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The New Colours of The 1st East Anglian Regiment, 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment, The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment

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# 1st EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT

## (Royal Norfolk & Suffolk) [9 and 12]



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

Agents:— Messrs. Glyn, Mills and Co. (Holt's Branch), Kirkland House, Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

Regimental Headquarters:— Britannia Barracks, Norwich.

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

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

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Colonel:—Goodwin, Major-General Sir Richard, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., 11th September, 1962

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(Compiled from official records and information available on 31st July, 1963)

### (a) REGULAR ARMY

#### Lt.-Cols.

Brinkley, W. H.,  
p. s. c. (Special  
List) . . . . . War Office ( P. S. 12 (d) ).

Fraser, D. U.,  
M.B.E., p.s.c.(a),  
(Emp. List (1)) . . . . . Q. (M) II War Office.

Dewar, K. M. J.,  
O. B. E., p. s. c.  
(Emp. List (1)) . . . . . H.Q., Rheindahlen Garrison, B.A.O.R.

Campbell, A. F.,  
M.C., p.s.c. . . . . H.Q., Southern Command.

Harvey, H. C., p.s.c.  
(Emp. List (1)) . . . . . A.A.G., H.Q., Northern Command.

Burton, R. S. M.,  
p. s. c., p. t. s. c.  
(Emp. List (1)) . . . . . Ministry of Supply, Woolwich.

Robertson, A. J.,  
p.s.c. . . . . 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.)

Dye, J. B., M.C.,  
p.s.c. . . . . 1st Battalion.

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Farnborough.

Farrelly, T. P.,  
T.D. . . . . G.L.O., R.A.F. Station, Waterbeach.

Calder, W. J., p.s.c. H.Q. Northern Command.

Dean, P. S. W.,  
s.q. (T/Colonel) . . . . . Military Attache, Tokyo.

Lummis, E. T.,  
p.s.c. . . . . G.S.O. 2, War Office.

Ingle, F. D.,  
M.B.E., p.s.c. . . . . G.S.O. 2, Staff College, Camberley.

Forrest, P. B., M.C. Regular Commissions Board, Westbury.

Petit, J. M., M.B.E.,  
p.s.c. (T/Lt.-Col.) . . . . . Ministry of Defence.

Athill, A. H. . . . . Nottingham University O.T.C.

Williams, R. M.,  
M.C., p.s.c. . . . . D.A.A.G., 48 Div/West Midland District.

Turnbull, A. W. J.,  
M.C., s.q. . . . . 1st Battalion.

Creasey, T. M.,  
p.s.c. . . . . R.M.A., Sandhurst

Howgego, G. C.,  
j.s.c., p.s.c. . . . . H.Q. 1 (B.R.) Corps, B.A.O.R.

Power, E. W. A.,  
p.s.c., f.s.c. (U.S.) . . . . . War Office, S.D. 5.

Haycraft, I. A.,  
p.t.s.c. (Local Lt.-  
Col.) . . . . . R.M.C.S., Shrivenham.

Morgan, E. H.,  
M.B.E., M.C. . . . . Karamoja Force (Uganda Rifles).

Fairholme, W. D. G. M.I.O., Aden.

Thain, P. . . . . Singapore Military Forces.

Lywood, K. C. G. . . . . School of Infantry, Warminster.

Mason, F. E. I.,  
A.M.I.W.S. . . . . Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.)

Styles, T. H. . . . . East Anglian Brigade Depot.

Gillmore, A. H. V.,  
M.C., p.s.c. (T/  
Lt.-Col.) . . . . . 1st Battalion.

Starling, J. G.,  
M.C., p.s.c. . . . . Depot, Parachute Regiment.

Emsden, B. H. C.,  
p.s.c. . . . . H.Q., 148 Inf. Bde. (T.A.)

Palmer, L. A., p.l. 653 Light Aircraft Squadron.

Deller, W. C., p.s.c. 1st Battalion.

Fitzgerald, J. D. A. 1st Battalion.

Pullen, H. N. D.,  
p.l. . . . . Army Air Corps Centre.

Fleming, F. R.,  
p.s.c. . . . . D.A.A.G., East Anglian Bde.

Cobbold, A. G. B. Adjutant, J.W.S., Malaya.

Godfrey, F. A.,  
M.C. . . . . Sarawak Rangers.

Holman, R. M.,  
p.s.c.(n) . . . . . G.S.O. 2, H.Q., Royal Nigerian Army.

Horrex, A. B., M.C. H.Q., British Forces, Cyprus.

#### Captains

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(T/Major) . . . . . 1st Battalion.

Hopper, P. D. L. . . . . Singapore Military Forces.

Hall-Tipping, J. . . . . G.S.O. 3, War Office.

MacDonald, J. P.,  
(T/Major) . . . . . 1st Battalion.

Catchpole, A. K.  
(T/Major) . . . . . 11th King's African Rifles.

Jones, J. G., M.B.E. 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.)

Murphy, B. M. . . . . Army Work Study Group, War Office.

Dean, T. D. . . . . 1st Battalion.

Beck, S. G. . . . . H.Q., B.A.O.R (P.R.)

Heath, J. R. . . . . R.M.C.S., Shrivenham.

Mills, B. H. G. . . . . Sultan of Muscat Armed Forces.

Smith, D. T., p.l. H.Q. Southern Command.

Churchill, J. D.,  
M.C. . . . . 1st Battalion.

Ford, P. C. . . . . 1st Battalion.

Frere, J. A. K. W. Army Apprentices School, Chepstow.

Henderson, M. L. . . . . Defence Services Staff College, India.

Wilson, R. G. . . . . 1st Battalion.

Thorne, D. C. . . . . Staff College, Camberley.

Raven, P. G. . . . . Command Arabic School, Aden.

Trollope, C. J. N. 1st Battalion.

Clarke, D. L. . . . . 1st Battalion.

Thorne, M. E. . . . . Staff College, Camberley.

Trevethick, R. L. . . . . S.M.I.S., Malaya.

Reynell, N. . . . . Army M.T. School, Bordon.

Morriss, J. Y. . . . . 1st Battalion.

Gowing, R. D. . . . . 3rd King's African Rifles.

Morton, P. W. . . . . 1st Battalion.

Barnes, C. M. J. . . . . Royal Sierra Leone Military Forces.

Peat, W. J. B. . . . . 1st Battalion.

Lewis, N. J. . . . . 1st Battalion.

Roswell, S. A. J. . . . . Royal Sierra Leone Military Forces.

**Lieutenants**

Baily, D. R. . . . . B.A.O.R.  
 Jefferson, I. W. (T/  
 Capt.) . . . . . H.Q., Northag.  
 Ross, P. K. R. . . . 1st Battalion.  
 Horrex, H. R. . . . East Anglian Brigade Depot.  
 Conder, E. H. . . . Degree Course, R.M.C.S., Shrivenham.  
 Mather, C. A. S. . . Junior Tradesmen Regiment, Rhyl.  
 Abbott, R. J. . . . 1st Battalion.  
 Stone, P. P. D. . . . 1st Battalion.  
 Turner Cain, M. G. . 1st Battalion.  
 Reeve, W. H. . . . East Anglian Brigade Depot.  
 Varley, J. A. . . . . 1st Battalion.  
 Malim, A. C. . . . . 1st Battalion.  
 Keep, J. H. . . . . 1st Battalion.  
 Child, B. J. S.,  
 B.Sc. . . . . 1st Battalion.

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Thomson, R. H. . . . 1st Battalion.  
 Long, P. B. D. . . . 1st Battalion.  
 Conder, R. S. . . . 1st Battalion.

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 M. B. E. (Staff  
 Q.M.), (Lt.-Col.),  
 (Emp. List (2)) . . School of Infantry, Warminster.  
 Joanny, A., M.B.E.  
 (Major) . . . . . 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.)  
 Albrow, F. J.  
 (Major) . . . . . Army Federation of Malaya.  
 Jasper, G. S. (Major) Held Strength, Depot East Anglian Bde.  
 Warren, T. C.  
 (Capt.) . . . . . G.H.Q., F.A.R.E.L.F.  
 Howard, C. E.  
 (Capt.) . . . . . East Anglian Brigade Depot.  
 Chatting, T. W.  
 (Capt.) . . . . . 1st Battalion.  
 Norman, H. H.,  
 M.B.E. (Capt.) . . 1st Battalion.  
 McColl, N. (Capt.) Sp. Weapons Wing, Netheravon.  
**Director of Music**  
 Stunell, G. H.,  
 A.R.C.M., p.s.m.  
 (Major) . . . . . Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

**(b) REGULAR ARMY — SHORT SERVICE OFFICERS****Captains**

Seekings, P. C. . . . O.C. Leave Camp, Cyprus.

**Lieutenants**

Gamberoni, D. C. P. King's African Rifles  
 Prosser, B. . . . . Sarawak Rangers.

**2nd Lieutenants**

Hawkins, W. L. . . . 1st Battalion.  
 Pearce, J. A. . . . . 1st Battalion.

**(c) EXTENDED SERVICE OFFICERS****Majors**

Titmarsh, H. H.,  
 T.D. . . . . F.A.R.E.L.F.  
 Buckingham, D. G. Held Strength, Depot East Anglian Bde.  
 Powell, K. W. . . . B.A.O.R.

**FORMER REGIMENTAL OFFICERS  
STILL ON THE ACTIVE LIST****Major-Generals**

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 Richard, K.C.B.,  
 C.B.E., D.S.O.,  
 p.s.c. . . . . G.O.C., East Africa Command.  
 Butler, M. A. H.,  
 C.B.E., D.S.O.,  
 M. C., i. d. c.,  
 p.s.c., p.s.c.(a) . . Commander, 2nd Division.  
 Freeland, J. H.,  
 D. S. O., i. d. c.,  
 p.s.c. . . . . G. O. C., East Africa Command (Designate).

**Brigadiers**

Turner Cain, G. R.,  
 C.B.E., D.S.O.,  
 A.D.C., j.s.s.c.,  
 p.s.c. . . . . B.G.S., H.Q., B.A.O.R.  
 Prickett, A. J. C.,  
 j.s.s.c., p.s.c. . . . B.G.S., H.Q., Middle East Command.

**Colonels**

Allen, R. M.,  
 C. B. E., j.s.s.c.,  
 p.s.c. (T/Brig.) . . D.D.P.S., The War Office.  
 Smith, W. C.,  
 O. B. E., j.s.s.c.,  
 p.s.c. . . . . G. H. Q., Farelf.  
 Hallett, J. N. R.,  
 M. B. E., j.s.s.c.,  
 p.s.c. . . . . Ministry of Defence.

**Lieut.-Colonels**

Ferrier, W. P. . . . R M P.  
 Shuttleworth, W. P.  
 A., p.s.c. . . . . 1 (BR) Corps, B.A.O.R.  
 Thursby, P. D. F.,  
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**Majors**

Ward, J. A. W. . . . R.A.P.C.  
 Eberhardie, C. E.,  
 M. B. E., M. C.,  
 p.s.c. (Bt. Lt.-Col.) G.S.O. 2, Staff College, Camberley.  
 Blackmore, A. W. . . R.A.S.C.

**Captains**

Kelly, J. N., M.C.  
 (T/Major) . . . . . 7th Gurkha Rifles  
 Oddie, W. R. A. . . Parachute Regiment.  
 Coates, K. . . . . Parachute Regiment

## EDITORIAL

This issue of the "Britannia and Castle" has been delayed by six weeks in order that it should contain a report of the Presentation of Colours to the 1st Battalion and to the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment.

We have tried to make it as comprehensive a record of the ceremony as possible.

The parade itself is dealt with in detail elsewhere but we would like to record here one particular point which, we feel, should be underlined. This was the first formal occasion on which all three battalions of the regiment have been represented together. After the new Colours had been saluted by the battalion and had taken their place on parade, the Colours of the 4th Battalion, The Royal Norfolk Regiment were marched on and took post between those of the 1st Battalion and The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment.

Thus, the three sets of Colours of the Regiment were together on parade, symbolising the fact that we are a regiment of three battalions.

We are, once more, running a sweepstake on the St. Leger in aid of the Regimental Benevolent Fund. We would like to thank all those who have supported it in the past and to say how very encouraging it is to us at Regimental Headquarters to receive your letters and counterfoils.

The length and severity of last winter have had their repercussions and we are now getting an increasing number of claims for assistance. The proceeds from the sweepstake are a great help towards meeting these.

## REGIMENTAL NEWS

### MINDEN GREETINGS

A letter has been received from H.R.H. Princess Margaret thanking the Colonel of the Regiment and all ranks for the roses which were sent to her on Minden Day.

### ALLIANCES

We were all very pleased to see that the long standing Alliance between the Suffolk Regiment and the 12th (Launceston) Battalion of the Australian Military Forces has been perpetuated by the Royal Approval of the alliance between the 1st East Anglian Regiment and the Royal Tasmania Regiment.

The 12th (Launceston) Battalion has now become a company of the Royal Tasmania Regiment.

### FIXTURES

### FREEDOMS

The Regiment has been honoured by the grant of the Freedom of Entry into Great Yarmouth, Norwich, Ipswich and Bury St. Edmunds.

The Freedom of Great Yarmouth is to be handed over at a ceremony in the Borough on 15th September. The 4th Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment will represent the Regiment on this occasion.

The ceremony at Ipswich will take place on 9th October; the one at Bury St. Edmunds on 12th October and that at Norwich on 17th October, 1963. On these three occasions, the Regiment will be represented by the 1st Battalion.

### LAYING-UP OF COLOURS

Arrangements are now being made for the laying-up of Colours. These ceremonies are planned to take place as follows:—

1st December. Laying-up of the Colours of 1st and 4th Battalions. The Royal Norfolk Regiment in Norwich Cathedral.

7th December. Laying-up of the Colours of the 1st and 4th Battalions, The Suffolk Regiment in St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds.

### SERGEANTS DINNER CLUB

The annual dinner of the 1st East Anglian Regiment Sergeants (Past and Present) Dinner Club will take place at Bury St. Edmunds on 12th October, 1963.

### TIGRIS DAY

Tigris Day greetings were exchanged with 1st Battalion 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles on 17th February.

### THE ROYAL LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT

On the occasion of joining the East Anglian Brigade by the Royal Leicestershire Regiment the following message was sent by Regimental Headquarters:—

"All Ranks 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) send sincere good wishes to the Royal Leicestershire Regiment on joining the East Anglian Brigade. We are indeed proud to have the privilege of serving alongside you and of being more closely associated with the glorious past and magnificent traditions of your Regiment."

(sd) Goodwin,

Colonel 1st East Anglian Regiment.

### THE ROYAL NORFOLK REGIMENT OFFICERS DINNER CLUB

The annual dinner was held at the Naval and Military Club on Friday, 7th June with Brigadier Barclay presiding. Other officers present were:—

Major A. H. Athill, Lt. Col. F. C. Atkinson, Lt. Col. M. R. Braithwaite, Major R. C. Briegel, Major H. M. Burton, Lt. Col. R. S. M. Burton, Capt. M. C. Cadge, Col. J. F. Carroll, Major E. T. E. Cary-Elwes, Lt. Col. W. H. Clifford, Brig. F. W. Clowes, Major E. R. Cousins, Major H. T. Crane, Major T. M. Creasey, Lt. Col. A. B. Cubitt, Major B. E. Dillon, Lt. Col. F. E. D. Drake-Briscoe, Capt. J. M. Elliott, Lt. Col. A. B. Floyd, Maj.-Gen. I. H. Freeland, Col. R. P. Freeman-Taylor, Major C. B. Grant, Capt. A. A. Hammond, Major R. Hamond, Capt. A. C. Herbert, Major H. R. Holden, Capt. J. G. Jones, Major G. Kidner, Lt. Col. A. E. Knights, Major M. F. R. Lightfoot, Brig. H. Long, Lt. Col. F. R. Marshall, Major A. P. McArthur, Lt. Col. E. W. Montgomerie, Lt. Col. C.

R. Murray Brown, Col. J. H. R. Orlebar, Major S. J. Pope, Major E. W. A. Power, Major H. N. D. Pullen, Major P. W. Raywood, Lt. Col. A. J. Robertson, Major J. M. Smyth, Major J. B. Salter, Major J. G. Steward, Major A. W. J. Turnbull and Col. G. H. Winter.

37 officers and their wives attended a Tea Party which took place at the club on the same day.

### REUNION OF OFFICERS OF 2nd BATTALION SUFFOLK REGIMENT

The annual reunion of officers who served in the 2nd Battalion The Suffolk Regiment in France and Flanders during the First World War was held at the Garrick Hotel, London on March 8th. There were 16 present, though it was hoped that the number would be 21 and thus exceed the 20 who were present in 1962.

Brigadier R. H. Maxwell, C.B. presided and was supported by Brigadier V. C. Russell, D.S.O., M.C. and Brigadier H. P. Gardham, C.B.E. Grace was said by The Rev'd. W. M. Lummis. Others present were G. M. Aird, F. W. Bailey, L. J. Baker, W. Burman, J. A. G. Coote, H. Grosch, W. S. Hale, E. L. Hope, C. J. Hupfield, W. J. Nagle, W. L. Simpson and F. W. C. Thomas.

Hupfield made special reference to 'Tiny Harrison, who, from the inception of these annual gatherings had co-operated with him in arranging them. His death early in the year had been a very great loss. Hupfield, who lived near, had attended the cremation, representing the Regiment.

A number of letters regretting non-attendance at the reunion, owing to illness and important engagements, were read.

The next reunion is fixed for the second Friday in March, 1964.

### REGIMENTAL GOLF, 1963.

With the arrival back from British Guiana of the Battalion and Lt. Col. C. R. Murray Brown from Hong-Kong, it was possible to enter what is probably the strongest Regimental side for the Argyll and Sutherland bowl at the Army Meeting held over the Prestwick and Troon courses in May. The team consisting of Major Creasey, Maj.-Gen. Ian Freeland and Colonels Murray Brown, Carroll and Freeman-Taylor had a bye in the first round into the quarter finals where they met their old friends the Royal Scots. After a very level match we lost by two holes. Major Creasey is to be congratulated on defeating the Royal Scots No. 1 by 5 holes and holing the difficult course in 76. This was a fair but disappointing result, as it had been hoped that we might meet the 2nd East Anglian in the final: they however also fell in the same round.

The achievements of the Team in the 36 hole Army Championship was not distinguished except for General Freeland who won a second sweepstake for a nett 78 over Prestwick. All members made the fullest use of both courses in the high wind and rain!

General Freeland is to be heartily congratulated on being runner up in the General's Cup, losing in the final by 2 and 1.

### THE SUFFOLK REGIMENTAL CHAPEL — MEMORIAL CHAIRS

Memorial chairs are available for presentation to The Suffolk Regimental Chapel, St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds, in memory of a deceased member of the Regiment.

The cost of a chair is £14, excluding a brass plate suitably inscribed, the cost of which is about £2.

Application should be made to the Hon Secretary, Regimental Chapel, Blenheim Camp, Bury St. Edmunds.

Memorial chairs have recently been presented by relatives of:—

Major R. W. Leach,  
Major B. G. F. Drew,  
Captain G. S. Parker,  
Major H. E. W. Wigginton, M.B.E.

### GENERAL NEWS

#### 3rd INFANTRY DIVISION OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, 1939-47.

Plans are in hand to mark the twentieth anniversary of D-Day by ceremonies in both the British and the U.S. sectors of Normandy.

Those interested should get in touch with Mr. Hugh Gunning, 65 Tieney Road, Dulwich Village, London, S.E. 21.

#### REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION

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#### THE ARMY ART SOCIETY

The Society which exists to encourage Art in the Army and sister Services, is holding its 32nd Exhibition from 30th September until 11th October, 1963, at:—

Chenil Galleries,

King's Road, CHELSEA.

All ranks of the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, past or present, permanent or temporary, may submit works for consideration.

The Society is an entirely unofficial organisation and for several years very successful Exhibitions have been held in London each Autumn. Service artists can derive more interest from their hobby by aiming at submitting works for the Exhibitions, which also give them an opportunity to compare their standard and style with others.

As the Society is non-profit making, the entrance and hanging fees are kept as low as possible.

Intending Exhibitors are invited to apply for particulars. Applications should be addressed to:—

The Hon. Secretary, Army Arts Society,  
W. A. Arnold,  
4 West Drive Gardens,  
Harrow Weald, Middlesex.

## BERTRAND STEWART ESSAY COMPETITION 1964.

The subject chosen for the 1964 competition is as follows: "In both Allied and Soviet Armies, improvements in night vision equipment are tending to make movement by night in the Battle Area easier, particularly for armoured vehicles, than in the past. At the same time, improvements in battlefield surveillance techniques make this movement easier to detect.

The need to conduct operations round the clock at an increased tempo and the difficulties of using the hours of darkness for routine supply, movement and reinforcement to the extent we have done in the past, pose a number of new problems to the commander in the field.

"Discuss these problems in relation to training, equipment, manpower and more morale and state what you consider their effects might be on the Tactics of Global War."

This competition is open to British subjects who have served or are serving, as officers or other ranks of Her Majesty's Forces. The prize is £80. Full details of the competition can be obtained from Regimental Headquarters, as can those for the following Military Essay competitions:—

### GEORGE KNIGHT CLOWES MEMORIAL PRIZE ESSAY 1964

and

### THE GOLD MEDAL AND TRENCH GASCOIGNE PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION, 1963.

The closing date for the George Knight Clowes essay is 31st March, 1964 the 1st prize being £35 and the 2nd prize £15. The closing date for The Gold Medal and Trench Gascoigne Essay is 15th October, 1963 and the prize is Thirty guineas and Gold Medal.

## PERSONALITIES

Our warm congratulations to Brigadier G. R. Turner Cain on the award of the C.B.E. and to O.R.Q.M.S. W. G. H. Race on the award of the M.B.E. Both appeared in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Mr. S. J. Noy, late the Suffolk Regiment, writes from St. Thomas's Mount, Madras. He asks for news of his old friend Mr. T. Lord, whom he last heard of in the Cheshire Home, Brentwood, Essex.

Congratulations to Major J. P. Macdonald and Captain T. D. Dean on being selected for the Staff College course in 1964.

We wish Brigadier V. C. Russell, who is in Colindale Hospital, The Hyde, Hendon, N.W. 9, a speedy recovery.

J. G. Hazlewood, late 1st and 4th Suffolk, is now a Deputy Mill Manager at Erith, Kent, with the British Oil and Cake Mills, Ltd., a branch of Unilevers.

Mr. H. G. Rance who lives at 34 Queen Street, Haverhill wrote to the local papers in February asking if any reader could remember what rifle was used by 4th Suffolk when training at Cambridge

in 1915. He evidently was in the 4th Suffolk at the time.

He received at least eighteen replies from former members of the battalion and it transpires that the rifle was a Japanese one, .300 calibre.

It is most interesting to see how many people remembered the rifle and were sufficiently interested to reply to Mr. Rance's letter.

Lt. Col. R.S.M. Burton has recently written a book called "The Road to the Three Pagodas" in which he describes his adventures in Malaya and Siam during the War whilst serving with the 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment. The book is published by MacDonalld at 25/-. One review of it says "Reginald Burton gives a vivid account of the building of the railroad, leaving films like the 'Bridge over the River' in the comedy class. His sure, if unglamorous touch with the pen makes the book difficult to put down, the horror holding you like a poised snake."

### The late Lieutenant-Colonel H. E. Adkins.

A memorial service was held earlier this year at Kneller Hall to the late Lieutenant-Colonel Hector Adkins.

He was born in 1885 and enlisted in the Gloucestershire Regiment as a boy in 1900. After a course at Kneller Hall, he became Bandmaster of 2nd Battalion The Suffolk Regiment in 1913, an appointment which he held until he was commissioned as Director of Music at the Royal Military School of Music in 1921.

He retired in 1943 and died in South Africa at the end of 1962.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Births

FAIRHOLME.—On 8th December 1962, at Cuckfield, Sussex to Major and Mrs. W. D. G. Fairholme, a son, Guy Christopher William.

TAYLOR.—On 13th January 1963, at Fakenham, to Sgt. and Mrs. G. Taylor, a daughter, Janet.

CLARKE.—On 14th January 1963, at Norwich, to Cpl. and Mrs. T. Clarke, a son, Paul.

SMITH.—On 18th January 1963, at Clacton, to Pte. and Mrs. F. Smith, a son, Steven Andrew Mark.

WRIGHT.—On 8th February 1963, at Norwich, to Pte. and Mrs. T. Wright, a daughter, Valerie Ann.

BRYANT.—On 13th February 1963, at Colchester, to Pte. and Mrs. Bryant, a son, Andrew Robert.

LUMMIS.—On 22nd February 1963, at Guilford, to Major and Mrs. E. T. Lummis, a daughter.

RISSE.—On 16th March 1963, at Harwich, to Pte. and Mrs. K. Risson, a daughter, Sharron Jane.

WALLER.—On 2nd April 1963, at Ipswich, to Sgt. and Mrs. R. Waller, a son, Mark Adrian.

KELLY.—On 25th May 1963, at Colchester, to Sgt. and Mrs. T. Kelly, a son, Nicholas Garvey.

DEAN.—On 27th June 1963, at Felixstowe, to Captain and Mrs. T. D. Dean, a daughter, Anne.



## Marriages

SMITH—ECCLESTONE.—On 22nd December 1962, at Norwich, Pte. V. Smith to Agnes Queenie Jessop Ecclestone.

FLOWER—BANHAM.—On 19th January 1963, at Felixstowe, Pte. K. Flower to Marjory Gladys Banham.

TURNER—ACKER.—On 26th January 1963, at Fritton, L./Cpl. O. Turner to Pauline Joan Acker.

WOODLOW—CARTER.—On 9th February 1963, at Dovercourt, Pte. E. Woodlow to Elizabeth Ann Carter.

ALLISON—LEECH.—On 23rd February 1963, at Swavesey, Pte. B. Allison to Jeanette Leech.

TAYLOR—DIXON.—On 23rd February 1963, at North Walsham, L./Cpl. C. Taylor to Joan Dixon.

ROSE—MURTON.—On 2nd March 1963, at Colchester, Cpl. P. Rose to Valerie Ann Murton.

OWEN—BARBER.—On 2nd March 1963, at Outwell, Pte. A. Owen to Pearl Elizabeth Barber.

GARDINER—SCOTT.—On 16th March 1963, at Walton, Cpl. A. Gardiner to Sheena Ann Scott.

CONDER—ROBERTS.—On 23rd March 1963, at Ditchingham, Lt. E. H. Conder to Patricia Roberts.

PALMER—HORSFORD.—On 23rd March 1963, at Northampton, Major L. A. Palmer to Mildred Horsford.

STOKES—PETCH.—On 23rd March 1963, at Bury St. Edmunds, Pte. T. Stokes to Wendy Petch.

HOCKLEY—CHEONG.—On 30th March 1963, at Walton, Pte. E. Hockley to Deanna Anita Cheong.

HOWES—HODDY.—On 30th March 1963, at Norwich, Bds. P. Howes to Veronica Ann Hoddy.

MCCULLUM—ROPER.—On 6th April 1963, at Ipswich, Pte. M. McCullum to Jacqueline Alice Roper.

GARDINER—LOUISY.—On 10th April 1963, at Hammersmith, Pte. L. Gardiner to Veronica Marcelle Louisy.

FRAZER—MALLET.—On 11th April 1963, at Norwich, Pte. D. Frazer to Rita Eileen Mallett.

COOK—WARNER.—On 13th April, 1963 at Harwich, L./Cpl. J. Cook to Gwendolyn Kay Warner.

GOODALL—VINCE.—On 13th April 1963, at Norwich, L./Cpl. C. Goodall to Pauline Ann Vince.

POCHIN—MANWARING.—On 15th April 1963, at Diss, Pte. E. Pochin to Sheila Manwaring.

BANNISTER—De FREITIS.—On 18th May 1963, at Brantham, Pte. N. Bannister to Pamela Bernice De Freitas.

GEE—EVERSON.—On 18th May 1963, at Colchester, Pte. M. Gee to Marilyn Ann Everson.

BARNES—GRAY.—On 25th May 1963, at Wisbech, L./Cpl. A. Barnes to Eileen Gray.

JARVIS—PAMMENT.—On 1st June 1963, at Burwell, Pte. P. Jarvis to Mary Roberta Pamment.

DEEKS—RODRIGUES.—On 8th June 1963, at Bury St. Edmunds, Pte. M. Deeks to Margaret Emelda Rodrigues.

CRABB—WARD.—On 15th June 1963, at Ipswich, Pte. V. Crabb to Diana Barbara Ward.

PARSONS—SMITH.—On 15th June 1963, at Luton, Pte. K. Parsons to Susan Kay Smith.

## Deaths

MORGAN.—On 7th March 1963 at Folkestone, Captain J. B. Morgan, late the Suffolk Regiment.

DENNIS.—On 11th April 1963 at Bury St. Edmunds, Mr. J. H. Dennis, late the Suffolk Regiment.

SHEARWOOD.—On 2nd June 1963 at Norwich, Mr. R. J. Shearwood, late the Norfolk Regiment.

HADOW.—On 20th June 1963 Mrs. Adela Maude Hadow, wife of Lt. Col. A. L. Hadow, C.M.G. late The Norfolk Regiment.

SELF.—On 2nd July 1963 at Whitlingham Hospital, Norwich, Agnes, wife of Major. A. J. Self, late The Royal Norfolk Regiment.

## OBITUARY

Captain G. B. Morgan, who died on the 7th March 1963 at Folkestone was commissioned into the Suffolk Regiment in 1911, and posted to the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot. He went to France with that battalion in 1914 and was badly wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Le Cateau on 26th August 1914.

As a result of his wounds he was invalided out of the army in 1915. He leaves a widow.



## EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE 1st EAST ANGLIAN

To be Lt.-Col. Major J. B. Dye, M.C. — 11th October, 1963.

To be Major. Capt. R. M. Holman. — 6th March, 1963; Capt. A. B. Horrex, M.C. 22nd July, 1963.

To be Capt. Lieut. S. A. J. Rowsell. — 5th August, 1963.

To be Lieuts. 2/Lt. J. A. Varley. — 29th January, 1963; 2/Lt. A. C. Malim. 29th January, 1963; 2/Lt. J. H. Keep. 22nd June, 1963; 2/Lt. P. J. S. Child. 22nd June, 1963.

## 4th ROYAL NORFOLK

Awarded the Territorial Efficiency Decoration. Major P. W. Raywood. — 15th January, 1963; Major E. R. Smith. 15th January, 1963; Capt. D. W. Clarke. 15th January, 1963.

To be Capt. Lieut. M. C. Cadge. — 1st December, 1962.

To be Lieut. 2/Lt. P. J. Clark. — 1st February, 1962.

## SUFFOLK AND CAMBRIDGESHIRE

To be Lieut. 2/Lt. C. J. Taylor. — 9th June, 1963.



The Old Colours of The 1st Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment, The 1st Bn. The Suffolk Regiment, The 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment, The 1st Bn. The Cambridgeshire Regiment are marched off parade for the last time



The Old Colours and the Escort (By courtesy of Peter M. Warren. Ipswich)



The Inspection

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The Consecration

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## 1st BATTALION BATTALION REVIEW

The past seven months has seen the First Battalion gradually establishing itself at Normandy Barracks, FELIXSTOWE, and the improvements we planned to make on our arrival here are slowly but surely being realized. Much work remains to be done to improve accommodation and training facilities, in transforming a former R.A.F. sea-plane base into a modern Army barracks, but we hope to be able to hand over a completed project to the King's Own Scottish Borderers in January 1964.

The majority of our families are now quartered in the Felixstowe area and the administrative hazards previously caused by the vagaries of the Harwich Ferry have now been considerably reduced.

In the early Spring, the battalion moved to a training concentration area at OTTERBURN in Northumberland. The three weeks we spent there achieved good results in an interesting though somewhat bleak countryside and enabled the battalion, divorced from domestic routine, to shake down and carry out some worthwhile training and field firing. Many of us will retain memories of struggling up a certain shell scarred Crigdon Hill in wind, rain sleet and snow when we would have been glad of the comforts of Normandy Barracks.

Block leave followed our field training at OTTERBURN and the battalion reassembled again on the 22nd April at Felixstowe, to begin a full programme including rifle meetings, assistance to the Territorial Army, Cadre instruction, Public Duties in London and, of course, preparations for our Colours Presentation Parade on the 30th June. We achieved our first major success when the Battalion Rifle Team won the East Anglian District inter-unit competition against strong opposition from the 2nd Green Jackets, who subsequently went on to win at BISLEY.

During May we provided specialist instructors and staged a tactical demonstration for 161 Infantry Brigade (T.A.) at STANFORD P.T.A. in Norfolk. We were delighted to have the opportunity to meet

so many of our old friends in our sister Territorial battalions who form part of 161 Brigade.

June was devoted almost entirely to preparation both on and off the Square for the Colours Presentation Parade, but a Battalion Rifle Meeting was held on the 19th and 20th June to provide a welcome relief from 'Square bashing' and the many other chores associated with the Parade. On the 25th June we welcomed the Colonel of the Regiment for whom we paraded and were addressed by him for the first time. On this parade, which had to be held in one of our spacious hangars because of rain, the Colonel of the Regiment presented the L.S. and G.C. medals to R.S.M. Hazelwood, C.S.M. Evans, C.S.M. Holland and C.S.M. Fowler M.M.

As the 30th June approached, the tempo of activity within the battalion increased and days seemed to finish before they had begun. However, by the 29th June the stage was set and the only thing in doubt, very considerable doubt, was the weather.

Early on the morning of Sunday 30th June, the prospects could not have been worse. We were greeted with heavy rain and driving North-Easterly wind. However, the final touches were made to the spectators stands, hangars, messes, marquees etc. etc. and we hoped for the best. By noon the situation had not improved very much but when the helicopter bringing our Colonel in Chief came into view, the weather changed and Her Royal Highness was welcomed in sunshine, the first for a week, at Normandy Barracks. This sudden change in the weather augered well for the remainder of the day and the ceremony of the Colours Presentation, which is described fully elsewhere in the magazine, was a highly successful occasion, and from the letters we have received from the many spectators, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The 30th June was the last occasion on which our Deputy Colonel of the Regiment and District Commander Major General Ian Freeland D.S.O. visited the battalion. We have been fortunate in having him as our G.O.C.

particularly during the preparation for the Colours Presentation Parade. We wish him every success in his new appointment in East Africa.

Early in July we paraded in London on the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen of the Hellenes and this was a new and interesting ceremonial duty for the battalion. Since then the

### PRESENTATION OF NEW COLOURS

Early in the New Year it was confirmed from Kensington Palace that the Colonel-in-Chief would graciously present New Colours to the 1st East Anglian Regiment and to the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment at Felixstowe on 30th June 1963. A Colour Presentation Committee was formed under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Colonel of the Regiment Major General I. H. Freeland and the first meeting of the committee was held on the 28th January. The committee consisted of the Commanding Officers and Adjutants of the two Battalions and Representatives of Regimental Headquarters. Captain Morriss was Secretary of this committee and Staff Officer for the parade preparations. The problems confronting the Committee were similar to those with which a person completing a jig saw puzzle is faced and a great deal of the credit is due to Captain Morriss for the way in which the picture was completed by the 30th June.

At the first committee meeting the broad outline of the day's events was laid down and various details were discussed. In the next few weeks much detailed work was done. Invitation Cards, Seating Cards and Programmes were designed; Caterers were given contracts for feeding some 2,500 spectators, plus all the men on parade; stands were designed and the stores for them ordered.

The form of the parade itself required careful thought. Readers of this article who attended the parade will appreciate that the parade ground was by no means ideal for such an occasion. It was very long and narrow and it was not possible, for example, for the guards to form on the march having marched past in column. While the snow was still on the ground men could be seen moving about the parade ground carrying tapes under the eagle eye of the Regimental Sergeant Major. The manual of ceremonial is possibly deliberately vague on the instructions for this type of parade and it is left to the Unit concerned to adapt the basic requirements to suit its own needs. This particular occasion was complicated by the fact that the Regular and Territorial Battalions were parading together with the attendant difficulties of rehearsal and the fact that the battalion by having been previously amalgamated owned four Colours each. However, by dint of a good deal of good humoured compromise between the two battalions, a form of parade acceptable to both was devised.

The second meeting of the committee was held on April 29th when progress was reviewed and more detailed decisions were made. A list of Official Guests was compiled, stand accommodation was allocated and the dress for the parade was discussed. The parade was taking place at a time when the ceremonial uniform of the Regular Army was undergoing a change from the Blue No. 1 Dress with which most readers would be familiar, to the Khaki No. 2 Dress. It was agreed in fact that we should parade in the new dress and we are indebted

battalion has been deployed by companies and detachments organising and running C.C.F. Camps in East Anglia and at STONEYCASTLE in Surrey.

We are now looking forward to block leave in August/September to be followed by a programme of intensive arduous and field training to prepare us for service in the Middle East next year.

to the Staff and Services for providing it so quickly. We are probably the first troops to parade in this new uniform for a ceremony of this sort.

By 15th May the Invitation Cards had arrived from the Printers and were sent out. At about this time fifteen large train waggon loads of stores for the Spectators Stand were shunted into the camp and work began on the erection of the stand. It is perhaps invidious to single out any particular group of men for praise when so many worked so hard to make the day a success, but undoubtedly Colour Sergeant Griffin, Sergeant Allright and the men of the Assault Pioneer Platoon are particularly worthy of mention. They performed remarkable feats in producing such immaculate stands out of such uninspiring materials.

On the 27th May a Company Drill Competition was held which 'A' Company won. They were therefore awarded the distinction of providing the escort guard for the parade. On the 30th May the Deputy Colonel of the Regiment visited Normandy Barracks to see the first full rehearsal of the parade and to approve the form that it was proposed it should take. Rehearsal therefore began in earnest on the 1st June and continued throughout the month. The rehearsal programme was so designed so as to get everyone to the post on the day, fit and not overtrained. To this end the Battalion Rifle Meeting was held during the month.

However, on the administrative side no relaxation was possible. Replies to the invitations poured in and seating cards were sent out. The Press and Television were contacted and arrangements made for a creche for the children to be set up and supervised by members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. The reception arrangements required careful planning as 800 cars were expected to arrive at the Barracks in the space of about thirty minutes. We are indebted to the Automobile Association, the local and Military Police in the part they played on making these arrangements go smoothly. The Pilot from the Queens Flight came down to give his approval to the Helicopter pad that we had selected and the catering arrangements were gone into in great detail.

The Colonel of the Regiment arrived home from East Africa and made his first visit to the Battalion on June 25th. Three days later he attended the Dress Rehearsal for the parade. The conditions on this day could hardly have been worse. At 12.30 when the Colonel-in-Chief was due to arrive it was raining steadily and continued to do so throughout the afternoon. However, as the forecasters could not be any more optimistic over the weather for the following Sunday the Dress Rehearsal went ahead exactly as planned. If anything this parade increased the confidence of the troops as they felt that if they could achieve the high standard they did, they could certainly do the

same again on the day. This Rehearsal also demonstrated just in time that the canopy over the Royal Dais was not waterproof. This situation was quickly remedied by the Quartermaster's staff.

The next day, June 29th, work went on at what was by now its normal frantic pace although there was no parade rehearsal. The large marquee arrived and was erected on the Officers Mess lawn and the Florists came to transform Hangars, the Gymnasium and the Messes. A final inspection that evening showed that everything was ready for the day.

A grey dawn showed on the 30th June and with the dawn came rain. It persisted throughout the morning while chairs were being set out and three separate weather forecasts obtained of thundery showers during the afternoon, did little to relieve the understandable gloom. Suddenly, however, at midday the clouds miraculously cleared and the sun came out and it remained fine for the remainder of the day.

At 12.30 precisely the helicopter carrying Her Royal Highness touched down in the Barracks. The Princess was met by the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, the Colonel of the Regiment and the Honorary Colonel of the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment. The Colonel-in-Chief drove to the Officers Mess and after withdrawing for a few minutes to her suite went out to the Marquee where our guests and the officers of the two Battalions with their wives were assembled. After a number of formal presentations had been made by the Colonel of the Regiment Her Royal Highness talked informally to the officers and their wives. At 13.15 luncheon was taken.

Meanwhile, spectators for the parade had started to arrive. Gradually the stands filled and the official guests who had had lunch in the Officers Mess being the last to take their places. At 14.45 the great hangar door slid back and the guards marched onto parade. The G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command General Sir Roderick McLeod was greeted on his arrival with a General Salute and the troops on parade and all the spectators awaited the arrival of the Colonel-in-Chief.

At 3 p.m. the Royal car moved slowly onto the parade ground. Her Royal Highness alighted and stepped onto the Dais to be greeted with a Royal Salute and the breaking of her Standard. The stage was thus set for the memorable and unique parade which followed. The order of parade and the parade state are printed at the end of this article but a number of highlights are particularly worthy of mention. No person present on this day will forget the march off of the eight Old Colours and their last defiant flutter as they disappeared from the parade ground; the moving simplicity of the Consecration Service and the stirring march past of the guards with their newly presented Colours with those of the 4th Royal Norfolk Regiment.

After the Consecration Service the Colonel-in-Chief addressed the parade saying:—

"I am very pleased to be here with you today and to present your New Colours on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen.

This is my first visit to the 1st East Anglian Regiment since its formation in 1959 which makes

this day a special occasion. I am told that everything has gone very well since the amalgamation which reflects great credit on all who have been serving since this period.

The Colours which we have just seen marched off parade for the last time in that ancient moving ceremony must bring back memories to veterans and many still serving. On them are emblazoned Battle Honours which reflect past glories of the old Regiments. These New Colours also carry these Battle Honours and will, I know, be an inspiration to you all.

Colours with their old history as a rallying point in battle, stand in peace as a symbol of honour and integrity in a Regiment. Confident that you will maintain the high standards they represent. I commend them to your care and I pray that wherever you carry them it may be in peace.

I hope that those who serve in the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment will gain much from their Territorial Service and for those of you who go with the Regiment to ADEN in 1964, I express my hope that you will have a pleasant tour abroad."

The Commanding Officer replied:

"Your Royal Highness

On behalf of all ranks of my Battalion and of the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment, I would like to thank you for honouring us with your presence here today and so graciously presenting us with our New Colours on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen.

The continuing interest which your Royal Highness takes in our affairs is a source of inspiration to us all and those of us present today will remember with pride the part we have played in the ceremony.

May I assure your Royal Highness that we shall endeavour to uphold the high sense of duty which was shown by those in the famous Regiments from which we have been formed and whose deeds are so nobly borne on our New Colours."

After the parade had marched off, the Colonel-in-Chief inspected the Old Comrades who had formed up in three ranks on the parade ground. Her Royal Highness walked slowly down each rank stopping frequently to speak to a number of veterans. The uniforms of five Chelsea Pensioners who attended the parade formed colourful patches in the ranks of their more sombrely dressed comrades.

When this inspection was finished, the Colonel-in-Chief drove down to the Gymnasium where 200 Warrant Officers, Sergeants and Other Ranks of both Battalions with their wives were assembled. A bouquet was presented to the Princess by Linda Holben, daughter of the Bandmaster of the 1st East Anglian Regiment, and the Regimental Sergeant Majors, Bandmasters and their wives of the three Battalions were then presented. Tea was taken during which time a number of those present were brought forward to be presented and to talk informally to the Colonel-in-Chief.

At the same time tea parties were in progress in the Officers and Sergeants Messes and also in 'B' Company Hangar where 1700 Old Comrades, Other Ranks, their families and guests were entertained. Here the opportunity was taken to show off some of the other aspects of army life and a large display of military and recreational equipment was laid out for inspection.

At 5 p.m. the Colonel-in-Chief returned to the Officers Mess where she graciously consented to pose for photographs with the Officers and Warrant Officers and Sergeants of each Battalion. Then all

too soon it was time for her to depart. A few formal farewells at the Officers Mess, a drive through the cheering soldiers, Old Comrades and our Guests made these goodbyes at the helicopter and then the machine rose slowly and soared away to bring the visit to a close.

The crowd dispersed some to Messes and the Hangar to continue celebrating events of the day, some to their cars to start the long homeward journey, but all to remember with pleasure a wonderful day to which in some measure so many people had contributed.

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## ON PARADE

### Commanding Officer:

Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Dye, M.C.

### Second-in-Command:

Major A. W. J. Turnbull, M.C.

### Adjutant:

Captain R. G. Wilson

### Field Officers handing the New Colours to the Colonel-in-Chief:

Major A. W. J. Turnbull, M.C.  
Major A. H. V. Gillmore, M.C.

Major H. W. Garrood  
Major J. R. L. Brashaw

### The Colour Parties:

#### The Old Colours:

1st Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment  
Lieutenant M. G. Turner Cain  
Lieutenant J. A. Varley  
C.S.M. W. E. Holland  
Sergeant B. Shanks  
Sergeant H. Gault

4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment (T.A.)  
Lieutenant C. J. Wright  
2nd Lieutenant R. Wylie  
C.S.M. D. J. Mowle  
Sergeant D. A. Southgate  
Sergeant C. E. Golder

1st Bn. The Suffolk Regiment  
2nd Lieutenant P. J. S. Child  
2nd Lieutenant P. B. D. Long  
C.S.M. R. H. Pratt  
Colour Sergeant E. Sennett  
Colour Sergeant R. Griffin

1st Bn. The Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.)  
Lieutenant A. K. Checkley  
2nd Lieutenant C. J. Taylor  
C.S.M. P. F. Brown  
Colour Sergeant B. Emmerson  
Sergeant D. P. Burch

#### The New Colours:

The 1st East Anglian Regiment  
Lieutenant P. P. D. Stone  
Lieutenant R. J. Abbott  
C.S.M. E. Hisock  
Sergeant T. Kelly  
Sergeant R. Brunning

The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.)  
Lieutenant J. C. Clements  
Lieutenant P. F. Catchpole  
C.S.M. S. E. Randall  
Sergeant J. F. Pittock  
Sergeant J. D. Garrod

### Colour Party of The 4th Bn. and The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.)

Lieutenant P. J. Darley  
Lieutenant E. B. Warrington  
R.Q.M.S. A. Barr  
Staff Sergeant R. Brown  
Sergeant L. B. F. Nolloth



**Guards of The 1st East Anglian Regiment:**

**The Escort Guard:**

Major A. H. V. Gillmore, M.C.  
Lieutenant P. K. R. Ross  
C.S.M. Bullock  
Colour Sergeant I. Marjoram

**No. 3 Guard:**

Captain D. L. Clarke  
Captain J. D. Churchill, M.C.  
2nd Lieutenant R. H. Thomson  
C.S.M. P. Garman  
Colour Sergeant B. G. Fox

**No. 2 Guard:**

Major M. K. D. Gunton  
Captain W. J. B. Peat  
Lieutenant A. C. Malim  
C.S.M. R. Evans, M.M.  
Colour Sergeant J. Nichols

**No. 4 Guard:**

Major J. D. A. Fitzgerald  
Captain C. J. N. Trollope  
2nd Lieutenant R. S. Conder  
C.S.M. P. Conboy  
Colour Sergeant J. Jeffrey

**Regimental Sergeant Majors:**

R.S.M. E. J. Hazelwood, The 1st East Anglian Regiment  
R.S.M. M. Fowler, 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.)  
R.S.M. A. F. Charlesworth, The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.)

**Bandmaster:**

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

**Drum Major:**

Drum Major G. F. Moyes

**Officiating Chaplain:**

Revered A. V. Kingston, O.B.E., Q.H.C., Assistant Chaplain General, Eastern Command

**attended by:**

Reverend T. J. McElroy, C.F. (R.C.) H.Q. 54 (East Anglian) Division/District  
Reverend Canon G. L. Tidey, M.A., O.C.F., Officiating Chaplain, 1st East Anglian Regiment  
Reverend Donald E. Smith, O.C.F., Officiating Chaplain, 1st East Anglian Regiment  
Reverend E. Simpson, B.Com. C.F. (T.A.) Chaplain, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.)

**ORDER OF PARADE**

1. The Battalion marches on parade.
2. The Officers and Warrant Officers march to their guards.
3. The General Officer Commanding in Chief is received with a General Salute.
4. Her Royal Highness is received with a Royal Salute.
5. Her Royal Highness inspects the Battalion.
6. The Band and Drums troop in slow and quick time.
7. The Escort moves forward to collect the Old Colours.
8. The Escort receives the Old Colours.
9. The Old Colours are trooped.
10. The Old Colours are marched off parade.
11. Drums are piled and the New Colours are marched on and uncased.
12. The New Colours are consecrated.
13. Her Royal Highness presents the New Colours.
14. Her Royal Highness addresses the Battalion and the Commanding Officer replies.
15. The New Colours are received with a Salute and marched to the centre of the parade.
16. The Colours of the 4th Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.) are marched on to parade.
17. The Guards march past *in* slow and quick time.
18. The Guards advance in Review Order.
19. Her Royal Highness is given a Royal Salute and leaves the parade.
20. The Battalion marches off parade.

**PROGRAMME OF MUSIC**

1. Sambre et Meuse.
2. Figaro.
3. General Salute.
4. National Anthem.
5. Colours.  
Pageantry.
6. Les Huguenots.  
National Emblem.
7. British Grenadiers.
8. National Anthem.
9. Grenadier Slow March.
10. Auld Lang Syne.
15. National Anthem.
16. Rule Britannia.
17. Scipio.  
Regimental March.
18. British Grenadiers.
19. National Anthem.
20. Mechanized Infantry.

## OFFICER'S MESS

The first major event of the year, apart from weathering conditions approaching those of the Ice Age, occurred after the thaw when we upped sticks and moved North to what used to be called the Eastern Marches, namely the north-east country around Newcastle. We went, in fact, to Otterburn, Northumberland, an area not unfamiliar to past generations of soldiery and liberally endowed with places and items of historical interest from Roman times onwards.

In Redesdale Camp, our home for three weeks or so, mess life centred round a fairly unifying collection of huts which, for the most part, were kept hermetically sealed, for winter there had yet to give way to the spring which, the calendar assured us, was bursting out all over elsewhere. Luckily each room was fitted with a stove which must have given out as much heat as a small Bessemer converter. The net result of this arrangement was that one either sat shuddering in some icy blast or, clad merely in macabre military underclothing, lay wilting in the torrid fog generated by the coke-consuming device in the corner of the room. However, as most of us spent the greater proportion of our time out on the moors, these extremes of temperature did not seem to have any marked effect. Indeed, the mess, as such, even played a vital part on a number of exercises and the unsuspecting, rounding a hairpin on the twisting network of tracks which crossed the fells, or breaking the crest of some pinnacle, would often find himself face to face with an ambitious layout of canvas, clinging windswept yet unperturbed to some sodden slope. Despite gales and hail, sheep, sleet, shot and shell (try saying that quickly), the Mess Staff, usually under Sgt. Place or Cpl. Ingram carried on undaunted. In fact this, coupled with the spirited treatment of Compo rations and a well stocked bar, brightened the day of many an otherwise harassed Range Officer.

During the two free week-ends, the Mess, en masse, repaired to Newcastle which, although hardly the Sodom or Gomorrah of the North-East coast, provided a certain amount of, shall we say, innocent titillation, notably at the Club A Gogo and La Dolce Vita.

After returning from leave, preparations began for the Presentation of Colours and the Mess was invaded by innumerable craftsmen who spent weeks busily refurbishing our Mess. The Colours Presentation has been fully covered elsewhere in this Journal, but two other events took place in the Mess to mark this historic occasion. Firstly, a Regimental Guest Night was held on the 27th June and the guests included the Colonel and Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, together with all former Commanding Officers who commanded the 1st Battalions of the

Royal Norfolk Regiment, the Suffolk Regiment and the new Regiment under the Old Colours. This evening was a great success and we thoroughly enjoyed having our old Commanding Officers with us. Finally, on 6th July, a Colours Ball was held and attended by the Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, together with a number of Officers of the Regiment no longer serving with the Battalion. David Clarke unwittingly volunteered for Ball Committee duties but soon found himself the Great Factotum in person. Despite the weather, we all enjoyed the Ball and saw the dawn come up with thunder on the 7th.

Other social events this year included our first reception, held in January. All the local dignitaries, to use an ugly but unavoidable word, were invited, and the event was marked by the potency of Patrick Stone's punch which, made from some recipe culled in British Guiana no doubt, produced some remarkable reactions. Well done Stone! He tried it out again at a Dinner-Dance we had a few weeks later, but by then most people seemed to be reasonably immune to its toxic effects.

On the 16th May we dined out Monty Howard. Thus ended a spell of several decades' service to the Regiment by the clan Howard. During the evening the C.O. told an apocryphal story of how Monty captured a German in the last war with nothing more, it seems, than a soup ladle; this, surely, must be included in the next Regimental history!

There have been many comings and goings during the first six months of 1963. John Child, Adrian Malim, John Keep, Mike Turner-Cain are, or have been to Hythe and Warminster, whereas Richard Abbott and Patrick Stone went to Netheravon, returning shortly after a large haul of explosives had been removed from the magazine there; to date, however, no unexplained detonations. Peter Raven has vanished to Arabia; idle jests in this respect are ill-advised, as we shall all be there within the twelvemonth, and they could seem a little ill-conceived in retrospect!

We congratulate John Varley on his engagement. As his fiancée has just reduced his car to scrap in an altercation with a wall with no apparent estrangement as a result, we feel this augurs well for an eventful union. Finally, for those who are even mildly interested in Peter Morton's car (there still survive a few people who actually rode in it), its second resurrection is, he hopes, approaching in the near future. This, we know, will be a considerable relief to his next door neighbours in the Mess who, for time immemorial, it seems, have had to put up with the disharmonies of a breaker's yard around them.

## SERGEANTS' MESS

Variety is the spice of life, looking back on the past few months, we sure have lived up to this motto.

During March we took a short vacation to the mysteries of the more northern portion of the country, and participated in some rather rigorous exercises amidst this territory. Our stay was most

pleasant to say the least, but judging by the "Farewell" that some members received on our departure from Felixtowe, our trip back to Suffolk was most welcome during the early part of April.

Our stay at Otterburn was not deficient of the normal type of surprises. Despite the fact that the

Winter weather was in full swing, we managed to have a "fire" within the Mess quarters, thus testing the efficiency of the Camp Fire Piquet. Well done the Mess Staff. Crigdon Hill — don't mention it. Judging by the waist lines of some members of the Mess they must have toured this feature many times, and having done so, tired as opposed to toured is the more appropriate word.

April saw us back in the Felixstowe area, and to many it meant leave. The more keener-eyed personnel of the Mess were not so lucky however, as the Battalion Shooting Team was formed and they found themselves occupied by some quite serious shooting. As usual the excuses for not hitting the bull were numerous. The most outstanding excuse however must go to the person who claimed that a lapwing was hovering within his line of sight during a snap practice. However, with a sense of humour being maintained at all times, we eventually won the Div./Dist. shoot at Colchester and then proceeded on a well earned leave.

The month of June was devoted to square bashing in readiness for the Presentation of New Colours — most entertaining. We even met such personalities as "Jungle" Randle amidst the ranks, wonders never cease. The final day arrived however, and judging by the remarks of the spectators a good job was done all round.

To ease the tension in mid-June a Battalion Rifle Meeting was held. Congratulations must go to Sgt. "Tom" Kelly on his outstanding performance with the Self-Loading Rifle. As a result of not firing a shot during the practice, he ended up as the Champion Shot of the Sergeant's Mess. We however are still looking forward to a sip of champagne from the Cup.

Several changes have taken place in the way of postings in and out during the past few months. We however extend a warm welcome to the following — C.S.M.'s Conboy, Bullock and Hiscock from the 3rd East Anglian. Departures included C.S.M. "Mick" Fowler, whom we must congratulate on his promotion to Regimental Sergeant Major of the 4th Royal Norfolk T.A. Sgt. "Pete" Worthy also left our midst for Aden, where we shall no doubt renew our friendship within the next few months. Future postings out of the Mess are unique to say the least. It is still debatable as to whether or not the Officer i/c. Records stuttered when he made his decision as both the Evans's of the Mess are due to leave us in the very near future. Mind you they expected it, as lets face it, eighteen years is quite some time without a move, maybe their stay was over welcome.

#### HEADQUARTER COMPANY

This has been our first full period at Felixstowe where "we haven't just got back from somewhere" or "we're just off to somewhere." Aden is a thing of the future to which most people are looking forward, for the sun and heat if nothing else. British Guiana, at the moment in the grips of a general strike, is a memory, much of which is now legend. The result of this is that the Departments are now running smoothly and well and giving the Battalion the service it deserves (read into that what you will!)

#### Company Headquarters

The old firm has seen some changes and upheavals since the last issue but has weathered

the storms and squalls well. Major Macdonald disappeared in January to play soldiers in Borneo for three months, during which time Lieutenant Ross coped very well with a fist full of reins. Captain Trollope has joined the Company as Administrative Officer in place of Lieutenant Ross who has taken over the Intelligence Section. C.S.M. Parker left early in the year and was replaced by C.S.M. Holland on promotion from C.Q.M.S. Support Company. C.S.M. Parker has disappeared into the arms of the T.A. for a couple of years: we wish him well. L./Cpl. Cook still reigns supreme in the office and the various inspections we've had recently have shown how well he has done. We shall be sorry to see him go when he leaves the Army in August. He has been assisted during most of the period by Pte. Woodhouse, in exile until July from the M.T.; they have been a very useful pair. Pte. Knights, who leaves the Army very soon, gave up his job to Woodhouse and went into the Armoury. There he operates in a cool and efficient manner, waiting for a good five minutes after the Company Commander finds that he's two Rifles down before he calmly produces the issue cards. Usually much hair is pulled out in those five minutes.

In the stores, we are glad to say that C./Sgt. Sennett, Cpl. Goodfield and Pte. Staff still operate as efficiently as ever — best company stores in the Battalion without doubt. Some say there's a deliberate move afoot to stop the C./Sgt. getting to his 1st Class Education Classes so that he won't go off and be someone else's C.S.M.

#### P.T. Staff

The "muscles dept." now has a new gaffer, S.S.I. Beaton, A.P.T.C., ably assisted by Corporal Tomkins and Lance Corporal Tancred. The future in this part of the company is not quite so rosy as Tancred is due to attend a P.T. Course in September (in the meantime representing the Army regularly in Athletics — well done), after which he may be lost in the arms of the A.P.T.C. Tomkins leaves the army at the end of the year. The only glimmer of hope is in Pte. Coe the Sports Storeman, who it is hoped, will make a good P.T. instructor. He is to be trained as such in the near future and if successful will be seen in his 'bumble-bee' jersey shouting "class atten-shun" in the high voice of his trade.

#### P.R.I.

Captain Ford continues to sit in the middle of his P.R.I./Central Bank web watching his empire grow quietly around him. L./Cpl. Grieves (who at last has his 3rd Class Education Certificate) is still the versatile member of the team, but he is shortly to be joined by the N.C.O. running the new Corporals Club. Add to this the pigmen Ptes. Whymark and Moss, and the barber and it will easily be seen that this organisation soon will be bigger than the M.T.! Sgt. Dugdale will join to aid and abet Captain Ford when he has attended an "accounts" course — then there will be no holding "Ford force"! The pigmen are a slight enigma — no one ever sees them (except on Pay Parade), they work for Captain Peat in "B" Company, they belong to H.Q. Company and they command a force of porkers which, by all accounts is almost as big as the Battalion itself.



The Presentation

(By courtesy of Cambridge News)



The March Past



Her Royal Highness meets R.S.M. Hazelwood of the 1st Battalion



The Colonel in Chief meets members of the Cambridgeshire Regiment Old Comrades Association  
(By courtesy of Peter M. Warren, Ipswich)

### Officers Mess

The Mess Staff remains largely unchanged and, as every officer knows, do an excellent job under Sgt. Plaiice, Cpls. Ingram and Baines, in a quiet and efficient way. There are too many to name each here but let it go on record that their efforts are not unappreciated and over the next 4 or 5 weeks these efforts will be pretty considerable.

### Sgts. Mess

Here again an excellent Mess run by Sgt. Lawson: the number of belts being let out is sufficient evidence of this. They will be called upon to show their worth in late June, as will most of the Battalion, but their efforts behind the scenes will go largely unseen but not unnoticed.

### Regimental Police

This force of large gents who stand at the gate have recently come under new management, Sgt. Sweeney having returned from 4 Royal Norfolk (T.A.) We haven't heard such a good Irish accent in the Guard Room since the ubiquitous Doherty left the Regimental Police. Cpl. Foster did a very sound caretaking job to cover the period between Sgt. Mixer's departure and Sgt. Sweeney's arrival. Two of our coppers were well in the public eye — Lance Corporals Reeve and Eaglen acting as Orderlies for the Colonel in Chief on 30th June.

### M.I. Room

Sgt. Pocock continues to rule the pill and tonic booth on the sea front, giving assistance to our civilian doctors. We've all been jabbed, blood grouped, inspected and, we would have been X-rayed had not some mysterious gremlin robbed us of this privilege. This remains a forthcoming attraction. The M.I. Room Staff disappear from time to time on courses and, lo and behold, to hospital as patients on occasions: talk about a busman's holiday.

### Intelligence Section

Lieutenant Mackay has relinquished the well polished seat in the Intelligence Office on leaving the Army. His place has been taken by Lieut. Ross, who is already collecting chinagraph pencils for his Aden stockpile and dealing with the Adjutant's more unpleasant or difficult telephone calls. Sgt. Gay still holds the side together assisted by Pte. Martin, whose prowess on the drawing board is already much in evidence. L./Cpl. Bentick is on a clerk's course prior to relieving Lance Corporal Cook in the company office.

The section last performed its proper role in the 1963 version of the Battle of Otterburn, on which occasion hordes of East Anglians (in company strength) spent the long winter evenings assaulting each other. According to the then Intelligence Officer, his predecessors made a much better job of it, in a triumph of physical and mental superiority (bolstered by Highland Mist) over numerically superior Sassenachs.

Back in Felixstowe after a spell of Easter leave the Section reverted to its normal task of keeping

the Battalion supplied with notices, photographs, identity cards, maps and historical records.

Lieut. Mackay's last act of devotion before leaving was to take a party to the War Office Acclimatization trials (in London of all places!). We wish him all the very best of good fortune in his new non-military life. Lieut. Ross, to prove he is in earnest, has already been on a pilgrimage to Maresfield and is now Felixstowe's James Bond, recognised by his comrades by a lighter attached to his trousers by a length of elastic. Courses are in vogue at present, Sgt. Gay has attended a photo reading course and is still trying to uncross his eyes.

### M.T. Section

Transport in the Battalion continues to roll, usually in the right direction under the direction of the M.T.O., Capt. Churchill assisted by C.S.M. Pratt, the M.T.W.O., and Sgt. Bryant, the M.T. Sgt. The R.E.M.E. effort is still under the able direction of Sgt. Evans whose workshop resembles that of many a first-class civilian garage.

Both the M.T.O. and M.T.W.O. have attended Airportability Courses and their knowledge will shortly be passed on to others of the M.T. and the Companies. This, coupled with the proposed upgrading of drivers to Standard 1, for which a phased programme of training has already started, is ensuring a very high standard of drivers with the

### M.T.

The training period at Otterburn showed that there was still much to learn — particularly in cross-country work. Some learnt the hard way — the quickest way through deep snow is not always to try to drive round it and the best method of towing a Mobat is usually on its wheels.

There have been changes in this otherwise well appointed organisation. Sgt. Bates has joined 4 R Norfolk for a couple of years, most of which he expects to spend on the Stanford Training Area. Cpl. Watson has left the M.T. Office and may be seen by appointment training recruits. His seat is now occupied by Cpl. Russell latterly employed as details clerk. He in turn has been replaced by Pte. Webb assisted by L./Cpl. Cox, and any driver who happens to be within earshot.

Cpl. Gardiner, Pte. Woodlow and Craftsman Thompson have fallen for the old bait and got married — no, not to one another. We wish them all the best.

Cpl. 'Jungle' Green, having devised a new system of washing trucks by using old fire hose, soaked himself thoroughly while perfecting the idea. It is not clear whether patents have been applied for. He has now taken up gardening and threatens to put potatoes in the Office garden.

The section is training hard for the Battalion Weapons Meeting and hopes of pot-collecting are high. It is probably just as well that these notes go to press before the results are known.

### Orderly Room

The Orderly Room Staff continue to operate from the plushiest offices in the whole barracks.

They always seem surprised at the amount of paper work that seems to build up around them. Perhaps an explanation of Parkinson's Law would ease a few furrowed brows. They do handle paper at a very healthy speed though and there isn't much being compressed to coal at the bottom of office trays. They still chunter from time to time about "overtime, over worked and underpaid" but they seem quite cheerful on it.

Under the able directorship of W.O. II. Hewitt, the O.R.Q.M.S., they seem to have survived the change of General Manager from Capt. Morriss to Capt. Wilson, the new (twosome) Adjutant.

There have been the inevitable changes in Staff. L./Cpl. Turner has been promoted to Cpl. after a short stay and is now a Section Commander in 'C' Coy. Pte. Day has gone to S.P. Coy. Cpl. Dodsworth has been medically discharged and we were all very sorry to lose him. New arrivals are Pte. Welch (one of our two recruits from British Guiana) and Pte. Patrick who has recently come on to Man's service from the Junior Leaders Battalion. Pte. Brown has returned from the Depot and is allegedly pleased to be back, although no one knows why!

Pte. Starling merits congratulation by passing both his B.III. and B.II. Clerks Course at the same time.

While most married men are trying to calculate their points for quarters in Aden, one forward thinking member of the staff was heard to mumble "I wonder if I'll go HOME on the advance party." The bell system in the office block is still causing confusion — usually this is only resolved by telephoning the Adjutant to ask him how many times he rang.

## **Band**

Unfortunately Band notes have been missing from the last two issues but here with apologies is a resume of recent activities. The Band did not succeed in visiting the sunny Caribbean last year and so had the opportunity of cornering the best kit in Felixstowe, moving in before the holiday makers came back. The cold winter drove the Bandsmen to the gym for exercise and their basketball team was unbeaten in many games. The Christmas Draw and Social took place just before and after Christmas respectively and both were visited by the coldest weather many can remember. Both occasions went off well in spite of this (or vice versa). On the latter occasion S./Sgt. Pepper rejoined the Band and we also welcomed Bdsman. Lenney and Davison from the Junior Soldiers Wing.

Summer engagements are well under way now and we spend more time on the road than off which is a little uncomfortable.

We had two contacts with other Bands which are worthy of note. While performing at Bury St. Edmunds, we met the 4 Royal Norfolk Band: drinking habits do not vary much from Band to Band. This was further borne out by a visit of the Band of the Queen's Own Buffs who came over for a days sport and social evening. Each Band produced two football teams and needless to say we won both matches. As this day (and night) were

such a success we have a repeat performance in the planning stages now.

The Band Football team won its way through to the Finals of the Inter-Platoon Knockout but lost 4 — 1 to the Battalion H.Q. team. At least we lost to a H.Q. Company side.

Before closing, congratulations to Cpls. Paul and McHale, L./Cpls. Jobs and Horne and Bdsman. Ship and their wives on the birth of their respective offsprings. It's been a very busy year.

## **Corps of Drums**

Looking back over this period the Drums feel they ought to congratulate the Rifle Companies on the gallant efforts made to defeat them in the Battles of Otterburn 1963. Their efforts were largely of no avail. The return from Otterburn was marked by a sharp return to the square and the Drums now know almost every pebble.

As with the Band we are now in the middle of the "Summer Tour." Much more lively music including "The Saints" and "St. Louis Blues" have been added. Even the figure marching finds itself changed, particularly when Stokes got fed-up with the "Feathers" and did them inside out: at Bury St. Edmunds of all places.

At King's Lynn we were pleased to see ex-Drum. Cooper supporting us at the Carnival: we would like to see more old Drummers on similar occasions. Rumour has it that Clouting is in Ipswich only 12 miles away.

We welcome back Drms. Barber on re-engagement and Drms. Smith (208), Nicholson and Keywood who have joined us from the Junior Drummers Wing at the Depot.

In closing we must congratulate Drum. Jarvis 44 on his marriage at Whitsun.

## **Quartermasters' Department**

We have seen the inevitable changes in this Department since the last issue. Capt. Howard has moved to the Depot as Q.M. We still hear from him from time to time and wonder who he shouts for now that he hasn't got Cpl. Henry.

R.Q.M.S. (now R.S.M.) Bates is now with 4 Northamptonshire (T.A.) — we still hear from him occasionally. L./Cpl. Heale has returned to civilian life in Cornwall, having, we understand, tried to present his umbrella to Capt. Howard.

Capt. Chatting has joined us from 4 Royal Norfolk (T.A.) and became "Q.M. (Tech)." We hope his stay will be a pleasant one, although since he has gone off with 'A' Coy. to be Q.M. of Stoney Castle Camp for Cadets this is doubtful.

The members of the Department who went to Otterburn under "Q.M. (Accn.)" Capt. Norman appear to have enjoyed themselves but there were, apparently, problems about keeping fires going.

The major Q.M. tasks lately have been the issuing of No. 2 Dress (the Company C.Q.M.S. giving us more bother over his own size than the rest of the Battalion put together) and the new foam mattresses. There have been complaints that they are too soft and that the men cannot sleep on them. Once they get used to it we shall have to issue extra-loud alarm clocks to get 'em out of bed

## "A" COMPANY

Since our last appearance in the "Britannia and Castle" we have undergone a period of change. Three of our members have disappeared and we welcome four new faces to the Coy. H.Q.

That man who has seen them all, from Company Commanders to Privates, come and go during the last six years, has now left the Regular Battalion for a posting with the 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.) at Norwich. Although it was with heavy hearts that we said goodbye to C.S.M. Fowler in May, we were very happy in his promotion to W.O.I. and wish him all the best in years to come. To fill that vacant chair in the C.S.M.'s office we welcome W.O.H. Bullock who has come to us from the 3rd East Anglian Regiment and we also congratulate him on his recent promotion.

Another new face in the Coy. Office is that of Capt. Dean who has ascended from "B" Company to carry out the duties of 2i./c. in the place of Capt. Raven. The latter left the Battalion in April to serve in the Sultan of Muscat's Armed Forces. We hope that opportunity will arise during our forthcoming tour in Aden for us to see him again.

Cpl. Shuttlewood is now efficiently carrying out the duties of Company Orderly Sergeant and has settled down very well in the Company. The fourth and final change is that of Company Clerk, the post of which Cpl. Eaton has now relinquished to join No. 1 Pl. In his place Pte. LaBorde now sits and beats away on the typewriter keys.

Activities in the field since the last issue have been rather hectic. The three week training spell at Otterburn proved to be quite a test of the ingenuity of skill of the C./Sgt. and Storemen. Constantly supplying the Company with hot meals under sometimes deplorable weather conditions on the moors of Northumberland, was quite an unenviable job.

After Otterburn, a fortnight's rest in the form of Easter Leave. Then back to a new activity in the Company Hangar. Major Gillmore, the Company Commander, being Captain of Boats and the guiding light of the Battalion Boat club, has a natural interest in the upkeep of the boats and what with canoes being constructed and Wayman "messaging about in the boats," the hangar looks more like a Naval Base than an R.A.F. Installation converted into an Army Camp.

Well, next assignment, Brookwood, Surrey where we are going for six weeks to administer a C.C.F. Camp.

## 1 Platoon

Entering now a short era of drill and barrack duties we can pause for a moment and survey recent events and changes in the platoon. Having spent a short but instructive time in the snow on the renowned STANFORD P.T.A., the platoon gained two new members, McCullum and Gee, who have both since married.

Up at OTTERBURN Sgt. Dugdale who had replaced Sgt. Pope, was himself replaced by Sgt.

Brunning whom we must congratulate on his recent promotion. Lt. Varley, who had been with the platoon for over a year, was transferred to 'C' Coy. and 2Lt. Conder took over. Ramm also joined us.

We left OTTERBURN with mixed feelings, but much fitter than previously. The beautiful scenery could not make us forget CRIGDEN HILL and YOULER CRAG not to mention one extremely wet night march through a bog when the enemy were not found until after dawn. (Thanks to our expert 'trackers'!)

Cpl. Eaton has since joined us — although we expect him to go off on an R.C.B. soon — good luck! Now drill and more drill for the Presentation of the New Colours. However, the weather is getting warm and Valentine can almost count the days on his fingers — best of luck in civvie street.

## 2 Platoon

The platoon has now been together for a year and three-quarters which has resulted in a contented and experienced unit.

At the end of the year we say goodbye to Ptes. Agnew and Carver; the platoon will miss Agnew's witticisms, especially when we are wet and cold in the middle of some exercise. The knowing ones are already saying "They'll be back."

Sgt. Martin has replaced Sgt. High recently; the latter was with us a year. We wish him the best of luck in a job that sounds very quiet after 2 Pl. Cpl. Cocksedge has signed on again — for life; though he denies the latter part and says anyhow he was under duress from his better half! Pte. Cox ran well in the Bn. 3 mile. Pte. Pool spends most of his time sailing and Pte. McClagish has become engaged; everyone thinks L./Cpl. Greenwood is the next one to be hooked.

## 3 Platoon

On our return from Christmas leave, we settled down to serious training which was continued at OTTERBURN in earnest. The platoon learned much from the training in the north of England, where we did well in the Coy. Rifle Meeting, coming first.

We congratulate Cpl. Spalding on his promotion to Sgt. and we all wish him the very best of luck with the T.A. However, we are all sorry to say goodbye to Sgt. Martin whom we lose to 2 Pl. Ptes. Resa, Gage and Molesworth have also left for different jobs.

Additions to the platoon include Sgt. Easles from the S.A.S. who is being made welcome. Cpl. Harman arrived a few days before OTTERBURN and we congratulate him on his promotion to Cpl. Cpl. Wilson has returned for a spell from the gymnasium.

Several members have been on courses or cadres since OTTERBURN including our Pl. Comd., who disappeared for seven weeks training cadets at S.P.T.A. Now we are all together once more and spend most of our time on drill parades where we miss the dear voice of C.S.M. Fowler. During breaks in drill we are either sailing, swimming, playing cricket or shooting, which makes a change from general war training.



## "B" COMPANY

Since our last appearance in print there have been several changes in the Coy Headquarters. Capt. DEAN left to go the Batchelors of "A" Coy. and in his place we give a warm welcome to Capt. PEAT and his pigs. It is understood that the Coy. ration strength now reads 200 odd.

Cpl. Wilson has left his store and gone to 6 Pl. and L./Cpl. Dixon is no longer frequenting pubs — they must be making him work too hard on the N.C.O.'s cadre. In their place Pte. MARTYN has taken over in the stores and its to be hoped that he is as friendly with Q.M.'s dept. as was the previous storeman. Pte. WARREN is now installed as Coy. Clerk and his spelling is an improvement.

Since the last notes the Coy. have won the Novices Boxing Competition and the Athletics meeting. Well done.

Whilst at OTTERBURN the Coy. "Q" staff did extremely well in looking after the Coy.'s internal needs; nevertheless people were quite pleased to return to the less rigorous life of Felixstowe after what had turned out to be a hard but valuable three weeks training. It's noticed as usual that when the Coy. has been to new places the local inhabitants commence to correspond fairly frequently with members of the Coy.

### 5 Platoon

Since our last notes we have been to foreign parts, or almost foreign parts. We ended up at Otterburn, 12 miles south of the Scottish Border, where 12-foot snow drifts and a great deal of water blanketed the moors. From here we were launched into the battle tests (in which we came second). From here we started our Company exercise, one of our objectives was a feature called Crigdon Hill. Once on top we pitched our tents, by this time several of the men either had web feet or cloven hoof. Spirits were dampened when it began to snow bringing comments from the men such as, "B . . . Hell they must think we are the abominable snowman."

We remained on Crigdon Hill for one night, and at dawn the following morning the whole of "B" Cop. massed to attack West Wilkwood ruins. This marked the beginning of the Bn. exercise.

During the days that followed all the Platoon really got the 'know how' on all Pl. and Coy. weapons, firing most of them live. For some it was a new experience, for others the chance to show off their skill and accuracy.

At last rain, snow and mud soaked, we bade farewell to Otterburn to the refrain of "Sweet Lass of Crigdon Hill."

The Battalion sports meeting was next on the agenda and it turned out to be a great victory for "B" Coy. as they finished up overall winners. Cpl. "Flash" Reeve was second in the 100 yards and 220 yards and was in the winning team for the medley relay. Much of the credit goes to Capt. "Barefoot" Peat who ran like a demon to win all his races. This alone was enough inspiration to the rest of the "B" Coy. team to go all out in their

events. Together with Cpl. "Flash" Reeve representing 5 Pl. were Ptes. Mann, Moss, Mugleston, Tye, Isles and Withers all doing their bit to make it a memorable day for "B" Coy.

Now from the normal 2 up 1 back right flanking bags of smoke, as was the description of the attack led by Major Gunton from Frog Hill, on to objectives Tango and Alpha during a demonstration for the T.A. at Stanford Practical Training Area two or three weeks ago.

### 6 Platoon

Since January we have seen a large portion of England under veils of mist, fog, snow, ice, rain and surprisingly enough, sunshine. At Stanford we found night exercises considerably easier when the ground was illuminated by snow, several pheasants were lucky not to end up in Hexamine casserole. A bitterly cold February weekend was spent on Romney Marsh catching some S.A.S. men who were surprised when Sgt. Kelly slapped handcuffs on them and fastened them to our vehicles. Several more were surprised at being captured three hours after the exercise ended when our radio communications had broken down. L./Cpl. Rose tied one up with signal wire so that when finally released he was incapable of moving; and Cpl. Hansley spent some time stalking sheep in the dark.

At Otterburn we excelled ourselves by winning the inter-platoon battle test competition, and we would like to take this opportunity of congratulating our umpire for keeping up with us and wishing civvy street the best of luck. Later on we did one or two exciting patrols, on one we covered a couple of miles in five and a half hours, (did the tortoise beat the hare?), and on another we captured more prisoners than the patrol numbered.

Despite everything we enjoyed our three weeks, (particularly the appearance of the C./Sgt. each evening), up north: which proves that satisfaction and enjoyment stem from hard work as well as Harwick. Due to the nostalgia now experienced we are hoping to go up North again for our adventure training.

On returning to Stanford we took part in a demonstration for the T.A. notable for the quantity of smoke used and the fact that Cpl. Hansley became a marksman on the 2" mortar. The signals were linked to a public broadcast and when the platoon commander gave his sitrep he sounded distinctly out of breath; this was not just a demonstration effect!

We have quite a good football team which has won most of its matches but met a very strong H.Q. team in the first round of the knockout competition, and lost narrowly 4 — 3. Bramham has been playing for the Battalion again and Arnold has captained the platoon team.

Of the six people in the platoon entered for the Battalion Novices boxing competition, four won their weights and one was a runner-up. We are now full of hope for the cricket season and have found a private pitch of our own, well mowed by rabbits and with a semblance of evenness, up by the piggery. Swimming is a popular sport and we fancy that route marches on the beach at Felixstowe will not be so unpopular as hitherto.

## 7 Platoon

During the whole of March we were finishing our continuation training. Prior to Battalion training at Otterburn we turned ourselves into 7 Platoon of "B" Company and said farewell to Ptes. Smith, 02, Manji, Linay and Tomson who formed the Signals Platoon; Pte. Martin to the Intelligence Section; Ptes. Patrick and Welch to the Orderly Room; Pte. Morales to the M.R.S. and Pte. Frost to the M.T. While we were at Otterburn we lost Pte. Laborde to "A" Company to be their Company Clerk and after Otterburn we lost Pte. Warren to Company H.Q. as Company Clerk.

At Otterburn we found the training was hard and rugged but the experience was extremely useful to our young soldiers, many of whom had not done anything like it before.

We were extremely unlucky to be chosen as one of the Platoons that had to provide the guards over the block leave period at Easter. However there were not many dull moments one way and another, and the Platoon Commander was kept on the move at high speed for most of the days and some of the nights.

Since leave we have been making ourselves useful along with the rest of the Company in the butts at the Div./District Rifle Meeting at Colchester.

7 Platoon was well represented in the "B" Company athletics team which won the inter-company competition at the Battalion Athletics Meeting in May. Ptes. Worby, Coleyshaw, Robinson and Hunter are congratulated for doing particularly well. Pte. Worby has quite a few tankards to his credit now and also did well in the Div./District Athletics meeting.

## "C" COMPANY

Since the last issue of the magazine "C" Company has been considerably reinforced and reorganised. At present we have three platoons, a total strength of over a hundred all ranks, the majority being new members of the Battalion undergoing continuation training.

At the end of March 9 platoon under 2/Lt. THOMSON and Sgt. STEVENS completed their training and went to "B" Coy. Since then two new platoons have been formed, one under 2/Lt. CHILD and Sgt. JONES, and a continuation training platoon under Lt. VARLEY and Sgt. ANSELL. The latter are earmarked as reinforcements for "A" and "B" companies.

Apart from success at the Battalion Rifle Meeting the company did well to come second at the Athletics meeting. Ptes. GATER and PARSONS putting up outstanding performances in the mile, 3 mile and 220 yards. Ptes. GATER and PARSONS, along with eight other members of the company, went on to represent the Battalion in the District Sports Meeting. The company came second in the inter-company Drill competition, failing by one point to beat "A" company. Considering that the majority taking part had only recently left the Depot and had never performed anything more than squad drill, this was a very creditable performance.

We continue to run cadres in which N.C.O.'s gain recommendations for promotion. Since the Commanding Officer's ruling that N.C.O.'s will not be promoted unless they qualify on a unit cadre, the standard of keenness and efficiency has gone up steadily with each succeeding cadre held.

We achieved our greatest success this year in winning the Inter-Company Cup at the Battalion Rifle Meeting. With the Captain of Shooting as our Company Commander we were driven to success by his enthusiasm and hard practice — life in 'C' Company might not have been worth living had we failed!

## 9 Platoon

9 Platoon is now an experienced 'enemy' having acted in this role against the Battalion at Otterburn and recently against the H.A.C. on Salisbury Plain.

During the latter exercise Pte. 001 managed to convince the H.A.C. that he was not in fact an East Anglian but a strayed Gurkha.

Athletically the Platoon has done well with GATER winning the cup for the most outstanding performance at the Battalion Meeting. GATER, PARSONS, PORTER, DREWERY and CRABB went on to represent the Battalion at the District Meeting at Colchester.

As well as athletics, the Platoon has a promising Football Team which managed to reach the semi-final of the Battalion competition.

Two of our number PARSONS and CRABB have now taken the matrimonial plunge; we congratulate them.

## Reconnaissance Platoon

Having survived the rigours of the worst winter since 1947 — which few can remember anyway — the platoon's first major undertaking together with the rest of the Battalion was the field training session at A.A.T.C. Otterburn, in the wild border country of Northumberland. By the end of our three week stay, our respect for the English and Scottish soldiers who had fought there in 1388 was heightened somewhat. Throughout we had the task of acting as enemy to the Battalion on the platoon battle tests, the company exercises and during the Battalion exercise. This meant the exercise of a considerable amount of ingenuity on the part of everyone as, although we were aided and abetted by the Drums under Sgt. Huxtable and by the Continuation Training Platoon under Lt. Varley, there never seemed to be enough of us to go round and a number of highly original and circuitous leapfrogging operations took place. The climax was, of course, the Battalion exercise, which took place in frightful weather conditions. For the most part we were lodged on the side of a bleak Fell called Crigdon Hill, from whence sporadic forays were made to various other places. The most hazardous operation proved to be the patrolling which, for the most part, had to be done across an artillery live fire range. This area, apart from being semi-waterlogged, was peppered with craters which seemed to hold a fatal attraction — particularly for the platoon commander who managed to fall into nearly every one of them. A number of others, notably King 44 did not escape unscathed either.

Fortunately, while all this was going on we were allowed two free week-ends during which time the merits of Newcastle, Hexham and Hawick were tried. We returned to Felixstowe early in April and were immediately sent on block leave to recover.

The District Rifle Meeting presented itself in mid-April and some intrepid fellow decided to entrust the Recce platoon with all the ammunition. Luckily, things were kept under control, and most of the competitors fired the right calibre ammunition from their weapons. Afterwards, of course, we had to sort all the empties, not an agreeable task, and as each box was certified and sealed, the prospect of the whole platoon marching up in front of the General seemed, to the pessimistic, unavoidable.

A fortnight later we took part in a demonstration with 'B' Company for 161 Brigade (T.A.) at Stanford. This allowed us to show off the techniques formulated in the past year or so and despite the absence of L.M.G. mountings (still in workshops!) and a pretty optimistic radio net we managed to give the right impression. For the rest of that week we were attached to the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.) who, having just formed a Reconnaissance Platoon from their M.M.G. platoon, were seeking some ideas, no matter how eccentric, on the tasks and training of their new platoon. We managed to have both an interesting and instructive time.

Just prior to the Stanford demonstration, the Battalion Athletics Meeting was held. Although no silverware was won, the platoon helped fully to represent 'C' Coy. in most events. The 100 yards even saw the platoon sergeant moving at full tilt towards the tape along with L./Cpl. Colgan and Ptes. May and Collins while King 44 did well in the 120 yards hurdles. In the field events Pte. King 45 represented the Company in the Discus. L./Cpl. Hempstead in the Shot and L./Cpl. Colgan in the Pole Vault. The surprise of the day was Pte. Sands who contrived to come 10th in the 3-mile event, to the bewilderment of almost everyone. He was accompanied by Pte. Houghton who unfortunately disappeared after a number of laps and wasn't seen until some time afterwards. Pte. Collins made up one of the 220 yards entry and Pte. May and L./Cpl. Hempstead were persuaded to run in the 880 yards and 1 mile respectively. Add to this our four representatives in the tug of war team which heaved its way through to the final and it will be seen that most of the platoon represented the Company in something.

A week later, in mid-May, saw the Platoon down at Tilshead on Salisbury Plain, again acting as enemy, but this time against the H.A.C. Infantry Battalion during their last week of camp. The exercise was an advance to contact and again the leapfrogging technique used at Otterburn was employed.

Since then the platoon has been engaged with the rest of the Battalion in preparing for the Presentation of Colours. Drill was the order of the day and the authorities kindly laid down a new square to practice on! Also in the near future is the Battalion Rifle Meeting, the principal aim for this event being to win the Inter-Platoon Match. With Cpl. Waters and L./Cpl. Chandler members of

the Battalion team, our chances should be better than average.

Sports-wise the platoon lost in the first round of the new inter-platoon football competition (the demise of the original competition having been engineered by the new Football Officer!) to 9 platoon. As this is the first defeat in over a year (save for one unrecognised match at Atkinson, B.G.) the platoon's record can hardly be said to be tarnished yet. We are also about to embark on a cricket knock-out competition which should give cause for a degree of hilarity if not skilful cricket.

Additions to the platoon include Pte. Impey from the Junior Leaders Battalion and Pte. Ooi, late of the Singapore Police who hitch-hiked all the way here from his home in Malaya to join us.

### SUPPORT COMPANY

Since our last notes we have had several valuable additions to the Company. Our Irish C.S.M., C./Sgt. Jeffreys, Cpl. Tidd as Company Orderly Sgt., Cpls. Andrews, Mallett and Hansley.

Cpl. Lillie has left for the Q.M.'s Staff, and Cpl. Hawkrige has gone to 'C' Coy. We are sorry to lose Capt. Trollope to H.Q. Coy., if only because he has been training the Shooting Team.

Leonard in the Office and Phillipson in the Stores continue to do sterling work helped out at intervals by soldiers diverted from Coy. Orders by the C.S.M.

Up to the first week at Otterburn the two Sp. Pls. had been split into a Mortar Cadre under Sgt. Beckett, and a MOBAT Cadre under Capt. Trollope with Sgts. Thompson and Callaghan. This combined training culminated in the coldest and windiest demonstration of Battalion firepower the writer has ever known. With a wind of 40 knots the commentary was lost to the spectators, who seemed mainly concerned in finding a larger soldier to shelter behind. These conditions spoiled what would otherwise been an effective demonstration. The fire was accurate, the switches made quickly, but the satisfying crump of the mortars was not heard by many soldiers who had never before experienced it.

The Pioneers blew a beautiful hole in an apron fence with a home made Bangalore Torpedo, and were followed by the MOBAT Cadre, who luckily scored a hit with every HESH round. After the demonstration members of the Suffolk and Cambs. T.A. (Anti Tank Pl.) fired the MOBATS.

After block leave Sp. Company went to Colchester to run the ranges for the Divisional Rifle Meeting.

In the Athletics Meeting we won the Tug of War, and took our team on to the Divisional Meeting. We hope to be able to say in the next notes that Sp. Coy. won the Command Tug of War. (Stop Press — we did not).

### 4 Platoon

A cross country run welcomed us back from Xmas leave and it was an ideal opportunity to clear the pipes before training started.

L./Cpl. Townsend went on an N.C.O.'s Cadre and a Mortar and Anti Tank Cadre was run by the

platoon. The Platoon Commander was given concentrated instruction on both weapons and set work in the evenings! Ptes. Harper, Reeve, Starie, Bates all successfully passed their cadre and now drive for the platoon.

We then spent a most enjoyable three weeks in Otterburn taking the vehicles and guns up by road, the remainder going by rail. The mortar section had plenty of firing working up to a part III. shoot and the A./Tk. section fired many practice rounds. Pte. Gorbould asked to be returned to 'A' Company after the first practice round was fired. L./Cpl. Townsend will always be remembered trailing after 'A' Coy. Comd. in the pouring rain with a set on his back trying to control mortar fire which he did very well. He was usually followed by the platoon commander also with a set whilst Sgt. Beckett sat in his vehicle keeping dry. We had a very successful drive back with no mishaps.

Congratulations to Cpl. Callaghan on being promoted to Sgt. and we also welcome L./Cpl. Ellis. Ptes. Gorbould, Berry to the A./Tks. and Pte. Smith to the Mortars. Congratulations, too, to L./Cpl. Barnes on his marriage and to Pte. Bains on the birth of a son. L./Cpl. Barnes has left us for the Coy. Armoury.

Lt. Abbott has been on a Support Platoon Commanders course and whilst away left his platoon in the capable hands of Sgts. Beckett and Callaghan.

In May we put on a static demonstration for the T.A. at Stanford P.T.A.

Pte. Clarke still has no teeth and now insists that dark glasses are essential for his sight. Pte. Kettleby has managed to keep his stores up to date somehow.

We are off to Stoney Castle for six weeks to help run a cadet camp and then the A./Tk. det. are off to Lydd whilst the mortars will fire at Stanford — more leave and then Aden.

In the sporting world we have had quite a good soccer season and are now in the middle of cricket and swimming. Pte. Hubbard was batting potential when he scored 24 runs in a match against 8 Pl. This was mainly due to six girls who turned up to watch the match all asking for 'Lou.' The Bn. Tug of War team have reached the Command Championships and L./Cpl. Townsend, Ptes. Gorbould, Harper, Hubbard and Goodwin are representing the Battalion.

## 8 Platoon

Having welcomed Lt. Stone back from 5 Pl., we set about preparing for the Adm. Inspection. First we tried the Stores one way then another, finally settling on a layout which should be acceptable not only to the inspecting Officer, but by 'Napier of the Stores,' as well. We had just got everything straight when a pipe burst nearby and washed everything into the sea, as well as covering the kit with a layer of ice. Poor old Napier and L./Cpl. Sutton baled manfully for hours, until at long last the plumbers came, turned off the water and removed completely the offending pipe.

Felixstowe, like the rest of England suffered from the terrible winter. Because of this training

was rather restricted, and we left for Otterburn not quite as prepared as we would have liked. All our new drivers had a chance to get to grips with long distance driving on the way up. The less said about some of the speeds reached on the A.I the better. We 'lost' only one truck in Newcastle, but succeeded in getting to Otterburn before the remainder.

It was cold and wet at Otterburn for most of the time. The first week was spent live firing, and during this period our short comings became very obvious. Let it be said that the Mortars, although held in deep mistrust by the rest of the Battalion had no incidents throughout the camp; although they did succeed in making the whole Battalion, (less the intrepid A./Tk. gunners), from the C.O. to the newest recruit hit the deck during the demonstration.

The A./Tk. detachments now know what a big bang is like. Apart from wandering dangerously near the mortar target area on one occasion, (no fault of their own), nothing very much out of the ordinary happened except that L./Cpl. Spidy now knows that you can't plough a very straight furrow with a gun!! Everyone fired the guns and only five misses were recorded out of the 85 rounds fired. But even those were so close that, as Mitchell said, "they would have been frightened to death anyway." Now everyone is dying to get down to Lydd for some more practice.

On returning from Otterburn we went our different ways, most of the platoon to leave, Lt. Stone and L./Cpl. Spidy to Netheravon, to find out what should and should not happen at certain times. Sgt. Thompson went to the Bn. Shooting Team.

Leave over, numerous tasks came our way, we assisted the Bn. to win the Divisional Rifle Meeting by working the butts, and were very surprised not to hear howls of protest from the rest of the competitors, e.g. Green Jackets. After this the T.A. required our assistance at Stanford, where we staged a demonstration together with 'B' Company, and helped out with their Specialist Platoons.

At the Bn. Sports Meeting, although we didn't produce any stars, our efforts went towards bolstering up the Company position. Carlile and Napier pulled themselves into the Bn. Tug of War team, which consisted mainly of Sp. Company. As far as other sports are concerned, the less said about football the better, (Corps of Drums please note). But our cricketers show great promise and will be dynamite when they succeed in hitting the ball.

## Signals Platoon

This period has been a very busy one for the members of the Signal Pl. New arrivals include Ptes. Linay, Manji, Smith and Tomson whom we welcome to our ranks; they have proved themselves subsequently as linesmen.

During the early part of the year we engaged in various signal exercises amongst which Ex. 'CRY HAVOC' proved the most successful from our point of view. Special mention here must be made of Sgt. Shanks without whose technical know-how much of our success would have been shortlived also to Pte. Winney who put in many a long hour behind the scenes charging batteries.

A change from signalling came round for L./Cpl. Bidwell, L./Cpl. Herd, Pte. Brewin, Ball, Hayter, Kemp and Richardson who reported to the M.T. for driving instruction. In general driver operators acquitted themselves well, with one notable exception, and by the time the Camp at Otterburn was in full swing we had many of F. Ech. vehicles driven by signallers — a pleasing sight for the R.S.O. almost sufficient to offset the rich remarks that rapidly followed. One remark is worth recording

The Second in Command's vehicle stopped suddenly, the engine failed to spark. With great efficiency its driver leaped out, lifted the bonnet and peered inside . . . long pause (meanwhile the Second in Command joins the driver) whereupon the driver concerned looks up and says, "Do you know what goes on inside these things Sir, I don't?!" Nevertheless congratulations to all who passed their test; may be this is the beginning of a happy relationship with the M.T.

The Signal Platoon, along with the rest of the Battalion, has been pounding the square in preparation for the Colour Parade, as well as preparing for the Battalion Rifle Meeting and, whenever possible, doing some signalling. Notwithstanding this we hope to classify eleven members of the platoon early in July. We can then look forward to more driver operators being trained and eventually to doing a long range skywave exercise using our drivers taking their duty with the signallers.

Before closing, mention must be made to the very near crisis of our Pl. Sgt., Sgt. Bullock who disappeared under mysterious circumstances and was almost given up for lost. Welcome back Sgt. Bullock!

We say farewell to Pte. Hayter who has left us with his wife to join the strength of the Depot. To them we wish every success. Finally, congratulations to Pte. Pochin, Allison and Deeks on their respective marriages.

#### Assault Pioneer Platoon

We open these notes to say farewell to Cpl. Lillie who has gone to the Battalion Ration Stores, and welcome to Pte. Gage who has recently joined us. Also to an old stalwart of Assault Pioneering, Cpl. Andrews, who has returned from Warminster.

We were very fortunate to have a fairly comprehensive Cadre which ran for a month, in which much was learned or revised. The demolitions side of it was left until Battalion training at Otterburn. Whilst on the subject of our Cadre, our thanks go to C.S.E.D. East Harling for kindly loaning us the Stores.

On the 16th of March the main party of the Battalion entrained for Annual Field Training at Otterburn, in Northumberland, to be greeted by a wonderful springlike day, but alas these were to be few and far between. Our platoon commander had enjoyed a very brief stay there, a matter of a few hours in fact, before he rushed back to Felixstowe to attend a Coxswain's course at H.M.S. Ganges.

The first few days were spent in teaching and revising demolition formulae, and then a day on actual demolitions, starting from a "confidence

charge" and building up to bigger and better bangs. The demolition of a pile of rock proved to be most spectacular, hundreds of small stones littered the area with a noise like a herd of mad buffaloes. The grand finale of the day was an "ear muff" charge on a pillar of concrete about two feet thick. This was sliced off neatly. It was very impressive judging by the remarks of our Safety Officer which were, "Oh blimey."

We also produced battle noises for the rehearsal of the Battalion Exercise, representing 3 inch mortar fire, and it was on one of these set pieces that the friendly forces were approaching and their signaller was calling for artillery fire. Unknown to him we were in position ready to give him supporting fire. When the explosion did take effect he really thought that genuine fire was coming down.

We have been engaged in erecting a vast edifice which loomed over the surrounding countryside. It was the spectators' stand for the visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret, and a good solid construction job it is too.

Congratulations to Pte. Bates on his engagement to a local girl, that'll steady him down a bit.

At the moment we're in a state of readiness. C./Sgt. Griffin is preparing to bring the Battalion Ferry Boat around the coast from Woodbridge to Felixstowe. All on board are strong swimmers, and well rehearsed in the rendering of the Hymn "Nearer my God to Thee", all Coast Guard Stations have been alerted, (further reports later).

Cpl Oxley is off on a course to Chatham in the near future, possibly to re-organise the Royal Engineer's pamphlets, as we find their demolition manuals differ from ours.

Once more the assault pioneers showed their skill at watermanship, as, in the company with Major Fitzgerald, they succeeded in capsizing one of the Battalion's sailing boats, to the choice remark, "Haven't done this since Penang."

To all grubby pioneers, "Cheerio until next time."

#### BATTALION RIFLE MEETING

19th — 20th June 1963.

As an interlude to the preparations for the Colour Presentation, the Battalion Rifle meeting was held on the 19th and 20th of June. The week immediately preceding the meeting was one of great activity and almost cut-throat competition to get in the necessary practice. M.T. vehicles could be seen revving up outside company offices and lines in readiness for men to come off the various drill parades. Hurried lunches and a mad scramble told its own story. Now it is all over and the hard luck stories are on the increase, the, "How much better we would have done if we had the same opportunities as you," statements are the opening gambits of most conversations when pundits meet.

The meeting covered all the normal competitions, each company entered a large contingent for the rifle and then a selected number for the Bren and Sterling matches. The big event was the inter-

platoon team match which was based on the T.A. China Cup competition. Throughout the meeting the weather was a problem and presented all firers with an element of interest and challenge to their skill.

Match 1 was the open rifle competition. Forty firers from each company entered, the only limitation being the numbers of young soldiers that companies must enter. The total score achieved by the forty firers counted for points in the champion company competition. Battalion Champion shot was Capt. Peat with a fine score of 121 out of a possible 150. Second was Sergeant Kelly with 119, both firers being members of 'B' Company. The team championship went to 'C' Company with a score of 3026 points, with 'B' Company in second place with 2679 points.

Match 2 was the inter-platoon match. The choice of competition was based on the need to keep the meeting short and to provide spectators interest. As is usual in all such cases the experts lined the rear of the firing point and voiced their opinions and criticisms as each team tried its hand on the point. It was a closely fought match, the weather conditions playing a great part in keeping the scores down. For the majority of the time the lead was held by 10 platoon, being overtaken in the last few rounds by 9 platoon and the signals, and it was in this order that the match ended. We did have one amusing spectacle when a team was unable to get its figure targets down and as a measure of desperation the bren gunner reverted to long bursts, much to the consternation of the butt party.

The beginning of the second day saw the individual Sterling match fired off. This was won by C.S.M. Hiscock with a score of 127 closely followed by Sergeant Brunning with 124. The match conditions being those of the Parachute Cup. Our rifle champion found to his consternation that this weapon fires much better when cocked.

The final event in the inter-company championship was the Bren pairs match. Again for simplicity the N.R.A. bren match 'The Valongist' was used. Early leaders in this event were the R.S.M. and Tiffy Ridout. Later they were taken over by C./Sgt. Marjoram and Sgt. Brunning of 'A' Company. Runners up being Ptes. Dempsey and Telhurst also of 'A' Company. The winning score was 74.

The day ended with the traditional falling plate competition. The usual rivalry between individuals and teams persisted throughout. For those who know the Landguard range it will not be difficult to appreciate the odd hazards that go with the run from 300 to 200 yards, and the climb onto the 200 yard point. After keen competition and amusing runs, the match finally went to the Recce platoon who beat 2 platoon 'A' Company in the final. The time for this event being 34 seconds.

At the conclusion of the meeting prizes were presented by the commanding officer who congratulated the winners on their achievements.

#### Results:

Champion shot and Champion Officer — Capt. Peat, "B" Coy.

Runner-up and Champion Sergeant — Sgt. Kelly, "B" Coy.

Champion Corporal and Below — Cpl. Waters, "C" Coy.

Champion Young Soldier — Pte. Allen, "B" Coy.  
Champion Platoon Team — 9 Pl., "C" Coy.  
Runners-up — Sig. Pl., "S" Coy.

Champion Sterling Shot — C.S.M. Hiscock, "C" Coy.

Runner-up — Sgt. Brunning, "A" Coy.

Champion Young Soldier — 2/Lt. Long, "B" Coy.

Champion Bren Pair — C./Sgt. Marjoram.  
Sgt. Brunning, "A" Coy.

Runners-up — Pte. Dempsey. Pte. Tolhurst, "A" Coy.

Champion Young Soldier Pair — 2/Lt. Long.  
Pte. Dawe, "B" Coy.

Winners Falling Plate — Recce Pl. "C" Coy.  
Sig. Pl. "S" Coy.

Champion Company — "C" Coy.

Runners-up — "B" Coy.

#### BATTALION SHOOTING TEAM

Team Captain: Major E. H. Morgan M.B.E. M.C.

Once more the Battalion rifle team has been successful in placing the Battalion name at the top of the local formation list. The 26th of April saw the successful conclusion of training which covered the block leave period and the winning of the major unit trophy at 54/(East Anglian) Divisional/District Rifle Meeting.

On return from Otterburn the team, including a number of young soldiers, concentrated under the shooting Captain for a few days intensive training. Daily shoots took place on the ranges where every attempt was made to improve standards. As all shooters well know, poor results are seldom the fault of the firer, it's usually that someone has tampered with the rifle, the ammunition is old and therefore not true, the conditions totally unfit, or the markers are just not doing their job. We did however, have one or two new reasons for doing badly, on one occasion a certain C.S.M. had a bad shoot as a result of the birds sitting on the end of his foresight during a rapid practice. Another did badly because it was the day before Good Friday and he never does well on that day. During the actual meeting R.S.M. HAZELWOOD had difficulty with his Sterling shoot as he found the combination of shooting and filming just too much.

Despite all the hard luck, we managed somehow to accumulate enough points to give us the major units' prize. The day before the meeting was due to start, the team went down on to Middlewick range to give practice to the remainder of battalion who were marking, the battalion having been selected for this task. After one or two first class howlers, and a considerable amount of criticism from the team, a set of rules acceptable to both sides was agreed.

The first day of the meeting, Thursday 25th April, was Pool Bull and the Rifle Match. L./Cpl. HASSEL won a runners-up prize with a score of 162 out of 200 in this event and the battalion team came third, the Queen's Own Buffs taking first place.



1st Battalion Rifle Team

Back row — Ptes. Lewis, Lea and Kirby, L./Cpl. Ellis, Ptes. Warren, Whiteman, Champion, Gollings, Burley, Dawes and Barker  
 Centre row — Pte. Steele, Sgts. Taylor, Spalding, Bruning and High, L./Cpl. Hassel, Sgt. Kelly, L./Cpls. Chandler and Greaves, Cpl. Waters, Sgt. Thompson and Pte. Barker  
 Front row — C./Sgt. Marjoram, C.S.M. Hiscock, R.S.M. Hazelwood, Major Morgan, Lt. Col. Dye, Capt. Ford, 2/Lt. Long, C.S.M. Evans, C./Sgt. Fox, S./Sgt. Ridout

During the afternoon, the company match took place and here we had more success. H.Q. Coy. team was beaten into second place by the M.C.T.C. whose score was 661, H.Q. Coy. 659. This coupled with the fact that "B" Coy. was placed 5th with Bde. Depot in third place, put the battalion in the position of equal first with the M.C.T.C.

The 26th April saw some pretty close shooting. The day started with two Sterling teams coming in fourth and fifth, not very encouraging but immediately after this we had our first major success, the Bren team gaining a first. This success was gained after a protest and reshoot by our young soldier pair, who went on to achieve a first in their class. The young soldiers shot really well, for they had to make a score of sixty or more for the battalion to win, this they did scoring 77 out of a possible 80 a very commendable piece of shooting.

Finally the falling plate, a period of entertainment for all and one in which we were destined to feature right up to the end. The battalion had

three teams in this event, two of which reached the semi-finals. Our "B" team had the misfortune of having a twisted plate in their first round, at a time when their opponents still had three plates up. The "C" team did well, disposing first a team of the Buffs, then the Royal Fusiliers and then the Bde. Depot to arrive in the semi-finals. In the mean time the "A" team which had a bye in the first round, had a walk over in the second and disposed of the Buffs to get a place in the semi-finals. It was at this stage that the "A" and "B" teams met, the result being a win by half a plate for the "A" team. The final was between the M.C.T.C. and our "A" team. After a slow start and a great deal of puffing on both sides, the M.C.T.C. came out the winners, their final plate falling faster than that of our "A" team.

Results of the meeting gave the Battalion the following awards and trophies.

**Rifle**

Runners up O.R.'s — L./Cpl. HASSELL.

### **Sterling**

Winner Young Soldier — 2/Lt. LONG.

### **Bren**

Winner Young Soldier — Ptes. DAWE and LEWIS.

Runners up (open) — C.S.M. EVANS and Cpl. WATERS.

Team First.

### **Inter Company Match**

Runners up — H.Q. Company Team.

Major Units and Overall Champions — 1 East Anglian.

## **ATHLETICS**

Capt. of Athletics: Major J. D. A. Fitzgerald.

### **Battalion Athletics Meeting**

On the 8th and 9th May the Battalion held its Athletics Meeting. Despite the lack of training the results were quite promising.

#### **100 yds.**

1st Pte. Cremer (Sp.) 11.0 secs.  
2nd Cpl. Reeves (B.) 11.5 secs.

#### **220 yds.**

1st Pte. Parsons (C.) 25.2 secs.  
2nd Cpl. Reeves (B.) 25.9 secs.

#### **440 yds.**

1st Capt. Peat (B.) 55.9 secs.  
2nd Pte. Parsons (C.) 56.9 secs.

#### **880 yds.**

1st Capt. Peat (B.) 2 mins. 17.1 secs.  
2nd Pte. Parsons (C.) 2 mins. 17.5 secs.

#### **1 mile**

Pte. Gater (C.) 5 mins. 3.5 secs.  
2nd Capt. Peat (B.) 5 mins. 9.3 secs.

#### **3 miles**

Pte. Gater (C.) 16 mins. 22.6 secs.  
2nd Pte. Wade (A.) 17 mins. 51.5 secs.

#### **120 yds. hurdles**

1st Pte. Worby (B.) 19.9 secs.  
2nd Pte. Crabb (C.) 20.1 secs.

#### **High Jump**

1st L./Cpl. Durrant (Sp.) 5' 4"  
2nd Pte. Crabb (C.) 5' 3"

#### **Long Jump**

1st Pte. Worby (B.) 19' 2½"  
2nd Pte. Cremer (Sp.) 18' 8½"

#### **Pole Vault**

1st S.S.I. Beaton (H.Q.) 8'  
2nd Pte. Staff (H.Q.) 8'

#### **Shot Putt**

1st Pte. Fullerton (B.) 35' 10"  
2nd Bds. Maine (H.Q.) 34' 11½"

#### **Discus**

1st Pte. Fullerton (B.) 107'  
2nd Cpl. Taylor (C.) 94' 5"

#### **Javelin**

1st L./Cpl. Durrant (Sp.) 136' 8"  
Bds. Maine (H.Q.) 135' 4"

#### **Relay 2 x 110 yds., 1 x 220 yds., 1 x 440 yds**

"B" Coy.

#### **100 stone Tug of War**

Sp. Coy

#### **Victor Ludorum**

Capt Peat. "B" Coy 8 pts.

#### **Wisbech Sportsman's Cup for the outstanding single performance of the meeting**

Pte. Gater "C" Coy.

#### **Inter Coy. Challenge Cup**

"B" Coy.

### **54 East Anglian Div./Dist. Athletics Meeting**

On the 17th May we went to Colchester for the District Athletic Meeting, nowhere near as strong as we would have liked to, but confident that we would not disgrace ourselves.

In fact, in a series of extremely close finishes we ended up second to 2 GREEN JACKETS with 43 points to their 53. 2nd Regiment R.A. were third with 30 points. Pte. Fullerton and Cpl. Taylor won the Discus; Bds. Baine and S.S.I. Beaton won the javelin.

Pte. Gater won comfortably the mile and 3 miles events. In the mile Ptes. Plumb and Jarvis ran extremely well against a strong Green Jacket pack to finish in the first 5. In the 880 yds. relay Ptes. Hunter and Robinson both ran heroically in their legs of the relay to hold on to the Green Jackets.

Capt. Peat, Ptes. Parsons, Worby and Welch convincingly won a most exciting 4 x 440 yds. relay in 3 mins. 48 secs.

#### **Tug of War**

This was full of excitement and tension. The first dramatic moment was the weigh-in. We were 7 lbs. overweight, and with no suitable reserve. On a reweigh-in however, we were exactly 100 stone.

The first round was against 2nd Regiment R.A., and we won in 2 pulls, with one re-pull.

The final against 1 Coy. R.A.S.C. was won after two very hard long pulls, with Cpl. Hawkrige having a strained back.

The team with a few changes will go on the Eastern Command Championships on the 11th July 1963.

#### **Team**

Coach: W.O. II. Conboy.

Cpl. Hawkrige, L./Cpls. Copeman, Carlile, Townshend, Ptes. Gorbould, Harper, Hubbard, Goodwin, and Napier (Reserve).



## TROOP

(An unoriginal contribution)

Being a fragment of a hitherto unpublished diary of Capt. Lord Swordfrog who served with the 199th of the Foot (now known as the Duke of Bassetshires Own). The fragments relate to the Battle of The Loo in the war of Jenkins Ear. "On the 12th day of Aprille 1785 near 6 of the clocke in the evenyng Major Footloose did call us in for an orders group, he commandyng because Colonel the infant Lord Diapers of Napkyn whose uncle had purchased the commande for him, had been hawled away by his Nurse for feedyng.

Major Footloose said 'Tomorrow we meet them (the French) at Loo. The Granadyer Companie shall escorte the Colour. The parade will be at 8 of the clocke in the mornyng, for then it will not be too hot'.

For such gentry as are unackuainted with Militarie Customs, I will explayne that our Colour is the Rallye point in Battel, and shoulde thyngs go so hot for us that men become confused, they shoulde make all speede for the Colour. Therefore is the Colour trooped before all men of the Regymente. Mine being the Grenadyre Companie it woulde be my honour to escorte the Colour around the Regymente.

14th day of Aprille 1785. It wantyng 10 mynutes of 8 the Offycers did assemble facyng the Regymente, formed up in good battle order. The colour stood at the left of the Lyne held by Johnson of mine — he being one of the few sober men that coulde be found.

The Sargents Major were then called forward, and right merrily did they march to the musick of the musicians, this being to prove to the Regymente that they were sober, whych in fact they were being

too busy hauling our rascalls out of the stews and bordels of Loo to have had tyme to drink. They did come to escort the Offycers to their Companies. This we all did at the slow tread with our swords at the recover with the musicians playing, this being also a test of our sobryety. Ensign Finchley did catch his foot in a coney hole, but we never did discover if he was drunk as he was slayn by a stray bullet before the day was done.

Then did all soldiers load their muskets and adjust their flynts, all fyfty two drill movements carryed out with commendyble precision.

Then a roll of the drum by my drummer boy and we did march forward and form lyne again to face the Colour. The Regymente Sargente Major did take the Colour from Johnson and hand it to Ensign Collett. We did all the salute the Colour, and being unable to defend it as our muskets were at the present the Companie Sargents did face outwards on the corners of the Companie with their muskets at the ready. Sargent Fortescue did wing one rascally Froggy as he was creeping up to the Colour.

Then we did form ye lyne facing the Regymente and did march towards them with slow and stately tread with the musicians playing fine musick, turnyng untill we were movyng thro' the ranks of the Regymente displaying the Colour to all men that they shoulde reckognye it. They all saluted with their musketts.

We then tooke our place at the right of the Lyne.

It now being 10 of the clocke we did forme ye colonne and did move towards the enemy, musicians playing, fifes squealing and drums a-tappyng.

When we reached the chosen place of Battel we found the damned rascally frogs had gotten weary of waiting for us and had gone home."

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

### BATTALION REVIEW

Frozen limbs and misty breath; ruddy smiling faces; staccato sounds of crisp snow beneath steel tipped boots; a ceiling of leaden clouds; a deep white carpet. This was the scene for the Battalion's tough winter exercise 'Panther Leap' in which several T.A. units and members of Gresham School C.C.F. took part. Saxoniens and Fantasians battled with each other and with the elements, and bitter cold was often the worst enemy. The exercise was so great a success that there have already been requests for a similar one next year. The tempo and tone of training for 1963 were set

Winter dragged on. Britannia Barracks lay frozen and its occupants existed on buckets of water collected from the unit water trailer. Spring burst out and so did water from shattered pipes. The relentless rallentando of mechanical diggers interrupted conversation, tested nerves and forced even the mute cat Charlie to raise his voice. Training continued and all set their sights on the District Rifle Meeting and Camp. Companies gathered their sharpshooters each weekend and whisked them to one of Norfolk's several ranges, where one moment they lay prostrate, self-controlled and still, sights aligned on black half-moons, and the next they leapt skywards in involuntary entrechats and pirouettes to bring life to ice-locked limbs.

On Friday 15th March tents and marquees sprouted from Theford Range and Capt. Chatting and his men flitted in and out pulling a rope here and digging a hole there. Major Cousins and the first batch of competitors moved easily about the Range on the Saturday, and the Battalion Small Arms Meeting had begun. Quietly and without fuss a continuous flow of men moved to and from the firing point and targets were raised and lowered in unison by unseen hands. R.Q.M.S. Barr fired easily and with equanimity to win the Individual Rifle Competition, while Pte. Warhurst, with only two months service to his credit, and unawed by the occasion, won the Young Soldier's Competition with a score higher than many a veteran shot. Beside the Range nostrils twitched and tongues licked lips in anticipation of the brew W.O. II. Groom was stirring in his cauldron.

Before lunch Brigadier N. St. G. Gribbon, O.B.E., presented awards to Officers and men of the Battalion. Cpl. Turvey was awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal, Sgt. Jones the Long Service and

Good Conduct Medal, and Majors Smith and Raywood, and Capt. Clarke the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.

Hunger sated and thirst quenched all gathered to watch the Falling Plate Competition, which was won by H.Q. Coy. Mrs. Robertson kindly presented the prizes. Three cheers, the National Anthem, a cloud of dust as cars sped homewards, and a successful Battalion Small Arms Meeting had finished and a nucleus of a Battalion Small Arms Team had been formed.

The succeeding weekends were spent in preparation for the District Small Arms Meeting, which this year incorporated 161 Inf. Bde. (T.A.). The Battalion team was young and seemed to lack experience and have no outstanding shots, but nevertheless it shot well and came second in the Brigade Competition and third in the District Competition. In the District Competition R.Q.M.S. Barr won the W.O.'s and Sgts. Individual Rifle prize and Sgt. Nolloth was second. Pte. Warhurst was second in the Young Soldiers Rifle Competition and Pte. Minns won the Young Soldiers S.M.G. Competition. R.S.M. Raynor and C.S.M. Doughty won the Regular P.S.I. Competition in the L.M.G. Pairs. In the Brigade Competition R.S.M. Raynor, C.S.M. Doughty, Sgt. Nolloth and Pte. Warhurst won further prizes and Sgt. Rider was second in Practice 2 of the Individual Rifle Competition.

Camp loomed large. A sad camp for some as it was their last. Mr. Pearce continued to dominate pre-camp preparation and the Camp Orderly Room for the last time, while Sgt. Long looked after the thirsts and appetites of the W.O.'s and Sgts. also the last time. In the Officers Mess Sgt. Page waved his Aladdin hands over food and silver and kept happy and in good health a lively, hungry bunch of Officers.

Streams of visitors, tired accommodation and unkind weather harassed all, but spirits were not dampened. From Shakers Furze to Buckenham Tofts and Bodney Lodge to Fowlmere Farm battle raged each day. The enemy? Of course, those elusive ephemeral Fantasians who regularly fail to ram home their 10 — 1 advantage in numbers and who are inevitably despatched from the battlefield in disorder.

The support platoons received expert instruction from 1 E. ANGLIAN N.C.O.'s and from qualified P.S.I.'s from other T.A. units. The signal platoon were also fortunate to have a N.C.O. from 1 E. ANGLIAN to help them. Coys. fired all their weapons and also practised assault river crossings. Bn. H.Q. went into the field on one of the few warm, sunny days and the Doctor produced hard liquor from his medical hamper to lubricate dry throats and tongues. Major Grant and No. 1 Company obviously enjoyed walking for they seldom seem to have transport! The Battalion withdrawal exercise went smoothly in spite of an 'enemy' air strike and torrential rain put paid to the Brigade exercise.

The social whirl was as dizzy as ever. Two Guest Nights in the Officers' Mess; the Sergeants visited the Officers' Mess, and the Officers visited the Sergeants' Mess, when C.S.M. Doughty, a veritable virtuoso with broom bass, was Master of Ceremonies;

Cpl. Grant visited the Officers' Mess with the Sergeants to say goodbye to the Officers. The middle Saturday of Camp was the Social Day and families had drinks in the Sergeants Mess, Lunch in the Dining Tent and Tea in the Officers' Mess. Companies produced sideshows and weapon display stands and Captain Shearman organised a short Sports and Tug-of-War Competition in a cold and blustery wind. The Sergeants had drunk more beer than the Officers whom they defeated on the third pull of the Tug-of-War final. In the evening the Camp was deserted.

Buckingham Palace had been pulled down, stores had been loaded, recruits had been initiated and old soldiers had renewed friendships and military skills. The sun shone at last and it was warm. It was the last day of Camp. Only the transport of 927 Company, R.A.C.C. (T.A.) was needed to lift the careless back to T.A.C.'s. At 10.00 hrs. precisely, the appointed hour, the first R.A.S.C. vehicles drove into the Camp. Their punctuality was the envy of many a 4 R. NORFOLK Officer and N.C.O.

Ahead lie the Parade for the Freedom of Great Yarmouth on 15th September and the service to Lay Up the Old Colours in the Cathedral on 1st December. C.S.M. Parker is running an inter-company small bore competition to encourage shooting, for next year we aim to win the District Meeting. No. 4 Rifles have been put into retirement and S.L.R.'s are used on training and parades. Classification with weapons, ceremonial parades and alternative training will keep everyone fully occupied. Next year Camp is expected to be further afield at Otterburn or Dartmoor and bicycling home in the evenings may prove difficult!

### OFFICERS' MESS

The period since the last issue has been spent in preparation for and attendance at Camp, this year spent in our 'home from home' on the Stanford P.T.A. at Buckenham Tofts Camp. Once more in a tented camp after a break of a few years, the first task facing the Officers was the erection of Buckingham Palace. After a considerable effort a 'gang' of Officers was assembled under the directions of Sgt. Nolloth. In a reasonably short length of time, thanks mainly to some efficient 'Spider' work by Lt. Pat Darley, the familiar shape of Buckingham Palace once again dominated the Officers Mess providing a little bit of comfort in the bleak weather we experienced.

Of the 22 Officers messing in Camp we were particularly pleased to have with us two newcomers in the shape of the new Q.M., Maj. A. Joanny, and the new Adjutant, Capt. J. G. Jones. Great credit must be given to them in that they survived their first T. A. Camp with hardly a harsh word being said and, in the case of the Q.M., without 'turning a hair.' It was a pleasure too to have with us three new subalterns attending their first Camp, 2/Lt. Frank Gedge (now with almost two years service, although his first Camp) and 2/Lts. Peter Farrington and Peter Misselbrook.

Our social programme included two guest nights and amongst our many guests we were pleased to welcome Brig. Priest, who runs the Stanford P.T.A., Brig. N. St. G. Gribbon, the Brigade Commander,

Col. W. A. Heal, from Regimental H.Q., and Lt. Col. F. R. Marshall and our Honorary Colonel Brig. F. P. Barclay; as well as Col. J. H. Jewson, our late honorary colonel, and Colonel G. S. H. Dicker wearing his 'new hat' as Chairman of the Norfolk T. and A.F.A. Our grateful thanks are due to Major Graham and his two cooks Cpl. Johnson and L./Cpl. Gooderham for the excellent standard of the food, and to the Mess Staff as a whole for its presentation and the general high standard maintained in the Mess under difficult conditions.

Invitations were also sent to our out-of-camp officers and both Majors Boulton and Smith braved the rigours of the weather and spent a night under canvas with us. We also invited our past members to visit us at Camp and amongst those who came to see us were three past C.O.'s, Lt. Col.'s Wilkins, Braithwaite and Flower, and also Major's Summerfield, Hornor, Athill and Capt. Ian Rutter came either to a dinner or to the Family day on the middle Saturday.

The usual annual visits of the Officers to the Sgts. and vice versa were enjoyed by all and we all now know 'how' to use a 'Brooms, bass' thanks to W.O. II. Doughty's excellent instruction!

### SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last notes appeared in print the main topic of conversation has been who's running what at Annual Camp. This year we were on our own back door so our loading, moving and setting up with its usual problems were easily overcome. The mess staff were kept very busy looking after us and we take this opportunity of thanking them again for all the hard work put in, particularly by our stalwart Mess Caterer Sgt. Fred Long who was attending to our needs for the last time.

The major changes in the Mess this quarter have been amongst the permanent staff. We bid farewell to R.S.M. G. Raynor and welcomed in his place R.S.M. M. Fowler. Gone also are C.S.M. Cox (Complete with Winter Woollies) to Brunei, Sgt. Jones and Sgt. Sweeney to 1 E. ANGLIAN, and in their place have come C.S.M. Parker, Sgt. Bates, B.E.M., and Sgt. Spalding, all from 1 E. ANGLIAN.

Enough will be said of the training elsewhere. We all found the social side of Camp rather wearying and the Drum Major smartly clipped his ankle and nipped into shoes in order to keep up the pace.

Our families visited Camp on the middle Saturday, and apart from the very cold wind, they had an entertaining afternoon and evening. Having returned from Camp we are now settling down to the routine of drill nights again and we occasionally see a few of the Mess members on our too infrequent get togethers.

### HEADQUARTER COMPANY

Well it certainly has been a busy period since the middle of January and we have had some sort of training every weekend. We started by brushing up our rather vague knowledge of section tactics and field work and with the kind of weather we were experiencing at the time we might have been excused for thinking we were preparing for a winter



The Tramps Ball at King's Lynn

(By courtesy of King's Lynn Advertiser)

campaign in the North Pole. About this time C.S.M. Banthorpe, whilst demonstrating the correct way to slide on the ice, came the inevitable "cropper" and broke his wrist, much to everyone's amusement!

The first weekend in February saw us in the Weybourne area for Exercise Panther Leap, a sadistic exercise designed to keep us out of our beds to trudge around in the snow throughout a long winter night. However, much was learned by everybody, and especially our recruits who were pressed into service in the cook-house. The Exercise was notable for the issue of a Rum ration, the second on record since the reforming of the Battalion in 1947. At Horsford the following weekend our P.S.I., W.O. II. Doughty, presented his own ice extravaganza entitled 'Section Attack on Ice,' as an added attraction. Live ammunition was used. The two clowns on the Bren were good enough for a Tom Arnold Show. Our recruits who were acting as rifle group were somewhat apprehensive at first, but soon settled down to the business of fire and movement. At the same time the Signal Platoon were participating in another exercise with the signallers of the 1st East Anglian Regt. They came back full of envy for their hosts' new equipment which made us wonder if it was really such a good idea to send

them after all. A fortnight later saw us at King's Lynn for the night. Our hosts, 'B' Coy., looked after us very well. Catering for the Company on this occasion was L./C. Goodram, A.C.C., who has looked after us very well on several weekends recently. The Sunday saw us on the Battle Area practising Section and Platoon attacks with the remainder of the Battalion. The enemy section was a rather unlikely formation, consisting of the Drum Major, Cpl. Scott and Cfn. Pritty of the R.E.M.E. as well as some other odds and ends. Still they did their job very well.

The middle of March brought the Battalion Rifle Meeting. We had a very successful time and once again were champion Company. In the individual events we secured through the R.Q.M.S., the individual Rifle Prize, and Sgt. Savage and Cpl. Banthorpe the L.M.G. Pairs Prize. The Sten team consisting of the R.Q.M.S., C.S.M. Banthorpe, C./Sgt. Turner and Cpl. Banthorpe won their event. The falling plate team were also successful and after an exciting semi-final with 'H.Q.' Coy. 'B' team they went on to beat 'A' Coy. for the Trophy. The team consisted of Lt. Farrington, R.Q.M.S., D./M. Housego and Cpl. Banthorpe. Our young soldiers did very well, especially L./C. Welsted and Ptes. Green and Warhurst.



"B" Company crossing the river at Buckenham Tofts. Amongst whom are Lt. Darley, Sgt. Todd, Cpl. Chilvers, Pte. Eslen, Pte. Somerton and Pte. Bullock

At the Div./Dist. Rifle Meeting a few weeks later we had a number of successes. The R.Q.M.S. was the best W.O./Sgt. on Rifle, and Pte. Warhurst was runner-up in the young soldier event. The Battalion Sten team, all 'H.Q.' men, were third in their event.

Annual Camp this year was sited at Buckenham Tofts on the Stanford P.T.A. Although so close to home it nevertheless proved successful. The Company was well split up whilst at Camp, but everybody learned much by working with other Coys. We hope that next year we shall go further away if only for a change of scenery. After all the S.P.T.A. is really our own back yard.

### BAND

Once again the season for Bands is upon us and we find ourselves booked for various programmes. In addition we have rehearsals for parades in Great Yarmouth and Norwich, and visits to Lowestoft, Deopham, Oulton Broad and Dereham. Here's hoping our latest recruits Bdsms. King and Wilson enjoy a long and happy association with us.

Bdsm. Wilson will be remembered by many as an ex. Regular and an exponent on the art of playing the bass trombone. When he hasn't got a trombone slide to use as a jack in his car, he enlists the help of fellow bandsmen.

Having packed cases, kit bags and boxes, we journeyed to a place named 'Buckenham Tofts,' where in wigwams, complete with oil lamps, we dwelt for two weeks.

It was discovered eventually that living in huts nearby were also some other Bands. The Big Chief O.C. Huts, Wigwams, Band and Drums, decided to bury the hatchet and let us all unite in peace. Having had two or three pow-wows, and having sorted out the various tribes to which we belonged, we massed into a solid square of 140 men. We then descended upon a town called King's Lynn and Beat Retreat. The Big Chief of Lynn seemed very pleased with this and he sent smoke signals to Big Chief of Bury St. Edmunds who duly summoned us to Beat Retreat in Bury. Having performed before a large audience, we retreated to an Ale House known as the 'Falcon' and drank 'Greene Kings' fire water accompanied by Bandmaster Smythe and his wife.

Whilst in Bury we were pleased to meet some of the great Tribe of East Anglian Bandsmen. We were presented to tom-tom beater Spike Jobes who told us his tribe hailed from Felixstowe and was ruled by Chief Running Water George Holben. As we had to pass through enemy territory to reach our Camp we returned in convoy loaded with horns, cornets, trombones and "Greene Kings." All was well and we crept to our tents tired but happy.

Sgt. French has a pair of Nightingales for sale in the Key of 'F' sharp. Has anyone got a beret for sale as Sgt. Dawson took pity on a pheasant and let it use his for an Anderson Shelter?

On the Saturday, Squaws of the Braves encamped and were invited to the Sports Day. Although cold everyone enjoyed themselves after much fun, eating and drinking and we once again did 'a Retreat' this time to Norwich for the weekend.

L./Cpl. Paul's tent was not quite in line with the others so he kicked it over two foot. Result: one injured foot. It seems that while playing in the 'Big Top' Officers Mess a certain Colonel Bogey popped up. Britannia and Colonel Bogey didn't agree so Major Cousins gave us leave to depart so as to spare us the wrath of another Big Chief.

It was rumoured there were lions in our vicinity as one was found in Sgt. Baker's Tent. The only thing we actually saw was a man drinking 'Tiger.' He could sometimes be seen with either a baton or glass in his hand. The Sun Dial now pointed to the 14th day which was again the signal for yet another 'Retreat.' Going through the same procedure we repacked all that was ours and set our course for civilisation. Arriving at our destination we were greeted by squaws and being dutiful husbands we handed over what currency we had left to our wives. Our dreams of nightingales, sheep, wigwams and trees were shattered by the thoughts of work on Monday!

Although the weather did not treat us kindly, everyone enjoyed themselves, we had met old friends, lived together as one happy family and made the best of the conditions in which we lived. No more early morning tea and we never discovered who brought it round as it was dark and about 3 a.m. Was it Band, Sheep, Ewes or Eves? Will we be called the 'Mutton Lancers'. Well roll on next Camp whether it is Buckenhams or Butlins. The Band would like to have stayed.

Now to settle down to more practice and the task of fulfilling engagements. The Bandmaster is working on some new arrangement of Poet and Peasant, Nightingale Sang in Buckenham Square, and Sheep may Graze in Tents.

Before the 'Finale' we would welcome any Ex. Bandsmen in our ranks. Our Band night is Monday and you will be guaranteed an enjoyable evening, a case of play and pay. We know there are many of you in the City. Also we are now in the early stages forming a 'Wives Club.' The Band already has its own Social Club. Dolce dreams, till next time.

#### **Battle of the Bands**

Plan of attack, 76 Trombones to the Fore, tubas in the rear, who would advance through 'Mechanised Infantry,' counter march 'Thro' Georgia,' 'Officer of the Day', would then call

upon his 'Thin Red Line' as reinforcements. Bands then advance 'Thro' night to Light.' Tea break. Battle resumes. 'The Great Little Army' moves on 'Undaunted' all goes as planned until 'William Tell' launches a surprise attack. Tactics must now be changed, 'Bolts and Bars' are applied, bands apply 'Action Front'. 'William Tell' mounted on a 'Bronze Horse' calls out 'Vanished Army' surrender. But 'The Army of the Nile' reply, 'Rule Britannia!' At this point 'Cavalry of the Clouds' appear assisted by 'Light Cavalry', 'William Tell' then orders his 'March of the Bowman'. Second tea break.

During the lull 'The Contemptibles' arrive supported by 'The Great Little Army'. Whereupon 'William' sensing defeat sends orders for 'Voice of the Guns' to bark. The battle gathers momentum; the time has come to resort to 'Sword and Lance'. But the 'Sons of the Brave' stood 'Steadfast and True' whilst in reserve waited 'The Phantom Brigade', 'Colonel Bogey' then asked 'Sons on Parade' and thanked his lucky 'Stars and Stripes' he was an ally. Now 'Nightfall in Camp' had descended. Last tea break. The three directors of music then sent for their 'Three Light Pieces' and retired.

'Morning, Noon and Night' had passed. Seated in 'Gustav Holzsts Suite' was 'Iolanthe', 'Colonel Bogey's' daughter, who pleaded with him not to resume battle. The time was '18.12'; it was 'Lilac Time'. Heeding his daughter's plea, Bogey grasped William by the hand like 'Old Comrades'. 'Iolanthe' announced her engagement to 'The Student Prince'; they all went to 'The Marriage of Figaro' after which they retired on a large pension and settled down in 'Oklahoma'.

#### **"A" COY.**

The Company's greatest success since the last notes were published, was the winning of the China Cup at the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Thetford Range last March. The members of the winning team were Capt. Shearman, Lt. Warrington, W.O. II. Pillar, Cpl. Newsome, Ptes. Amis, Howell, Polkey, and Reddon. Congratulations to the team on their achievement. We will do our best to retain the Cup next year.

Congratulations are also extended to Cpl. "Sailor" Barnes on his recent marriage, and to Pte. Polkey on the birth of his second child.

Although the members of "A" Company were split into various departments at camp this year all ranks succeeded in having a very enjoyable time. A Company party was held at Watton towards the end of the first week of camp, when a very considerable amount of ale was consumed and a good evening had by all.

In the months preceding camp the Company spent some very energetic weekends in Norfolk and Suffolk on Section and Platoon training. We are now settling down to some equally energetic training on the square in preparation for the parade at Gt. Yarmouth on the 15th September. This parade should help our recruiting drive in the Gt. Yarmouth area.

At the time of writing our P.S.I., Sgt. Sweeney, is about to rejoin the 1st East Anglian Regiment in Felixstowe. We wish him the best of luck in his new post, and thank him for his work during the past two years. We welcome Sgt. Spalding who has arrived to take over and we look forward to a lot of new ideas on training and recruiting.

#### "B" COY.

In order to recapture the arctic atmosphere of the period covered by the early part of these notes, your correspondent has put ice in his beer, an ice pack on his head and retired to the coolest part of the building. (Guess where?)

Even in the depths of Winter "B" Company was thinking ahead. A dance was held in February to raise funds for Adventure Training Equipment and to help Recruiting. Enough money was obtained to buy one Canoe Kit and half a dozen recruits joined us. The canoe is now complete except for the paint and Sgt. Todd and L./Cpl. Mapletoft are to be congratulated on their high standard of workmanship. Even the Coy. Commander should feel safe in this canoe.

This year several new training areas are being investigated by the Coy. On a Map Reading chase near Hunstanton Sgt. Todd provided the Coy. with a cheap joke by falling through the ice into muddy and icy water below.

In February "B" Company disguised themselves as Saxonians and took part in Ex. 'Panther Leap'. Pte. Blythe was spending his first weekend with the Company. He was dressed in civilian clothes and shoes and, to judge by the fact that he still attends, must have the constitution of a polar bear. Though the Saxonians were ruled to have been defeated the exercise was voted worthwhile and next time the Fantasians visit us they will certainly be defeated.

In March with the roads like a skating rink, C./Sgt. Watson, Sgt. Watson and Sgt. Todd set off for Norwich in a Champ under the watchful eye of Sgt. Clarke. Sgt. Watson was driving when, near Swaffham, the Champ rolled them all out into a ditch. Despite this setback they continued their trip to Norwich and completed their assignment. What was their assignment? To take their driving test, needless to say they all passed. (Note: The M.T.O. does NOT recommend this way of loosening up for a Driving Test).

Recruiting in the Company is building up well and this is largely due to hard work of the Permanent Staff. About twenty men have been enrolled or are in the melting pot. Three of our men are about to receive their £150 Bounties as Ever-Readies and six more have been accepted. Cpl. Turvey has been presented with the Efficiency Medal and deserves congratulations. His recent letter in the local paper about the T.A. must have taken the wind out of the sails of several critics of the T.A. Lieut. Watson has been transferred to "B" Company whose name he claims to have forgotten! With three Watsons in "B" Company further success is assured.

An enjoyable and profitable time was spent at Camp though the surroundings seemed rather familiar. Plans are in hand for strenuous infantry training in the next few months and to increase the size of the Company still further. Finally we

would like to record our thanks for the April pay rise. At least the War Office has heard of the invaluable work at present being done for the Defence of the Realm by "B" Company.

#### "Erratum"

It was stated in error in the last issue of Britannia and Castle that Major Paul Raywood had retired from the Regiment because of ill-health. He retired after a long period of service with the Regiment at his own request and not on doctor's orders."

#### "C" COY.

The last quarter has been quite an eventful one for the Company. In February W.O. II. Cox left us at short notice for the warmer climate of Labuan Island and shortly after that Sgt. Jones returned to the 1st East Anglian Regiment. We wish them both the best of luck, and trust they will soon recover from their stay here. In their place W.O. II. Parker and Sgt. Bates made the journey to Norfolk, so there will be no excuse if our weapon training and map reading is not very much up to scratch! We welcome them to the Company and wish them an enjoyable tour of duty with us.

In March a number of the Company were taken from us at every possible occasion to get in some practice for the two Rifle Meetings to be held that month. At the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Thetford C.S.M. Hewett won the Sten Competition and Pte. Wymer the Young Soldier's Prize. The Company team consisting of C.S.M. Hewett, Sgt. Nolloth, the Grant Brothers and Ptes. Bokenham, Minns and Wymer, came second in the Competition. At the Div./District Meeting two weeks later Sgt. Nolloth came second in the Individual Rifle Competition for T.A. Soldiers, and was joint runner-up in the Snap Competition. Pte. Minns won the Young Soldier Sten Competition, and Sgt. Rider obtained the highest score in Fire with Movement. Sgt. Rider, Sgt. Nolloth, L./Cpl. Roberts, and Pte. Kindleysides were chosen for the Battalion Team. The only regret was that C.S.M. Hewett was not there to take home his usual share of the prizes, we hope he will have equal success with his Examinations.

In April we prepared for the excellent practical facilities afforded by the Battle Area. We even cast our mortars aside and shouldered rifles, and put in a weekend on Platoon, and Section Training by which we proved that the basic training had not been forgotten.

The merry month of May was to be a busy one, so no time was lost in getting things ready for Camp, and when the day arrived, all was set. The Company successfully made the long and hazardous journey to Stanford P.T.A., where the sheep and rain reminded us of those Welsh Hills. For the duration of Camp, we were to be joined by the Recce Platoon, and the Anti-Tank Section. These were to be seen either rushing about at great speeds, heavily disguised by goggles, or standing around a fearsome looking weapon, wondering how it worked. The Company Commander at once arranged a route march, which reminded everyone that they were there to do business. After this "warmer up" the 3" Mortar Platoon soon got down to some

serious training the climax and proof of which was that Sgt. Nolloth, Cpl. Howes, Cpl. Copland, L./Cpls. Grant, J. and W., and Ptes. Bokenham and Minns, all qualified for their Mortar Layers Badge, something practically unheard of in the T.A. They all will, we hope, be sporting a badge to prove it, except Sgt. Nolloth, who, because of his exalted rank, is barred from so doing.

The true adventurous spirit of the Company was shown when the Mortars became mobilised in amphibious craft for one afternoon. Happily no-one fell in, and the boats withstood the extra weight. Perhaps we shall be allowed to do a shoot from a floating baseplate position! The only incident that occurred was when the Mortar Officer was soaked by another boat load, which happened to catch him with his back to the water. At one stage during Camp, the Cookhouse was running short of rations, a crisis that puzzled us all until W.O. II. Parker's puppy was seen making off with a tasty morsel! This we could have forgiven but when our revered Storeman was forced to hang his blankets on the line foul plots were planned for the pup's removal.

Sgt. Rider was given the task of representing a complete section in a Rifle Platoon and this he carried out with aplomb. He appeared on television scoring a direct hit with an Egera bomb. How he managed this must remain a secret between him and a certain Sergeant from "D" Company.

In June Sgt. Eke and Pte. Budrey go to Germany for their T.A.E.R. Training. They will no doubt return fitter in every way.

We should like to express our thanks to Cpl. Vincent for all he has done in the Cookhouse and our congratulations to Major Salter on his Majority, and L./Cpl. Mills on his marriage.

Since the last notes were published the following new faces are to be seen on Drill nights: Ptes. Clarke, Freeman, Hammond, Loines, Murphy, Spalding and Wright.

Finally we are proud to congratulate Sgt. Bates on being awarded the B.E.M. for his work in British Guiana.

#### "D" COMPANY

During the period since we last went to press, 2/Lt. CURTIS and Ptes. CORKERY, TUCK, FISHER, WILLIAMS, FENN, BARNARD, BARRETT, WEBSDALE, CRAIGS and RIX have joined the Company and we hope they will enjoy life with us, in spite of our temporary accommodation. We have also seen the departure of Lieuts. WATSON and GLEDHILL. The former was foolish enough to suggest in an earlier edition of this Journal that he believed there was some sort of T.A. unit at King's Lynn; he has now been sent to find out the awful truth. Lt. GLEDHILL will be remembered for his canoes and his Connaught and he was usually to be seen in either a shower of spray or a cloud of smoke. Ex. 'Panther Leap', a tough Bn. Training exercise, was most enjoyed by those of the Company who braved the elements on the North Norfolk coast at the height of the Arctic spell. Fortunately there were no serious casualties, and the man who 'felt tired' during the C.O.'s de-briefing the following morning was not a member of this Company.

A Company Exercise was held at Stanford P.T.A. in conjunction with "B" Company. The Company acquitted itself well, despite having to make one day's compo rations suffice for two.

We will pass rapidly over the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Thetford Range; suffice it to say that few tears will be shed in the Company at the passing of the No. 4 rifle, judging by the results on this occasion.

Congratulations to Pte. SMITH G. on winning the Company Field-Craft Trophy, the competition for which was held on Alderford Common (by kind permission of the C./Sgt.)

The newly formed Anti-Tank Platoon, after attending three week-end courses at Lowestoft and Beccles, were eventually allowed to have a D.P. gun of their own, but it was several more weeks before the C.O.D. Donnington could be persuaded to part with such vital items as the sight, and one day we may even possess a drill round which fits the breech!

Camp this year was memorable for the abundance of sheep and the shortage of T.A. bodies, particularly in the second week, but we would hasten to point out that the rumour concerning the Company Sergeant Major who on being asked for 10 fatigue men, sent 2 men, 3 sheep and 5 figure targets, is quite untrue.

Several Senior N.C.O.'s of the Company found the Ace Spot Club in Watton to their liking. This led to the adoption of Mississippi Gamblers-type dress on certain occasions.

Sgt. RICHARDSON suffered from a 'slipped Mortar' for some time — but there is no 'kneed' to dwell on this!

#### COUNTY OF NORFOLK ARMY CADET FORCE

The cadets continue to flourish and at the time of writing we are all thinking about camp which this year will be at Brecon in South Wales. A three days expedition exercise has been planned over the Beacons. In addition a party of 24 cadets under Captain E. G. Sigston will be undertaking a six days Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition exercise. A further party of 30 cadets under Captain H. E. Nobbs are visiting the Kyndwr Scwd Mountain Training and Rescue School for a one week course.

The 2nd Cadet Bn. had a very successful one week's camp under their own auspices at Weybread over Whitsun.

The sports were won by 2nd Cadet Bn. and the boxing by 1st Cadet Bn. The latter was held at Aylsham and we are very grateful to that Detachment and the Aylsham Toc H for all the valuable help they gave.

In the football championships we were eliminated by Cambridgeshire who were the eventual Command winners.

We heartily congratulate Captain J. Dring of 1st Cadet Bn. (Fakenham) on the award of the M.B.E. in the Birthday Honours.

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**COUNTY OF CAMBRIDGE AND ISLE OF ELY  
ARMY CADET FORCE  
THESE LADS WILL NEVER FORGET**

(Reprinted from an article in the Isle of Ely and  
Wisbech Advertiser)

With summer just around the corner (we hope!) many of you will be looking forward to getting out and about on rambles and outings in the countryside.

If the weather is anything like we have been promised — the hottest summer for years — there will once again be headlines about missing children.

All too often we hear of children on camping and hiking holidays wandering away from the main party and getting lost. This causes a lot of unnecessary work for the police and youth organisers but most of all it means worry and sleepless nights for parents.

Fortunately in this area there are no treacherous mountains or moors on which inexperienced walkers can get lost and all familiar landmarks can be seen quite easily because the low-lying countryside does not obscure the horizon.

The trouble begins when groups decide to go further afield and cover new territory without a real knowledge of the difficulties to be encountered.

One local youth organisation which will never make the mistake of being caught unawares is the 3rd Cadet Battalion, The Cambridgeshire Regiment.

These soldiers of the future will never have to face the worry or embarrassment of being lost and

having to approach a local inhabitant for directions to the spot where a rendezvous is scheduled.

As part of their normal training these local lads, who one day may become the leaders of the country's armed forces, are instructed in map reading and how to handle a compass correctly.

These are only two of the aspects which feature prominently in the periodic examinations and tests the cadets have to undertake in their bid for promotion.

On Sunday over 50 boys went before a survey board and sat what they term the Cert. 'A'. Last week 'Youth Page' went out with boys from the Wisbech detachment on a map reading exercise. Between 9 a.m. and lunch-time, the detachment covered four or five miles in the Elm and Friday Bridge areas, stopping at various spots and noting map references of local landmarks.

In charge of operations was the Battalion Training Officer, Captain D. Buckenham, who said similar exercises would be held throughout the summer.

The route chosen was along the river bank and down Weasenham Lane. From there the cadets moved through the lesser known country lanes and with the aid of their map reading knowledge gained in theory instruction made their way back to the Wisbech Drill Hall.

Congratulations to the Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force football team on winning the Eastern Command cup.



Colour Party Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment with the new Colours.



**THE SUFFOLK AND CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
REGIMENT (T.A.)**

**SERGEANTS' MESS**

Notes for the Mess are normally hard to come

by, due to the rare number of occasions we assemble as a whole. In recent months however, the position has improved as training weekends have been held monthly for Officers and Senior N.C.O.'s. In addition, we have recently returned from annual camp where we were able to live and work together as do our counterparts in Regular units.

Camp, in fact, became an enjoyable period where we were billeted in good accommodation, had a roomy Mess with all the necessary facilities, and were well looked after by our genial caterer, Bob Milldown. Our most sincere thanks go to him, to our Cook Sergeant 'Skipper' Wincup and all the staff under them who made our stay at Cranwish an enjoyable one.

Owing to heavy training commitments, entertainment and socials were rather limited, but at those that were held, an enjoyable time was had by

all. During the first week the Cpls. were invited to a social and games evening. This turned out to be a 'snorter' where we were treated to a spirited (?) rendering of the Padre's Lament by Cpl. Woodbridge. Having recovered from side-splitting laughter our revenge was completed when half a dozen Cpls. were nearly drowned during a well-planned 'boat race' organised by our comedian, Don Mowle. This hilarity continued throughout the evening to make the occasion one which will be remembered by all for many a year. We were visited by our families on the middle Sunday, when they were catered for and entertained by the whole Mess. Children were kept occupied by film shows, train rides and the like, leaving Mums and Dads to "live it up". This was a great success and it is hoped to hold more at future camps. One of the events was a football match where we were opposed by the Officers in what turned out to be a comical affair with an underlying suggestion of complete massacre. However, the officers were 'allowed' to take the honours by a 2 — 1 win. We received invitations from the Officers Mess, and the Sergeants Messes of 4 Royal Norfolk and the Brigade Depot. We attended in force and our thanks are due to all our hosts for entertaining us so royally.

Many old faces were recognised when we were visited by a company group from 1 East Anglian. Among them were nine or ten senior N.C.O.'s, many of whom had previously served as P.S.I.'s, either on the Suffolk or Cambridgeshire side in the past.

We take the opportunity to offer many congratulations to our O.R.Q.M.S., George Race, on the award of the M.B.E., to Sgt. Capps on rising to commissioned rank, to Joe Brown and Peter Bland on their promotion to warrant rank and, finally, to Sgts. Halley-Frame, Garrod and Minnett on their recent promotions. Perhaps we are a little late in mentioning our new Warrant Officers but our congratulations are non the less sincere.

## 90 COMPANY

" . . . and therefore the exercise has been cancelled from now." These words terminating the last exercise of camp spread rapidly throughout the Company which, at that time, was composed of very wet soldiers. Most of our training had been successfully completed.

Fourteen members of the Signal Platoon successfully passed their classification test, a 100% pass for all examined candidates. The patient tuition of Sgts. Pittock and Soames and the four Pl. corporals was well rewarded by the results. The platoon were given a welcome break when they were attached to 3 Company to fire the various weapons and the same day a cameraman from I.T.V. Anglia found satisfaction in filming us while we lunched.

The M.T.O. and S./Sgt. Barnard with their merry band of fitters had a hard task in keeping the wheels rolling. At times it appeared that we had more vehicles than drivers.

We have had yet another change of P.S.I.'s with Sgt. Brian King going to Wisbech and W.O. II. Bill Townley coming to Ipswich. We hope that they both have now settled in their new surroundings.

Don, our C.S.M., has kept the Company well on its feet since he has taken over, besides putting in a lot of time in organising Bn. sports.

Our Company Commander, Major Sach, has had to leave owing to pressure of work in his civilian job and we welcome as our new Coy. Commander Captain James, whom we congratulate on his promotion.

Recruiting in the Company has gone well with C. Archibald, P. Phillips, D. Sargeant, G. Parsond and A. Warne joining us in recent months.

## Bury St. Edmunds Detachment

We are now recuperating from the arduous duties of annual camp, but after counting our losses and gains find we appear to have broken even. The majority of work done by the detachment was in the sphere of Intelligence where Cpl. Johnson and his men excelled themselves. Sgt. Pollen also gave good value for his money in carrying out the strenuous duties of Permanent Orderly Sgt.

We were very pleased that all members who attended camp were able to do so for the full period, although we think the only reason Pte. Dye did so was to avoid becoming involved in moving house, which his father (late C./Sgt., 4 Suffolk) decided to do during the camp period.

Attendance has fallen off just a bit since camp, but we are sure that when the annual holidays are completed we shall be back to our usual good standards.

We say welcome once more to Pte. Smart who has decided to return to us once more after a temporary stay with the Regular Army. Smart fellow.

## Stowmarket Detachment

Camp has come and gone once again and we now settle down to out of camp training. The first week and the early part of the second were spent on platoon training with the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Assault pioneers. What with demolitions, mine laying and wiring we still managed to find a little time for some boating.

P. Hayward and 'Spud' Turner are back with us and we are all pleased to see them.

In sports we have done well having Ptes. Edwards, Thompson, James and King in the Battalion football team.

So, to all Assault Pioneers past and present — "All the best."

## NO. 1 COMPANY

We open up our notes after Annual Camp which this year was held at Cranwich Camp, Thetford. The Coy. enjoyed the outdoor life after being shut up in their shops and factories for a year. The training was very beneficial and a lot was learned by all. Even blisters after digging slit trenches were avoided.

After the first week about 60% of the Coy. returned home to their civilian jobs leaving a few old hands to carry on. The middle Sunday of camp was an open day when families visited their husband and fathers, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Recently three members of the Coy. took unto themselves wives. They were L./Cpl. Smith, Ptes.

Sparrow and Watts to whom we offer our sincere congratulations.

We are sorry to learn that our No. 3 Platoon Commander, Lieut. Emra, has had to leave because of outside commitments and we wish him the very best of luck for the future. We congratulate Sgt. Minnett, Cpl. Bowman, L./Cpls. Howlett, Lawrie and Harvey on their recent promotions.

On the Friday preceding the break-up of Camp, the company had the honour of leading the Bn.'s march through Bury St. Edmunds accompanied by the massed bands and drums of 161 Inf. Bde. T.A.

With the excitement of camp behind us, the Coy. has now settled down to routine training nights and weekends which are designed to raise us to a high standard of efficiency.

The Corps of Drums have been kept busy with the Brigade Massed Bands, practising for Beating Retreat at both King's Lynn and Bury St. Edmunds. These rehearsals were held under the very careful supervision of Drum Major Hitchens of the 1st East Anglian Regiment. The Corps of Drums were entered for the Brigade Bugle contest and gave a good account of themselves by obtaining 2nd place.

In the individual event Cpl. and Pte. Woodbridge were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively and earn our congratulations.

#### NO 2 COMPANY

Since the last issue the Coy. has increased steadily in size and area. This is due to two factors; firstly, the recruiting team under Sgt. H. Taylor, based at Newmarket, has been spending many evenings touring the Coy. area with a certain amount of success with the result that each Drill Hall now has some new recruits. Secondly, the town of Haverhill, which boasts at its approaches — "Pioneers in Town Expansion" has now been embraced into the Coy.'s already large area. Let us hope that some of the overspill will find its way into the T.A. centre there, where the Haverhill platoon is now commanded by 2/Lt. R. Wylie, late of the Kenya police.

The highlight of recent social events of the period was the Company Annual Dinner and Dance held at Newmarket. This was attended by 120 members and their guests, amongst whom were the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Wells, together with Major Mason, our new Training Officer and his wife, and our new P.S.I. Sgt. R. Pope. An excellent meal was provided by 'Gus', and music by the ever popular "Munns Trio".

Platoons also, have had their own social gatherings, including a fancy dress dance at Newmarket, won by Pte. 'Butcher' Levell.

The annual Drill Competition took place at Cambridge T.A. Centre and was judged by the C.O., the R.S.M. and P.S.I.'s. After a very close contest Cambridge Platoon were declared the winners, with Newmarket second and Ely third. The winning prize was a visit to the Royal Tournament which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Training during the Spring and early Summer was designed to build us up to a high standard in preparation for camp, which this year was on 'home ground' at Stanford P.T.A. A series of lectures and study periods for Officers and Sergeants were held at Newmarket T.A.C. to prepare us for the various Brigade exercises. Major Brashaw was

unfortunate in that at no time during camp did he have his whole Company under command. This was due to a variety of reasons but mainly because of the fact that members of the Coy. were otherwise employed. For example, nearly all the Officers Mess staff, the recruits were on a separate Cadre run by the R.S.M., whilst the Signals Cadre further reduced our numbers in the field and, above all, we missed the whole of the Cambridge Pl. as they amused themselves with their new weapon, the 3" Mortar, under Lt. J. Clements. This left the Coy. Comd. with Lt. M. Knight and about 20 men for training in the first week. Despite the low numbers, however, we made our presence heard and seen, much to the surprise of a detachment of the Parachute Regt. whom we attacked, under the direction of the S.A.S. one dark night. Whilst the 'Paras.' were practising embarkation with assault boats in preparation for an exercise they were to hold next week in Norway, No. 2 Coys. attacked and caught them at a critical moment. They did, however, learn several useful lessons which we hope they put into use, but they did lose a red beret which is now a trophy at a certain Drill Hall!

During the second week at camp No. 1 and 2 Companies were amalgamated with Captain W. H. Keatley in command and some useful but sometimes rather wet training was carried out, culminating in a march through Bury St. Edmunds. The 3" Mortars, now without Lt. Clements but having Sgt. Latchford to guide their fortunes, managed to cope well with the various situations they were given. So good is their reputation that they have now been asked to take part in Newmarket Round Table Fete!

We have recently lost, with much regret, Sgt. P. Beaumont who has taken up an appointment with an Insurance firm in Oxford. Sgt. Garwood, our P.S.I. for the past two years has departed for Singapore as Provost Sgt. with G.H.Q. We welcome in his place Sgt. R. Pope of 1st East Anglian. Congratulations to Ptes. Holden and E. Smith on their promotions to L./Cpl.

#### "C" COMPANY

The last period has certainly been an extremely busy one for the Coy., with annual camp, the official opening of the new T.A. Centre at Leiston and the Presentation of Colours parade, all following close on one another.

Annual Camp at Cranwich in May was again quite a successful camp for the Coy. Stanford P.T.A. is too close to home for it to be voted a good camp, but offers first-class training which after all, is what we go to Annual Camp for. However, we again managed to muster an almost 100% attendance, only two men being unable to make it. This gave us the strongest Coy. on the ground for training and for most of the time we were able to field three small Pl.'s and a Coy. H.Q. As we were in our own area it was impossible to arrange our usual weekend outing for the Coy. during the middle weekend. Instead, several families took the opportunity of coming to see us during the second Sunday. It was obvious that they enjoyed their outing as much as we enjoyed their coming, judging by some of the touching reunions in the morning and the fond farewells in the evening.

On returning from camp we got down to the monumental task of preparing the new T.A. Centre at Leiston for the official opening which was only three weeks ahead. The builders were still in

occupation and our stores were dumped all over the main hall and, in general, everything looked in utter chaos. There was much foreboding as to whether we should be ready on time. With only one week to go the builders announced that they had finished with the main hall and we could complete moving in. Thanks to a small band of willing helpers (the same old crowd) who came in for every spare moment that they had, and who worked often far into the night, we got down to the task of putting everything in its rightful place and cleaning through from top to bottom. By the opening date all floors were highly polished, windows (all fifty of them) had been cleaned, shelves dusted, a stage built, public address system fitted up and a host of other jobs completed. In the meantime Sgt. Pye had brought his Guard, which was to be mounted for the opening ceremony almost up to perfection in their S.L.R. drill, and all had been fitted with No. 2 Dress. The ladies, too, had been busy preparing the loads of refreshments that were required for the opening day. Captain Wilson had ransacked almost the whole of East Suffolk for flowers which Mrs. Wilson tastefully arranged.

Our aim was to put the opening over to the public in a big way in the hope that it would attract recruits in the not too distant future. To do this a whole week of functions had been arranged commencing with the official opening at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 15th June by Colonel Sir Robert Gooch, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, and ending with a bumper dance on the following Saturday. The opening ceremony, held in perfect weather before an invited audience of about 300, went off with very few hitches although we had been unable to hold a full scale rehearsal beforehand. In his address Sir Robert spoke of the long association with the Town that the Coy. had enjoyed since it was first formed in 1860. He mentioned the buildings which the Coy. had occupied during that period culminating in the fine building that the Association had now provided, and some of the great T.A. characters that Leiston had produced, several of whom were watching today. After the opening the official guests toured the building and this was followed by all the guests being invited to have drinks with the Coy. We were delighted to see so many old comrades come along, the oldest of which must surely have been ex-Sgt. Bill Kitson, now 83 and looking far too young to draw the old age pension. Other notable faces on parade were Major Flick, and Major Rodwell, pre-war Coy. Comdrs. and Major Catchpole who was O.C. of the Coy. until 1953. Ex.-C.S.M. Bailey, R.Q.M.S. Goddard and Sgt. Moore were also busy helping as usual to dispatch mild beer. After the opening ceremony the Band and Drums beat Retreat on the nearby sports ground watched by an appreciative audience. This gave us time to clear up the hall ready for the invitation dance in the evening, when we entertained some 300 guests. On Sunday we held a Church parade and afterwards marched round the town headed by the band and drums. In the afternoon the Hall was open for inspection by the general public whilst the Band played selections in the forecourt. It is estimated that up to a 1000 people from all walks of life came in and all were loud in their praise for the new hall.

On the Monday evening we entertained some 50 old age pensioners and these had a real beanfeast with Bingo etc. capably organised by Sgt. Pye and Sgt. Parnell. On Tuesday we entertained all the

employers who wished to come — something like 40 turned up and thus established good relations for future Camps. On Wednesday the hall was open for dancing and all the local Youth Clubs danced to the local Rock Group, for which we presented a cup for the best Twist couple. Thursday brought in the local small-bore Club to christen the .22 range and they assure us it is one of the best indoor ranges in the district. Friday night was devoted to a Dart Match organised by Sgt. Summerfield and at which we presented each member of the winning team with a tankard and a plaque as a memento of the opening. The week finished with an open Dance on the Saturday night. This was a terrific success. We had estimated on about 200 turning up but, by 10.30 p.m. we had to firmly close the doors as we had almost 450 inside, with many more locked out. So ended a terrific week, one that will be remembered by all who participated, especially that small band who worked so hard throughout. In this we mustn't forget the ladies who were 'On parade' every afternoon preparing refreshments for the evening functions and then staying on to serve them. Without their help we could never have made it the successful week that it turned out to be.

Immediately after the opening week we had the presentation of Colours parade at Felixstowe. This will be fully covered elsewhere but for those of us who were privileged to watch this magnificent parade we would like to thank the 1st East Anglian Regiment for a great parade and a wonderful reception to all of us on the great day and also to those who spent the previous week practising with them. All were full of praise for the way the Regular Bn. had trained and looked after them.

In conclusion we would like to say welcome to recruits Rice, Holmes, Wiseman and Last who joined at Woodbridge just prior to Camp, and to Capt. Wilson on at last convincing the powers that be that he was just the man to become 2.I.C. of the Coy. Congratulations to Sgt. Pye, L./Cpl. Smith (Dumb.) and L./Cpl. Jones on their promotions and to Sgt. Capps of 'D' Coy. on his being commissioned as 2/Lt. He has now joined the Coy. and has already started training along the right lines and we expect big things of him in the future.

## BAND

With Annual Camp and plenty of engagements we have had a very busy time. Stanford, Newmarket, Leiston, King's Lynn, Bury St. Edmunds and Wisbech to mention just a few parts of Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire we have visited in the last few months.

At camp we spent quite a lot of time practising with the Brigade Massed Bands. During the second week we did a Massed Retreat Beating at King's Lynn and Bury St. Edmunds.

Whit-Monday found us at Wisbech for the Annual Jubilee Sports Day and two weeks later at Leiston where the new Drill Hall was opened. On the 23rd June we paraded in Ipswich for the Annual Inspection of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, when with over 600 on parade and a lovely day, it was a great success.

Our Drill nights at the T.A.C. Ipswich are on Mondays and Wednesdays 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. when ex.-members are welcome to come and join us in 'having a blow'.

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**REFLECTIONS AT THE PRESENTATION OF  
THE NEW COLOURS**

I have been asked to write about the replacement of the old Colours of the Ninth and Twelfth Regiments of Foot by the new Colours of their combined strength now known as the 1st East Anglian Regiment, by Princess Margaret, Colonel in Chief, at Normandy Barracks, Felixstowe, on 30th June, 1963.

I am not required to write a journalistic description of the ceremony for this will be adequately covered elsewhere but to write about it from an Old Comrades point of view. Hence what follows is to a large extent personal and expresses, among other things, the memories that passed through my mind and, by association of ideas, things of regimental interest.

The afternoon of the ceremony itself had been preceded by dismally wet weather which threatened to spoil the whole colourful ceremony but, as those present will know, the clouds cleared, the sun came out and better conditions could not have been ordered. There was even sufficient breeze for the Colours to spread proudly instead of hanging limply.

Yes, it was a glorious afternoon with two separate aspects. The sad aspect of the final symbolic act that marked the death of the Royal Norfolk Regiment and the Suffolk Regiment as separate units with their own proud past but also the buoyant uplifting aspect of a new birth in their union as The 1st East Anglian Regiment now sealed by the union of the Colours of the two Regiments.

We were reminded of Tennyson's "The old order changeth, giving place to new."

Once it seemed possible that France and Spain would come under one Crown and Louis XIV. is reported to have said "Les Pyrenees n' exist plus". So it passed through my mind that in this sense the River Waveney no longer divides militarily the North-folk from the South-folk, both are united and as "The Vikings" have a common origin.

At the period the amalgamation of the Ninth and Twelfth Regiments of Foot, meetings were held to deal with the many and varied problems that would arise therefrom and among them was the new name that was to be given to the Regiment. In an article under "Beyond the Gates" which I wrote at that time I suggested that "The Vikings" would be a good name and gave reasons for it. It gives me, therefore, no small satisfaction to know that I was

first in print in the Regimental Gazette of that day with an idea that has borne fruit.

It passed through my mind that both Regiments, the Norfolks and the Suffolks were born the same year, namely 1685 and that it was actually at Norwich that the Duke of Norfolk raised the Companies that were to become the 12th Regiment of Foot and eventually The Suffolks and that their stations were the Norfolk places of Yarmouth and Lynn. So, out of Norfolk came the Suffolks whose home Depot Town became Bury St. Edmunds at Gibraltar Barracks and they have now gone back to the place of their birth, Britannia Barracks, Norwich.

Yes, think I, as I watch the flawless march of the 1st East Anglians on to the square, there is much in common both in origin and blood to unite the two regiments from which the 1st East Anglian has been formed.

It must be borne in mind that in writing these notes I mentally classify The Cambridgeshire Regiment as an expansion of The Suffolk Regiment. Their long years of association have made those old comrades who belonged to either to regard themselves as one.

As I watched the Colours of the 1st Battalions of the Royal Norfolks and The Suffolks waving in the breeze side by side with the 4th Bn. The Suffolks and the 1st Bn. The Cambridgeshire Regiment and later saw the Colours of the 4th Royal Norfolks marched bravely on to join them my thoughts went back to the Old Volunteer Battalions of the pre 1908 and when I was a very proud boy bugler in the old 2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Suffolk Regiment which, in 1908, became the 5th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment, T.A.

In those far off days, whilst the Regular battalions supplied Instructors and Adjutants, I don't think it could be said that a close relationship existed between Regulars and Territorials. Now, think I, as I watched this union of the Battalions, all that is changed. The links are very close and the members of all regard themselves as comrades of one Regiment.

The 1914 — 18 War very largely helped to bring about this new spirit. The Territorial Battalions of the period took part in the filthy, terrible slaughter of that War just as much as the Regular Battalions and indeed, when the Armistice of 11th November, 1918, arrived were so mixed up in personnel that you could scarcely tell one from the other.

Those 1914 — 18 Battle Honours borne on the Colours flying before us and those of the Second World War, plus the extras such as Korea, what memories they awaken in the large number of Old Comrades of all Battalions looking on! The men who helped to win them.

Of this I am certain, that each of them, no matter what battalion they served in, could not but feel a swelling pride as they watched their successors on parade and admit that it could and was not done better in their own day.

What a setting for that wonderful afternoon. Bounded on one side by the sea and on the other by the estuary of the River Orwell with across the water Harwich so plainly silhouetted in the clear air and beyond, Shotley, home of H.M.S. Ganges, the famous Naval Training Establishment for Boys.

Again memory plays its tricks and my mind goes back to World War One period when the estuary was alive with massive sea-planes, destroyers, mine-sweepers and the like. Normandy Barracks, in which we are now standing was an Air Force Base but, all around, the area was alive with soldiers, mainly Suffolks. Houses by the hundred were used as billets and the Ordnance Hotel was used as an Orderly Room, with various other regimental uses. I remember we had a Sergeants' Mess there and what is now the Pier Pavilion was used as a mess-room, in which hundreds had their meals.

The whole Front and surrounds were barricaded with vast rolls of barbed wire and other means of defence.

Yes, I reflect, as I watched this wonderful parade, this is the same area but today it seems a different world. Indeed it is, for time marches on, bringing with it many changes and especially has this been so in the Army, with all its modern amenities and much better pay. Those of us who were there and could carry our memories back to conditions in the Service fifty and more years ago realise the vast change for the better which has taken place.

Material things can change but one thing we Old Comrades present had which I hope will never change, that is, the sound sense of comradeship and Esprit de Corps which is interpreted as meaning "An attachment to everything that is connected with their Regiment and a firm belief that it is 'Second to None'."

What a heart thrill it gave this afternoon to watch the practical demonstration of this sense of comradeship as Old Comrades greeted each other. The large number present of each of the former separate regiments demonstrated this sense of being a member of a Regiment which carried a very strong family feeling whether it was of the Norfolk, Suffolk or Cambridgeshire family.

Personally I felt as our Colonel-in-Chief, Princess Margaret inspected the Old Comrades that she herself felt this strong sense of Esprit De Corps, comradeship, pride of Regiment and service which seemed to emanate from the bemedalled ranks as she walked slowly along, pausing to speak to one here and there.

The poignant moment arrived. The Old Colours are marched off, to be deposited in their last resting-place, the Regimental Chapels in Norwich Cathedral, St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds and Ely Cathedral. There to hang with other old Colours amid monuments and mementos of the Regiments they represent. In future, to be looked at idly by some, but by Old Comrades with a reverence that many would find it hard to understand. I'll guarantee I wasn't the only one to have a lump in his throat as they disappeared from sight.

But to the Regiment re-born. The new Colours bearing the Battle Honours of the old Regiments are with all due dignity and colourful ceremony presented by the Colonel-in-Chief, Princess Margaret, after their consecration. In slow and quick time the March Past takes place. Once again our spirits are stirred by the March Past tunes of "Rule Britannia" and "Speed the Plough." The Escorts to the Colours, with the new Colours massed in the middle, disappear from sight.

Now comes the time for Old Comrades and guests to participate in the well-organised hospitality of their host, the 1st East Anglians. Animated groups are to be seen all over the place.

Then comes the surge forward to watch the departure of Princess Margaret by helicopter and as it disappears into the sunshine over Harwich the dispersal commences. The end of a memorable afternoon.

God Speed "The Vikings". May they in their search of Valhalla emulate the courage of the Vikings, but never their ruthless brutality, in upholding the Honour of the Colours they now possess.

Dick Warren

(Former writer of "Beyond the Gates.")

### ST. LEGER SWEEPSTAKE

Support of the Association's annual fund raising event during the past two years has been most encouraging.

Over £600 has been made available for the relief of distress among our less fortunate comrades. The recent extremely severe winter was responsible for a considerable increase in unemployment which brought in its train a large number of calls for assistance, particularly in regard to fuel. Every appeal received speedy and sympathetic consideration, and a number of letters of appreciation for assistance given have been received.

The committee of the Past and Present Association are confident of continued help in this important aspect of regimental life and look forward to even better results from the 1963 sweepstake.

### NORFOLK SECTION

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### Dates to Remember

1963.

Sept. 15th—The Freedom of Entry to the County of Great Yarmouth is being presented to 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment on behalf of the 1st East Anglian Regiment.

Sept. 28th—Reunion Dinner at Britannia Barracks.

Oct. 12th—Memorial Service for Nurse Cavell at Life's Green, Norwich Cathedral.

Oct. 25th—Reunion Dinner at King's Lynn.

Nov. 8th—London Branch Reunion Dinner.

Nov. 11th—Remembrance Day Service at the Regimental Memorial Cottages, Norwich.

Dec. 1st—Laying up of old Colours of the 1st and 4th Battalions in Norwich Cathedral.

1964.

Jan. 3rd—Regimental Ball at Norwich.

### **Presentation of Colours to 1st Battalion**

The Norfolk Section was allotted 200 seats at this ceremony. These were divided between the branches of the Association and all O.C.A.s. affiliated to the Regiment, thus ensuring a really representative attendance from the 9th Foot.

Those who had the privilege to be present were most impressed by the precision with which the complicated ceremony was carried out. Whilst the Band and Drums perhaps stole most of the limelight, many old soldiers showed the keenest interest in the drill. "The Brigade of Guards could not have done better" wrote one of them.

### **Regimental Chapel**

In response to the appeal for funds to beautify and embellish the Regimental Chapel in Norwich Cathedral launched a little more than a year ago with a target of £4,000 more than £3,200 has been subscribed. It is hoped that the work already planned will be completed by the end of 1963.

### **Regimental Memorial Cottages**

Mr. H. Shearwood, who had occupied one of our cottages since their erection in 1920, has died at the age of 85. He was severely wounded, early in the first war, but despite this he led a very active life. He was a keen gardener and, until recently, regularly walked to his local tavern for refreshment.

The exterior painting of the four cottages at King's Lynn is being carried out this year.

### **Regimental Museum**

Recent acquisitions to the Museum include the National Rifle Association Prize Certificate awarded to Lieut. J. S. Forrester of the 1st Volunteer Battalion at Bisley in 1892 and his Volunteer Long Service Medal. These were purchased at an auction in Norwich for five shillings.

Mr. Charles Aldridge, D.C.M. has presented a wooden "Perflescope" (Stereoscope) together with a set of views taken in South Africa during the Boer War. The oil painting of General Sir Arthur Borton, Colonel of the Regiment 1889-93, which for many years adorned the wall of the ante-room in the Officers Mess at Britannia Barracks has now been placed in the Entrance Hall to the Museum.

Two silver spoons with the regimental badge which were awarded to Pte. H. H. Tansley of the 2nd Volunteer Bn. 1903 for skill-at-arms have been presented by his widow.

The full-dress tunic worn by Colour Sergeant E. Potter in 1905 of the 4th Volunteer Bn. has been given by one of his grand-daughters. The tunic is in excellent condition.

A periscope used on the tip of the bayonet by troops in the trenches during the Great War of 1914-18 has been presented by Mr. A. C. Cable who served with the 1st Battalion during that period.

Brigadier C. J. Wilkinson has presented a small Webley and Scott .38 revolver which he bought from a Bengal Police Officer when the 1st Bn., of which he was then Adjutant, was stationed in Dacca during the rebellion in 1934. Officers had always to be armed and this unusually small revolver, although

no "toy", was ideal for carrying in a pocket in any order of dress.

Later, when serving with the Palestine Police, 1938 — Captain Wilkinson, as he then was, carried it throughout the Arab rebellion.

Eighteen parties of cadets and schoolchildren, totalling nearly 300, have visited the museum during the past four months.

### **LONDON BRANCH**

**from Mr. S. A. Tuck.**

Our A.G.M. held at the Clarence, Whitehall, in March was attended by nearly forty members. The usual business of the day was very soon run through and when we came to the election of branch officials we knew that Lt.-Col. A. B. Floyd, our Chairman, would not seek re-election. Capt. M. J. Franses had been nominated as Chairman and as there were no other nominations he was voted to the Chair unanimously. Mr. G. Terry was re-elected Treasurer and Mr. Tuck continues as Secretary. Our guest, Brig. F. P. Barclay, was asked to present a silver cigarette box to the retiring Chairman, a gift from all his friends of this branch. Whilst wishing Colonel Floyd the very best of health and happiness it was obvious that those of the 'Hard Core' of this branch were going to miss the guidance he has given during his seventeen years as Chairman.

We wish good fortune to our new Chairman.

The Burma reunion on the 4th May was again attended by over 25 members of the 2nd Battalion. A wonderful night was had by all and it certainly was a pleasure to see those who had come from Norfolk.

Sunday, 9th June was a make or break day for the annual Regimental Cenotaph Parade. Should the numbers attending not show a substantial increase over previous years this was going to be the last parade. The day dawned and we were blessed with wonderful weather. This was in our favour and at 10 a.m. on Horse Guards Parade the band of the 254 Field Regiment and about 24 members of our Association were present. By the time we 'fell in' there were over 70 Old Comrades and a number of wives ready to march to the Cenotaph. Well this was it, although not numbering 100 the annual parade was saved. It was inspected by Brig. F. P. Barclay then moved off under the guidance of our parade Marshal, "Dapper" Bill Street. For once Joe Shackles did not have to struggle with the Branch Banner since there was hardly a breeze. Mr. G. Terry and Mr. H. Griggs carried the wreath to the Cenotaph where it was laid by Major M. F. H. Lightfoot, a very faithful supporter of the London Branch, whilst a bugler sounded the Last Post and Reveille. To the strains of Rule Britannia the Parade marched with heads held high back to the parade ground. Brig. F. P. Barclay thanked everyone for attending and hoped that the rise in attendance would continue in the years to come and called on everyone to play their part in recruiting for this parade to keep it alive.

After the dismiss the majority of us made our way to the Clarence in Whitehall, the H.Q. of the London Branch, for a get-together. It was pleasing to see a number of new faces and we hope it is not the last we will see of them. The usual staunch

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followers were there, including our friend Mrs. Edwards with the rations (we wonder if she will ever speak to Mr. Tuck again). We wish there was room to mention everyone by name but it is certain they will understand why this is not possible. We would ask everyone present to accept our sincere thanks for their support.

It has been suggested that we invite the O.C.A.'s of other East Anglian Regiments to join us on future parades. Should any of their Secretaries read these notes and would like further information, would they kindly get into touch with our Branch Secretary, Mr. S. A. Tuck at 11 Warburton Court, Peckham Rye, London, S.E. 15. Suggestions for improving the attendance are welcomed from any of our readers.

We hope to arrange for a coach to take a party up to Norwich on 28th September for the dinner.

Our own dinner here in London is on Friday, 8th November and a very good evening is guaranteed. It is being held once again at Elverton Street, Westminster (we cannot find a place to beat it) and this will be preceded by our usual ceremony at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

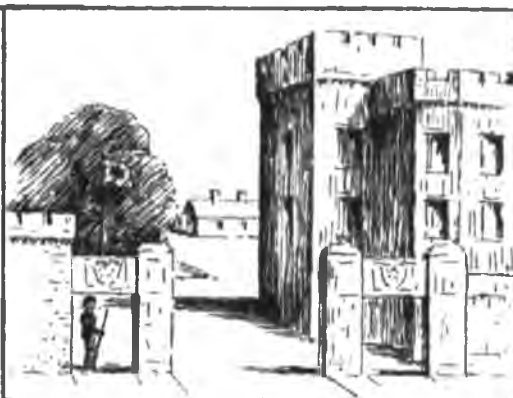
#### 1/6th Battalion O.C.A.

68 Old Comrades of the 1/6th Battalion gathered together at the Royal Hotel, Norwich, on 30th March, 1963 for their annual reunion dinner, an event which has taken place every year since 1919, except for the war years. In the chair was the new president, Mr. S. W. D. Lockwood, C.B.E., supported by Major M. A. Trotter, Captain A. H. Dixon and Lt.-Comdr. H. Cooper (formerly of the 1/6th). Among the many guests were Brigadier F. P. Barclay and Canon Sinnott Davies.

At the suggestion of Major Trotter speeches were kept small in number and very brief so that the time thus saved could be spent in renewing old friendships. This was much appreciated by all those present. Captain W. M. Palmer, attending his last dinner in the capacity of Honorary Secretary of the 1/6th O.C.A., gave an account of the past year's achievements and reported that there was still a total of 208 members on the register.

Brigadier Barclay congratulated the Association on its flourishing condition.

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I must commence this contribution with sincere apologies for the lack of branch news in the last few issues of the Journal.

I have unfortunately been on the sick list and now after two operations I am back at work again.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 8th May, 1963. Quite a few members attended, including

our lady members, who I thank personally for supplying the refreshments.

Our main discussion at the Meeting was the subscription issue. Since the Branch formed in 1947 the subscriptions have been a 1/- per year. But after an overwhelming majority it was decided to raise subscriptions to 2/- which I do not think is out of proportion.

The Branch had an invitation from Cambridge Branch to a social and by all accounts everyone had a good time. Thanks to Capt. Shaw and his Committee for making our members welcome.

We are hoping to arrange a social later in the year.

By the time this Journal news is published the Branch will have visited the 1st Battalion at Felixstowe to see new Colours presented to them by H.R.H. The Princess Margaret.

To close I would like to thank everyone who has enquired of my health whilst I was ill. All thanks to Major Chandler for keeping the ball rolling whilst I was away.

In closing we wish all serving members - ex-members and Branches the best of luck in the future.

### London Branch (from Lt. (Q.M.) Haddow)

At last, and not before time, we appear to be getting more seasonable weather; and I thought that this being so it would increase the attendance at our last (June 15th) Meeting.

The attendance on the whole was very disappointing, notable absentees being Messrs. Shields, Speakman, Woodford, Moulding, Hubbar, Goodson, Lavender, Weston, Hall and Ray and Mrs. Pike. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, 21st September so perhaps we will see them then — anyway lets hope so.

We had a reasonable gathering, however, and it was indeed a great pleasure for me to once again see Bill Barratt, Bob Robertson and his wife Joan (Drew) Mrs. Flynn and her brother and of course I mustn't forget the one and only Harry Elde. Eddy Cooper also attended this meeting after a fairly long absence. We do of course realise that he is committed a great deal with his duties as a swimming official. Incidentally, we all congratulate him on becoming a GRAND-DAD.

We also welcome back to our Meeting Lt.-Col. G. T. E. Grey who has been unavoidably absent so long through illness. We sincerely hope that his health will allow him to attend regularly again.

Unfortunately we will be deprived of the pleasure of the company of Brig. V. C. Russell, D.S.O., M.C. for some time as he is in hospital. We wish him a very speedy recovery and we can be assured that he will be visiting us again as soon as he is able.

I shall miss my yearly visit to Ipswich and Bury St. Edmunds this year owing to there being no Annual Reunion at the end of July; still I look forward to 1964. Meanwhile we wish all our old friends wherever they may be, Happy Days.

### Cambridge Branch

Hello to all old comrades from Cambridge Branch once again.

Having now emerged from this most cold and bitter winter makes me wonder how those very old soldiers who regaled me with stories of buttons melting in the sun in India, have fared, and what method they used to de-ice the said buttons during the cold spell. Old soldiers breath I've no doubt. Joking aside, I sincerely hope they survived the winter since the advancing years do not make it any easier.

On April 6th we visited our nearest Branch, namely Mildenhall, and even if we do not have a riotous assembly there is always the quieter pleasure of meeting old comrades and friends. We spent a very enjoyable evening there.

May 11th saw our postponed Christmas Party in full swing at the Drill Hall, delayed because of the bitter weather and road conditions at the festive season. However, we had a very good gathering, welcoming in Mildenhall and Bury branches, and lots of conversation beginning "Do you remember?"

We hope in all sincerity to see much more of each other in the future and thank all members and wives for their hard work in preparing eats and prizes. I am asked to place on record the passing of 'Bill' Hailstone, who died 8th March, 1963 at Peterborough, aged 69. There must be many among our ranks still who remember Bill, and who will join with the Cambridge Branch in extending our deepest sympathy to his widow, Mrs. 'Lizzie' Hailstone.

I have made two pilgrimages recently in company with ex.-Sgt. nee Drummer, Pilgrim, Bob Mingay and 'Short' Strangward (sorry about the unintended pun). First to Bury on what might be termed an unofficial O.C.A. visit; we enjoyed an evening in the Falcon with quite a number of Bury comrades. Secondly, to Ipswich in May, and I am pleased to say that Chris Pilgrim did find an old comrade after a little searching, namely 'Choker' Spall. He boxed for the Regiment, I believe, before 1914 and the period between the two wars. His record, I believe, was formidable and we are glad to say he is well and in good health. We hope there are many, many years ahead for you, Choker, but its time you hung up the gloves if you haven't already done so. Finally we would welcome any enquiries at Cambridge Branch re old comrades and will do our best to put you in touch if it is possible. We wish all Branches Good Luck and goodbye until next issue.

'H.T.H.'

### Plymouth Branch

Our notes invariably open on a note of sadness these days and this edition is no exception. With deep regret we heard of the tragic deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Reeson in May. Both Bill and Mrs. Reeson had suffered ill-health from time to time but we had all seen some improvement and had all hoped for complete recovery. Their funeral was attended by the President and all possible members and a Regimental wreath was placed. Ex.-O.R.Q.M.S. Reeson left the Regiment on retirement in 1938 and was employed as chief clerk at Plymouth Garrison, later transferred to Infantry Records Office at Exeter, but eventually served as chief clerk to the Married Quarters Administrative Staff, Plymouth. He retired in 1960 at the age of 65. Bill Reeson was the first Secretary of the Plymouth Branch when it was formed in 1948 and he and his wife did much to make it a success. They will be sadly missed as they enjoyed a large circle of friends in the Plymouth area.

One of our old members has now left us for the London area and, we hear, promotion. Jack Milsom now lives at Flat 14C, 14 Thornton Hill, Wimbledon, S.W. 19, (London Branch please note, if he has not already contacted you). We wish Jack and his family all the best of good fortune and trust they will not forget us.

Congratulations are due to our President, Major Blake, who was awarded the M.B.E. in the Birthday Honours List. He shortly leaves for Northern Ireland for a few months.



Regretfully, we could not be represented at the A.G.M. or the presentation of New Colours to the T.A. Battalion, but we were disappointed at there being no reunion this year as a coach-load had made up their minds to support it. Better luck next year.

Our monthly meetings continue to be held at Mutley Barracks and we had an enjoyable games and social evening with the Devonshire Regiment O.C.A. in May. No one gave an official result of the games but a very enjoyable evening was spent and that is all that matters.

In conclusion, if Bill Attwood should read these notes and still remember Tim O' Shaughnessy of Birmingham days, he is now mine host of The Yelverton Hotel, Yelverton, Plymouth. (Note — it is the writer's local).

#### Mildenhall and District Branch

It is with regret that we record the death of two of our members; Mr. Herbert Stebbeds of Mildenhall, and Mr. A. G. Leader of Lakenheath.

Mr. Stebbeds, who served with the 2nd Suffolks in the 1914-18 war, was one of our oldest members, and he joined the branch when it was formed in 1947.

On the social side, an enjoyable evening was spent at the Town Hall, Mildenhall, in April, when members of the Cambridge Branch, and their ladies, were guests at a social organised by our Entertainments Committee.

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