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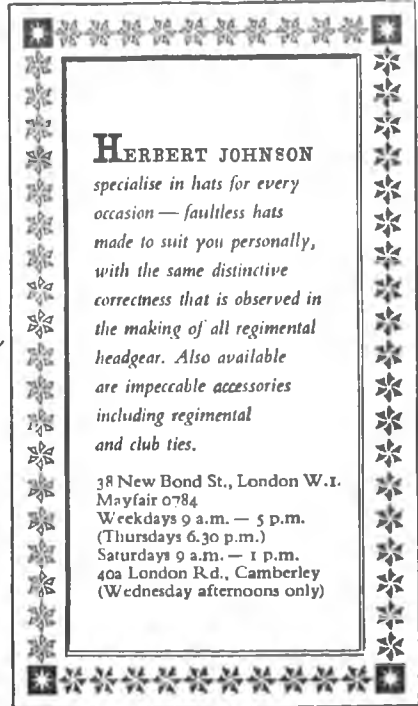
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The Great War — 42 Battalions — Mons — Le Cateau — Retreat from Mons — Marne, 1914 — Aisne, 1914 — La Bassee, 1914 — Givenchy, 1914 — Ypres, 1914, '15, '17, '18 — Neuve Chapelle — Gravenstafel — St. Julien — Frezenberg — Bellewaarde — Aubers — Hooge, 1915 — Loos — Somme, 1916, '18 — Albert, 1916, '18 — Bazentin — Delville Wood — Pozieres — Guillemont — Fliers Courcellette — 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 al 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 — Brioux Bridgehead — Falaise — Venralj — 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.

Uniform — Blue Piping — Yellow
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Regular Battalion : 1st — Berlin (British Forces Post Office 45)

Territorial Battalions:

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

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(Compiled from official records and information available on 31st January, 1961)

(a) REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Cols.

Brinkley, W. H., p.s.c. Deputy O.i/c Records, Exeter.
 Bevan, W. S., O.B.E., p.s.c. Ministry of Defence.
 Brown, C. R. M., D.S.O., p.s.c. G.S.O. 1 & Dep. Cmd. Royal Hong-Kong Defence Force.
 Springfield, G. T. O., p.s.c., f.s. 4th Bn. Suffolk Regiment (T.A.).
 Campbell, A. F., M.C., p.s.c. 1st Battalion.

Majors

Greef, A. O., M.C. Clothing & Equipment Research Establishment, Farnborough.
 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.c., p.s.c. (Bt. Lt.-Col.) G.S.O.1, War Office.
 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.
 Lywood, K. C. G. Trg. Officer, Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Mason, F. E. I., A.M.I., W.S. Army Work Study Group.

Captains

Styles, T. H. 1st Battalion.
 Gillmore, A. H. V., M.C. Staff College, Camberley.
 Starling, J. G., M.C., p.s.c. (T/Major) Bde. Major, 158 Inf. Bde. (T.A.).
 Emsden, B. H. C. Staff College, Camberley.
 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. (T/Major) Deputy Comdt., Mobile Special Police Force, Mauritius.
 Pullen, H. N. D., p.l. 1st West India Regiment.
 Fleming, F. R., p.s.c. (T/Major) D.A.A.G., East Anglian Brigade.
 Cobbold, A. G. B. Staff Captain, H.Q., 19th Inf. Bde.
 Godfrey, F. A., M.C. British C-in-C's. Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany.
 Holman, R. M. (T/Major) Aden Protectorate Levies.
 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. 5 Int. Pl., Bulford.
 Catchpole, A. K. 1st Battalion.
 Jones, J. G., M.B.E. Staff Captain (Q), British Forces, Aden Protectorate.
 Murphy, B. M. G.S.O.3, G.H.Q., Middle East Land Forces.
 Dean, T. D. G.S.O.3, H.Q., 4 Div.
 Beck, S. G. 1st Battalion.
 Heath, J. R. 1st Battalion.
 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. 4th Bn. Suffolk Regiment (T.A.).
 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.
 Thorne, M. E. School of Infantry, Sigs. Wing, Hythe.

Lieutenants

Gowing, R. D. East Anglian Brigade Depot.
 Gunton, B. J. M. Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Bde.
 Trevethick, R. L. East Anglian Brigade, Junior Bandmen and
Junior Drummers Establishment.
 Reynell, N. Held Strength, Depot, East Anglian Bde.
 Morris, J. Y. Nigerian Military Forces.
 Morton, P. W. 1st Battalion.
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 Peat, W. J. B. Trucial Oman Scouts.
 Lewis, N. J. Attd. Parachute Regiment.
 Lunh, M. J. R. 1st Battalion.
 Coates, K. 2nd Bn. Parachute Regiment.
 Rowsell, S. A. J. Depot, East Anglian Brigade.
 Bailey, D. R. 1st Battalion.
 Jefferson, A. W. 1st Battalion.

2nd Lieutenants

Horrex, H. R. 1st Battalion.
 Conder, E. H. 1st Battalion.
 O'Meara, M. P. R. 3rd East Anglian Regiment.
 Reeve, W. H. 1st Battalion.
 Turner-Cain, M. G. 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.).
 McColl, N. (Lieut.) 1st Battalion.

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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.
 Prosser, B. 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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Titmarsh, H. H. D.A.D. Lands, B.A.O.R.
 Parker, T. R. G.S.O.3, War Office.
 Buckingham, D. G. Adm. Officer, G.H.Q., FARELF.
 Powell, K. W. Staff Captain, Cyprus.

(d) REGULAR ARMY — NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS**2nd Lieutenants**

Mather, C. A. S. 1st Battalion.
 Abbott, R. J. 1st Battalion.
 Belcher, D. J. A. Nigerian Military Forces.
 Vivian, G. T. 1st Battalion.
 Jones, G. A. 1st Battalion.
 Wilson, F. 1st Battalion.
 Wright, P. N. 1st Battalion.

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

Brigadiers

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

Freeland, I. H., D.S.O.,
 i.d.c., p.s.c. G.O.C. designate, H.Q., East Anglian
 District.

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.) B.G.S., H.Q., Land Forces, Arabian
 Peninsula.

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. Col. 'Q' (Logistics), A.L.F.C.E.

Lieut.-Colonels

Fraser, D. U., M.B.E.,
 f.s. (Emp. List I) Admin Comdt., School of Infantry,
 Warminster.

Hallett, J. N. R.,
 M.B.E., j.s.s.c., p.s.c.
 (Emp. List I) G.S.O.(, Allied Forces, Northern Europe.

Dewar, K. M. J.,
 O.B.E., p.s.c. (Emp.
 List I) O.C., Ghana Training Centre.

Burton, R. S. M.,
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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. D.A.Q.M.G., 'Q' (Ops. I), War Office.

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 Ghurka Rifles.

Oddie, W. R. A. Para. Regiment.

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

EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE

7th October, 1960.

REGULAR ARMY.

National Service List.

Cadet P. N. Wright (466371) to be 2nd Lt. 13th August, 1960.

28th October, 1960.

REGULAR ARMY.

Lt.-Col. H. M. Wilson, M.C., Emp. List 1 (Late 1 E. Anglian) having exceeded retiring age is placed on retired pay, 31st October, 1960. (Reserve liability).

1st November, 1960.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

R. NORFOLK.

Peter F. Gedge to be 2nd Lt. (on probation) 30th September, 1960.

SUFFOLK.

Cpl. Barry P. James to be 2nd Lt. (on probation) 30th September, 1960.

18th November, 1960.

REGULAR ARMY.

Capt. K. C. G. Lywood to be Major, 23rd November, 1960.

9th December, 1960.

REGULAR ARMY.

Capt. F. E. I. Mason to be Major, 12th December, 1960.

Lt. M. E. Thorne to be Capt., 13th December, 1960.

23rd December, 1960.

REGULAR ARMY.

Short Service Commission.

Cadet Brian Prosser to be 2nd Lt., 8th October, 1960.

27th December, 1960.

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to 22221487 Colour Sergeant Raymond Henry John Hewitt, 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk & Suffolk) in recognition of distinguished service in Malaya for the period 1st January to 31st July, 1960.

6th January, 1961.

REGULAR ARMY.

Short Service Commission.

Major P. E. Green (Emp. List 3) relinquishes his commission on completion of service, 8th January, 1961, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

20th January, 1961.

MEMORANDA.

Major R. S. M. Burton from 1 E. Anglian to be Lt.-Col. on the Emp. List 1, 4th December, 1960.

EDITORIAL

It seems to be a common human weakness, or is it misfortune, that many people, when picking up a newspaper or magazine have neither the time nor the inclination to read more than the headlines or, perhaps, the leading articles. It is for this reason that we feel a particular responsibility in this matter. We like to think that, even if our readers do not read all that is written in our journal from the first page to the last, the pace of life being what it is, they do, at least, read the editorial.

We have, however, been exercised in our minds as to what should be our theme in this our anniversary number.

Perhaps, first and foremost, we should wish ourselves many happy returns of the day, since, not having received any such wishes yet, it seems that nobody else is going to do so. Secondly it seems that this should be the place to highlight some of the main events of Regimental interest that have taken place since our last publication. In this connection perhaps the most important would seem to be the change of command of the 1st Battalion. In November Lt.-Col. C. R. Murray-Brown handed over command to Lt.-Col. A. F. Campbell. To both we venture to offer our very best wishes in their new appointments. To the former a special word of gratitude is due. It was he who had to bear the brunt of the period of amalgamation. It can safely be said that it was due very largely to his personality, patience and tact that the amalgamation of our two former 1st Battalions went through so smoothly, that the present 1st Battalion is a united team, and that the past, if not forgotten, is, at least, remembered with a little less nostalgia.

At the time of writing the 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment and the 1st Bn. The Cambridgeshire Regiment are busy working out the problems connected with their own amalgamation. We know, from somewhat bitter experience, that however well oiled the machinery, a certain amount of squeaks and knocks must inevitably emerge during an operation of this nature.

We can only express the hope that these will iron themselves out quickly and easily.

We are writing, from necessity, just before Christmas and, no doubt, the season will be attended by the usual festivities at home and overseas. As we shall not be appearing until some ten weeks after Christmas it is difficult to know what to say except to wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and at the same time to express the hope that they did, in fact, have one.

REGIMENTAL NEWS

The 1st Battalion is due to return to the United Kingdom in early July, 1961. Their future station is not yet known.

Officers' Dinner Club

The first dinner of The 1st East Anglian Regiment Officers' Dinner Club was held at the United Service Club on Thursday, 27th October. Brigadier R. H. Maxwell was in the chair and the following officers attended:—

Colonel R. H. Andrew, C.B.E., M.C., Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Atkins, Lieutenant D. R. Baily, Lieut.-Colonel L. J. Baker, M.C., Major J. Barnes, Brigadier F. P. Barclay, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., Colonel N. M. Barnadiston, Lieut.-Colonel W. S. Bevan, O.B.E., Major R. C. Briegel, Major H. M. Burton, Major E. G. W. Browne, Major W. J. Calder, Colonel J. F. Carroll, C.B.E., Captain A. K. Catchpole, Colonel H. R. R. Conder, O.B.E., 2/Lieutenant E. H. Conder, G. P. V. Creagh, Esq., Lieut.-Colonel T. M. Creasey, Colonel A. M. Cutbill, M.C., Lieut.-Colonel H. W. Dean, Major J. B. Dye, M.C., Major T. P. Farrelly, T.D., Major C. J. V. Fisher-Hoch, Lieut.-Colonel W. D. Flower, T.D., Lieut.-Colonel D. U. Fraser, M.B.E., Brigadier I. H. Freeland, D.S.O., Colonel R. P. Freeman-Taylor, Major C. M. Fyson, Brigadier H. P. Gardham, C.B.E., Captain A. H. V. Gillmore, M.C., Colonel Sir Robert Gooch, Bart., D.S.O., D.L., J.P., Lieut.-Colonel G. T. E. Grey, Colonel W. A. Heal, O.B.E., Captain J. R. Heath, Captain A. C. Herbert, Captain F. E. Herring, Colonel J. H. Harrison, T.D., M.P., Major M. F. R. Lightfoot, Major E. T. Lummis, Canon W. M. Lummis, Major K. C. G. Lywood, Captain J. P. Macdonald, Major A. P. McArthur, Lieut.-Colonel F. R. Marshall, Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, C.B., Colonel F. A. Milnes, Lieut.-Colonel E. W. Montgomerie, M.C., Major G. G. Moir, Major E. H. Morgan, M.B.E., M.C., Lt.-Colonel J. P. L. Mostyn, Lt.-Colonel C. R. Murray Brown, D.S.O., Colonel W. N. Nicholson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Captain J. G. M. North, Colonel F. V. Osborne, Lieut.-Colonel A. Parkin, O.B.E., Lieut.-Colonel J. M. Petit, M.B.E., Major J. R. B. Prescott, M.C., Brigadier E. M. Ransford, C.B.E., Major A. J. Robertson, Brigadier V. C. Russel, D.S.O., M.C., Major J. M. Smyth, Major-General H. P. Sparks, C.B.E., M.C., Lieut.-Colonel G. T. O. Springfield, Major J. G. Starling, Major P. H. L. Straghan, M.C., Captain D. C. Thorne, Captain M. E. Thorne, Major P. D. F. Thursby, Major A. W. J. Turnbull, M.C., Brigadier G. R. Turner-Cain, D.S.O., Major J. W. Tyndale, N. St. J. Watkins, Esq., Major C. C. Wells, Brigadier I. L. Wight, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.L., Brigadier C. J. Wilkinson, D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Wilson, Major P. G. Wilson, M.C.

The following officers expressed their regrets that they were unable to attend:—

Brigadier E. H. W. Backhouse, D.L., Lieut.-Colonel R. G. D. Hare, Major E. E. Pearson, Brigadier R. P. Scott, D.S.O., Colonel G. H. Winter.

The following messages were despatched:

To:—The Private Secretary to Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.

“Officers Past and Present of The 1st East Anglian Regiment dining together at the United Service Club send loyal greetings to Her Royal Highness their Colonel-in-Chief.”

To :—1st Bn. The 1st East Anglian Regiment.
“Officers Past and Present of the Regiment assembled tonight for dinner at the United Service Club send very best wishes. The thoughts of everyone present are with you tonight. We much regret more of you not able to be present.”

The following replies were received :—

From :—Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.
“Thank you so much for your kind message which I was delighted to receive. Please convey to all officers Past and Present of the 1st East Anglian Regiment who are dining together tonight my best wishes for a very happy evening.

Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief.”

From :—1st Bn. The 1st East Anglian Regiment.
“All officers of the battalion send best wishes to you for a most successful first dinner. We hope to come in force in the near future.

Forrest, for Commanding Officer.”

SUFFOLK SECTION RE-UNION 1961 (Past and Present Association)

It is hoped to hold the Re-union, Suffolk Section, at Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds, on Sunday, 23rd July, 1961.

The Band and Drums, 1st East Anglian Regiment, are expected to arrive in England on 13th June, followed by the Regiment in July. It is hoped to have the services of the Band and Drums at the Re-union.

Similar arrangements to last year's Re-union will be made on the Recreation Ground.

Sergeants' (Past and Present) Annual Dinner

The annual dinner of the 1st East Anglian Regiment Sergeants' Dinner Club (Past and Present) was held at Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds, on Saturday, 22nd October, 1960, under the chairmanship of Colonel W. A. Heal, Brigade Colonel, East Anglian Brigade. About 80 members and guests were present, the latter including Brigadier E. H. W. Backhouse, a former Colonel of The Suffolk Regiment, and Colonel A. M. Cutbill, who commanded 1st Bn. The Suffolk Regiment before the last war.

After the toast of the Queen followed that of the Colonel-in-Chief, The Princess Margaret. Her Royal Highness sent a telegram thanking the members of the Club for their message of loyal greeting on the occasion of the dinner, and sending her best wishes for a happy evening. A telegram of greetings was also received from Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, Colonel of the 1st East Anglian Regiment.

Colonel Heal, whose health was proposed by ex-O.R.Q.M.S. F. Holloway, said that Gibraltar Barracks were now empty except for a few occupants. Rebuilding originally due to begin in January 1961, would not now begin until the following June at the earliest, although certain repair work and painting was being carried out in the meantime. The final clearance of the Barracks would probably take place in December this year.

The East Anglian Brigade Depot was now a

going concern, with some 200 recruits under training, of whom 80 were regular soldiers and 120 national servicemen. There were two more national service intakes, the last one being in November. In addition, there were some 50-60 junior bandsmen and drummers, who were of very good standard.

Colonel Heal went on to say that the regular recruiting requirement was 17 per month, but at present only about 8 were coming in. At this rate, when the last national serviceman left, the strength of the regular battalion would be very low, and he appealed to all present to do their best to encourage young men to join. At this time the Forces were competing against good employment but, said Colonel Heal, a soldier's pay was equivalent to £9-£10 in civilian life and with good prospects.

Speaking of the Battalion, stationed in Berlin, Colonel Heal informed the gathering that Lt.-Col. C. R. Murray Brown would shortly relinquish command, his successor being Lt.-Col. A. F. Campbell. Lt.-Col. Campbell, who won the M.C. whilst serving with the 1st Bn. The Suffolk Regiment in Malaya, wrote the book “Jungle Green,” and is the son of a former commanding officer of the Regiment, Lt.-Col. W. M. Campbell, D.S.O., M.C.

Colonel Heal concluded by thanking the Commander of the Brigade Depot and his staff for making available accommodation for the dinner.

The toast of “Absent Comrades” was given by ex-O.R.Q.M.S. F. Holloway.

Major H. R. Cotton then introduced a surprise toast to Colonel A. M. Cutbill, who, he said, had been a very loyal supporter of the Dinner Club for many years, travelling from York to attend the annual dinners. The toast was supported by the singing of “For he's a jolly good fellow.” Replying, Colonel Cutbill expressed his deep appreciation of the toast, stating it was a great pleasure to attend and that he hoped to do so as long as he could walk. Colonel Cutbill, who is 76, was commissioned in the Suffolk Regiment in 1904. He was awarded the M.C. at the battle of Le Cateau, when he was Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion. He commanded the 1st Battalion from 1933 to 1937, and was Officer in charge of Records, York, until his retirement in 1944.

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Note.—This Club was formed as The “Suffolk Regiment Sergeants' Dinner Club (Past and Present)” in 1906, since when a Dinner has been held every year, with the exception of the two war periods. It was renamed The 1st East Anglian Regiment Sergeants' Dinner Club (Past and Present) in 1959. Membership is open to all serving and retired W.Os. and Sergeants of The 1st East Anglian Regiment, and the former Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments. Officers, serving or retired, who were Mess Members before being commissioned, and W.Os. and Sergeants of the Territorial Battalions are also eligible. The annual subscription is 5/-; members attending the dinner pay an additional sum (usually 7/6d.) towards its cost. Those interested in joining this Club are invited to write to the Hon. Secretary, Sergeants' Dinner Club, c/o R.H.Q., 1st East Anglian Regiment (Suffolk Branch), Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds, giving brief details of their service.

Honorary Membership— Brigade Depot Officers' Mess

The Brigade Colonel, Commanding Officer and Officers of the East Anglian Brigade Depot hope that all serving Regular and Territorial Officers, and retired Regular Officers of regiments of the East Anglian Brigade will consider themselves honorary members of the Brigade Depot Officers' Mess.

It is hoped that any officers who are passing through, or near, Bury St. Edmunds, will take the opportunity to visit the Depot.

It would be helpful if prior warning could be given of meals or accommodation required.

The Wolfe Society

The annual dinner of the Wolfe Society was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, on Monday, 2nd January, 1961, when representatives of 15 of the 17 Regiments which are members of the Society were among the 74 people present. Unfortunately, a last-minute hitch prevented the 1st East Anglian Regiment from being represented. Mr. J. S. P. Armstrong, Agent-General for Ontario, was the principal speaker.

War Graves in Singapore

Mrs. M. Hood, who is in Singapore with her husband serving with the Royal Air Force, has written to a local newspaper saying how well the war graves are maintained in that area, and offers to send a photograph of any grave, if she is supplied with the essential particulars.

Mrs. Hood's address is No. 15 (F) Squadron, Tebok Pakn, R.A.F. Changi, Singapore, 17.

Regular Forces Employment Association

Out of 9319 ex-regular soldiers who registered with this Association during 1960, 7639 were placed in employment, a percentage of placings to registrations of 82%. 45 members of the Regiment were included in these figures.

There is a branch of this organisation operating in the locality of every Regular Soldier's home. The exact address can be obtained from the local Post Office or from Section Secretaries of the Past and Present Association.

Regimental Shield for School of Infantry

The Regiment has presented a crested shield to the School of Infantry.

"The Shield is admired by all of us here and will take its place with others in Blenheim Hall," writes the Commandant.

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PERSONALITIES



Brigadier E. W. H. Backhouse, C.B.E., D.L.

We were delighted to hear of the appointment of Brigadier E. H. W. Backhouse to be a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and extend to him our most sincere congratulations.



Lt.-Col. G. T. O. Springfield, retiring in April.

Lt.-Col. George Springfield, who is at present commanding 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment (T.A.), retires from active soldiering in April after 25 years service with the Regiment.

Entering the Supplementary Reserve of the Regiment in 1935, he received a regular commission two

years later and joined the 2nd Bn. in India. He was later appointed A.D.C. to the G.O.C. Bombay District and then returned to regimental duty in Rasmak.

During the Second World War he held the appointments of Instructor at an Officers' Training School in India and at the School of Infantry besides serving with the Regiment in Burma under Lt.-Col. H. R. Hopking, O.B.E., and qualifying at the Staff College.

Staff appointments after the war included those of Brigade Major to four different Brigades in a little over two years — one of these Brigades being commanded by the now Major-General R. E. Goodwin, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. Then came a course at the Royal Air Force Staff College and service in the Gold Coast where he commanded the Training Centre at Daru.

Service with the Regiment in Germany in 1955 was followed by rather more active soldiering in Cyprus where he was mentioned in despatches. Then to command of the Regimental Depot at Bury St. Edmunds and finally to his present command of the 4th Battalion.

Colonel Springfield had much to do with the work of the Amalgamation Committee prior to the formation of the 1st East Anglian Regiment and, before he leaves, will have seen that the merging of the 4th Suffolk and 1st Cambridgeshire has got off to a good start.

To him and Mrs. Springfield we wish the very best of luck for the future.

Brigadier G. R. Turner-Cain will become Brigadier, General Staff, Rhine Army, next June. His son Michael was commissioned into the Regiment last December.

Brigadier A. J. C. Prickett also becomes Brigadier, General Staff. His appointment is with the Land Forces, Arabian Peninsula, and dates from March, 1961.

Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Brinkley has left H.Q. Western Command and moved to Exeter where he occupies the chair of Deputy Officer in charge of Records.

Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Wilson has retired from the active list after 28 years service and has taken up a "retired officer's" appointment at H.Q., Southern Command.

Major F. R. Fleming, who has just completed a course at the Staff College in Quetta, is the new D.A.A.G. at H.Q., East Anglian Brigade.

Mr. Gordon Wright, former R.S.M. of 2nd Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment, has returned to his home at Downham Market after more than a year in a Yorkshire hospital, following a road accident.

Mr. Bill Medhurst who was employed in the Orderly Rooms at Norwich and Bury St. Edmunds for a very long while is attending a course at Croydon. He is training to become a Warehouse Manager with Marks & Spencer.

Captain C. M. J. Barnes has announced his engagement to Miss Myrtle Leach of Kingsand, Cornwall. Their marriage has been arranged for Easter Monday, 3rd April.

The engagement is announced between Lt.-Cdr. William Beauchamp Tower, Royal Navy, son of Major R. B. Tower, M.C., late The Sherwood Foresters, and Mrs. Tower, of 31 Wyke Road, Weymouth, and Gillian Mary, daughter of the late Major R. W. Leach, late Suffolk Regiment, and of Mrs. Leach, of Old Walls Camberley.

Captain A. W. Blackmore, who served with the

1st Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment and the 1st Bn. The Suffolk Regiment between the years 1947-1953 and then transferred to the R.A.S.C. writes to say that his address is now "Pratsham," Holmbury St. Mary, near Dorking, Surrey, and he would be delighted to see anyone in the Regiment who happens to be in that area.

He says that he has recently met Derek Bloomfield who was also with the 1st Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment at the same time. He is now an air line pilot with Skyways.

Major T. R. Fisher, who retired from the Royal Norfolk Regiment in October, 1958, was ordained last September and is now a curate at Melton Mowbray. He and his wife have recently adopted an infant daughter who was christened Jane Annette by her new father. She is a sister for Richard.

Lieut.-Colonel F. C. Atkinson has returned from New Zealand and is now living at The Old Manse, Guestwick, Norfolk.

Mr. "Bungay" Francis who served as a Sergeant with the 1st Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment for some years, is living near Chessington and wishes to be remembered to all his old friends.

Major P. D. F. Thursby is attending a course at the Joint Services Staff College.

Major F. E. I. Mason is an Associate Member, The Institute of Work Study, and says he believes that he is the only Infantry officer member of this civilian institute.

Major A. J. Robertson, at present G.S.O.2 (Int.) at H.Q., B.A.O.R., will take over command of 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.) in January, 1962.

Major E. H. Morgan will return to the 1st Bn. when the amalgamation of the 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment and 1st Bn. The Cambridgeshire Regiment is complete. Captain R. G. Wilson is to be the first Adjutant of the amalgamated battalion.

Captain A. B. Horrex, who has handed over Adjutancy of the 1st Bn. to Captain J. R. Heath, is joining the Ghana Army in July.

Captain P. D. L. Hopper rejoins the 1st Bn. from a Staff appointment at H.Q. 4th Division in March.

Major (Q.M.) A. R. Curtis on leave from Sierra Leone called at R.H.Q. in November. He is returning to West Africa for a further tour before retirement in September, 1962.

Captain (Q.M.) T. C. Warren will become the Q.M. of the amalgamated Territorial Battalion.

Lieut. (Q.M.) H. H. Norman will be posted to the 1st Bn. when the amalgamation of 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment and 1st Bn. The Cambridgeshire Regiment is complete. Lieut. (Q.M.) N. McColl goes to the Support Weapons Wing, School of Infantry, Netheravon, when relieved by Lieut. Norman.

L/Cpl. Freddie Wones has recently entered civilian life, after more than 31 years service in the Royal Norfolk and 1st East Anglian Regiments. We are happy to state that he secured employment immediately and is working in Norwich with the Norwich Union Insurance Society.

Ex-C.S.M. George Fryer has been admitted to The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, as an In Pensioner. Mr. Fryer joined the 9th Foot in 1899 and is now 78 years of age. He served with the Regiment in the South African and First World Wars and as a member of the Norfolk Home Guard in World War Two. Before leaving for London Mr. Fryer brought along some interesting old photographs which have been placed in the Regimental Museum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Births

HORNOR.—On 13th October at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to the wife of Major S. S. F. Hornor, a daughter.

CREASEY.—In October at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, to Annette, wife of Lieut.-Colonel T. M. Creasey, a second son.

Marriages

LUNN - JOHNSON.—On 15th October, 1960, at St. James' Church, Sussex Gardens, London, W.2, Lieut. M. J. R. Lunn to Miss Diana Johnson.

LEWIS - BLOOMFIELD.—On 12th November, 1960, at St. Stephen's Church, Ealing, Lieut. N. J. Lewis to Anorah Cicely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bloomfield.

JONES - NANNEY WYNN.—At St. Cadvan's Church, Townyn, on 29th December, 1960, Captain J. G. Jones to Mary, daughter of Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. E. R. Nanney Wynn.

Deaths

TURNER.—On 22nd October, 1960, at 13 St. Edmund's Place, Bury St. Edmunds, after a long illness, James Turner, M.M., late The Suffolk Regiment, aged 63 years.

HARMAN.—On 6th November, 1960, at his home, 16 Marks Way, Sheringham, Major Frank de Winton Harman, late The Norfolk Regiment, aged 81 years.

WARD.—On 30th November, 1960, ex-Sgt. T. Ward, late The Suffolk Regiment, of 14 Hainault Road, Chadwell Heath.

HARTER.—At Langham, Colchester, Major-General James Francis Harter, D.S.O., M.C., late The Suffolk Regiment, aged 72 years.

SCOTT.—On 12th February, 1961, Brigadier Robert Patrick Scott, D.S.O., late The Royal Norfolk Regiment.

OBITUARY

Major F. de W. Harman, The Norfolk Regiment. We regret to announce the death of Major Frank de Winton Harman at the age of 81 years.

Pat Harman, a University candidate for a commission which he received on 24th January, 1900, spent many years of his service overseas, including 10 years with the Egyptian Army from 1908.

During this period he was awarded the Sudan Medal, the D.S.O., three War Medals and two Egyptian Orders. He was three times mentioned in despatches. After the Great War he joined the 2nd Battalion at Thetford and subsequently served in India, Waziristan, Mesopotamia and Aden before returning home in 1924. He retired four years later but joined the Home Guard for service in the Second World War, during which he was awarded the M.B.E.

Despite being immobilised by arthritis for many years Major Harman took considerable interest in regimental affairs.

He leaves a daughter to whom we extend sincere condolences.

Major-General J. F. Harter, D.S.O., M.C. We regret to announce the death, at the age of 72, of Major-General J. F. Harter, D.S.O., M.C.

Commissioned in the Royal Fusiliers, General Harter won the D.S.O., M.C. and Croix-de-Guerre in the First World War, and retired in 1926. In the spring of 1939 he was given command of the 5th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment (T.A.) which was then being re-formed. He held this appointment until being promoted in 1940. General Harter had a sound judgment and exceptional gift in commanding men.

Major P. G. Wilson, M.C., who was General Harter's 2nd-in-command, represented the 5th Battalion at the funeral.

Brigadier R. P. Scott, D.S.O., The Royal Norfolk Regiment. Past members of The Royal Norfolk Regiment will have heard with the deepest regret of the death of Brigadier R. P. Scott, D.S.O. Born on the 7th May, 1898, he passed through Sandhurst at a very early age and was commissioned into The Norfolk Regiment on 7th April, 1916. During the 1st World War he served with the 1st Battalion in France and Belgium where he was wounded three times and was mentioned in despatches. After the war he continued to serve with the 1st Bn. in Ireland, the West Indies, Egypt, China and India. He was seconded to the Sudan Defence Force in December, 1929. He retired from the Active List in 1933 and joined the Cairo City Police, with which force he served until 1938 before transferring to the Palestine Police Force. He was injured whilst on duty with the Cairo City Police and wounded by an Arab grenade whilst on Police duty in Jaffa.

Soon after the outbreak of the 2nd World War he returned to England and joined the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Norfolk Regiment in Yorkshire as 2nd in Command. He went with the Battalion to India in 1942 and commanded the 2nd Inf. Div. Battle School for a year before taking over command of the 2nd Battalion in 1943. He took the Battalion into Burma where he was twice wounded and later awarded the D.S.O. When he had sufficiently recovered from his wounds he assumed command of the 12th Battalion Sherwood Foresters and was later promoted Brigadier. After the war he was a member of the War Office Regular Commission Board before retiring on his 50th birthday.

A former officer of The Royal Norfolk Regiment who served with and knew him well, writes:—

"Robert Scott was the small boy's hero—and most of us, in his presence, became small boys who could only gape and giggle in amazement. He dominated any gathering, not only on account of his great size but because of his tremendous personality. By reason of his exceptionally varied and eventful career he was better known than anyone else in The Royal Norfolk Regiment—once seen, never forgotten. Everything about him was vast; the bed made specially in Shanghai, his golf-bag, his motor-bike, his idea of a meal. He was invariably remembered as an uncommonly robust character. As a raconteur he was quite unique; it was an education to listen to his description of anyone of whom he disapproved.

But behind this rugged façade there was a warm-heartedness, a kindness—even gentleness—and a burning loyalty to his Country, his Regiment, his friends, which those who knew him well will always remember. As one would expect, he was unusually good at games; rugby, cricket and golf were probably his best, in spite of his blind eye, and he was a good shot.

He was an unruly subaltern and an independently-minded captain; as a C.O. he was supreme. He contrived to get back to the Regiment from the Palestine Police soon after the start of the War, when he was years older than others of equivalent rank. He eventually commanded the 2nd Battalion in the 1944 campaign at Assam. His training of the battalion had been original and imaginative; in battle he commanded it with complete assurance and tremendous drive."



1st BATTALION

"THE VIKINGS"

Some of you in East Anglian may be wondering by now about references in the Press to the "Vikings."

This is the nickname the 1st Battalion has acquired in Berlin. It has been the cry of our spectators on the touchline and at the ringside, during the past two months. It is a nickname by which we are also known to all our neighbouring units in Berlin.

We are not disclaiming our official title nor are we dissociating ourselves from Norfolk and Suffolk. We are adopting a nickname which has appealed to the Battalion's imagination and fired off a new enthusiasm.

GENERAL NEWS

The period under review covers the busiest part of the year. Among the many events, our month's training in the Zone—the visit of the Colonel of the Regiment on our return—the Annual Administrative Inspection, just prior to the change-over in command, and the Christmas celebrations, stand out.

In addition to all these highlights, we have just heard that the battalion is due to be relieved by the D.L.I. in July and that we shall be returning to the U.K.—station not yet known. This last caught us all by surprise and has been greeted with mixed feelings by many who have been treated with great kindness by the German population of Kladow and surrounding districts. This manifests itself in the number of soldiers who have already married local girls and many others now hastily preparing to do the same.

To take things in their rightful order, we left for Sennelager in late September and were fortunate to find good weather for the first fortnight, after a generally poor summer. The excellent ranges at Sennelager, which many readers will know, are designed to train soldiers in the use of their weapons up to Coy. group level. This sort of training is not possible in Berlin and was a welcome change. From Sennelager the Bn. moved to Soltau to carry out training for the last fortnight, supported by a

squadron of the 8th Canadian Hussars. We finished our training by carrying out a Brigade Exercise which the Brigade Commander and his staff came down from Berlin to watch. This exercise successfully completed, the Bn. drove back to Berlin. The Russian officer at the Helmstedt check-point remarked, with a touch of humour, that he presumed our Mobats were for "peaceful purposes."

Shortly after our return Brigadier Barclay, Associate Colonel of the Regiment, paid us a visit. A few days later the Colonel of the Regiment arrived in Berlin. He was welcomed by a Battalion ceremonial parade, the last to be commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Murray Brown.

Brigadier Maxwell had a full programme, visiting all the Companies and the Sergeants' Mess, a dinner night in the Officers' Mess and a cocktail party at which all the wives were present. In spite of this he managed to give a dinner party of his own, to which a large number of officers were invited.

We hope that he enjoyed himself as much as we enjoyed having him.

The rest of November up to the day of the Administrative Inspection was taken up in preparation. This period is normally looked upon as the least productive of all during the year but how necessary it all is, as witness the number of skeletons which came to light. All the hard work put into these preparations turned out to be time well-spent as our Brigade Commander, Brigadier C. J. Hamilton, C.B.E., D.S.O., was delighted with all he saw and his report subsequently confirmed this.

Colonel Murray Brown could thus, with pride and satisfaction, hand over to Colonel Campbell, and on 1st December with the Band and Drums playing and soldiers lining the route he left for England and a short period of leave, before taking up his new appointment in Hong Kong. We wish him and his wife every success and much happiness in the future.

Just before Christmas a directive and programme of events was issued covering, among other things, the selection of five major Gladiator Sports to get priority over the others, and an exciting skiing programme for young officers and soldiers, providing for ski-ing parties to go to Lermoos in Austria and Silberhutte in the Harz mountains. The Christmas programme started early with Corporals and Sergeants Mess draws, Company parties in their various Coy. clubs, the Children's party run by the P.R.I. in the N.A.A.F.I., the Carol Service in the Gymnasium and the Bn. concert and pantomime all leading up to Christmas. The battalion concert and pantomime were excellent, the best the writer can remember for some years. The Bandmaster and Sgt. Dickinson are to be congratulated on its production.

Christmas and Boxing Days followed the normal pattern and were, in turn, followed by a successful party for the German Staff children and children from the local orphanage. After this came a well-run and well behaved All Ranks dance and finally the Sergeants Mess New Year Ball, held at the R.A.F. Station Gatow. This saw the old year out.

All during December the battalion had two important visits; the first from Anglia T.V. in the form of Mr. McCormack and his assistant Mr. Yolland. They filmed aspects of battalion life, including a shot of the Officers and Sergeants having a Christmas drink together in the Officers' Mess.



Guard of Honour for Air Marshal Sir Humphrey Edwardes Jones, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., under the command of Captain T. H. Styles.

This was shown before the Queen's speech on Christmas Day. Shortly afterwards we entertained Mr. Mutum of the East Anglian Daily Times who came out, at our request, to get sufficient material and photographs for three articles to be published in his paper at Christmas. His articles certainly reflected his enthusiasm for all that he saw, and we enjoyed his visit and hope he will return. Also during this period the Bn. found a Guard of Honour under Captain Styles for Air Marshal Sir Humphrey Edwardes Jones, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., Commander, 2nd Allied Tactical Air Force in Germany, who was paying a farewell visit to Berlin on relinquishing command.

In the field of sport our successes have been limited. The soccer team had to start from scratch under their evergreen captain, Sgt. Watson. The team was up against very strong opposition in the other two regimental teams in the brigade—the King's Own Scottish Borderers and the York & Lancs., who have been relieved by the 2nd Green Jackets (K.R.R.C.). We were soundly beaten by both these teams earlier in the season but after a period of intensive training managed to beat the York & Lancs. at their last meeting, much to everyone's delight. Certain rugby enthusiasts have been heard to mutter that "they can't understand why rugby isn't a major sport." Their playing strength and record to date, however, does not warrant such optimism, although they have beaten the Middlesex

Regiment (on a visit from the Zone) and the 2nd Green Jackets.

At Hockey we are the Brigade champions, having beaten the 2nd Green Jackets 4-0 to go forward into the quarter-finals of the B.A.O.R. Championships. Unfortunately our team is rather senior, with three Majors playing, and it is doubtful if it practises enough, or is fit enough to get through to the final stages.

At Boxing we had an unexpected triumph—beating the King's Own Scottish Borderers 17 points to 13, a score which flattered, as was seen when we boxed against the Green Jackets in the Brigade Final. Although losing every fight we were not disgraced as the opposition was very experienced and their team should go a long way in the Army Championships.

Finally it is with regret that we have said Goodbye to our Padre, the Rev. Howarth, and welcome in his stead his temporary successor, Rev. Williams, who is padre to the Welch Regiment shortly to arrive in Berlin in place of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

OFFICERS' MESS

P. M.C. Major J. B. Dye
Mess Sgt. Sgt. F. Place

After our short stay in Sennelager's lunatic asylum and on the blasted heath between Soltau and Hamburg, we returned to a normal life in Berlin in October.



The Colonel of the Regiment's visit to the 1st Battalion in Berlin.
The Regimental Colours of the former 1st Battalions The Royal Norfolk and the Suffolk Regiments.

A series of arrivals and departures began. We were very pleased to see Brigadier Barclay who was followed shortly by the Colonel of the Regiment. The latter was with us for three days during which we managed to fit in a guest night and a cocktail party into his full programme. He in return held a dinner party in the Maison France in the Kurfürstendamm to which he invited a large number of officers and their wives.

His visit was a great success.

Towards the end of October Richard Wilson left us. We would like to thank him for all the invaluable work he did in connection with the Mess silver. He drove off with rather bald tyres, a luggage rack packed to the sky and Bob Patterson who had just paid us a visit.

Then the influx began. The Mess staff were reinforced by "Kipper" Place and Cpl. Butcher, both of whom we had not seen for far too long. Two "new boys," Brian Prosser and George Vivian, joined us. Dan Baily, Mike Lunn and John Heath returned to the fold, the latter to become Adjutant. All this leading to the climax — the handover.

Colonel Murray Brown, after we had dined him out and he had entertained us to a magnificent Champagne party, departed for England and Hong Kong. We said a sad farewell to both him and Mrs. Murray Brown and at the same time welcomed Colonel and Mrs. Campbell.

Our first notable event after Colonel Campbell's arrival was a fancy dress dance. Major Wiggington

brought ten B.E.A. German air hostesses in a fleet of Volks cars — but not until we had rung him up in the Ku'damm a few times did he arrive with the delightful partners he'd promised us! The dresses, mostly hired from Spandau, were superb but predominantly Russian. The Colonel and Jock MacKay dressed as Cossacks, Dennis Gamberoni looking just like the officer in the little hut at Helmstedt.

In December we were visited by Stephen McCormack and Peter Yolland of Anglia Television. They came out to film shots of Battalion life including a Loyal Toast proposed by Colonel Campbell to all Officers and Sergeants who were gathered in the Officers' Mess. The film was shown on Anglia T.V. on Christmas Day just before Her Majesty's speech. Considering the entertainment they endured, we feel they deserve our congratulations on what they produced. We hope they were able to sleep undisturbed on the plane back to England.

Another welcome guest was Leslie Mutum, Editor of the East Anglian Daily Times, who honoured us with a full page of articles and pictures concerning the Battalion in his paper.

Christmas came and we held an enjoyable family dinner party followed by the customary Officers and Sergeants parties and the football match.

The New Year brought with it a sad departure from which we shall never recover. Major Harold Wiggington decided against all our advice to retire. However, the call of his possible new posting would be enough to lure away any man — the independent

command of a brewery. At his "farewell dinner" Wiggy entertained us to the bitter end, conducting a well-rehearsed orchestra, with a baton in one hand and a jellied trout in the other. The trout fitted easily into the euphonium and "Wiggy" disappeared. Gone are the leg-pulls and that infectious laughter, and his Rolls careering down the Heerstrasse with junior officers clambering along the running board "just going to have a look in the engine room." No more are the lessons we used to have in mixing Martinis, and the bed time stories in the Ku' damm.

We were very pleased to see Mrs. Wiggington among us for a few days before they left and will long remember their departure, with a lump in our throats (and in the background Wiggy chuckles "Gaw! they've swallowed the Chilli peppers; thought the idiots knew by now they weren't tomatoes.")

SERGEANTS' MESS

After the many discomforts of Sennelager and Soltau we again settled down to life in the Mess in the ever-entertaining fashion which is our lot in Berlin, because life in Berlin is never dull, or dreary or ordinary, there's always something happening. We are still holding our week-end social with what amounts to a jamboree evening, once a month.

An event which was certainly out of the ordinary was the farewell to our C.O., Lieut.-Colonel Murray Brown, when the Mess presented to him and Mrs. Murray Brown a silver salver, engraved with the signature of every member of the Mess. The Colonel replied in his usual witty and entertaining manner calling to mind many of the amusing facets of our life since amalgamation.

The festive season opened with a dinner for all members and their ladies. Over sixty sat down to a meal which would have done credit to London's Savoy Hotel. This extremely high standard of catering was due entirely to the efforts of "Bruce" Woodcock, our A.C.C. adviser, and "Lew" Lawson, our genial Mess Caterer.

The next important event apart from several highly successful Company parties, was our Christmas draw which we held on the evening of 17th December. Somehow or other, S/Sgt. "Tiffany" Ridout again excelled himself in his judicious purchasing of prizes from the vast amounts of monies contributed by the Bung Club members, darts and pokey-dice players, and of course the many hundreds of "straight" sales of tickets to members.

Some of us were touched to the heart by the plaintive cry of "Tiffany" only two days before the draw was due: "What on earth can I spend £180 on?" We are pleased to say that Colonel Campbell and Mrs. Campbell accepted an invitation to attend the Draw and were delighted when they won one of the many wonderful prizes.

Many Mess members supported the Bn. Carol Singers on their rounds at Christmas-tide, some as singers and others as lamp-bearers and collectors. One of the latter distinguished himself by "nobbling" the General's A.D.C. for a large subscription while this gentleman was bemused by our rendering of "While Shepherds watched . . ."

Christmas Day was observed in the traditional way by "gunfire" by the troops. The Mess was

selected as a rallying point for Officers and Sergeants prior to serving the troops with their Christmas Dinner. For some odd reason, not yet discovered, all 'H.Q.' Coy. members (both Officers and Sergeants) served the lunch with their cuffs turned back and watch-chains across their chests! The remainder of Christmas Day was spent in married quarters, where the single members were invited as guests.

Boxing Day saw the annual Officers v. Sergeants Football Match which was as riotous as ever, though everyone present was rather dubious about the character dressed in Baby Doll pyjamas and large black moustache! After the match we were most hospitably entertained in the Officers' Mess.

A passing mention must be made of the Mess Darts Team who are leading the Brigade Sergeants Messes Darts League. Captained by "Tiffany" Ridout they have won six games out of seven so far!

The New Year was seen in at the Mess Ball held at R.A.F. Station, Gatow. The Entertainments Committee really excelled themselves; the hall was beautifully decorated, the wine flowed free, the buffet was outstanding, the band superb and a remarkably good time was had by all.

An astute member of the committee added to the fun and games by decreeing that we should see the New Year in twice—once by B.A.O.R. time and once by Greenwich time! This was a roaring success, though the member seeing in the New Year at six o'clock in the morning was felt to be over-doing a good thing, but he carefully explained he was seeing in the New Year—New York time!

Festivities all over, we have settled down to a quiet and ordered life once more, with visits to Sennelager and Soltau lined up for the not too far-distant future.

CORPORALS CLUB

After much hard work in spare time by all our members the club opened on 11th November.

Our first evening's entertainment after the opening was a Darts Match against 62 Company, R.A.S.C. A splendid evening was had by all, the Club winning six—nil.

Our next social evening was a sad occasion for we said Goodbye to our old Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel Murray Brown. The Club presented him with a silver cigarette case.

With Christmas approaching we held a Christmas draw which was attended by our new C.O., Colonel Campbell. The party was a great success.

Note: Although little has been written in this edition about the Corporals Club, it is one of the major achievements in Montgomery Barracks. It all began with a large bare room that seemed to be made entirely of concrete. A number of Corporals, under the guidance of Cpl. Mixer, got together and devoted hours of their off-duty time to painting, sawing and nailing. The result is a very attractive bar, a floor completely covered in lino and good for dancing, plenty of furniture, and a bigger turn-over in beer crates than either the Officers or Sergeants Mess!



"A" Company's Battle Platoon led by 2/Lt. Abbott returning to Barracks after a three-day exercise in the Grunewald, Berlin.

"A" COMPANY

Company Commander: Major R. M. Williams, M.C.
 2 i/c Captain C. J. N. Trollope
 C.S.M. W.O.II M. Fowler
 C.Q.M.S. C/Sgt. A. Doughty
 No. 1 Pl.: 2/Lieut. R. J. Abbott; Sgt. J. Watson
 No. 2 Pl.: 2/Lieut. B. Prosser; Sgt. W. Bates
 No. 3 Pl.: 2/Lieut. G. A. Jones; Sgt. D. Laver

In addition to the above 2/Lieut. Conder is still on our books but has been in U.K. for the last four months attending courses at Hythe. We now hear he is at Cambridge University learning we know not what. C/Sgt. Doughty has been away a long time on a Drill Course and U.K. leave whilst Sgt. Child has been very ably looking after our "Q" wants. He has become more than an honorary member of the Company.

We started this period with six weeks hard training at Sennelager and Soltau in the Zone. We took full advantage of the excellent field firing ranges and fine weather at Sennelager. It was the first time that the majority of the Company had done any field firing with live ammunition. At the end of the Brigade Exercise at Soltau the Company had an unexpected treat by being flown by German helicopters back to camp.

On our return to Berlin from the Zone all hands were engaged in preparing for the Annual Administrative Inspection and at this time we were very pleased to have a visit from the Colonel of the

Regiment. The day of the Administrative Inspection arrived and whilst other Rifle Companies were turning out at short notice ready for battle, the Brigadier chose to visit "A" Company's barrack rooms and question the men; the C.O. and Major Williams waited with bated breath for the answers.

At the beginning of December Colonel Murray Brown handed over to Colonel Campbell. After a three-hour session in the gym with our new Colonel we certainly know where we stand. Our new Company flag has a "Viking" helmet incorporated in its design.

The Company Club has been thriving in the able hands of L/Cpl. Frost, and a very successful Christmas Party was held on 9th December. Cpl. Hughes and members of 3 Pl. put on a very amusing skit representing Company Orders, Cpl. Hughes wearing more decorations than a well-known Field Marshal. The cooks produced a sumptuous buffet. For the Christmas concert, the Company put on a very good pantomime, "Babes in the Grunewald." The script, in rhyme, was written by Pte. Odlin under the general direction of Sgt. Watson. The standard of ballet dancing was so good that a profitable sideline could well be taken on the cast in the East German "Staadtooper."

On the sports field our football team have been very promising under the captaincy of Sgt. Watson, but we have had varied fortunes and we seem to be running about the middle of the Coy. league. At



L/Cpl. Mainstone, Ptes. Baldwin and Bowness of "B" Company meet up with an American Army Tank during training in the Grunewald, Berlin.

Hockey we are, so far, unbeaten in the league, and hope to win this. The Company Boxing team did very well to win the Inter-Company competition. L/Cpl. Hill is by far our most accomplished boxer and many will remember his bout for the Battalion v. K.R.R.C. when he lost by a very narrow margin. Ptes. Hardwick and Lamb also fought well for the Company. In the Inter-Company Cross Country Race we managed to come 2nd. Pte. Pitt (3rd) and Cpl. Ward both ran exceedingly well.

The Company's '22 Shooting has not reached a standard as high as our hopes. 1 and 2 Pls. reached the last 8 in the Inter-Platoon Knock-out but could get no further, whilst the Company Team was very soon eliminated from the Brigade Company and Minor Units Competition. The Company has provided Sgt. Bates and Pte. Clifton to train for the Battalion '22 team. Pte. Clifton has made the highest scores in the Battalion matches, and was the first to score a 100 this season during practice.

Our eyes are at present on No. 1 Platoon which has been chosen to take part in the Brigade Platoon Battle Test in February. They have been training very hard and reckon they are tough enough to take on anything. Next month 2/Lieut. Jones and half No. 3 Platoon go away for nine days ski-ing. The C.S.M. has threatened to join this party. We pity anybody in his way down a ski slope whether he is in the horizontal or vertical state.

"B" COMPANY

Company Commander	...	Major G. C. Howgego
2 i/c	...	Captain A. K. Catchpole
No. 5 Pl.	...	2/Lieut. J. W. MacKay
No. 6 Pl.	...	2/Lieut. C. A. S. Mather
No. 7 Pl.	...	2/Lieut. G. Vivian
C.S.M.	...	W.O.II W. E. Holden
C.Q.M.N.S.	...	C/Sgt. R. Griffin

On Friday, 16th September, 2/Lieut. Mather, commanding a guard composed of members of both "B" and "C" Companies, handed over the responsibility of guarding Spandau Prison and its three war criminals to the 1st Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers, in a brief but impressive ceremony.

Just before the Battalion left for Sennelager the Company opened its Keller Club. Although last of the Companies to form its own Club, we were determined not to be outdone, and a tremendous amount of work was put into the preparation of the underground room in which the club is situated. Ptes. Cook, Standage, Wallace and Keune deserve special mention but many people helped under the supervision of 2/Lieut. Pattinson for whom the opening night was both a proud and sad occasion. It was almost his last night in the Bn. He left shortly afterwards to attend a Civil Defence Course prior to taking his release. He did return late in October to collect both his kit and the retiring commander of "C" Company, Captain Richard

Wilson. The two of them departed in a grossly overladen Morris Traveller and at the time 2/Lieut. Pattinson was not at all sure what civilian life really had to offer. We wish him luck in whatever he finally decides to do. In his place we welcomed 2/Lieut. P. N. Wright who took over 7 Pl.

Four members of the Company missed the annual journey to the Zone, having other pressing engagements. Captain Catchpole departed to further his military education by attending the Company Commanders Course at Warminster, where after an early setback, when he had to spend a few days in hospital, he enjoyed himself and found that there really was no need for binoculars!

L/Cpl. Wilson, having helped the Battalion to finish a very close second in the Brigade Swimming Meeting, in which 2/Lieut. Mather also had a good swim, went home on leave. Pte. Webster, our Storeman, was left behind to look after our kit and to welcome his wife and family on their arrival from U.K. Pte. Coe on the other hand went home to England to find himself a wife in which quest he was most successful, and we offer him our warm congratulations. We regret that his four points on the Married Quarters Roll makes it very unlikely that he will be able to emulate Webster, in being able to greet his wife out here before we go to Sennelager in April.

At Sennelager the Rifle Companies were located in a large granary in the middle of what was at one time a lunatic asylum. (No comment!). We were all crowded into the middle-floor, with "A" Company below and "C" above. The weather could not have been better apart from a shower on the first morning and rain on our last day, we had really hot, sunny weather which made the training on this extremely well-appointed range area all the more enjoyable. We fired all our weapons and had two valuable exercises in which we were ably supported by the 3rd Mortar Platoon and by our lone M.M.G. It may have been our imagination, but the Mortar Platoon seemed to be dropping their bombs very close to us, but that may have been the "SP" Company's answer to our Company Commander's efforts to warm up the Anti-Tank Platoon earlier in the same week.

On Saturday, 8th October, we moved up to Soltau and suffered a sharp change in the weather — we missed the middle floor of our granary. Even the sights and delights of Hamburg were small compensation for the rain and the mud. We were, however, very lucky to have a Squadron of the 8th Royal Canadian Hussars in the camp. We had the "Mac" troop working with us for most of the time, so called because the troop Sergeant was Sergeant MacDonald and each of the commanders of the other three tanks was a "Mac." Our own "Mac," 2/Lieut. MacKay, was sent over on the first evening to establish relations. Three hours later he returned to report that the main relationship he had found was a common liking for Canadian Rye!

During the first week at Soltau we had a hectic four-day exercise with the Canadians in support against the Wiginton Force.

After a brief week-end stand down we were out again on a Brigade Exercise which moved very fast and finished just as we were putting in an attack following a nuclear strike. During this Exercise the Company Commander discovered that it is not

easy to drive a DKW across country at night without lights. Likewise 2/Lieut. Mather discovered that it pays to remember where you put your platoon — L/Cpl. Bailey that you cannot get a 1½ ton truck into a slit-trench no matter how hard you try — and Pte. Hart that it is a good idea to keep your eye on your Section commander!

Friday, 21st October, saw the Battalion back in Berlin, in pouring rain, after a long and tedious pause at He mstedt. Seldom have the barrack rooms looked so attractive and been so comfortable.

There then followed a period of feverish preparation for the Annual Administrative Inspection, preceded by the most welcome visits by our Associate Colonel and the Colonel of the Regiment on 23rd October and 4th and 5th November respectively. On the Admin. Inspection we thought that we had been overlooked by the Inspecting Officer when he passed through the Company lines at 1140. Three minutes later we were ordered to turn out for operations at once. After much rushing hither and thither we were ready to go in 36 minutes flat, despite Pte. Wallace trying to salute the Brigadier with a rifle in one hand and a shovel in the other! On the Guard of Honour Ptes. Meller, Short, Hart and Kirby were congratulated by the Inspecting Officer.

During the early part of December we returned to our old training grounds in the Grunewald and Gatow areas and as many people as could be spared departed on leave. We also lost 2/Lieut. Wright to "HQ" Company and in his place received 2/Lieuts. Vivian and Philcox.

Christmas was then upon us. The Company party, held in our own Keller Club and, of course, the traditional Christmas Day Lunch. Then on the 29th the All Ranks Dance in the gymnasium.

Now in the cold days of January 5 Platoon with Captain Catchpole and 2/Lieut. MacKay have gone off for some ski-ing at Silberhutte while 6 and 7 Platoons have been battling it out for the pleasure of representing the Company in the Brigade Tests in February. After many spirited encounters and many dark nights in sub-zero temperatures 6 Platoon have been selected and now enter a toughening-up period prior to winning the Brigade trophy on 17th February. During our Company camp in the Grunewald, 6 Platoon, in preparing to do an assault crossing over the Havel had literally to chop their way through solid ice and managed to get a large amount of water into their boats in doing so. The temperature on one night dropped to 25° below zero.

In the field of sport we have had a fair measure of success. L/Cpl. Wilson gained his Battalion Football Colours and the Company is at present second to "C" Company in the league. L/Cpl. Wilson and Pte. Clancy played for the Battalion in the Army Cup. At boxing we had a tremendous battle with "A" Company in the Bn. Tournament, eventually losing by 1 point in the last bout of the evening, in which Pte. Alliston fought so hard and so well, that he broke a bone in his hand. Ptes. Fleming, Williams 653 and Lyus also had hard fights, the latter being awarded the Best Loser Trophy. The whole Company team fought well and seven members were selected to train for the Bn. team. Ptes. Coe and Jordan fought against the King's Own Scottish Borderers whom we beat in the Brigade Competition, and Ptes. Coe and Buckle against 2nd Green Jackets to whom we lost in the final.

At rugby football, Captain Catchpole, 2/Lieuts. MacKay and Mather, Cpl. Thompson and Pte. Paxon have represented the Bn. 2/Lieut. MacKay has played for the Berlin Brigade. At hockey, Major Howgego and 2/Lieut. Vivian are in the Bn. team. Pte. Ward represented the Bn. in the Cross Country Championship and L/Cpls. Scott and Wilson and Ptes. Collins and Hart received awards in the Royal Life Saving Society tests.

At .22 Shooting we were knocked out in the 3rd round of the Brigade Trophy, but Sgt. Taylor is a member and L/Cpl. Mills a reserve in the Bn. Team, who are the Brigade Champions.

On the family side we congratulate Ptes. Alliston and Ablett on their marriages and Ptes. Webster and Smith 42 on additions to their families. Cpl. Smith, L/Cpl. Ward and L/Cpl. Beesley have been joined by their families in the station.

In the field of promotion we congratulate C.S.M. Holden on regaining his Warrant Officer rank and Cpl. Thompson on achieving full corporal's rank. The following are to be congratulated on being appointed L/Cpls. — Ptes. Brown, Kirby, Sieley, Reeve and Mellor.

As we go to press in the customary haste the snow is falling steadily. There is skating to be had on the Havel and efforts are being made to flood and freeze the tennis court. Never mind, the news that the Battalion is to return home in July gives fresh inspiration and greater encouragement to us all to conquer whatever lies ahead and brave the rigours of the cold in the anticipation of a good old-fashioned English summer at home.

"C" COMPANY

Green Devils — Grave Diggers — Nutters

Company Commander	Major P. Thain
2 i/c	Captain S. G. Beck
9 Pl.	2/Lieut. P. K. Ross
10 Pl.	2/Lieut. H. R. Horrex
11 Pl.	2/Lieut. D. C. P. Gamberoni
	2/Lieut. F. Wilson
C.S.M.	R. Evans
C.Q.M.S.	E. M. Sennett

After Sennelager and the mud and fog of Soltau we said farewell to Captain Wilson who left us to become Adjutant of the 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment (T.A.).

In October Major Thain arrived to take over the Company and Captain Beck joined us as Second-in-Command.

Back in Berlin the rat race continued. C/Sgt. Sennett turned up trumps for the Brigadier's Administrative Inspection, with the best stores in the Battalion. Then L/Cpl. Sykes, after proving himself an expert on G.1098, rapidly swatched his genius to the walls of the Company Club, where he painted some very professional murals.

On 2nd December, after hours of hard work building and painting, the Company Club held its opening night which was attended by Colonel Campbell. Baren beer made up for the lack of central heating, while C.S.M. Evans kept all eyes glued to the Tombola cards. I forget what time it was when the party ended.

Since then under Pte. Holme's able management

the Club has continued to supply those two great needs — bootlaces and beer.

1961 has brought changes to the Company life. 2/Lieut. Gamberoni, Sgt. Bullock and a party of 15 soldiers seem to be spending the rest of their service in Lermoos, Austria, on skis. We hear that they have "never had it so hard before," but we still reckon it's something one ought not to miss. 2/Lieut. Ross, Cpl. Mallett and another party have just returned from 10 days ski-ing at Silberhutte in the Harz Mountains. They, too, said it was tough going but good fun.

Back in Berlin it has been tougher still. For a whole week 2/Lieut. Horrex and Sgt. Garwood have been slogging with 10 Pl. through the Spandau and Grunewald Forests. Wet and cold, falling out of assault boats into the icy waters, harrassed by Sgt. Farrow and his rebels, they scarcely had time to brew up. This was all in preparation for the Platoon Battle Tests in February.

The following week 10 Platoon had a two day exercise against "D" Company, 3rd Battle Group, U.S. Forces. Although water bottles and jerry-cans rattled with ice the exercise was most profitable. It is hard to believe that our allies only had to give a housewife and holdall to get a pair of Thermal boots and an electrically heated Parka.

At the time of going to press Captain Beck has just been snatched from us to become Public Relations Officer and all those other things. Does this mean we shall get those sleeping bags and fur hats before the Battle Tests?

A word on our sporting achievements. Under the watchful eye of C.S.M. Evans we have won the inter-platoon .22 shooting and our football team have won the inter-company competition.

This week our athletes start training to be ready for the Battalion meeting in March, and the Olympics in Japan.

News has just come through from 2/Lieut. Gamberoni that his party has been joined by Terry Thomas who is out there filming "A matter of who." "C" Company skiers are known to have had their photographs taken with him and we are slightly worried that they may all have had to join the "Tooth Gap Club," which entails a natural or artificial gap in the front of the upper jaw. Needless to say we are all extremely envious of them as they fly over the slopes on their langlauf skis. When they finish in Austria, after a short break they will be off again to compete in the B.A.O.R. championships. Later on, if all goes well, they will be off to join the Norwegians for a spell in the Arctic Circle.

Finally, our congratulations to Sgt. and Mrs. Farrow on the birth of a daughter last week.

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"HQ" COMPANY

Company Commander ...

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

Major I. A. Haycraft (from 5th February, 1961)

Company Admin. Officer ... 2/Lieut. P. N. Wright

C.S.M. ... W.O.II R. G. Fowler, M.M.

C.Q.M.S. ... C/Sgt. D. Richardson

Assist. C.Q.M.S. ... Sgt. J. H. Sweeney

The last few months have seen the advent of several new faces in and around H.Q. Company Office, notably that of the Company Commander, Major Wiggington. Unfortunately, after a period of command lasting only a few months, he is now leaving the Battalion and the Army, having completed twenty-two years service, and we wish him every success in the future. It is understood that he is to devote his energies to an industry in which many of us have a close personal interest — that of brewing. If in time to come we sit over a pint in a Jersey pub, I am sure that our thoughts will stray to a certain member of the Board of Directors. Members of the Battalion will miss seeing him standing at the window of his office (there is a radiator underneath) watching the world go by, and, as some will know to their cost, if it did not go by smartly enough, that window flew open We shall miss too the genial atmosphere generated by his "days-to-do" feeling and also the string of personal reminiscences with which, during his last few days, he regaled an appreciative audience in the C.S.M.'s office. Before this, we often wondered what the various officers of the Company talked about as they stood round that radiator — now we know!

Early in December a store-room across the passage from the Company Office sprouted a sign saying "Admin. Officer," and 2/Lieut. Wright arrived. It has since been suggested that the room was put to better use before! However, his presence did give the Company Commander more time for his reminiscences! Now Mr. Wright is acting Company Commander, pending the arrival in February of Major I. A. Haycraft.

The remainder of Company H.Q. continues to function as before, the hard core remains despite changes above and below. A considerable number of changes have occurred in the Company Offices and stores. Pte. Jackson, the Company clerk, has departed for civil life while Brown 38 is now L/Cpl. and aspiring to future promotion by taking a series of Clerk's courses. Dmr. Dixon is understudying the Coy. Clerk, plus getting in a lot of physical training prior to a month's Ski Course, while Pte. Hughes continues in his occupation as Coy. Runner, floor polisher, window cleaner, part-time filing clerk and full-time tea boy! C/Sgt. Richardson has just spent an extremely expensive month in the U.K. on leave and is dreading the thought of a more permanent stay!

Medical Centre

We never close!

First of all we would like to take this opportunity of congratulating our Medical Officer on his promotion to the rank of Captain.

Sgt. (Doc) Newitt is now busy getting the 1961 Connaught Shield team into shape for the Stretcher Bearer competition in April.

Cpl. Jock Starr still fills in his weekly Pools Coupons and can be heard saying "I've got a new plan this week, can't go wrong." Well Jock, what went wrong with it this week?

Pte. Gill, our outstanding all-round athlete, can be seen dashing round barracks in a track suit, training for boxing — or is it cross-country running? — we are never quite sure these days.

Pte. "Let's face it Sgt." Batty has just returned from Christmas leave in England, complete with model aeroplane kit. Now we know where all the new scalpel blades go to.

We welcome our new member to the staff from the Corps of Drums, Pte. "Shall I get the mail Sgt." McNeila. We hope he has a long stay with us, or will the call of civvy street be too strong for him?

Quartermaster's Department

"Bis dat, qui cito dat"

Following on from our last notes in the "Britannia and Castle" and after much planning to get stores, rations, ammo, etc., etc., in the right place at the right moment, we sallied forth for our month's stay in Western Germany for training. The first fortnight was spent in the ex-lunatic asylum called Heimatoft in the Sennelager area. As an alternative to the dusty Woodlands Camp it proved to be just the job. It is proposed to use it again when we go in April this year.

From Sennelager we then went off to enjoy the amenities of Rheinsahlen Camp in the Soltau Training area. Hamburg was not too far away, and some members of the staff were able to enjoy its fleshpots during the free week-end. Mention Soltau to the Armr. Staff Sergeant and he will immediately develop a melancholy look, for it was here that he laid his car to rest amongst numerous other corks. The R.Q.M.S. will also remember the spot on the autobahn corridor where his car shed its fan belt. Much advice has been given to the R.Q.M.S. and the Armourer on what make of car they should buy for dependability. The recommended one did stand up to carrying the dreaded Sgt. Boag, R.A.P.C., from Soltau to Berlin, without any trouble. This is a great feat as Sgt. Boag's nickname is "Jonah."

After the freedom of the Zone we had a short time to get ready for the Brigade Administrative Inspection. Coupled with the preparations for this inspection we had also to complete a Board of Officers for the hand-over of Commanding Officers. Both were accomplished, somehow. Our trial run in July enabled us to get through the Admin. Inspection creditably and the results of the hand-over Board were completed in time!

Very recently we said farewell to our Company Commander, Major Wiggington. Long will he be remembered for his cuffs and chain. By the time these notes are published Major Haycraft, to whom we extend a hearty welcome, will be in the chair.

Christmas came and went with terrific speed. The staff Christmas party was a great success and even "Mate" who wanted to see his pals in some other platoon said he enjoyed himself.

The -22 Rifle team of the department did well in the inter-platoon competition, coming in second place. On the final shoot one member of the team had apparently forgotten his daily dose of carrots. Football proves an attraction and the staff team turns out as often as possible on Wednesday afternoons. They are often beaten — but not dismayed!



The Colonel of the Regiment accompanied by the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Murray Brown, inspecting the 1st Battalion in Berlin.

Finally we congratulate C/Sgt. Downes, Cpls. Gault and Hawes on additions to their families. Congratulations also to Cpl. Fletcher on his marriage.

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

Battalion Orderly Room

"We are here to serve."

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

Looking at previous issues of this journal it appears that every department in H.Q. Company, with the exception of the Battalion Orderly Room, rejoices in a motto, usually in Latin, which nobody outside the department understands anyway. In view of the above we have decided that we must "keep up with the Jones's" and have one ourselves and after much thought decided on "We are here to serve."

In August we said goodbye to L/Cpl. Smith but his prediction that the despatch office would collapse without him proved unfounded because L/Cpl. Stocker, with the stripe still wet on his arm, stepped in and somehow managed to keep the office functioning. He has since handed his duties over to a newcomer, Pte. Barrett, who strolls about as if he is still behind a counter in Barclays Bank.

In December Cpl. Gaffer went to the Bachelor's Doom (up the aisle) and we extend our congratulations to him and his wife. We are still waiting to

hear the good news of L/Cpl. Stocker's engagement which he assures us will not be long now. The annual Christmas Party went off with its usual swing when the intellectual types of the Orderly Room let their hair down (R.S.M. please note -- in a figurative sense only). The party was graced with the presence of the Adjutant, Captain Horrex, and his wife, Captain Heath, and the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Campbell.

At Christmas some of the staff went to the homes of German civilians while the less good-looking ones ended up at the O.R.Q.M.S.'s house where, judging by the state in which they returned, a good time was had by all.

In January Captain Horrex left us to perform the less exacting task of W.T.O. and Battalion Shooting Officer and Captain Heath who took over from him temporarily until the arrival of Captain Hopper, soon showed the clerks that although he may be a newcomer to the Battalion, he is no newcomer to clerking, and the earlier attempts to "pull the wool" failed dismally.

2/Lieut. Wilson has returned to the glories of "C" Company, after handing over his duties to Captain Raven, who promptly disappeared to Austria to go ski-ing. Another new face among us is Pte. Pallett, an ex-Coldstream Guardsman, who is responsible for the Documents section. Although loudly praising the magnificence of the Guards it is noticeable that when wishing to sign on as a Regular he joined the Regiment.

The movements clerk, Pte. Dodsworth, has at long last made his appearance in the Cpl.'s Mess accompanied by a chorus of mutterings from the other clerks about someone scraping the barrel or "he won it in the Christmas Day raffle."

In January we said goodbye to Ingeborg, our female typist, who became redundant at the insistence of the G.O.C. Although L/Cpl. Stocker now types all letters, apart from the Commanding Officer's, everybody agrees that the typist's office is not the same nowadays. O.R.Q.M.S. Smith strongly denies the rumours that our one remaining German typist Sibylla is now on Bn. strength and will accompany us to the U.K. in July.

Already the clerks are speculating as to who will go on the advance party, and Sgt. James, who appeared back from leave with a new car, is frantically consulting his P.O.S.B. and making furtive journeys to the Pay Office to discover if he can amass enough money to pay the tax on his car. Working in the Orderly Room one would have thought he would have known long in advance about these things.

We would like to mention that we got a very good Adm. report and we extend our thanks to the Inspecting Team for saying so many kind things about us (modesty forbids us to say more).

In conclusion we would like to say that as previously mentioned in numerous issues of this journal the O.R.Q.M.S. has stated that although he will be with us in spirit he regrets he will be unable to accompany us on our annual training period this year because of pressing commitments in Berlin (what these are we have been unable to discover).

Intelligence Section

Quietly and surreptitiously the Battalion M.I.44 trio function amidst coils of drawing paper, mounds of charts and worn-out maps. Cpl. Adams is now at the helm after long and invaluable service since Iserlohn, surmounting all problems ranging from six foot charts of the P.R.I. pigs lineage, to enclosing a 3½ ton Bedford in canvas. During Sennelager he cultivated a flourishing face-fungus which, we are assured, assists in his cryptic, counter-intelligence role!

Pte. Puister, the newest member, wages a personal war against unexpected blots on large areas of white drawing paper. He often wonders, when finishing yet another masterpiece of lines and stencils, how long they will be visible before being immersed in a rainbow of chinagraph, or merely covered by a bigger 3-D version!

Alas, there is still a language barrier between the third member, L/Cpl. "Jock" Cruden, the colonial. However, he maintains that all Britons north of Hadrian's Wall speak the dialect. His departure in February will bring to an end the Int. Sec.'s link with the mating habits of the wild haggis.

However, Messrs. Adams and Puister are already Sennelager minded, having devised several methods of camouflaging the 3½ ton Bedford office vehicle without doing themselves a mischief by entanglement in its camouflage nets. When Soltau is eventually reached, who will be the I.O.? The Int. Sec. trio have patiently and benignly tried to enlighten many an I.O. in the past — with indifferent results.

Pay Office

The Unit Pay Office continues to enjoy life in Berlin and has added another member to its team — one Pte. Evans, in replacement of Cpl. Macfarlane, who left the team to return to civilian life and his job as a bank clerk.

It will be remembered from the last notes that "Q" Hamilton was the man to see for any advice concerning the winner of the 2.30. It can now be stated that since the beginning of the National Hunt Season he has put up the suggestion that the last fence should be abolished in all races, in fact at times he seriously considers joining up with the enemy, "the bookies," believing in the old saying "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em"!

Sgt. Boag was considering buying an interest in the "Funf Groschen," but has now decided that he will be unable to keep a personal eye on his investment when the Regiment returns to U.K.

With Winter training starting in the Zone we have had to provide Cpl. Ferris to run the pay set-up at Silberhutte for a few weeks. As far as we know he has not yet broken any bones ski-ing, but there is still time.

The Unit Paymaster — Major R. B. Gofton-Salmond — decided to spend Christmas in St. Moritz, but after a very enjoyable Christmas and holiday went into hospital on his return. We are not sure whether it was the effect of such a good holiday or that he thought they might send him back to St. Moritz on sick leave.

M.T. Platoon

M.T.O.	Lieut. (Q.M.) McColl
M.T. Sgt.	Sgt. Ansell
Tech. Sgt.	Sgt. Tidd
Fitter Sgt.	Sgt. Evans, R.E.M.E.

It seems incredible that in the last issue we said that we were looking forward to our training in the Zone. It seems that in no time at all we are once again preparing for a return visit.

At Sennelager, in September, the whole platoon was kept so busy that the time certainly passed quickly. Everyone classified on the range, drove their waggons night and day, attended the various parades and performed the usual fatigues. How they managed to fit them all in is a trade secret. But, even so, some of the luckier ones managed a trip to Iserlohn to look up old friends.

Cross-country driving was the order of the day at Soltau. The conditions were atrocious, mud up to the axles all the time. But there were few vehicles ever really bogged down.

The fitters, as always, worked like slaves. Changing clutch assemblies in the field without mechanical aid, presented them with no problems. Every vehicle, with one exception, returned to Berlin under its own power. The exception was the Provost Marshal's motor-cycle, and he swears that "his bike was sabotaged."

Cleaning, repairing, inspecting, without any lessening of demands for use, kept us busy until Christmas.

In November, the Regular Soldiers Driving School started, under Cpl. Bailey. Every Regular now has the opportunity of learning to drive, and we have been swamped with applications, which we are

slowly clearing. The School is obviously very popular with the rest of the Battalion.

Just before Christmas, we officially opened our Club, called "The Continental," with a most successful party. The club is in a large cellar-room under our Barrack block. It has a spacious bar and a stock-room. It is decorated with large, and most excellently painted cartoons, depicting Andy Cap and Florrie in U.K., Holland, Spain and Switzerland. Pte. Ho'mes, our artist, is to be warmly congratulated for his fine work. During the party, we had a Raffle and it seemed natural that Lieut. McColl should win. He automatically wins everything. We are told that he won no less than eighteen prizes in the Sergeants Mess Draw, and had the nerve to win the Platoon Football Pontoon the same week! Christmas Day, and indeed the whole festive period, was a success. No doubt this will be described elsewhere in this issue. After Dinner some of us resorted to our club, and were delighted to have the M.T.O. and his wife come round, especially as he brought us a bottle of Scotch, and Mrs. McColl a stack of mince-pies. It was refreshing to see that the M.T.O. came suitably dressed — wearing his kilt!

Early in the New Year the platoon was decentralised (horrible word), and now each Company has its own vehicles, and the drivers are actually posted to the Companies. This system is completely new to the Battalion. Most of the drivers weren't very excited about it to begin with, but now they have settled down, they are thoroughly enjoying themselves. They remain as full members of "The Continental Club."

In the sporting world, we produced two boxers for the Bn. team, Ptes. Isles and Kilminster. Pte. Sowter and Cfn. Gore play for the Vikings soccer team, Ptes. Baker and Melbourne are in the Vikings Ski team, and L/Cpl. Dodds and Cfn. Gore are practising with the Shooting team.

Amongst the departures we were most sorry to lose Cpl. "Jock" Woods. He had been a fitter Cpl. with the 1st Royal Norfolk for some years and then with the Regiment since amalgamation. But we are glad that the reason for his posting was to enable him to gain promotion. L/Cpl. Chapman was promoted to Cpl. and Cfn. Dodds to L/Cpl. We welcome to our exclusive R.E.M.E. Club, Cfn. Gore, Bailes and Clarke, who have already proved to be first-class members of the M.T. Platoon.

Now we have the Zone training to complete, closely followed by the Queen's Birthday Parade and then — hand-over and Goodbye to Berlin! Incidentally we hear that it will also be goodbye to the M.T.O. We shall see!

Corps of Drums

Well here we are again with a few more notes on the activities of the Corps of Drums of the famous "Vikings."

Before Christmas we played at a rugby match, when the 1st Bn. King's Own Scottish Borderers met and beat the Welsh Guards. The idea was that the spectators could use their rotten tomatoes on us and let the players go unscathed, but we all got safely back to Barracks.

When the Berlin Brigade met the French Army team, we were there again, this time we were helped out by the French Band. We were also present at the 4th Tank Regiment's Admin. Parade. One of our fans there (the only one) was nearly arrested.

He was trying to distinguish members of the Band and Drums from a photograph in a newspaper of one of our earlier parades, when he was interrupted in his task by a suspicious policeman. However, the situation was saved, the policeman retired gracefully and our fan triumphantly with an autograph.

At the present moment we are practising hard for our U.K. tour in June, plenty of flute and side-drum practice. Sgt. Huxtable has been on a ski-ing course in Silberhutte and although he still complains of aches and pains, he is looking forward to the next course. Cpl. May has also been away on the same course and we hope that he enjoyed himself too.

Most of the men got leave for Christmas, a few of the hard cases stayed behind (good lads), but we are all back now and settling down.

Drms. Whyatt, Dixon and the Gee brothers were in the Inter-Company Boxing this year. Gee Senior reached the finals.

The Connaught Shield Team are practising very hard at First-Aid every afternoon and by now the assault course holds no fear for them — it is merely a bad nightmare. Last year we came third in this competition, this year we hope to do better.

We are sorry to lose Drms. Dixon, McVelia, Bishop, Last and Bye who have gone to duty companies prior to being released from the Army. We wish them every success in the future. We would like to welcome Drms. Robinson and Simons into the Corps and hope they enjoy their stay with us.

Band

Bandmaster G. A. Holben
Band Sgt. S/Sgt. F. George

Our work in the last quarter of 1960 could be compared with a snowball that gathers speed and size on a relentless downhill journey. The band's snowball of engagements had a good push to start it on its way, a "Grand Slam" massed bands parade in the Summer Gardens in Berlin.

Musically speaking, we had a quiet, serene period while the Battalion was at Sennelager training. It was decided to leave the safe-keeping of the Barracks in the hands of the Band; the faith of some people!

We proudly record that when the Battalion returned all was exactly as they had left it. Security at this time was at its peak, even the Commanding Officer was refused admission to the barracks.

Three new members arrived to help the snowball on its way, Bdsm. Sissons, Jenner and Crichton. The former, now known universally as "The Dreaded Sissons," and Bdsm. Jenner, came from the boys training centre at Bury St. Edmunds. Bdsm. "Scotch Whisky" Crichton came from the R.A. at Colchester. Welcome to all three.

Unfortunately we must say "Fare Thee Well" to L/Cpl. "Stone Pan" Jarvis, he leaves very soon. Good luck wherever you may go. Early in December we played at the Guard of Honour for Air Marshal Jones. For once this was held inside Berlin H.Q. in warmth and comfort. Television cameras were present and half the band took up their special camera stances. Onlookers, after seeing these poses, were justified in thinking they were about to see a military version of "Hamlet." Cpl. "Valentino" Kellett had a close-up taken and is claiming an "Oscar"; the television people are claiming damages. The Guard of Honour was warm but our next job was to be mighty cold. The welcome parade for the 4th Royal



The Band and Drums at the Berlin Industries Fair.

Tanks, held on the Olympicher Platz, could have frozen the F sharp key off a B flat clarinet.

Once again this year we had the honour to be chosen to play at the Rugby Finals and as usual these two days of rugby were held in weather perfect for ice-skating and quick-frozen food. To add insult to icicles some charming Scotch spectators were screaming for "the peeps." Being a mild natured lot we waited until we had stopped playing before pointing out what they could do with their bagpipes — haggis an' all!

In mid-December our snowball of engagements just "grew and grew" but the majority were too trivial and numerous to be mentioned herein. Ex-bandmen will know that it is the trivial which binds and inconveniences a band. We hardly had time to dive into the nearest haven of local brews to slake our thirsts.

The acme, Christmas. Christmastide for us is a period of chaos and confusion; but always from this tangle of carols, choruses and curses emerges the Christmas Concert. This year's concert was in two parts. The first being sketches and satires presented by "A" Company, the Officers' Mess and the Band. The second, being a somewhat "mucked about" version of "Snow White," was entirely Band, both cast and pit orchestra. Leading parts were taken by "Wicked Queen" Baxter and "Snow White" Jobes. A script was scribbled by L/Cpl. Neal and Sgt. Dickenson, the scenery by Cpl. Harris and Dmr.

Smith. An outstanding pit-orchestra was kept under control by "Sir Malcolm Staff-Sergeant" George.

After hearing the "Nutters Band" one and all agree the Bandmaster should take up playing the bass seriously; he has possibilities. Cpl. Wheeler made a first-class Father Christmas for the kiddies' party, and furthermore saved the P.R.I. the expense of padding.

The usual Ram-Sammy-Do-It-Yourself-Carol Ensemble made its staggering rounds; sometimes they even played. But we must admit they did get a good sum of money for the local orphanage.

January 11th and (Fanfare) the Band Social Party. Our snowball of commitments came to a sudden halt. Here it smashed itself to smithereens against the solid wall of alcohol at the band party, flinging particles of hangovers, some small, some huge, all over Berlin. What a lovely night! As usual we had an outside dance band (German), lots of spirits, bags of beer, and a splendid buffet. "Scruffs Corner" was bewildering to some newcomers but they soon got into the swing of things. Apart from one early departure, everyone stayed and enjoyed themselves.

Now we hear that the Battalion and Band are off to the U.K. for a tour of duty. The band leaves in June for its usual summer tour and we stay there. Ah well! we will soon get used to those big glasses with big handles.

SUPPORT COMPANY

M.M.G./Assault Pioneer Platoon

Platoon Commander Lieut. Morton
Platoon Sergeant Sergeant Cross

The platoon has weathered Sennelager, Soltau, the annual Administrative Inspection, Christmas, the New Year and a succession of guards at Spandau Prison, and although some have come and some have gone, the majority of the "old and bold" continue to soldier on.

At Sennelager we were given a Wide Open Space in which a minefield of vast proportions was laid, marked and subsequently breached, all phases being notably successful and earning the congratulations of the C.O. The operation was only slightly marred when what seemed to be a complete German Panzer Regiment drove across a corner of the minefield after its completion. As we could only retaliate with well-known four-lettered words the resulting damage had to be endured.

Another enjoyable, if hazardous day, was spent on another range completely surrounded by several square miles of danger area and hence impenetrable even to the C.O.'s, O.C.'s etc. For once we had more explosive than we needed so we spent a few hours expending a proportion of it to our advantage. When we left we had produced several sizeable craters, apparently vapourised a number of coils of danner wire with a Bangalore torpedo, and reduced a girder of Forth Bridge proportions to a quantity of smaller pieces of burnt and twisted metal. All this was achieved with the help of a device made by S/Sgt. Fox of the Signals Platoon. Incorporating all the best features of a science fiction machine including knobs, switches, terminals, flashing lights and a high-pitched hum, it enabled us to fire, theoretically at any rate, an infinite number of charges electrically, and at ranges over a 1000 yards. So successful was the device in this, and subsequent operations, that it is now being submitted, in modified form, to the War Office.

Unfortunately our sole machine gun made only a single - and disastrous - appearance during the Sennelager period. It was to have supported one of the Companies on to its objective, but after firing only a few rounds the muzzle cap and assembly decided to part company with the remainder of the gun, and was helped on its way by a round through the middle. After this our sole remaining task at Sennelager was to provide battle noises for the Rifle Companies during their field firing exercises.

In the Battalion exercise at Soltau the platoon was split between the two opposing sides, again principally to provide battle simulation, although those on the enemy side under Major Wiggington will remember for some time the series of highly irregular operations mounted from the base in the farm at Rolfsen! They will also remember finishing the exercise some nine hours after everyone else, six of those being spent knee-deep in a bog in the middle of an incredibly dark forest trying to extricate a D.K.W. Thanks are due at this stage to our L.A.D. whom we kept up to midnight helping us.

Back in Berlin paint brushes and several gallons of paint and white-wash were produced from somewhere and the big clean-up began of all stores, personal kit and rooms. By the time of the Annual Administrative Inspection we had painted nearly everything including one or two soldiers who had remained stationary for a little longer than was safe

at that time. On the day we were allowed by the C.O. to demonstrate 'the device' to the Brigadier who seemed impressed, we also received a letter within about five minutes from 'A' Company claiming a broken window. As we didn't manage to break any of our own, which were nearer, the letter was returned suitably inscribed!

Having now acquired a certain reputation with explosives we had a hand in the arrangements for Guy Fawkes Day. Those involved were Cpl. Aldridge and L/Cpl. Smart who produced a Guy complete with skull and detachable eyeballs, and a team of six or so who set up the fireworks and built up the fire. After an inquisitorial ceremony by the Band to the music of Handel's Fireworks Suite, Cpl. Aldridge, armed with a jerry-can of petrol, ignited the fire and L/Cpl. Smart initiated a series of thunderous detonations as a prelude to the display proper. This was set off by the Platoon Commander and Pte. Wade who, enveloped in a permanent shower of sparks, doubled up and down the lines of fireworks lighting blue touch papers and (to begin with at any rate) retiring.

Since the last issue of "Britannia and Castle" we have lost to civilian life Pte. Fraser, of beer drinking fame, and to the British Military Mission L/Cpl. Canham. However, new arrivals are Ptes. Meek, Murfitt, Wade, Mearing, Cock, Stranger, Gardiner (from H.Q. Company) Pepper (from 'A' Coy.) Allison and Brown 54 (from the Signals Platoon).

Now having largely dispersed the fog of Christmas we are confidently aiming at winning our section of the Platoon Battle Tests in February. After that a number of us will be away ski-ing in the Hartz Mountains which, it must be admitted, will make quite a pleasant change from digging concrete mines into rock-hard ground on the Grunewald training area.

Anti-Tank Platoon

Sennelager Ranges are not the Mecca of the Anti-Tank Platoon especially as all our allocation of main armament ammunition had been used at Hohne in the summer. Nevertheless, the wide open spaces were of great use for working out battle procedures. A platoon of 'B' Company doing "the platoon in the attack" was just halted in time from making our defence exercise a bit too real. Our shooting consisted of two days and a night firing sub-calibre at moving targets and being engaged in the unusual role of supporting rifle companies in the attack, Oh! for even one HESH round to have fired at the monastery, and we could have shown the Mortars a thing or two!

Soltau saw the Platoon split up into two sections, one with 'A' Company under Sgt. Taylor and the other with 'B' Company under the Platoon Commander. 'C' Company were spared the noise and danger of our latest toy, the Mobat Simulator! All four detachments dug in well, with advice from a Korean veteran, L/Cpl. Spidy's shelter trench looked more like a first-class cabin than a hole in the ground. If Cpl. Jones's detachment had painted a picture on the barrel of every tank they had knocked out they would have run out of space.

In November we prepared for various inspections, and during December more than half the Platoon got in some leave. Of great interest were exchange visits with our American friends. The first half of January has seen us helping guard the prison at Spandau, and we are now looking ahead to the Brigade Battle

Tests in February and thinking of our annual pilgrimage to Hohne in June.

In the sporting world Cpl. Jones won his weight in the Inter-Company Boxing, while Creasey and Blade also put up a good show. Daniell and Amis are key players in the Company Soccer team, while, off duty, Creasey, Napier and Hornigold help swell the Company Club profits. Finally we wish the best of luck to Leeds and Amis back in civvy street.

3" Mortar Platoon

Platoon Commander Lieut. D. R. Baily
 Platoon Sergeant Sgt. H. M. High

In common with the rest of the Company, the last four months have been crowded ones for us; they have also been enjoyable and successful. Our month in the Zone provided a testing culmination to the specialist training which most of us began in March. At Sennelager the live firing achieved a gratifying high standard of accuracy; the craters left by one platoon shoot resembled a diagram from the official pamphlet. At Soltau, the effect of our ambitious Fire Plans had necessarily to be left to the vivid imaginations of the Fire Controllers but impressed the Rifle Companies none the less.



Some of the Mortar Platoon during a River Crossing Exercise in the Grunewald, Berlin.
 L. to R. Lt. Bailey, Ptes. Goodrum, Johnson, Harper and Cpl. Goodrum.

On our return to Berlin we immediately plunged into preparations for an annual inspection which proved on the day not to be as severe as we had feared. Since then we have had ample opportunity to wear the boot-polish off the soles of our P.T. shoes during training (with a break for Christmas festivities) for the Battle Competition in February. On this it appears we will suffer the indignity of dismounting from our vehicles and marching on our feet. Unfortunately, nobody has yet invented a mortar capable of marching, but we understand from Sgt. High, who has just returned from Netheravon, that work on the solution to this urgent problem is now under way.

We are glad to welcome three new arrivals, Ptes. Beale and Whisbey, and Cpl. Watts, who has been lured away from 'B' Company. All are now well established members of the firm. We are sorry to lose Pte. Clarke to Warminster and Cpl. Riches to civilian life. Cpl. Riches was unexpectedly demobilised while doing (shame) a Recruiting job at Bury St.

Edmunds. We hope he will recruit himself, when the novelty wears off.

Signal Platoon

R.S.O. Captain B. H. G. Mills
 Line Sub. Lieut. M. J. R. Lunn
 Pl. Sgt. S/Sgt. B. G. Fox
 Wireless Sgt. Sgt. R. E. Sharpe

Since our last notes the Platoon has travelled far in both senses of the word. With Zone training and the Admin. Inspection successfully overcome, another cadre completed, leaving only six out of forty in the Platoon still unclassified, we can look back on the second half of 1960 with some satisfaction.

Zone training went very well with the Platoon soon settling down at Sennelager to hard work with wireless, line and personal weapons. We soon learnt to imitate moles, and the speed with which the Signal Centre and personal slits were dug surprised us all, not least the architect and "Chief Mole," Staff Fox. We moved next to Soltau for Battalion training. Here again we did well, and communications, both wireless and line worked smoothly. Sometimes too well as some of the users' voice procedure was very rusty and Control was kept busy correcting the Senior Majors' somewhat outdated phonetic alphabet (Ack Ack, Beer Beer, etc.). The Zone training ended with "King Canute," an exercise set by Brigade to test the Battalion. Again we provided the answers to such an extent that the Brigade Commander wanted to know why the other Battalion could not do it. The R.S.O., out looking for a line party, gallantly engaged two enemy armoured cars with beer cans (empty) and has been studying the Honours List ever since.

We left the Zone having learned a lot. The Platoon as a whole about signalling; most of the Platoon about poetic language from the R.S.O., and Saunders how to cook rice from Sakai Fox.

On our return to Berlin we had the Tele and Admin. Inspections to contend with. Both went well, thanks to some very hard work indeed, put in by the whole platoon. We persuaded the Brigade Commander that such useful items of kit as "Frames Wireless Side Carrying Mules for the use of" were not vital to the working of a 62 Set, especially as there are no mules in Berlin, and these, with other useless items of equipment, are being withdrawn.



Digging in the Signals Centre during training at Sennelager.

Christmas for those who could not get home was as festive as possible. Several bachelor members of the platoon visited, or stayed with the married members. Lieut. Lunn now knows that it is dangerous to bring a Bubble car anywhere near a Platoon party, and Brewin, hanging from a certain married Sergeant's verandah with his feet some fearsome six inches above the ground, has learnt that he is unlikely to come to any serious harm if he lets go.

In sport we have beaten the York and Lancaster Signal Platoon at football and the King's Own Scottish Borderers Signallers took to the Grunewald to avoid defeat. Spurred on by the Company Commander's kind offer of a crate of beer as a prize, we won the Support Company Inter-Platoon Cross-Country run. Many of the Platoon have also represented the Battalion at various sports.

We welcome Lieut. Lunn as Assistant Signal Officer, Line Subaltern, general "Dogs Body," call it what you will. He will after the R.S.I. Course assume the hot seat of R.S.O. We wish him all the best of luck at Hythe, as also Cpl. Ratcliff and L/Cpl. Flegg. Staff Fox hopes that he will see more of Lieut. Lunn than he has of the present R.S.O., famous for his "swans" around Europe, or his predecessor and his notorious cricket tours.

We also welcome Herd, Jones, Brown, Davies and Feely to the Platoon and hope their stay will be a pleasant one. We congratulate L/Cpl. Durrant and Pte. Little on their marriages.

For the future we have a Riot Control Demonstration, which we are putting on for the Corps Commander, ski-ing in Austria and Germany and of course Zone training. We look forward to seeing all ex-signallers on our return to England in July.

SPORT

Boxing

Towards the end of November, 1960, the Inter-Company and Individual Boxing Competition was held. Three nights of entertainment were provided by the competitors, some of it extremely good "slapstick" comedy.

On the night of the finals, however, some good determined boxing was seen as "A" and "B" Companies were both in the running for the Inter-Company Cup, the scores being "A" Company 31 points, "B" Company 36 points.

At the end of the evening "A" Company emerged the winners by one point over "B" Company, the scores being as follows :—

"A" Company	... 41 points
"B" Company	... 40 points
"SP" Company	... 15 points
"HQ" Company	... 14 points
"C" Company	... 11 points

From the boxing that was seen it is obvious that we had not the talent available to make a team of Battalion standard for the Army Team Boxing Championships. We did, however, have about 15 determined men who were of the opinion that they could at least have a good try.

We were due to box the 1st King's Own Scottish Borderers on the 19th December, so for three weeks our small team trained as hard as they could in the time available with 2/Lieut. MacKay leading them on road runs and the like, and Herr Raab instructing on the "noble art of self defence."

At the end of the competition our team had proved that determination to win, trying to box and not fight, had paid off for we won by 17 points to 13. It was a most thrilling evening's boxing. We received a walk-over in the Bantamweight; Pte. Bryant came into the team three days previously to box at heavy-weight; two of the Borderers were disqualified; Pte. Walsh, Lightmiddle, knocked out his opponent with an almost perfect right hook to the jaw and Pte. Isles gave a demonstration of the fastest boxing seen for ages in the middleweight class and won on points.

At least 200 of the Battalion came to cheer the team on and when Pte. Carlisle won his bout, and the Battalion had won the competition come what may, the roof was almost lifted with the cheering. Support from spectators does not help a team to win, it almost makes them win!

Within two weeks, with Christmas in between, we were to box the 2nd Green Jackets. We had no knowledge of their ability, as they had just moved from the Zone to Berlin. We had other problems too in that Pte. Walsh had been posted to U.K., and once again we were without a Bantam and Heavyweight boxer. On the day of the weigh-in we did, however, produce a full team. Right from the beginning of the first bout the Green Jackets showed that they had the skill that we lacked, though giving credit where credit is due, our team never gave up, even when there was no chance of winning.

Without a doubt the best bout of the evening was in the light middleweight class, L/Cpl. Hill against Wright of the Green Jackets. Both boxers gave a display of stand-up boxing, hard hitting and clean fighting. Wright had the longer reach and was using this advantage to good effect with straight lefts to the head and body. L/Cpl. Hill, however, made his opponent keep on the move throughout all rounds, his counterpunching being very good indeed. At the end of the bout the referee congratulated both boxers on a very good close fight.

In the light heavyweight contest, Pte. Carlisle was hitting harder than Griss of the Green Jackets but was not nearly as fast. A hard blow to the head in the second round had Griss worried for a time but again the use of the straight left prevented Carlisle from following up the advantage gained. Two days after this bout it was found that Pte. Carlisle had fractured his thumb.

With this competition over for us, boxing ended for the season. We hope, however, to use the services of Herr Raab to teach boxing to those interested. In closing, special mention must be made of Ptes. Carlisle and Isles who did so much to encourage all the boxers to great efforts.

Cross Country Running

Lieut. M. G. Martin, R.A.E.C.

This year the Battalion has produced a strong and enthusiastic team which in the past few months has competed in several contests and acquitted itself well. The team has devoted a great deal of time to training throughout the winter and long lines of track-suited runners have been a familiar sight around Gatow Airfield and the Grunewald.

Training was particularly intensified for the Berlin Infantry Brigade competition held on 18th January. In a biting cold wind and with the ground frozen hard underfoot the Battalion team secured third place in the competition running against 1st King's Own Scottish Borderers, 2nd Green Jackets,

247 Provost Company R.M.P. and 38th Field Squadron, R.E. Pte. Day of "C" Company ran particularly well and secured fifth place in the race.

The following have run for the Battalion :— 2/Lieut. C. S. Mather, L/Cpl. Stocker, Ptes. Own, Pallett, Holl, Ward, Land, Bye, Savage, French, Turner, Jenkins, Day, Ellis, Jarrod, Pitt, Gill, Harris, Villiers and Ablett.

Hockey

We are half way through the season at the time of writing and are at present hampered by the weather for play on grass. The square in the barracks has been regularly used for Inter-Company games and the Inter-Company League is at present being fought out.

In Berlin there is a scarcity of major units for us to play and so keep the Battalion's team up to the mark. Two visiting sides from the Zone, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars and 47 GW Regiment, R.A., beat us by the odd goal in two very close games early in the season. However, lately, the Battalion team has settled down and beat Combined Services Berlin 3—1. After this match we played the 2nd Green Jackets to decide which of us should go in to the quarter finals of the Army Cup. This match was played on a frozen grass pitch with light snow falling most of the time. The Battalion team played really well and won decisively 4—0, Cpl. Kirby scoring a hat trick.

Lieut. Lunn on the right wing has been a constant threat and a valuable asset. Unfortunately he has left us for a course in the U.K. and will not be available for our next B.A.O.R. and Army Cup round. Cpl. Paul has very ably filled the centre-half position in place of Captain Jones, last year's captain, who left us some time ago. Together with Major Forrest and Major Howgego we have a strong half-back line. Cpl. Watts has been guarding our goal, and Major Dye and Cpl. Wheeler are our hard-hitting full-backs. Of the forwards, Cpl. Ingham, Cpl. Kirby and Bds. Taylor have played regularly for the Battalion and we are now trying to find a right-winger to take Lieut. Lunn's place, and a young centre-forward. There are a number of promising young players in the Company sides, but when they play on grass they seem to find it a much more difficult game.

Rugby Football

With the rugger season half completed, the Battalion team is still beset with problems. At present it has but three victories to its credit out of twelve games. However, in view of the difficulties in selection caused by lack of numbers and absence of known players on leave, ski-ing and exercises, three wins is a reasonable expectation.

In October, the new Rugby Club was created in distant Block No. 7 under Major Thain (President and Army Referee) and Lieut. Morton (Secretary). Those attending the rugger meetings, games and subsequent "swilling sessions" must be praised for their dauntless enthusiasm.

New faces to the mud and sweat of our now hefty scrum are Ptes. Murrells, Kilminster, Chamberlain and Paxon, all eager fighters in tight and loose scrums, while 2/Lieut. Mather, Pte. Carvell and L/Cpl. Harris are most adept at forcing their considerable weight on any luckless scrum half. Captain Mills

has led the pack with great skill and vigour throughout the season and Captain Catchpole's weight and experience has been felt since his return from a course in England.

2/Lieut. MacKay, our line-out specialist and war-like lock, and L/Cpl. Harris were included in the Brigade Combined Services Team which beat 7th Armoured Division. 2/Lieut. Horrex also played in this game and we welcome his return to the team after a long absence in U.K., where he played several times for no less than the exalted Harlequins!

In the half-backs we have been greatly strengthened by Captain Heath at scrum-half — a redoubtable foil to many break-throughs. The backs have been almost entirely renewed. 2/Lieut. Jones, Pte. Davies and Pte. Ramm are all determined runners, with Cpl. Scarr, Cpl. Thompson and Pte. Turner our fleet-footed wingers. Captain Horrex remains as the mainstay of the threequarters and our most dangerous attacking players.

Captain Raven, our die-hard full-back, se'dom has time to rest in the background and many stoppages have been caused by his temporary incapacitation through last-minute crash tackles. However, despite blood and swimming senses we can rely on hearing "I'm O.K. boys."

Our strength is obviously in the scrum and, with better handling and straighter running, could be enhanced by the backs. Our main ambitions have been to show up well against the Army Cup holders, the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and frustrating R.A.F. Gatow, but as yet we have failed. However, it is hoped that now that "The Viking" himself, Lieut.-Colonel Campbell, has ventured on to the field at full back, he will spur us on to victory. Although we lose our colonial fly-half, L/Cpl. Cruden, who retires in February to "The Picts" in Scotland, we hope to establish at least one fighting XV of Vikings to redeem past glories of former Royal Norfolk and Suffolk XVs. At present the greatest obstacles are lack of players, inclement weather and the disruption caused by the many other activities here in Berlin.

Results

1 Y. & L.	Lost	5—22
R.A.F. Stn., Gatow	Lost	3—16
R.A.F. Stn., Larbruck ...	Lost	0—19
1 Y. & L.	Lost	3—42
16th Hussars	Lost	3—11
1st K.O.S.B.	Lost	0—79
R.A.F. Stn., Gatow	Lost	0—17
1st K.O.S.B. "A" XV ...	Won	14— 9
1st Middlesex ...	Won	8— 3
4th R.H.A.	Lost	3—11
R.A.F. Stn., Gatow	Lost	0— 9
K.R.R.C.	Won	12— 3

Ski-ing

A sleeper ticket to Frankfurt is the passport to an unforgettable month's ski-ing in Austria for some thirty-six regular soldiers of the Regiment. From the 4th January until the 31st March three parties of an Officer and eleven are away for a month each at Erwald, next door to Lermoos in the Tyrol. The first party led by 2/Lieut. Gamberoni is training for

the 1st Division Meeting at the end of January, and the B.A.O.R. Meeting in early February at Winterberg. These soldiers are staying in a 70-bed hotel for 7/- a day (paid by themselves) that costs the normal holiday-maker over 26/-! and with the valley bottom at 3,000 feet there should be little worry over lack of snow. Detailed reports of the fortunes and experiences of the three parties will follow in the next issue.

As well as those skiing in Austria, some ninety men, in parties of fifteen, are skiing in the Hartz Mountains for ten days each. With three feet of snow there by New Year's Day conditions for skiing should be excellent right to the end of March.

From the best of the first two Lermoos parties it is hoped to produce a dozen or more men to go to Norway for a month in March with the 1st British Corps Independent Ski Detachment. Some lucky men of the first party may well be spending three months on skis!

THE VIKINGS

(*Author's note*):—It has become obvious that our Regimental History is incomplete. Records show details of events and happenings after the year 1685 but to my knowledge no publication has been made of our history and traditions prior to that date. Recently an over-zealous Bandsman, whilst searching through sheet music labelled "too difficult", for writing paper on which to write out an application for leave, came across the following General Orders in a file marked "Dead C Scrolls". These orders may be of interest to serving Vikings in view of a present-ruling tribe's Regimental motto, to quote, "You've never had it so good").

GENERAL ORDERS

by

Lt.-Conqueror B. A. Thorgin, R. Vik.

1. Discipline

Para. 943 of Viking Regulations is repeated for the information of all concerned:

WOAD. Only service designs for woad staining may be used. Concentric whorls, triangles, and caricatures of superior officers are absolutely forbidden. Stripes, if worn, must be of moderate length.

2. Board of Inquiry

Reference General Orders 53 dated Thors-Friday, tablet 3, para. 6:—

delete: "Evidence will be taken on oath."

insert: "The President's attention is drawn to The Manual of Military Torture and Sacrifice, tablet 32, para. 8."

3. Guard Mounting Drill

Despite stringent orders for the slackening off of captured enemy bow strings during the Orderly Officer's inspection of the Guard, accidents are occurring. In order to minimise future accidents Orderly Officers, with effect this Order, are permitted to inspect long bows from behind the right hand shoulder of the man, instead of passing in front of the ranks.

4. Obituary

The Commanding Officer regrets to announce the death of 2/Lt. K. Douglas, "Battle-Axe" Company. Killed whilst carrying out his duties as Orderly Officer.

Lance-Viking Charlie will collect his arrow from the Disorderly Room at 0900 hrs Woden's-dag.

5. Axes

Heads, axes, hand, Mark II, recoilless, complete with plastic shaft are now available for issue from the Quartermaster's cave. C.Q.M.S's. will submit indents carved in triplicate on limestone soonest.

6. Promotions

The undermentioned are promoted Local Unpaid Lance-Vikings with effect this Order:—

491 Norseman Egbert
605 Norseman Smith

They will report to the R.S.M. daily at 0830 hrs for further instructions in:—Boarding and Carrying, Advanced cursing, Safety Precautions in Battle-axe Drill, and Carousing.

7. Headwear

The practice of wearing headdress with the horns fore and aft will cease forthwith. Dress Regulations state that the horns will be worn in line with, and one inch above, each ear. Disciplinary action according to Torment Regulations, tablet 99, will be taken against future offenders.

(Signed)

Adjt.

for Lt.-Conqueror.

NOTICES

Inter-Company Raiding Competition.

A Company— 3 Hamlets
16 Slaves 2 Marks
2 Maidens

B Company—(Last seen proceeding rudderless up un-named Anglia creek — finder please return to Adjt.)

C Company— 1 Stronghold
4 Druids 5 Marks
8 Maidens

Sp Company—321 Females 0 Marks

HQ Company—(Your next raid will be carried out regardless of any football matches arranged by the Quartermaster).

DEMONSTRATIONS

The visiting Foreman of the Thor Cultural Society will be visiting the Battalion on Sonne-dag giving demonstrations of Military Torture and Sacrifice. The Provost Sgt. will prepare all defaulters by 0900 hrs on that day ensuring that items of clothing and equipment are returned to the Quartermaster's stores by 0800 hrs. Identity flints must be worn.

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THE INFANTRY JUNIOR LEADERS' BATTALION

The aim of the Battalion is to train and prepare youths as potential Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. for the Brigade of Guards and Infantry of the Line.

The Battalion organisation is as follows:— There are four training companies, Guards, "A", "B" and "C", and a recruit "Z". A further training company will be formed at the end of this term. Training is carried out under Wing supervision, the wings are as follows:—

Education, Weapon Training, Tactics, Drill, Adventure Training, Recreation and Physical Training.

The Education Wing is headed by a Major, who is the Senior Education Officer, 3 Officers, 3 Warrant Officers and approximately 12 S/Sgts. or Sgt. Instructors, all selected before joining the Battalion to instruct in their own particular subjects. Approximately one third of the boys' time is spent on education and the aim is to have as many Juniors as possible with the complete Senior Standard Certificate. The Senior is the equivalent of the Army Certificate of Education 1st Class. Approximately one third pass out with complete A.C.E. 1st Class, thus removing any education bar they might have had in gaining promotion to Warrant Officer.

The Weapon Training Wing has a Weapon Training Officer, a Q.M.S.I. from the Small Arms School Corps and approximately 16 Sgt. Instructors, all qualified in Platoon weapons; the aim is to train Juniors to handle Platoon weapons proficiently.

The Tactics Wing, on which the majority of the Platoon Commanders are employed teaching minor tactics and signals. All Juniors attend a passing-out Cadre which includes operating radio sets.

Drill Wing consists of R.S.M. R. W. Smith, M.B.E., D.C.M., of the Coldstream Guards, who is well known to most senior members in the Army for his connection with the Drill Wing at Pirbright. All Company Sergeant Majors are members of this wing as also are 6 Sgt. Instructors.

The Adventure Training Wing is run on Outward Bound lines and plays an important part in developing the boys' character. Each term every boy is sent on an expedition lasting 2 or 3 days. On these expeditions they are taught rock climbing, canoeing, abseiling (the art of descending sheer rock face on a rope), potholing, caving and in general the art of living hard under adverse conditions. The boys are encouraged to enter the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, and several are successful in gaining certificates in various standards.

Recreation and Physical Training Wing consists of Q.M.S.I. from the Army Physical Training Corps and six Regimental Instructors. Boys are taught to play most games played today in the Regular Army, and have an extremely high standard of successful records in Inter-Unit and Army Competitions. Each boy is taught how to swim and the Battalion is fortunate in having an Olympic indoor pool which is one of the finest in the country.

The Battalion is at present approximately 500 strong but the aim is to build the strength to 800. The Bn. is stationed at Oswestry, Shropshire, in a very pleasant part of the country, chosen for its relatively central position.

It is hoped that ex-soldiers of the Regiment who are now considering their son's career will give

serious thought to the advantage of starting their boy in the Battalion.

Parents are always welcome to visit, and anyone wishing to do this should write to:—

The Commanding Officer,
The Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion,
Wingate Lines,
Park Hall Camp,
Oswestry, Salop.

The following boys will be posted to the Regiment on completion of their training:—

Rank	Surname	Home Town
J/Sgt.	Spauls	Norwich
J/L/Cpl.	Dawe	Ipswich
J/L/Cpl.	Carpenter	Gt. Yarmouth
J/Pte.	Hipperson	Downham Market
"	Anker	Wisbech
"	Gage	Colchester
"	Worby	Swaffham
"	Hubbard	Burwell, Cambs.
"	Smith, H.	Norwich
"	Smith, R.	Norwich

EAST ANGLIAN BRIGADE DEPOT

General

It is evident that by the end of the year our present strength will begin to run down and by February-March 1961 we shall have no National Servicemen. We require 48 Regular Recruits each month to maintain the momentum of Battalions strengths and at present we are acquiring only 27 per month on average. The prospects are very difficult to assess but every effort must be made to achieve our target.

Since our last notes R.S.M. Gingell, 1 East Anglian, has left us to take up an appointment in Berlin where we wish him and Mrs. Gingell the best of luck. R.S.M. R. Gell, 2 East Anglian, has taken his place.

At the Battle of Britain service in the Cathedral the Depot was represented by Colonel W. A. Heal, O.B.E., and Lt.-Colonel A. G. R. Noble, M.C., together with fifty of the Junior Soldiers. Two days before, the Commanding Officer of the R.A.F. Station at Honington took the Salute at the Passing Out Parade, a most appropriate occasion.

The Armed Forces Exhibition was held in Bury St. Edmunds between 19th and 20th August 1960 at the instigation of the Mayor of Bury St. Edmunds. It was a combined services effort and included static displays in the Athenaeum Assembly Rooms and in the Abbey Gardens, and some outdoor supporting event every evening.

The opening ceremony was performed by the Quartermaster-General on the 10th August 1960. The Depot provided a Guard of recruits for the Quartermaster-General. The Guard was commanded by Lt. R. F. Kitchen, 2 East Anglian, and performed very creditably indeed. Many complimentary remarks were subsequently received from the R.N. and R.A.F. The Band and Drums of the 2 East Anglian Regiment were also on parade.

The Brigade was represented in the Exhibition by a Display in the Athenaeum and by the Bands and Corps of Drums of the 1st and 2nd East Anglian Regiments either beating Retreat or giving concerts in the Abbey Gardens. The Depot, besides providing the Guard, also provided a fatigue party daily.

Officers' Mess

Early in August the Mess moved from Gibraltar Barracks to Blenheim Camp. The move was accomplished with very little discomfort to the "living in" Officers, thanks to the effects of Mr. and Mrs. Watts, Cpl. Polley and the Mess Staff.

The major social event since these notes were last published has been the Depot Garden Party. It was very pleasant to see so many past members of all six pre-amalgamation Regiments. It is intended that the Garden Party shall become an annual event.

The Mess has been visited by a number of distinguished visitors on the occasion of Passing Out Parades and local events. Among the visitors have been the Quartermaster-General, General Sir Cecil S. Sugden, K.C.B., C.B.E., the Brigade Representative Co'onel, General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., the District Commander, Major-General D. E. B. Talbot, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., and the Mayor and Mayoress of Bury St. Edmunds, Councillor and Mrs. Mark S. Petch.

Comings and goings have been so numerous that it is almost impossible to remember who has passed through.

Bob Pike, 3rd East Anglian, and Peter Sincock, 3rd East Anglian, deserve special mention as they depart for Malaya by road early in October. We wish them the best of luck in their long journey.

The Mess is now a proud possessor of several items of property kindly lent by Regiments, for these pictures, letter racks, clocks and silver the Mess is very grateful.

Sergeants' Mess

R.S.M. H. J. Gingell handed over his duties to R.S.M. R. A. Gell on the 20th July 1960 and has since gone to Berlin Independent Brigade as Garrison R.S.M.

R.S.M. E. Hellicar helped to close the Depot at Warley and moved to Singapore.

R.S.M. P. McGeever, M.B.E., M.M., R.S.M. H. Gilchrist and C.S.M. J. Ramplin are all here on paper, if not always in the flesh, awaiting the day they leave for Civvie Street. As too are Sgt. P. Hemsley, B. Kierman and G. Jacobs. The latter seems to spend most of his time travelling collecting absentees.

Some have already gone : O.R.Q.M.S. W. Medhurst, C/Sgts. J. Leach and H. Boreham and Sgt. T. Williams with Golden Bowlers. Sgt. "Mary" Gilbert merely took off his B.D. and donned a civilian suit and now calls himself Mess Steward (Civ.) instead of Mess Steward (Mil.). Sgt. M. Ziska bought his ticket and was last seen heading for the Canadian Army Recruiting Office.

Our present "lodgers" are : O.R.Q.M.S. M. Starbuck, C.S.M. W. Jones at present A/R.S.M. attached to Home Counties District, R.Q.M.S. R. Mav, C.S.M. A. Brandreth, C/Sgt. J. Roberts, Sgt. P. South and Sgt. J. Pocock attached from 1 E. Anglian on recruiting duties. Also with us is Drum Major W. Townley, C/Sgt. J. Jerrom is on strength but went straight from the boat, ex Malaya, and is attached to 4 Essex T.A.

Others who arrived, gone through the machine and disappeared into the mysteries of civilian life are R.S.M. J. Mann, C.S.M. G. Collins, C/Sgt. L. Milne, C/Sgt. R. Beck and Sgts. A. Maseralla, R. Finch and H. Johnson. The machine had a breakdown and allowed some to slip off to other Units :

Sgts. M. Mayne, R. Sharpe and M. Freeman to 1 E. Anglian, Sgts. R. Gordon and R. Chapman to 2 E. Anglian, Sgts. W. Kiely, J. de Bretton and J. Killen to 3 E. Anglian, C/Sgts. "Paddy" Molley and R. Stevenson, Sgts. T. Kelly, H. Dixon, A. Horne, W. Hammond, A. Jeffery, J. Snell, K. Ashworth, C. Shepherd, J. Jones, to various units throughout the world.

Sgt. A. Smith helped to close down the Depot at Northampton and is on leave prior to helping out in the Depot Orderly Room. Our congratulations to Sgt. P. South on his recent marriage and to Sgt. R. Cockaday on his promotion. May they both stay the course! We regret to say that Sgt. J. Rowland is in hospital and we all wish him a very quick and safe recovery.

The following have been notified that they are accepted for redundancy : O.R.Q.M.S. J. Bowman, Sgts. Roadhead and Williams.

During the last three months we have had the pleasure of the company of the Band of the 1st East Anglian—in U.K. on tour, and 2nd East Anglian paying us a flying visit to Bury St. Edmunds to play at the Armed Forces Exhibition.

Headquarter Company

Since the last issue of this Journal, life does not appear to have changed much for those in H.Q. Company.

The pace continues fast and furious for all concerned, as drafts are prepared and despatched with monotonous regularity. Large numbers of Holdees have been busy with the various commitments to hand, the Bury St. Edmunds Armed Forces Exhibition Week being a particularly busy time.

The Junior Soldiers Wing (as we must now call the Band and Drummer Boys) are now firmly established after their move from Northampton and approximately fifty Boys have now commenced the Autumn term with a full programme of work ahead of them. Due to the absence of the Coy. Commander in hospital, the Company has been under the care of Major Whitworth during August and early September. Lieut. Lewis left us during August to attend a course at Hythe and his place has now been taken by Captain Grouse from Depot Northampton.

There is no doubt that a busy period lies ahead for all concerned at least until early 1961, already there are whispers of Administrative Inspection and the like, planned for the winter months which will serve well enough to prevent any hibernation by members of H.Q. Company.

We congratulate C.S.M. Pond and Mrs. Pond on the recent strength increase of one daughter.

Training Company

Since we last put pen to paper to produce some Company notes, our numbers have continued to swell.

Among the new arrivals, too numerous to mention them all, were 2/Lts. Smith and Vivian, from 2nd East Anglian and Mons O.C.S. respectively, to become Intake Commanders : Lieut. Reynell from Germany to be Company second in command : Lieut. Lunn helping as a Training Subaltern before moving to Berlin this year ; C/Sgt. Ledger from the 2nd East Anglian together with Sgts. Millhouse and Barker : Sgts. Hull and Waller from 1st East Anglian. Amongst the many Corporals and Lance-Corporals

who joined us were Cpls. Wadlow, Newland, Bugby, King.

Life continues its hectic course and many notable events have taken place. On June 3rd General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., Colonel 3rd East Anglian Regiment, took the salute at the Passing Out Parade of Bates and Waterloo Platoons. On June 13th a cadre for Training N.C.Os. began and ran until 28th July (the last 4 days being devoted to First Aid Training). 7 ex recruits of the 11 that took the course qualified as N.C.Os. to assist in training.

On Ju'y 1st the new Mayor of Bury St. Edmunds, Councillor Petch, took the salute at the Passing Out Parade of Tobruk Platoon. On this occasion the band from H.M.S. Ganges played on the parade.

On July 8th Sobraon and Talavera Platoons visited the new Meanee and Hyderabad Barracks in Colchester. They, like previous recruit visitors from the Depot, were very impressed with what they saw.

On July 21st, and again on the 23rd, the first all regular platoon (Tobruk Platoon) to be trained here took part in the Colchester Military Tattoo. They gave a drill display and judging from the favourable comments heard, acquitted themselves very well indeed. The results amply justified the hard working and rehearsing done on the days prior to the display.

On 17th August Major-General Talbot, the G.O.C. East Anglian District, took the salute at the Passing Out Parade of Talavera Platoon. On this occasion the band of the 1st East Anglian Regiment played on the Parade.

After three months of some considerable activity Colonel Heal, Brigade Colonel of the East Anglian Brigade, took the salute at the Passing Out Parade of Sobraon Platoon on 31st August.

On 14th September, Blenheim and Gibraltar Platoons had their Passing Out Parade, at which the band of H.M.S. Ganges again played. As this parade was during the Battle of Britain Week it was appropriate that the salute should have been taken by Group Captain Green, Officer Commanding R.A.F. Honington.

In closing it is worth recording that we now have our second all regular Platoon under training, and we hope that not only does it prove even better than its predecessors, but also that it is the forerunner of many such Platoons.

Junior Soldiers Wing

We arrived in Blenheim Camp on June 10th and six weeks after, summer leave was due. Leave was enjoyed by all, camping, fishing and seaside resorts appeared to be most popular.

The Christmas Term has started off well with a new programme and working hours, including a games period every afternoon excluding Wednesday. On leaving Northampton we were very sorry to say goodbye to Mr. White who has been our temporary Bandmaster and would like to wish him every success when he gains a band of his own. We were very pleased to welcome Mr. Smythe as our new Bandmaster when we arrived at the Brigade Depot and hope his stay with us will be a long and happy one. We were extremely sorry to lose Sgt. Rowland on his first day of this term and we all wish him a speedy and complete recovery. Sgt. Berry who we all knew in Northampton has taken over from Sgt. Rowland.

We would also like to congratulate J/Sgt. Byne, J/Cpl. Jones, J/L/Cpls. Steeples, Jenner, Day and Gilbert on their recent promotions.

Cricket

The cricket season of 1960—the first of the Brigade Depot—has now finished.

The Depot fixture list contained twenty-five matches in all, of which seven were cancelled because of bad weather. Of the remaining matches ten were lost, four were drawn and four were won. Results prove that the Depot did not enjoy a successful season, but the standard of cricket throughout was good, all matches were interesting and certainly the players had a most enjoyable season.

Of the twenty-five matches played, twenty-three were friendly matches and two were part of the Orby Wood knock-out competition.

The first round of the competition was reported in our previous notes. In the second round we played Bury and West Suffolk Police, who won the competition last year. The match was both close and exciting, for it was not decided in favour of the Police until the third ball of the last over and then only by nine runs.

Results of this and all other matches are given below. It must be noted that the names of Lieut. Pike and Lieut. Lewis and of Private Thrower feature in almost all of these results. There can be little doubt that they were stars of the side, but their achievements were only made possible by the other eleven or so players who played regularly for the Depot side.

Results

Depot v. Bury and West Suffolk Police ...	Lost
Depot v. Northside C.C. ...	Lost
Depot v. West Suffolk Hospital C.C. ...	Drawn
Depot v. Ipswich Wanderers C.C. ...	Won
Depot v. Pimperl C.C. ...	Lost
Depot v. 371 Company R.P.C. ...	Lost
Depot v. Pimperl C.C. ...	Drawn
Depot v. West Suffolk Hospital C.C. ...	Won
Depot v. Bury and West Suffolk Police ...	Lost
Depot v. Tollgate Youth Club ...	Drawn
Depot v. R.A.F. Stradishall ...	Lost
Depot v. Bury Free Press ...	Won
Depot v. Ipswich Wanderers ...	Lost
Depot v. R.A.F. Barnham ...	Lost

Athletics

Considering the time available for training and the shortage of trained athletes in the field of events, the Depot Athletic team has done very well this season.

On 16th June the Depot won the East Anglian District & Colchester Minor Units Athletic Championships with 24 Pts. Cpl. Loftin (440), Cpl. Coppen (Javelin), and Pte. Parsons (½ Mile), winning their respective events. After winning at Colchester the team took part in the Eastern Command Minor Unit Championships at Chatham on 22nd July with high hopes of success.

We had a close struggle with the Depot, The Intelligence Corps, losing by six points, coming second. This time the standard was much higher and Cpl. Loftin (440x) was the only member of the team to win his event.

Shooting

The Depot sent a team of 4 to the Army Championships at Bisley in June. The team was Lt. W. R. W. Pike, Cpls. Woodrow, Smith, and Brunning. The Depot came 7th in the R.A.S.C. Cup—The Minor Units Championships, out of 12 entrants—a good average position. It should be noted however that this was the first time at Bisley for most of the team, and under the circumstances they did exceptionally well. The Depot team's best performance was to come, 5th in the Staff & Schools Competition out of 20 entrants, only being beaten by one other Depot team. Lt. Pike got into the Army 100, coming 47th in the final placings for the Army Individual Championship.

A team of 4, consisting of C.S.M. Denny, Cpls. Woodrow, Brunning and Smith, won the 1st Cams. (T.A.) Invitation Falling Plate Competition at Thetford Range on Sunday, 11th September, 1960, in fine style. They were coached to victory by 2/Lt. Smith.

The Depot entered a team of 7 individuals for the Norfolk County Rifle Association meeting at Thetford Range on Sunday, 18th September. They were: Lt. Pike, C.S.M. Denny, Cpls. Woodrow, Smith, Brunning, Ware, and Newland. Several individuals won enough pocket money to keep them in drinks for the day. A squad of recruits under Capt. Gilmore and Sgt. Hemsley ran the Butts with tremendous efficiency, and were congratulated at the prize giving for doing their jobs so well.

FIRST BATTALION—THE AUCKLAND REGIMENT

(COUNTESS OF RANFURLY'S OWN)

Change of Command

On 31st March, 1960, command of 1st Battalion was officially handed over by Lt.-Col. D. S. Ross, M.B.E., E.D., to Lt.-Col. J. D. Rose, E.D., A.D.C.

Lt.-Col. Ross served in the Waikato Regiment in the New Zealand Territorial Force before World War II. At the outbreak of hostilities he became an instructor. He then trained in Australia with a special service Commando company. After a posting in New Zealand and one in New Caledonia he took part in the Solomons Campaign as a platoon commander in the 37th Battalion, 3rd N.Z. Division. Finally he served in Italy in the N.Z. Divisional Cavalry.

Lt.-Col. Rose is the first of post-World War II Commanding Officers to have been actually commissioned in the Auckland Regiment. During World War II he served in the New Zealand Forces in Fiji at first. Later he served in the Pacific with the 35th Battalion, 3rd N.Z. Division. He was on his way to the Middle East when the war in Europe ended. He attended the British Army School of Instruction at Haifa, Palestine, and served also in the Divisional Cavalry in Egypt and Italy.

As a matter of interest three Commanding Officers of the Battalion in succession have been educated at Auckland Grammar School, one of the city's oldest schools founded by St. George Grey, an early Governor, in 1869.

Lt.-Cols. Ross and Rose were in the same form at school and, being seated alphabetically, usually shared in the consequences of each other's misdeeds.

Before Lt.-Col. Ross the Commanding Officer was Lt.-Col. (now Brigadier) A. B. Bullen, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., the present Commander of the First Infantry Brigade of the New Zealand Division, the brigade of which the 1st Bn. The Auckland Regiment (C.R.O.) forms part.

Officers' Mess

The Officers' Mess of the Auckland Regiment at present has as members four pairs of brothers at various stages of their military careers.

Major S. B. Matthews commands "A" Company while his brother, Capt. S. A. Matthews, is O.C. 2 Group Headquarters Company. Major Matthews fought with the Australian Infantry in Korea and was wounded whilst on patrol.

Capt. A. P. M. Williams is O.C. Headquarters Company. Capt. Williams as a 2nd Lieut. was in command of the first quarter-guard ever mounted for a reigning monarch in New Zealand, during the Royal Visit in 1953. His brother, Lieut. R. P. S. Williams, at present assists with recruit training and is also the Secretary-Treasurer of the Mess.

Capt. R. E. Harvison, a former Quartermaster of the Battalion, has recently gone on to the Reserve of Officers. He works in the family printing firm and his spare time now goes into a farm near Auckland. His brother, Lieut. C. A. Harvison, is the Commander of 1 Platoon, "A" Company.

Capt. B. F. Narbey had a short attachment with the 1st Battalion, the New Zealand Regiment, in Malaya last year. He is now travelling overseas.

Officer Cadet A. R. Narbey who served in Malaya earlier, has recently joined the Mess.

Capt. H. S. Hirst was married on 20th July, 1960, to Miss Iona Margaret Hodges, daughter of the Reverend D. A. and Mrs. Hodges of the Manse, Ayton, Berwickshire, at the Ayton Parish Church. The reception was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Ayton. Capt. Hirst served as a Platoon Commander with 10 N.Z. Transport Company R.N.Z.A.S.C. in Korea from 1954 to 1956 and is now on leave from the Regiment.

Officers of the Auckland Regiment who are at present overseas are Capt. H. S. Hirst, Capt. A. H. Hughes, Capt. B. F. Narbey, Lieut. E. P. Percival, Lieut. M. S. Roberts and 2nd Lieut. D. C. Thurston.

Lieut. Percival is serving a period of attachment with H.Q., East Anglian Brigade and 2nd Lieut. Thurston with the Honourable Artillery Company.

On 21st September, 1960, Lt.-Col. S. H. Johnson retired from the New Zealand Army and from the position of Director of Army Education and Welfare Services, a post which he had held since the formation of the New Zealand Army Education Corps in 1953.

Lt.-Col. Johnson was an Infantryman who was commissioned in the Auckland Regiment (Countess of Ranfurly's Own) in 1930. During World War II he served as a Company Commander in the Middle East with the 2nd N.Z. Division.

A former master at a leading New Zealand secondary school, New Plymouth Boys' High School, Lt.-Col. Johnson joined the Regular Forces on a Short Service Commission in 1948.

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The Regimental Flag is raised again at Britannia Barracks.

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

GENERAL NEWS

The Ninth Regiment of Foot emerges unscathed from the recently announced amalgamations in the Territorial Army — this is great news indeed, and although in part due to its geographical location, this decision must have been influenced greatly by the Battalion's fine record in recruiting and generally. At the same time we offer our sympathy to our friends who have not fared so well.

A note here on recruiting in 1960 will be of interest. A total of 118 all ranks were enlisted during the year and 43 lost (13 to the Regular Army), a net gain of 75. H.Q. Company in Norwich led with a net gain of 31, with "D" Company a close second.

At the end of the year the total Battalion strength stood at 360.

The onset of Autumn saw all Companies busy with training. The annual Brigade Competitions produced success and disappointments but the 3 inch Mortar Cup was regained. At the Norfolk T.A. Rifle Meeting, teams and individuals from the Battalion practically "swept the board" which is as it should be. A representative party attended the annual service for Nurse Cavell at Life's Green on October 12th, together with a detachment from the East Anglian Brigade Depot. On Remembrance Sunday, November 13th, "HQ" and "S" Companies together with the Band and Drums, took part in the annual parade of all T.A. Units and ex-Servicemen in Norwich, which was commanded by Major S. S. F. Hornor. The Band and Drums paraded again in Wymondham in the afternoon.

On the previous Sunday, November 6th, a short but impressive ceremony was held to symbolize the partial reoccupation of Britannia Barracks by the Regiment. At 12 noon, outside the main gates, was gathered a party representative of the Regiment and the City, including the Honorary Colonel, the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor and Brigadier Clowes. Upon the sounding of the Regimental call the Flag of Britannia was broken at the mast head, to fly out proudly over the City of Norwich once more. The ceremony was later seen by viewers on both television networks.



The Royal Norfolk Regiment Ball.
Lt.-Col. W. D. Flower, Mrs. Flower, Brig. F. P. Barclay, Mrs. Barclay.

(By courtesy of the Norfolk News Coy.)

With the onset of the Christmas season, Company parties and dinners took place, the annual Bounty was distributed and children's parties were arranged.

At the end of 1960 it was announced that Major A. J. C. Robertson was to be our next Commanding Officer, when Lieut.-Colonel Flower's tour of command ends early in 1962. He will find a ready welcome and we are very pleased that Brigadier Freeland has been appointed to command 54 East Anglian Division (T.A.).

Planning for the Annual Camp, at Millom in Cumberland, is now proceeding in earnest, and all can be sure of an interesting time there, from May 13th to 27th.

OFFICERS' MESS

The temporary Ante Room is now established in the former Depot C.O.'s office at Britannia Barracks and is quite satisfactory as a temporary expedient, while the adjoining Mess Block continues to stand empty and deteriorate — this state of affairs seems likely to continue through the winter in accordance with the usual military precedents!

On November 5th a dinner was held on the usual lines at the Norfolk Club in Norwich. On this occasion Brigadier Barclay was able to attend and was

dined in as Honorary Colonel and Majors John Howard and Alec Turnbull were dined out. A certain amount of gunpowder was in evidence back at Britannia Barracks later in the evening, on this rather explosive night of the year.

The following day, on the occasion of the flag raising ceremony described elsewhere, the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Norwich were entertained in the Ante Room.

Right through the autumn preparations were being made for the Regimental Ball and the P.M.C., who was Ball Secretary, received much assistance from Capt. David Thorne and from other officers. The Ball was to be held in the same place, now renamed the Norwood Rooms by its new owners, increased in size and embellished thickly with every colour in the rainbow, and some! The morning of January 6th saw the ladies led by Mrs. Jewson and Mrs. Flower, arranging the flowers for the tables and a party of all ranks helping with the silver and other arrangements. Our best thanks for all their invaluable assistance. 500 attended the Ball in the evening, led by Brigadier Barclay and including the Lord Lieutenant, Sir Edmund Bacon, Sir Bartle Edwards, Colonel Jewson, Brigadier Freeland and Brigadier Doyle, our Brigade Commander. It was good to see



"A" Company Christmas Shoot at Great Yarmouth.
Major Boulton presents first prize to Sgt. Drew.

(By courtesy of the Yarmouth Mercury).

such a large turnout of our own officers and a large table of 4th Suffolk officers.

We welcome several newcomers to the Mess, namely, Lt. Peter Bartlett, Lt. Pat Darley, 2/Lt. Francis Gedge and also a newly attached Australian officer Francis Harding. For the future, the move into the Main Mess Block should take place in the spring and then it will be Camp at Millom, with "Buckingham Palace" probably in use this year.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since the last notes the following changes have taken place: R.S.M. Boxall took over from R.S.M. Mann who left on redundancy and is now working with the Norwich Union. We welcome R.S.M. Boxall as he was previously with us as a P.S.I. and knows most of us and our curious ways.

Alf Cooke leaves us in January under redundancy and is being relieved by C.S.M. Cox, and we wish him all the best in civvy street.

Nothing much has happened since the Mess closed at the Cattle Market after many years with the move to Britannia Barracks; the old Sergeants' Mess there has, alas, not been allotted to us so we are for the moment without a home.

At a recent Mess Meeting it was proposed to run a Sergeants' Dance in the new year on similar lines as before. Talking of dances we congratulate J.P. and his wife on being again selected to dance with the East of England Team. Last year they met the

West of England, this year they came up against Wales and lost by a narrow margin after being in the lead for most of the evening: we often hear him say he will call it a day, but they still keep their dancing up, well, it's a good booster to the young ones to know they have such an old soldier who can show them a step or two. Mind you, it's all Old Tyme, classical, J.P. calls it, none of your jiving.

Camp in 1961 is to be at Millom, Cumberland, Civil Defence Training, so all must get hardened up for Light Rescue, etc. It is a bit earlier this year so we are hoping the weather will be kind to us so that we can enjoy all the lovely scenery around the Camp.

We congratulate Cpl. Burrell on his promotion to Sergeant and welcome him to the Mess.

"A" COMPANY — GREAT YARMOUTH

Civil Defence Training in preparation for Camp is now in full swing, and the Company hope to give a good account of themselves at Millom next summer. In January the Local Civil Defence Corps have organised a week-end course for us at their training area at Oulton near Lowestoft, and the Company are looking forward to putting their training into practice under realistic conditions.

Work is also in hand to organise the Battalion Recruit Cadre which is being held here in January, when it is hoped to introduce the recruits to rigorous training and bracing breezes on the East Coast.

The Annual Armistice Parade attracted a large turn out of the men of the Company, and the parade was a great success. We were very pleased to see several members of the Regimental Association at the social get together at the Drill Hall after the Parade. Old Comrades will always be more than welcome at the Drill Hall at any time.

On the social side, a very successful Christmas shoot was held at the Drill Hall early in December, the main prize being won by our Company Sgt. Major, W.O. II Pillar. But every participant received some sort of prize for entering. Later in the month we combined with the Yarmouth Troop of the Norfolk Yeomanry to hold a Christmas Social at their Drill Hall in Southtown Road, and this function was also a great success.

Recruiting continues to improve, and we shall soon be the only major T.A. unit in this area. We hope that we shall do even better. We would appeal to all friends of the Regiment in the Yarmouth area to help us in increasing the strength of the Company. Since the last notes Pte. Swann and Pte. Dyble have joined us and we extend a hearty welcome to them.

The rumour that Capt. Powell, 2nd i/c of the Company, had been drowned in the mud at Fritton was completely without foundation. He has in fact moved to Norwich, and we are very sorry to have lost his support. For many years he has been a tower of strength at Great Yarmouth, and his enthusiasm at training and socials will be sorely missed.

We are however very glad to hear that Captain John Sharman will be coming back to us in his place.

"B" COMPANY — KINGS LYNN

The fear that Civil Defence Training would not be particularly interesting has been dispelled since October. All members of the Company have enjoyed themselves whilst learning this subject and the Drill Hall is apt to resemble a mass demonstration of a trial of strength as men attempt to remove themselves from stretchers to which they are well and truly lashed. There has been a certain morbid interest in the "Burglar's Knot" which it is hoped is only temporary. For once our modern premises are something of a disadvantage in that it is difficult to simulate conditions under which one would have to labour.

Recruiting is now reasonably satisfactory and the annual figures show us in third position behind HQ Coy., and The Dereham Light Horse (no offence intended). Nevertheless we have a long way to go.

The Christmas season was marked by the Bounty distribution followed by a Social Evening and the Children's Party. These functions caused a great deal of extra work which was well rewarded by the enjoyment shown by the children. We are all grateful to the wife of our P.S.I., Mrs. Martin, who has done so much since she arrived to help in the social life of the Company.

Mayor Dillon is now seen in the Drill Hall quite frequently since his move from Wroxham to Kings Lynn. His presence is a great solace to the Company Commander — what could be better than having the Manager of a Brewery near to hand when one has trouble with the Canteen Stock Book just before Audit. Finally we send New Year Greetings to all past and present members of the Company, and of the Regiment.

"C" COMPANY WYMONDHAM — ATTLEBOROUGH

The Annual Brigade Competition took place at Stanford P.T.A. on 17th/18th Sept. The Company was responsible for the Bn. 3.5 Rocket Launcher Team. Pte. Cole, Wilkin and Pte. Sturman P. formed a third of the team. On getting to the target they were out of breath and failed to score a hit but they were not the only ones. More firing practice is needed for this Competition. Sgt. Eke and Pte. Bean M. were in the Signal Team. Other weekends have been on Civil Defence but they have not been well supported by the Company.

The Coy. congratulates Sgt. Eke on his marriage. He now lives in a caravan near the Drill Hall and has, we hear, given up ideas of going back to the regulars. We hope he will be allowed to attend Drill Nights.

We welcome to the Coy. Lieut. P. J. Darley and Pte. Darley.

The Annual Bounty was paid in Dec. on the strength of which Pte. Bean M. bought a car from another Member of the Coy. Like most Army transport this is now in the workshops.

The C/Sgt. C.Q.M.S. Elliott, has held some well attended Darts Evenings, these we hope will bring some more recruits.

Finally we should like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Roberts our Caretaker and Barman for all the extra work they put in for the Coy. If any of the 1st Bn. are reading these notes and are about to return to Civvy Street and live in the Wymondham area, we should like to see them any Thursday evening.

"D" COMPANY DEREHAM — FAKENHAM — AYLSHAM

This has been a most hectic time for the Company. From September, when preparations for the Brigade Competitions reached their climax through the early Winter months of Training Cadre weekends, up to the planning of Festive Season activities in December, there seems to have been never a spare moment at Dereham TAC.

It September, we regret to have to admit it was necessary to hand over the Patrol Competition Shield for onward transmission to the 4th Suffolks. If you listen carefully, when a faraway look appears in Sgt. Eagle's eye, you can hear a low mutter come from his lips. Whether the words are "WE wuz robbed" or "We're still the Patrol Kings really," it is hard to say. If questioned, he will only admit to seeing in his mind's eye, one of the Umpires being left behind snoring in a hole when the Patrol moved on after a pause in mid-route. How many points do you lose for letting an Umpire sleep on undisturbed?

We have been trying our hand shooting with a 16 mm. camera instead of a .303 weapon (S and H.Q. Companies, doyens of Horsford Range, will probably comment that the results can only show improvement). In due course we hope to present a 12 minute epic entitled "Drill Night" at Dereham. We have several budding Oliviers, but no corresponding Monroes (regrettably).

Our members fluctuate round the 80 mark, but we find ourselves providing, every so often, new stalwarts for the eventual All Regular Army. The latest Dereham donation to the 1st East Anglian Regiment

is Private E. Leaver. We wish him good luck in his new career.

SUPPORT COMPANY NORWICH — NORTH WALSHAM

The first week-end in December was to have been the occasion of the Brigadier's Annual Inspection. The Inspection was postponed until January, but plans such as a Company Social Evening and the paying out of Bounty are not so easily postponed as are matters of mere training. Thus the week-end was held with certain slight alteration to the programme. Some of the alterations were intentional, others not.

The use of the T.A.C. tarmac as a substitute for Snetterton was not intentional. The O.C. Company was not pleased to hear that a yellow Dauphine when slapped against a metal post embedded in concrete revealed signs of weakness in the bodywork of the car.

There are 80 candidates for the Children's Party this year. We wonder if this means that "D" Company's future as a thriving rifle company is assured.

The Company Dinner is to be held at the Drill Hall this year. We are glad that the Honorary Colonel and Mrs. Barclay are to be our guests. Boxing continues to give an added interest to Thursday evenings. We are uncertain yet whether or not a Tournament can be held in the Spring. Some of our best performers in the 1960 Tournament are regular soldiers. There are welcome new faces now being trained, but whether they are ready for matching in a Tournament yet remains to be seen.

We have been taking our fair share in the training of Cadets at Dereham, both in normal military subjects and also in preparing for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This has gone pretty smoothly in the main, although there have been rumours of a slight coolness at the Hedley Smith home (Father: Sergeant, T.A. — Son: L/Corporal, Cadet) and the Charlie O'Callaghan home (Father: L/Cpl., T.A. — Son: Sergeant, Cadet). We have hesitated to enquire too deeply into these ructions. Is father sterner in the Cadet Drill Hall than he is at home?

The highlight of the Season was without question our parade to Church and the Open Day in mid-October. Everyone worked very hard to make this day the success it was. It would be invidious to single out individual members of the Company for praise. But we must thank our Battalion Padre, the Revd. Blathwayt, and the Vicar of Dereham, the Revd. Noel Boston, for the Church Service arrangements; our Battalion Bandmaster, Mr. French, for the splendid unstinting hard work and delightful playing of the Band, both on Parade and at the T.A.C. Open Day afterwards; the Chairman of the Urban District Council, Mr. A. Goodall, who very kindly displayed the local Civic interest in our activities; and of course Air-Vice-Marshal F. P. Don, Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant, who took the Salute at the March Past and crowned the success of our "At Home" by the lively interest he took in everything on display.

A tremendous success, but there were several incipient cases of nervous exhaustion by the time it was over and success assured.

With blue skies and dry ground underfoot, everything seemed set for a successful shoot on Sunday, 18th September, when the Brigade support weapons competition took place. Almost as important as the weather was the order of firing, and we were fortunate enough to be drawn to fire first.

The mortars, however, had an inauspicious start. Having been carefully scrutinised by the umpires (a detachment from "S" Company, the Queen's Surreys), they were ready for the off, but the veteran Bedford one-tonner on which success partly depended, apparently was not. Anxious non-combatants looked down from the top of Frog Hill to see why there was no trace of the mortars, while the M.M.Gs. were getting into position and camouflaging up their champs. Finally we breathed again as the vehicle made its way up the hill, and all who saw were impressed by the way our men made up for lost time.

Spirits were far higher when "H" hour came, and the boom of mortars was heard simultaneously with the chatter of the machine guns. The fire plan was going smoothly, though how those mortar men got their ammunition ready no one quite knows.

The firing died away, peace was declared against all but the 4th Suffolks and the 1st Cambridgeshires, and the long wait began. Tension was slackened a little by the arrival of a reporter and cameraman from the local newspaper; and the battle was re-enacted. Meanwhile an ice-cream seller did a steady trade.

After lunch the time came for the results and the Brigade formed a hollow square to hear from Brigadier Doyle that the Mortars had won and the M.M.Gs. had finished third — at the other end of the scale. Congratulations to Sgt. Dance on leading his men to victory and regaining the cup. Sgt. Hutson and his Machine Gunners have next year to look forward to, and the consolation that they were at least hitting the right targets at the right time. Apparently the points on which the competition was lost were rather more of a technical nature.

A special word of thanks is due to the drivers, who came from H.Q. Coy. It is said that our Company Commander went to look for champs during the shoot and was unable to find them. As many of us know to our cost he usually looks in the right places.

The regaining of the Mortar Cup was celebrated with a social evening in the Canteen on the 30th September.

Whilst on the subject of trophies, we record with pride that W.O.II Hewett won the Individual Prize at the Norfolk T.A. Rifle Meeting on 9th October and that the Company was a close second to H.Q. Company in the Inter-Unit Challenge Cup at the same meeting.

The main Christmas celebration was the draw in the Company Canteen on 22nd December. The promise of fifty prizes drew a large attendance in the canteen, where Mrs. Hutson graciously consented to draw the winners. However, some of the prizes were a little hollow, as Pte. Smith discovered when



The Mortar Platoon in action.

*In the rear (L. to R.) Sgt. Dance, Cpl. Johnson and Sgt. Martin.
Front (L. to R.) L/Cpl. Mills, Cpls. Copland and Nolloth, Pte. Claxton, Cpls. Dawson and Pye.*

he collected his winnings after coming up three times running.

A social event of a different kind was the reception following the recent wedding of Sgt. Watts. It is understood that the couple had an excellent send-off, and we wish them every happiness for the future.

Fifty-one years playing the cornet is the proud record of 67 year old Bdsm. Waldon, for 11 years caretaker at our All Saints Green Drill Hall. It is with great regret that we have had to call in "Stiffy's" uniform, but we are pleased to be able to retain his services in a civilian capacity. Waldon enlisted in the Royal Norfolk Regiment in 1909 and served in the Dardanelles and France, where he was wounded. After the war he joined the T.A. and he has been in almost ever since. As we go to press he is about to go to hospital for another short spell — we hope the treatment will improve his mobility a little.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

At last the long expected move to Britannia Barracks has become a reality for "HQ" Company and we are now firmly ensconced in the former Adm. Block. The O.R.'s. Canteen has been re-opened with Cpl. Grant firmly in position behind the bar. Already we have had our first social evening with the Company Xmas Draw — the most successful one yet. Attendances on Drill Nights are steadily increasing and recruiting is also keeping on the upward trend.

However we have lost a few members of the Company to the Regular Army, Ptes. Chapman and Malachowski to the 1st East Anglian and Boy Albrow to the 1st East Anglian Band. Others to the Regulars include Ptes. Harvey, Stratton, Seeley. (Messrs. Stratton and Markin are R.A.F. bound — poor guided missiles). We wish them all well in their new careers.

The Company Rifle Team were very successful at this year's County T.A. Shoot inasmuch as they took both team prizes in the two team events. Sgt. Turner also took the runners up prize in the individual event, a below standard snap shot costing him the first prize. The team consisted of the R.Q.M.S., Sgts. Turner and Tallent and L/Cpl. Banthorpe. It should be noted that this is the first time that any team has completed the double at this meeting.

The Signal Platoon were again second in the Brigade Competition this year, a position that they have occupied for the past three years. Better luck next time Sigs. The Intelligence Section, who were assisting "D" Company in the Patrol Competition, put a lot of hard work into their end of the job and are to be congratulated on the standard of their work.

This year is a Civil Defence Training Year and we have been receiving a certain amount of instruction from the experts already. The use of ropes and lashings gave us all an insight into the old Navy saying of "get knotted." Based on these preliminaries,

camp at Millom should produce some most interesting situations to say the least. W.O.II Pratt who has recently returned from a course at this place gives us most glowing reports on all aspects of work, camp and amenities.

The White Paper on the future of the T.A. was read with interest, especially the bits about re-equipping with the latest equipment. So far we have some self-loading rifles and they are changing some of our one ton trucks which rumour has it date back to when the O.R.Q.M.S. was a Private. It is nice to see that the Government does take the T.A. seriously even if our wives don't. All in all 1961 looks like being a favourable year for us. Now I suppose we must prepare for Camp, that annual highlight of the T.A. year. I wonder where my basic pouches really are ?

BAND AND DRUMS

During the last three months we have advertised intensively for Recruits for the Band, the result being 4 men enrolled ; 2 good musicians and 2 learners. We must be thankful for those and strive to get some more.

The Band attended the Divisional T.A. Band Competition at Bedford on Sunday, 2nd October last. This was a new experience for the Band but it is best to draw a veil over the result. Whilst our musical proficiency will improve with time and practice we must make a New Year resolution never to be caught out again in matters such as dress and turnout, marching and smartness on parade.

The Band and Drums paraded in strength in Norwich and later in Wymondham on Remembrance Sunday and before, in Dereham in October for "D" Company's Church Parade. Their presence was much appreciated on all these occasions.

Two more have left us recently : Boy Albrow has joined the 1st East Anglian Regiment and we wish him luck ; he should make a good musician in a few years. Bandsman Waldron, affectionately known as "Stiffy," has retired from the T.A. at the age of 67. I think "Stiffy" was the oldest serving member of the 4th Battalion ; he received his stiff leg at Gallipoli in 1915 whilst serving with the 4th Battalion ; a very good record and we wish him the best of luck.

The Drums have started in earnest again and have done well to enlist several new members. Practice takes place every Monday night at Britannia Barracks.

On 6th January the Band played before dinner at the Regimental Ball and their programme on that occasion was much appreciated by those present.

H.M.S. YARMOUTH

To begin this second report of the activities of H.M.S. Yarmouth permit me, on behalf of Captain, officers and ship's company, to wish you, our good friends in the East Anglia Regiment, a most happy and prosperous 1961.

We arrived in Singapore on the 30th December so we were in good time to join in the New Year festivities. Of course we celebrated the arrival of 1961 seven and a half hours before the bells rang out in East Anglia. While you were singing "Auld lang syne" we were eating our first breakfasts of the

year and nursing our hangovers. By the time you were appearing pale and trembling at your breakfast tables we had mostly turned in for the afternoon.

It may interest you to know how this business of gaining and losing hours is arranged in one of H.M. Ships. When the clocks are put forward it's done at 2330. All of a sudden it becomes half past midnight and bingo ! — you've lost an hour's kip ! When the clocks are put back, however, and the day becomes 25 hours long that extra hour is slipped into the afternoon and we all work 60 minutes extra !! Oh, they're dead crafty — and there's no time and a half either !!

When last we wrote, Yarmouth was at Portland working-up. Well, one shocking day at the end of September the Flag Officer Sea Training came aboard and we ploughed out into the storm to show him just how good we'd become. As the day progressed, the storm abated and the sun came out. We returned to harbour on a fine warm evening and we'd passed our exams. The very same night we set off for Londonderry where for the first time Yarmouth became a unit of the Home Fleet.

Nearly all of October was spent up north. After lengthy exercises in the Atlantic we visited Greenock on the Clyde and steamed up Loch Goil amidst wonderful Scottish scenery resplendent in its autumn colours. Large numbers of the ship's company set off to climb the local peaks — (it was a Sunday and ye canna' get a drink if ye havna' walked 3 miles) — and a few went stag hunting. Have you ever seen a stag laugh ?

Then in November we went back to Devonport and everyone went off on ten days leave. Finally on another storm-tossed morning (a Saturday to boot) the Captain eased Yarmouth away from the dockyard wall, we steamed down the Hamoaze, past Drake's Island and out to sea — bound for the east.

We had some passengers for the first stage of the journey. A party of paratroopers (one subaltern plus nine), tiring of the delights of Aldershot, were on their way to Morocco to climb a mountain. We of the Grey Funnel Line were delighted to have their company and were sorry to see them leave when we reached Gibraltar three days later. All of them weathered a rough passage like hardened matelots.

A forenoon in Gibraltar and one night in Malta were our only stops before Aden. After Gibraltar we were in company with Hermes, our newest aircraft-carrier, and the Rocket, like Yarmouth, an anti-submarine frigate but at 20, the old lady of the squadron. On 5th December we three arrived at Port Said and set off down the Canal the same night.

We arrived at Aden on 10th December. By this time the weather was warm, we were in white uniforms and sun-tan was being cultivated. Various shark-proof beaches proved very popular.

After two days in Aden the three ships went to sea to give a Shopwindow demonstration for the Governor of Aden, local Sheikhs and a large contingent from the Army and R.A.F. Each of the frigates carried 70 visitors and the carrier had 300. During the forenoon Yarmouth and Rocket carried out various high-speed exercises in the proximity of the carrier which acted as grandstand. All went well except that on one occasion when Rocket was steaming past Hermes at 27 knots and within half a cable,



H.M.S. "Yarmouth" en route to Hong Kong.

her elderly boilers, complaining at the undignified haste, belched a cloud of oily black smoke which drifted gently down on top of the aircraft-carrier's distinguished visitors!! They took it very well. After lunch there was a flying display by Hermes's Scimitar and Sea Vixen aircraft — always impressive — and the ships returned to harbour after tea. We gathered our friends in the other two Services had enjoyed their day out and it was a great pleasure for us to have them.

One of the Army officers who came to sea in Yarmouth that day was Captain John Jones of the East Anglian Regiment. We had previously met him on the hockey field when we narrowly beat the local Headquarters team and we were all delighted to

meet a member of "our Regiment" so far from home.

Christmas found us basking on the beaches of Ceylon where we were received very warmly by both locals and British residents. And then on Boxing Day we set off to reach Singapore for New Year. This we managed with a day to spare, arriving at our Far East base 34½ days after leaving Devonport.

And now, as I write, we are somewhere off the Philippine Islands, and it's a calm sunny morning. This is a refreshing change from the last week or so during which we've suffered the attentions of a tropical storm called "Rita."

But now for Hong Kong!!

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

GENERAL NEWS

Amalgamation

The amalgamation with the Cambridgeshire Regiment is now getting under way and we are now well into the planning stage, although at the time of writing, one very important point is not known, and that is the name.

Four T.A.C's., Haverhill, Felixstowe, Hadleigh and Framlingham, have regrettably had to be closed down as they either did not have enough bodies to warrant them keeping open or they could not be fitted into to the new ORBAT of the Battalion. We very much hope, however, that all those who are affected by these closures will be able to come in to do their drills at other centres.

Suffolk will have three out of the five Companies in the new Battalion and for the time being the H.Q. are staying at Ipswich until such time as room can be found for us at Bury St. Edmunds. The remainder of the Battalion will be organised as follows :—

- "A" Company ... Cambridgeshire
- "B" Company ... Cambridgeshire
- "C" Company ... Leiston—Woodbridge
- "D" Company ... Lowestoft—Beccles
- "HQ" Company ... Ipswich—Stowmarket

Fortunately the redundancy has been almost nil and the only people to have been hit are some of the senior ranks. The response to continue with the new Battalion has been most promising and only about 35 out of 350 have opted to go out.

The next issue will contain a full report of the amalgamation as for all practical purposes we are amalgamating on the 1st of April.

Change of Command

Lt.-Colonel G. T. O. Springfield relinquishes his command on amalgamation and in his place, to command the Amalgamated Battalion, we welcome Lt.-Colonel Storie Pugh, now commanding the Cambridgeshires.

Colonel Springfield has been with the Battalion for two years and this opportunity is taken by all ranks to thank him for all that he has done for the Regiment. During his tenure of command the Battalion has had a very successful run and has won or come near to winning all events we have taken

part in as a Battalion. In the field the Battalion has always acquitted itself well and much of this is due to the Colonel who has always taken such an interest in the Battalion, not an easy job for a regular soldier. We wish him and Mrs. Springfield our very best wishes for the future and hope that we shall see them on plenty of occasions in the future.

Brigade Inter-Unit Competition

The Brigade inter-unit competition took place on the 17th/18th of September at Mousehall. The Battalion put up a very good show and all ranks are to be congratulated on their fine efforts.

The results were as follows :—

- First Aid Competition 1st
- Patrol Competition 1st
- Signals Competition 1st
- M.M.G. Competition 1st
- 3" Mortar Competition 3rd
- 3.5 R.L. Competition 3rd

In the Inter-Divisional Band Competition the Band did well to come fourth.

Remembrance Sunday

The Battalion as usual organised the military side of the Remembrance Day parade at Ipswich. A large number turned up for the parade which was commanded by the Commanding Officer. The parade marched from the car park to the Cenotaph in Christchurch Park. After the service the Mayor of Ipswich, Alderman Fowler, took the salute at the march past.

Exercise "Lucky Dip"

In December we were pleased to provide the enemy for the 23rd S.A.S. Regiment on Ex. "Lucky Dip." The S.A.S. were based on Mersea Island and their object was to canoe up the river Colne, get ashore and make a reconnaissance of certain military camps in the Colchester area. Having got their information they had to make their way back to Mersea. The Battalion mission was to stop them getting through and if any did so to get them on the way back.

We did in fact manage to capture just over half but in all fairness to the S.A.S. it must be said that the country was extremely flooded and there were few places in which they could get across the streams and dykes, which made our job much easier, but even so it was a good effort by the Battalion. We always enjoy this type of exercise and hope to have another one in the not too distant future.

Our main training at the moment is based on individual training and a series of cadres are being carried out with this view in mind.

Camp this year takes place at Castle Martin in Wales (no one has found it on the map yet) at the end of June—beginning of July. It will be a Battalion Camp and so will be a very good opportunity for settling down the new Regiment.

Combined Services Show — Ipswich

On Saturday the 20th of May we are to take part in the Combined Services Show that is taking place in Christchurch Park. This is to be a big show and consists of all Services both Regular and T.A. We are to put on a twenty minute "Modern Battle Scene" which Major Morgan is busily working on now. It is also hoped to have an amalgamated Battalion Tent and display at the Show, so it is hoped many old friends of the Battalion will come and see us and give us their support.

Football

Although the life of the Bn. Football Team in the 1960/61 Eastern Command Association Football Challenge Cup was "short and sweet," there were many that had attended all matches who seriously considered the team going right to the top. But they met their match against 358 (S/Y) Fd. Regt. R.A. (T.A.) who won 2—1 after 90 minutes of fast exciting play that was cheered on by over 100 "fans" of both Units. The players the Battalion was able to call upon were Sgt. Sprunt, Cpl. Allum, L/Cpls. Whittingstall, Lloyd, Yates, Barrett, Ashford (capt.), Ptes. Spall, Ling, Lloyd, Harrison, Tomkins, and Bardwell. All ably managed by Sgt. Mowle. The results table of the matches played is as follows:—

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	
				For	Against
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OFFICERS' MESS

P.M.C. Major M. H. Vinden, T.D.

This issue of the Regimental Gazette contains the last contribution from the Officers' Mess before amalgamation with 1 Cambs.

It is with tremendous pleasure we tender to Brigadier E. H. W. Backhouse our congratulations on his recent Award of the C.B.E. in the New Year's Honours.

There is in fact very little news to report, except odd snippets of information and odd rumours which at the moment are rife.

In December the Mess held a cocktail party at Gipping Street, Ipswich, and we were able to welcome many guests and friends of the Battalion including Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, C.B., Major-General Inskip, Brigadier and Mrs. J. R. Doyle, Alderman P. J. Fowler, the Mayor of Ipswich, Col. and Mrs. W. A. Heal, Col. Tuck, C.M.G., the Mayor of Sudbury, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Springfield and Lt.-Col. Peter Champness, R.A., T.D. In no time the festive season was upon us and Christmas cards were arriving from various officers who have been associated with the Battalion including Brigadier E. H. W. Backhouse, Bill Lewis, Bill Deller, Johnny Fisher-Hoch, Christopher Wright and Adrian Gilmore.

During the past few months several officers have joined the Battalion and we welcome David Bradford not only as an old soldier, but for his specialised knowledge of M.T. David comes from Waldingfield, near Sudbury, and runs a garage in his spare time.

Dick Hollings has decided Suffolk is a good county and has transferred from 4 Cheshire.

Barry James was for some time with Headquarters Coy. and received his commission about two months ago. For the time being Barry is studying the intricacies of the Signal Platoon. Brian Coates, a Short Service Commission officer from 1st East Anglian Regt. is attached to "C" Coy. and residing at Southwold. (No longer will Roy be able to complain of running a one man band).

Richard Wilson has received a letter from Capt. Bruce Nareby of The Auckland Regiment (Countess of Ranfurly's Own). Capt. Nareby is in England for some time and is being attached to 4 Suffolk for the duration of his stay.

The Old Boy Net appears to have been sparking and we are glad to hear Giles Creagh is returning soon. It's just as well to have one officer in the Mess who can drink. Castell, who has served with "B" Coy. at Woodbridge, has also recently received his commission. Tom and Jane Dean put in their last appearance (appropriately enough) at the Battalion cocktail party. Tom has our very best wishes in his new appointment and a very sincere vote of thanks for his helping hand in the past and above all for his tolerance of our faults. Little does Richard Wilson know what he's in for.

Before the last issue of the Gazette, a number of officers will have said farewell to the Battalion and transferred to T.A.R.O. or other units, including Maurice Vinden, Wally Mayhew, Leonard Brown, Charles Goodford, Peter Catchpole, George Race, Robert Mermagen, John Hazelwood, Christopher Wright and Mike Askins. Last but not least, we shall in a very short time be saying farewell to Col. "George" and Joan, who leave us on amalgamation. Col. George has done so much for 4 Suffolk that only those in close day to day touch with Battalion affairs realise the debt we owe, and he will leave in the certain knowledge that the Battalion has never been in better shape.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The quarter opened with the semi-annual Sergeants' Mess Meeting and Lunch, very well attended as can be seen from the accompanying photograph.

This function was held at Stowmarket and excellently organised by C.S.M. "Jack" Barnard & Co. Guests invited were the Commanding Officer, 2nd i/c, Adjutant, "D" Coy. Commander and our two Q.Ms. Before lunch the Commanding Officer took the opportunity to broach the subject of Amalgamation which did much to dispel the shroud of rumours that up till then had covered the subject.

Amalgamation's own brand of destruction, *Redundancy*, has been felt in the Mess. Fortunately, most of those affected have been amongst those who were over age for their rank; but, most regretfully, there are those whose Drill Halls have been closed down, and it being too far to travel to the next one. Only in one case has it been necessary for a Sgt. to revert to the rank of Cpl.

Despite amalgamation, P.S.Is. must change. C.S.M. "Des" Loveday finally deciding in December that he would soldier no more, and has now changed his beret for a postman's hat. Best of luck, Des,



Warrant Officers and Sergeants, 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment (T.A.).

Front row (L. to R.) C.S.Ms. Keeble, Vallance and Cook, R.Q.M.S. McGregor, Major Wells, R.S.M. Hazelwood, Lt.-Col. Springfield, B.M. Walker, Capts. Dean, Race and Warren, C.S.Ms. Morgan, Barnard and Smith. *2nd row (L. to R.)* Capt. Sach, Sgts. Marsh, Stimpson, Howard, Milldown, Spalding, Pollen, Brock, D.M. Mingay, Sgts. Bland, Reynolds and Lewis, C.S.Ms. Loveday and Richardson. *3rd row (L. to R.)* Sgts. Mobius, Jay, Hawes, Mallitt, C/Sgt. Dye, Sgts. Parnell, Ablitt, Wyartt and Wincup, C/Sgt. Southgate, Sgt. Lawson, C/Sgt. Clarke and Sgt. Hammond. *Back row (L. to R.)* C.S.M. Phillips, Sgts. Garrod and Boxall, C/Sgt. Warne, Sgts. Baldry, Allright and Roberts.

mind the dogs and watch your fingers! C.S.M. "Bert" Richardson has a different tale to tell — after commencing his civilian job, he decided (or was forced) to change his mind and is now once again a "hardworking" soldier. Welcome back, Bert!!! Relieving these two stalwarts we were pleased to welcome C.S.M. Phillips to "A" Coy. and C.S.M. Jones to "SP" Coy., both from the 2nd East Anglian Regiment.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

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

We would like to welcome Capt. Bradford as M.T.O. He soon got things moving with a cadre, and it is not every M.T.O. who would strip his own car down to show the finer workings of the engine. We still have a few spare parts left over if he would like to claim them.

Children's Party

The children's party was as usual a great success with 85 running around. Sgt. Mowle entertained them with his spoons, and Lt. Keeble in the dual role of Father Christmas and with his guitar in the role of Tommy Steele. L/C Yates operated the projector for the film show.

General

We had a farewell party for our old P.S.I., C.S.M. Loveday. We are really sorry to see him go as he had been with us for so long, but we would

like to welcome Sgt. Mobius as his replacement and hope his stay will be enjoyable. Ex. Lucky Dip was held in the Fingringhoe area in November the object being to catch the S.A.S. We had a fair amount of success. C/Sgt. Southgate got rather wet and muddy when two prisoners pushed him over in trying to escape. Pte. Flory has now returned from his unit projectionist course with a "C" so the Coy. are expecting a few more films in 1961. The Signal Platoon have started the new year with a cadre under the capable hands of Capt. Bird, Sgts. Mallitt and Hawes, with a number of new recruits from the other Companies.

SUPPORT COMPANY

O.C. Coy. Major J. G. Lawrie, T.D.
 C.S.M. W.O.II L. J. Vallance
 C.Q.M.S. C/Sgt. I. R. Clarke
 P.S.I. W.O.II W. Jones

Since the last issue our Company has met with success in various directions.

In the Brigade competitions held in September the M.M.G. Platoon came first and the Mortar Platoon came second in their respective competitions. Congratulations to all concerned especially to Sgts. Bland, Reynolds and Sgt. Allright who have given valuable assistance to the M.M.G. Platoon during the last two years.

Our recruiting is doing very well and we are at an all time high of 106 officers and men with a queue at the door waiting to come in. At the end of October we joined "B" Company in a week-end exercise in the Woodbridge area, the main idea being to operate

a rifle company in conjunction with support weapons. On the Saturday afternoon we should have seen a film to demonstrate this but due to the sound not working and the film being wrong, things did not go according to plan. Nevertheless an enjoyable weekend was had by all. Even if we did lose a three-tonner. Anyone seen C.S.M. Vallance?

On the Sunday before Armistice Day we turned out in strength to attend a service in Bungay Church and the dedication of the Garden of Remembrance. Afterwards we marched through the main street with the Band.

After lunch we set up our equipment on the main square, much to the interest of many local people. The Band gave a short concert in the bandstand and several of the younger members of the populace were seen to be rocking and rolling to the strains of "Speed the Plough" and "Rule Britannia."

We were then very hospitably entertained to tea by the Bungay British Legion, in their Headquarters.

On Armistice Day we had a very good turnout and were ably supported by the W.R.A.C. and A.C.F., but things got rather out of hand when we came up behind the Salvation Army Band and had to change to a slow march.

Our next event was a social one in the form of a Company Dinner. This was well attended by all ranks and we were very pleased to welcome Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Springfield and Col. and Mrs. Dicker.

We also made this our opportunity to say goodbye to our P.S.L., W.O.II Richardson. We shall miss him. He was presented with a Barometer and a Clock. We wish him every success. We would also like to take this opportunity of welcoming C.S.M. W. Jones, may his stay with us be a happy one.

Our congratulations go to L/Cpls. Plant, Garrod and Harrison on their promotion, also to L/Cpl. Plant and Pte. M. Jeffries on reaching married status.

"A" COMPANY

O.C. Coy. Major G. L. Brown
 P.S.I. W.O.II A. Phillips
 C.S.M. W.O.II L. Keeble
 C.Q.M.S. A. Dye

During the early part of September, the Company had its own private church party, and attended the Village Church of our Padre, the Reverend Strickland. Perhaps the choice of the day was a little unhappy, as it turned out to be the Holy Communion, and whilst the very small church was overflowing with the Company personnel, the other congregation totalled 3. The Company had attended the church in appreciation of the great services rendered by the Padre whilst at Camp.

During October, the Company joined forces with the A.C.F. at Botesdale on a Night Patrol Scheme. The Cadets turned up in force and numbered well over 50 and the energy they expended completely wore out the more seasoned veterans of the T.A.

It was very pleasing to have the full Company present at Ipswich on Remembrance Sunday. This included "Boy Smith" now on Man Service, who had enlisted so shortly before the Parade that his uniform was issued at Ipswich on the Sunday morning, and he was dressed by the P.S.I. The Company are to be congratulated on a very smart turnout.

On the exercise Lucky Dip, the Company Commander managed to base his H.Q. at the Whalebone Inn, after having got past acting L/Cpl. Phillips (ex P.S.I.) who was on duty throughout the night at

the Fingeringhoe Company gateway. The Company Commander justified his H.Q. by capturing four or the infiltrators.

"A" Company personnel on this scheme are to be congratulated on having passed out at Vehicle Recovery, having rescued the Company Commander's car which had sunk into the wet sand at Wick pier. Had the car been left another two hours, only the windscreen would have been visible. It was about this time that our P.S.I. performed his own exercise of Lucky Fall, having fallen through the ceiling of our Recreation Room.

The Range Day was almost a failure, the maximum range at which firing was possible was 100 yards, due to fog. "Boy Smith" finished up with 5 Bulls; he himself denies firing at his target.

The Haverhill detachment had their Annual Christmas Party, and this was made a 100% success by the Bookmaker's Daughter. Never has so small a girl been attended by so many with so little chance. Thanks are due to the Haverhill wives for their splendid efforts in preparing the refreshments.

The Bury St. Edmunds Social was an All Stag party, and was held on the 19th December, which coincided with payment of travelling allowances and training bonuses. The enjoyment of the evening was slightly marred by the Official Order of the Day concerning amalgamation, but hearts well and truly recovered as the spirits flowed.

Having vacated our hatted quarters we were given the use of the old Gibraltar Block whilst awaiting new quarters. The bare rooms have been transformed into comfortable social and training quarters. Partitions were stripped out and a bar and social room built.

In charge of the plumbing was Cpl. D. Johnson, of the carpentry Sgt. J. Pollen and of the electrical work Cpl. Ellis. Paper-hanging was carried out with some deft assistance in this department by the Company Commander, Major L. Brown, and other active helpers were Sgt.-Major L. Keeble and Sgt.-Major A. Phillips who (with the skilled assistance of his wife) saw to the provision of the attractive curtains. All this was done by the members in their spare time, and to mark its completion they had a pleasant social on December 19th.

"B" COMPANY

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. T. Boxall

We open these notes with a rather sad feeling because of amalgamation. We have already closed down our T.A. Centres at Framlingham and Felixstowe but we hope that the personnel from both places will come into Woodbridge for training and help to make this a good strong platoon of the new Company to be known as "C" Company, with its H.Q. at Leiston. For those of the Company who have served with it for so long, and worked so hard, this is a very hard blow. To those who will still be serving in the new platoon we say "keep up the good name of old 'B' Company which has been in Woodbridge for the past thirty years. Our confidence is in you."

In our last notes we mentioned that the Brigade Competition was near at hand and that we had every confidence in our team winning the first aid for the Battalion. This event took place at Stanford P.T.A.

on the 17th/18th of September when our team won easily. We would like to congratulate SP Company on winning the 3" Mortar and A/Tk. Competitions, "C" Company the Fighting Patrol, and H.Q. Company the Signals Competition.

On the 22nd/23rd October the Company carried out an exercise with the object of giving practice to all junior Commanders in the handling of troops in the field, and to gain experience in the use of Bn. support weapons. We very much appreciate Support Company Commander's effort in supplying a section of M.M.Gs., 3" Mortars and Anti-Tank for this exercise which was enjoyed by all who took part. All agree that we all want and must have more practice in this sort of training.

On the 26th/27th of November we took part in exercise "Lucky Dip" in the Colchester area, the Battalion forming one Company of enemy against "B" Squadron, 23rd S.A.S. Regiment. "B" Company provided one platoon. We moved into our concentration area at about 1600 hrs and a meal was soon served, followed by an O Group, and at about 1930 hrs we took up our position. Soon reports were coming in of enemy movements in the area. One member of Platoon H.Q. was in position up against the local pub bar squeezing information of enemy movements out of the landlord and mopping a pint or two at the same time much to the O.C.'s disapproval. The platoon captured six prisoners in this battle, and would no doubt have had more, had Ernie jumped out of the truck and given chase rather than directing operations from the cab of the 3-tonner.

On the 31st December we held our Christmas party, when 35 children and mothers sat down to tea, after which each child received a present from this year's Father Christmas, Major Mayhew. Then followed entertainment by Mr. Lionel Warne in games and a sing-song. A film show brought the party to an end at 1800 hrs when each child received a balloon and a packet of sweets to take home.

We welcome 2/Lieut. Castell on joining the Company and we are delighted to know that he will command the newly formed platoon at Woodbridge. Welcome, too, to our new recruit Pte. Fryatt, and we hope that his stay with us will be a very happy one. On this note we hope to see Captain Sach, our old Company Commander, who we learn will soon be taking up his new appointment as 2nd i/c of "C" Company.

On the 21st January we are holding our Company Christmas Party at the Crown Hotel, Woodbridge, a full report of which will appear in the next number of the Journal.

In conclusion we are sorry to have to say good-bye to our Commanding Officer, Colonel Springfield, who has worked so hard for all of us in the Battalion, and we hope that we as a Company during the last three years have given him the backing he so much deserved. We welcome Captain Wilson as our new Adjutant and hope that his stay with the new Battalion will be a long and happy one.

"C" COMPANY

O.C. Major R A. F. Kemp, T.D.
 C.S.M. W.O.II A. Smith
 C.Q.M.S. C/Sgt. L. Spall
 P.S.I. Sgt. K. Allright

The Army and Lady Chatterley have one word in common that seems to form the basis of their

language but during the past few months even this word has been ousted by that of "Amalgamation." It has been like suffering with the toothache — dreading the visit to the dentist but knowing full well that it has to come and one will be all the better for it after it is all over. Let us hasten to add that we have nothing against the Cambridgeshire Regiment. If amalgamation had to come and we had been given the choice I am sure we would all have chosen this fine Regiment. The fact remains, however, that, after 275 years of glorious history, the Suffolk Regiment with all its great traditions will cease to be as we have known it. Such is the march of time but we who have the honour to be in at the birth of the new Regiment must ensure that it wastes no time in becoming the best unit in East Anglia.

Now to the future. It looks as if the old "C" Company will lose two officers and approximately 16 O.Rs. who have elected not to serve in the new Regiment. Of these, at least ten were on the short list for discharge anyway. Of the remainder — well, there is an old saying about sinking ships. BUT this ship is NOT sinking. On the credit side we get the old "B" Company joining us and who could ask for more? We welcome the Woodbridge lads and hope they will find us to their liking. By the next issue we should be able to see what the strength of the Company will be but we hope it will not be less than 60 for Camp in June.

Recruiting during the past months has been slow but, as soon as the new Company has settled down we hope to get things moving again. We welcome Ptes. R. Barker and D. Clarke, and they have already settled in to becoming true Territorials. We also welcome Lieut. B. L. Coates who has joined us on posting and now, for the first time for many months, have two active officers instead of just the Company Commander.

On the debit side we have lost Pte. R. Clarke. The Regular Army have had their eye on "Hookey" for a long time but must have decided he would require special attention. The day after they were sure they had him in, the Minister of War announced that he could now dispense with National Service and there would be no further call up. He a'most added "now we have got 'Hookey' Clarke." We shall now be able to dispense with at least one cook on week-end training. We wish him and the 3rd East Anglian who we understand are due for the pleasure of Hookey's company in the near future, the best of British luck. It's only for two years.

Training has also been rather at a standstill during the last few months. After training the successful platoon that won the Brigade Patrol Competition we had a quiet period. This was to be expected as the members of the patrol had worked extremely hard perfecting their movements and snatch drill. It was unfortunate that L/Cpl. "Sperry" Free stopped a blank where he usually puts his dinner but they don't come tougher in Leiston than the Free's and he was soon up and about again.

One exercise in Norfolk was planned and given official blessing only to be cancelled because of the outbreak of Foot and Mouth. Some twenty N.C.Os. and men took part in exercise "Lucky Dip" in November and came back rather wet and bedraggled to try and cheer the Bn. football team on in the 1st round of the Knock-Out Cup.

In December a start was made on the annual weapon training course and it is hoped to complete

this by the second week in February. The Battalion Cadres have also been well supported.

On the 17th December we held our usual Christmas Party for the children when something like 40 had a sumptuous tea followed by games organised by Sgt. Parnell and his committee. All the children received a present from Father Christmas, alias Major Kemp. Our thanks to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Emmerson for the hard work they put in.

On the following day we held our annual Walpinchaw Shoot at Sizewell and this attracted 35 entries. This would undoubtedly have been much larger if it hadn't unfortunately clashed with the semi-final of the district football Knock-Out. However, we were more than pleased to receive a visit from the Commanding Officer and the Adjutant and also to have those two old timers ex-R.Q.M.S. Goddard and ex-Sgt. Nipper Moore taking part. Wilf showed that he has not lost any of his old touch by winning the Walpinchaw.

The weekly dances seem to have lost their attraction during the last couple of months and have had to be discontinued through lack of support. This is a great pity because it was always a potential source of recruitment. Three dart matches have been played against Snape Golden Key and we were the losers on all three occasions but enjoyed the matches very much.

So ends the last journal notes from "C" Coy. 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regt. T.A. What our title will be by the next issue only the powers that be know and they are not telling.

"D" COMPANY

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

The last quarter of 1960 has proved to be both interesting and eventful for the members of "D" Company.

All were pleased to note the inclusion of Cpl. Oxford and Pte. Vince in "D" Company's team in the Decentralised Shoot at Bromeswell. It is also with pleasure that we take this opportunity of welcoming our latest recruit, Pte. P. Spurgin.

To anyone requiring one easy lesson on how not to ride a motor cycle we would refer him to Pte. Woods, commonly known as Skid King.

It was with regret that we heard of the accident of Pte. Willis-Betts. All wish him a speedy recovery.

On a more cheerful note, we offer our congratulations and good wishes to Cpl. and Mrs. Oxford on the birth of their daughter.

The "surprise" of the quarter is the realisation that we have amongst us a star table tennis player, none other than C.S.M. Barnard, affectionately known as "Seagull." With an eye to physical fitness for Camp next year, we thoroughly recommend this sport.

In view of "current events" we should not lose this opportunity of passing a vote of thanks to Sgt. Baldry. His cheerful approach and splendid work have been much appreciated.

BAND

During the past year, we have been kept fairly busy, rendering sweet (?) music in many places.

At Annual Camp, we played at the Officers' Mess, which, besides our own officers, had as members, officers of the R.A.M.C. and R.A.O.C. We also

played for the Brigade Officers' Mess on two occasions. The first of these was for the visit of General Sir Gerald Lathbury, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.B.E., G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command. On the second occasion, a small twelve-piece band played for the Brigade Officers' Dinner, held at Hexham. Over one hundred officers were present.

July 2nd saw the Band "in action" once more at the Brigade Mess, this time on home ground at Colchester. This special occasion was the "dining out" of Major W. C. Deller (ex-Suffolk), who had just completed a term of office as Brigade Major.

During the remainder of July and August, we made appearances at Colchester Tattoo, Bury St. Edmunds and the Bn. Rifle Meeting. Although the weather was unkind for the time of year, we managed our afternoon programme in the Abbey Gardens between showers. In the evening, to avoid disappointment to the large audience, we played for as long as we could see, under the Abbey Gate itself. Judging by the applause, this was appreciated by the people who packed themselves around to listen.

Sunday, October 2nd, saw us with seven other Bands of the Division at Bedford, for the Divisional Band Contest. The marching part of the contest we saw practically nothing of, as we were last but one Band to perform. During the afternoon, some really good playing was heard, and the pieces performed covered a wide variety. Competition for first and second place was keen. Considering the high standard of playing throughout, we are pleased with our final placing of fourth, but hope to beat that next year.

During November, we went to assist "SP" Company with a Recruiting Drive at Bungay. After a march through the town, at which the mayor took the salute, we proceeded to the T.A. centre at Beccles for lunch. Returning to Bungay after lunch, we played to a large audience of townspeople, while the children had great fun with the various weapons on display.

Remembrance Sunday was another of our engagements, and saw us once again providing the music for the combined Services parade to Christchurch Park for the Town's Remembrance Service. After the Service, we played for the March Past, while the Mayor took the salute, then on through the Town, units dispersing on the way, back to our own T.A. Centre.

A Band Social evening was held on Saturday, 26th November. Although unfortunately not fully attended, there were about 40 adults and 20 children present. The latter enjoyed a film show of over an hour's duration, while the former played tombola, and had a chat on their own.

On December 19th, we visited Foxhall Hospital, and played some light music and carols. Although there was no assembly of patients for this, (we played in a passage-way), the singing from the various wards could be heard.

On amalgamation with the Cambridgeshire Regiment, we are fortunate enough to remain as the Regimental Band. This good news has relieved our minds of redundancy fears.

May we wish farewell to two esteemed officers, who have had the welfare of the Band always at heart, Brigadier J. R. I. Doyle, O.B.E., who is leaving the Command of our Brigade, and Lt. Col. G. T. O. Springfield, our Commanding Officer, who is leaving, not only us, but the Army. Good fortune go with you both.

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

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

The main topic in the Drill Halls at the moment is the forthcoming amalgamation with 4 Suffolk. It is naturally a sad day for the Regiment, for this is the fourth change since the end of the 1939-45 War.

This reorganisation at least appears to be permanent and will finally cut the unit down to a size more in keeping with the number of volunteers in the Regiment. After amalgamation, Cambridge will have two Rifle Companies each of four platoons, these Companies will be "A" and "B" Companies of the New Battalion. "A" Company being formed from the March and Wisbech contingents and commanded by Captain Baldry. "B" Company with H.Q. at Cambridge will be formed by contingents at Cambridge, Ely and Newmarket and commanded by Major Brashaw.

Like all re-organisations and amalgamations a certain number of men become redundant or appear in the over-age bracket. The principal loss will be the Band, all members of which are made redundant, but are given the opportunity to remuster into the rifle platoons. Many old faithfuls such as Sgts. Preston and Kennedy now find that their years have finally caught up with them and they are on the wrong side of the age limit. Majors Scott Lee, Brown and Forsythe also leave on amalgamation, but hope to be employed in some other form of voluntary service.

Congratulations to our Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. P. D. Storie-Pugh, M.B.E., M.C., T.D., on being appointed the first Commanding Officer of the New Regiment. Also to Brigadier Backhouse, our Honorary Colonel, on his award of a C.B.E.

As this is the last occasion on which The Cambridgeshires will be exhibiting as a Regiment, we send our greetings to all in the 1st East Anglian Regiment and say how much we have appreciated being part of it and look forward to an even closer association in the future.

OFFICERS' MESS

Three events in particular deserve mention in these notes, even though the annotator's memory proves defective, owing largely to alcoholic poisoning. Firstly there was the Dinner Dance on 11th



Dinner to former Commanding Officers, 1st Bn. The Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.)

Left to Right: Lt. Keatly, Major Morgan, Lt.-Col. Carpenter, Capt. Baggaley, Col. Beckett, Lt.-Col. Storie-Pugh, Commanding Officer, Maj.-Gen. Sparkes, Brig. Backhouse (Hon. Col.), Major Brown, Col. Page, Capt. Bradley, Col. Canning, Major Walker, Lt.-Col. Drake-Digby, Major Brashaw, Lt.-Col. Mapey, Capt. Baldry, Lt.-Col. Colchester.

November 1960. The dinner was excellent, the dance good, the attendance well up to average. Everyone enjoyed themselves, except perhaps for certain purists during the last few minutes, minutes which had better remain wrapped in obscurity. Perhaps this is the occasion to note the services, which they have gladly given to the Regiment, of John Cook and Bark Bradford. John Cook has for countless years circulated people, arranged boards, fixed Mark Bradford. submitted bills and occasionally collected the money due from those attending. It is confidently believed that he has done this without great loss to his own pocket, but his expenditure in time and effort has been very great. As for Mark, it is not so much that he has provided excellent value for money, but that he has put himself and his staff and accommodation at the service of the Regiment for this one night each year, and then has turned up to enjoy it himself. It is to be hoped that this function will continue. By the way, there will be a dinner-dance to celebrate amalgamation at the Union Society's premises, Round Church Street, on 8th April, 1961.

Then there was a dinner, on the afore-mentioned premises, it was a quarterly mess dinner: it was a dinner to the former Commanding Officers of the Regiment: it was a real good do.

Brigadier Backhouse presided. He showed himself to be in excellent form, master of his technique, and a proper stayer. The C.Os. who attended were: Major-General H. P. Sparks, M.C., Colonel J. G. A. Beckett, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., Colonel W. F. Page, M.C., T.D., Lt.-Col. J. D. Ritchie, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. G. Colchester, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. G. G. Carpenter, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. C. V. Canning, M.C., T.D., D.L., Lt.-Col. F. N. Drake Digby, T.D., D.L., Lt.-Col. E. L. V. Mapey, O.B.E., T.D., and how well they looked. Major Walker attributes their excellent health to the fact that they have ceased to command the Regiment. But that does not explain the case of the present C.O. His countenance glowed and his personality expanded from the moment he had downed his third sherry.

By the way, who was it who after dinner drank a half-bottle of very dry sherry, thinking it was brandy? The Mess Secretary would like to know, for he feels that that member is entitled to some rebate on his mess bill. Then there is the drinks party. Oh! but that has not happened yet: or has it? We had better report that in our next issue anyhow. It is a party for the Ladies, and Lent seems to be an appropriate season for considering what to say about them. They are not prohibited, are they, Ted? No, I thought not. But they can be foresworn, can they? Oh. Ladies — Ladies' Nights! Ernie Morgan has found these occasions a great excuse for projecting his personality. He puts out the lights and displays his moving pictures: he provides the sound himself. He is a noisy but murky character. His shows have been much appreciated.

Lastly, goodbye to Mike Bradford. He has gone into the solicitors branch of the profession, largely in order to be able to join a mess and be able to afford to pay his mess bills. For the time being we lose him, but we look forward to welcoming all the new officers of the new Battalion after April.

The Mess at East Road will continue until the City Council demolishes it to make it quicker to get from the conveniences on Mill Road to the conveniences on Newmarket Road, or indeed vice-versa.

SERGEANTS' MESS

In November, the Past and Present Club held their Annual Dinner at the Drill Hall, East Road, Cambridge. It was gratifying to note that there was a larger attendance than last year and a larger percentage were present members of the Mess. The Commanding Officer gave his "Annual Report" and replying for the Guests, the Adjutant, Major Morgan, gave a forecast of what amalgamation would probably involve, pointing out that this was not a "take over" bid but moving with the times towards a streamlined fighting force of the Territorial Army.



Two very old friends of the 1st Bn.
The Cambridgeshire Regiment.
Sgt. W. E. Kennedy and Bandmaster A. E. Tucker.
(By courtesy of the Cambridge Daily News).

Our next event was the Christmas Draw — the Mess being so crowded that the tickets were numbered vertically. This year the prizes were very well distributed (some disagree!) and with over seven hundred tickets sold the first ten prizes could be reserved for our Q.M. and still leave a few for the rest of us.

The New Year's Ball was very successful—nearly four hundred guests and friends attended and these included a coachload from the Depot and Captain Warren from 4 Suffolk — it was noble of you to make the effort, Sir, and we are told you enjoyed the evening.

The main topic at the moment is that there are going to be vast changes in our Mess strength within the next two months as amalgamation will mean that some will lose their rank, but two members whom we are all going to be sorry to see leave are C.S.M. "Robby" Robinson, P.S.I. at March, and Sgt. "Wally" Kennedy of the Band at Cambridge. "Wally" joined the Suffolk Regiment in 1915 and C.S.M. "Robby" joined the Army in 1927, and has served in the Cambridgeshire Regiment twice, first from 1940 to 1945, and again in 1956. He is, we understand, taking

up a post in Dorset. We wish them both good fortune and hope that their "retirement" will not mean that they will not be able to revisit us occasionally.

"A" COMPANY

O.C. Capt. D. J. Baldry
2 i/c Lieut. M. H. Osborn
Pl. Comd. Lieut. A. K. Checkley
P.S.I. C.S.M. L. Drew

As often seems to be the case, social activities seem to come to the fore over the Christmas period.

First of all we had the Battalion Christmas Shoot at which "A" Company, while not taking the laurels for the shooting itself, were the winners of the prize for the best stall, in the shape of the "Andy Capp" golf course, thanks mostly to the efforts of C.S.M. Drew. Could it be that the Sergeant-Major has missed his vocation?

The following evening we held our own Company Dinner and Dance at Wisbech. Unfortunately the Commanding Officer and many other guests were unable to be present due to another important Dinner in Cambridge on the same night. This was a great pity, especially as for several years "A" Company have always held their Dinner on the last Saturday before the Christmas holiday, but in spite of this and the several well known faces which were conspicuous by their absence, a large number were present and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

The toast of the Cambridgeshire Regiment was proposed by Capt. E. Williamson, Adjutant of the 3rd Cadet Battalion. Lt. M. H. Osborn responded and both he and the proposer had something to say about the intended new role of the 1st Bn. and the effects of amalgamation on "A" Company in particular. Capt. Clayton then proposed the health of the Guests to which R.S.M. Lyon ably replied. Much of the credit for the success of the Dinner and Dance must go to C/Sgt. Emmerson who with the help of his hard working committee provided us with a first class evening's entertainment.

Changes loom ahead, but before Amalgamation we are to have a new O.C., Capt. Derek Baldry, to succeed Major J. A. Forsythe, T.D., who, because of illness, has been unable to attend for the past eight months. We all look forward to welcoming Capt. Baldry in his new appointment, especially the writer of these notes who, as 2 i/c has had to carry out the duties of Coy. Comd. The co-operation of all ranks during this period is much appreciated.

"B" COMPANY

O.C. Major L. S. L. Brown
P.S.I. Sgt. F. Bryant

Receiving only the shortest of warning that these notes were due, we can only rush to print with a very brief resume of events at Ely since returning from Camp.

One of the highlights in our training was the Brigade competition and we were hoping to claim the M.M.G. Cup. We had to make changes in our team and we gave the opportunity to some of our newer members to prove themselves. The team did very well indeed, but unfortunately certain faults occurred and "B" Coy. had to be content with second place.

Soon after this we lost Pte. Bond to the Parachute Regiment, but we are still recruiting although at a rather slower pace than earlier in the year.

We have had certain social functions that have been very successful. Firstly there was the Company Supper at the "Angel" where we all enjoyed our evening out. We also arranged that our Christmas draw should coincide with the payment of the Bounty, and with Tombola and the usual refreshments, this was a happy occasion too. Our Christmas Children's Party took place on Sunday, 18th December, 1960, and the whole programme of games, feasting, carols, films and the arrival of Father Xmas on a sleigh drawn by a real live pony, and the giving and receiving of presents, successfully ensured that every one of the 42 children attending had a most pleasant and memorable time. We are now expectantly looking forward to our Annual Ball on Friday, 13th January, 1961, and we hope that all other Companies will be giving their support. This will, of course, be the last Ball as "B" Coy. 1 Camb. (T.A.). On the 17th January Major Morgan is coming to Ely to give us all a true picture of what the Amalgamation means to each one of us. This we have been waiting for, and we all have a feeling that the news will be good news.

"C" COMPANY

O.C. Major A. H. Lee, T.D.
P.S.I. C.S.M. A. D. Robinson

We started off the new quarter with a concentration of "Weapons Week End" at Stanford P.T.A. with a fair turn out by "C" Coy. personnel, when we could do no better than come 3rd in the 3" Mortar competition which we won last year, but we hope for better luck next time. Our best shots were unable to attend the Bn. Rifle Meeting, and we came last in the competition. The harvest season always makes heavy demands on the Company — anyhow, this excuse for our failure is better than none.

On the 25th September a display of mortar training was given by C.S.M. Chapman and his stalwarts on the Midsummer Common at Cambridge. It went off very well and was enjoyed by the spectators.

During October the Band and Drums gave an excellent display of playing and marching when leading the Hospital Parade at Doddington. The P.S.I. had a job to get the Bandsmen and Drummers out of the Hospital cookhouse after the parade, where they had gone for a cup of tea. Female cooks were the reason.

A successful Tombola Drive in aid of the children's Christmas party was organised by the P.S.I., C.S.M. Chapman, Sgt. Minett, Sgt. Anderson, Sgt. Matthews, L/Cpl. Moate and Pte. Bowman at which about 80 people were present.

On the 13th November, Remembrance Sunday, the drums were kept busy all day leading the parade at Witcham where the Regimental Padre, the Reverend E. Simpson, is the vicar. A parade was also held at March where 20 drummers were on parade. Sgt. Doughty sounded Reveille at Witcham, Mepal and Sutton where further ceremonies were taking place, so he was kept busy all day. Sgt. Matthews sounded the calls at Wimblington at another Remembrance ceremony.

The Xmas shoot went off with a bang. L/Cpl. Agger and Pte. Wells of "C" Company winning the

Darts Competition. "A" Company certainly had a colourful "Andy Capp Golf Course" and we must congratulate them on winning the Commanding Officers' prize for the most popular and colourful stall.

The Children's Christmas Party was a great success and thanks must go to all who organised it. The T.A. Staff and W.R.A.C. did a very good job as did C.S.M. Chapman, Sgt. Minett, L/Cpl. Moate, Sgt. Anderson and the ladies who devoted a great deal of time and energy in making the event a success.

The Company held their Xmas Party on the 29th December and it turned out a very good show. C.S.M. Chapman laid on a very good Concert Party and, assisted by Mrs. Clark, provided a very good buffet.

We look forward to the New Year with mixed feelings as the Battalion will be amalgamating with 4th Suffolk, but we trust that much that will happen will give us cause for satisfaction.

"D" COMPANY

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

It is with much pleasure that we can again go to press shouting the praises of "D" Company, for once again, we have had a very successful time since you last heard from us.

Probably our greatest success has been in the field of Weapon Training, for two teams from "D" Company — L/Cpl. C. W. Jolley and Pte. Snare, Cpl. D. Burch and Pte. D. Crowley — and one team from another Company won the 161 Inf. Bde. Anti-Tank Competition at Stanford P.T.A. in September. They scored particularly good marks for camouflage and concealment, but we make no secret of the fact that we had been training especially hard for this competition for some weeks beforehand.



Winners of the Anti-Tank Competition.
 L/Cpl. Burch, Pte. Cowley and Major Morgan.

Another great success of "D" Company was scored at the Battalion Rifle Meeting and our congratulations go to Pte. Cowley, the Champion Young Soldier of the Meeting, our excellent Light Machine Gun Teams who won that particular event, and to Pte. Walker, then newly joined, who was the best young soldier Bren Gunner. Particular mention must

be made of our Company crack shot, Pte. Rix, who was individual runner-up, having scored the same as the winner, a result which caused much veiled mutterings of "Fiddle" etc. in the ranks of "D" Company.

However, having succeeded fairly well on the outdoor range, when we started on the Miniature range we excelled ourselves, going so far as to win the Inter-Company Small Bore Championship, and, to date, performing very well in other leagues. It is on record that the "75% Regular" team at H.Q. Company has not quite got over the shock of this!

But pre-eminent over all these things, of course, is the proposed amalgamation of our unit with the 4 Suffolk (T.A.) and the rumours concerning "who is going where and doing what" are so numerous and contradictory that we have decided to ignore everything except the "printed word."

But one thing is clear, at last we can expect to get rid of our P.S.I., who in May is to be deported to Berlin, pending hand-over to the Russians for bayonet practice!

Unlike last year, there is no administrative inspection, but having successfully passed all other inspections during the year we were not unduly worried by the prospects of another one, particularly when we had such an excellent report on the R.E.M.E. Vehicle Inspection.

The Christmas season started off very well for the Company when we held our Christmas Dinner. It was well attended by members and their wives. The dinner was very good both in quality and quantity and we have yet to hear anyone say they did not eat far more than was good for them. The Christmas round was continued, with a shoot at Cambridge, where our teams were the highest scoring in the Battalion and where we followed the example of Bruce Forsythe and set up our own "Newmarket Palladium," much to everyone's amusement.

The festivities continued with our Christmas party when all the future members of this Company were entertained to tea and given presents. A few days later we "broke up" and started our Christmas's in our homes.

Now we are in the New Year still suffering from the hangover from the Sergeants' Mess New Year Ball and may we wish everyone the very best in 1961, except Pte. Taylor who, if he continues to beat the P.S.I. at chess so frequently, will probably be posted elsewhere — sharpish!

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

O.C. Major J. R. L. Brashaw
 P.S.I. Sgt. F. O. Harris

Christmas is over, and with it our annual festivals are ended. The first of these was the Battalion Christmas Shoot. We are glad to report that we succeeded in getting third prize in spite of L/Cpl. Clarke scoring a duck and also winning the booby prize. It just goes to show how good the rest of the team were. Colour-Sergeant Croft and Sergeant Harris are to be congratulated on the Company Stall which consisted of rotating beer barrels disguised as a horse. The unfortunate competitors were expected to get from the tail to its head, a task which the Commanding Officer will witness was extremely difficult. However, we were rewarded by being judged the second best stall.

The next party was our Company Dinner. This

was an excellent occasion when we had a first class dinner in the Drill Hall followed by dancing and games. All those present will commiserate with those who, for some reason or other, were unable to be present and missed a most enjoyable evening. Lastly we had our children's Christmas party which was its usual success thanks to Mrs. Scott and her lady helpers. Santa Croft had a present for everyone and a conjuror provided a lot of amusement after everyone had stuffed themselves with every kind of delicacy.

Two officers have been attached to us in this period. Lieutenant Osbaldiston from Australia who is now leading the Intelligence Section into pastures new and Lieutenant Mermagen from the 4th Battalion The Suffolk Regiment (T.A.) who has shown his prowess with a .22 rifle. Whilst on the subject of rifles, Latchford Junior should be an expert in years to come. At the age of four months he has visited the range with his father who has been shooting. Surprisingly enough he did not always approve of the noise, which Dad found very disappointing.



King's Lynn Branch Re-union Dinner.
Pensioner G. Parnell, Lt.-Col. C. A. Debenham and Brig. F. P. Barclay.

(By courtesy of the Lynn News and Advertiser).

**THE 1st EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT
(Royal Norfolk and Suffolk)
PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION,**

NORFOLK SECTION

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1961

- 4th June.— London Branch will place a wreath on the Cenotaph in Whitehall. Meet on Horse Guards Parade at 12 noon.
15th July.— Summer Re-union at Britannia Barracks.
30th Sept.— Re-union Dinner at Norwich.
12th Oct.— Memorial Service for Nurse Edith Cavell, Norwich Cathedral, 10.45 a.m.
27th Oct.— King's Lynn Branch Re-union Dinner.
10th Nov.— London Branch Dinner.
11th Nov.— Remembrance Service at the Regimental Memorial Cottages, Norwich, 10.45 a.m.

RE-UNION DINNERS

There has been considerable activity and encouraging attendances at the many re-union dinners organised by the various Associations affiliated to the 9th Foot.

The 2/6th Battalion had an attendance of 72 at their dinner in September, the best for some years. The 9th (Service) Battalion mustered 80 when they dined on 1st October to commemorate their baptism of fire at the Battle of Loos, in October, 1915. Both these Associations were formed more than 40 years ago and yet their members still come along, in good numbers, some from very long distances.

One of the main occasions of the Association year is the re-union dinner held in Britannia Barracks on the last Saturday in September. The 1960 dinner will be remembered for the support given to it by former Officers of the 9th Foot. *Forty-five of them were among the 245 members who sat down to dinner, whilst another twenty-one sent donations.* The amount received by way of donations was the highest since the dinners were resumed in 1954 and this enabled the dinner committee to send Christmas gifts of tobacco to 122 former members of the Regiment who are residents in hostels in Norwich or long-term patients in the two hospitals at Hellesdon and Thorpe St. Andrew. In addition, free tickets to the dinner were given to a number of old members who would otherwise have been prevented from attending. It was good to see new faces at this dinner even though some of these faces belonged to people who left the Regiment forty or more years ago and were attending their first re-union. One of them was amazed to find so many of his old friends at the dinner. He came quite prepared to meet no one that he knew.

The King's Lynn Branch dinner on the last Friday in October is another very popular fixture. Last year's attendance was 156, a record, and included Pensioner George Parnell from the Royal Hospital,

Chelsea. He took the opportunity during dinner to do something that he had always intended to do but, for a variety of reasons, had never got round to doing — which was to become a subscriber to the Regimental Journal. George Parnell, who is 87 years of age, joined the Regiment in 1893. His portrait, painted by Lt.-Col. Gerald Hare, hangs in the Regimental Museum.

Lt.-Col. Debenham presided at the dinner and was congratulated on having completed more than 36 years with the Branch, first as a member of the committee, and for many years as Chairman. Brigadier Barclay and Lt.-Col. Flower were among the speakers.

The London Branch dinner held on 11th November and reported elsewhere was preceded by the ceremony of planting poppies in the Garden of Remembrance, Westminster. Brig. Barclay and Lt.-Col. Floyd were among the twenty or so members who managed to be present at this simple yet moving ceremony.

LONDON BRANCH

It is with much regret that we have to open our contribution to the Journal with the report of the deaths of two of our staunch supporters, Mr. R. E. Faithorn and Mr. F. H. Ellaway. They will be very much missed and our sympathy goes out to their families.



The late Colour Sergeant W. E. Faithorn.

The passing of Dick Faithorn at the age of 73 years recalls a unique event which took place in Belfast on 19th April, 1921, and was the subject of a Special Order of the Day. The occasion was the presentation of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to him, the fourth generation of his family to have served in the 9th Foot and receive this same award.

His great-grandfather was a Colour Sergeant in 1845, his grandfather a Band Sergeant in 1876. His father joined the Regiment in 1881 and became Sergeant-Major of the 1st Battalion in 1895, retiring in 1904. He came back for service in the First World War as R.S.M. of the 10th Battalion. Later he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

Dick Faithorn was one of six brothers, five of whom served in the Army. Two were granted commissions during the War of 1914-18, one of them being awarded the Military Cross. Another brother became a Sergeant in the Coldstream Guards and won the Military Medal. Arthur served in the 9th Foot and was mentioned in despatches for service in Mesopotamia with the 2nd Bn. Dick's own contribution to this proud family record of service to the country was the award of the Military Medal and the Belgian Croix de Guerre. His medals, and those of his father, are in the Regimental Museum.

He was one of the founder members of the Regimental Association, a regular visitor to our re-union dinners, and a permanent subscriber to the Regimental Journal. When the "Britannia" was replaced by the "Britannia and Castle," Dick immediately sent along a subscription to cover two years. It took more than amalgamation to alter Dick's loyalty to the Regiment.

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Our Re-union Dinner at the Victory Club on 11th November went with the traditional Norfolk swing even if it lacked some of the usual vigour, due to the absence of some of those who had regularly attended in the past.

Would all those who can possibly attend please make a special effort to be present on Horse Guards Parade at 12 noon, Sunday, 4th June, when the Branch will place a wreath on the Cenotaph in Whitehall in memory of all those who have fallen in the service of the Regiment.

The Burma Re-union, where we hope to be strongly represented as always, takes place at the Albert Hall on Friday, 28th April.

The Branch Secretary, Mr. S. A. Tuck of 11 Warburton Court, Kinsale Road, Peckham Rye, London, S.E.15, will be pleased to furnish full details of all Branch activities on request.

Mr. George Burns reminds members that Branch meetings are held on the first Monday in every month at "The Clarence" in Whitehall, commencing at 7.30 p.m., and has the following to add:

"Branch activities have been going along at their usual leisurely rate, with the hard core of support that we get from the few regulars that we always expect to find turning out. Sorry to say that Capt. Jack Cozens has been under the weather again and had to undergo a minor operation just before Christmas. He is now well on the road to recovery.

The London Branch Dinner has been held, masticated and pulled to pieces at a meeting immediately following the dinner. The inquest was thoroughly conducted at the December meeting and I have a feeling that the Victory Club will see us no more. Mr. Hopkins seems to spend his leisure time sorting out old members of the Regiment. His latest find a

Mr. Lee-Lyons who served as a Regular with the 2nd Battalion from round about 1897. He is now 82 and would be pleased to hear from any of his old comrades. Mr. Tuck or Mr. Hopkins of the London Branch can supply particulars as to his address etc.

At the January meeting of the Branch it was suggested that we do not get greater support because the only subject discussed at these meetings is Burma and the Burma Campaign. If this is true it is not surprising because without the lads who served in Burma during the 1939-45 War this Branch would have probably become defunct. They were the people who formed the hard core of the Branch in our struggling days immediately after the War. Anyway, I have missed very few meetings since 1948, and I don't recall the meetings being inundated with debates about Burma. If these members got together after the meetings and talked over their Burma days, who can blame them? If you happened to be included in their circle and felt out of it the answer is simple. Come along to the meetings and bring along those friends you served with and you will then be able to talk over your campaigns with members who served with you. We don't care what you talk about. We just want your company and your support. You can always talk to me. I can bore you with reminiscences from Shanghai to Rangoon (including that disastrous trip to France in 1939-40). Why not give us a try?"

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The 7th Battalion (Normandy) Officers held their dinner in London on 15th October with Brigadier Freeland in the chair. Others present were: P. W. Buckersfield, J. Carpenter, F. H. Crocker, G. Duxbury, N. G. Gurney, P. McCann, N. G. Pettefor, A. Redfern, E. Ridger, A. E. F. Searancke, F. J. A. Smith, H. J. Walker.

Brigadier Barclay presided at the 15th Annual Dinner of the D-V. Club which was held at the Royal Hotel, Norwich, on 29th October. Twenty-nine members were present and Lt.-Col. Drake-Briscoe was the principal guest.

The Thirteenth Annual Dinner of the 2nd Bn. Officers' Kohima Club took place on 2nd December at "The Yorker," London, when the following were present: Brig. R. P. Scott, D.S.O., Col. H. R. R. Conder, Lt.-Col. J. M. Petit, M.B.E., Major S. S. F. Hornor, Major B. Savory, Major B. Aikens, Major W. A. Russell (Royal Scots), Captain R. Bothway, Captain M. J. Franses, Captain G. A. Myler, Captain J. H. Howard, Captain O. J. F. Whitaker, Rev. H. M. Davies, Rev. C. Wood, Dr. J. S. Mather, Dr. P. H. N. Matthews.

Major P. H. L. Straghan, M.C., was guest for the evening.



Memorial Service to Nurse Edith Cavell at Norwich Cathedral.
Pte. Sergeant salutes after laying a wreath on behalf of the 1st East Anglian Regiment.

NURSE CAVELL MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual Memorial Service was held on 12th October, the 45th anniversary of Nurse Cavell's execution by the Germans. The service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Norfolk in unavoidable absence of the Dean of Norwich, and the address given by the Rev. W. Blathwayt, Chaplain to the 4th Battalion. The Sheriff of Norwich and his wife were among the large congregation which included Brigadier and Mrs. Wilkinson.

In the absence of Brigadier Barclay, who was abroad, Lt.-Col. Flower laid a wreath in the name of the Norfolk Section whilst Pte. Sergeant, the youngest recruit in the 1st East Anglian Regiment, laid a wreath in the Regiment's name. A Guard of Honour under the command of Lieut. S. A. J. Rowsell was provided by the Depot, The East Anglian Brigade.

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT THE MEMORIAL COTTAGES

This service is held on the anniversary of Armistice Day, 11th November, 1918, and two minutes silence are observed at 11 a.m., the hour at

which the Armistice terms were signed. This year's service, conducted by the Rev. W. Blathwayt, was particularly well attended. Brigadier Barclay laid a wreath on behalf of the Norfolk Section.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Christmas gifts were sent to former members of the 9th Foot at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, the Star and Garter Home for Disabled Soldiers, and the British Legion Home at Halsey House, Cromer.

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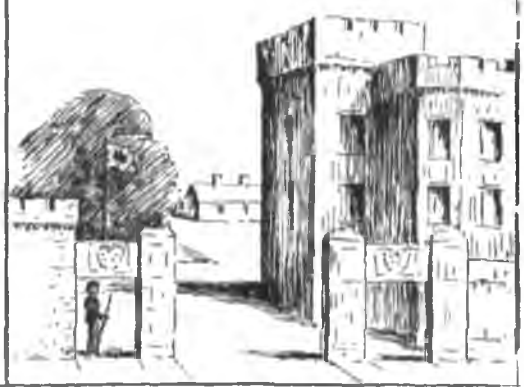
MEMORIAL COTTAGES

Mrs. Wilkinson, wife of our former Colonel, has joined the Cottages Committee and shares with Mrs. Marshall the duties of visiting tenants from time to time. Mrs. Pope, too, has recently joined the Committee and looks after the welfare of our cottagers in King's Lynn.

Christmas gifts were distributed when Brigadier Barclay, accompanied by Major Cripps, visited the Norwich tenants on 22nd December. Messrs. Ladbrook, Bartram and Shearwood have lived in the cottages since they were built forty years ago. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shearwood are over 80 years of age.



"BEYOND THE GATES"



SUFFOLK SECTION

Nothing gives greater pleasure to members of any Regiment than to see one of themselves honoured "for services rendered," more so when that member is so well known to soldiers of both world wars. We therefore offer on their behalf and of all members and ex-members of The Suffolk Regiment, our sincere congratulations to Brigadier E. H. W. Backhouse on being awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year Honours List, and which all will agree is a well deserved honour, particularly those with memories of Le Cateau and the fall of Singapore. He was for some years President of The Suffolk Regiment O.C.A. with which he has always been very closely associated, taking the keenest interest in its affairs and its members, an interest which he still maintains.

A letter from Capt. (Q.M.) G. W. Blake (Bob) revives memories of pre-war days in India. Bob Blake enlisted in The Suffolk Regiment at the beginning of 1931, served in the 2nd Battalion in India where he was a Cpl. Edn. Instructor. Former members of the 1st Bn. will also remember him as Officers' Mess Sergeant. He was commissioned as Lt. (Q.M.) in The Devonshire Regiment in 1952 and is now serving with 1 Devon and Dorset in Cyprus. There he has met up with two former members of the Regiment, C.S.M. Smith and C.S.M. Reg Chenery, who are both serving with the Admin. Unit at Episkopi and Dhekalia respectively. Reg Chenery was, of course, a well known character in the Cpls. Mess at Mhow, served with the airborne forces in the war, and was the last Suffolk R.Q.M.S. at the Depot. Bob also mentions Reg Candler, who was a Cpl. in "B" Coy. at Trimulgherry and Madras, and says he would very much like to get in touch with him. If any reader can supply Reg's address it will be passed on. Those days in India with the 2nd Battalion in the 'thirties were certainly good on the whole. The main topic of conversation amongst those who were "time expired" was, of course, "the boat." There were no sailings for the U.K. outside the trooping season, which ran from October to March, and certainly no air passages. Occasionally some fortunate soul managed to get home on a civilian ship, but to the majority the names of the Nevasa, Somersetshire, Dorsetshire and Neuralia will be more than familiar. 25 years ago the Battalion was in Madras celebrating the 250th Anniversary with the presentation of new colours, a day's holiday for the

wedding of H.R.H. Princess Marina to the late Duke of Kent, the passing of H.M. King George V, coupled with the abdication of the Prince of Wales and succession of George VI — history was indeed being made. The annual trek to the hill station at Wellington, Nilgiris, provided relief from the heat of the plains until the Battalion moved to Mhow which was reckoned to be cool enough on its own. Many will no doubt remember the early morning earth tremor, which emptied the Barrack Blocks in record time. Minden Day was always a great occasion, with its Trooping of the Colour, sports, side-shows and, in fact, all the fun of the fair less the roundabouts. There was invariably a concert, given by members of the Battalion, which leads me to recall the famous, though short-lived, "Orlando Gilberto's Harmonica Pirates" which consisted of some 15 or so lusty harmonica players under the direction of Band Corporal Darkey Gilbert, complete with xylophone. This proved extremely popular and a smaller band emerged which played on several occasions including dances at the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes, the Residency of India, and also at one of the local cinemas during a showing of "Firefly." The band included such well known personalities as L/Cpl. Paddy Duffy, Darkie Whewell and Cpls. Jack Eley and "Punkahs" Peck. Unfortunately authority finally decided that there was not room for two dance bands in one unit, and the Pirates were therefore disbanded after a short but successful run.

Many of the older readers of The Suffolk Regimental Gazette will be deeply sorry to hear of the death on 3rd October 1960 of Joan Foreman, daughter of ex-Sgt. (Flossie) Foreman, at the early age of 39, writes Mr. W. North. Bill also says he has been trying to get a recording of "Speed The Plough" and wonders if any reader can help him by letting him know of a source of supply. (Such a recording was, of course, made by The Royal Military School of Music in 1950, and 100 copies were sold to members of the Regiment; possibly someone might have one which they no longer require?). Bill's address is 16 Ladbrooke Square, London, W.11.

SUFFOLK SECTION, RE-UNION 1961 (Past and Present Association)

It is hoped to hold the Re-union, Suffolk Section, at Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds, on Sunday, 23rd July, 1961.

The Band and Drums, 1st East Anglian Regiment, are expected to arrive in England on 13th June, followed by the Regiment in July. It is hoped to have the services of the Band and Drums at the Re-union.

Similar arrangements to last year's Re-union will be made on the Recreation Ground.

Ipswich Branch

At the Armistice Service held in Christchurch Park on Sunday, 13th November, our Branch standard was carried on parade by Major E. C. V. Williams in company with standards of the British Legion and other ex-Service Associations. A wreath was laid on the Cenotaph on our behalf by Mr. Clarke.

On 23rd December we held the Christmas Draw — another success!! Especially for Mr. Barnard (4 prizes including half a bottle of gin), Mr. and Mrs. Ablitt (half a bottle of rum each), Putt Gilbert (half a bottle of port and 40 cigarettes), and Major Smyth (hen pheasant and bottle of Stone's Ginger Wine). The remaining prizes were evenly distributed among other lucky punters. We are indebted to Lt.-Col. Springfield for the pheasants, and to Captains Wilson and Warren for bottles of sherry for the draw. We would also like to thank those of our members who gave gift parcels to swell the prize list. The tickets were drawn by Mary and David McGregor, and the prizes were presented by Mrs. Springfield before an audience of over 60 members and friends.

The Annual Party was held on 31st December, when 35 members and friends assembled in the Recreation Room at the Drill Hall, Great Gipping Street. The evening's social activities started off with a session of "House," then community singing followed by party games. At midnight the "Old Year Out" and the "New Year In" was celebrated in the orthodox manner and the party broke up at about 0030 hrs. We should like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Brame, Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Baker for the production of such nice refreshments, and Mrs. Manning for her sojourn at the piano.

Over the Christmas period we received a letter from "Flossie" Foreman (in Royal Hospital, Chelsea). He is fit and well and apparently has lost about three stones in weight. We received cards from Major and Mrs. Garrard (Barton-on-Sea) and ex-W.O.II Loveday (Nottingham). Many thanks for these greetings and we would like to pass on our best wishes for 1961 to all members of the Regiment, past and present.

London Branch

I would like to commence this news by offering congratulation to all those connected with the arrangements for the Annual Re-union at Bury St. Edmunds on Sunday, 24th July. Special praise is, I think, due to the caterers in respect of arrangements, variety, quality and also quantity of food provided. Praise in this respect came from many sources and I honestly think that it was well-deserved too. I would also like to add that the waitresses were a most helpful, charming and sporting bunch. Many thanks to all the catering staff. Bill Stock, Sammy Shields, Jack Webb and myself certainly had excellent meals. Although in the opinion of many attendance was not what it should have been I am sure that those who did attend enjoyed meeting again old friends of days long ago. The huge smiles and out-

stretched hands of those special old friends meeting again after many years is certainly worth seeing. Where else could you meet with such spontaneous gestures showing real pleasure in the renewing of old friendships. All sincere, too, and honestly meant.

It was also very pleasant to meet again our old friend "Slogger" Leach. He was indeed very happy, as "Mary" Gilbert (i/c bar) had promised to get his "bat" out for this very auspicious occasion.

It was a real pleasure for many of us to talk of old times, faces and places. The names of many old comrades were mentioned, e.g., "Happy" Haylock, "Drummy" Pallant, Bob Pallant, Charlie Thurlow, Charlie Cousins, Harry Cropley, "Cock" Sparrow and "Dodger" (P) Green (his very ancient and honourable friend), Cpls. Pilgrim, Frank and Vic (let's have a bucket down the khud) Garrett, "Shady" Burrows, "Spud" Turner, Doug Braddock, Jimmy (Thump-head No. 1) Goldfinch, Johnny (Thump-head No. 2) Howes, "Tich" Bean, "Porky" Flynn, and many others. Let's hope we see all of you at our next Annual Re-union. Meanwhile — "Burra Salaams" wherever you may be.

In this connection, it is appreciated that the Re-union for 1961 cannot be held at Bury St. Edmunds owing to the rebuilding of Gibraltar Barracks, but is it possible for one to be held, say, at Ipswich or Cambridge? Anyway, that can safely be left in the capable hands of our Colonel of the Regiment. If it is at all possible I am sure Brigadier Maxwell will arrange it. A change of venue might be a good thing, too.

All praise is due to Sammy Sawyer and his Canary Group, consisting of "Dinger" Bell, Bill Venni and two or three harmonisers (or rather, agonisers!). Sammy's rendering of "Macdonald's Farm" was out of this world! It was sung in his beautifully modulated voice (modified for the Wet Canteen, St. Thomas's Mount) and was ably accompanied on full and empty bottles and glasses by "Dinger" Bell and his happy companions. At the conclusion of this soul-stirring performance, Sammy Shields, not to be outdone and for the honour and prestige of the London Branch, burst forth with "This old shirt of mine." Concluding stanzas were not sung, but more "neck-oil" called for in lieu.

The idea of one bar for all ranks was a very good one as it offered a better chance of meeting old friends who might not otherwise have been contacted. Perhaps this idea could be retained for future Re-unions.

Beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums of 1st East Anglian Regiment was very popular indeed and deserved the well-merited praise accorded. When the Band Drums struck up it was good to see those shoulders of old comrades being braced back, heads going up, chins in, etc., as in the old days of ceremonial parades in India, etc. The Band and Drums still retain that old magic of being able to "liven up the parade." Anyway they are things of the past that can hardly be forgotten — and I doubt if many of us want to forget at that! As all of us are getting older (the ladies excepted, naturally) I suppose it does remind us of our more youthful days. How Sammy Shields loved that Corps of Drums, too — thinking of the old days, Sammy?

I must take off my hat to the wives — they don't seem to lose those youthful looks at all, but it's a far different story when it comes to recognising the children. Those wives of the old days in India and Malta whom I met were easily recognisable as they looked practically the same as they did in the old days. It beats me how they do it! As for the children, well — I wouldn't have recognised one of them. Most of them are fathers or mothers themselves now. A case in point is Ella Shields, daughter of the one and only Sammy (Beauty and the Beast) I last saw Ella as a very small girl in India about 23 years ago. When I met her again on 23rd September, she was the mother of a son and daughter.

The family of Charlie and Mrs. Flynn are affected in the same way although older. Mrs. Flynn loves to talk of the old days in India as it recalls for her — and many of us too — so many happy memories. I think that our meeting and talking to old friends of those days gone by acts as a tonic to us all.

Then we come to a younger generation — Eddy Cooper's teenage daughter Anne. A very delectable dish and luscious portion of cuddle with curves in the right places — at least that's the opinion of her boy friends (yes, plural) and come to think of it, I must fully agree with them! Our Anne is a very good sport, full of life and certainly means to enjoy it too. She has promised to come to all our meetings and let me have a progress report of the romances in her young life. Remember, Anne, you and your boy friends are very welcome at our meetings. Sorry we cannot provide a swimming bath for diving practice, but I'll get you a "Coca Cola" and hold your hand in lieu — if that will do?

Perhaps it wouldn't be a bad idea to have a "Families Day" at one of our meetings, say in September?

Whilst attending the Bury St. Edmunds Re-union, I met Bill Stock (2nd Battalion Gunners) for the first time in 23 years. He had put on so much weight that I didn't recognise him at first. Bill, Sammy, Jack Webb and myself spent practically the whole day together. As Bill was on leave from Kenya, where he is a Prison Governor, I thought it would be a good opportunity to arrange a "chota meeting" with some of his old comrades. This was duly arranged for Saturday, 2nd September, and it coincided with a dance held by the Northamptons. I arranged to meet Bill at Shepherds Bush Underground Station at 7 p.m. As we were both rather early, we decided to have a drink in the "Telegraph" opposite the station. We hadn't been in there very long when in came "Tich" Moulding. After about an hour we left to meet Bill's other pals waiting at Headquarters, Westminster Dragoons. There we spent a very pleasant and happy evening, and Bill was delighted to meet once again Jack Cadman "Tubby" Weston, Bill North, "Shoey" Yarham, Albert Chapman, "Sprasso" King, Eddy Cooper and Bert Welch with his family and relations. "Tich" Moulding would not be persuaded to stay after 11 p.m., and as the Northampton's bar was still going strong I can only conclude that he must have been taken seriously ill or something! I must take this opportunity of assuring "Dinger" Bell and his singing group that "Tich" was sober and properly dressed so don't get jumping to conclusions.

The Hon. Secretary of the Northamptons O.C.A. invited us all to their dance. This was gladly accepted and enjoyed by all. The bar was very popular.

Bert Welch's relations were certainly in good form and out to enjoy themselves which I am certain they succeeded in doing. I can assure them that they will be very welcome at any of our future meetings; they are very good company and jolly good fun.

Bill Stock stayed the night with me and Sunday morning I took him round to see "Pony" Moore, whom we found on his allotment. After a "natter" and a chota peg or two, Bill and I left to meet Albert Chapman who we promised to meet at mid-day. Bill said he had to leave at 1 p.m. as he had promised to have dinner with his brother who is living at Acton. Everyone knows that it gets late so early when old friends meet. The last I saw of Bill and Albert was from the rear upstairs seat of a 629 trolley bus.

Bill evidently stayed some time at St. Pancras with Albert as he was interested in the local demonstrations being staged by the Rent Rebels. Find any potential customers, Bill? If you didn't, I can recommend a few — "Slogger" Leach, "Shady" Burrows, Stan Cullum, "Punkahs" Peck, "Tich" Collins, "Shoey" Yarham, Jimmy Goldfinch, Johnny Howes, "Happy" Haylock, Nick Meakins, Bill Baily and quite a few others, not forgetting "Mattie" the barman or perhaps "Mary" Gilbert would be preferred now! Anyway, what a shower!

We had another meeting on Saturday, 3rd December, but I'm sorry to say that in spite of the fairly large number of reminder cards sent out, only thirteen attended. What about it, you London Branch members? We hope to have our next meeting in March and perhaps it will be better attended if the weather is O.K. We might even see Harry Glibbery, Bill Barratt, "Mouthy" Speakman and a few more who have been absent too long. We have been very pleased to welcome "Dolly" Hubbard and his wife and Alexander and his wife to our last few meetings. It was also good to see them at the Annual Re-union at Bury. "Sprasso" King now attends our meetings regularly and thoroughly enjoys himself too. As a matter of fact we all thoroughly enjoy them.

We all hope that "Shoey," our old stalwart, will be fit and able to attend our next meeting. He has had some very bad luck indeed these past two years, having broken his left leg twice and spent the two years in or attending hospital. At present he is attending a Rehabilitation Centre in Camden Town. Good luck, "Shoey," we all wish you a very speedy recovery but I'm afraid your "somersaulting" days are over now.

We also wish Lt.-Col. Grey a very speedy recovery and hope that he will be able to attend regularly again as he did prior to his illness.

We can't expect too much from Brigadier Maxwell as he is a very busy person, but we do see Brigadier Russell and Major Leith-Hay-Clark very often. As a matter of fact they seldom miss a meeting.

We are fortunate in having a nice meeting place and a very good steward in Chris Hookham. He does us very well indeed.

I'd like to get in touch if possible with Jimmy Goldfinch and Johnny Howes. Any information?

It is with very deep regret that I have to conclude this news with mentioning the loss of one of our members of long standing — Sgt. T. Ward (5825408) who died on 30th November 1960 from broncho-pneumonia after six weeks of illness. He served with the Regiment from April 1931 to September 1941. He was with the 1st Battalion at Dunkirk, where he was wounded. He then served as an Instructor on the Bren Carrier, but was invalided out after meeting with a bad accident in November 1940. He leaves a wife and a married daughter.

H.H.

(Note by Hon. Treasurer, Past and Present Association, Suffolk Section—Despite the fact that Gibraltar Barracks will be in the hands of the Building Contractors, it is hoped to hold the Re-union, Past and Present Association, Suffolk Section, on Sunday, 23rd July 1961).

SUFFOLK ARMY CADET FORCE

Nathan Cup Competition 1960/61—

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Kent opened the game at a smart pace, but it was not long before Suffolk settled down to some good constructive football and opened the scoring with a fine goal from the outside left. This goal inspired the Suffolk side, and five more were added before half-time.

After the interval, Kent fought back strongly and scored a good goal, but this proved to be the prelude to another Suffolk onslaught and four further goals were added to the Suffolk total.

The match was played in the true spirit of the game and was a credit to both sides. Kent, despite the high score, tried hard to the final whistle and can be congratulated on their display.

The Cup and medals were presented by Colonel G. V. N. Chadd, T.D., J.P., the County Cadet Commandant of Suffolk A.C.F., who spoke highly of the sportsmanship of both teams.

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