAR ARMY. 5th July, 1960.
Lt.-Col. A. Parkin, O.B.E. (Emp. List 1) (late Suffolk Regt.) having exceeded retiring age is placed on retired pay, 12th June, 1960. (Reserve liability).
- REGULAR ARMY. 19th July, 1960.
Short Service Commission.
Capt. (Qr.Mr.) A. R. Curtis to be Major (Qr.Mr.), 21st July, 1960.
- REGULAR ARMY. 29th July, 1960.
2nd Lt. I. W. Jefferson to be Lieut., 2nd August, 1960.
- REGULAR ARMY. 2nd August, 1960.
National Service List.
The undermentioned Cadets to be 2nd Lts., 4th June, 1960.
George Trevor Vivian.
Gerald Alun Jones.
Frederick Wilson.
- REGULAR ARMY. 5th August, 1960.
Major C. J. V. Fisher-Hoch retires on retired pay, 7th August, 1960. (Reserve liability).
- TERRITORIAL ARMY. 30th August, 1960.
CAMB.
2nd Lt. M. H. Osborn is confirmed in his appointment as 2nd Lt., 22nd August, 1958. To be Lt., 22nd August, 1960, with seniority, 22nd August, 1959.
- REGULAR ARMY. 6th September, 1960.
Short Service Commission.
Cadet John Westwater MacKay to be 2nd Lt., 2nd July, 1960.
- TERRITORIAL ARMY. 9th September, 1960.
R. NORFOLK.
Lt. P. J. Darley from T.A. Nat. Service List to be Lt., 25th July, 1960, with seniority, 11th January, 1959.

THE FREEDOM OF LOWESTOFT

On the morning of June 26th, 1960, "the right, privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of the Borough of Lowestoft on all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, bands playing and colours flying" was conferred on the 1st East Anglian Regiment by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Lowestoft. It was a historic occasion for many reasons; firstly because, as the Mayor, Alderman Lang, later explained it was "the first time ever that the town has presented to any regiment the highest honour it is able to give to any unit of Her Majesty's Forces"; it was also the first honour of this kind received by the 1st East Anglian Regiment; and thirdly it was the first occasion on which the Territorial Battalions of the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments paraded alongside each other to represent the 1st East Anglian Regiment.

Before going on to describe the actual ceremony and the festivities connected with it, a word must be said about the preparations for the Parade. It is difficult enough for a rural Territorial Battalion to rehearse for a ceremonial parade but where two are involved it becomes an administrative nightmare.

We managed to get one joint rehearsal in at Camp this year but did not meet again until 1700 hrs on Saturday 25th June when we started to rehearse on the Lowestoft Town Football Ground. If a record exists of the longest known Drill Parade, our rehearsal that evening must have gone close to beating it. It lasted for four solid hours. From an utter shambles to start with the parade gradually took shape and by 2100 hrs, in the gloaming, we were all confident we would not let the Regiment down.

Sunday dawned fine—a beautiful clear June day, with a pleasant breeze blowing in off the sea, which made conditions ideal not only for those on parade, but also for the hundreds of spectators. The Royal Plain had been smartly decorated and a most impressive dais erected—this bore the crest of the 1st East Anglian Regiment, flanked by those of the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments, as well as that of the Borough of Lowestoft. The flags of the Regiments, and those of the two TA Battalions, flew overhead.

At 1110 hrs the two contingents, each with its own band, marched on. The Parade was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel G. T. O. Springfield with Major S. S. F. Hornor as Second-in-Command.

At 1130 hrs the Mayoral Party, having previously driven from the Town Hall to the Yacht Club, arrived on parade, preceded by the Mace and Sword Bearers. This party was composed of:—

The Mayor, Alderman John Lang; the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, C.B.; the Town Clerk, Mr. F. B. Nunney; Associate Colonel and Honorary Colonel 4th Bn The Royal Norfolk Regiment (TA), Brigadier F. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C.; Honorary Colonel 4th Bn The Suffolk Regiment (TA), Colonel Sir Robert Gooch, Bart., D.S.O., D.L.; Honorary Colonel 1st The Cambridgeshire Regiment (TA), Brigadier E. H. W. Backhouse, D.L.; the Rector of Lowestoft, The Reverend W. J. Westwood; and Lieutenant R. P. H. Mermagen, A.D.C. to Brigadier Maxwell.

After the General Salute the Mayor, accompanied by Brigadier Maxwell, inspected the parade. Prayers, including the new Regimental collect, were then offered by the Rector. Next the Town Clerk rose to



(Royal Norfolk and Suffolk)

Whereas the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Lowestoft, acting by the Council of the said Borough, being deeply sensible of the illustrious record and glorious traditions created over many years of loyal and devoted service by the former Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments and maintained by the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk), the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments having been amalgamated to form such Regiment, and being anxious to foster and strengthen the already close association which exists between the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) and the Borough of Lowestoft, and to express our pride in the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk), which Regiment we are certain will add to the illustrious record and glorious traditions of the former Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments,

Do hereby confer upon the 1st East Anglian Regiment *(Royal Norfolk and Suffolk)* the right, privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of the Borough of Lowestoft on all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, bands playing, and colours flying.

Given under the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Lowestoft this second day of June, 1960.

John Lang

F. B. Nunney





Freedom of Lowestoft. The Mayor, accompanied by the Colonel of the Regiment, returning to the saluting base.



Freedom of Lowestoft. The March Past.

(Photo by Eastern Daily Press).

read the scroll. This is a beautiful piece of craftsmanship and is now retained at Regimental Headquarters. It is engrossed and fully illuminated on vellum with the Borough Arms and other symbols in full colours. It is enclosed in a casket of polished oak with the Borough Arms and the Regimental Badge in silver and hand painted enamel.

The Mayor received the scroll and said a few words before presenting it to Brigadier Maxwell. He particularly congratulated those on parade for their drill and their turnout.

Alderman Lang then said, "We are assembled here this morning on what is a very historic occasion both for the Borough and the Regiment . . . The Regiment is one," he continued, "with long associations with Norfolk and Suffolk and particularly with Lowestoft. Many Lowestoft men, in addition to those on parade, have at some time served in one or other of the Regiments which made up the 1st East Anglian Regiment."

Accepting the scroll of freedom Brigadier Maxwell thanked the Mayor and Borough; he added that the 1st Battalion, which was now serving in Berlin, was a happy and successful one; finally he expressed the hope that before long it would exercise the privilege granted it that morning.

After three cheers had been given for "His Worship the Mayor" and the National Anthem played, the Mayoral Party left the Royal Plain to drive to the saluting base in London Road North. Meanwhile the Parade with bayonets fixed, bands playing and colours flying marched first through South Lowestoft, across the swing bridge and up the London Road into North Lowestoft. The pavements

were lined with sightseers six or seven deep near the saluting base. As No. 1 Guard approached the Mayor the Bands broke into the Regimental March.

Many of the spectators were holiday makers but there was a fair sprinkling of Regimental ties. One old soldier was determined to display his allegiance by sporting a straw boater with a Suffolk Regiment ribbon. After the salute had been taken he crossed the road to inform Brigadier Maxwell that he had not only served in the 12th Foot himself but that he had had three sons in the Suffolks and two in the Norfolks!

The ceremony was now over and the lighter part of the day's programme began. The Borough provided a considerable sum for the men's lunch and judging by the cheers which greeted Alderman Lang, when he visited the Drill Hall to drink their health, their fare was much appreciated. The officers and their wives were entertained in equally generous fashion at the Victoria Hotel. The lunch was excellent and we were all struck by the friendliness and hospitality of our hosts. Later in the afternoon there were more speeches, but in a much less formal vein. A surprise awaited the Mayor. Brigadier Barclay after replying to the toast of the Regiment, presented the Mayor with a silver cup in memory of the occasion. This gesture drew audible pleasure and gratitude from all those representing the Borough, and Mr. Lang confessed that for once he was at a loss for words! He assured the gathering that this cup would long remain a treasured possession of the Borough.

Thus ended a most memorable and enjoyable day — many must have reflected as they drove home, on how close are the ties between the County Regiment and the Cities and Boroughs.



Freedom of Lowestoft.

The Mayor handing over the Casket and Scroll to the Colonel of the Regiment.

(Photo by Eastern Daily Press).

Editorial

We recall that the last time we were writing an Editorial for the Regimental Journal was in May. The intervening period seems to cover most of the Summer months so perhaps we may be permitted to look back and see what we have to show for it.

Perhaps the most outstanding event from a Regimental point of view was the presentation to the Regiment by The Borough of Lowestoft of the Freedom of Entry to the Borough. This took place on Sunday, the 26th June, on a glorious fine hot sunny day. A full account of the occasion appears elsewhere in this issue.

Early in July a Regimental Cricket Week was arranged under the able direction of Captain D. C. Thorne. Altogether five matches were played — three in Bury St. Edmunds and two in Norfolk. It is hoped that this will become a regular annual feature within the Regiment.

The Past and Present Association held two very successful Reunions. The Norfolk Section in Norwich on 16th July and The Suffolk Section in Bury St. Edmunds on the 24th July. From the 1st Battalion in Berlin we hear that the Minden Day celebrations on the 1st August were “the best ever.” A description of these appears throughout the 1st Battalion Notes.

Regarding the future, it seems that we are shortly to be faced with yet another amalgamation. Surely this word must by now be deeply engraved on our hearts. As the result of the re-organisation of the Territorial Army the War Office have announced that The 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment and the 1st Bn. The Cambridgeshire Regiment are to be amalgamated. The anticipated date is 1st April next year. At present no details are known as to how this is to be worked out but by the time we go to press for our 1st anniversary issue in March next we shall be in the know.

Meanwhile may we again remind all our readers that if you look forward to and enjoy reading about day to day happenings in the Regiment, if you think that a Regimental Journal as a means of keeping in touch with one another and with the Regiment is worth while, and if you know of anyone whether still serving or retired who does not receive a copy, try and persuade him to write to the Editor. They may have missed the first year but it is never too late to become a regular subscriber.



Centenary Parade of the 12th Infantry Battalion, The Launceston Regiment.
The Colour Party being inspected by the Governor of Tasmania, Lord Rowallan, K.T., K.B.E., M.C., T.D.

REGIMENTAL NEWS

BIRTHDAY OF THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

The following message was sent to Her Royal Highness, The Princess Margaret, on the occasion of her birthday on 21st August :—

“ Brigadier Maxwell and all ranks, 1st East Anglian Regiment send birthday greetings to Her Royal Highness, The Princess Margaret, their Colonel-in-Chief.”

Her Royal Highness graciously replied as under :—

“ I thank you and all ranks of the 1st East Anglian Regiment for your kind message of birthday greetings which I have received with much pleasure.— Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief.”

MINDEN DAY

Minden Day greetings were sent by Regimental Headquarters to the Colonel-in-Chief and the Minden Regiments.

Messages received came from the Colonel-in-Chief, the Minden Regiments, East Anglian Brigade Depot and the 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment (T.A.).

REGIMENTAL MUSEUMS

The move of the Royal Norfolk Regiment Museum to its new home in Britannia House has been completed. There has been a steady trickle of visitors during the summer and over 700 passed through on 16th July when the summer Reunion took place. A recent visitor was Mr. H. G. Harper of Toronto, who was so impressed by all he saw that he wrote to a Norwich newspaper saying,

"The records, medals and photographs of various past members and the relics of guns, etc., of past ages are something to be admired by the citizens of Norwich.

The setting up of this unique museum must have involved considerable expense and I trust the citizens of Norwich will support it by visiting it in large numbers and contributing financially to the memory of one of the finest foot regiments in the history of the British Empire."

Mr. Harper, by the way, is not a past member of the Royal Norfolk Regiment but "just an interested old-timer — cavalry."

Brigadier R. G. Thurnburn, C.B., C.B.E., Secretary of the Army Museums Ogilby Trust, visited the museum on 23rd September.

Among the items presented to the museum during recent months were the personal diary, small book and medals of No. 1645 Pte. E. J. Harrison who joined the regiment at Great Yarmouth on 11th January, 1886. He fought in the Chin Hills campaign of 1892-3, in Mesopotamia and on the North-west Frontier of India.

Until the modernisation of Gibraltar Barracks is complete, the Suffolk Regiment Museum will have to remain closed.

THE LAUNCESTON REGIMENT

The Centenary of the Formation of Volunteer Forces in Launceston was celebrated by a parade in the presence of the Governor of Tasmania, the Rt. Hon. The Lord Rowallan, K.T., K.B.E., M.C., T.D., on 7th May. The parade was, in fact, the last public appearance of the 12th Infantry Battalion which, in common with other Australian units, has since lost its identity because of Army re-organisation. It has become a sub-unit of the 1st Bn. Royal Tasmanian Regiment. The battalion's Colours have been handed over to the Mayor of Launceston for safe-keeping in the Town Hall.

REGIMENTAL CRICKET WEEK

The Regimental Cricket Week was held in July and the Regiment played five matches in Norfolk and Suffolk under the captaincy of Captain D. Thorne.

A sixth match against Colonel H. Hancock's XI at Congham, Norfolk, had unfortunately to be cancelled owing to the weather. The results of the matches played were as follows:—

July 13th. versus 1 Queen's Surrey's at Bury St. Edmunds. In spite of very bad weather a full day's cricket was able to be played. The Regiment won by 12 runs.

1st Regiment 98. (Capt. M. Gunton 50, Lieut. Lewis 33 not out). 1 Queen's Surrey's 86. (Capt. D. Thorne 5 for 22).

July 14th. versus Colchester Garrison at Bury St. Edmunds. The Regiment won by 18 runs. The Regiment 149. (Mr. A. Pull 40, Mr. M. Orr 34). Colchester Garrison 131. (Mr. A. Pull 5 for 27).

July 15th. versus Mr. Michael Falcon's XI at Norwich. The Regiment lost by 88 runs. Mr. Falcon's XI 174. (Mr. Bartlett 3 for 45). The Regiment 86. (Capt. Barnes 37).

July 16th. Brigadier Barclay's XI versus Colonel Heal's XI at Norwich. Brigadier Barclay's XI won by 10 runs. Brigadier Barclay's XI 97. (Capt. Gunton 50, Lieut. McKay 37). Colonel Heal's XI 88. (Capt. Barnes 34, Capt. Thorne 5 for 20).

July 22/23. versus The Gentlemen of Suffolk at Bury St. Edmunds. The Regiment lost by 10 wickets. Gentlemen of Suffolk 162 for 4 (decl'd.) and 157 for 3 (decl'd.). The Regiment 122 for 7 (decl'd.) and 117.

REGIMENTAL CHRISTMAS CARDS

A limited number of Regimental Christmas Cards are available at Regimental Headquarters and may be obtained on application to the Regimental Secretary — price 1/- each.

PERSONALITIES

Brigadier R. H. Innes Hopkins, who started his Army career in The Suffolk Regiment in 1924, later transferred to the Indian Army and in 1947 was transferred to the R.A.O.C., has now retired and taken up a retired officer's appointment at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. He and his wife are living in Camberley.

Lieut.-Colonel C. R. Murray Brown who is handing over command of the 1st Battalion in December to Lieut.-Colonel A. F. Campbell will then proceed to Hong Kong to assume the appointment of G.S.O.1 and Deputy Commander of The Royal Hong Kong Defence Force.

Major-General R. E. Goodwin has been appointed G.O.C. East Africa Command.

Brigadier I. H. Freeland assumes command of 54th Division (T.A.) and East Anglian District early in 1961 with the rank of Major-General.

Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Harvey's next appointment is that of A.A.G. at H.Q. Northern Command, where he starts work in November.

Colonel W. A. Heal becomes Colonel 'Q' (Logistics) at H.Q. Allied Land Forces, Central Europe, in February. He is to be relieved as Brigade Colonel, East Anglian Brigade by Lieut.-Colonel G. V. Martin, M.C., 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

Major B. H. C. Ernsden and Captain A. H. V. Gillmore commence a Staff College Course in January, 1961.

Successful candidates in recent Staff Course and Promotion Examinations include the following:—

Captain F. E. I. Mason —

Written Examination for Staff College and Promotion to Major.

Captains P. D. L. Hopper
and J. P. MacDonald—Parts of Group I (Tactics,
Administration, Morale
and Military Law).

Captains J. R. Heath
and H. N. D. Pullen — Staff College Entrance
Examination and
Promotion to Major.

Captain M. L. Henderson—
Practical part, Staff
College Entrance
Examination and
Promotion to Major.

Lieut. D. R. Baily —
Promotion Examination,
Lieut. to Captain.

2/Lieut. E. H. Conder is taking a Degree Course
at the Royal Military College of Science in October,
1961.

Ex-Drummer Jack Barnes, 1st Bn. The Royal
Norfolk Regiment, 1936-45, called at Regimental
Headquarters in August. He is now living at Head-
ingley, Leeds, and sends his regards to old friends
in the Regiment.

Ex-Colour Sergeant A. C. (Monty) Howard, a
former Signalling Sergeant of the 1st Bn. The Royal
Norfolk Regiment, and Colour Sergeant in the 2nd
Bn, 1939-40 visited the Museum in September. Mr.
Howard has recently retired on pension from the
Royal Air Force Constabulary and is now Manager
of a Royal Air Force Mess, near Southampton.

Major and Mrs. Frank Boldero celebrated their
silver wedding on 1st August. We offer them warm
congratulations on behalf of all their friends in the
Regiment.

We were pleased to see Lieut.-Colonels E. C.
Prattley and G. M. Allen who called at Regimental
Headquarters whilst on leave from Kenya.

Captain A. C. Herbert has resigned his com-
mission and is joining the Film industry.

Our congratulations go to ex-R.S.M. B. R. Fitt,
D.C.M., upon the award of the Meritorious Service
Medal.

Major C. B. Swift, who has been immobilised
with a defective hip for three years, has undergone
a successful operation and has already given up
crutches for sticks. He hopes to visit Norwich later
in the year.

Major P. H. L. Straghan has written to say that
after what appeared to be a false start he has
changed his job and now feels launched on a second
career. He has joined a very old firm of Coal and
Fuel Oil merchants.

Major B. Aikens has joined the staff of a
Solicitor in Wymondham.

Captain J. C. J. Lynch now runs a pig farm,
together with Chinchillas and Great Danes, at Wood-
house Farm, Semer Wood, near Ipswich.

Ex-Sergeant Thomas Lawrence and ex-Corporal
George Ward, both former members of the Norfolk
Regiment have been admitted to the Royal Hospital,
Chelsea, as In-pensioners. So, too, has ex-Bandsman
Fred Crockford, formerly of The Suffolk Regiment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Births.

FORD.—On 10th July, to Cynthia, wife of
Captain P. Ford, a daughter.

NORTH.—On 3rd August, to wife of Captain
J. G. M. North, a son, Simon Andrew Mathews.

BAGWELL.—On 7th August, to Katherine
Mary, wife of Major W. E. G. Bagwell, a son.

Marriages.

GWINN—ATKINS. At the Village Homes
Church, Barkingside, on 11th June, Mr. Julian
Gwinn, R.A.S.C., to Angela, the only daughter of
Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. S. H. Atkins.

DEAN—WATKINS. At St. Mary's Church,
Dedham, on 10th June, Captain T. H. Dean to Jane,
daughter of Mr. Watkins of Chichester and of Mrs.
Beddow.

HORREX—BUDGEN. At St. Cadoc's Church,
Raglan, on 25th June, Captain A. B. Horrex, to Rose,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Budgen.

Deaths.

EUSTACE.—On 9th May, 1960, at the Royal
Hospital, Chelsea. In-pensioner George Reynolds
Eustace, late The Suffolk Regiment, aged 85 years.

KILNER.—On 15th June, 1960, at the West
Suffolk General Hospital, Major Gilbert Kilner,
M.C., late The Suffolk Regiment, of Mill House,
Mill Road, Burv St. Edmunds, aged 73 years.

NOONAN.—On 11th July, 1960, at the Royal
Hospital Infirmary, Leatherhead, In-pensioner Francis
E. Noonan, late The Suffolk Regiment, aged 76 years.

COULTEN.—On 23rd July, 1960, at his home,
37 York Road, Burv St. Edmunds, ex-O.M.S. Charles
Coulten, late The Suffolk Regiment, aged 86 years.

THOMPSON.—At the North Cams. Hospital,
Mr. Frederick Thompson of Wales Bank, Elm,
Wisbech, late The Suffolk Regiment, aged 76 years.

ASHTON.—On 20th September, at Farnborough,
Hants., Major John Ashton, late The Royal Norfolk
Regiment, aged 46 years.

OBITUARY

Major J. Ashton, The Royal Norfolk Regiment.
We regret to announce the death of Major John
Ashton at the early age of 46. Johnny joined the
Scots Guards as a drummer in 1930 and was granted
an emergency commission in 1945. A year later he
received a regular commission in The Royal Norfolk
Regiment, retiring with the rank of Major in July,
1959.

He leaves a widow and three children to whom
we offer our deep sympathy.

GENERAL NEWS

DISBANDMENT OF 3rd Bn. GRENAДИER GUARDS

The following is the text of part of the Queen's speech made at the farewell parade of the 3rd Bn. Grenadier Guards on 8th July :—

"I do not think that there can be anybody here today who does not feel a pang of sorrow and regret as we say Goodbye to this historic battalion. Owing to the changing structure of the Army, other Regiments have already lost battalions with long and distinguished records. Many of them have held their final parades, and their Colours have been laid up. Through being your Colonel for ten years, I have had a closer link with the Grenadiers than with any other Regiment in the Army, and that is why I have invited you here today. But I would like you to remember those other Regiments too; and I will ask them to regard this Parade as symbolic of my feelings of sympathy with all Corps and Regiments in the Army which have lost units for which they have as great an affection as all Grenadiers feel for their 3rd Battalion."

3rd INFANTRY DIVISION OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, 1939-47

The next annual dinner of this Association will be held on Saturday, 11th March, 1961. Further details can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Hugh Gunning, 65 Turney Road, Dulwich Village, London, S.E.21.

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1st BATTALION

GENERAL NEWS

The tempo of life in BERLIN continues unabated and much has been achieved since the publication of the last Gazette.

First, the battalion rifle team, as we had hoped, won the Brigade Competition quite comfortably. We shall however miss the three Majors — Fisher-Hoch, Morgan and Power — who carried our officers team and helped to train and advise the remainder.

Our Athletics team who followed shortly after this success did not do as well as we had hoped, and were narrowly beaten into third place. The team was handicapped however by the absence of the Battalion Pentathlon Team who were away in the U.K. competing in the U.K. finals where they did very creditably for a first time, being placed 15th out of 17.

While all this was going on the R.S.M. and the Adjutant were busy preparing our two guards for the Queen's Birthday Parade, which takes place annually on the Maifield next to Hitler's Stadium before a large and very appreciative German audience. Each regiment provides two guards and in addition one regiment (this year it was 1 K.O.S.B.) troop their colour. The whole parade is most carefully planned and organised and the result was well worth the effort. That evening the British Commandant gave a reception at which the Regiment's Band and Drums with those of the York & Lancaster Regiment gave a very fine exhibition of marching and playing under flood lights. This was most favourably commented on by all, and reflected great credit on the Bandmaster who planned and the Drum Major who commanded the parade.

Shortly afterwards the Regiment provided a Guard of Honour for the Prime Minister of Malaya, Tenka Abdul Rahman, when he visited Berlin after the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Meeting in London. A photograph appears elsewhere.

In July we were delighted to welcome the Bishop of Maidstone on a short visit to the Regiment when he spoke to a representative gathering of the Battalion. Support Company also about this time were off to Hohne to fire their specialist weapons



The Queen's Birthday Parade, Berlin, 1960. The Colour Parties.



The Queen's Birthday Parade, Berlin, 1960.
(The Stadium in the rear was built for the 1936 Olympic Games).

as it is not possible to fire these in Berlin. Rifle companies were busy classifying and getting to know the Grunewald, our main field training area. The area offers good training in junior leadership of a jungle warfare type and a small tank training area allows platoon/troop co-operation.

Next came Minden weekend and for once really fine weather. An officers' dance was held on the Saturday night followed by a well attended curry luncheon the following morning. On Minden Day itself the side shows did a roaring trade and the decorated float competition (decorated $\frac{1}{2}$ tonners) produced some really excellent efforts. A platoon of 'A' Company won first prize with their Viking ship but must have been close run by the M.T. version of a Chinese funeral. Mention must also be made of the R.E.M.E. float which was beautifully made to look like a toy railway engine, complete with funnel and smoke, for the children to ride in.

In the afternoon after the Sergeants' Mess had been suitably entertained in the Officers' Mess, the German Police dogs gave a demonstration, and a Bavarian Band played most enthusiastically—various other forms of sports were also played to the enjoyment of the spectators. In the evening an all ranks dance was held outside under flood lighting and once again the weather was kind. It was, by popular acclaim, a first-class Minden Day. A few days later the Sergeants' Mess combined with the Sergeants' Mess 1 K.O.S.B. to share an exceptionally well run Minden Ball in our gym to which the G.O.C. and his wife came. It is not often that two Minden Regiments are stationed together, and what is more get on so well.

After these celebrations it did our livers good to take part in Exercise 'Old Guard' with our French allies who showed so much enthusiasm and élan that the umpires had great difficulty in restraining them from finishing the exercise long before lunch was ready! We eventually provided lunch for our opposite numbers in the training camp we were then occupying in the Grunewald, and as time wore on we began to feel that our French was actually improving. Shortly after this we again went out to do battle in Exercise 'New Moon' with 1 K.O.S.B. against a Battle Group of the U.S. Forces—this for the benefit of the C-in-C. B.A.O.R. who was visiting Berlin at that time. The Exercise was much enjoyed by all who took part even if, at the end, in order to see fair play and allow the U.S. Forces some of the spoils, the K.O.S.B. had to stage a minor Dunkirk on the banks of the Havel leaving us to fight on alone.

In the world of sport, our cricket side has had a good season and when all those selected were available to play a very useful side could be put into the field. We beat the K.O.S.B. but lost our only game to 1 Y. & L., who however were beaten by another team in the league, so finished equal top with them. Badminton is popular with the wives and rumour has it that we have a better soccer side than last year. Our rugby side have suffered one defeat so far and do not look as strong as last year. Hockey we expect to do well at.

In the Rhine Army swimming we were expected to do well. In training our times were well up to standard. Most unfortunately a case of polio stopped our training until two days before the Divisional eliminating round in June and we failed to go forward. A week later Lieut. Moore, the Rhine Army

record holder for the 100, 200, 400 and 800 metre free style races was fit enough to win the first three again, but failed to break any of his own records. The Brigade Swimming Meeting was held much later in September and a separate report on this appears later in these notes. Lieut. Moore broke the Army record for the 300 metre freestyle in the Army Pentathlon, breaking four minutes for the first time ever. It is interesting to record that only four swimmers in the Olympic Pentathlon broke four minutes. Last but by no means least Mrs. Murray Brown won the Brigade Mothers' race.

By the time these notes appear in print we shall have returned from our training at Sennelager and Soltau and we will regretfully be saying goodbye to Colonel Murray Brown, and welcoming in his stead Colonel Arthur Campbell.

OFFICERS' MESS

P.M.C. : Major J. B. DYE.

Mess Sgt. : Sgt. J. BELLAMY.

Our last notes were written after an initial burst of activity in Berlin, culminating in John Fisher Hoch's departure.

The summer months, if summer they can be called, have passed relatively quietly. Our life is now regularised, as much as it is possible to 'regularise' officers, by our new mess rules, which were amicably passed at a recent mess meeting. As has now become the familiar pattern, the best of both sets of previous rules were put together and only very occasional faint murmurings were heard plaintively complaining that 'We used to'! That pronoun incidentally is now 'out.' One of the new rules concerned the reintroduction of mess calls and the Duty Bugler sounded them at the meeting for our edification. The orderly officer entering the mess shortly afterwards found the mess staff fallen in with steel helmets on, carrying buckets and with their stirrup pumps at the high port. The Drum Major's comment was that some people have no ear for music (*sic*).

Our first Regimental Minden weekend passed most pleasantly. We had by good fortune chosen one of the few fine evenings that have come our way this summer for our mess dance, and the outside floor was most popular. The décor by Bernard Mills and Sgt. Bellamy was much admired. Gourmet Baily also received his just share of praise. The Sergeants arrived at midday the next day, most welcome as usual, to enable us to carry on when a few had hardly left off, and on Sunday we had a curry luncheon party. Our thanks go to our loyal and long suffering staff for their untiring efforts. We hope they enjoyed their subsequent weekend as much as they made it possible for us to enjoy ours.

Richard Wilson and Pte. Robinson have now got the silver in show room order, and it is always a pleasure to show it to our friends. The Americans, whom we entertain frequently, are lost in admiration for it and even they run out of superlatives. We have also hung our pictures, and with the remainder of our property now with us we are extremely well found.

We were all very distressed by the sudden illness of Brian Gunton. He was for a time in hospital in Berlin where all his friends had ample opportunity



The Changing of the Guard at Spandau Gaol, Berlin.
1st Battalion takes over from the American 2nd Battle Group.



Guard of Honour of the 1st Battalion for the Prime Minister of Malaya.

of visiting him. He is now at the R.A.F. Officers Rehabilitation Centre, Hedley Court, Leatherhead, Surrey. It is hoped that as many as possible will make an effort to go and see him.

It was our pleasure to have both Brian's father and brother Mike to stay, and we all send him our wishes for a quick and complete recovery.

The inevitable departures continue. Mike Thorne to Hythe; John Jones to Aden; Alec Power to Texas; Ernie Morgan to Cambridge; Graham Smith, John Sutherland and Mike Baxter to wherever an honest penny is to be earned. We wish them well. We welcome Majors Howgego and Wiggington, Captain Styles and 2/Lts. Jones, Wilson, McKay and Wright to the fold.

As we go to press we are preparing for our month's training in the Zone, and our first camp is in a lunatic asylum at Sennelager. There is a temptation to be first in the field in a situation which must inevitably produce a glut of jokes in the next magazine. However, we will resist, save to say that the Adjutant has issued a confidential letter that certain of us must act 'out of character' to save any embarrassment.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Life in Berlin continues in its own odd way, a constant succession of things military, semi-military and just plain unusual. The period since our last notes has been an extremely busy one commencing with rehearsals for the biggest event of the Berlin military year—the Queen's Birthday Parade. As the parade is no doubt dealt with fully in another part of this issue, I will confine our comment to saying that it was a tremendously successful parade and gave a great deal of pleasure and pride to those of the Mess who were taking part. Among these were two Colour Parties.—C.S.M. Boxall, Sgt. Holden and Sgt. Taylor, C/Sgt. Aspinall, Sgt. Nichols and Sgt. Bates; Guards:—C.S.M. Fowler ('A' Coy.) and C.S.M. Parker ('B' Coy.).

As always there were farewells to contend with, notable among which were Paul Boxall to 4 R. Norfolk as R.S.M., Sgts. Jacobs and Kyne to civil life. We shall miss the cheerful and energetic "Jake" in both our Mess social and working life. Martin Kyne has taken over duties as a publican in Krefeld, Western Germany, and offers a standing welcome to any of the Regiment who happen to be passing through. Other departures include Sgts. Waller and Hull who have gone to the Depot. The only arrival as our actual member was Sgt. Mick Freeman from 4 Suffolk, but a number of probables have arrived in the Mess from the family angle among whom were a son to S/Sgt. Fox, a daughter to Sgt. Sharpe and a daughter to Sgt. Bellamy.

One of the highlights of Mess Social life was the farewell party held for Major C. J. V. Fisher Hoch. A very full evening of entertainment passed all too quickly enlivened by such classics as "The Anti-Clockwise Gouger" and "A Girl named Lillian." Major Fisher Hoch was finally drawn to the barrack gate in the C.O.'s car by many willing hands on the rope and was finally escorted to the train by a decorated armoured car.

The Minden Ball was held in the Gymnasium on 6 August as a joint affair with 1 K.O.S.B. The hall was beautifully decorated with vast awnings of

coloured materials, the band was supplied by 1 K.O.S.B., the dance floor was surrounded by small pillars topped by potted plants and linked together by silken ropes. Each individual table was candle-lit and the intimate atmosphere aimed at by the committee was realised from the start. The dress uniforms and tartan trews of the K.O.S.B. were most effectively balanced by the splendour of our Mess Kit. The ladies, as always, contributed in no small way to the success of the evening. The Guest of Honour, Major General R. Delacombe, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., was most impressed by the whole occasion and said so in a very complimentary letter to the P.M.C.

The first anniversary of the formation of the First East Anglian Regiment was celebrated by a Social Evening to which the Commanding Officer and the Officers and their ladies were invited. A most enjoyable evening was spent in the usual way with dancing to the music of the Regimental Dance Band. An excellent supper (Fish-n-Chips and Hot-Dogs) was served by the Messing Committee from a heated mobile cafeteria trolley.

One visitor whose arrival in Berlin neatly coincided with the Anniversary Celebrations was R.S.M. Jack Gingell who has taken over his new appointment at Brigade. We were all more than pleased to see him and Mrs. Gingell back in the fold.

Since arriving in Berlin we have been concerned about a lack of space in the ante-room for our social occasions. Our pleas have now been heard and at the time of going to press the plans show that the ante-room is to be extended, bay windows fitted and (we hope) a few other additions to make life a little more pleasant.

Another recent pleasure (and severe shock) for some members was the War Office Anthropometric Survey where our jovial Mess Caterer, Sgt. Lawson, turned the scales at 234 lbs.! Runners-up, but still among the heavy-weights, were the R.S.M. at 209 lbs. and Mike Fowler at 206 lbs.!

We close these notes with a passing reference to one or two of the more monied members. Sgt. Lawson has invested in a brand-new car as has S/Sgt. Ridout (although not so new). Sgt. Boag, R.A.P.C., has spent a great deal of time and a considerable amount of money on a Moped, which was apparently in working order until the moment of sale and since has been defunct.

"A" COMPANY

Company Commander: Major R. M. Williams
2 IC: 2/Lt. J. Sutherland
No. 1 PL: 2/Lt. E. Conder
No. 2 PL: 2/Lt. R. Abbott
No. 3 PL: 2/Lt. G. Jones
C.S.M.: W.O. II M. Fowler
C.Q.M.S.: C/Sgt. A. Doughty

Throughout May of this year the Company was fully occupied in rehearsing for the Queen's Birthday Parade which was to take place on the Maifield at Bib on Thursday, 9th June. Twenty-three rehearsals and a number of full dress rehearsals were struggled through before the great day, but the final result was a success both for the Battalion and "A" Company.

Having celebrated the Queen's Official birthday, the Company settled down to serious training again. PT became a prime factor in this training. On three

days a week the whole Company turned out for a run round the camp, and battle PT. This seemed to do members of Coy. H.Q. a great deal of good.

In June it was decided to start a Company Club. Under the supervision of Mr. Abbott and Sgt. Watson, the Company selected a suitable cellar and began work. And work it was! The cellar lay under several inches of dust, and smelt of dank concrete and rotting wood. But due to the fact that "A" Company has many skilled craftsmen and general handy men in its ranks, in a very short while an extremely plush club began to arise from the confusion. Special mention must be made of Pte. Odlin, who is a commercial artist in civil life. His interior decoration is a masterpiece. Mention must also be made of Ptes. Powell, Hardwick, Thorpe and Harris, who built and illuminated a fine bar out of bits and pieces from all over the Battalion. The club has now been opened for a month, under the name of "The Old Boot," and is run very smoothly by the barman Pte. Frost. The facilities include television, table tennis, darts and dice, newspapers and a small library. Membership costs only 6d. to personnel of "A" Company and guests can be invited to buy an honorary membership for the same price.

On Sunday, 17 July, the Company moved to the camp in the Grunewald. Here a mixture of hard training and holiday spirit was achieved. We had fine weather most of the time, and the water of the Havel looked tempting in the extreme. But lurid stories of its unhealthy state prevented most would-be swimmers. During the week we exercised with tanks, and as for many members this was the first sight of a tank, some interesting situations arose. Everybody got back safely however, despite the brief loss of 3 Platoon. Nearing the end of the week, the Company crossed the narrow estuary near the camp at least twenty times in a race between the three Platoons. For this race personnel of the MT, Signals and even the cooks turned out. A sight to remember was Cpl. Joe Lambert, A.C.C., struggling to keep 1 Platoon boat going, and also to keep his life. "On! On!" he was shrieking, whilst just managing to dip his paddle in the water and to feebly move it. At the crucial point when everybody must jump out of the boat and a new team must jump in, all three platoons collapsed in hysterics at the sight of Joe draped exhausted over the prow of the boat, still mumbling "On! On!"

The 1st of August was Minden Day. Preparations were commenced some time before by the three platoons, who were entering a float for the Float competition. Presented by Cynthia Watson. 1 Platoon's idea was an East Anglian Beauty Competition. 2 Platoon entered an almost full size Viking ship with its Nordic crew. This turned out to be not only a fearsome sight, but the winner as well. 3 Platoon presented a "Mickey Take" on the ballet, "Swan Lake." Never before have such buxom ballet dancers tripped artistically over the stage!

Pte. Polson ran a highly successful coconut shy and more members of "A" Company managed to Duck the Officer than any other department in the Battalion. C/Sgt. Doughty ducked twice in three throws. In the inter-Company competitions on Minden Day and later, "A" Company has been highly successful.

3 Platoon won the 5-a-side football, 1 Platoon won the Hockey, 2 Platoon as already mentioned won the Float Competition and Pte. Scruby won the Company Runners bicycle race, winning twelve

bottles of beer, which we assume he got rid of in time honoured fashion. Minden Day went with a bang, the weather kept fine, and the dance in the open air with a genuine beer garden was most enjoyable. The inevitable sore heads in the morning were accepted as part of the game.

In early August the entire Company went to the Grunewald to take part in the Battalion exercise, "Old Guard." "A" Company with a platoon of French tanks in support, advanced to contact "B" and "C" Companies. The Company was commanded at that time by 2/Lt. Abbott, as Major Williams was on leave. Casualties during the two day exercise were small, the only serious one being Sgt. Bates, who was struck in the eye by a branch during the advance. During the night the Company sent out reconnaissance patrols and one fighting patrol. All were a success, and the fighting patrol brought back two prisoners. One of them made the mistake of resisting capture, but the C.S.M. made him see the error of his ways. That prisoner is still worried about his false teeth. Cpl. Ward of 1 Platoon, whose Irish diction is amusing at the best of times, is now even funnier because he has lost all his teeth.

At the moment of writing, the Company has just come back from a two day exercise with the Americans. Members of the Company state the best part of it was the final assault on the Yanks during the last two or three hours. Comments such as "Did yuh git him, Elmer?" and "Where is that dad-blasted tank?" floated on the wind. One top sergeant discovered that to inform three Limeys that they are dead and must lie down is not done. Especially if one of the Limeys is Pte. Polson.

The Battalion Swimming Meeting took place on 31st August and apart from the Water Polo team who were beaten in the final in a close game with "B" Company our performance was not distinguished due to the absence of a number of our swimmers on leave at the time.

To sum up, the past three months has been an eventful period covering ceremonial, exercises in the field and sport and each Platoon is to be congratulated on winning a Battalion competition during this period.

Valete

We have lost 2/Lt. Sutherland to the pleasures and pains of civilian life, also Pte. Land to Sp. Coy. as their pay clerk. Pte. Lamb is now in the Sgts. Mess attached to "A" Company, and Pte. Black works in Bib. L/Cpl. Taylor, the Company clerk of a year's standing, leaves us in late August. He has not yet shown any signs of signing on. We wish him the best of luck in the film industry.

Salvete

We have been joined by 2/Lt. Jones, who is now in command of 3 Platoon, and Pte. Martyn, who comes to us from the Band. We wish them luck.

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"B" COMPANY

Coy. Comd. : Major G. C. Howgego.

2 i/c : Capt. A. K. Catchpole.

No. 5 Pl. : 2/Lt. H. Horrex ; 2/Lt. J. Mackay.

No. 6 Pl. : 2/Lt. C. A. S. Mather.

No. 7 Pl. : 2/Lt. R. S. Pattinson.

C.S.M. : W.O. II S. F. Parker.

C.Q.M.S. : C/Sgt. R. Griffin.

This summer started off in traditional Berlin style with what is undoubtedly the finest spectacle of colour and ceremony that the Maifield sees throughout the year—The Queen's Birthday Parade. "B" Company was well represented in this Parade and comprised the great majority of the rank and file of No. 4 Guard, which was commanded by Capt. A. K. Catchpole, and had C.S.M. Parker and C/Sgt. Griffin as right and left guides respectively. Sgts. Holden and Taylor were both members of the Colour Parties. Preparing for a very complicated parade lasting one and a half hours is no mean task, and in common with many others, our labour was long and arduous in order to reach the highest possible standard of drill and steadiness. However, the weeks of practice were made eminently worthwhile, when, at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of 9th June, to the applause of our audience of many nations, we realised that we were taking part in a great and historic ceremony, as well as a most impressive parade, performed with perfection.

During the period of the Queen's Birthday Parade, we also performed another important ceremonial duty, when Sgt. Holden and members of 7 Platoon mounted guard on the Residence of the British Ambassador to the Federal Republic during his five day stay in Berlin. Yet another ceremonial task was the Guard of Honour for the Prime Minister of Malaya, in the splendid setting of the grounds of the Villa Lemm. "B" Company provided half this guard.

In late June, the Company Commander, Major E. W. A. Power, left for a year's Staff Course at Fort Leavenworth, U.S.A. He had formed the company at amalgamation, and sorry as we are to see him go, we wish him all good luck in the United States. Major Power's specialised knowledge of Berlin, including his knowing everybody of importance here, is a loss much felt in the Company, as in the Battalion. However, it seems that his absence is only temporary, and we look forward to seeing him next August, when he will be in time to take advantage of the last months of the sailing season.

Other departures have included the last of the pre-amalgamation National Servicemen. These stalwarts were a real loss to the Company, and nearly all distinguished themselves in some way during their service. They included Cpl. Ridley, who broke the B.A.O.R. record for the 110 mile march and was an excellent football goal keeper ; L/Cpl. Griffin, who was an outstanding all round games player, and represented the Battalion at football ; L/Cpl. Holden, who represented B.A.O.R. in cross country ; and Pte. Mustoe, who represented the Battalion at cricket and the Company at football. Our best wishes go with them to civilian life. Losses of a more temporary nature are : Mr. Horrex to the Young Officers' courses at Hythe and Warminster ; and Sgt. Hull and Cpl. Boggis, to Bury St. Edmunds and Maidstone respectively, to help out with a shortage of recruit training staff.

On the credit side we welcome to Berlin and to "B" Company, Major G. C. Howgego who has arrived, at the time of writing these notes, to take over command of the Company from Capt. Catchpole, who has been temporarily in command since the departure of Major Power. 2/Lt. Mackay has also recently arrived from Mons to take over command of 5 Platoon. He has so far distinguished himself by being the first officer in the Company ever to be anywhere near good enough to play for the Company football team.

Our numbers received a welcome boost with a draft of eighteen men who joined the Company in July. With our next big National Service release group not due to leave until November 1961, we are set fair for the next year, with three reasonably sized platoons.

Cpl. Smith is to be congratulated on his recent promotion to full rank, not to mention the arrival of Smith Junior at Iserlohn on 12th July. More promotions, who are to be congratulated, are : to L/Cpl.—L/Cpls. Wilson and Mainstone ; and to provisional L/Cpl. (not yet confirmed)—Ptes. Buckley, Mansfield, Scott, James and Eagle.

While congratulating, we must not forget Cpl. Knightson, who was recently married in England. We wish him and his wife every happiness. He has certainly married into the family, for he has now become C.S.M. Parker's brother-in-law. Apparently his wedding was very much a 1st East Anglian affair, with about a dozen members of the Regiment present.

As befits the summer months, much of the training in the past few months has been in the field ; namely, in the now well known Grunewald. So much could be written on our various excursions, that it would be well just to stick to two of the highlights. The Summer Camp week, spent under canvas on the banks of the Havel, was enjoyed tremendously by everybody, who felt that they could take as much of that as was handed out. We learned as well as enjoyed ourselves, having ample opportunity to practise all phases of war, including river crossings and infantry tank co-operation. We managed to do all this and still remain comparatively dry, as the showers during our week were few and far between. The main attractions at this particularly summer-visitor-infested part of the Havel edges were strictly non-military, and simply swarmed ! As did the mosquitoes, who introduced the only unpleasant element into the whole week.

The culmination of our summer training in Berlin (discounting training in the Zone) came with the Brigade exercise "New Moon" on 24/25 August, when we took on the 2nd Battle Group, U.S. Army. "B" Company, sent out in advance of the rest of the Battalion to clear the assembly area and patrol, came to grips very early on with the enemy, and from that moment until the end of the exercise nearly twenty-seven hours later, stayed at grips nearly the whole time. We night patrolled, gaining some very valuable information ; did an assault river crossing ; advanced ; attacked ; defended ; and withdrew, all with very little pause in between and with great success. Sgt. King and 7 Platoon are to be congratulated on arousing favourable comment by the Brigade Commander on their dash and determination, who watched them put in an assault as point platoon of the Company advance.

MINDEN DAY IN BERLIN



"A" Coy. Vikings.



"C" Coy. Rocketeers.



The Misses East Anglia.



"A" Coy. Fairies.

MINDEN DAY IN BERLIN



M.T. Train.



An Orderly Room Swindle.



A Chinese Funeral.



At the All Ranks Dance.

Classification has gone well this year with seven marksmen on both weapons; 15 on SLR only; and 12 on LMG only. About 20 people are yet to classify on both weapons.

Although out of season, hockey and football have flourished during the summer, and we reckon to have a useful side at both games. However, we shall reserve judgment until the serious competitions start. Having no cricket pitch nearer than at Brigade H.Q., rather limited the amount of cricket that could be played. However, we had some most enjoyable games within the Company.

The summer sporting season ended in great style for "B" Company, when we swept the board at the Battalion Swimming Meeting, winning by 47 points to the 36 points of our nearest rivals (H.Q. Company). We rounded off a successful afternoon by winning the finals of the Water Polo, beating "A" Company 3-2. We won the 2 x 100 metres and 2 x 200 metres freestyle relay; the military relay; were second in the medley relay; and third in the 4 x 50 breast stroke relay. The outstanding swimmers in the Company team were 2/Lt. Mather and Pte. Hart at free style, and L/Cpl. Wilson at breast stroke.

"B" Company's contribution to the Minden Day Fair was not, unfortunately, as extensive as we would have liked. We came back from the Grunewald with only enough time to prepare one float, and this was destroyed by vandals on the eve of Minden Day. However, we made up for this by two successful and highly patronised stalls. "Bursting Balloons with a Football," run with great gusto by L/Cpl. Mainstone and Ptes. Fleming and Alliston, brought in 100% profit because the balloons refused to burst when hit, but the public kept trying! The biggest attraction of all the side shows, without a doubt, was "Ducking the Officer." Here for the small charge of 6d., customers had the opportunity of soaking a noble and permanently dripping Mr. Pattinson, who sat be-stocked beneath a full bucket of water, which was sent toppling by the combination of an accurately bowled ball and simple mechanics.

At the moment, in this first half of September 1960, "B" Company, together with "C" Company, are engaged in guarding the war criminals in Spandau Prison. At our present strength, depleted by leave and cadres, the guard commitment keeps us fully occupied, so there will be very little training between now and our departure for the Zone at the end of September.

Looking ahead, the training at Sennelager and Soltau dominates our plans for the immediate future, and there is no doubt that a four week period of being able to spread ourselves a bit will do us all the world of good.

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"C" COMPANY

Company Comd. : Captain R. G. Wilson.
C.S.M. : W.O. II R. Evans.
C.Q.M.S. : C/Sgt. E. Sennett.
9 Pl. Comd. : 2/Lt. K. Ross.
10 Pl. Comd. : 2/Lt. M. O'Meara.
11 Pl. Comd. : 2/Lt. D. Gamberoni.
9 Pl. Sgt. : Sgt. N. Kelly.
10 Pl. Sgt. : Sgt. R. Garwood.
11 Pl. Sgt. : Sgt. S. Bullock.

Since the last issue of the Gazette, Major E. H. Morgan, M.B.E., has departed to try T.A. soldiering and his place has been taken by Captain R. G. Wilson who will in turn hand over to Major P. Thain in November.

The Company has carried out a very intensive Summer Programme and we reckon we are now "on the Ball" but Sennelager and Soltau will tell.

We were fortunate to have formed a very good liaison with "F" Coy. 40 Armoured of the United States Army who have given us several days of interesting training with their Tanks and APC's. We have also had an escape and evasion exercise with them which was most successful although some of our allies say that they are still recovering from it.

We were also pleased to have Nicolas B. Wilson of the 2nd Battle Group attached to the Company for a week and we were able to learn a lot about each other's Armies. We even found we have at the moment got a better rifle than the Americans, much to everyone's amazement.

We spent a very enjoyable week in the Grunewald and were lucky enough to be blessed with good weather. Whilst we were there we acted as enemy on a joint Anglo-French exercise which although we went backwards all the time was enjoyed by all and much was learnt especially by 10 Platoon who, when attacked at night by "A" Company, found it was not a good thing to have the Officer and Sergeant both away at the same time. "A" Company thought they were back in Cyprus as they produced tear gas, much to everyone's discomfort. The Sergeant Major did not think much of this and went "hunting" with his shovel but was unable to find an aggressor and is waiting to get his own back on the next exercise.

Minden Day came and went and three fine floats were produced. Mention must be made of 9 Platoon's Rocket which gave a very good demonstration of a "Misfire" at Cape Canaveral. The whole Rocket misfired and caught fire and for some seconds the Commanding Officer had visions of having to write off a DKW. To make matters worse Pte. Cook, a large member of the Platoon, climbed up the Rocket to extinguish it with the result that the "Warhead" fell off taking him with it, and such was the damage that the MTO is now threatening us with a mammoth misuse and damage bill. The day ended with a most enjoyable all ranks Dance in the open and a good time was had by all.

Our last exercise was against the Americans who were against us in overwhelming numbers and weapons. It seems the Americans have an unlimited amount of training ammunition whereas we, virtually, have to say "Bang bang" and ask them to go away, such is our meagre supply of training ammunition.

We are now providing the International Guard at Spandau Prison, where the three remaining war criminals are still held. A very tedious task but none

the less an important one as it is liable to be visited by Russian, American, French and British Officers, at any time.

In the world of sport 10 Platoon reached the Finals of the inter Platoon Hockey Competition and 9 Platoon the 6-a-side football competition, being narrowly beaten by "A" Company in each case. In the Battalion Swimming Meeting we came a creditable third beating "A" and "SP" Companies. The Company football team looks very encouraging and we have high hopes for the newly instituted champion Company Competition.

Personalities

We are shortly to say goodbye to Cpl. Langham and L/Cpl. Roper who have given their best to the Company and we shall be very sorry to see them go.

Congratulations to Cpl. Waters, Cpl. King, Cpl. Cottrell, Cpl. Tomsett and to L/Cpls. Hempstead, Gollings and Harris on their recent promotions.

Congratulations to Pte. Whiting on being the best shot in the Company by scoring 153 out of a possible 156 on the LMG.

2/Lt. Ross, L/Cpl. Tomsett and Pte. Repman all proceeded on a cycle tour from Coblenz to Paris to Moechan Gladbach. They all had a wonderful time as guests of the French Army in Paris and all agreed that this Adventure Training was well worth while.

Congratulations to Pte. Cook who much to his and everyone else's surprise came top of the Monitoring Cadre.

Mention should be made of the Specialists who come and help us on all our exercises, namely L/Cpl. Smith and Pte. Ball of the Signal Platoon and Pte. Riches of the MT who has gained the reputation of continually frightening the life out of the Company Commander. Thanks to all of them for their assistance.

Congratulations to Ptes. Davies, McLean and Hagon for being chosen to represent the Battalion in the Inter Unit Swimming Competition.

The newcomers to the Company are too numerous to mention but to all of them we extend a welcome.

SUPPORT COMPANY

O.C. : Major J. B. Dye.

C.S.M. : W.O. II A. F. Cox.

C.Q.M.S. : C/Sgt. J. M. Nichols.

The weather in Berlin this summer has not been much different from what we read in our papers (which incidentally we see here at 10.30 a.m. each morning on the day of printing) has been occurring in England. A lot of rain, grey skies, thunderstorms and only occasional sunny days to remind us what month of the year it was. However, for our week's firing at Hohne we were lucky not to be "rained off" and thus enjoyed ourselves to the full.

Our first Minden celebrations in the Regiment were much enjoyed. Everybody agreed the net result was well worth the effort put into it.

On the sporting side we have not much to report. Because of the weather the cricket league was not completed. In the swimming we were not last — but we did not win. Some senior N.C.O. was heard to remark at the prize giving that it seemed strange for some other Company to collect a challenge cup. For the record we print a photograph of our Company,

with our Athletics, Shooting and Drill trophies, well guarded by Maud, the Company mascot.

Capt. Thorne has gone to the Signal Wing of the School of Infantry at Hythe. 2/Lts. Baxter and Smith to the School of Civilian Life (a much tougher course we understand). Sgt. Kyne to be an Inn-keeper at Krefeld. Sgt. Waller to recruit soldiers from East Anglia. Other admissions and discharges are notified in Platoon notes. We miss old faces very much, but their names are not forgotten round the bar of the "Silver Dollar."

A/Tk Platoon

Pln. Commander : Capt. C. J. N. Trollope.
Pln. Commander Designate : Lt. I. W. Jefferson.
Pln. Sgts. : Sgt. Child, Sgt. Taylor.

The A/Tk Platoon has been fairly busy since the last notes. In May and June we had little training as we were practising for the Queen's Birthday Parade, but at the end of June and the beginning of July we at last ran a long awaited Mobat Cadre, and left 17 Pdrs for good; they are due to be cut up in September. To prepare for the Cadre, a short Cadre was run for Lt. Jefferson and the Instructors, who learned more in five days than some learned in the next four weeks.

For a week in July the Platoon went by road to Hohne for the annual shoot. This was a great success — standards were very high for beginners. Sgt. Taylor is still telling us about that "mover" at 800 yards in a strong cross wind he hit. We were fortunate to find an almost complete "Sexton" 25 Pdr. to shoot at with our H.E.S.H. with very satisfactory results.

Minden Day was great fun for all concerned and although the Platoon had very little time in construct a float, "Zubes" Greening made an excellent "East African" but unfortunately could not beat the rifle platoons who have so much time on their hands.

August has been filled with an exercise and small arms classification. The exercises have taught us that theory never works in practice and that it is just as quick to drive round the end of the Havel than to paddle across the middle.

The Platoon has at last come up to strength. Lt. Jefferson has returned from Netheravon to take over and Sgt. Taylor has joined us to get experience before going.

Pte. Ellis has returned to the platoon and Ptes. Munford, Long, Stevens and Daniell have joined us. L/Cpls. Kindleysides and Calver have left for civilian life after a send off party that lasted all weekend and made a mockery of Monday morning as far as training was concerned. Capt. Trollope leaves soon for "A" Company.

L/Cpl. Spidy is to be congratulated on his promotion and also Pte. Daniel for qualifying as specialist after such a short time on Mobats.

3" Mortar Platoon

Platoon Commander : Lt. D. R. Baily. Platoon Sgt. : Sgt. H. M. High.

The last three months have seen us performing many new feats of training, such as adjusting sights and testing barrels for the first live shoot for many of the Platoon. This took place at Hohne in mid-July, and we put into practice just about everything that we had been taught, and also learnt a few things that one cannot learn on a Barrack Square.



L/Cpls. Jones and Wilson of the Anti-Tank Platoon at Hohne.

Whilst at Hohne, we were rather surprised, nay astounded! when C.S.M. Cox exchanged his rolled umbrella, brief case and copy of "The Times" for a steel helmet, denims and pieces of cotton wool and showed us "how they did it in the old days." He must have learnt his fire orders a long time ago, such as "uppa little righta little lotta bombs fire," can't be found in any of the Pamphlets in the Company Office. Whilst at Hohne, the Platoon held a small but well enjoyed party and our Platoon Commander was in his glory, armed with camera, flash gun and endless rolls of film, he caught and recorded many a happy expression whilst C.S.M. Cox gave us an excellent lecture on "The Powers of Observation." The party ended with a game of "Placing the Beer Bottle" after which everybody went to bed happy, but sober. We welcome back to the platoon L/Cpl. Hawkrige who after trying civilian life, decided that it was not to his liking and came out to save the platoon from falling to bits. We extend our best wishes to Mrs. Hawkrige and family who have now joined us in Berlin.

We must also congratulate Cpl. Hart on his recent marriage. Ptes. Bridge and Taylor have at long last been given well earned tapes in time to train the four newcomers, Ptes. Howlett 54, Utting, Clarke and Christie. Christie has given up the Officers' Mess for the free and easy life of the 3" Mortars. In closing we would like to wish Lt. Baily success in his temporary job of recruiting at home and hope that he will not have to spend too long doing it. To all past and present members we say

"Go right and keep your zero lines at zero." And to any old mortarman who is wasting away outside, or the Depot, remember there is always a place for you on the Mortar Line.

Signal Platoon

R.S.O.: Capt. B. H. G. Mills. Platoon Sgt.: S/Sgt. Fox. Wrls. Sgt.: Sgt. Sharpe.

Since the last publication the following changes have taken place in the Platoon:

Postings in:—Sgt. Sharpe, Ptes. Kemp, Hayter, Bidwell, Jacobs, Flitton, Miles. Postings out:—Sgt. Waller, to Regtl. Depot, Ptes. Curson, Griffin, Johnson, Hackford, Browne 58.

We congratulate the following on becoming fully fledged 3 Star Regtl. Signallers: Ptes. Williams, Shepherd, Collins, Ridgeon, Harper 71, Harper 52, Smith, Lilley, Connor, Saunders. Ptes. Little and Coble are having their second attempt with the new arrivals. This Cadre is being run over the period before and after our move to Sennelager.

L/Cpl. Smith, Ptes. Allison, and Durrant are attending an Operators' course at Hythe from October to December. The main attraction being Christmas Leave at the conclusion of the course.

Cpl. Boon, Ptes. Ball, Allison and Putwain went with the "Sp" Platoons to Hohne to provide communications while they fired their weapons. Despite Bde. Sig. Sqn. predicting that communication from Hohne to Berlin on Skywave would not be possible we proved them wrong by being in communication

after the FIRST tuning and netting call. (Of course it was a freak in atmospheric conditions (!!!) we have since been told).

On Minden Day the Platoon was involved in the usual erection of PA equipment etc., but Cpl. Ratcliffe and crew were promoted to Asst. R.Es. for a few days while they helped to wire up the Beer Garden. The result was something like Piccadilly Circus, matters were not helped when the organisers of the Platoon sideshow decided to run a record request programme. This was organised by Sgt. Waller and Cpl. Boon, a line was laid to the junction box to provide current. He will remain nameless, but who joined the wires in the wrong sequence ???

The fate of the Platoon float after a quick repair job being carried out at the last minute was hastened by "Greyfriar" who decided not to wait for the DKW to start up. The farmer's boy (Pte. Ball) who professed that he knew how to handle horses, promptly disappeared in the opposite direction. The general opinion was that the "Boy" should have been in front instead of "Greyfriar." Still, a good time was had by all.

The platoon has been kept busy over the August period with Ex Swan Lake, Old Guard and New Moon; with the new sets the communications in the training areas had improved. On Ex New Moon we had to revert to W/S 31, and to everyone's surprise we had good communications. The line section under Cpl. Ratcliff became ferrymen for Tac HQ; from their showing in this task we are entering them for the Henley Regatta.

Capt. Mills disappeared for five days to visit the Americans. On his return he was giving forth on the salient points of A10, D10, tubes and other items of equipment. It is believed that he swotted them up on his regal return to Barracks in an American Staff Car. He has yet to convince us that he actually saw this equipment.

We are now preparing for our move to Sennelager, and everyone is looking forward to a change of scenery.

Cpl. Ratcliff and the Line Section are going down with the Advance Party and the Platoon is relying on them to find the places of interest! We can get in some training while we are there that we cannot do in Berlin.

We welcome Ptes. Kemp, Hayter, Bidwell, Jacobs, Flitton and Miles to the Platoon and wish them success on the Cadre.

Sgt. Sharpe has joined us from the Depot and is now settling in as Wrls. Sgt. We bid goodbye to Ptes. Curson, Griffin, Johnson, Hackford, Ringwood and Brown on their release to Civvy Street. At least they will be able to tune their sets in when they get home.

We congratulate S/Sgt. Fox and Sgt. Sharpe on their recent additions to their families, a son and daughter respectively.

MMG/Assault Pioneer Platoon

Platoon Commander : Lt. P. W. Morton. Platoon Sgt. : Sgt. P. S. Cross.

The past three months has been an interesting period. Firstly we had rather a hectic time preparing for the move to Hohne for our annual field firing on the ranges there. We collected by devious means much extra ammunition and guns from the other two Battalions here in Berlin. At Hohne we all had a good time and carried out a great deal of very

valuable training and live firing during the week that we had there. There was only one mishap during our stay, and that was on our demonstration night shoot to the remainder of "Sp" Company when we managed to get every stoppage that is in the book plus quite a few that were not.

On our return to Berlin quite a few of the Platoon proceeded on leave, and Sgt. Cross and Sgt. High went to Italy with their families.

We welcome to the Platoon Pte. Gardiner who will, we are sure, be a great asset to us as he is a trained carpenter and joiner, also we welcome the return of Cpl. Andrews who for the past six months has been attached to the Q.M's. Pioneer Section.

We are now preparing for our annual training in the Zone where once again we shall be wearing different hats on alternate days. There is a saying that begins "Jack of all trades" but we don't believe it.

We congratulate Cpl. Cook on his recent step forward, also L/Cpls. Moyses and Smart on their selection for the N.C.Os. Cadre that is in progress now. Lastly before we close we wish the very best of luck to Cpl. Cook and L/Cpl. Moyses on their Parachute Course with the Parachute Bde. at Aldershot, and although we are very sorry to see them leave us, we are sure that they will pass this course with flying colours.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

Battalion Orderly Room

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

Since the publication of the last Orderly Room notes the Assistant Adjutant Lt. B. J. M. Gunton has surrendered to the charms of the nurses at B.M.H. Berlin where he had to retire on suffering the grave misfortune to contract polio. We are all happy to hear of his wonderful recovery so far and send him our warmest good wishes for the speedy and complete recovery which he deserves so much. His work and "Guardsman"-type hat are sadly missed.

The arduous work of Assistant Adjutant has now been taken over by 2/Lt. F. Wilson. Though we hope rumours that he is contemplating transfer to the Army Air Corps are unfounded, his recent flights around Battalion Headquarters have led us to suspect his good intentions.

We offer our congratulations to the Adjutant, Capt. A. B. Horrex, M.C., on his recent marriage, to Cpl. Gaffer on his promotion to substantive corporal and to L/Cpl. Jacobs on achieving paid rank at last! Cpl. Gaffer had the honour to represent the Regiment at the wedding of the Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. Princess Margaret. At the time he was attending an up-grading course at Sennelager which he eventually passed but not without having to put up a good many excuses for not being R.T.U'd.

At the end of a hard day's work, generally around 2000hrs, certain members of Battalion Headquarters are to be seen making their way down to the cellars beneath the Orderly Room. Amongst the elite, this is now known as "The Hottengrund Keller." Members also include the Pay Staff, Regimental Police and several of the batmen. The fact that we are rather short of furniture has nothing to do with



Cpl. Boon sends out a message.

our endeavours to persuade a certain member of the Q.M.'s staff to join us soon.

The O.R.Q.M.S. did not accompany us on the recent Range Classification Course at Ruhleben. Something was mentioned about "Sights not black enough." Perhaps in this case "The pen is mightier than the sword."

The Orderly Room staff has recently accompanied the Battalion into the Grunewald for exercises against both the French and American Forces stationed here. Unfortunately on neither occasion did we catch even a glimpse of the enemy. Most of the work concerned writing battle logs from transmissions received over the radio. It came as somewhat of a shock when a message came over the air that the 2 IC had dropped a 40 KT Bomb on a nearby crossroads, this being more than sufficient to blow ALL on a home posting. The O.R.Q.M.S. did not accompany us on these exercises, "Rear Guard" being frequently mentioned in the ten page pamphlet on "Reasons Why I Should Not Go." Everyone gained much valuable experience and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, particularly when struggling to erect onto a 1½ ton vehicle a pent-house made for a 4½ tonner.

Soon we shall be leaving Berlin for the Zone to practise training in the Field. The journey will be by road and it will be the first time the outward journey has been made in this way by some members of the Orderly Room Staff. The break in routine is sure to prove interesting for everyone: with or without winter clothing. There is no longer need for crossed fingers as to who will go on this trip as it

has already been decided that the O.R.Q.M.S. is to stop behind with L/Cpl. Jacobs and Pte. Cunningham. This, explains the O.R.Q.M.S., is due to the forthcoming Documentation Team Check in October. Unfortunately our charming typists will not be accompanying us. The O.R.Q.M.S., to ensure that they stay behind, has given the Zone Party 1 typewriter much to delight of all the clerks.

In conclusion we wish to send to Cpl. Johnson and Pte. Heathcock our best wishes, the latter having departed to Field Records. It is learnt that Cpl. Johnson since his return to civilian life has become an "Official Disciplinarian." One wonders what the Orderly Room will produce next. This 6 foot 4 inches ex-clerk can now be seen directing traffic in West Bromwich.

Medical Centre

"We never closed" is the motto of the Medical Centre, and apart from the daily routine of the sick parade, we have found ourselves engaged in numerous immunisation parades, several battalion schemes, and an Anthropomorphic survey—for which weighing scales obviously loaned from a British Railways goods yard were used. The former whilst not being as popular as one would have thought do produce some enlightening remarks and strange oaths from the participants.

Among the Medical Centre staff there is now the Battalion Table Tennis Champion—Pte. Gill, the Bingo Champion—Cpl. Starrs, and the stalwart Sgt. (Doc) Newitt who is back on home ground once

more and who keeps a close guard on all G.1098 stores, and documents so thoroughly and lays on the "Medical Comforts" for the staff on Battalion exercises.

Finally for those interested in facts and figures perhaps an explanation could be given for the sudden drop in the stock of aspirin tablets following a Sergeants' Mess social?

Unit Pay Office

"*Fide et Fiducia*" (translation—"Fit to Fiddle.")

At long last the R.A.P.C. are now allowed to have their say in the Journal.

Our arrival in Berlin, which meant even more Debit Voucher control books being opened, was very pleasant and our surroundings and offices very comfortable in spite of the Quartermaster's refusal to let us have some red matting for the office floor.

We are situated in the Bn. H.Q. Block where the Commanding Officer can keep an eye on us.

For those who are interested the Unit Paymaster is Major R. B. Gofton-Salmond, with W.O. II Frank Hamilton as Chief Whip (and adviser as to what is the best runner in the 2.30), Sgt. Boag (Regimental Accounts) whose exploits are best reported in the "News of the World," and the following Pay Clerks, Cpl. MacFarlane, the Battalion's best centre-forward, L/Cpls. Ferris and Bull, and Pte. Rhodes. Unfortunately we will be losing Cpl. MacFarlane to civvy life and he will be missed not only by the Pay Office but by many in the Battalion.

At the moment we are very ably assisted, by the grace of the Commanding Officer, by four Regimental Pay Clerks, Pte. Jones ("A" Coy.), Pte. Land (Sp. Coy.), Pte. Kitchen ("C" Coy.), and Pte. Cross ("B" Coy.), all of whom are doing very well indeed.

We are looking forward to the Battalion Exercise at Sennelager where we can practise "active service" pay parades—no credits and no P.O.S.B's.—Harrogate in Yorkshire are thinking of closing down temporarily. W.O. II Hamilton will remain in Berlin to pay the wives and look after things generally. Sgt. Boag, who is officially reported not to be taking his "scooter," will carry out the good work with the rest of the pay team armed with Acquittance Rolls, Pens, Rubbers and the rest to pay the Battalion. The Unit Pay Master will be dashing backwards and forwards to and from Berlin with the money to pay out weekly. This will possibly confuse the Russians but it is better than "four weeks in advance."

The very distant future may see us using "electrical computers" to keep up with this modern army when Pte. Snooks becomes the five hundred and fifty first key on a machine, and Pay Clerks cease to take off their shoes to work out credits, but this is a long way off and present pay teams are unlikely to see this come into operation.

Quartermaster's Department

Capt. (Q.M.) C. E. Howard. R.Q.M.S. C. Bates.

"*Bis dat, qui cito dat*"

The tempo of life and work appears to be so fast and events to succeed each other with such astonishing rapidity that it is difficult to recall all that has gone on and to get it in correct sequence. Anyhow, we do know that on 9 June an impressive parade was held in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday. This parade marked the end of much frantic arrangements in trying to fit one

hundred and sixty eight men into the pool of No. 1 Dress of one hundred and twenty suits. After the parade we then had to unravel the process and get the suits back to the correct owners which included the Clothing Depot, Branston.

Life is never tedious in our business!

In July we had a trial run for the Annual Brigade Administrative Inspection. It was laid on to show us what we could expect on the real inspection in December 1960. We hope we learnt the correct answers to the awkward questions.

A successful Minden Day was held on 1 Aug. 60. The "floats" were of a high class and we suspect that rifle companies have more trained carpenters than they would have us believe. The motto which appears at the head of these notes has attracted a number of enquiries, we can say that it doesn't mean, "We-ain't-got-it-and-if-we-had-you-wouldn't-get-it"!

The personnel of the department haven't changed. There has been much switching of jobs in the department to counteract temporary absence due to leave etc. Pte. Jellis seems to have done the lot (including leave) but comes back to his original job of G.1098 Storeman. Cpl. Henry has departed from his salubrious quarters in the Q.M. Block to take up residence in married quarters at Charlottenberg. We welcome all newcomers to the staff and hope their stay will be enjoyable.

At the present time planning is going on for the excursion to the Zone. We hope the weather will improve.

To all ex-members of the staff we send our best wishes.

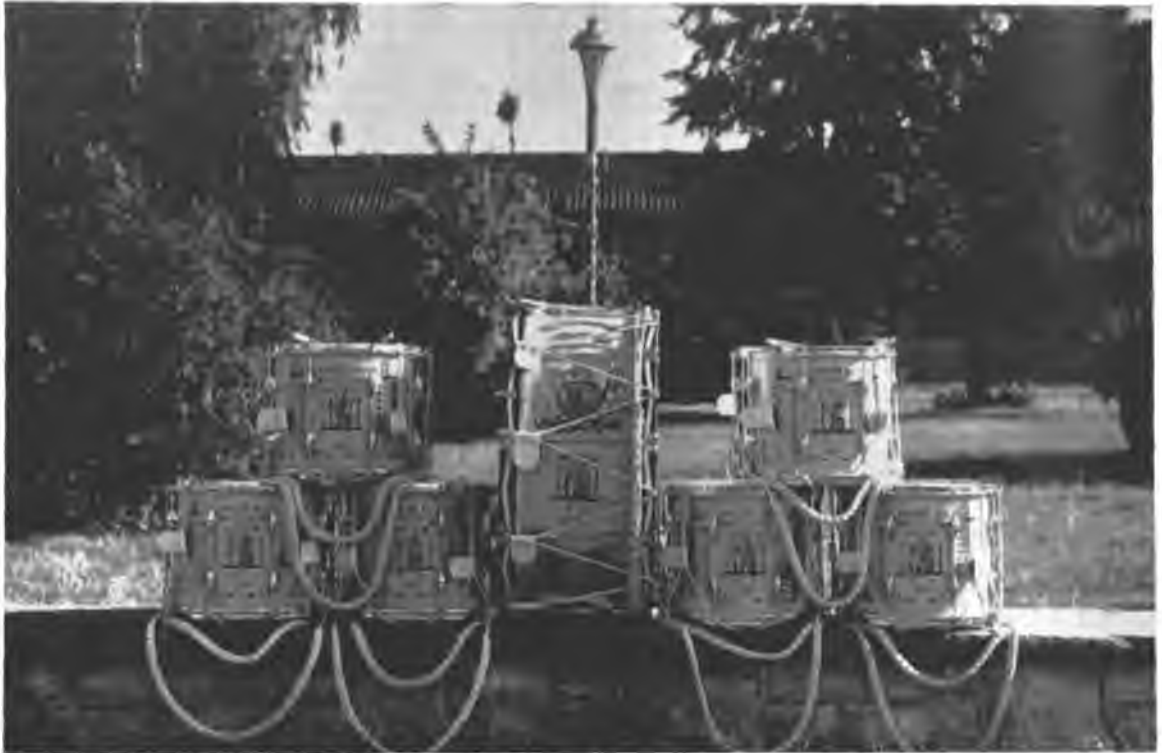
M.T. Platoon

The highlight of the past few months was of course Minden Day, during which the M.T. Platoon played a very full part. Our entry for the decorated float competition was a Chinese Funeral (Keep Death off the Road), with the Chinese type of band and the official mourners, about eighteen drivers were involved. We were awarded second prize, much to our disgust, in fact, "we wuz robbed"!

In addition our R.E.M.E. Fitters produced a most excellent Railway Engine for the children's enjoyment. It really was a magnificent piece of work, and the painter excelled himself, and on the tender the letters E A R appeared, but we still don't know whether they meant East Anglian Railways or East African Railways. The engine was called after "Robert Napier" who commanded the Regiment at the Battle of Minden.

With the side-shows, police dog displays, bands and dancing, everyone voted it the best Minden Day for a long time (at least since 1951—Kuala Lumpur).

In July, Cfn. Miller and L/Cpl. Nunn took advantage of local leave to tour Denmark, they had a wonderful, go as you please, where you like, trip. A free railway warrant to 50 miles over the German border took them as far as Lunderskov, where the Danish railway authorities made a special stop for the express to allow them off the train. Incidentally they broke their journey to have a night of sight-seeing in Hambourg. From Lunderskov they went to Frederied, Odinse, Copenhagen, Koge, Nykobing, Nakshov, Svenborg, Hannover and back to Berlin. During the journey they discovered that there was always someone who could speak English, and they were most impressed by the friendliness of the Danes,



The new Drums of the 1st Battalion.

who were really glad to meet British Soldiers. In Odense they visited the house of Hans Christian Andersen.

The cost of the trip was comparatively cheap. A night in a good hotel cost, on the average, 10 kroner and breakfast an extra 4 kroner. At each meal they were served with huge plates of food which they were never able to finish! Copenhagen of course was dearer, but £25 saw them through a jolly good fortnight's tour of Germany and Denmark.

Pte. Isles also felt the travel urge and he spent ten days in Austria which he too thoroughly enjoyed.

There are whispers that further trips will be taken to Italy, France, Switzerland, Spain and various other countries, while the summer still lasts, and no doubt trips to the Winter Sports centres of Europe as well.

Join the Army and see the world is more true now than ever it was!

The Platoon was well represented in the Battalion Swimming Meeting. Pte. Isles, Pte. Wilsher, Cfn. Eason were in the Company Team and were amongst the prize winners too!

Now we are looking forward to a month's training in Germany and having some long driving journeys, as opposed to the "smallness" of Berlin.

On our return from Germany we are again entering a strong team in the Berlin Brigade Safe Driving Competition, we of course hope to repeat our last successful effort. If we do the M.T.O. has promised an extra crate of beer!!

Drums

Following the Battalion Sports Meeting the Drums got down to hard work to practise for the Queen's Birthday Parade held at the Maifield.

Morning after morning the Drums left by buses which conveyed us to the Maifield Grounds and for several hours each day we practised as Massed Bands the Music and the Drill for the great day. Then on the 9th June the Massed Bands and Drums marched onto the Parade Ground in front of 45,000 spectators for the Queen's Birthday Parade. It was a splendid parade and was very much appreciated by all who saw it. After the parade we went to the Brigade H.Q. and there we beat Retreat for the General at his cocktail party, this also was a great success.

The Queen's Birthday Parade over, the Drums kit and instruments were packed and we went on a Recruiting Tour and leave to England for 7 weeks. With different parades and Retreats we will always remember the Harwich Tattoo, the Chelmsford Carnival and the Colchester Procession. On the Harwich Tattoo the parade went off with flying colours but it was the first time we had ever seen a Drum Major marching backwards on parade. On the Chelmsford Carnival all lights were dimmed, the Band and Drums were waiting to play the final part of the retreat, Silence everywhere and everyone waiting for "Sunset" to be played when a voice over the loud speaker was heard to say "Get your raffle tickets now please." The other amusing happening

was at the Chelmsford Procession. The Band and Drums 72 in strength were waiting at London Road for the Procession to form up. Time went by and no procession was to be seen, then a police car arrived and went to the head of the Band. The Drum Major, thinking that we had formed up at the wrong place, asked the police where the procession was. He got his answer, "It's behind you." All that was there was a grey Renault Dauphine car with a Beauty Queen and her two Ladies in Waiting in it. These we had to march all through Colchester.

Leave was then taken and after returning we did a few more parades and then returned to Berlin. We are now practising for the Berlin Industrial Show which is on the 24th September. From there we will go to Sennelager to try our hand on the range and at Defence Platoon.

We would like to say Goodbye to Drms. Slaney, Tompkins, Seaman, Reeve and L/C Barber who have now gone to Civvy Street and we wish them the best of luck. We would also like to welcome Cpl. Phillips, Dms. Haynes and Rackam, and hope they have a pleasant stay with us.

All for now, so until the next edition, "Good Tapping."

Band

The ninth of June was a happy day of relief. Finished were the seemingly endless massed bands rehearsals that reached back beyond memory, and the day of the Queen's Birthday Parade was here. Present members of the Band, married or not, will bounce their grandchildren on old, knobby, crab station, browned knees and relate that story of martial endurance to them. Now it is over — but only for one year; the agony of it. After the march-off of this year's Parade benumbed bandmen were heard uttering such gabbled gibberish as "Beer, Bed and Blighty."

Beer and Bed they had but before "Blighty" we played at the Grosse Tag (Big Day celebrations in Berlin's Olympic Stadium. How pleasant it is to know that there are still good audiences to be found. It was a very successful evening and the best event as far as the Bands were concerned was the obstacle race run by delightful young girls clad in swimming suits. It is not true however that "Spike" Jobs came in fifth behind a strapping blonde wench — he came in last, there were more obstacles than he had bargained for.

Once more the Band has made the trip to the U.K. and back without loss of life or limb. Members who took cars had a staggered start and the baggage party had a staggering finish.

We must say "Well done" to "Stirling" Kellett who did the round trip in his "Genevieve" with the minimum of bother, although he did get a little "tired" on the outward trip.

He was also quite right at showing indignation at the Russian check point when being told he was on the wrong road to Brighton.

Our tour in the U.K. was the usual exciting, breathtaking, gay dash from one retreat to another, taking in, as we went, the wonder of East Anglia. We were left awe-struck and astonished at the mad abandon of the lesser East Anglian villages. The

tour also proved to be very educational, for instance, at Kings Lynn, the police gave us a first-class lesson in removing locked parked cars from a would-be parade ground before our beating of retreat. We feel that perhaps a lesson in advertising would have been more to the point.

At Chelmsford we learned that when taking part in a slow moving carnival procession, you must grin and bear it, or don't drink beer before it. The Harwich At Home Show started a craze in the cool art of the sailor's hornpipe, at which that old sea dog Cpl. Ingham now excels.

Cambridge and the Royal Agricultural Show taught us how everything grows, except an audience. Bds. Dodson came first in the Jersey Dairy Cattle Class and Cpl. Baxter got a mention in the Wessex Saddleback Sows Section. Congratulations to them and to Bds. Bains who accepted an offer to see the lifeboat for the last time, five times.

Newmarket made us realise that "Messed Bands" on the programme was not a printer's error. Enough said. Colchester Tattoo taught us three things; one, that it is a long way to drive from the Castle Gardens main entrance, to the performers' entrance, via "umpteen" uninformed Military Policemen; two, that large audiences spring up in the most unexpected places; three, that Cpl. Ingham still has the desire to perform the Hornpipe in public.

Bury St. Edmund and Norwich both made us realise that we are still pleased to see old faces and drink time tested brews, two pastimes that every Bandsman enjoys more and more as man and memories grow mellow with the receding years. So any ex-bandsman reading this should be warned that we are attempting to form a Past and Present Club. As stated in the beginning we surprisingly made it back in Berlin, and in doing so brought three newcomers with us to the fold, Bds. Bloomfield, Allen and Pepper. To these we say "Welcome, pleased to have you with us." Also to these we say, read that last sentence carefully, cut it out, and keep it, for it is only when a man first arrives that anything nice is said about him in these notes. Just to be on the safe side, we will give our congratulations to "Tubby" Hindmarsh and you-know-who? Well you never know!

On to our last item in these notes, the Berlin Police Show in the Olympic Stadium. This show started in brilliant sunshine and it was a pity that there should suddenly have sprung up a very nasty thunderstorm which stopped the Show. Nevertheless we completed our part along with two other British and two American bands, also the German Police Band. It was a good afternoon's work with the huge German crowd as receptive and spontaneous with their applause as usual. The day was slightly marred by Cpl. Paul, Cpl. Harris and Bds. Prendergast demanding disguises, when they thought they recognised one or two of the German Police Band as Traffic Police. Then came the rains. It fairly pelted down, and in doing so, washed the blacking from the face of the person everyone thought was the coloured American Drum Major, but it was in fact Bds. Perkins also trying to hide from the Traffic Police. We dismissed and did the breast-stroke back to our transport.



Winners of the Battalion Swimming Competition.

Front Row: Pte. Duck, L/Cpl. Buckley, Sgt. Holden, Capt. Catchpole, 2/Lt. Mather, L/Cpl. Wilson, Pte. Chapman.
2nd Row: Ptes. Siely, Kirby, Hart, Gavillet, Thompson, White, Collins.

SPORT

Rugby Football

Although early in the season, a fair amount of rugby activity has taken place in the Battalion, including our first match against 1st Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment. We were beaten by the fairly substantial margin of 22 (2 goals, 4 tries) to 5 (1 goal). This result, although disappointing, was not altogether surprising, as our playing strength is at a very low ebb at the moment, dissipated by leave, duties and the tail-end of the summer sports season. An interesting point to note was that the first half score of the match was 14-nil, and the second half 8-5. We improved immensely in the second half so we are in no way dismayed and, without doubt, will go from strength to strength. During the course of the match we learned that we are not yet fit, but this has been and is continuing to be put right by courtesy of S/S I. Rea. Some of the older brethren curse the day that William Webb Ellis went to Rugby School during these sessions, but they carry on gamely and are showing definite signs of benefit.

Our scope is very limited in respect of match practice amongst ourselves, for at full strength we only have 32 players, which includes five learners. However, we have plenty of fixtures to make up for this and are at home to no less than nine touring sides from the Zone in October, November and December, not to mention many local fixtures.

It is early days yet to comment on personalities amongst the new blood, except to welcome them all to the Rugby Club, particularly the learners.

Of the old hands, the greatest loss is undoubtedly Mr. Gunton, last year's captain. He was a rugged player and a first-class captain and scrum leader, and our best wishes go to him for a quick recovery from his illness and a speedy return to the rugby field. Of the many others who have left since last season, all much missed, Cpl. Berwick deserves special mention. He was a fine scrum half who represented B.A.O.R. and was an invaluable member of the Battalion team.

Of the stalwarts who played right through last season, there only remain: Capt. Horrex, Capt. Catchpole, Cpl. Gooderum and L/Cpl. Stocker. 2/Lt. Horrex is also included, although he is away in the U.K. on a long course until Christmas. He is a player we could well do with.

We still lack our own Club, such as we had in Iserlohn run under the auspices of Mr. Gunton. This sort of club is of tremendous value to the playing spirit of the side and strenuous efforts are under way to open one in Berlin, when we shall consider ourselves truly launched into the coming season.

Association Football

The Battalion has started training for the 1960-61 season and we have several new players of great



Pte. Hill, 2/Lts. Moore and Mather receiving their prizes from Mrs. Hamilton at the Brigade Swimming Sports.

promise. Competition is keen and it will be difficult to keep a permanent place in the XI with many players of the same standard.

So far we have played three matches, beating R.A.F. Gatow 10-0, drawing with Hellas Nordwest a German police side, 1-1, and losing to them at home 3-6.

The emphasis on training will be fitness and tactics with which we hope to produce a better team than last year.

A Company league is soon to be started and the Battalion have entered for the Army Cup.

If the Battalion do well this season it is hoped that we will tour East Anglia in the New Year.

Swimming

1/C Swimming: 2/Lt. Mather.

Over the two previous seasons the Royal Norfolk Regiment has built up a reputation in the B.A.O.R. swimming world which we intended to carry on.

On our arrival in Berlin we found all the facilities possible for producing a winning team, heated pools, Olympic coaches, and time to train.

5 Div. Swimming Championships

Unfortunately training for these championships was interrupted by the Battalion being put in quarantine, for the two weeks previous to the meeting.

Although finishing fourth, the team put up a very good show, with the Breaststroke Swimming

(Capt. Mills, L/Cpl. Wilson, Ptes. Harris and Canham) well to the fore. L/Cpl. Brewin's backstroke race displayed the whole team's attitude of having a go.

In the individual races we had better luck and 2/Lt. Moore, L/Cpl. Wilson and Pte. Harris reached the finals of B.A.O.R., 2/Lt. Moore winning three events and being runner-up in a fourth event.

B.I.B. Swimming Meeting

After our unfortunate result at Hohne the B.I.B. meeting was a golden opportunity to redeem ourselves, and so the team settled down to two hard training periods per day.

1 Y. and L. started as favourites for the meeting and in fact finally won the competition by a towel giving them a 1 point lead. The result was not decided until the last race, the re-swim of the Medley Relay which the Y. & L. won by a fraction of a second. It was interesting to note that both 1 Y. & L. and 1 East Anglian bettered the B.A.O.R. record for this race. Our team (Pte. Hart, L/Cpl. Wilson, 2/Lt. Moore and 2/Lt. Mather) bettered the record by 1-8 secs.

Every member of the team gave of his best and all produced their fastest times. Ptes. Durrant and Flitton deserve mention for a fine display of diving which they finally won. 2/Lt. Moore again swam excellently.

The final placings were as follows :—

- 1st 1 Y. & L., 28 points.
- 2nd 1 E. Anglian, 27 points.
- 3rd 1 K.O.S.B., 11 points.

We were unfortunate not to have won but the team put in the greatest effort possible. In the future more attention will have to be paid to swimming technique which will give us those few extra seconds.

Go-Karting

This sport is fast beginning to become popular in the Battalion. There is only one Kart at present and this is a Tro Kart privately owned by 2/Lt. M. O'Meara. A further one is being built by 10 Platoon of "C" Company but this has not yet materialised.

The Kart has been entered at two meetings and run by a team consisting of 2/Lt. O'Meara, Ptes. Adams and Kitchen. The first was at Hereford where the team went to gain experience. The meeting was held under very wet conditions but in the race entered the team came sixth out of the twelve Karts entered.

The second was the first meeting to be held in Berlin and took place at R.A.F. Gatow. This was a most successful meeting for the team as they won all the races of the meeting. In the Inter Unit race Ptes. Kitchen and Adams drove extremely well and put on the pace to such an extent that the other competitors gradually fell out with mechanical troubles. Other Units taking part were the 14/20 Hussars, the K.O.S.B. and a R.E.M.E. team.

Results :—

- O.Rs. Race 1st, Pte. Adams.
- Officers' Race 1st, 2/Lt. O'Meara.
- Grand Prix 1st, 2/Lt. O'Meara.
- Ladies' Race 1st, Mrs. Trollope.
- Inter Unit Race ... 1st, 1st East Anglian Regt.

A great deal of the credit for this successful day should go to Pte. Adams who has tuned the Kart up and really got it running well.

After training in the Zone it is hoped to purchase two more Karts from the P.R.I. and form a Battalion team for this now recognised sport.

ADVENTURE TRAINING, NORWAY

On the 30th May a party consisting of 2/Lt. Conder, Cpl. Denny, and Privates Moyses, Durrant, Baker, Bell, Coleman and Moore, left Berlin for three weeks' training in initiative and adventure amongst the hills and fiords of Norway.

The first week consisted of "Basic Training" in the arts of sailing, canoeing and rock-climbing at the base camp at Isefjaer near Christiansand. Here we led a leisurely life sleeping under canvas, cooking our own meals, and assimilating the knowledge we would need during our final fortnight.

At the end of the week we were declared fit to be let loose upon the great Norwegian public and so we set off. Ptes. Moyses and Durrant paddled away

somewhat precariously in a rather overloaded two-man canoe, and the remainder of us set off in sailing craft known as Sjektes (a kind of lifeboat with sails). The parties were made up from detachments from the York & Lancaster Regt. and the R.Es.

Unfortunately the first week of adventure was fraught with high winds and heavy seas. The canoes were unable to proceed and even the extremely seaworthy Sjektes were occasionally forced to run for shelter. In spite of this all parties travelled enough to appreciate the unfailing generosity and friendliness of the Norwegians. The port-bound canoeists made many close friends among the local inhabitants, and the more mobile sailors never had much difficulty in finding a roof to provide cover from the weather.

However, at last the time came to leave the hospitable shores and angry waters of Norway. Bronzed, weather-beaten, and broke, we handed in stores at Isefjaer and set forth on the long return journey to Berlin. Many of us have sworn to return, several of us intend to do so, but in the meantime it is good to taste food not out of a tin.

THE BRIGADE DEPOT

GENERAL NOTES

The Brigade Depot formed on the 1st April 1960 at Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds.

We are all most grateful to the Depot 1st East Anglian Regiment who carried out much of the "ground work" for the foundation of the Brigade Depot. Let alone the more military points, they passed on a wealth of various games fixtures which have all been gratefully accepted.

Since the formation of the Depot, life has been very hectic as many of the Officers and some of the senior N.C.Os. came from Units outside the Bury St. Edmunds area to start their new job. At first the Depot was by no means complete as the Juniors Drummers/Bandsmen school consisting of some 60 Boys remained with the Depot Northamptonshire Regiment because of lack of accommodation in Gibraltar Barracks until the move of the whole Depot to temporary quarters in Blenheim Camp. We moved to Blenheim Camp at the end of May, less the Officers' Mess which moved over at the end of June. It is hoped that our stay in Blenheim Camp will be for only two years as Gibraltar Barracks, built in 1878, is to be completely rebuilt and this is due to commence next year. For most of us the accommodation in Blenheim Camp is much better than the old, especially the Junior Ranks Club and the Sergeants' Mess.

We are very much indebted to all the Regiments of the Brigade for the generous amounts that they have paid to the Officers' Mess and the Sergeants' Mess Funds and the P.R.I. account. These amounts will go a long way towards maintaining the high standards which we intend to keep. A proportion of the amounts paid has been placed on deposit in each of the accounts mentioned above.

We welcomed some sixty junior ranks on June 10th, accompanied by their Officer, a Band-master and several N.C.Os. Previously they lived in Quebec

Barracks, Northampton, the Regimental Depot of the Northamptonshire Regiment, who have now become part of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment. They are being trained for the Bands of the three Regiments of the Brigade and have a fairly strenuous training programme to get through. Their accommodation is the best we can offer them and they have their own portion of the Junior Ranks Club set aside for them. In general this training is divided into three terms a year similar to a boarding school.

All the original Regiments forming the East Anglian Brigade are now represented by their Badge Plaques in the Mess. The six Regimental days will also be celebrated with a possibility of a seventh for the Brigade Regimental Day. These notes would not be complete without a word of thanks to the Regimental Departments, who have so kindly agreed to loan silver and items of furniture to the Brigade Mess and so give it a good start. Members wishing to visit the Mess are always welcome but are requested to notify in advance as accommodation is somewhat limited.

OFFICERS' MESS

Although the Depot officially moved to Blenheim Camp on 30th May we ourselves did not move until the end of June. The Royal Engineers had carried out all sorts of alterations and decorations in the new Mess so we are now extremely comfortable.

We had our first Regimental Guest Night on the occasion of the visit of the Officer i/c Records, Colonel Henley, and some of his staff to the Depot. We have some spare rooms and shall be delighted to put up anyone who happens to be in this part of the world. We shall also of course be very pleased to see at any time any serving or ex-Officer of the Brigade who either lives locally or happens to be passing through. We have received a large amount of silver from Regiments of the Brigade for which we would like now to send our sincere thanks; it will go a long way towards establishing the Mess as a "Brigade" one.

SERGEANTS' MESS

With the move from Gibraltar Barracks well behind us, the Mess has now settled into its new home in Blenheim Camp.

With the move came many new faces to swell the numbers in Mess, and we trust they have also settled into their new surroundings. Although social activities in the Mess have been very limited during the last two months it is hoped that now with a larger Mess, better facilities and many more members, this side of Mess life will be very soon taken care of. The first Dinner night as a Brigade Mess was held in Gibraltar Barracks Mess on the 11th May and proved to be a most successful evening.

H.Q. COMPANY

H.Q. Company is now a going concern. We have over two hundred and fifty men. We are strongly represented by all three Regiments. There is a large moving population particularly of 1 East Anglian and 3 East Anglian.

Captain F. H. Crouchman, 2 East Anglian, has

taken over command of the Company from Captain J. G. M. North, 1 East Anglian. Sgt. Richardson, 3 East Anglian, has gracefully allowed the reins of power to slip into the hands of C.S.M. Pond, 1 East Anglian, who is now very busy counting holdees. C/Sgt. Belcher, 3 East Anglian, has, on the other hand, just finished countings beds, buckets and bath plugs, etc. Somehow he has kept cheerful, probably because he has a good team behind him, especially C/Sgt. Hemsley, 1 East Anglian, who is waiting for the golden bowler.

On 30th May the great exodus from Gibraltar Barracks occurred. Considering that Gibraltar Barracks has been a Regimental Depot for so long, the Company Commander felt that there were surprisingly few horrors unearthed. We had expected at least a Roman coin or two, or even a long dead recruit. There was a very faint musty smell which pervaded an otherwise smooth operation. We are now very well settled into Blenheim Camp with a good Company area, but a great deal of gardening will be required to keep the gardens as good as they are at present.

On 10th June we were joined by the Junior Band and Drums School of the East Anglian Brigade from Depot Northampton. There is little doubt that the "boys" will dominate our thoughts for some little while. Most officers and men will pass through H.Q. Company of Depot The East Anglian Brigade sooner or later. We guarantee them a warm welcome. We are busy sharpening up our reception arrangements and can now offer all comers the very best hospitality.

TRAINING COMPANY

We now have a 1st East Anglian Company Commander, the Platoon Commanders being drawn one from each Regiment. In April Sgt. Knight arrived from Northampton, also Cpls. Palmer, Essom and Cpls. Lambert and Richards from the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. In May Sgt. Williams of 3rd East Anglian Regiment arrived having just finished his tour with the K.A.R. in Kenya. The first two months of existence were busy ones.

Training Company provided a Drill Squad on Daffodil Sunday, consisting of the senior intake, who executed some 40 "Silent Drill" movements to the obvious delight of a large crowd watching. On 14th April the junior intake were taken to Colchester to see the rebuilt Meane/Hyderabad Barracks. They were very impressed and we hope that this preview of the new Army accommodation may encourage some of the N.S.M. to become regular soldiers. Training came to an abrupt stand still on the 29th April, and the Depot having the task of running the Butts during the East Anglian District Rifle Meeting. This was a three day task which devolved almost entirely on the Training Company. The recruits put up an excellent show and were congratulated by the G.O.C. at the prize giving, at which incidentally, the Depot were well represented. On 25th May the senior intake, mostly 1st East Anglian Regiment, passed out, the parade being taken by the retiring Mayor of Bury St. Edmunds, Alderman Banks.

On 16th May we welcomed three A.E.R./R.A.S.C. Probationary Officers for a short course and on the same day three Iraqi Officers Cadets arrived for a

month's training before going to Mons and eventually Sandhurst.

They found life here a little strange at first but they were terrifically keen and very quick on the uptake.

On 30th May we moved over the road to Blenheim Camp. We now have quite small huts instead of vast and ancient barrack rooms, a change which the recruits at least think is for the better.

SPORT

This has been organised under the President of the Depot Games Committee who co-ordinates all sporting activities and is responsible for the allocation of sports grounds and the issue and control of all sports kit from the Sports Store. His committee consists of himself as Chairman, and members being the Officers or N.C.Os. in charge of all various sporting activities within the Brigade Depot.

Table Tennis

The Table Tennis team under Cpl. Woodrow of 1st East Anglian Regiment has played R.A.F. Mildenhall, R.A.F. Lakenheath and the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. This is a new venture for the Depot The East Anglian Brigade and it was thoroughly enjoyed by the team who were extremely well looked after. It is hoped that under the W.V.S. far more matches will be able to be arranged in the future.

Shooting Team

On 10 April the Depot East Anglian Brigade Shooting Team started off their full bore shooting year with a bang. A team of 4, consisting of Captain Thorne, C.S.M. Denny, Cpls. Woodrow and Brunning all of 1st East Anglian Regiment won the falling plate competition in the 161 (T.A.) Brigade Rifle Meeting in fine style.

As they had little or no previous practice, this was a truly remarkable feat and their prowess was duly rewarded with four silver tankards which were filled to capacity in very quick time. On 29th April, having had slightly more practice and with a little more confidence, the Shooting Team set off for the East Anglian District Rifle Meeting at Middlewick Ranges, Colchester. The Depot won the East Anglian Unit Team Championship, beating the 1st Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment "A" Team by 3 points. The team was:—Capt. D. C. Thorne 1st East Anglian Regiment, Lt. W. R. W. Pike 3rd East Anglian Regiment, C.E.M. Denny, Sgt. Sharpe 1st East Anglian Regiment, Cpl. Loftin, 3rd East Anglian Regiment, Cpl. Brunning, Cpl. Spalding, Cpl. Woodrow 1st East Anglian Regiment. Lt. Pike 3rd East Anglian Regiment won the Individual Rifle Championship, and the Young Soldiers Team, consisting entirely of recruits with no more than 8 weeks service, were narrowly beaten into second place in the Young Soldiers event. All in all a most successful meeting, and the Unit Team look forward with great delight to the havoc they expect to cause among the "Cracks" at Bisley.

TWO HUNDRED MILES BY CANOE

Captain M. L. Henderson

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The Tana is the largest river in the Colony. In spite of this fact many of the recruits on the last course at the Kenya Regiment Training Centre knew little about the river, other than that it rises near Mount Kenya and flows into the sea some miles north of Malindi. Members of the Training Centre Staff made some defamatory remarks about Kenyans who knew so little of the geography of their country. This was enough to promote the enthusiasm which led to a most interesting safari and a most rewarding experience for all its members.

After considerable planning, invaluable advice from District Commissioners and the study of a book written by two police Officers who had rowed the length of the river, 13 of us set off by lorry for our starting point, the village of Bahadale. We had only 10 days leave in which to complete the whole safari and so had to limit our canoeing ambitions to the 200 miles from Bahadale to Bura. This we were to do in *sengalis*, which are pairs of dug-out canoes bound together to produce greater stability.

The route to Bahadale took us through Isiolo and along the Wajir road to Gurba Tula. Only one of the party had previously been past Isiolo, so interest was high. With the canopy of the truck rolled back, we had perfect views across the plains. At first there were numerous varieties of buck in company with giraffe and zebra. Later the game gave way to parties of Somalis grazing their camels. Whilst the Somali men, dressed in white robes and turbans, waved to us, the women turned their heads to stare away into the bush.

The turning to Garba Tula was not sign-posted but we had been watching the speedometer and were able to make a successful choice of track. At midday our truck entered the village. With the vehicle halted, we immediately became aware of the sun's immense heat. Indeed it was little wonder that the villagers were sitting idling in the scant shade of the thorn trees. The arrival of such a party of Europeans, however, called for investigation. Walking along the wide sandy street we were joined by many inquisitive locals. Amongst them was a man from Bahadale who wished to go back to his village. Having been warned that map reading between Garba Tula and Bahadale was well nigh impossible due to the numerous tracks, we gladly gave him a lift in return for services as a guide.

For four hours the truck pounded along the sandy tracks through dry, dead looking bush country. The view never changed and the only signs of life were the ever-circling vultures above and the occasional glimpse of a camel herd. Eventually we saw in the distance a strip of green vegetation and knew that at last we were coming to the river.

Bahadale, contrary to the experiences of the two police officers, proved to be very friendly. There is an efficient police post in the village. The sergeant-major in charge welcomed us, showed us the *sengalis* ready for the next day's start and directed us to the D.C.'s camp site, which had been put at our disposal. As soon as wood had been cut for the fire and water put on to boil, we made our way to the river for a much needed swim. The river at Bahadale is some 200 yards wide and very shallow. It was wonderful



A stop for baling during the first day on the river



Captain Henderson, Sgt. Powell and Pte. Rickards about to set up camp on a dusty bank



Captain M. L. Henderson relaxing during an hour off from punting



The Sengalis at Bahadale

just lying in the cool water and feeling the dust and grime from the long journey being washed from our tired bodies.

That night we drank lemonade with the Somali villagers and regretfully admitted not knowing Sgt. Williams of the British Army who had been to the village in 1941. Here, as later at Garissa, these determined, proud looking Somalis made no attempt to deny that they ardently hope and expect to become citizens of the New Somali Republic in the foreseeable future.

A stir was caused when we met our boat crews the following day. When the D.O's. travel on the river, to reach the more inaccessible villages, they go by a *sengali* manned by a crew of four. We explained to the crews, and the villagers who had come down to the river to watch us start, that we were going to do our own work. We explained that our requirement was for crews of two who would navigate and assist in emergencies. This set off a mammoth *shauri* which was enjoyed by all but ourselves. The noise of 100 people shouting in argument was tremendous. Suddenly there was a silence and to our surprise complete agreement with our plan. The redundant members of the crews boarded our truck and set off by road in the direction of Garissa. They were to rejoin the *sengalis* down stream for the return journey to Bahadale.

Sengalis on the Tana are propelled by two means. At the bows they are poled and at the stern paddled. Those of us paddling found great amusement in watching the first efforts of the "polers."

Standing in a dugout canoe and wielding a nine-foot pole requires skill. By the end of the day, however, we were all competent at this form of punting and had earned the admiration of the professional crews. We were glad to have the two professionals with each *sengali*, for they knew the best courses and were able to avoid most of the sandbanks and the homes of the more *kali* hippos.

During the first day we saw many hippo. Mostly they would lie, with all but their eyes and ears beneath the water, watching our approach. As the *sengalis* came near they would submerge until the trespassers had passed. Once one hippo took real exception to our presence and gave chase to a *sengali*, making the crew fully exert themselves until they were clear of his domain. On the banks there were elephant, buffalo, wart hogs and several crocodiles. It was surprising how close we could get to the game. The bird life was also numerous and some geese were shot for the evening meal.

That night, as on most nights, camp was made near to a native village. In the area of a village, the land bordering the river is cleared and cultivated. This usually results in a good camp site. Elsewhere the banks of the river are thickly wooded enclosing the river in a world of its own. After 50 yards, the green growth gives way to the brittle dry scrub of semi-desert country. The nights were hot and dry.

The journey to Garissa, our half-way point, took a further day and a half. On the way rations were supplemented with maize and water melons, the only local food available. Adventure was always near, for beneath the muddy water there were many obstacles in the form of dead trees, which had been swept down stream until wedged against rocks or in the mud. In places the river was as little as 30 yards wide and, consequently, travelling at speed. The combination of the fast currents and the dead trees caused the *sengalis* to come to grief on several occasions, giving the occupants a ducking. Although

we feared crocodiles, they in fact never took advantage of our plight. Once the crew of one *sengali* had to spend 15 minutes in the water clinging to their kit before being rescued. The consolation of a swamping lay in the cool relief from the merciless sun.

Garissa was reached in the early afternoon of the third day. The hospitality of the six Government staff at Garissa was most generous and a pleasant afternoon was spent in the swimming pool, followed by a hectic evening of beer and bok-bok at the Curling Club.

The next day nobody was keen to do any work on the poles, for there can be no more hazardous occupation after a heavy night's drinking. The professional crew was called on for far more than their share and most of us lay back soothed by their rhythmic chanting. That night we stopped early to camp at Golokoro, which seemed to consist of a solitary maize shamba and one duka which sold only beads, tea and sarongs. Here the green belt is limited to a single line of trees. Everything seemed depressingly dry and extremely hot. The thorn trees provided little protection from a surprisingly powerful evening sun.

On the fifth day came the climax of our excitements. In the late afternoon the leading *sengali* rounded a bend to find a pair of elephant in deep water. The boatman warned that they would be *kali* and so the *sengali* drifted silently down close to one bank. It was opposite the first elephant when he suddenly smelt the presence of humans. He turned to get out of the water and all cameras were focussed on him. Suddenly he changed his mind, turned about and with ears up and trunk raised charged across the river, straight for the *sengali*. The crew started to abandon ship and two were already striking out for the near shore when he stopped abruptly and made off down stream, trumpeting loudly. He there collected a drifting paddle from the river and flayed it against the water in blind fury.

Both elephant then disappeared around the next bend and all *sengalis* proceeded with caution. The elephant were next spotted standing together close to the bank some 60 yards ahead. At the same time they smelt us, appeared to contemplate a joint charge, thought better of it and again went off down stream. We were not long in catching up on them once more, and this time we played safe by landing on the far bank. A party then went off down stream to try to persuade the elephant to leave the river. Their efforts, combined with the banging of tins in a shamba lower down, did the trick and the elephant came back up stream past the *sengalis* and disappeared out of sight. After this episode everyone agreed that we had seen enough elephant to last us the trip.

The sixth day seemed a long one. The banks were more cultivated than before and the shambas included an additional crop, rice, growing in neat light green rows close to the water's surface. Our native crew had always been vague about distances and even the owners of the shambas had little idea. In the early afternoon it appeared, from calling to watchers on the banks, that Bura was three bends away. This spurred us on to a last effort. Bend after bend but still no Bura. It was not until late evening and many bends later that the leading crew reached the village. There the dukas, better stocked than usual, sold condensed milk on which we feasted to regain our energy and, in the absence of anything alcoholic, to celebrate the completion of our 200 miles of canoeing.



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

LIST OF OFFICERS

1st September 1960

Commanding Officer	... Lt. Col. W. D. Flower, T.D.
Second in Command	... Major S. S. F. Hornor
Trg. Major	... Major B. E. Dillon, M.B.E.
Adjutant	... Capt. D. C. Thorne
R.M.O.	... Capt. J. McG. Elliott (R.A.M.C.)
I.O.	... Capt. F. A. Stone
Pay Officer	... Capt. L. W. Kay (R.A.P.C.)
Chaplain	... Revd. W. Blathwayt (R.A.Ch.D.)
O.C. H.Q. Coy.	... Capt. E. R. Cousins
Signal Pl.	... Capt. R. T. R. Pierce
Signal Pl.	... Lt. N. Ridley Thomas
Adm. Pl. (Q.M.) 1	... Lieut. T. W. Chatting
Adm. Pl. (Q.M.) 2	... Lieut. F. Ayers
O.C. S Coy.	... Major P. W. Raywood
M.M.G. Pl.	... Capt. D. W. Clarke
Mor. Pl.	... Lieut. V. C. Raywood
A/Tk. Pl.	... Lieut. E. C. Evans-Lombe
O.C. A Coy.	... Major R. Boulton
2 i/c A Coy.	... Capt. F. A. Powell
No. 1 Pl. Comd.	... Lieut. M. C. Cadge
No. 2 Pl. Comd.	... Lieut. G. W. Wharton
No. 3 Pl. Comd.	... 2/Lt. E. Warrington
O.C. B Coy.	... Major D. G. Burdett, T.D.
2 i/c B Coy.	... Lieut. M. R. Steward
No. 4 Pl. Comd.	... Lieut. C. J. Pratt
No. 5 Pl. Comd.	... Lieut. D. J. Standley
O.C. C Coy.	... Capt. J. B. Salter
No. 7 Pl. Comd.	... Lieut. D. M. Longley
No. 8 Pl. Comd.	... Lieut. C. N. Westerdarp
No. 9 Pl. Comd.	... Lieut. P. J. Darley
O.C. D Coy.	... Major C. B. Grant, M.C.
2 i/c D Coy.	... Capt. J. M. Shearman
No. 10 Pl. Comd.	... Lieut. J. A. Pratt
No. 11 Pl. Comd.	... Lieut. D. N. Tetther
No. 12 Pl. Comd.	... 2/Lt. P. E. Watson

GENERAL NEWS

There have been a number of changes in Officers appointments since the beginning of the year, as the above up to date list will show.

Annual Camp at Redesdale was generally successful and the weather kind. The three day Brigade Group Exercise "Country Dance" in the second week was successful and found the Battalion shaken down and working smoothly in most departments. These large scale exercises are often unavoidably dull for the rank and file, but this time "live" gunner support by the Suffolk Yeomanry, a real air strike (which missed the target), light aircraft and helicopters, some unexpected air-burst registration by some "foreign" gunners and an energetic enemy

in Scout Cars, kept things interesting. The camp was remotely situated but the absence of a readily available "local" was to some extent made up for by the successful trip to Edinburgh during the middle week-end.

Next year, when the accent will be on the Civil Defence part of our role, we shall go to the training centre at Millom in Cumberland where the programme will be interesting but different.

Recruiting continues to be of the highest importance and is going quite well, our volunteer strength at the end of August standing at about 340. Recent announcements about the future policy for the Territorial Army as a whole will certainly help, for it is essential, in order to attract the modern young man, to give him the opportunity of training with modern equipment which works.

Soon after our return from camp we joined forces with the 4th Battalion the Suffolk Regiment to provide a joint guard of honour, with the colours of both Battalions on parade, to receive the Freedom of Lowestoft on behalf of the 1st East Anglian Regiment. This memorable and in many ways unique occasion is reported elsewhere in this issue. The younger soldiers present deserve special mention for their steadiness on parade.

The move to Britannia Barracks of H.Q. Company, with the Band and Drums and the Officers and Sergeants Messes will be completed by the time these lines are read, and let us hope that the move of Support Company from the All Saints Green Drill Hall will follow soon. It is very appropriate that the Cattle Market Drill Hall should be taken over by the Norwich Civil Defence organisation, which is the lineal descendant of the Norwich Home Guard, whose base and Headquarters it used to be.

This month sees the Brigade Competitions taking place on the Stanford Battle Area and we hope to have a good crop of successes to report in the next issue of this journal.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Mess accommodation at Redesdale Camp was a considerable improvement on the previous year and a larger building. This was necessary because we shared the facilities with Bertie Ward's Field Park Sqn. R.E. from Norwich and Jerry Shepard's Field Sqn. R.E. from Cambridge, as well as elements of 122 Field Engineer Regt. T.A. They helped us a great deal with additional staff and the association was a particularly happy one.

The Guest Night on the first Friday was a joint affair and most successful, with Brigadier Doyle as "Guest of Honour." The P.M.C. had noticed with some misgiving the concentration of certain Sapper engines of war outside the Mess before dinner and subsequently his worst fears were realised. After courteous overtures he was effectively blown up and horribly electrocuted before being deemed to be an honorary Sapper. This done, the Sappers presented the Mess with a silver toast rack to mark the association at Camp, a totally unexpected and much appreciated gesture for which we warmly thank them again.

The Mess was practically empty during the middle week-end and during the second week due to the Brigade exercise. The dinner normally held on the last night was replaced this year by a Brigade Officers Dinner at Hexham, which was enjoyed, and at which we were glad to have Brigadier Barclay, our Honorary Colonel. It was decided prudent to hire a

bus on this occasion to ensure a safe return. The next occasion for the Mess, following Camp, was the Royal Norfolk Show on the last two days of June. "Buckingham Palace" was pitched on the same site as previous years but the facilities there for rest and refreshment were not taken advantage of by very many; we would stress again that all past and present officers of the Regiment, of our T.A. Brigade and of the 1st East Anglian Regiment will be very welcome every year—all they have to do is sign the visitors book and pay for their drinks! Amongst those who called from afar was Colonel Gubbie Allen from Kenya.

Soon after this we were involved with a round of festivities on the occasion of the first visit of H.M.S. Yarmouth to her home port, combined with the Regimental Cricket Week, when we organised the cocktail party on the Friday. On that occasion we saw for the first time the lovely silver rose bowl presented to the Battalion by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stratford in memory of their son, Captain John Clifton Stratford, who was killed serving with the 6th Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment in Singapore, 18th February, 1942.

As these notes are completed we are preparing to move to Britannia Barracks at long last, at very short notice to make way for the Norwich Civil Defence organisation. There has been much indecision in high places over this long forecast move and as a result the Mess block is not ready to receive us—we shall be temporarily accommodated in the former Depot C.O.'s office.

Two senior members of the Mess have now left us and we are very sorry to see them go. Major John Howard has served some 8 years with the Battalion and will be much missed. We are very grateful for the tankard he has kindly presented.

Major Alec Turnbull has left us for the more rarefied atmosphere of the War Office, after an outstandingly successful tour as Adjutant and Training Major, and we wish him every success in the future. We welcome Captain David Thorne, his successor as Adjutant, and hope he enjoys his stay.

The next Mess function will be a dinner in Norwich on Saturday 5th November, and, on 6th January 1961, the Regimental Ball at the Norwood Rooms, formerly the "Lido."

SERGEANTS' MESS

Some time before our arrival at Redesdale, for annual camp, the Officers' Mess was severely damaged by fire, and thus, like the new piano which goes into the Officers' Mess and the old one moves to the Sergeants' Mess and the Sergeants' Mess one to the Corporals' room, and so on, the move down in Messes was carried out. The Officers had what would normally have been our Mess and we were accommodated in two huts, with the soyer stoves burning brightly in between! However we made ourselves comfortable, the greatest difficulty falling to the lot of the cooks trying to cope with the very poor kitchen facilities.

The weather was fine, and some members took advantage of the weather and free week-end to cross the Border into Scotland, and, we understand, spent a most pleasant week-end in Edinburgh.

The 291 Sqn. R.E. (T.A.) shared the Mess with us, and made their presence really felt on the night of the visit of the officers. Their theme song went over particularly well. We were entertained by the

Officers' Mess on the only wet night of the fortnight and we were able to lubricate both the inside and outside on this occasion.

The Camp was the last for R.S.M. Mann as a Regular soldier at least; and we can say without fear of contradiction that he thoroughly enjoyed it.

At a dance held in Britannia Barracks on 20th August, "Doogie" was presented with a barometer from members of the mess. We sincerely wish him and Mrs. Mann the very best in health and good fortune in the future. Also at this dance a presentation of pewter mugs was made to ex-Bandmaster Cryer, C.S.M. Woodage, C.S.M. Everson and Sgt. Purdy, who have now left us.

Sgt. Purdy is the only member who has left us since the last notes. He has moved to 251 Sqn. R.E. (T.A.) both as a civilian and Territorial. We shall miss him, and trust that he will pay us the odd visit, when we hold further social functions.

Marquees were erected on the football field of Britannia Barracks for the Regimental Cricket Week and also for the visit of the members of the crew of H.M.S. Yarmouth. On Friday the 15th we entertained the C.P.O.'s, and P.O.'s, in the mess tent. We enjoyed their visit, although it was most unfortunate that they had to leave us so early in the evening. The visit of members of the mess to Gt. Yarmouth on the following Sunday was even more unfortunate, as the sea was such that the proposed visit to H.M.S. Yarmouth could not be made. Nevertheless we thank our opposite numbers for their kind invitation, and are most sorry that a mile of unfriendly salt water got between us and their hospitality.

R.S.M. Boxall has arrived to take over from R.S.M. Mann, and we wish him a happy stay with the Battalion. He has joined the legion of house hunters in Norwich, having an eye on "Civvie Street" which will follow this tour.

Congratulations, Les and Mrs. Hudson on the birth of a son. We missed Huddy at Camp this year, but he was able to attend the Cadet Camp in August, doing a good job we understand in training the Norfolk Cadets.

Congratulations also to Jimmy Watts on his forthcoming marriage to Miss Sheila Howes.

At a recent T.A. week-end C/Sgt. Hunt had a complaint from a T.A. soldier that he was unable to sleep on the stretcher which had been issued to him as it was too narrow. On investigation it was found that he had not opened it!

Well done, C/Sgt. Elliott, on the award of the T.A. Medal. We will drink your health in chicken noodle soup.

Sgt. Long has been in hospital, but we are pleased to report he is now fit and back to full duty.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY, NORWICH

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills," so sang the psalmist of yore, but if he had been to camp with us this year, he would certainly not have had to lift his eyes very far to see all the hills a body could possibly wish to see. In fact, in our little corner of Northumberland we seemed to have had more than our fair share of height. Coming as we do from a district of rolling terrain, Redesdale was something of a shock to all of us. The de-training point at West Woodburn gave us a rude first impression of the district, there being only one house in sight of the actual station—and this, mark you, was from a commanding view of good

height with a field of vision of several miles. Consternation was written on every brow. It turned out, however, that the village was hidden in dead ground, not that it mattered as it was much too far from camp to be of any use to us. Our nearest point of civilisation was the village of Rochester which was apparently once a Roman outpost, there still being the remains of a camp in the district. Well we all know what happened to the Romans so we won't go into that but return to the subject in hand. The village consisted of about a dozen houses, one small shop, a Presbyterian Church, one tax man and a War Memorial. The nearest pub, the Redesdale Arms, was another mile farther on, which made it 1½ miles from camp. Alternative houses of refuge were at least six miles away. A grim prospect indeed and one which must have been carefully conceived by some sadist at the War Office. On the credit side must be set the very spacious N.A.A.F.I. which by special arrangement with the N.A.A.F.I. Manageress was open to 2300 hrs. nightly. Also there was a nightly show at the Camp Cinema, a different film each night too. The only trouble with these films was that they were apparently made for the continental trade judging by the sound track. "Something to do with the acoustics," so the man said. Excellent concerts were given by our Band in the canteen.

The camp itself was tented accommodation with permanent cook-houses and messes and, of course, all the latest gadgets. The 1900 pattern cooking range and the 1896 model latrine bucket as standard equipment. Extras included at least one tent with running water and a resident woolly lamb for each tent. The duties of the latter seemed to be to deposit little heaps of dung in the most inconvenient places and to deputise for the duty bugler at Reveille if not sooner.

The Company was commanded at Camp by Major Dillon, and, in the unavoidable absence of the C.S.M., the P.S.I. W.O. II Pratt took over the job. C/Sgt. Brown was there making his debut in his new job. The former C.S.M., now R.Q.M.S., could be seen from time to time carrying bags of flour, potatoes and sugar, tables G.S. and chairs G.S. folding flat. A regular one-man fatigue party. Sgt. Holmes was kept very busy with the Signal Platoon, which by the way was occupied with a Signal Cadre in the first week. The M.T. Platoon functioned very well, though Cpl. Spaul's bed seemed to be occupied by half a dozen drivers on every visit made to the M.T. office. The Q.M's. Platoon were not often seen but nevertheless got through quite a lot of work, with the assistance of enormous quantities of hot sweet tea. The Corps of Drums went to camp as a Corps for the first time and improved their standard considerably. They were also to be seen in the field on exercises in the role of defence platoon and really lapping it up. Our Medical Section were much in evidence too, gaining some practical experience in sick parades and a few casualties. The Provost Section newly formed under Cpl. Tallent also gained much experience both in Camp, in the field and round the back of the N.A.A.F.I. As for the cooks, no words of praise could be too much. Working as they did with a shortage of equipment and men, it was two weeks of solid hard work for them. Mention must be made here of the trip that was organised at the middle week-end of camp to Edinburgh. The drive to "Auld Reekie" took us through some of

the finest scenery of the Border country, much of it immortalised by Sir Walter Scott. We were accommodated on the Saturday night in Edinburgh at Dregghorn Camp. Arrangements certainly could not have been bettered in any way. On the Sunday the return to camp was made via the coast road to Berwick and thence across country to Redesdale. A most enjoyable occasion and a pattern that we hope will be followed at future camps.

Before we were aware of it, packing up had commenced prior to handing over to the next unit. Anybody requiring any details of the hand-over and the character of the succeeding unit's Q.M. should apply to Lt. (Q.M.) Chatting. Eventually the Camp was handed over more or less to everyone's satisfaction and we were on our way back to home stations for another year.

Since camp we have taken part in the parade at Lowestoft at which the 1st East Anglian Regiment were granted the freedom of the Borough. It was quite an occasion for a T.A. unit to represent a Regular Battalion. One T.A. Sergeant who had firmly believed he would be on the Colour Escort at this parade, eventually wound up peeling potatoes and acting as a spare file in the Q.M's. fatigue party.

Such is life — at least life in the T.A.

SUPPORT COMPANY NORWICH — NORTH WALSHAM

The Company, although still rather small in numbers, proceeded to Annual Camp at Redesdale on 24th May. The weather was good, and this was just as well, as we fear we should have had to have baled out if the rains had come.

The training areas could be described as a Stanford P.T.A., only with hills! We enjoyed the exercises around the Border country. Motor and M.M.G. training was carried out with enthusiasm. On the Friday of Camp "S" Company social was held in the N.A.A.F.I. and a certain amount of beer etc. was consumed; it made a good round off to the T.A. fortnight.

Since Camp we have had two or three week-ends, mainly concentrated in training for the Brigade Competitions. Sgt. Groom, Cpl. Johnson and Pte. Claxton have been doing a wonderful job cooking for these week-ends. We are quite sure that we are the best fed Company in the country let alone the county. With the inner man well cared for we cannot fail to do well when the competitions take place on 17/18 September.

Fred Long has had a short spell in hospital, but we are pleased to say that he is now back in action, and fully restored to health. Jimmy Gale is also waiting for a bed in hospital; we all wish him the best of luck and a swift and complete recovery.

We congratulate the following on their promotion:— Copland, Fearnley, Nolloth and Pye to Corporal, and Spaul to Lt./Cpl.

Pte. Martins, late of "D" Company, has moved to the North Walsham area and been posted to "S" Company to swell the numbers there. These are very small at the moment but we are hoping for an improvement in the near future. The Saturday of week-end 27/28 August was spent at North Walsham with a view to increasing the numbers.

Undoubtedly our presence was made known in the town and we look forward to some signings on in the immediate future.

In conclusion we are very pleased to see that our clerical wizard Sgt. Watts has entered the matrimonial stakes, and to him go our very best wishes for the future.

"A" COMPANY GREAT YARMOUTH

We had a successful camp this year at Redesdale, though as our numbers were small we had to join forces with "C" Company — a happy amalgamation. During the first week we found some pleasantly secluded valleys for Company training. Pte. Tony Amis still carries the scars of battle. Captain Powell was more fortunate, for he came unscathed through anti-personnel Verey Pistol fire.

H.M.S. Yarmouth has come and gone. We had great plans for entertaining the crew, but unfortunately the wind blew. As a result the local Children's Home had a large consignment of trifle and wads, and a group of disappointed men from the Sergeants' Mess, who had planned to visit the ship, kindly helped us to dispose of the liquid refreshments.

We are pleased to welcome 2/Lt. B. Warrington who has joined us from "B" Company, and we congratulate Pte. Seaman on his marriage.

"B" COMPANY KINGS LYNN

Most members of the Company approached Annual Camp at Redesdale with misgivings but at the end it was agreed that it had been an extremely enjoyable time, although the training had been pretty rugged. However, nobody complained.

The Company did well, but it is fair to pick out three members who really came into their own in the field. These were Sgt. Jordan and L/Cpls. Reed and Burrage who did exceptionally well. Recreational facilities were somewhat limited but the great characteristic of the British Army, improvisation, came to the fore and most members were happily occupied off duty. The Company Commander spent much time weighing up the military problems facing him, e.g., how he could organise Tombola and raise money for charity without having a first-class riot on his hands from irate winners who considered their prizes should be more substantial.

The Company turned out in force for the very successful Edinburgh week-end trip which put everybody in good humour for the Brigade scheme.

Returning from Redesdale we were sorry that 2/Lt. Warrington had to leave but we hope he has an enjoyable time with the Yarmouth Fusiliers.

Recruiting has continued and we welcome Ptes. Somerton, Locke, Bussey, Wells, Gladding, Dennis, Barker, Bolton and Mann. Quite a useful addition to Company strength in a short time.

Now training is going on for the Brigade Competitions and we are confident that the Company will do as good a job for the Battalion as last year.

"C" COMPANY WYMONDHAM — ATTLEBOROUGH

The majority of the Company attended camp at Otterburn this year, although some not for the whole fortnight as camp coincided with a peak labour period on the land.

The middle week-end at camp was spent in Edinburgh, staying the night in a well run transit camp. Saturday afternoon was spent sight-seeing, and the evening with members of a Scots T.A. unit.

The buses left on time on Sunday morning, taking the east coast route back to Otterburn. There were no grumbles about this week-end.

At camp we learned of the coming retirement of Major J. H. Howard, our Company Commander for many years. He took over the Company from Capt. Rutter in 1954 when we had National Service men. Each year he has been the centre of some episode which will be remembered for many years to come; for example, the occasion when he endeavoured to provide the Company with "Chicken Noodle Soup". The retirement of this officer, who has seen considerable service with the Regiment, is a loss to the Battalion, and he will be greatly missed in Wymondham.

Since camp some of the Company took part in the Freedom of Lowestoft Parade, and the brothers Bean represented the Battalion in the Brigade Motor Cycle Trials. We have gained three recruits from the Wymondham area, one Pte. Boulter, a trained cook. We hope soon to start recruiting in the Attleborough district.

Congratulations to our C/Sgt. (C.Q.M.S. Elliott) on being awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal. His familiar laugh has not been heard as often as it used to be.

"D" COMPANY DEREHAM — FAKENHAM — AYLSHAM

Although the location of Annual Camp was perhaps not quite so attractive as in previous years, the majority of the Company quickly adjusted themselves to the conditions and worked hard to make our visit to Northumberland a pleasant one for all concerned. For the new recruits, several of whom had only joined us a few days before, this was an entirely new experience and they are to be congratulated on the manner in which they tackled their training and on the standard they achieved during this short period.

In spite of the rigours of Exercise "Country Dance" throughout which this Company was the only one to have marched the whole distance, everyone returned to Redesdale with sufficient enthusiasm and energy to enjoy an end-of-camp social in the N.A.A.F.I. bar before returning to home stations.

Since the return from Camp, training has got under way for the Brigade Competitions in September, with particular emphasis on the Patrol Competition. We are again providing the team to represent the Battalion in this event and those who have been selected are training hard, with every intention of winning the Patrol Cup a second time.

Several of the younger personnel have shown an interest in the Duke of Edinburgh's Expedition Award. This competition, involving endurance marching, map reading, compass work and the ability to provide for oneself, is open to any person under eighteen years of age. A recent practice march over a course of thirty miles laid out by the organisers of the competition showed that an extremely high standard of fitness and ability will be required to gain this award. However, it is hoped that we will be able to enter a number of suitable competitors after further training.

There was a poor attendance at Horsford Range for the Company Annual Shoot and results showed that the standard of shooting was far below that associated with the Company. The rifle competition



Brigadier Barclay presenting a silver bowl and plaque to Captain Hewlett of H.M.S. "Yarmouth."

(Photo by Eastern Daily Press).

was won by Corporal Haley, and Private Bush gained the highest number of points with the Bren-gun.

As far as recruiting is concerned, the influx of new members to the Company remains constant. In this connection, a series of film slides are being taken under the direction of Sgt. Stevens to illustrate the various training and social activities within the Company. These will eventually be used with a projector to supplement our present methods of promoting interest in the Territorial Army and encourage recruiting.

On the social side, the Company entered a team in the Dereham Old People's Darts League Knock-out Competition, but unfortunately they were eliminated in the second round.

A social evening was recently held in the Company Canteen and among the guests was R.S.M. Mann and his wife. Members of the Company present took this opportunity of saying farewell to the "Tara" on his retirement from the Regular Army and, as a memento of his association with this Company, a silver cigarette case was presented to him by Private Bush. Mrs. Mann received a bouquet of flowers from Mrs. Bransby. In return, R.S.M. Mann entertained everyone present by recalling some of his more colourful experiences during his long military career.

At the end of Camp we also said farewell to Lance-Corporal K. Reeve who left us to join the 1st East Anglian Regiment. We all wish him every success with the "Regulars."

Finally, our congratulations to the following personnel on their recent promotions:— Corporals Frost, Brooks, Duff, O'Callaghan and Kenway. Lance-Corporals Bransby, Ottoway and Smith N.

BAND AND DRUMS

At the moment all our instruments and music are packed up ready to move to Britannia Barracks, which takes place on 4th September. Our new practice room is to be in the Armoury at the top of the old Orderly Room; it is about the highest point in Norwich we think.

We had an enjoyable camp this year at Redesdale. Although we were under canvas, our practice room was brick built and was very nice to play in.

We played at the Officers' Mess, the Church Service and to the troops, and combined with our neighbours the Suffolks for a rehearsal for the Freedom of Lowestoft for the 1st East Anglian Regiment.

The next big item for us is the Divisional Band contest to be held at Bedford on October 2nd. We are looking forward to this as some of us have never been in a contest before.

The Drums are already lodged at Britannia Barracks and are looking for recruits. Drummer Chapman has left us to join the 1st East Anglian Regiment. We hope he manages to get enrolled in the Corps of Drums as he was very keen when with us. All of us wish him luck and hope he will keep in touch with us.

H.M.S. "YARMOUTH"

In the last issue we read of the ship and her commissioning and of her affiliation with the 4th Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment T.A.

In the second week in July the new Frigate dropped anchor in Yarmouth Roads and this affiliation was cemented and made real. The Honorary

Colonel and the C.O. were invited to luncheon on board and on July 14th a number of officers and their wives were invited on board for cocktails.

The following day the Wardroom and the Petty Officers' Mess moved en masse to Norwich and, at the conclusion of the day's cricket, witnessed Beating of Retreat, most impressively performed by the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion, 1st East Anglian Regiment, over from Berlin. There followed a short ceremony at the flagstaff, when Brigadier Barclay formally greeted Captain Hewlett and his Ship's Company and then presented to him on behalf of The Royal Norfolk Regiment a large silver rose bowl, together with a plaque bearing the figure of Britannia to hang in the Wardroom. In his speech Brigadier Barclay said, "At intervals during the 300 years of its history the Royal Norfolk Regiment has enjoyed an affiliation with various ships of the Navy. In view of the 150 miles of the County's seaboard, this mutual interest is not surprising. These affiliations have been close, purposeful and of mutual benefit. Our last was with H.M.S. 'Norfolk' from 1930-1950, its span of Commissioned Service. Many friendships resulted from this liaison and much value accrued militarily from the interchange of visits and of ideas.

On 24th March this year, when H.M.S. 'Yarmouth' was commissioned at Clydebank, a further affiliation was inaugurated. We welcome here most warmly Captain Hewlett, Captain of H.M.S. 'Yarmouth,' who commands the 6th Frigate Squadron, and a representative party of officers of H.M.S. 'Yarmouth.' We look forward keenly to this new link and to opportunities of giving full expression to it.

On behalf of The Royal Norfolk Regiment, I ask you, Captain Hewlett, to accept this Silver Cup for your ship and, for the more secure adornment of your Wardroom, this shield as tangible tokens of our affiliation."

In his reply Captain Hewlett spoke feelingly of the value of the affiliation and presented a plaque bearing the Ship's crest, to hang in the Officers' Mess.

This done, all present adjourned to the Officers' and Sergeants' respective mess tents for refreshment.

Plans had been made to entertain the Ship's Company at the York Road Drill Hall at Yarmouth on the following Sunday, but unfortunately heavy seas made the journey ashore impracticable.

Good luck to the Ship and all who sail in her; we look forward to her next visit to Norfolk "territorial waters."

H.M.S. "YARMOUTH"

Perhaps I should first of all introduce H.M.S. Yarmouth. She is a Type 12 Frigate of the 'Rothesay' Class. (All the class are named after seaside towns). She was built on Clydebank by the famous Scottish firm of John Brown & Co. (who also built the two 'Queens') and was launched on 23rd March, 1959. She was commissioned for the first time exactly one year later. Yarmouth is 360 feet long and is over 2,200 tons standard weight; she

has two engines and twin screws which can drive her through the water at more than 30 knots; her armament consists of 12 anti-submarine torpedoes, 6 mortars a twin 4.5 inch turret and a single Bofors 40mm A.A. gun; she cost . . . an awful lot of money!

In the words of "Jane's Fighting Ships" :—

"Yarmouth and her sister ships are considered to be the most useful class of small ships yet put into service with the Fleet. With their high fo'c'stle and clean lines they ride well in a seaway and are exceptionally dry. The enclosed bridge is spacious with splendid vision, the heated windows in the fore part of the bridge being an asset in Arctic waters. Internal communications have satisfied every demand placed upon them. The operations room is the finest ever put into a small ship."

From the day of her commissioning, Yarmouth has been fortunate to have the keenest interest taken in her by both the Borough of Great Yarmouth and the Royal Norfolk Regiment. Great Yarmouth had not had a ship since the previous holder of the name was broken up in the 1920's whilst the Royal Norfolk Regiment with its strong maritime tradition revived a liaison with the Royal Navy which had lapsed when the cruiser Norfolk was scrapped 10 years ago. We were honoured by the presence at our commissioning ceremony of a number of civic dignitaries from Great Yarmouth and of the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier Barclay, and we were able to cement this auspicious beginning to our friendship with Town and Regiment when the ship visited Great Yarmouth from 14th to 18th July.

Yarmouth has now been in commission six months and though she has already steamed thousands of miles, she has not been very far geographically. Indeed, we have yet to sight a foreign shore except when we passed through the Straits of Dover (though the next 12 months will change all that). A great deal of time has been spent in our home port, Devonport, whilst the millions of pounds worth of complicated equipment which goes to make a modern warship were tested and tuned to a peak of efficiency. That completed, we came to Portland in Dorset where for many weeks a programme of almost constant sea-going and exercising has been bringing the ship's company to a peak of efficiency. This process is now nearly over and in a very short time H.M.S. Yarmouth will be taking part in her first major exercise with the Fleet.

I must mention, albeit briefly, the visit to Great Yarmouth which was the one 'Jolly' of the summer. East Anglian hospitality enjoyed by all will be remembered throughout the commission and we are only sorry that when next the ship visits her name town we, the present ship's officers and men, will have moved on and it will be the pleasure of a new ship's company to discover just what good friends we have in those parts. We have as a material reminder a gigantic silver bowl presented by the Royal Norfolk Regiment which would do more than justice on the top table in the Painted Hall at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. (As it was, we had to shift the telly to get it in the Wardroom!).

The future lies East of Suez. There'll be no snow on the decks of H.M.S. Yarmouth this Christmas.



4th BATTALION THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT

GENERAL NEWS

Annual Camp 21 May to 4 June 1960

Camp this year was held at Otterburn A.A.T.C., Northumberland, probably one of the best run Camps and Field Firing Ranges in the country. The locals had told us we were bound to have continual rain and fog so early in the year, but in fact we drew lucky and except for a tropical downpour one dawn, during a Battalion Signal and Command Post Exercise, we remained dry shod and returned to Suffolk dark with sun and wind tan.

The climax of Camp training this year was a four day Brigade advance to contact and attack exercise, designed to test battle procedure, administration in the field and incidentally the endurance of Headquarters at all levels. We believe the Battalion acquitted itself well on the whole, the main difficulty being the strain imposed on under-strength Battalion and Company Headquarters which were compelled to remain active for the whole period. The weaknesses of lesser mortals were highlighted by the Commanding Officer's ability to remain endlessly on his feet, assisted only by a thumb stick.

Freedom of the Borough of Lowestoft — 26 June

Immediately after Camp a detachment from the Battalion, together with a detachment from 4th Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.), accepted on behalf of the Regiment the Freedom of the Borough of Lowestoft. This type of event, particularly so soon after camp, imposes a great strain on the resources of a T.A. Battalion, but the day was a great success and the parade was a credit to the Regiment. The people of Lowestoft turned out in force to confirm their approval of the acceptance of the Regiment as a Freeman of the Borough. No doubt a more detailed account of this event will appear elsewhere in the Journal.

Brigade and Divisional Motor Cycle Trials — 24 July and 14 August

Our Motor Cycle Teams, trained by Major Brown and Sgt. Marsh, repeated their successes of previous years by retaining the Brigade Motor Cycling Cup for a third year in succession, and coming fifth, the only Infantry team to enter, in the Divisional Trials.

Battalion Rifle Meeting — 28 August

This Meeting was as usual held on Bromeswell Range, near Woodbridge. Normal classification targets were used, in order to give a better chance to the young soldier and inexperienced shot. As a result scores were higher than usual and the bracket between top and bottom scores a great deal smaller.



Freedom of Lowestoft. The March Past.

(Photo by Eastern Daily Press).

The surprise of the meeting was a falling plate final between a B Company team and an Orderly Room team, both "old men's" teams, which resulted in a win for the B Company team, which shook the youngsters.

The individual championship was won by 2/Lt. Brown, who had the advantage of a recent return from a fortnight at Bisley. The runner-up was Cpl. Humphries of C Company.

Armed Forces Exhibition — 10-20 August

The Battalion took a rather humble part in the Armed Forces Exhibition at Bury St. Edmunds in August. This exhibition, centred in the Athenium and with stands and exhibits on Angel Hill and in the Abbey gardens, was a most impressive display of the present day Armed Forces and was obviously of great interest to the public of Bury St. Edmunds and West Suffolk.

The Battalion stand, the work of Sgt. Allright, was staffed throughout the ten days of the Exhibition by P.S.Is. and at times by members of the Bury St. Edmunds Company.

Postscript

Since the last issue of the Gazette was published we have heard that Colonel Harwood Harrison, M.P., a former Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion, and now Comptroller of the Royal Household, was able to wish our Colonel-in-Chief shortly before her wedding every happiness on her marriage

to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones, on behalf of the Battalion.

We understand from Colonel Harrison that Her Royal Highness was graciously pleased to accept these good wishes.

OFFICERS' MESS

It would seem that an explanation is required for the non-appearance of Officers' Mess Notes in the last issue of the Gazette. These were produced in good time by the P.M.C. and submitted to the Orderly Room where they promptly disappeared. It is fair to assume they are now safely filed with the Nil Returns.

It seems impossible that three months have passed since we went to Camp at Otterburn. Our Guest Night this year was a comparatively quiet occasion brightened about midnight by some wonderful stories in Suffolk dialect from Wally Mayhew. We were glad to see Bill Lewis who drove up for the evening from Thirsk where he is living. Bill is now doing a spell with 4th Battalion the Green Howards.

No sooner had we finished with Camp than the Annual Minden Ball was upon us and a large number of guests and friends attended at the Athenium, Bury St. Edmunds. It seems generally agreed that this was undoubtedly the best Ball the Battalion has ever staged. Our guests included Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. D. E. Talbot, Brig. and Mrs. E. H. W. Backhouse. Col. Sir Robert and Lady Gooch, the Mayor and Lady

Mayoress of Bury St. Edmunds, Brig. and Mrs. J. R. I. Doyle and Colonel and Mrs. W. A. Heal. Towards midnight the proceedings were enlivened by the arrival of Piper Marshall and his bagpipes. Thus encouraged, Rudy Rome and his Band managed to exhaust many people with a magnificent round of reels and other Scottish dances. For the splendid flowers we were particularly indebted to Mrs. Backhouse, Mrs. Heal and Mrs. Springfield.

In August, the Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Bromeswell Range where Stephen Brown distinguished himself with an outstanding score. Other Officers, who shall be nameless, obtained some very ordinary scores.

Duncan Sutor has rejoined the Battalion and we welcome him back to the fold. And last but not least, to Patrick Springfield we send our congratulations upon his entry into Sandhurst — well done.

“ A ” COMPANY

BURY ST. EDMUNDS — HAVERHILL

O.C. : Major G. L. Brown.
C.S.M. : W.O. II L. Keeble.
C.Q.M.S. : C/Sgt. A. Dye.
P.S.I. : Sgt. D. Mobius.

We give a hearty welcome to a new batch of recruits:— Ptes. Atherton, Bumford, Cowdrey and Sewell.

Cpl. Rowling obtained a notable mention in the Divisional Motor Cycle Trials which were certainly very tough. The Battalion team did exceptionally well in the Brigade Motor Cycle Trials, winning all the prizes and awards.

The Company is progressing well with shooting and we are looking forward to great things. We are pleased to mention that Pte. Hunt, one of our latest recruits, won a silver spoon at the recent Battalion Rifle Meeting, also that Pte. Atherton, straight from civvy street, scored 41 out of 50.

The C.Q.M.S. is still making vain efforts to get to camp. Everything seems to be against him.

Full opportunity is taken of using Stanford P.T.A. for training and we may well have an advantage here as our C.S.M. has the keys to most of the buildings and these provide comfortable billets, particularly when the weather is unfavourable.

Our stores have been packed and re-packed five times but at last we are becoming installed in the old Gibraltar block at the Barracks. In the very near future our quarters will be ready for a “house-warming.”

We are sorry to lose Liuet. Creagh, who has been attached to us from S.A.S., and is now posted to H.Q. as I.O. Liuet. Creagh organised a very successful night patrol in conjunction with the Police Dog Division. “A” Company personnel were hunted by the dogs. The dogs won.

It is pleasing to note that Ptes. Dye and Machen have successfully passed their driving tests.

Recruitment has taken a favourable upward trend and it is felt that at Bury St. Edmunds particularly, where competition is great, being housed in good quarters will make a big difference and by the time our Company building technicians have finished we believe our Centre will compare with the best. The great interest that has been shown in this district by the younger men augurs well for the future, and our senior N.C.Os. make the welfare of the younger soldiers one of their chief concerns.

“ B ” COMPANY ”

WOODBIDGE—FRAMLINGHAM— FELIXSTOWE

O.C. : Major W. Mayhew.
C.S.M. : W.O. II A. Morgan, M.M.
C.Q.M.S. : C/Sgt. E. Warne.
P.S.I. : Sgt. E. Boxall.

We open these notes with the much awaited Annual Camp at Otterburn, Northumberland. What with the changing over of our P.S.I. and the fact that “Geordie” was going to show us around his home town, things looked far from being a happy fifteen days. However, after many moans and groans, the advance party set off from Woodbridge at 1630 hrs on Wednesday the 18th of May arriving at Newcastle station at 0200 hrs on Thursday morning. Transport was waiting at the station and very soon we were in Camp with a short rest before starting to draw up the Company's bedding, etc.

The Company main body arrived by special train at about 1900 hrs on the 22nd May and, thanks to good work by the advance party, were soon settled in and ready for the first week's training. This included one Battalion scheme and the firing of the 3.5 Rocket Launcher, Energa, and for those who had not already fired their Annual Weapon Training Course, this was laid on.

Second week training was on Brigade level, and run on the same lines as last year with not quite so much “foot-slogging” and many more enemy to be hunted down. The exercise, except for a few minor hitches, went down very well.

We arrived back from Camp with the hope that we might be able to close down for a short time only to find that this Company had been selected to train a team of stretcher bearers for the Brigade Competition. This at first seemed to all of us a very dull sort of training, but the Bandmaster with his knowledge of First Aid, soon had the interest of the Company, which has now reached the standard where it is carrying out its own Pulheems examinations and giving the family the once-over for further practice. We hope in our next notes to give the full account of how we won the First Aid competition.

In the shooting world we are steadily improving, and at the Battalion Rifle Meeting this year we climbed again to third place, which is one better than last year. We also won the Falling Plate competition with our “B” team. The Company has been greatly assisted by the help of Liuet. Brown who represented the Battalion at Bisley and will shoot with Sgt. Brock at the Battalion Decentralised Competitions at the end of this month.

On the social side we have been very quiet over the summer months, but we are now looking forward to commencing our dances, socials, etc., at the beginning of October.

We welcome to the Company Sgt. Ted Boxall, also his wife and family, and we hope that their stay in Woodbridge with us will be a long and happy one.

We also welcome Liuet. Sonders from H.Q. Company and hope to see him in the very near future, and Pte. Castell who has joined us from the 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment (T.A.).

Congratulations to Sgt. Ablitt on his promotion and birth of a daughter and to Pte. Wright on passing his Cook's course at camp and his transfer to the A.C.C.

"D" COMPANY STOWMARKET — HADLEIGH

O.C. : Capt. D. S. Sach.
C.S.M. : W.O. II J. W. Barnard.
P.S.I. : Sgt. C. Baldry.

D Company have now settled down to normal training after a very successful Annual Camp at Otterburn, Northumberland. The main feature at camp was the attendance of most of the recruits enlisted this year. A great deal of realistic training was carried out and most of the Company had the opportunity of firing all the Platoon weapons. The Company was under the command of 2/Lt. Wells, ably assisted by our "Seagull," W.O. II Barnard. Sgt. Garrod did gallant work on the "Q" side.

We welcome to the Company, Capt. H. D. Sutor who takes over as 2 i/c. This now only leaves us to fill in the vacant hot-spot of "Molar."

The Company had a very enjoyable week-end at Pakefield Ranges and thanks must go to Sp. Company for laying on accommodation etc. Some really good shooting was seen and the main events were won by Sgt. Stimpson, L/Cpl. Harvey and Pte. Vince. Well done, everybody! At the recent Battalion Rifle Meeting, Pte. Vince did remarkably well by taking first place in the Young Soldiers' Competition. The "Old Uns" did their piece as well. The weather for this occasion was really good until the Company Commander took part in the Falling Plates when the skies simply opened. The members of the Company brought their wives and girl friends along and it was a very successful day.

Congratulations to Cpls. Oxford and Firman and L/Cpl. Harvey on their recent promotions. We now have in the Company a "Baron" who can be seen most week-ends driving in the most "Stirling Moss" manner, and on our recreation night managing with a little assistance, to reach the "Chestnut."

By the time these notes are published the Brigade Competitions will have been decided and we are expecting great things from our 3-5 Rocket Launcher team, which will be assisted by a team from "A" Company. Sgt. Garrod is i/c this project and a win for the Battalion will be a just reward for all the hard work he has put in.

SUPPORT COMPANY LOWESTOFT — BECCLES

O.C. : Major J. G. Lawrie, T.D.
C.S.M. : W.O. II L. J. Vallance.
C.Q.M.S. : C/Sgt. I. Clarke.
P.S.I. : W.O. II B. Richardson.

M.M.G. Platoon

At the time of Camp our strength was 30 all ranks which is not far short of the full establishment. During the first week we had a very full training programme. Fortunately the weather was kind thus enabling us to stay out in the excellent training areas all day. Thanks are due to Sgts. Allright (C Coy.) and Bland for their first-class instruction. Most of us learned a great deal and by the end of the week felt we were at last getting on top of the subject.

On our day for firing, which was the first for many of us, it started off very misty but after an hour or so it cleared and we were able to carry on. A very good shoot was had by all. Shortly after we had finished firing it was noticed that a certain Lance Corporal and his inevitable "Champ" were missing. A search of the area revealed that he was stuck in the middle of the 3" Mortar Range. After much gesticulating by us he realised his predicament and moved faster than he had done all Camp.

The second week of Camp consisted of a Brigade Exercise, the first two days of which went very well for us; we sun-bathed and fed our faces. The next two or three days were fairly hectic and at "stand to" one morning the R.S.M. was amazed to find nine stiff bodies in a "Champ"; Messrs. Bland, Allright, Daines, etc.

Our congratulations go to Ptes. Plant, Garrod and Harrison on their promotions to L/Cpls.

Since Camp we have been training hard for the Brigade Competition in September when we hope to do rather better than last year.

3 inch Mortar Platoon

In the last year things have been going great guns in the Platoon. There has been a steady flow of new faces and after a few weeks training they quickly become one of us.

Camp is over again, and the two weeks training (unavoidably one week only for some of us) was thoroughly enjoyed by all; the weather was very kind even on the day we fired, although hearts were low when the mist began to creep across the hills. Mother Nature did her best however and by the time we were on zero lines the mist had gone and it turned out to be a fine day. A very good shoot was had by all (except certain members of the M.M.Gs.). Next time they may not be so lucky. What with sheep and straying machine gunners, what next? We even enjoyed the dawn patrol gallantly led by the Company Commander on the last day of the exercise, though unfortunately the birds had flown when we reached the objective; if indeed they were ever there. As usual the Platoon Commander had to be persuaded not to break the world three-mile record when he took the lead.

We are now in full swing getting ready for Brigade Competitions which we all hope will bring us better luck than last year. Having had a Platoon of four mortars firing at Camp, we hope to give the other teams a run for their money.

We congratulate Ptes. Bunn and Wilson on earning their first stripes and Ptes. Spurgeon and Birch on their marriages. We hope they will not lose their domestic stripes for continuing to attend Training Nights regularly. We also wish L/Cpl. Lowne all the best of luck when he joins the Regular Army on 1st September.

By the time you hear from us again in the next issue we will have lost our P.S.I. and the Mortar Platoon wish him all the best in a new job. Good luck, Bert.

Anti-Tank Platoon

The main feature of the year so far has been a successful Camp and shoot at Otterburn, Northumberland. Results on the shoot were considered to be very good in view of the fact that this was the first

actual firing carried out by the recently formed Anti-Tank Crew. Credit for this must be given to Sgt. Harris who has worked hard to enable this high standard to be reached.

Since Camp the guns have been called in for modifications and consequently Anti-Tank training has been limited. However, with the return of the guns and a 20% increase in recruitment, a full programme of activities is scheduled for the coming months.

With a freshly decorated T.A. Centre an active social programme is being planned for the autumn and winter and a cordial invitation is extended to any Company of the Battalion wishing to visit us on any Friday evening. Prior notice of intention to visit would be appreciated.

Congratulations on their recent promotions to L/Cpls. Adams and Youngman. Well done!

HEADQUARTER COMPANY IPSWICH

O.C. : Major R. C. Smyth.
C.S.M. : W.O. II P. Cook.
C.Q.M.S. : C/Sgt. L. Southgate.
P.S.I. : W.O. II D. Loveday.

Once again Camp for the year has gone past, and it seems as though everyone had quite an enjoyable time dashing about all over the moors at Otterburn collecting sheep's heads with which to decorate their tents. Except for the odd thunderstorm the weather was good to us. The Signal Platoon was M.T. Section trying to do the work of two, and when doing its bit at the Brigade Signal Cadre, and the it came to the Brigade Scheme they managed to find a few C.S.Ms. to do the job of duty drivers. Everyone had the middle week-end off and decided to dash over the Border to the wilds of Scotland, where they were accommodated on Saturday night by the Depot, K.O.S.B., at Berwick-on-Tweed, who according to all reports, did them very well. As usual there were the odd few who could not attend camp, so that courses, etc., have had to be arranged for them in lieu.

Lieut. Mermagen took over the job of Adjutant at Ipswich whilst Capt. Dean was away on leave. Sgt. Wyartt did a fortnight with the Army Cadet Force at Felixstowe; Sgt. Hammond has just returned from his yearly visit to the School of Infantry at Hythe and Pte. Flory proceeds on a cinema projectionist course next month, which will complete the Company for 1960.

Once again the Battalion won the Brigade Motor Cycle Trials, and special mention must be made of the following, Cpl. Norman who won the individual, and Cpls. Pittock and Columbs who were members of the winning teams.

We are sorry to say our old stalwart of H.Q. Company "Gun-boat" Abbott has finished. I don't know what we will do without his moans and groans but it seems awful quiet in the Company stores now.

We did not do as well as we had hoped at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, but we would like to congratulate Pte. Woollard on coming second in Class D (Young Soldiers) and Sgt. Mowle second in Class A (Officers, W.Os. and Sgts.).



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

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

The past few months has seen a consolidation of the Battalion, recruiting has gone well and the standard of training and general ability of the unit has improved. Unfortunately this near rosy picture has now been marred by the announcement concerning the re-organisation of the Territorial Army, and the fact that we are to be re-organised for the fourth time since the end of the war.

The one bright spot on the skyline was the announcement that we would amalgamate with the 4th Battalion The Suffolk Regiment, a unit with whom we have ancient ties and a great deal in common. Despite this, it is difficult not to feel a little apprehensive, for in all our previous re-organisations a number of excellent men have found themselves outside the establishment and eventually retired, much to their and everyone else's disappointment. Nevertheless, the feeling at the moment reflects that the die is cast and every effort must now be made to see that the re-organisation goes smoothly and without any ill-feeling or regrets.

In the last month we have said goodbye to Geoffrey and Sandy Howego, who have left to join 1 East Anglian in Berlin. We were all sorry to see them go, for without any shadow of doubt, both have done much for the welfare and well being of the Regiment and its good name.

In the last issue of this Gazette, a list of officers of the Regiment was published showing the sort of things they attempt to do. This time the Senior N.C.Os. and Warrant Officers are featured, their exact tasks are even more mystifying than those of the officers.

Seniority Roll of W.Os. and Sgts.

W.O. I (B/M) Peters, D. E. : Bandmaster.
W.O. II Chapman, J. : C.S.M. "C" Coy.
W.O. II O'Dell, H. F. C. : R.Q.M.S.
C/Sgt. Croft, F. S. : C.Q.M.S. H.Q. Coy.
C/Sgt. Emmerson, B. : C.Q.M.S. "A" Coy.
C/Sgt. Gillett, B. : C.Q.M.S. "B" Coy.
C/Sgt. Challis, A. A. : C.Q.M.S. "C" Coy.
C/Sgt. Bond, C. H. H. : C.Q.M.S. "S" Coy.
C/Sgt. Smith, R. G. : C.Q.M.S. "D" Coy.
Sgt. Kennedy, W. E. : Band Sergeant.
Sgt. Preston, T. L. : Band.
Sgt. Carter, J. H. (R.E.M.E.) : Fitter Sergeant.
Sgt. Taylor, H. S. : Pln. Sergeant "B" Coy.
(Sgts. Mess Caterer).
Sgt. Brown, P. F. : Pnr. Sergeant.
Sgt. Dowling, F. C. : Signals Sergeant.
Sgt. Feary, C. F. : Mortar Platoon.
Sgt. Howlett, E. E. : Pln. Sergeant, "C" Coy.
Sgt. Bewsley, D. E. L. : Pln. Sergeant, "A" Coy.
Sgt. Beaumont, F. P. : Intelligence Sergeant.



A Recruiting Reward.
L. to R. : C/Sgt. Challis, Major Morgan, Sgt. Page, Mrs. Challis, Captain Baggaley.
Mrs. Smith in the background.

Sgt. Matthews, D. G. : Corps of Orums.
Sgt. Doughty, R. L. : Pln. Sergeant, " A " Coy.
Sgt. Anderson, A. D. J. : Mortar Platoon.
Sgt. Minett, R. H. : Corps of Drums.
Sgt. Kelly, R. F. : M.M.G. Sgt.
Sgt. Page, C. H. : Cook Sergeant.
Sgt. Steward, G. C. : Band.
Sgt. Ward, J.
Sgt. Randall : Pln. Sergeant, " C " Coy.

OFFICERS' MESS

P.M.C. : Major K. Scott.
Mess Secretary : Capt. D. J. Baldry.

During Camp at Otterburn a very pleasant Guest night was held, the chief guest being the Deputy Brigade Commander, Col. G. S. H. Docker, M.B.E., T.D. A Ladies' Night was held in the Mess at Cambridge on the first Wednesday in July to which we were very pleased to welcome our new Adjutant Major Morgan to the fold. Our congratulations go out to Paul and Zena Leach on the birth of a son and to Lt. Checkley on the arrival of a daughter (better late than never).

The Quarterly Dinner night was held in the Mess on the last Saturday of July when we dined out Geoffrey Howgego and dined in Ernie Morgan. Major Hales the B.C. of our affiliated Battery R.A. was the guest.

The usual monthly Ladies' night was held during August and although the numbers were small an enjoyable evening was had by all.

During the approaching winter months we hope to see more Officers with their wives and friends at our regular Ladies' nights which are always held on the first Wednesday evening of each month in the Mess at Cambridge from 8.30 p.m. We also have the Dinner Club Ball at the University Arms Hotel on November 11th, to which it is hoped that all Officers will give their loyal support. We would also like to give advance notice that it is hoped to hold a Regimental Ball next April probably to be held at the Cambridge University Union, future notes will contain further details.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Our stay at Otterburn was blessed by good company as well as good weather. We were fortunate to have attached to us the W.Os. and Sgts. of 535 Coy. R.A.S.C. and 161 Inf. Wkshps. which made us a total of seventy-five members in one Nissen hut !

We enjoyed their company; we sympathised with their Sergeants who took spills off motor cycles, breaking bones; we ignored pleas to provide their workshops with a damaged vehicle or two to practise on and we enjoyed the "fruits" of working hand in glove with the R.A.S.C. It didn't take long for their "characters" to become as well known as our Sgt.

Pete Brown and C/Sgt. Busty Bernie, the one for his athletic displays with brooms, bottles and baths, the other proving that Mackesons must be almost non-alcoholic.

The visit of the Band and Drums of the 1st East Anglian Regiment was much appreciated and we enjoyed their company as well as the fine displays they gave. During the display at Cambridge they provided a fine setting to the presentation of the Meritorious Service Medal to C.S.M. Doug Robinson our P.S.I. at March. "Robby" joined the Suffolk Regiment in 1926 and is due to finish his service next May. We shall have more to say about that in later editions but wish to say now we shared his pride and pleasure in the award and reckon he is a great old 'un.

During Toughfun II we were almost faced with mass resignation of members when rumour got around that Sgt. Herby Taylro was to provide supporting fire throughout the night by firing an L.M.G. across the front of the F.D.Ls. It was only by assuring all and sundry that the gun would be mounted on a tripod that the battle was fought on. Sgt. Beaumont, our insurance salesman, cashed in and is reported to have sold £2,000 worth of insurance during the night. Funny thing how these rumours start, Sgt. Beaumont!

"A" COMPANY

O.C. : Major J. Q. Forsythe.

2 i/c : Lieut. M. H. Osborn.

Pl. Comds. : 2/Lt. Checkley ; 2/Lt. A. Bowe (R.A. att.)

P.S.I. : C.S.M. L. Drew.

Although up here in the capital of the Fens we feel the effects of the fruit picking season rather keenly, it is gratifying to be able to report a fairly active programme over the past few months.

Recruiting continues to flourish thanks to the efforts of the C.Q.M.S. C/Sgt. B. Emmerson (winner of the C.O's. prize for the highest number of recruits introduced), Pte. Watson, and others. "A" Coy. has now reached a record total strength of 64 and at our present rate we seem certain to be the first Company to reach three figures.

A high proportion of our merry men went to Camp at Otterburn where considerable useful experience was most certainly gained along with the blisters. It seemed a pity that so many of the Company were only able to attend for one week of the camp out of the two, but then half a loaf is better than no bread, which must have some relevance although those who did the full fortnight would agree that it was from being one long loaf.

The star attraction of the past few months was undoubtedly Beating the Retreat here at Wisbech by the Band and Drums of the 1st Bn. The East Anglian Regt. supported by our own Band and Drums in the capable hands of our previous P.S.I., W.O. II A. D. Robsinson, M.S.M. This event, which was held in the Park and attended by the Mayor and various other local dignitaries, was watched by a crowd of two to three thousand and produced considerable publicity for the Regiments taking part.

For the last four months our O.C., Major J. A. Forsythe, T.D., has unfortunately been "hors de combat." Nevertheless he is no doubt with us in spirit and we all wish him a speedy recovery and a return to his former good health.

In his absence Lt. M. H. Osborn (who is to be congratulated on his recent promotion) and 2/Lt. A.

K. Checkley, ably supported by the P.S.I., W.O. II Drew, C/Sgt. Emmerson and the other N.C.Os., have done their best to fill the considerable gap thus caused. It has been of great assistance to have had temporarily attached to us 2/Lt. Alastair Bowe, R.A., who has been helping with the training of recruits; he is leaving us to return to his own unit on Sept. 17th and we shall be sorry to lose him.

Finally we congratulate Ptes. Burrows J., Callaby S. and Hammond R. on their promotion to L/Cpls., and at last but not least 2/Lt. and Mrs. Tony Checkley on producing daughters, vociferous, bouncing, one.

"B" COMPANY

We ended these notes in the last issue of the "Britannia and Castle" looking forward in anticipation to an enjoyable Annual Camp. As far as "B" Coy. was concerned it was a strenuous, rugged and sometimes exhausting time—but we all returned feeling that something had been attempted and something done. Perhaps those last few words also apply personally to Pte. M. C. Bond—who undoubtedly retains memories of the north-east of England.

We did indeed produce the "characters" at camp, with Pte. Bridges stepping off on "the wrong foot," Pte. (poacher) Brown stoically and cheerfully doing his full whack, and Pte. (enoch) Green doing a Zatopek effort to the amazement of all and sundry. Pte. Donelan did a first rate job as storeman, in the armoury, and undoubtedly helped a certain nameless (rotund quarter-bloke) to have an easier camp than he might otherwise have had. We also heard pleasing reports of Pte. Silcock in the Sgts. Mess. In fact everyone at camp was gainfully employed, the weather was mainly very good and Otterburn 1960 will rate as one of the more memorable camps.

No sooner had "B" Company returned from camp than they were engaged in putting on a very good support weapons display at Soham Carnival. "C" Company did their stint with the mortars. At Soham too, Pte. Tom Brown (East Anglian Regiment) late of "B" Coy., turned up and he was "roped in" as an extra number. It is always good to see those former members who are now regulars—and it will not be long before we lose some others to the "regulars." This will reduce our overall recruiting achievement, but we must here congratulate C/Sgt. Charlie Bond who by June 13 had introduced six new recruits. The M.M.G. teams gave further displays at Shelford and Papworth in July and at March in July.

However, "B" Company's greatest achievement was at Swaffham Range on Sunday 26 June, when we held our first ever Company shoot. This was entirely self-supported—and twelve pounds were spent on the attractive silver prizes. Ninety per cent of the Company were present and competed. Moreover, a bus was arranged for the families which was in fact driven by one Sgt. Bryant, P.S.I. (P.S.V.)—and the support was so good that everyone agreed it was all well worth the effort. Our congratulations and our thanks go to our energetic C/Sgt. Gillett who was the man and the worker behind this project. By handing over twenty-three of his Ely Cadets to Sgt. Bryant the work in the butts was nicely covered. He was responsible for all the prior arrangements and for the cleaning up—and yet as he sat in his Bedford with TWO flat tyres, when everyone else was leaving for home, his beaming face gave evidence of great satisfaction in a good job well done.

C/Sgt. Bond, Sgt. Kelly, Sgt. Taylor worked very hard to organise the shooting. The ladies' .22 shooting competition was won by Mrs. P. Leach. Mrs. L. S. L. Brown, wife of the Company Commander, presented the prizes—after Capt. Leach had checked on the winners. The prizes went as follows:—

Rifle Pte. Silcock, F.
L.M.G. Pte. Clemence, E.
Sten Pte. Bridges, J.
Falling Plate Sgt. Kelly, Pte. Bridges,
Pte. Silcock, L/Cpl. Bell.

In the usual conjunction with our March brethren, we attended a week-end Support Weapon practice at Fingringhoe on July 16-17. Although the weather did its best our spirits were not dampened. We appreciated the visit from the Brigade Commander and the appearance of our new Adjutant Major E. H. Morgan on this occasion. The mushrooms were good too.

Major Brown, C/Sgt. Gillett (S.M.I.) and Sgt. Taylor attended the A.C.F. Camp at Okehampton.

August has been a poor month as regards attendance on drill nights. A lot of reasons can be given for this—but it is hoped that when both holidays and harvest are over, the Company will parade at full strength.

Next week we will be engaged in the Battalion Rifle Meeting on Thetford Range—a picturesque though resonant place.

On September 24 along with other Cambridge T.A. Units, we will again be demonstrating the M.M.G. as well as march past the Lord Lieutenant. We hope both occasions will be great successes.

Congratulations to Capt. and Mrs. Leach on the arrival of Graeme Paul; to L/Cpl. Silcock E. on his promotion.

"C" COMPANY

Once again the time has come for the "Web footers" to enter some more news for the "Britannia and Castle" to which we hope to make a small contribution. We have had quite a number of training week-ends which have been very successful and we have all learned something.

The turnout has been quite good, we of course would like to get a few more but owing to shift work this is nearly impossible. However, we have had some limelight with the Band and Drums at such places as Soham, Wisbech and March. The Drums have been quite busy and are now used to the Garden Parties. The highlight was when we were massed with the Band and Drums of the 1st East Anglian Regt. Our P.S.I. was Drum Major for the Cambridgeshires and someone remarked "He looks as if he owns the whole of Wisbech." A great show by our Band and Drums, and an even greater show by the East Anglians. "Well done." They have something to be proud of.

It was nice to see "George" again looking so well, and also D/M Hitchin who always looks so smart.

We have been on the Range quite a few times of late, and we hope to gather a few things at the Battalion shoot this year, if our shift workers can get off. When on the range for practice we had the usual sayings, "I had my sights up," "I did not get it Zeroed," "The marker signalled a Bull and I had an outer."

"C" Company would not be "C" if L/Cpl. Moate forgot to bring his Primus on the Range, we are always sure of a "Cuppa."

We were sorry to see the Adjutant, Major Howgego, leave us, no more cheese and pickles, sir. We welcome Major Morgan and hope his stay will be a happy one. He has arrived at a time when once again a change is being made "so our grape vine informs us." Let us hope we can stick together as before. We welcome the company of one of our old boys, ex-L/Cpl. Bass, looking as well as ever. We also welcome Cols. Williamson and Tweed.

When one goes to Cambridge or passes the band room, the password is "any pay up," we wonder if the Bandmaster is saving up for a trombone or something.

The harvest is nearly in and once again our attendances will begin to improve.

This is all at the time of going to press. Anyone in the March area is welcome at the Drill Hall at any time of the day or "night."

"D" COMPANY

O.C. : Capt. J. R. Baggaley.
2 i/c : Lieut. M. D. R. Knight.
C.Q.M.S. : C/Sgt. R. G. Smith.
P.S.I. : Sgt. T. Gay.

For some time previously "D" Company, due to its small numbers and poor recruiting, was looked upon as the under dog of the Battalion. This, however, is at an end, for our attendance and recruiting figures are such that we are now very likely to form an independent (Newmarket) Battalion. The reasons for our success in this field are manifold and are due to the efforts of many people throughout the past few months. In particular we must thank C/Sgt. Smith for his very active part in our recruiting campaign.

Undoubtedly the greatest series of events, mishaps, adventures, etc., occurred during our period of Annual Camp where twenty of the Company thoroughly enjoyed their rigorous training fiendishly devised by our recently departed Training Major—Major Howgego. The weather was reasonable for the part of the world that Otterburn lies in, and in fact it only rained every other day. Excellent work was carried out by the Company and those who deserve special mention are C/Sgt. R. Smith who "did" the rations and Sgt. Page who was chief slave driver in the cookhouse. Pte. Holder carried out the exciting task of Dispatch Rider with skill and determination in what must have been some of the most difficult ground in the world!

Enquiries are still in progress as to how Jim Herriven managed to get the "cushy" job of storeman-cum-driver for 14 days. It appears he has some hold over the Q.M., for only the honoured few are allowed such a privilege.

The camp was memorable for one outstanding attempt to provide vacancies in "D" Coy. for a P.S.I. and C/Sgt.; it was during the occasion of a visit of the Army Commander that C/Sgt. Challis and Sgt. T. Gay were fired on by half a dozen trigger-happy recruits of various Companies. Only then aware of their unpopularity, they sought refuge behind the Army Commander and his retinue, who appeared to be egging the firers on to greater efforts, for there was much shouting from all sides. Eventually, the helpless victims reached their haven unmarked having run 220 yds. in what is now officially recognised as a new Cumberland all comers record.

The only other lucky escape in the Company was when Pte. Terry Merchant chose to plunge into



"D" Coy, prepare for action.

a ravine, carrying a Bren Gun, instead of walking around it, and it was whilst rolling in agony on the ground afterwards that he said he was more interested at the time watching the C.O. try to diagnose Liver Fluke in a nearby sheep.

The Company was split up at Camp and great opportunities were had for getting to know and making friends with members of other Companies. Some of us, however, saw little of the Company Commander who was involved in many mysterious journeys to Brigade H.Q. with the excuse that he was attending a Signal Cadre. Doubtless there is some truth in this for it has been observed in many quarters that he now has the Signallers' disconcerting habit of listening to any other transmission but his own with mingled disgust and boredom. He has not yet reached the more advanced stage of talking to himself and answering in a different tone. May he be spared that!

Our 2 i/c has the exalted title of Brigade Liaison Officer and how he must have liaised. It is assumed that he had much to do with the hatching and plotting from Brigade H.Q. that kept us from our beds for many a foul night, moving, loading, camouflaging and digging in, etc., from dawn till dusk. Unfortunately, he has not shown himself at all repentant and we can only expect the worst.

In all seriousness it can be stated that all members of the Company enjoyed themselves in all respects, both in military training and in the social field and we feel we have benefited tremendously by participating in our Annual Camp.

After camp we had no difficulties settling down to our normal existence and the bar has been full of many and various tall stories, facts and otherwise of those eventful 14 days.

There have been many other items of interest. Exercises, etc., and it would appear to be a good time to remind C/Sgt. Smith and Co. that the R.S.M.'s. Bren guns on fixed lines are not legitimate booty for a patrol, in fact, it is believed that the R.S.M. has made this clear.

The Company's week-end camp and training at Stanford P.T.A. was a great success and the Company attacked, patrolled, ambushed, marched and charged for two days. Incorporating map reading, street fighting and every other sort of fighting ending up very tired but well satisfied. It was on this exercise that the latent talents of Pte. Jock Irvine were forthcoming and very popular they were too. It is surprising he was not featured with the band of the Regiment when they Beat Retreat on the Severals with the Band and Drums of the 1st East Anglian Regiment. These provided a spectacle rarely seen by the natives of Newmarket who were very impressed by the glittering assembly.

Many thanks are due to C/Sgt. and Mrs. Smith for the bar provided and to the Newmarket Urban District Council for the buffet and free drinks provided for the Band.

During late July the Battalion provided a motor cycle team to compete in the 161 Brigade Competitions, and although the team failed to gain a trophy

they rode well and showed considerable skill and courage, gaining great experience in so doing.

Pte. Snare has since decided that going across country is the only way to travel and frequently does so, but unhappily has not yet mastered the technique for crossing hedges.

At the time of writing we are "Harvest Bound," and our attendances are not what they might be. As usual there is a great deal of work in front of us, Brigade Competitions, Battalion Rifle Meeting, Small Bore Shooting, but "D" Company can take it all in their stride.

All members of the Company wish Major Howgego and his wife "Godspeed" and happiness, and welcome Adj./Trg. Major etc., Major Morgan, and hope that with his guidance we may look to a happy and successful future.

A very enjoyable time was had by all at our Drill Hall on the night of Saturday 3rd September, when we celebrated winning the Recruiting Competition—by being the first Company to double its strength in the year. The C.O.'s prize was a barrel of beer and with the assistance of some of our friends from Cambridge, it was not long before the barrel was dry. Unfortunately the Commanding Officer was unable to come personally to make the presentation; the Adjutant however managed to do the honours quite adequately.

H.Q. COMPANY

Ever since the publication of the last Gazette, the Company seems to have gone through a quiet spell. Training has been very much on the indoor basis with the emphasis being placed on getting men available for the forthcoming Brigade competitions.

We had a week-end on Barton Road range when an effort was made to find a team to represent the Company at the Battalion Rifle Meeting. This also provided an opportunity for those who had still to fire their range course to do so, and so qualify for the annual bounty, a much looked forward to booster.

On most drill nights Sgt. Preston has his team of medical experts practising. Anyone not specifically detailed for a training subject is strapped to a stretcher and utilised as casualty. Above the R.A.P., Sgt. Dowling and his signallers go through the motions of establishing contact and pretending that it is an expert's job to see the messages get through. Frequently even they have to concentrate in order to deal with the latest amendments to the Signal pamphlet.

In the more personal field, we first want to say how sorry we are to see Major and Mrs. Howgego leave, we wish them and their family all the very best for the future. In the next breath we welcome Major Morgan and hope that he may enjoy his stay with the Battalion. To Cpl. and Mrs. Latchford go our congratulations on the latest addition to their family. If you cannot recruit them then breed them!

Friday nights are badminton nights once again in the drill hall, and many are the heavy weights that attend to exercise those long forgotten muscles.

Mr. Bartlett, our esteemed caretaker and Barman, is a very worried man, for the one "armed Bandit"

in the canteen has been over generous to the customers of late, with the result that the little extra in the kitty has begun to dwindle.

With the R.Q.M.S., fan belts are a subject not normally mentioned, at least not in public.

CAMBRIDGE CADET FORCE

From Major L. S. L. Brown

The Cambs. and Isle of Ely Army Cadet Force returned on Sunday 21 August from another extremely successful annual camp—held this year at the Southern Command Battle Camp at Okehampton on Dartmoor.

The main body of Cadets arrived in Okehampton Station at 5.30 a.m. on Sunday, August 14th, having travelled overnight by special train. Sunday was used for "settling in" and drawing the necessary stores and equipment.

The Cadets of the 4th Bn. were straight out on the moors on the Monday where three platoons under Lieuts. Pettit and Judge and 2/Lt. Norman formed a composite company under the skilled and thoughtful command of Capt. Norman Freeman with Lieut. Rogers as his able second-in-command.

It was a joy to watch the keenness with which these Cadets carried out their tasks and their obvious enjoyment and thrill in their own achievements. To capture Flagstaff Hill and Rough Tor (height about 1,600 ft.) and to trek over Harter Hill before lunch-time was a tough assignment but these lads did this.

They then proceeded to a pleasant spot on Dartmoor known as New Bridge only to find on reaching it that that dreaded enemy Wun Long Sin and his forces (more Cadets in disguise) had blown the bridge.

At this juncture, dead on time, there arrived a three-ton lorry driven by Lieut. Mike Branch with lashings of hot tea and a very good lunch.

Thus revitalised whilst in their defensive positions, No. 3 platoon under Lieut. Norman erected an efficient aerial rope bridge over which practically all the company crossed to the other side of the (theoretically) swollen river. It is worth noting that no Cadet is forced to do such a crossing if he does not want to, but such is the confidence they place in their officers that very few boys ever shows signs of nervousness in such cases.

After all the company had negotiated this obstacle, they drove off the enemy and made their way over two more hills to a spot which had previously been selected as the bivouac area. Tea and cakes arrived at 4.30 p.m. as planned; later in the bivouac area, after all tents had been pitched and the beds made, the hot evening meal arrived and the day concluded with a song around the camp fire.

"Gun fire" tea arrived at dawn and a hot breakfast at seven o'clock. Bivouacs and stores were loaded and taken away and the morning of Tuesday was spent in retracing the way back to camp with each platoon having its own tasks on the way.

The signals, under Capt. Taylor, R/Sigs., operated

wireless sets which had been borrowed from various sources; they worked very well and the procedure of the Cadet signallers was remarkably good. The company arrived at a spot just outside the main camp where again — just at the right time — were Lieuts. Branch and Evans with tea and a welcome lunch.

After lunch, it was march into camp, clean rifles (how the Cadets like firing blanks!) and other kit, then baths and showers, all piping hot.

Whilst the 4th Bn. had been carrying out their exercise on Dartmoor on Monday and Tuesday, the 3rd Bn. who have had a lot of young recruits recently, carried out basic training in the camp area.

Wednesday was a day the boys had been looking forward to; after the normal Battalion parade and morning service conducted by the padre (each Battalion has its own padre), there was an inter-Battalion sports competition. This consisted of a series of nine games played in rotation by everyone, during which the fun was fast and furious; the noise was increased by the blasts from nine umpires' whistles and the clanging of the change-over bell.

After lunch on Wednesday, transport was laid on to convey the Cadets to Plymouth where they had an enjoyable and instructive time.

The highlight of the whole week was Phase II of the exercise against Wun Long Sin and his Cornish confederates. Thursday and Friday saw both Battalions so engaged; Friday's was an exercise in withdrawal by the Brigade and everyone (including Brigade H.Q.) slept out on Thursday night.

With the parade and turn-out inspection of both Battalions by Major L. S. L. Brown and R.S.M. V. G. Lyon of the 1st Bn. The Cambridgeshire Regiment, and the Commandant's parade which followed, the camp really came to its conclusion. Trophies won by Battalions and individuals were presented by the Commandant (Col. J. G. A. Beckett, O.B.E., T.D., D.L.) on this parade, the final presentation being the Lucas-Tooth shield for all-round performance during the year to the 4th Bn.

The Cadets, in very high spirits, and more sun-burned than a week previously, entrained for their return home by 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Major Brown contributes the following footnote to this report: "As an outside observer at the A.C.F. camp, I would like to congratulate the officers on the way they looked after, cared for and encouraged each individual Cadet.

"One feels that so much work is done in developing the character and bringing out leadership in these lads by these officers that parents should get to know more about what the A.C.F. is doing, by contacting these officers and visiting the various Cadet detachments.

"I feel sure parents do not realise the work and great expense which goes into making a successful annual camp, such as this one on Dartmoor. These boys are well looked after by their own platoon officers, the Padres and the Doctor; no parent should have any qualms about allowing their boys to attend such a well conducted camp as this has been."

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

NORFOLK SECTION

Brigadier F. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C.

President:

Secretary: Major W. G. Cripps.

Headquarters: Britannia Barracks, Norwich.

Forthcoming Events

1960

12th October—Nurse Cavell Memorial Service, Life's Green, Norwich Cathedral at 10.45 a.m.

28th October—King's Lynn Branch Dinner at the Drill Hall, Providence Street, at 7 p.m.

11th November—Memorial Service at the Regimental War Memorial Cottages, Norwich, at 10.45 a.m.

11th November—London Branch place a Cross in the Field of Remembrance, Westminster, at 6.30 p.m.

11th November—London Branch Reunion Dinner at the Victory Club, Marble Arch, at 7 p.m.

1961

4th June—London Branch will place a wreath on the Cenotaph in Whitehall. Meet on Horse Guards Parade at 10.30 a.m.

15th July—Summer Reunion at Britannia Barracks.

30th September—Reunion Dinner at Norwich.

Reunion at Norwich — 16th July

Once again, the weather was most kind with warm sunshine and a cloudless sky, when a large number of past and serving members and their families assembled on the cricket ground.

Brigadier Barclay's XI were doing battle in the middle with Colonel Heal's XI, whilst the Regimental Band played light music to the delight of those for whom the cricket was either too dull, or suggested danger by the number of balls being hit for six.

By the time the Band, now augmented by the Drums of the 1st Battalion, commenced to Beat Retreat there was a muster of about 2,000. The performance was much admired and appreciated and is now being looked upon as an annual event to which many look forward.

Our newly arranged Museum in Britannia House received its first public airing and was visited by some 700-800 people, the last of these being persuaded to leave at about 9.30 p.m. We were pleased to see some of those who had not been present at these functions for some years, and we hope they have since spread the news about the many old friends they met on this occasion. We have heard it said by some of the older members that "there will be no one there who remembers me." To them we would say "come along and see for yourselves." We would welcome many more of the younger generation, too!

Commemoration of the Second Battle of Gaza — 19th April, 1917

The 1/4th Bn. Old Comrades Association attended a service at St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, on the first Sunday in May, to commemorate those who fell in action in this battle. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Willesdon, the Right Reverend G. E. Ingle, who himself served as a sub-altern with the 1st Battalion in France during the First World War.

After the service the Old Comrades assembled in the Memorial Gardens in front of the City Hall where a wreath was laid by Captain W. W. Flatt



Commemoration of the Battle of Gaza. The scene in the City Hall Memorial Gardens in Norwich.
On the left, The Bishop of Willesdon. In the centre, Colonel J. H. Jewson.

(Photo by Eastern Daily Press).

M.C. on behalf of the Association. Among other members present were Colonel J. H. Jewson, Mr. Roland Larking and R.S.M. W. Blyth.

The 3/4th Bn. was represented by Captain G. C. Tyce, Messrs. C. Byford, C. Dye and A. Gristwood, whilst Major W. G. Cripps represented the Norfolk Section of the 1st East Anglian Regiment Past and Present Association. The only uniformed person present was Major A. W. J. Turnbull, then Adjutant of the 4th Battalion.

Reunion Dinner at Norwich

250 members were present at the annual reunion dinner held, as usual, in Britannia Barracks on the last Saturday in September. There was a contingent of 40 from the London Branch, who brought along as their guest Mr. R. Bates, father of the late Corporal Sidney Bates, V.C. A party of 12 came from the Downham Market area and there were many present who had not been to one of these functions for a long time. Nearly fifty past and serving officers were among the party which sat down to dinner with Brigadier Barclay presiding.

Messages of greeting were sent to Her Majesty the Queen, the Colonel-in-Chief and to the 1st Battalion. The text of the replies received were as follows :—

From Her Majesty The Queen :

“Please convey to the members of the Norfolk Section of the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) Past and Present Association

assembled for their annual reunion dinner at Britannia Barracks this evening, the sincere thanks of the Queen for their kind and loyal message which Her Majesty very greatly appreciates.”

From Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief :

“I have received your kind telegram with deep appreciation and I send you and all members of the Norfolk Section of the 1st East Anglian Regiment my best wishes for a very happy annual dinner.”

From the 1st Battalion :

“Best wishes from all ranks of the 1st Battalion for a successful and happy reunion. Regret representation again impossible owing to training in the British Zone of Germany.”

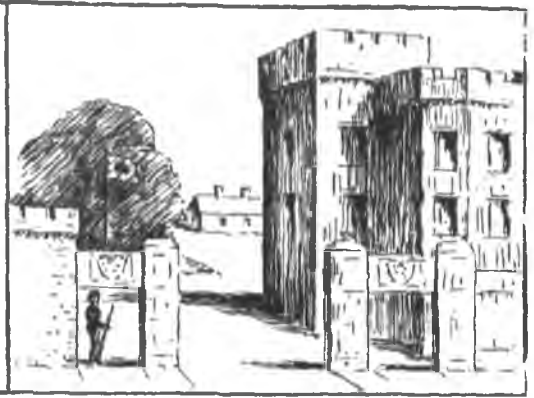
The messages were read out at the dinner by Brigadier Barclay, who, in his speech, referred to the work of the Association in the relief of distress among former members. He reminded all present that they could play an important part in the essential work of getting young men from Norfolk and Suffolk to join the Regiment. The matter was, he said, of some urgency and he asked everyone to make an earnest endeavour to get recruits.

The 4th Battalion helped considerably with the arrangements for the dinner and also provided bed and breakfast for more than 50 guests who wished to stay the night.

It was a most successful and enjoyable reunion and it is hoped that next year's attendance will be even greater.



" BEYOND THE GATES "



SUFFOLK SECTION

For the first time since being built, Gibraltar Barracks were almost completely deserted at the end of April, recruits and permanent staff moving over to Blenheim Camp where they will remain until the Barracks have been re-built. It was very strange to walk through the gates and find the square and barrack blocks so devoid of life and activity and to realise that in a very short time demolition gangs will be razing most of the buildings to the ground. However, on Sunday 24th July, the Annual Reunion was held, and once again there came through the gates over four hundred former members of the Suffolk Regiment, both Officers and Other Ranks, all intent on renewing old friendships. Several had travelled long distances, from Devon and Cornwall, the Midlands and the North, and for quite a few it was their first visit for many years. It was good to see Lt. Col. "Jacky" Hill, Major General Goodwin, "Boots" Tricker, Nap Davey, Taffy Williams, Harold Tricker, Sammy Shields, Almen and a host of others whose acquaintance with Gibraltar Barracks dates back many years. Ex-C/Sgt. Jim Upson (formerly of the Band) once again came up from Cornwall and after the Reunion spent a pleasant hour in the "Chequers" renewing his acquaintance with Jim Blake. On holiday from Africa was ex-C.S.M. Bill Stock, who took an emergency Q.M's. commission in the Indian Army and is now serving in the Colonial Prison Service in Kenya. He looked remarkably fit and well. Only one member from the Royal Hospital was able to attend this year, In-Pensioner Charlie Petch, who is usually to be found in Bury at this time of year. It is understood that "Flossie" Foreman is on a diet and so could not bring himself to come down and watch other people enjoying their refreshments!

The day started as usual with a Drumhead Service, conducted by The Senior Chaplain, East Anglian District, the Rev. J. F. O. Bown, and the lesson was read by Brigadier Maxwell. We were very fortunate in having the Band and Drums of the 1st East Anglian Regiment, who were in the U.K. The Band played at the Service and gave a musical programme during the afternoon, whilst in the evening the Band and Drums Beat Retreat. This item was filmed by a B.B.C. T/V Unit and broadcast in "Town and Around" on 25 July. The performance was

greatly appreciated by the spectators. Throughout the afternoon there was a cricket match, East Anglian Brigade versus The Gentlemen of Suffolk, and the Museum as usual attracted a number of visitors on this, its last public opening for some time to come. The Museum was originally the Recruit Block and hundreds of lads must have spent the first few days of their Army life therein. It is now to be altered and will eventually house not only the Museum but also the Suffolk Branch of the Regimental Headquarters.

We regret to announce that the following have passed to the Great Beyond:—

Ex-R.S.M. Frank Noonan and Ex-Pte. G. Eustace, both of them In-Pensioners of the Royal Hospital.

Ex-Q.M.S. Charles Coultan, who originally served in the old 2nd Volunteer Battalion and joined the 5th Battalion (T.A.) on its formation. Mr. Coultan presented several items of Volunteer uniform to the Museum.

Ex-Pte. Frederick Thompson, who served in the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiments as a Territorial in both wars.

Yet another former member of the Regiment has become an In-Pensioner at the Royal Hospital. He is ex-Bandsman Fred Crockford, No. 5819198, who served from 1907-1933, mostly with the 2nd Battalion. There are now six members in the Hospital—Crockford, Ex-Pte. Charlie Petch, ex-Cpl. Kenmp, ex-Sgts. Smith and Foreman, and ex-Cpl. Chilcott. Ex-Pte. O. Lavender, M.M., who was admitted last year, has recently left and reverted to Out-Pension. There can be no doubt that Chelsea is a great institution, providing not only a home for the elderly retired soldier but also that spirit of comradeship to which he is accustomed.

Ipswich Branch

In spite of long hours and hard work (!) put in by our members on Gardens, Allotments, House Painting and Night duty — and Holidays — we have had a reasonable attendance at our meetings during the Spring and Summer months.

The usual programme for the meeting is assemble from 7.30 p.m., a few games of "House," a Name Card draw, a "Break for refreshment" and finally, a bumper "House" to finish the evening's activities.

On 24th July a party of 25 visited Bury St. Edmunds for the Annual Reunion. The weather was very kind to us and fully enjoyed meeting old friends again. We fully appreciate the work of the Committee for laying on good programme for the day — with special mention for the Band Programmes.

At our meeting on 19th August, Mr. Phillips brought along a bunch of gladioli for disposal. It was decided to raffle them, this bringing in 7/- to the fund and the raffle being won by Mr. Given. He, having plenty of gladioli in his garden, split the bunch in two and gave them to Mrs. Manning and "Peg's Mum." Nice gestures on the part of both members.

Whilst Mr. Lummis was on holiday at Poole, Dorset, he travelled over to Barton on Sea to pay

our regards to Major and Mrs. Garrard. He found them quite comfortable in their new bungalow with Walter very pleased with the first year's garden produce and Mrs. Garrard feeling very much better since living in the Sunny South. Another visit whilst on holiday was made by Mr. Wyartt to Dave Matthews (ex-Sig. Sgt., 1st Bn.) who lives at Fording-bridge, Hants. Dave is fairly fit in spite of having to be very careful with his diet due to stomach trouble of long standing. Mrs. Matthews is very well — and to be sure a few back pages were turned over! Blackdown and Crownhill days!

George Parker has changed his job and is now on shift work at the Beet Sugar Factory. He is now able to attend our meetings more often. He does not now use the term "Us Engineers" which at one time rather upset our stalwarts "Putt" and "Lummis".

We were pleased to see Mr. Wright at our last meeting and to hear that he had at last started work again although on a lighter type of job. We trust he will maintain the upgrade to better health.

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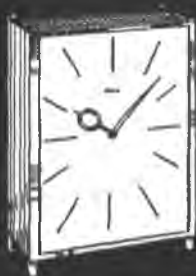
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