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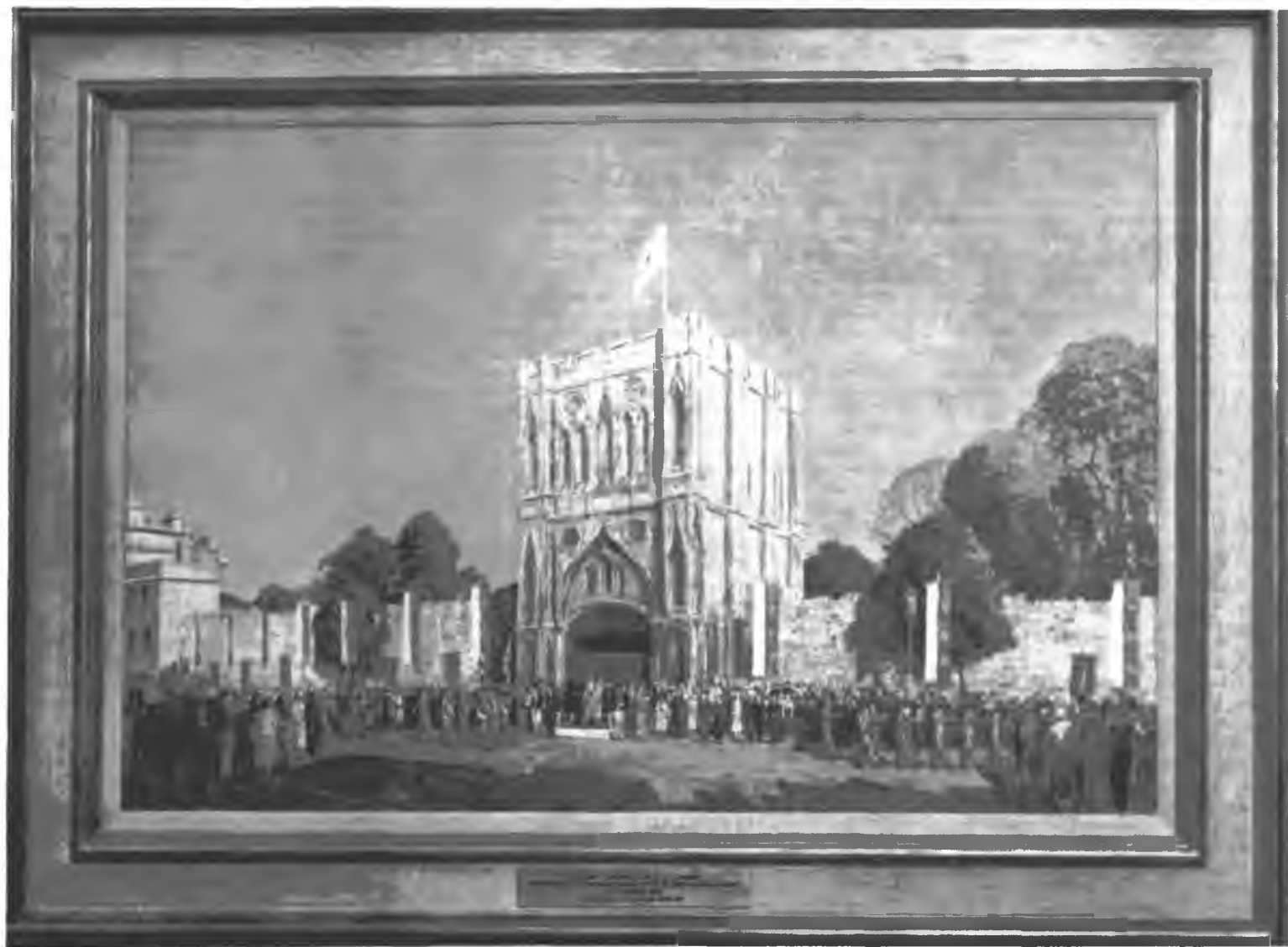


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The Second World War — Defence of Escout — St. Omer — La Bassee — Dunkirk, 1940 — St. Valery-en-Caux — Normandy Landing — Odon — Caen — Le Perier Ridge — Brieux Bridgehead — Falaise — Venrai — Rhineland — Hochwald — Lingen — Brinkum — N.W. Europe, 1940, '44-'45 — Johore — Muar — Batu Pahat — Singapore Island — Malaya, 1942 — North Arakan — Imphal — Kohima — Aradura — Mandalay — Burma, 1943-45.
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Dewar, K. M. J.,
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(Emp. List (I)) ... Ministry of Supply Woolwich.

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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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Dean, P. S. W.
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M.B.E., p.s.c. ... H.Q. I. (BR) Corps

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

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Williams, R. M.
M.C., p.s.c. ... H.Q., 48 Div./West Midland Area

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.s.c., p.s.c. ... H.Q., 1 (BR) Corps, B.A.O.R

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

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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. ... 1st Battalion.

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.
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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.

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

Fleming, F. R.
p.s.c. ... 1st Battalion.

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

Holman, R. M.
p.s.c. (n) ... for 1st Battalion.

Horrex, A. B.
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Captains

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M.B.E. ... 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.)

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

Dean, T. D. ... Staff College, Camberley

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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., (T/Major) ... 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.
p.s.c. (T/Major) ... R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

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

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

Thorne, M. E.
p.s.c. (T/Major) ... Canadian Ministry of Defence.

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

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Rowsell, S. A. J. Royal Sierra Leone Military Forces.
Baily, D. R. B.A.O.R.

Lieutenants

Jefferson, I. W. (T/Capt.) 1st Battalion.
Ross, P. K. R. 1st Battalion.
Horrex, H. R. (T/Capt.) 1st Battalion.
Conder, E. H. Degree Course, R.M.C.S. Shrivenham.
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Abbott, C. A. S. 1st Battalion.
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Reeve, W. H. East Anglian Brigade Depot (H.S.)
Varley, J. A. East Anglian Brigade Depot.
Malim, A. C. 1st Battalion.
Keep, J. H. 1st Battalion.
Child, B. J. S. (B.Sc.) 1st Battalion.

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Thompson, R. H. 1st Bn, 3rd East Anglian Regiment.
Long, P. B. D. 1st Battalion.
Conder, R. S. 1st Battalion.
Barclay, R. P. 1st Battalion.
Calder, A. J. K. 1st Battalion.

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Jasper, G. S. (Major) East Anglian Brigade Depot. (H.S.)
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Pearce, J. L. 1st Battalion.

2nd Lieutenants

Hawkins, W. L. 1st Battalion

Quartermasters

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 Blood, R. R.S.M. 4/6 R. Lincolns (T.A.)

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 Holden, W. C.S.M. 1st Battalion.
 Garman, P. C.S.M. 1st Battalion.

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 Harris, F. 1st Battalion.
 Child, L. Depot East Anglian Brigade.
 Marjoram, I. 1st Battalion
 Mason, R. Federal Army, Aden.
 Jeffrey, J. 1st Battalion.
 Shorter, L. 3 East Anglian.
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 Freeman, N. 1st Battalion (Special Recruiter).
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 Cross, P. A. A. Junior Leaders Regiment.
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 Whales, E. A. I. O. Lincoln.
 Garwood, R. G.H.Q. F.A.R.E.L.F.
 Bates, W. B.E.M. 4 Royal Norfolk (T.A.)
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 Mobius, D. 1st Battalion.
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 King, B. 1st Battalion.

Bullock, H. 1st Battalion.
 Jones, J. 1st Battalion.
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 Jones, H. 1st Battalion.
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 Adams, D. 1st Battalion.
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 Waller, R. 1st Battalion.
 Fenton, D. A.A.S. Arborfield.
 Mixer, L. Bde. Depot.
 Boon, A. 1st Battalion.
 Easlea, J. 1st Battalion.
 Finn, T. 1st Battalion.

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Corporal A/Sgt.

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 Callaghan, R. E. 1st Battalion.
 Martin, D. W. 1st Battalion
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 Pepper, C. 1st Battalion.

Sergeants

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Drum Majors

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 Hitchen, T. C/Sgt. Depot East Anglian Brigade.

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 Paskell, W. P. W.O. II. Rheindalen Garrison.
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EDITORIAL

By the time this issue is published the 1st Battalion will be well established in Aden, having moved there over a period of weeks by plane loads.

We wish them the best of good fortune and a very happy time there.

There is no doubt that it was a happy choice on the part of the powers that be to station the battalion at Felixstowe.

Their tour of duty there has done much to strengthen the links between the Regiment and the counties of East Anglia and to bring together very closely the Regular and Territorial battalions.

Many of the older members of the battalion, together with those of us who went to see one or other of the plane loads off, have been talking of the advantage of sea over air-trooping.

There is no doubt that this was brought home very forcibly to the Battalion Headquarters party of the battalion, who had expected to leave London Airport at 10 p.m. one day and who were still in the London area the following afternoon. They were delayed at first by a breakdown of the aircraft and, while this was being repaired, the fog closed down on flying.

Shades of those lazy trips in the old Nevassa, Dunera and their like.

This issue of the Britannia and Castle follows closely on the last as we are anxious to get our schedule back into normal routine again after the delay last summer for the Presentation of Colours number.

As a result, some of the notes from battalions are shorter than usual. Furthermore, we have been unable to delay publication in order to include reports of the 1st Battalion's arrival in Aden. We expect to include a full story of this in our next issue.

LAYING UP OF COLOURS OF THE 1st AND 4th BATTALIONS OF THE ROYAL NORFOLK REGIMENT

The Colours of the former 1st Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment and the old Colours of the 4th Battalion were laid up in Norwich Cathedral on Sunday, 1st December. The ceremony took place during Mattins when a large congregation including many past and present members of the Regiment attended. The Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Norfolk and the Lord Mayor of Norwich were also present.

The Colours of the 1st Battalion were carried by Lieut. Michael Turner Cain and 2/Lieut. Robin Barclay, sons of two former Commanding Officers of the battalion, both of whom were among the congregation.

The Colours of the 4th Battalion were carried by Lieuts. P. J. Farrington and P. H. Misselbrook.

After a fanfare of trumpets played by bandsmen of the 1st Battalion, the Colours were handed to the Dean by Brigadier F. P. Barclay with the words "These old Colours of the 1st and 4th Battalions of the Royal Norfolk Regiment I now deliver into your hands for safe custody within the walls of our Regimental Chapel of St. Saviour."

The Dean replied "We accept these Colours for safe keeping in the Regimental Chapel and, having first offered them on the altar of God, we will see that they are duly placed in the position appointed for them."

Lessons were read by the Commanding Officers of the 1st and 4th Battalions, Lieut-Colonel J. B. Dye and Lieut-Colonel A. J. Robertson respectively. The sermon was preached by the Suffragan Bishop of Willesden, The Right Rev'd. G. E. Ingle who was commissioned into the 4th Battalion in 1914 and fought with the 1st Battalion in France during the Great War.

LAYING UP OF THE COLOURS OF THE 1st AND 4th BATTALIONS THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT

The ceremony of the laying up of the Colours took place in St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday 30th November 1963.

The Colours of the 1st Battalion The Suffolk Regiment were those presented by H.R.H. Princess Margaret at Wuppertal, Germany on 23rd May 1955, and those of the 4th Battalion (TA) were presented by King Edward VII at Windsor on 9th July 1909. They were the original colours of the battalion.

The two sets of Colours carried by four ensigns and the two Colour Parties slow marched up the aisle of the church to the tune of the Regimental Slow March. At the altar rails, the 1st Battalion Colours were taken by the Colonel of the Regiment (Major General Sir Richard Goodwin) and handed to the Vicar of St. Mary's (Canon R. C. R. Godfrey) who placed them on the altar. The 4th Battalion Colours were then handed to Canon Godfrey by the Honorary Colonel of the battalion (Colonel Sir Robert Gooch.)

A short service followed, which included an address by Canon Godfrey, who referred to the significance of the Colours.

After the ceremony, which was attended by some two hundred and fifty people, including The Mayor and Mayoress of Bury St. Edmunds, tea was served in the Athenaeum.

Both sets of Colours will shortly be hung in the Regimental Chapel in St. Mary's Church.

REGIMENTAL NEWS

FIXTURES FOR 1964

July 9th—12th Regimental Cricket in East Anglia.
July 17th—19th East Anglian Brigade Weekend.
October 9th Regimental Dinner and Tea Party at the Army & Navy Club.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Colonel of the Regiment has received the following letter from the Private Secretary to the Colonel-in-Chief.

"I am bidden by Princess Margaret to thank you for your Christmas Card, which the Colonel-in-Chief greatly appreciated.

"Her Royal Highness and Lord Snowdon send to you and all Ranks The 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year."

Laying up of Colours of 1st and 4th Battalions The Royal Norfolk Regiment in the Regimental Chapel, Norwich Cathedral.



Brigadier F. P. Barclay hands the Queen's Colour of the 1st Battalion to the Dean, the Very Reverend Norman Hook.

(By courtesy of the Eastern Daily Press)

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



The entry of the Colours.

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It is with great pleasure that we republish the following extract from Eastern Command Order No. 29 of 1964 :—

"14747109 COLOUR SERGEANT J. W. JONES, 1st BATTALION 1st EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT

On 23rd October, 1963 Colour Sergeant Jones, Army Information Office, Ipswich, went to the assistance of a Sergeant and Constable of the Ipswich police who were having great difficulty in trying to quell a disturbance by about ten drunken and violent civilians. Colour Sergeant Jones grappled with one man who was armed with a heavy wheel brace and helped the police to arrest him.

The man was subsequently brought to trial, when the Magistrates publicly thanked Colour Sergeant Jones for his assistance to the police. A letter of appreciation and thanks has also been received from the Chief Constable.

The G.O.C.-in-C. commends Colour Sergeant Jones for his distinguished and gallant conduct in carrying out his duty as a citizen and soldier and directs that an entry be made in his documents in accordance with Queen's Regulations paragraph 1633 (o)."

The Regiment congratulates Colour Sergeant Jones on setting such a fine example of devotion to duty in unusual and difficult circumstances.

DEPUTY COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Colonel W. A. Heal has been appointed Deputy Colonel of the Regiment during the time that the Colonel of the Regiment is stationed abroad.

REGIMENTAL DINNER AND TEA PARTY

The annual dinner of the Officers Dinner Club was held at the United Service Club on 29th November, 1963. The Colonel of the Regiment presided and Colonel J. W. Denny, O.B.E. M.C., Brigade Colonel, The East Anglian Brigade, was the guest of the Club. The following officers attended the dinner :—

Major General Sparks, Brigadiers Backhouse, Barclay, Innes-Hopkins Turner-Cain and Wight, Colonels Barnadiston, Carroll, Conder, Cutbill, Freeman-Taylor, Hallett & Heal, Lt. Colonels Atkins, Bevan, Brinkley, Dean, Dewar, Dye, Flower, Fraser, Grey, Haycraft, Hinde, Knights Marshall, Meneer, Monier-Williams, Montgomerie, Murray Brown, Parkin, Petit, Robertson, Sperling, Springfield, Thursby and Wells, Majors, Briegel, Browne, Burton, Calder, Churchill, Clarke, Creasey, Deller, Emsden, Fleming, Lummis, McArthur, Mason, Power, Pullen, Rogers, Starling, Straghan, Styles, and Turnbull, Captains Coates, Ford, B. J. M. Gunton Hall Tipping, Heath, Jones, Keatley, Lewis, North, Peat, D. C. Thorne, M. E. Thorne, Trollope and Wilson and Messrs. Barclay, Child, E. H. Conder, R. S. Conder, Hawkins, Malim, Keep, Long, Lunn, Pearce, Reeve, Ross, Turner-Cain and Varley.

Prior to the Dinner, a Regimental tea party was held at the United Service Club. Some forty officers and their wives attended.

It had been intended that a silver statuette of an Officer in the Uniform of 1685 should be presented to Brigadier R. H. Maxwell at the dinner. Unfortunately, he was unable to be present as he had broken a bone in his hip. The statuette was handed to Brigadier Maxwell before the dinner and was displayed at the dinner. A photograph of it appears elsewhere in this issue.

7th BATTALION THE ROYAL NORFOLK REGIMENT, NORMANDY OFFICERS DINNER CLUB

The eighteenth Annual Dinner took place at the Dorset House Restaurant, Gloucester Place, London N.W.1. on Saturday 26th October 1963.

Those present were :— P. W. Buckenfield, J. L. Carpenter, F. H. Crocker M.C., A. Hammond, P. McNunn, Dr. A. D. Payne, N. G. Pettifar, P. Pettit, D.S.O., E. Ridger, E. Seavancke, F. J. A. Smith, M. Tonge and H. J. Walker, D.S.O.

To avoid clashing with the 1st Battalion's D.V. Club dinner which is held annually on the last Saturday in October, the 7th Battalion proposes to hold their 1964 dinner on 7th November.

WOLFE SOCIETY

Captain R. G. Wilson represented the regiment at the annual dinner of the Wolfe Society held at Westerham, Kent, General Wolfe's birthplace, on 2nd January, 1964.

REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION

During 1963 this Association placed 5303 ex Regular Soldiers in jobs out of a total of 7140 who registered for employment, a percentage of placings to registrations of 74%. 52 men of the Regiment were found employment during the year.

SUFFOLK REGIMENTAL TIES

A limited stock of Suffolk Regimental Ties are available from H. J. White (Hatters) Ltd., 8 Burlington Gardens, London W.1.

These ties are being offered for sale at 5/- each.

GENERAL NEWS

Crown Woods School, Eltham, S.E.9.

In September 1964, the London County Council plan to open a 120-place boarding hostel at their Crown Woods School, Eltham, S.E.9.

This is a Comprehensive Secondary School with just under 2000 boys and girls. The boarding house has been established primarily to meet the educational needs of children of Service families stationed overseas. Children of both "grammar" and "modern" abilities will be considered for boarding vacancies, provided they are over 11 and under 17 years of age.

The boarding house will be entirely self-contained, with dormitory accommodation and living quarters for pupils and residential staff, as well as a sick bay, dining room, common rooms and recreation rooms. Tuition will be free but parents will be expected to contribute toward the cost of boarding their children, according to their income.

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The silver statuette presented to Brigadier R. H. Maxwell on relinquishing the appointment of Colonel, the 1st East Anglian Regiment.

Application forms have been distributed through Service channels and should be available from your nearest Army Education Centre, or through any Royal Army Educational Corps Officer. Completed application forms must be returned to the School by 31st March 1964.

The Brigade Golf Meeting, 1964.

The meeting will be held at the Flempton Golf Club near Bury St. Edmunds on Friday 17th July 1964.

It will be open to all Officers, Regular and T.A. serving or retired.

It will begin at about 09.30 hrs. and the events will include Scratch, Handicap and Bogey competitions run concurrently during the morning, followed by a Stableford Foursome in the afternoon.

On the Saturday morning a Brigade Team will be formed to play the Flempton Golf Club.

Lunch and tea will be provided at the Club House.

Details and entry forms will be issued in May.

PERSONALIA

We are delighted to learn of the promotion of the Colonel of the Regiment to the rank of Lieutenant-General. Captain J. Y. Morriss has joined him as his A.D.C. at H.Q. 1st (British) Corps in Germany.

The Regiment received a good deal of prominence in the New Year Honours List in which Major Generals M. A. H. Butler and I. H. Freeland were awarded the C.B. and Colonel W. C. Smith the C.B.E. We offer them hearty congratulations.

We are very pleased to learn of Brigadier G. R. Turner-Cains forthcoming promotion to Major General when he takes up the appointment of Major-General i/c Administration, Far East Land Forces in April. We wish him and Mrs. Turner-Cain a pleasant stay in the Far East.

Congratulations to Captain R. G. Wilson upon his engagement to Miss Rachel Mary Bagnall of Hockham Lodge, Shropham, Norfolk.

It was with deep sorrow that we learned of the death, as a result of an accident, of David the only child of Major and Mrs. A. Joanny which occurred on 3rd December, 1963 at the age of 15 years. We assure Joe and Edith of our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss.

The twin brothers, Captains D. C. and M. E. Thorne have been given Grade II staff appointments at the conclusion of their Staff College courses.

David has gone to the R.A.F. Staff College at Cranwell as Army Instructor, and hopes to be available for regimental cricket during the summer. Michael has gone to Ottawa to join the staff of the Canadian Ministry of Defence. We hope they will enjoy their new jobs.

Major General I. H. Freeland is now G.O.C. British Troops in Kenya and has as his A.D.C., Captain R. D. Gowing.

The Revd. T. R. Fisher has moved from Melton Mowbray to the Rectory at Husbands Bosworth, Warwickshire.

Major A. W. Blackmore, now with the R.A.S.C., writes from Singapore to say that he has been in Brunei for a year with the Ghurkhas and has now

returned to Singapore. He has met quite a number of regimental friends there including Major and Mrs. Peter Thain, Major Adrian Gillmore, and Major and Mrs. Frank Albrow whom he had not seen for ten years.

Mr. Sidney Larter has decided to resign after nearly fifty years' service in and for the Army. After qualifying for a pension on completing 21 years service with R.A.S.C., Staff Sergeant Larter retired and joined the Barrack Service. Some fourteen years later he transferred to the Quartermaster's Staff of Depot The Royal Norfolk Regiment rising to Clerical Officer grade. In 1959, when he had reached the official age for retirement, Mr. Larter accepted the offer of employment as a typist at R.H.Q. and gave splendid service for the next four years. Now at 69, he has decided to resign and devote more attention to his garden and to bowls. We wish him a very happy retirement.

Although not a member of R.H.Q. Staff we have to say good-bye to another old servant at Britannia Barracks in the person of Mr. 'Tug' Wilson, the groundsman for the past fifteen years. Mr. Wilson hopes to be able to go to California to visit his two daughters who are married to American servicemen before he settles down to the expert cultivation of his garden.

Mr. P. Watts retired in November last from the appointment of Officers Mess Steward at the East Anglian Brigade Depot.

He joined the Suffolk Regiment in 1915 and served until 1928, when he became the Mess Steward of the Officers Mess Depot, the Suffolk Regiment. He stayed on in that appointment when the Depot became the East Anglian Brigade Depot. During all this time, Mrs. Watts has been the cook in the Mess.

For many years, it had been the custom for officers visiting the Depot to call on Mr. and Mrs. Watts. They will be much missed. We wish them



Mr. Percy Watts who recently retired after nearly fifty years service in and for the Regiment.

(By courtesy of the Bury Free Press)

every happiness in their retirement at Exning near Newmarket.

Their place has been taken by ex-R.Q.M.S. Calver B.E.M., and Mrs. Calver. Mr. Calver has just retired after 32 years service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Births

THORNE.—On 21st September 1963 at Aldershot to Captain and Mrs. D. C. Thorne a son Edward Eaton Calthorp.

BIDWELL.—On 5th October 1963 to Pte. and Mrs. G. Bidwell a daughter Teresa Denise.

CRISTIE.—On 8th October 1963 to L/Cpl. and Mrs. W. Cristie a daughter Katherine Ann.

HALL.—On 12th October 1963 to Cpl. and Mrs. C. Hall a daughter Angela Joy.

STAFF.—On 28th October 1963 to Pte. and Mrs. P. Staff a daughter Janette Ann.

GEE.—On 16th November 1963 to Pte. and Mrs. M. Gee a daughter Mandy Marilyn.

CRABB.—On 18th November at Ipswich to Pte. and Mrs. V. Crabb a son Richard Edward.

Marriages

BAKER—CARR.—On 5th October 1963 at Frimley St. Martin, Pte. R. Baker to Gwendoline Carr.

BLOOMFIELD—DOWNER.—On 12th October 1963 at Felixstowe, Pte. M. Bloomfield to Margaret Anne Downer.

GREENWOOD—ADCOCK.—On 12th October 1963 at Norwich, L/Cpl. R. Greenwood to Carol Ann Adcock.

HARPER—BLAKE.—On 12th October 1963 at Harwich, L/Cpl. D. Harper to Wendy Ellen Blake.

MOSS—YAPP.—On 12th October 1963 at Samford, Pte. F. Moss to Rosemarie Ann Yapp.

LINES—TELKE.—On 23rd October 1963 at Surrey North, Cpl. R. Lines to Antji Barbara Telke.

STARLING—TAYLOR.—On 26th October 1963 at Felixstowe, Pte. H. Starling to Susan Taylor.

CRAIG—BURDETT.—On 26th October 1963 at Grantham, Pte. W. Craig to Iris Rose Burdett.

DUNNETT—STURGES.—On 9th November 1963 at Walton, Pte. V. Dunnett to Veronica Anne Sturges.

REAL—DODD.—On 23rd November 1963 at Felixstowe, Pte. P. Real to Lynn Dodd.

DEVONSHIRE—TURNER.—On 23rd November at Newmarket, Pte. M. Devonshire to Mary Agnes Turner.

SQUIRES—CRISP.—On 23rd November 1963 at Kirby Kane, Pte. A. Squires to Alice Ann Crisp.

ELLIS—SYSON.—On 23rd November 1963 at Colchester, L/Cpl. G. Ellis to Carroll Syson.

MORTIMER—NORMAN.—On 30th November 1963 at Newmarket, Pte. L. Mortimer to Elsie Florence Norman.

HERD—BOWDLER.—On 7th December 1963 at Great Yarmouth, Pte. R. Herd to Margaret Ann Bowdler.

WHITMAN—HUBERT.—On 7th December 1963 at Ipswich, Pte. G. Whitman to Wendy Marie Hubert.

WINNEY—FLECKNOE.—On 14th December 1963 at Walton, Pte. E. Winney to Linda Ann Flecknoe.

IRELAND—LONG.—On 14th December 1963 at Trimley St. Martin, Pte. A. Ireland to Shirley Ann Long.

BATTLE—HUMPHREY.—On 14th December 1963 at Debden, Pte. G. Battle to Doreen Ann Humphrey.

GEE—MANN.—On 14th December 1963 at Dovercourt, Pte. P. Gee to Pamela Jean Mann.

DEVINE—MUMFORD.—On 23rd December 1963 at Willesden, Pte. B. Devine to Angela Jean Mumford.

Deaths

COPEMAN.—On 24th October 1963 at 8 Wetherden Road, Elmswell, Bury St. Edmunds, Wilfred Peter Hazelwood Copeman, late The Suffolk Regiment, aged 59 years.

MURREY-WALKER.—On 25th October 1963 at Warminster, Major. Kenneth Murray-Walker M.B.E., F.L.A.S., late The Suffolk Regiment.

WOODS.—On 30th October 1963 at West Norwich Hospital, Frank Charles Woods late 6th Battalion Norfolk Regiment.

CROCKFORD.—On 25th November 1963 at Queen Alexandra's Hospital, Millbank, In Pensioner Frederick Thomas Crockford, late The Suffolk Regiment, aged 70 years.

JICKLING.—On November 16th 1963 in a Nursing Home Lieut.-Colonel Charles Maurice Jickling. O.B.E., late Royal Norfolk Regiment.

OLIVER.—On 7th December 1963 at Bury St. Edmunds Lieut.-Colonel Brian Edward Oliver M.B.E., T.D., D.L., late The Suffolk Regiment.

HALE.—On 15th December 1963 at Yeovil, The Revd. Warren Stormes Hale late The Suffolk Regiment.

CANDLER.—On 21st December 1963 at B.L.E.S.M.A. Home, Southsea, Harry Candler late The Suffolk Regiment, aged 78 years.

SARGENT.—On 27th December 1963 at Enfield, Middlesex, Lieutenant (Q.M.) Enkanah Sargent, late the Norfolk Regiment, aged 80 years.

FIRTH.—On 30th December 1963 at Colchester, Horace Augustus Firth a former Regimental Sergeant Major, The Suffolk Regiment.

HASSELL.—On 16th January 1964 at Caterham, Captain Albert Marmaduke Hassell late The Royal Norfolk Regiment, aged 85 years.

OBITUARY

Lieut-Colonel C. M. Jickling O.B.E.

Charles Maurice Jickling was commissioned into the 3rd Battalion Norfolk Regiment in 1898 and fought in the South African and in the Great War. He became a Lieut. Colonel in 1917.

After the war Colonel Jickling took an active part in the arrangements for the erection of the

Regimental Memorial Cottages on Mousehold Heath and continued to serve on the Committee for some years despite the fact that he had moved to live in Surrey for which county he was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1927. His only son, Charles Benjamin Kemp Jickling, joined the Regiment from Sandhurst in 1936 and lost his life in tragic circumstances in Germany just before the end of the war in 1945. Colonel Jickling leaves a widow to whom we extend our deep sympathy.

Reverend W. S. Hale

Warren Hale joined the 2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment in the autumn of 1916. He was then only 17 years of age and had previously served in the Guards. He was badly wounded very soon after joining the Battalion.

After the war he graduated at Cambridge and was ordained in 1927. He was vicar of Long Sutton from 1939 until 1963.

Lieut. Colonel B. E. Oliver. M.B.E., T.D., D.L.

Colonel Oliver's association with the Suffolk Regiment began when he joined the 2nd Volunteer Battalion prior to the raising of the Territorial Army to which he transferred in 1908. He commanded the Sudbury Company of the 5th Battalion with whom he served at Gallipoli in 1915. Before the war ended Colonel Oliver saw more service in Egypt and Palestine and became a Divisional Staff Officer.

Back in civilian life he did a great deal for ex-servicemen and was for a time president of the Bury St. Edmunds branch of the British Legion.

Brigadier Backhouse represented the Regiment at the funeral together with a number of former members including Lt. Col. J. W. Josselyn and Major J. F. Moody. Major. A. Storey of the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment was also present.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE

29th October 1963

TERRITORIAL ARMY THE SUFFOLK & CAMBRIDGESHIRE REGIMENT

Sgt. Derek Edward Latchford to be 2/Lt. (on probation) 20th Sept. 1963.

Pte. Ian Hamish Patterson to be 2/Lt. (on probation) 20th Sept. 1963.

15th November 1963

TERRITORIAL ARMY THE SUFFOLK & CAMBRIDGESHIRE REGIMENT

Capt. A. Storey to be Major 14th October 1963.

19th November 1963

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. (Q.M.) C. E. Howard to be Major (Q.M.) 20th November 1963.

22nd November 1963

REGULAR ARMY

Major (Q.M.) F. J. Albrow is placed on retired pay 26th November 1963.

29th November 1963

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Major-General Sir Richard Goodwin, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. late Inf. is appointed General Officer Commanding 1 (B.R.) Corps, and is granted the temporary rank of Lt.-General 3rd December 1963.

Major-General Sir Richard Goodwin, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. late Inf. relinquishes his appointment as General Officer Commanding East Africa Command 1st November 1963.

Major-General I. H. Freeland, D.S.O. late Inf. is appointed General Officer Commanding East Africa Command 1st November 1963.

REGULAR ARMY

The u/n Lt.-Cols. to be Supernumary to Establishment on the dates shown :—

A. F. Campbell, M.C. 1st December 1963.

H. C. Harvey. (Emp. List (i)). 2nd December 1963.

R.S.M. Burton. (Emp. List (i)). 4th December 1963.

20th December 1963

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. D. R. Bailey to be Capt. 20th December 1963.

24th December 1963

TERRITORIAL ARMY ROYAL NORFOLK

Major. B. E. Dillon M.B.E. resigns his commission 21st October 1963.

3rd January 1964

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Major-General Sir Richard Goodwin K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. late Inf. to be Lt.-General 3rd December 1963.

1st EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION

If you have served, or are still serving, in either the 1st East Anglian, Royal Norfolk or Suffolk Regiments and are not already a member of your Regimental Association, you should join the 1st East Anglian Regiment Past and Present Association.

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1st BATTALION

BATTALION REVIEW

The Battalion moved by rail to Westdown Camp at Tilshead on Sunday 27th October and spent ten days exercising at Company and Battalion level. On two Battalion night attacks H hr. coincided with a cloud burst but despite the weather the training was a satisfactory conclusion to our conventional European training.

On the 11th November the Battalion provided the Band and Drums and a contingent for the Armistice Day service in St. John's Church, Felixstowe, and then internal Security training in preparation for Aden got into full swing with "B" Company giving a demonstration of dispersing a mob. The "crowd" would have done justice to a Hollywood director.

The new G.O.C., Major General R. A. Fyffe, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. carried out his administrative inspection of the Battalion on 12th December, after which the Christmas festivities began with the Corporals' Mess Dance the following evening. The Battalion Children's Party was held on 18th December, followed by the traditional Christmas dinner the next day.

Block leave from 20th December to 6th January came as a welcome break in the task of preparing for the move to Aden, and the Advance Party left for Aden on the 5th January. The problems of a Battalion air move are keeping the Adjutant and his staff busy until the small hours of the morning. In this modern age every man travels in plain clothes as a Government Official, clutching his passport and overnight bag. We leave from London Airport at 10 p.m. and have lunch in Aden the next day. The elder brethren are thinking nostalgically of the unhurried days of travel by troopship.

And so we say farewell . . .

OFFICERS' MESS

The past quarter has been a period in which the "usual unusual" periods of activity have been rather more frequent than the periods of unusual calm. Aden has loomed ever larger on the horizon, and Mess conversations seem to centre on that, except for a small band who seem to have switched their

minds off all subjects except pheasants until 1st February. We suspect they will arrive at their planes direct from Stanford P.T.A. — Alec Turnbull did in fact emplane clutching a brace of pheasants.

Mess activities in the period under review involved a fairly hectic guest night, when a select band were guests of H.M.S. Ganges. The post-prandial physical side of the evening was, however, a minor hazard compared with the boat journey across the estuary from Felixstowe in a 40-knot gale. On returning to play hockey the next day we found that three naval officers had limbs in plaster. We are not sure if this is a sign of our extra agility, or if some Senior Service plan went badly wrong.

A unique and memorable lunch party was held on Friday 6th December when we entertained the Mayor and members of the Council of Bury St. Edmunds. This was to celebrate the presentation of an oil painting by the citizens of Bury to mark the granting of the Freedom of entry into the Borough to the Regiment. The painting was commissioned by the Mayor and painted by Mr. Cavendish-Morton, the well known East Anglian artist, who was also present at the lunch.

On the 12th December the Mess entertained the G.O.C., Major General Fyffe, and his staff to lunch during his annual administrative inspection of the Battalion.

The high point in the Mess was undoubtedly the Ladies Guest Night, at which we were delighted to have amongst our guests the Colonel of the Regiment and Lady Goodwin. There were 72 of us, and somehow everyone was fitted in and served with an excellent dinner by the Mess staff. General Goodwin made a most entertaining speech during which, in referring to his early career, he must have encouraged those younger officers who were listening in their more diverse activities. The Commanding Officer subsequently quelled the rowdier elements into actually singing carols after dinner, and then the steel Band played until 5 a.m. It was not surprising that a few people were rather pianissimo at lunch the next day.

On 7th December the Mess was loaned to the Friends of Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral for a fund raising wine tasting; this turned out to be a most enjoyable and successful function.

On the 19th December the Mess entertained the Sergeants and the Sergeants launched a counter-attack in their Mess the following day. As usual these were lively occasions.

After this the Mess was very quiet over Christmas and the New Year. Then packing up took away most of our possessions which will not reappear until Aden. How we shall manage without Charles Trollope to tell us where each and every item is we haven't yet decided. Perhaps this would be an appropriate place to thank Charles for his work with the silver and pictures. If he does as good a job with his apples all will be well.

Our final entertainment was a cocktail party on 10th January to say goodbye to the many friends we have made in the area since our arrival in Felixstowe in October 1962.

Now it only remains to say goodbye and good luck to Charles Trollope, Tim Chatting and Roger Hurles, who are all retiring shortly and to Mike Gunton who is going to the Brigade Depot.

We welcome Tony Calder from the R.M.A. and Ken Lywood, Frank Fleming, Ingleby Jefferson and Hugh Horrex who have all rejoined the

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Battalion in time for our sunshine tour. We are also especially glad to see Lt. (Q.M.) R. Baldry on first commission, and welcome him to the Regiment.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Once again the time comes to record our activities and, as usual, they have been varied. Late October we were off to savour the delights of Salisbury Plain for ten days. The mess at Tilshead was very comfortable, thanks to the excellent efforts of Sgt. Lawson and his staff. Unfortunately, we didn't have much time to enjoy it. The weather on the "Plain" ran true to form, cold and very, very wet. After pushing "F" Echelon up many miles of track the R.S.M. is convinced that our transport runs on man-power and not horse power. Members are most indebted to the "Phantom Chalker" for his lucid descriptions and directions; it made life that bit easier. Finally to end the Saga of the Plain it is certain two of the C/Sgts., Messrs. Jeffries and Harris are now convinced that the furniture removing business is not as profitable as they first thought.

On the social side the mess "Vic Parnall, C.S.M. Conboy, has done us proud. The climax of these activities being the Mess Dinner on the 6th December, when we had the honour of entertaining the Commanding Officer, Company Commanders and their ladies. C.S.M. Conboy (again) and his committee transformed the dining room in the cookhouse for the occasion, 126 guests and members sat down to an excellent dinner prepared by "Q" Woodcock and his staff to whom we extend our thanks. The dinner was followed by a Dance and Social in the Mess, music provided by our own "Fascinators" who helped to make the evening a "roaring" success.

On the 12th December the G.O.C. arrived and carried out his annual administrative inspection, visiting the Mess and meeting all members personally.

The day after the Inspection it suddenly dawned on us that we were off on leave within a week and Aden in five weeks, so a frenzy of packing followed and soon the Mess looked quite bare and rather forlorn, the only things left being our numerous Christmas cards, but everything was ready to be despatched to set up "home" in Aden.

Our congratulations are extended to S/Sgt. Tiffy Ridout and Sgt. Beckett on their recent marriages and to them and their wives, every future happiness. These notes are being written in the cold, wet and windy weather of Felixstowe; when you read them we will have almost completed three months service in Aden — a crystal ball is not required to foretell that the weather will be the very opposite.

"A" COMPANY

The thing that one remembers most clearly on sitting down to write this lot of Journal notes is that we were actually asked for them before we saw the last lot in print. On this we congratulate the sub-editor.

Since we last wrote, life has been its usual round of rushing to keep up with the last change in the situation. However, as usual, we managed to cope. Freedom Parades in Ipswich, Bury St. Edmunds and Norwich were the high spots of the period. Suffice it to say that we in "A" Company enjoyed them — especially Pte. Stark's remarks on being faced with free beer and cigarettes in Norwich. Whether he spoke as a member of the "Affluent

Society" or as a "Soldier of the Sixties" we are not quite sure.

Despite our ceremonial commitments we have managed to wear our steel helmets quite frequently and have once again been victorious at Stanford and on Salisbury Plain. It will, however, be a long time before we forget the night attack in the rain on November 4th.

Since returning from Salisbury Plain, training has been mainly of an Internal Security nature in preparation for Aden, and we now know how to disperse an unruly mob — we only hope it works!

On December 12th we had the Annual Administration Inspection. As a result of his forecasting of our task, we suggest Major Deller either subscribes to "Old Moores Almanac" or gives up horse racing — a kit layout wasn't at all what he — or we — expected. However we managed, even if Lt. Hawkins did tell the General "Normally we have a monthly kit check, but this week we've had seven."

No sooner had we finished with the Admin. Inspection than we rushed down to Colchester to give a demonstration to the T.A., on the Company in Defence. They all agreed that they had never seen anything quite like it before. As the Brigadier congratulated us, we assumed they meant this in the nicest possible way.

The next stop is Aden and we are all ready to move, complete with library, Tombola and all the other little things that go to make life more bearable in outlandish places. Everybody is expecting that the Adenites will provide us with a riot on arrival, which would be, to quote C.S.M. Bullock "delightful." L/Cpl. Davies is also ready for all eventualities on the Yemen Border. Perhaps it's hereditary nostalgia for the border struggle of bygone days, on the Welsh Border.

There are many new faces in the Company since the last issue of notes; particularly we welcome back Sgt. King and Pte. Doherty (who almost predictably came into the Company simultaneously with Major Deller). Congratulations on well deserved promotions to L/Cpls. Whiteman and Morton and to Cpl. Kett.

We also congratulate on their marriages, Ptes. Bloomfield, Devonshire, Mortimer and Squires, and Pte. Gee on the birth of a daughter.

We say good-bye and good luck to Captain Morriss who left us to act as A.D.C. to the Colonel of the Regiment, and we welcome Lt. P. K. R. Ross who joins from the Intelligence Section as Company 2/I.C.

We regretfully say good-bye to many well known characters, including particularly Sgt. Martin (who tells us he is going to "soften up" the youth of East Anglia preparatory to inveigling them into joining us. Having seen him in action in the Barrack Room, this we would like to see). Also to Cpl. "Charlie" Shuttlewood, who for so long told the Company Commander and C.S.M. what actually was happening in the Company. To both of them and all other ex-members of "A" Company — Good luck wherever you may be.

"B" COMPANY

We began our activities during the autumn period with a two-day exercise in October, held at Stanford, in which we dug in and patrolled against "C" Company. The main lesson which we learnt was how to capture a Platoon H.Q. at night unarmed!

The quantity of beer drunk during the Freedom Parades denoted the enthusiasm for these parades. This was all good training for the Battalion Cross Country Race, which was held on Friday afternoon. We were not quite sure if this was to add incentive to catch the 4.25 bus. All the same we won the Inter-Company Cup. Cpl. Dixon and Pte. O'Brien went on to represent the Battalion in the District Cross Country Championships.

Shortly afterwards we all went to Tilshead on Salisbury Plain, to wind up our general warfare training. Any man who failed to learn to swim will never do so, for we certainly had plenty of opportunity. The C.S.M. saw the funny side of O.C. "F" Echelon, murmuring through the mud about "Shoulders to the wheel" or something similar. We never did see our Mo-bats. On the Platoon "March and Shoot" competition, 6 Platoon lost their title by .25 of a point to 8 Platoon. 5 Platoon reckon that they won the blister competition and were upset when the Company Commander declined to subsidise their medicine. 7 Platoon learnt that shooting plays a big part in soldiering, for they were leading up to the shooting. On the last exercise the Company put in a counter attack at such a speed that the R.S.M. never had time to unwrap himself, and swears that we cheated.

Since Tilshead we have been concentrating on our new role of Internal Security. The Company laid on a demonstration of Crowd Dispersal for the rest of the Battalion and under several critical eyes passed muster, thanks to Sgt. Kelly and his crowd. Our training culminated in a Company turnout, watched by various members of the Battalion. 6 Platoon with a system of hieroglyphics on their steel helmets managed quite successfully to detract the audience from the point of the exercise.

The Administrative Inspection has at last come and gone after much sock buying, boot studding and gambling on the prospects of "turnout." The Company Commander was way out in his appreciation of the situation. He will leave all future betting to the C.S.M. who, it appears, is more successful.

Now we are all preparing for Aden, and once again we have numerous farewells and welcomes to make since we were last in print. The sad day has come after 18 years in the Battalion when C.S.M. Evans leaves us to go to the Depot. We cannot thank him enough for all the help and work that he has put into the Company. Everyone wishes him the best of luck. The one consolation, C.S.M., is that Newmarket is much nearer. Lt. Keep has been requisitioned by the Adjutant as his assistant, and is fast learning how to initiate returns to be in by yesterday. Sgt. Taylor went to our Sp. Platoon and has since been seen in P.T. kit — a sight for sore eyes. Isles also went to keep him company. Cpl. Crane has vanished into the Officers Mess. L/Cpl. Stocker has departed to prepare the ground for the C.S.M. at the Depot, so at least he will have someone to talk to. Bessey, Robinson, Thacker and King have gone to bolster up some of the weaker departments.

We welcome nineteen newcomers to the Company — Lt. Malim, Sgt. Sharpe, Cpl. Wilson, Ptes. Watts, Wayte, Fox, Barker, Clements, Parker, Baker, Ashton, Rowe, Myhill, Moule, Burgess May, Tye, Leaver and Woor.

"C" COMPANY

During the last few months life has been a little hectic; we have been to Stanford for a few days training having first promised not to frighten the pheasants. Then we visited Salisbury Plain, and like everyone else we got exceptionally wet over the whole period.

It was during training on the plain that Captain Morton had his final fling in command of the Recce Platoon; it was sad to see him leave since he had virtually commanded the platoon since its beginning two years ago.

Sgt. Jones is also leaving for an attachment to Labuan; most of us thought it was a place somewhere in the Far East, but he assures us it is just outside Stowmarket.

Ptes. Lea and Baker have both married recently and are settling into their new way of life. One or two other people are making nesting noises but haven't plucked enough courage to venture churchwards; they seem confined to the nest only at present.

We have had a little hard luck with cars recently. Sergeant Major Garman had a flashy green Mercedes until it sighed heavily a couple of months ago and gave up the ghost. He reckoned the price was good; he only had to pay thirty shillings to have it towed away. Lt. Child's squeaking soap box shed a headlight and various other components, and is to be ceremoniously dumped from the end of the jetty the night before we emplane.

Lt. Pearce and his Mini monster have an affinity for telegraph poles; one outside Stowmarket ensured that he had a really good rest during his embarkation leave. However, it is reported that although he broke a leg and wrote off his car he also managed to damage the police considerably.

On the sports field we have shown up quite well. Early in the winter we were runners up to "B" Company in the cross country team race, and our ace runner Pte. Gater came home far ahead of the field to take the individual prize. The company hockey team has shown great promise and has played very well indeed, finishing a close second to the band in the final league placings. Many new players have emerged, King and Buckle being particularly good.

Our next notes will be written in Aden and no doubt will tell of sand, heat, and adventurous escapades, but be warned — don't believe everything you read, as the heat does funny things to one's imagination.

Our goodbye to Felixstowe will be, in some ways, sad as most of us have enjoyed being in this station. However, to remain in one place too long is not a good thing, and we are looking forward very much to our tour in Aden. No doubt after a year there we shall be longing to return to Felixstowe's shingle beaches, fog-bound harbour and a pint of Adnams in the Little Ships.

SUPPORT COMPANY

The past three months has been a most interesting and varied period. It covers the Battalion Camp, the Laying up of the Old Colours, the Annual Administrative Inspection and the preparations for the move to Aden.

Immediately after the Freedom Parades preparation began for the Battalion Autumn Camp at

Tilshead. However, there was enough time for the Assault Pioneer platoon to add to their list of trophies the very successful demolition of a farmhouse at Ramsholt near Woodbridge.

The Camp at Tilshead was a good one and the training we were able to carry out, worthwhile. Among the many aspects of training carried out the following are worth a mention. The Signal Platoon maintained a radio skywave link to Felixstowe in Morse and even in voice (Sgt. Bullock was conveniently doing education); the Mortars were able to carry out a Part III Shoot, the Anti-tank detachments blew gun pits and the Assault Pioneers laid an effective minefield.

The highlight of the Camp was undoubtedly the winning of the inter-platoon March and Shoot Competition by 8 platoon. That a Support platoon can win such a competition at literally a few hours notice, reflects great credit on the whole platoon. Incidentally, Support Company for the period of the Camp was absorbed into H.Q. Company. For those interested C.S.M. Conboy has some very decided views as to the success of this arrangement — he being at the time H.Q. Company C.S.M.

After Camp it was back to Felixstowe and return to the paper war. Priority, in equal proportions, was given to the Annual Administrative Inspection and the preparation for the move to Aden.

Annual Administrative Inspection, as far as the Company was concerned, went off very well. We received a good report on the tele-communications and on all personal and specialist weapons. On the day itself we were turned out in Musketry Order which being uncomplicated, presented no problems.

In the world of sport regrettably we haven't done as well as we should. In all competitions, football, hockey and basketball, we had some very disappointing results. However, this will be put right in Aden where, possibly, we might be permitted to field our full teams.

New arrivals we welcome to the Company are Sgt. Taylor, Ptes. Thacker, Keetley (Support platoons) and Ptes. Cox 81, Bessey and Orriss (Signal platoon). We say farewell to Sgt. Thompson, Ptes. Bates, Brown, Hockley and Kemp, all of whom, no doubt, will soon wish they were with us in Aden. Cpl. Gaffer leaves us for H.Q. Company (Intelligence Section — perhaps in the future, "S" Company will be better informed). To all those leaving we say thank you for the work you have done for the Company and every success in your new employment.

Finally, our congratulations to Sgt. Beckett, L/Cpl. Ellis, Ptes. Herd, Real and Winney on their respective marriages.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

As the move to Aden approaches the Company seems to work harder and harder as the rifle Companies have less and less to do.

In Company H.Q. there is a little change. Major Lywood is coming to take H.Q. Company to Aden and Captain Trollope will be retiring to fruit farming.

Several changes are being made in the M.T. Our M.T.O., now Major Churchill, is handing over the reins to Lt. Turner Cain who is attending an M.T.O.'s course, and Major Churchill moves to command Sp. Company and be P.R.I. W.O. II. Pratt, who has managed up to now to convince all and sundry that he is the best M.T.W.O. this Battalion has, is being replaced by W.O. II. Doughty. W.O. II. Pratt

will still be near us, as he is going to The Ade: Federal Army in the barracks next door. Sgt. Mac Evans, our R.E.M.E. Sgt., has been with us for so long now that we were wondering why he had not transferred, he at last has been caught up with by R.E.M.E. Records and is going to Warminster. Thank you for all you have done in the past years Mac and the best of luck. Sgt. Butler, his replacement, has already arrived and we welcome him. Providing his moustache does not get caught in the fan belt, he should, we hope, enjoy his stay.

We also say goodbye to Cpl. Chapman and L/Cpl. Gore, both of R.E.M.E., and to Pte. Olley Woodlow and East. We welcome Cfn. Stewart. Congratulations are extended to Pte. Durnett on his recent marriage in Felixstowe. Additional forthcoming marriages are those of Ptes. Ireland and Champion.

At the time of writing we are just about finishing our annual vehicle inspection and many of the new drivers have discovered parts of the vehicle that need cleaning which they never knew existed. Some of the older soldiers are wishing they never had known about them. The next stage will be handing over transport to the K.O.S.B. in January, and they are welcome to it.

In the Orderly Room O.R.Q.M.S. Hewitt has departed to the Fusilier Bde. and in his place we welcome O.R.Q.M.S. "Hockey" Kinson from the Royal Leicesters. The Orderly Room has settled down after the upheaval of handover/takeover of Chief Clerks. "Q" Kinson is a very keen sportsman and can be seen roaring around the Orderly Room waving his hockey stick and shouting that someone has swiped his hockey shirt. Sgt. James and Pte. Patrick have proceeded on leave in preparation for the Advance Party moving to Aden. Already they have painted and packed their boxes and are raring to go. We extend to O.R.Q.M.S. Hewitt our congratulations on his promotion to W.O. I., and thank him for his excellent work with us.

Cpl. Compton seems to have recovered from his week at Tilshead, Salisbury Plain, and is now back to normal, complete with filled tobacco tin.

Pte. "Bomber" Brown tells us that he never wants to see another passport or birth certificate again, and after hectic weeks of telephone calls and much letter writing he is still not sure if the Battalion will get to Aden or not.

Pte. Welch has recovered from the Documents inspection and after many long hours of work he has achieved his ambition on getting the documents up to date and looking at the bottom of his "in tray."

Pte. "Ginger" Leonard, after many black looks from the Adjutant and the R.S.M., has decided that the Beagle Cut is just not suitable, and since having it cut he has to blink his eyes at the bright sunlight.

Pte. "Slim" Whitman swears that before he moves to Aden he will need new rollers on his duplicator as they have become charred with all the "red hot" move orders and baggage instructions. Often he wonders where it all comes from and where the next lot of paper is coming from. He has successfully finished painting the Battalion Boxes and can be heard muttering to himself that he is sure that he is another "Rembrandt."

Pte. "Bob" Starling is battling his way through piles of letters and no sooner does he get cleared up

when another bumps down in its place. No one pays any attention to his moans and groans and relentlessly they throw more and more letters at him saying "file and bring forward." He never says he will or won't, but just explains that there is no justice.

A new member has been added to the Intelligence Section, Pte. Ooi who joined from "C" Company. This section is busier than usual because of the forthcoming tour in Aden. The work is mainly centred around the Int. stores where boxes are being packed and painted. As a result we feel that we are becoming expert painters.

Sgt. Gay, the identical image of the Weasel, is now establishing himself in Aden after being flown off with the advance party. He is presumably learning Arabic.

Apart from the work in the Int. stores, Pte. Martin is preoccupied with the issuing of new I.D. Cards. There are more defaced cards than usual because it is becoming a habit of sending them to the laundry for a wash.

Lt. Keep has now succeeded Lt. Ross as Intelligence Officer. He has been on a rigorous intelligence course to enlighten him with the new methods of counter intelligence so we shall be ready for any emergency. After finishing the course he departed with the Advance Party for Aden where there will be plenty of opportunities for him to put into practice all he was taught.

As winter draws on and Bandsmen draw nearer the fire we pause a few moments to look back on the achievements of the Band in the last few months. I think I would be failing in my duty if I did not mention in passing our few sporting achievements in case any members of the Battalion might be interested. Winning the Battalion hockey league was our first achievement, although we did concede one goal during the many games we played, a fault we must try to remedy. Next came the basket ball, which offered a few difficulties, although many members of the Band do not play this game. The best match came in the final with the M.T., which was played immediately after a hockey match. Football also produced a thrilling final in which 7 Platoon also took part. Although the final score was 5-0 for the Band the game was played at top speed until the final whistle.

Our previous rivals were lucky they had not caught us on this form. During the course of events Bdsm. Ship sustained a broken leg and Bdsm. Wild bruised ribs. I suppose we must accept this as the price of fame.

Band work has been continued as much as ever. We were once again asked to perform in Trafalgar Square at the lighting up of the Christmas Tree. We performed at the laying up ceremony of the Battalion's old colours and dealt with our usual quota of Officers Mess parties.

During this time trade testing took place with many well earned successes, followed by the Admin. Inspection which gave us all a chance to loosen up on the broom and bumper.

At the moment we are busily engaged in packing for Aden, where we will fly on Jan. 26. We look forward to the warmth if nothing else. When we leave we will bid farewell to L/Cpl. Plummer and Bdsm. Hayward who are leaving us for Civy Street. We wish them well and they will both be missed. Before we take our embarkation leave we have the Band social to survive, and with this happy thought in mind we close these notes.

SPORT

Hockey

The Battalion team has been able to fit in seven matches during this season with the following results:—

Battalion versus R.A.F. Bawdsey.	Won 1—0.
Battalion versus Wed. Nomads.	Lost 0—3.
Battalion versus H.M.S. Ganges.	Won 1—0.
Battalion versus E. Anglian Bde. Depot.	Won 2—1.
Battalion versus E. Anglian Bde. Depot.	Won 4—2.
Battalion versus H.M.S. Ganges.	Lost 3—4.
Battalion versus 1 Queen's Own Buffs.	Won 2—1.

Other commitments were heavy; the Tilshead Training Camp, Adventure Training schemes and block leave making it a short season, but the team in these few matches have shown great promise. It is hoped that on the hard pitches in Aden they will settle down quickly into a first class side.

The Battalion will enter the Aden Garrison league at a half-way stage, taking over the league position left by 1 K.O.S.B., which it is hoped will be fairly high. Because of the few major Units in Aden, most competitions are run on a company basis, and with this in mind an Inter-Company league competition has just been completed. Each Company played each of the others once only, with the following results.

H.Q. II. (Band)	10 points
"C"	8 points
"A"	6 points
H.Q. I.	4 points
Sp.	2 points
"B"	0 points

The standard shown in this Company league promises well for the future in Aden, and several hitherto unknown company players may well justify their places in the Battalion team.

Cross Country

In early October the Battalion Cross Country run was held in surprisingly fine and warm weather.

The course was about 3½ miles long, with a rather nasty middle section, followed by a very deep dyke and an equally steep hill.

The individual winner was Pte. Gater (C), followed by L/Cpl. Wade (A) with Pte. Edmunds (H.Q.) 3rd.

The overall team event was won by "B" Company, who were closely followed by H.Q. Company; third were "C" Company, closely pursued by "A" Company with Sp. Company 5th.

The 54 (E.A.) Div./Dist. Unit and Individual Championship was held at Colchester on the 26th of March.

The course was 6 miles and was run in the Friday Wood Area. Instead of snow and ice as in the previous Div./Dist. championship, the competitors were treated to a great deal of mud.

Starting without two of our star runners, the Battalion team did well; those running were Lt. Child, L/Cpl. Wade, Ptes. Gill, Plumb, Staff H., Staff P., Edmunds, Allen and Bell.

L/Cpl. Wade was our best runner coming 4th in a field of 60, with Pte. Allen 7th, Pte. Bell 11th, and Pte. Plumb 13th.

The Unit placing were—

1st	1	Foresters	89 pts.
2nd	1	E. Anglian	139 pts.
3rd	1	Queen's Own Buffs	171 pts.
4th	26	R.A.	189 pts.
5th	2	R.A.	265 pts.

Football

We have played only one Battalion match this year, beating R.A.F. Bawdsey. Because of our heavy commitments the Battalion were unable to compete in the Army Cup and local leagues in Suffolk. Nearly all football has been played at Platoon or Company level, producing some very keen and enthusiastic play.

Battalion players who are going to Aden include. L/Cpls. Coe and Rackham, Ptes. Brammam, Rissen, Berry and Tye.

We continue to have several goalkeepers of high standard and the Battalion defence is solid, but there are weaknesses to be filled in the forward line.

The inter platoon knockout competition was won by the Band, the runners up being, 7 Platoon

Results were as follows :—

3rd Round	Semi Final	Final	Winners
7 Platoon	7 Platoon	7 Platoon	Band 5—0
v	8—2		
2 Platoon			
Admin. v Drums	Drums 6—2		
6 Pl. v 5 Pl.	6 Pl. 5—3	Band 5—2	
9 Pl. v Band	Band 5—2		

With several new players and a general keen interest in the game, we should produce a good Battalion side for Aden.



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by

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Photographs of these Colours, which are now on loan to the National Army Museum at the R.M.A. Sandhurst, Camberley are reproduced in this number of the journal. They are of considerable interest as they show the type of Colour carried by the Regiment 200 years ago.

COLONEL SCIPIO DUROURE'S COLOUR — 1745

The *Duroure Colour* was presented to the National Army Museum by Colonel Sir Godfrey

Thomas, Bart, G.C.V.O., K.C.B. C.S.I. The Colour had been in possession of his family (a member of the *Duroure* family) for many years and is in excellent condition.

This Regimental Colour of the 12th Regiment of Foot is of yellow silk on which is embroidered the Colonel's Arms, those of Colonel Scipio Duroure, with his motto "Stabilis."

The Lion's head is in gold with a red tongue. The mantling is in brown with white lining. The helm is in silver with a red lining. On the shield is a green oak tree on green grass upon a white field. The motto "Stabilis" is in black on a white ribband.

The Union Flag of 1707, with the white horse of

Westphalia is in the upper canton. This Union Flag was the result of combining the Red Cross of St. George of England on a white field with the white saltire cross of St. Andrew of Scotland on a blue field, when the union with Scotland took place in 1707. This flag of Great Britain remained until the union with Ireland in 1801, when the red saltire cross of St. Patrick was added and became what we now know as "The Union Jack."

Colonel Scipio Duroure commanded the 12th Regiment from 12th Aug. 1741 until he died of wounds received at the Battle of Fontenoy on 11th May 1745. He commanded the Regiment at the Battle of Dettingen on 27th June 1743 when King George II. placed himself, on foot, at the head of the British Infantry. The 12th being in the centre of the line, tradition has it that His Majesty fought with the 12th Regiment. And it is in commemoration of this event that roses are worn by all ranks of the Regiment whenever The Sovereign is on parade.

This is the last time that the Arms of the Colonel of the Regiment appeared on the Colours. Ever since the formation of the 12th Foot, by Henry Howard, Seventh Duke of Norfolk in May 1685, the various Colonels displayed their Arms on the Colours carried by the Regiment. But by the Royal Warrant of 1751 the Colonels were forbidden to put their Arms, Crest, Device or Livery on any part of the appointments of the Regiment under their command.

From 1751 the First or King's Colour of every Regiment was to be the Great Union. The Second or Regimental Colour of the 12th was to be of yellow silk, the colour of the facings of the regiment, with the Union in the upper canton. In the centre of each colour was to be painted or embroidered in gold Roman characters, the number of the regiment — XII — within a Wreath of Roses and Thistles from the same stalk. The size of the colours were to be 6 foot 6 inches from pole to fly and 6 foot 2 inches deep. The Pike pole to be 9 foot 10 inches from spearhead to the ferrule.

THE "STABILIS" COLOUR of the XIIth REGIMENT — 1769-70

This Colour, known in the Regiment as "The Seringapatam" Colour, was presented in 1893 to the XIIth The Suffolk Regiment by a Miss Craigie, whose ancestor (Major Craigie) served with the Regiment at the Battle of Seringapatam on 4th May 1799. For many years it was hung in the dining room of the Depot Officers' Mess at Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St. Edmunds — until it was lent to the new National Army Museum in 1959.

In accordance with the Royal Warrant of 1751, it has the Regimental Number XII in gold within the Union Wreath of Roses and Thistles from one stalk, embroidered in the centre of the St. George's Cross, and underneath had been added the motto of Colonel Scipio Duroure, "Stabilis" in black on a white ribband.

The wreath of this old King's Colour is practically identical with that in a Colour issued to the 9th Regiment in 1772. It is therefore presumed that this King's Colour of the XIIth Regiment was issued about 1769-70.

When application was made to the Army Council in 1912 for the motto "Stabilis" (Steady)

to be adopted by the Suffolk Regiment it was turned down for lack of sufficient evidence.

Regiments still carry two Colours. The Queen's Colour which is the Great Union Flag and the Regimental Colour, the colour of the facings of the regiment. But since 1784 Battle Honours have been granted and these are now emblazoned on the Colours.

On the Queen's Colour are Battle Honours of the two World Wars and on the Regimental Colour are those of the period prior to 1914 and for Korea.

A full account with photographs of the Colours presented at Felixstowe on 30th June 1963 by Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret Countess of Snowdon, C.I., G.C.V.O. Colonel-in-Chief of the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) and of the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment, appeared in the July issue of *The Britannia and Castle*.

NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM — SANDHURST

from Lt. Col. E. T. Lummis

On 15th July 1960 the Queen opened the National Army Museum at Sandhurst. The Museum is housed in a building which those at Sandhurst before the last war will remember as a riding school. There is, however no sign of its former existence, as it has been decorated in a very fine manner to provide a fitting home for the Army's own museum.

In it there is much of interest for readers of this journal.

One of the first exhibits to be seen is a leather jerkin presented by the Royal Norfolk Regiment. This is of the type worn in the 17th century in the early days of the Regiment. Near this exhibit is the collection of oil paintings by Jean Morier of uniforms of the Grenadiers of Infantry Regiments in existence in 1755. These came from Windsor Castle and have been lent by Her Majesty The Queen. Though the paintings are small they show very clearly the details of the uniform including the type of lace and the mitre cap. (Grenadiers from both the 9th and 12th Foot are shown). The coloured plate showing the uniform of a grenadier of 1751 in the History of the 12th (The Suffolk) Regiment 1685-1913 is taken from this original oil painting.

Here also can be seen the original Stabilis colour which Colonel Duroure had had made in Ghent in 1745 — the year in which he was mortally wounded while leading the 12th Foot at Fontenoy. The colour is wonderfully well preserved. On a yellow field is displayed the Duroure coat of arms — an oak tree with under it the motto Stabilis.

Close to this colour is the King's colour of the 12th Foot which was probably carried at the battle of Seringapatam 1799. (The pattern of the centrepiece is identical with that of a colour of the 9th Foot known to have been issued in 1772). This also bears the motto Stabilis which must clearly have had its origin in the Duroure coat of arms. Incidentally many may not be aware that application was made to the War Office before the 1st War for the Suffolk Regiment to adopt this motto. It was turned down because of lack of evidence.

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The museum has made a special display of regimental crested china. Both the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Regiments including militia battalions are well represented.

There are a number of uniforms in first class condition belonging to General Sir Henry Clinton and his descendants — all part of a collection entrusted to the museum. General Clinton was Colonel of the 12th Foot from 1766 to 1779. He, when asked in 1781 to what county the 12th Foot should be linked, replied that the Regiment has always looked upon Norfolk as its county.

The visitor to this museum should also take the opportunity of visiting the magnificent Indian Army Room in the entrance to the Old Building. There are also other rooms devoted to Cavalry Regiments and disbanded Irish Regiments. It is hoped in due course that the museum will be located more centrally in London — possibly in the Chelsea Hospital area.

In the meantime anybody who can, should not miss an opportunity to look over this fine collection. It is open on every day of the year except Christmas and Boxing days.



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

BATTALION REVIEW

Britannia Barracks' ruddy walls and tall clock tower rise out of eddies of thick freezing fog which so far has failed to fracture the long lines of water pipes sunk only inches below the surface of the earth. Water flows freely and last year's catastrophe has not been repeated.

For the first time since the war torrential rain put paid to the Armistice Parade in Norwich and only the Ceremony at the Cathedral and the Service in the Cathedral were held. Parades were held in Great Yarmouth and Wymondham in spite of rain. Drizzle held off during the service at the Memorial Cottages and a bugler from 1 E. Anglian sounded Last Post and Reveille.

A transparent dawn was the herald of a sunlit, Saturday 12th October, and so many members of the Nursing Services and the Old Comrades Association were present at the Annual Service at Nurse Cavell's grave.

Few ceremonial occasions pass without mishap and the Service to Lay-up the old 1st Battalion and 4th Battalion Colours was no exception. A certain Ensign's countenance appeared flushed as he struggled with the Colours in a tight Service Dress which had been extracted from Captain Wilson's car only a few minutes before the ceremony's start, and thus diverted from its journey to the Dry Cleaners.

The Service in the Cathedral was most moving and everyone present must surely have felt a lump rise in his throat as the Colours were handed by Brigadier Barclay to the Dean of Norwich Cathedral with the words "Very Reverend Sir: These Old Colours of the 1st and 4th Battalions of The Royal Norfolk Regiment I now deliver into your hands for safe custody within the walls of our Regimental Chapel of Saint Saviour." Just before and again after the Colours were handed to the Dean, the Trumpeters of 1 E. Anglian, standing in the Apse above the High Altar, played a fanfare which echoed over the Rood Screen and down the length of the Nave and high up into the Triforium. Old backs and arms straightened, as heads were held erect and still, in honour of all those whose gallant acts and loyal service had built the traditions that these Old Colours represented. After the Service Officers, W.O.'s and Sergeants of the Battalion and of 1 E. Anglian returned to their respective Messes in Britannia Barracks to enjoy the bumper lunches that were served.

Weekend training has been conspicuous by its absence. Some companies have conserved their training days for the last three months of the financial year, others have spent most of theirs. An unexpected additional allocation of training days has injected renewed vigour into torpid muscles and energetic and interesting weekend training has been planned. At the first of these weekends N.C.O.'s and potential N.C.O.'s sprinted at the crisp command of one of the Regular Permanent Staff. Some were treading over ground which had been only too familiar when, as National Servicemen, they underwent their Recruit Training others were stretching sinews and braving for the first time the cold east wind that so often blows across the top field in mid winter.

Small bore shooting thrives and each company sports at least one team; training for the Battalion Rifle Meeting has begun and Major Smith is even now casting an eagle eye about for bushels hiding lights of marksmen's skill. This year we intend to win the District Small Arms Meeting.

If only Lt. Col. John Forte could select and install the next Greek Government with despatch our trip to Corfu would be assured. Sadly for us Greece claims to be a democratic country and its people, and not ex-patriate Britons, choose its government. Planning continues and R.A.F. Transport Command have made available an Argosy aircraft for our use.

Dartmoor's bogs and fogs, and moors and Tors will combine to confound us when we go to camp in June. But before then we have all to face the rigours of another Tough Training exercise in Norfolk's bleak mid-winter — a shivering thought and an exercise well-named "Cold Comfort."

OFFICERS' MESS

With the coming of the cold winter nights, the Mess saw fit, after their dinner night in November, to test the quality of the wood of one of the Mess doors. The quality unfortunately was found to be lacking and not of a standard that would satisfy our timber experts Col. Jewson and Lt. Ayers. For weeks afterwards we regretted our exuberance as we huddled round the fireplace to avoid the draughts.

After the laying up of Colours on December 1st, a buffet lunch was arranged on the ground floor of Cameron Block, looking almost unrecognisable in a fresh coat of paint and the curtains from the old

Depot Mess. The lunch was provided by outside caterers and presided over by Mrs. Banthorpe in a somewhat similar role to that of her husband C.S.M. Banthorpe (H.Q. Company). Before lunch drinks were served in the Mess.

Our new Mess Sergeant, Sgt. Smith, in his livery, together with our candelabra and other pieces of Mess silver were much commented on at the Brigade Dinner held at "A" Mess Colchester Garrison on December 14th.

Once again the new year got off to a splendid start with the Regimental Ball. The usual very large gathering, including a number from the Mess at Felixstowe, assembled at the Norwood Rooms where once again Sam Hornor's organisation triumphed over all adversities to produce an excellent dinner and a most enjoyable evening. Unfortunately this is the last Ball that Sam is to organise. We are all very much indebted to him for all his very hard work during the past years — those who will be taking his place next year have already started to quake at the thought.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last notes there have been quite a few changes in the Mess. C.S.M. Doughty and Sgt. Adams have taken their leave of us and are now basking in sunnier climes with the 1st Battalion in Aden. We welcome in C.S.M. Hiscock and Sgt. Thompson who replaced them. Congratulations to C.S.M. Richardson and Sgt. Smith on their promotions.

Several successful Mess nights have been held, also an excellent Mess Dinner and Dance. Our thanks go to W.O. II. Groom for the hard work he and his cooks put in for us and to the entertainments committee for a well run evening. In addition the Mess had a curry lunch on the occasion of Laying-Up the Old Colours of the 1st and 4th Battalions of our Regiment. Old and new members mingled and many a yarn was swapped. Suitably inscribed tankards were also presented to several ex-Mess members. Many members of the 1st Battalion Mess were present and it was a very rewarding day.

The new is out — Plasterdown is to be our next Camp. The old hands are already planning their social life based on old acquaintance. If half of what we have heard is true there is a very interesting time ahead.

To close our notes we say farewell to O.R.Q.M.S. Jack Pearce, who, after 50 years Regular and T.A. service, has decided to hang up his uniform. We wish him and Mrs. Pearce all the best in their retirement and assure them of a warm welcome in the Mess at all times.

"A" COMPANY

In November the Company organised the first Battalion Assault Course Competitions, which were held on the assault course recently built behind the Drill Hall in Southtown Road Gt. Yarmouth and over seventy men competed in the competitions. The Section Competition, which consisted of a four-mile march, the assault course and a .22 shoot, was won by an "A" Company team comprising L/Cpls. Amis and Howell, Ptes. Amis, and Haylett. Pte Buddery of "C" Company won the individual competition in a very fast time. The whole week-end was a great success and we are pleased to hear that the competitions are to become an annual battalion event.

The wives organised a Christmas tea party for children of the members of the Company in December. All thirty children attending received a present from Father Christmas — Capt. Shearman in heavy disguise. The success of the party was due to hard work by the wives and to W.O. II. Pillar and C/Sgt. Amis whose efforts in the preceding months raised the necessary funds.

Our Christmas festivities concluded later in the month with our annual Christmas Shoot and Social for members of the Company. As usual, Major Boulton adjusted the scores in order to ensure that all attending won a prize of one sort or another, and if the bar takings that evening were any indication the event was a great success. Pte. Whitehead won the major prize of a chicken.

We say goodbye to Lt. Warrington who has just been posted to Battalion H.Q. as I.O./A./Adjt., and hope he will not forget what it is like at the "Sharp End."

"B" COMPANY

We would like to be able to present the reader with a long list of warlike weekends full of the sort of details which make the blood run cold but this is impossible. The pen (though not this one) is mightier than the sword and the powers that be have placed an embargo upon the activities of the gallant "B" Company. Like the speeches that are never made, the battles that are never fought are always the most glorious. The reader must imagine for himself (we presume that no ladies read these notes) the dashing men of "B" Company, in the best traditions of the American war film heroes covered with mud, blood and medals. Picture them always in the vanguard, on the rearguard, always victorious and only taking brief spells of leave to the delight and despair of glamorous barmaids, lady war-correspondents and female spies.

Our T.A. Centre now sports a pair of fruit machines and has at times the air of Monte Carlo. Pay has to be largely in the form of sixpences such is the extent of the gambling fever. The snooker table continues its popularity though the floor beneath it rises from time to time due to the activities of a giant mole which appears to have deserted the floor of the main hall for the time being. Later in the year we hope that the floor will be repaired and the playful mole banished for ever.

A very merry Christmas Party was held for the children on Saturday 21st December. The decorations in the hall were most striking and those who helped were rewarded by the enjoyment of the children. Ten children from a local orphanage also joined in the fun. The ladies who bought the presents and prepared the food deserve congratulations for a first rate party. On the same evening a very successful Company dance took place and ended the Company's Christmas activities.

Recruits continue to roll along — the most recent and most distinguished is C.S.M. Richardson who has been transferred from "D" Company. He should be none the worse for that and we wish him the best of luck in his new position. At the time of going to press several N.C.O.'s are on courses and they will have ample opportunity to put their new found skills into practice in the coming months.

The Company football team continues to flourish, playing matches almost every weekend and always turning out in fresh laundered kit. It is said that the sight of "The Holy Boys" (as our team is

known locally) in their immaculate white shorts, blue shirts, and blue and white socks is worth a goal to us before we start. The team members have varied from week to week owing to the Battalion team calling on some of our players and some of the team being on shift work. The following have represented "B" Company in local matches:—

Goalkeepers — Taylor, P. Dennis, D.

Backs — Temby, H. Terrey, Hilton, B.

Half Backs — Watson, J. Bullock, Bussey, S. Chilvers.

Forwards — Bussey, B. Sonerton, D. Eagle. Bener, S. and Fisher.

Results:—

v King's Lynn Y.M.C.A.	drawn	4—4
v King's Lynn Youth Centre	won	5—4
v King's Lynn Lads	lost	4—7
v Dornays Foods Ltd.	won	7—0
v "D" Coy. + 4 from "B"	won	8—1
v King's Lynn Wanderers	won	7—2
v Peg Rangers Res.	lost	6—9
v King Staithe Rovers	lost	2—7
v Lynn News & Advertiser	lost	3—4
v Peg Rangers Res.	won	7—5
v Coopers Roller Bearings	lost	1—3
v King's Lynn Wanderers	won	8—1
v Eagles Res.	won	7—3

Played 13, won 7, drawn 1, lost 5. Goals for 69; against 51.

Although no accurate record of goalscorers has been kept, Bussey B., Eagle, Eglon D., and Sonerton D. must be congratulated for their goalscoring ability and it is thought that most of the goals scored have been by them. Three members of the Company have played for the Battalion and they are to be congratulated.

Fixtures are being arranged for the rest of the season and we should have a strong Company team by the time we go to Camp in June. It is hoped that we will have time at Camp to play in an Inter-Company K.O. Competition and that "B" Company will walk off with the prize.

Last issue we warned the reader that there would be little to report — we hope that this did not prevent you from ordering your copy of Britannia and Castle. Next time we can promise an article crammed with racy stuff — that is if we survive the coming Administrative Inspection and the Spring Exercises.

"C" COMPANY

What with Christmas and all that goes before and after, and Man Days, or rather the lack of them, we have few military memories of the last quarter. We did, however provide 2/Lt. Misselbrook, C.S.M. Hewitt, Sgt. Nolloth and Sgt. Eke for the Colour Party for the Armistice Day Parade and the laying up of the Old Colours ceremony in Norwich Cathedral.

The Armistice Day parade in Norwich was cancelled because of the rain but the afternoon parade in Wymondham was held in reasonable weather. The contingent marched from the Market Cross to the War Memorial behind the Battalion Band and we took up our place beside Sgt. Eke, Cpl. Howes, L/Cpl. Grant and Pte. Budrey who were at each corner of the Memorial resting on their arms reversed. The parade went off very well and was only marred by the fact that we were not supplied

with hymn sheets and thus could not take much active part in the Service. The main activity to report seems to be the Company draw and social held at Wymondham on the 20th December which was attended by about 100 members and their guests. Sgt. Hutson and Sgt. Eke produced 75 prizes most of which seemed to find their way to C.S.M. Parker's pocket. The entertainment took the form of a Bingo session, C.S.M. Parker calling the numbers and the Battalion Band under Sgt. Baker providing Christmas music, and, of course, the Draw. The evening went with a swing and it is reported that the tightest arm at the end of the evening was that of the fruit machine.

Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts for once again looking after our inner needs, both liquid and solid. We now look forward to the Company Dinner to be held on 11th January at the Lamb Inn.

We welcome to our ranks Ptes. Overton, Reeve, Yallop and Driver our new recruits.

The author of these notes is shortly off to London for six months and regrets the brevity of these notes and hopes that his successor will have more to say in the next edition.

"D" COMPANY

During the period under review our "Phoenix" really has begun to rise from the ashes — but our new T.A.C. is not to be confused with the new Phoenix Hotel shortly to be erected in Dereham, though on most Thursday evenings the mistake would be excusable.

After many months of gradually dwindling facilities we are now able to enjoy the new .22 range and the roof is going on the main hall so that we have high hopes that the next issue of these notes will be written from our new residence.

In spite of the winter weather the Company has taken the opportunity to make two visits to neighbouring Cadet Units, to give instruction in the S.L.R. and the B.A.T. The first of these outings was to the Red House Farm School at Buxton which went very well until the last few minutes, when L/Cpl. Pitches discovered that a finger does not make a good sandwich between a 60 lb. B.A.T. drill round and a steel truck floor. The second trip was to Fakenham, when no mishaps occurred.

We are sorry to record the move of our P.S.I. Sgt. Adams, who joins 1st East Anglian in slightly warmer quarters at Aden. Our thanks to him for his able assistance to the Company in spite of the difficulties of temporary accommodation.

The Company is very fortunate in having such an excellent replacement as Sgt. Thompson, who is certainly welcomed with open arms by the Anti-Tank Department, in view of his enormous experience in this field.

It is a pity that Sgt. Adams' swan-song, a weekend map reading exercise in the Fornham Park — Thetford Chase area, was so poorly attended, as it was an excellent scheme and much enjoyed by the few hardy members of the Company who took part.

In addition to the change of P.S.I., we have suffered a take over bid for Sgt. Richardson from "B" Company — congratulations to him on his promotion to C.S.M.

We also welcome Pte. Parker as a new recruit and Pte. Mellish on his re-engagement.

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H.Q. COMPANY

The most depressing time of the year is now upon us and our existence has been brightened somewhat by a rather more active social programme than usual. In November we started off with a bonfire party, which is becoming an annual event, and this was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. There were rumours however, that residents in a neighbouring establishment had complained that their leisure period was disturbed by the explosions of W.O. II. Doughty's special "bangers." We apologise to the gentlemen concerned and we are sure it will not happen again until next November.

December brought us to the festive season and the payment of the Annual Bounty. Faces almost forgotten were brought to mind again, amongst whom were ex Cpls. Grant and Pizey who have had to retire from the fray. The company Christmas Draw was also held on this evening which by general consent was declared the biggest fiddle ever. The R.Q.M.S. ran the draw and his daughter picked out the numbers. After she had selected the first six numbers, all held by members of her own family, she was relegated to the audience. The Company Commander was fortunate enough to win a number of prizes most of which he donated to a raffle in aid of the children's party. C.S.M. Banthorpe, too, won a couple of good prizes for the first time in the several years in which he has been with us. It was considered polite to allow the R.S.M. to win a prize in the hope of keeping him off our necks for some time. It was on this evening too that most of us were able to meet our new P.S.I., W.O. II. Hiscock, and we hope that his stay with us will be a happy one, as was his predecessor's W.O. II. Doughty. This latter gentleman was presented with a record player by the company. He has undoubtedly been a great help in running our affairs, both official and social, and he seems to have enjoyed being with us, and even went so far as to wear Britannia badges on his No. 2 dress in recent weeks. When last heard of he was searching the music shops for a record of "Rule Britannia" to play on his new machine. Joking apart, we wish him, his wife and family all the best of fortune in their new posting.

The Saturday following the draw was selected for the children's Christmas party. As usual there was confusion and noise though Capt. Powell as Deputy Marshal did much to keep both in check. Members of the Wives Club too did great work in preserving law and order at the tea table. We would like to thank them for their efforts. The party was a great success and we have largely to thank Lt. Ayers and Sgt. Savage. Others we would like to thank for ensuring the success of both these events are D./M. Housego, Cpl. Daines, Cpl. Utting (alias Father Christmas), Pte. Cornwall, Pte. Cushion, Pte. Hansell and W.O. II. Groom.

Training lately has been confined mostly to drill nights though we have had the odd day out. However January and February are on their way and a full programme has been planned. .22 shooting is continuing on Monday evenings and, though we have not had any great success in our competitions, the prospects for the future are bright. Our main problem still is to recruit men to replace those leaving — one day we may resolve this problem.



THE SUFFOLK AND CAMBRIDESHIRE REGIMENT (T.A.)

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

On Saturday 30th November 1963 the Colours of the 4th Battalion the Suffolk Regiment (T.A.) were laid up in St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds. The ceremony was held jointly with the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk & Suffolk) laying up the colours of the 1st Battalion the Suffolk Regiment.

The colours of the 4th Battalion were handed over for safe keeping by the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Sir Robert Gooch, Bt. D.S.O., D.L. The following members of the Battalion composed the Colour party:—

Queen's Colour	Escort	Regimental Colour
Lt. P. F. Catchpole	C.S.M. D. J. 2	Lt. R. G. Wylie
Sgt. Southgate,	Mowle	Sgt. Golder C. E.
D.A.		

On conclusion of the ceremony tea was served in the Athaeneum to all those present. The occasion was well supported by serving and former members of both Battalions and their families.

The Battalion entered two teams for a watermanship exercise on 16/17th November, organised by the East Anglian Brigade Depot. In all eight teams were entered from the Brigade. The object of the exercise was to navigate the 75 miles of the River Ouse from Bedford to Kings Lynn in the standard 17 foot Mark IV Assault Boat with 1½ h.p. outboard engine.

The result of the race was very gratifying, as the teams entered from "C" & "D" Companies respectively finished first and second in record time in this, the Battalion's first attempt in the event.

In the field of sport, the Battalion football team has emerged Divisional Champions for the second successive years, having beaten:—

4/5 Essex	7—0
H.A.C.	6—0
4 R. Norfolk	3—0

The next game is the Command final in which the team meets 135 Survey Engineer Regiment (T.A.) Win or lose, both teams will represent Eastern Command in the all-England T.A. Association Football Challenge Cup quarter-finals, which is exactly where the team finished last year.

OFFICERS' MESS

Although the hard core remains constant and the pattern of behaviour in the Mess is no different, there have been several changes amongst the officers in recent years, and we have noted that some time has elapsed since we gave details (not too specific) and listed the body of men who make up our number and the appointments which they hold. We think that it is an appropriate time, now that the Battalion has settled down in its new form, to do so again and we show below the officers currently serving with us and the appointments which they hold:—

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

Lt.-Colonel C. C. Wells, T.D. Commanding Officer.
Major F. E. I. Mason, A.M. Inst. W.S. Regular Training Major.
Captain D. I. Bradford, Adjutant.
Major (Q.M.) L. B. Day, Quartermaster.
Major C. H. Walker, T.D., R.A.M.C. (T.A.) R.M.O.
Major D. J. Baldry, Battalion Recruiting Officer.
Rev'd E. Simpson, R.A.ChD., (T.A.) Padre.
Lt. N. C. P. Keeble, R.A.P.C. (T.A.) U.P.O.
Lt. B. L. Coates, R.S.O.
Lt. B. R. Marshall, I.O.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

Capt. B. P. James, Company Commander.
Capt. O. Bevis, 2i/c.

"A" Company (Wisbech)

Major A. Storey, Company Commander.
Capt. J. R. Baggaley, 2i/c.
Lt. A. K. Checkley, Pl. Comd.

"B" Company (Cambridge)

Major J. R. L. Brashaw, Company Commander.
Capt. W. H. Keatley, 2i/c.
Lt. M. D. R. Knight, Pl. Comd. (Newmarket).
Lt. C. J. Taylor, Pl. Comd. (Ely).
2/Lt. R. G. Wylie, Pl. Comd. (Haverhill).
2/Lt. D. E. Latchford, Pl. Comd. (Cambridge).

"C" COMPANY (Leiston)

Major R. A. F. Kemp, T.D., Company Commander.
Capt. G. M. Wilson, 2i/c.
Lt. C. J. Wright, Pl. Comd.
Lt. H. C. Jessop, Pl. Comd.
2/Lt. R. J. Capps, Pl. Comd.
2/Lt. J. Sullivan, Pl. Comd.

"D" Company (Lowestoft)

Major H. W. Garrod, T.D., Company Commander.
Capt. R. Hammersley, 2i/c.
Lt. P. F. Catchpole, Pl. Comd. (Beccles).
2/Lt. I. H. Patterson, Pl. Comd. (Lowestoft).

Our past members may be surprised at what must seem to them the kaleidoscopic change which has taken place since prior to amalgamation, but we hasten to reassure them that they will find very little difference in the spirit of the Mess, which is flourishing. This seems in fact an opportune moment too for us to say how welcome past members of the Mess are when they reappear in our midst. We are always pleased to see them and wish that more of them would visit us more often. We are holding a succession of cocktail parties in each of the Company

areas, and we intend to make these an annual event. The first of them was held at Wisbech last November and it was a very successful party. It gave us the opportunity to entertain local people who give us their valuable support, and we very much hope that more past officers will be able to join us on these occasions in the future.

There are two very new members of the Mess who have only recently joined us — Jeremy Sullivan and Gerald Bevis, and we look forward to welcoming them at the first opportunity.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since the last issue, membership of the Mess has increased by the promotion of Corporals Fincham, Chapman and Ablitt to Sergeant. Congratulations, and welcome to the fold.

Congratulations go also to Sergeants Garrod and Brock on their elevation to Colour Sergeant. They are now members of Ali Baba's celebrated robber band.

We would like to thank members of the Cambridgeshire Regiment Sergeants Dinner Club for extending and re-naming the club as "Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Sergeants Dinner Club." Membership is now open to past members of the Suffolk Regiment (T.A.) in addition to past and present members of the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment.

All members wish to congratulate W.O. II. "Hoppy" Smith on being awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for Exceptional Meritorious Service. Well done, "Hoppy."

The Colours of the 4th Battalion the Suffolk Regiment (T.A.) were laid up at Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday 30th November. Proud members of the escort were C.S.M. "Don" Mowle, and Sergeants Southgate and Golder.

R.S.M. A. F. Charlesworth is still carrying out his treasure hunt for Mess silver and property. Should anyone know of the whereabouts of any of the elusive stuff, the R.S.M. would be glad to hear about it.

The Sergeants' Mess, as always, is well represented in the Battalion Shooting Team which is now in full training for the Div. Shoot in April.

The social side of Mess life has been very quiet this quarter past. Everyone is looking forward to Annual Camp to rectify this dull state of affairs. We understand that the R.S.M. is to carry out a reconnaissance of the 1964 camp location, and we have enough trust in his powers of reconnoitre to know that he will not neglect the social aspects of Camp.

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

Assault Pioneers

We warmly welcome Bury St. Edmunds to the Assault Pioneer Platoon. With two teams working along similar lines and toward the same ends, we hope to get some new blood in our veins. Recent advertising has already borne a little fruit in the way of recruits, and we can look forward to building a really effective platoon.

Since the last notes we have been to Leiston for a week-end's training in explosives. We showed several films and put on some "dry" demonstrations. We would have liked to try the real thing, but with an atomic power station close at hand it would have alarmed the natives too much.

We also went to Woodbridge in recent weeks. We met up with No. 4 Company there, and together ran a mine-laying exercise. Besides this we also laid in to an excellent Christmas dinner. It was splendidly turned out and enjoyed by all.

Finally, our belated good wishes go to all for good soldiering in 1964. In particular we wish all the 1st East Anglian Regiment a safe trip to Aden and a happy tour when they get there. They'll find they will have to play it "real cool" out there.

Bury St. Edmunds Detachment

Recently, such spare time as we have had has been spent in getting our Recreation Room presentable and fit for human habitation. Sgt. Pollen, as electrician-in-chief, has been trying to get the place heated and yet stay within the limits of the law.

Also, along with Cpl. Johnson, has been carrying on with the task of training and keeping the rest of the Detachment up to scratch.

With the exception of shooting (we are training for the April shoot) outside training has dropped off recently; what with Christmas and the weather, but the members of the Detachment are looking forward to training in their new role as Assault Pioneers. The work involved is interesting and varied and has more "adventure appeal" than some of the more common or garden aspects of soldiering. We hope to get some new recruits as a result of recent advertising, and, in company with the Stowmarket Pioneers, make an efficient and keen platoon.

Corps of Drums

Since the last notes were written there have been many changes and events in our Empire.

In August of last year the Corps of Drums at Wisbech signified a wish to be disbanded and it was decided to raise a new Corps of Drums at Ipswich. In September we started to recruit for the new Corps and at present we have nine drummers and two drummer boys all busily shaping the Corps under Acting Drum-Major "Jock" Marshall. Our first public appearance was at Leiston football ground on the 17th November 1963 where, ably assisted by the Band, we beat Retreat.

We were wearing our scarlet tunics which, although rather old, combined with blue uniforms of the band to give a very impressive effect, and blending with our new rod-tension plastic-skinned drums. The whole effect was quite colourful.

We practice on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the T.A.C. Ipswich and would welcome any ex-drummer who would like to come along and "beat" with us.

Congratulations to Bandsman Marshall on his promotion to Cpl., and to Pte. Warne on his elevation to L/Cpl. Also to Dmr. Gadsby on making the grade as pianist in the Regimental Dance Band.

Band

During the past half-year our engagements haven't been too numerous. A very interesting experience was had by members of the Band when, on Sunday 21st July we participated in the Laying Up of the old Cambridgeshire Regiment's Colours in Ely Cathedral. The weather was kind and judging by the number of people along the route, they must have travelled in for miles around.

Then followed a quiet spell, due no doubt to annual holidays. Our next appearance was at

Pakefield Rifle Ranges, for "D" Company's Challenge Shoot. The weather was not so kind to us on this occasion, but it did remain dry enough for us to play for two spells during the day.

Practice nights now became more important than ever as the event of the year approached — namely the Divisional Band Contest. This was held as last year, in the Duke of York's H.Q. London, on 13th Oct. The test piece—Le Roi Dys—was difficult enough, but what proved a bit disconcerting was the fact that we suddenly found ourselves "first band on" as those originally in this spot had failed to arrive. Then followed a mad scramble to find music stands and erect them without too much loss of time.

Next, we had two rather quick engagements, Remembrance Sunday on 10th Nov. and a Retreat Beating on 17th Nov. at Leiston. Unfortunately the former was "rained off" which caused a letter or two in the local press. This would have been the debut of our newly formed Corps of Drums who were dressed in their scarlet tunics all ready for the parade.

The weather continued to be unkind to us for the next chance we had to show ourselves off at Leiston where the Battalion was playing in the T.A. Football Semi-Finals against the H.A.C. However, we did a short march round the football pitch and ended up by Beating Retreat, which was appreciated by those who stayed long enough to witness our efforts.

Our first show of the new year was at Cambridge, where we took part in the opening of our own Regimental Mobile Recruiting Centre — a caravan converted for this purpose — which should do much to increase the strength of the Battalion.

Members come and members go but it is pleasing to note that the overall strength of the Band remains pretty constant. We are at present getting some much needed "younger" members which is a good thing as even old Bandsmen have to "fade away" in time (by regulations not by choice).

"A" COMPANY

Many changes have occurred recently in the Company. Several must be mentioned. Major Derek Baldry handed over command of the Company after three years "at the wheel." Major A. Storey, formerly of the Royal Irish Fusiliers (T.A.) took over in October.

At the Company Annual Dinner, tribute was paid to Major and Mrs. Baldry for their efforts on behalf of the March and Wisbech detachments. They were offered a permanent and cheerful invitation to every social event in the future.

The Company also welcomed a new P.S.I. and family. Sgt. Stevens arrived in October and already has settled in and begun to exert a positive influence.

These notes end somewhat abruptly by nothing that a cease-fire between the warring states of Wisbech and March has apparently been announced.

"B" COMPANY

December for us, as I am sure for all readers, has been very full. All members of the Company have been kept very busy at one thing or another. The Company Commander and all ranks of "B" Company wish all readers all the very best for 1964.

During the last quarter training has been carried out to the full.

We held the Christmas Shoot on the 5th of December at Cambridge, which I may add was a great success. Thanks to the arrangements of Lt. Bartlett and his staff, Capt. Isaacson and Sgt. Pope (P.S.I.)

Many of the prizes were won by teams entered by the Company and some by remaining teams from other units and the City Police.

On the 15th of December the Company Children's Christmas Party was held at Newmarket, and a vote of thanks is due to the staff responsible for making it such an enjoyable time for the adults as well as for the children.

On the 22nd of December the Company paraded at Cambridge Drill Hall for Exercise Xmas Pudding, a cross country map reading exercise. The team entered from Newmarket came in first closely followed by teams from Haverhill, Ely and Cambridge, who, on hearing that turkey and Christmas pudding were on the menu for lunch decided that it was too good to waste. We had the honour of the Commanding Officer sitting down to lunch with some of the winning teams.

It seems that all members taking part in the exercise enjoyed themselves. It wasn't for the want of trying that the signal procedure failed to be all it should have been. Better luck next time.

"C" COMPANY

We must apologise for the absence of our notes from the last issue and can only plead pressure of work. The opening of our new T.A. Centre at Leiston has meant a big increase in our activities, both in training and social, and, as we are still without a P.S.I., this has meant a heavy burden on our one full-time employed staff. Should we therefore occasionally slip up we must beg forgiveness.

The last six months have certainly been hectic for the Company both in training and social activities. For training we have entertained 90 Company on one weekend in every month and this has been beneficial to all who have taken part. Much has been learned about the art of signals and mine laying and the beat of the newly formed Corps of Drums brought only one mild complaint from a local resident. In October both Companies carried out an Escape and Evasion exercise in Norfolk organised by Sgt. Pye. This was most successful and enjoyed by all — even the Q.M.'s Staff who managed to collect probably the first blisters of their career on their feet. Well done Dougie. Our old friend, Sgt. Joe Summerfield, managed to get himself in the soup again as usual. Attempting to dodge one of Capt. Wilson's mobile patrols he threw himself over the hedge and found himself swimming for dear life in the Norfolk Broads.

Earlier in the month we held a watermanship exercise in the Beccles area organised by Sgt. Parnell. This involved paddling assault craft some ten miles up the River Waveney from Beccles. Backaches and blisters were the order of the day for sometime afterwards. This exercise was invaluable for getting us in trim for another one in November which came out of the blue. This was the Boat Race organised by 2nd East Anglian Regiment to take place over the 75 miles route from Bedford to Kings Lynn. We had only ten days to prepare a team for this race after 90 Company found that they couldn't raise a team. A quick call for volunteers resulted in 17 names within two days and as we only required

an actual beat team of nine this gave us ample manpower for admin. and recce purposes. The Company 2/I.C. and C.S.M. spent hours in planning during the short time at our disposal but, try as we could, we could never get a look at the type of outboard engine that was to be fitted to the assault boat. Practice on the water was completely out of the question. We therefore concentrated on getting a strong admin. and recce section from the remainder after the boat team had been selected. The team consisted of Maj. Kemp (hereafter known as Admiral), 2/Lt. Capps, C/Sgt. Spall, Sgt. Ablitt, L/Cpls. Hardman, Cornish, Smith and Seaber, and Pte. Rice. From the remainder we formed two Recce parties consisting of Capt. Wilson with L/Cpl. Saxby as his driver, and C.S.M. A. Smith with Pte. D. Bailey in the driving seat. Mounted on Landrovers, their job was to recce ahead of the boat, sections of the river, and then meet the boat at the start of their section and take it through. This worked extremely well and the boat crew were loud in their praise for the extremely hard work put in by these two recce parties. The admin. was done by Sgt. Summerfield and L/Cpl. Wright (A.C.C.), with L/Cpl. J. Hazlewood as driver. Joe, as usual, did an extremely efficient job in selecting the right type of food for the occasion and with one-gallon containers he had borrowed, plus American-type of steel plates specially purchased, the boat crew never had to stop once for food. The start at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning at Bedford boat house was hectic. We had only half an hour prior to the start of the race to find out all about the engine and fitting it to the boat. When we eventually got it to start it seemed to be very temperamental and persisted in emitting clouds of smoke. Our tactics at the start were to try and get "D" Company, the other team from the Battalion, which had great hopes of winning the race by virtue of the fact that they had been able to get in some practice with a boat and engine which they had had for some time, off to a good start. We had been lucky in the draw for positions being No. 2 in line. Our "Admiral" used this to advantage and seemed to get his boat right across the bows of all the other with the exception of "D" Company who seized the advantage to forge ahead right at the start. The first obstacle involved taking the boat out of the water and carrying some 200 yards to the next stretch of water. We reached the obstacle in third place but with slick team work between the crew and the recce parties our boat left in first place. It was soon after this that our troubles began. The driving spring broke and the boat came to a virtual standstill although the crew carried on by paddle whilst 2/Lt. Capps repaired the engine. By the time we got it going every boat in the race had passed us and we were a very poor last. Undaunted the crew carried on and from then on it was pure gamesmanship on the part of the recce parties coupled with the determination of the crew. Slowly but surely our boat overhauled the tail-enders and then began the long task of overtaking. By the time we had reached St. Ives at 7 p.m. we had passed all other boats in the race with the exception of "D" Company who were still some 30 minutes ahead of us and going great guns. It was in this position that we entered the long New Bedford River stretch where we would have to cope with the tide as well. Here we were extremely lucky and our hard work of the day was repaid as we had hit the river just on the turn of the tide and from

then on we had the great advantage of running with the tide. Teams that arrived after us at this point were not so fortunate and spent a very hard night fighting against it. For night work we had equipped our boat with two powerful torches which made it distinctive from the remainder who had only one. We had also reduced our crew to five which was allowed by the rules, thus lightening the boat, the remainder of the crew being used as reliefs. These tactics began to pay off because we noticed at the second check point along this long straight our boat had reduced the time gap between ourselves and "D" Company by some 15 minutes. Two thirds of the way along the long straight the Recce party managed to set up another check point to await the arrival of the two boats which were now way ahead of the remainder. As the steady chug of the engine of the first boat was heard we peered down the river and were startled to see there were two headlights where we had expected the single light of the "D" Company boat. Had "D" Company forged further ahead and we had missed them? As we flashed our recognition light back came the answer and there was no doubt it was "C" Company boat. As they swept by they shouted that "D" Company had broken down some way back, which meant we were now in the lead. This information was passed on to "D" Company bank party and we pushed on determined that we would now be the first in King's Lynn or die in the attempt. A quick conference was held at Denver Sluice and we were faced with the problem of whether to let the boat go on up the main channel or take it out and carry it a mile to the new cut. Local inhabitants had told us that we would be mad to allow a boat of that size with such a small engine to battle against the rush of the tide which would be coming in before we reached King's Lynn. We decided to take a chance and risk the main river. The boat was pulled in as soon as it reached Denver Sluice; a quick check was made on the engine and fuel and within five minutes we were off again. From then on the boat was rarely let out of the sight of the bank parties. They watched, coaxed and encouraged from all kinds of impossible places. At one point the crew reported the plug was believed to be oiling up. At the next bridge the C.S.M. hung precariously over the side with two plugs hanging on the end of a length of string to drop into the boat. It what seemed to be no time at all the boat passed under King's Lynn Bridge and entered its last short leg to the finishing point at the Custom House. It was there that the Recce party went wrong. Having travelled well over a hundred miles since the start of the race, reconnoitred dozens of obstacles, got to the river bank at all kinds of impossible points and generally never putting a foot wrong, it got lost in King's Lynn and reached the finishing point 5 minutes after the boat which had arrived first, eight hours ahead of the scheduled time of finishing, and one hour ahead of the next team — "D" Company, which had led for almost the duration of the race. It was a wonderful weekend and our thanks are due to the organisers, the 1st East Anglian Regiment the R.A.S.C. (A.E.R.) who made us most welcome at their Camp at Kempston on Friday night, the hundreds of good people who hadn't a clue what was going on but cheered us along the way (including those few who grumbled about us upsetting their fishing sport and the irate retired General

over whose lawn a boat was hauled and we were blamed) and most of all to those lads who came along at such short notice and put up such a magnificent show against all odds.

We arrived back from the Boat Race on Sunday morning to find all our good ladies at Leiston busily preparing a meal for the teams after the football semi-final between the Battalion and the H.A.C. in the afternoon. This was an excellent effort and our thanks are due to Mrs. Smith who once again organised things so efficiently and to all those other ladies who came along and helped to make it such a success.

And so on to the Christmas festivities. On the 14th December we held our annual party for the children. It looks as if we have probably been giving our married members too much weekend training in the past because the numbers attending this party seem to drop considerably over the past two years. However, some thirty odd children came along and a good time was had by all. Thanks are again due to Mrs. Smith for organising the tea and presents, to Sgts. Parnell and Pye for so capably handling the games, to Sgt. Summerfield who was in charge of the effects and providing the sleigh for Father Christmas whose entry wasn't quite so effective as Joe had planned and, last but by no means least, to Father Christmas (alias Major Kemp) who carried out his duties as only Father Christmas can.

On the 15th December we held our annual Christmas shoot at Sizewell when over thirty members came along and enjoyed the shoot organised by L/Cpls. Hardman and Saxby. The results of this shoot were:

Gun scores: 1st L/Cpl. Saxby 86; 2nd C.S.M. Smith 84; 3rd L/Cpl. Hardman 79.

Handicap Shoot: 1st Pte. M. Spall 129; 2nd Cpl. Farrow 118; 3rd Major Kemp 116.

Ladies Shoot (.22): 1st Mrs. Smith 217; 2nd Miss Whitmore 196; 3rd Mrs. Jones 184.

"Youngsters" Shoot (.22): 1st Miss J. Smith 103; 2nd Miss Parnell 101; 3rd Master B. Emmerson 100.

Other social events have been our monthly dances held at Leiston which continue to be such a success. We have a poor gate if we have less than 350 on the floor which proves the popularity of our new Centre. If only we could entice a few of them to become more permanent members of the T.A. This will come we are sure — already several are beginning to nibble at the bait.

On Saturday the 11th January we are holding our first-ever Dinner in the new T.A. Centre. A hundred members and their guests are expected to sit down to a first class dinner organised by 2/Lt. Capps, followed by a dance and cabaret organised by the committee. Unfortunately the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Wells, and his wife will be unable to attend.

Recruiting has been very slow in spite of all our activities but we believe we are now putting over the image of the T.A. to the general public and we hope to reap the benefits in the near future. We welcome to our ranks, however, Lieut Jessop on transfer from the Gloucesters, 2/Lieut. Sullivan on being granted a commission and L/Cpl. Harvey on attachment from the Regular Reserve. He will be joining us as a full-time Territorial in February.

We offer our condolences to the family of the late Pte. Francis Hammond who was tragically killed at his work at the Sizewell nuclear power station in November. The Company was represented at the funeral by C.S.M. Smith, Cpl. Murphy, L/Cpl. Smith, Ptes. Gissing J., Gissing T., Smith and Free.

In closing we offer our best wishes to all members of the 1st East Anglian Regiment during their tour of duty in Aden and hope all those who have visited us in the past will do so again on their return.

“D” COMPANY

Our activities, though unrecorded for some time, have been many and varied over the past months. At the end of the summer season the Rifle and Anti-Tank Platoons fought a noisy and spectacular battle at the Ipswich Tattoo and twice succeeded in bullying a canvas tank into surrendering. Soon afterwards the Anti-Tank Platoon journeyed to Lydd and found that it was not all that easy to hit a mock-up tank, even when moving along a straight railway line, with a real live round. The rest of the Company then had its chance with a ‘live’ weekend at Stanford. The Rifle Platoon in Sten alley, the mortars knocking more spots off Tommy’s belt and the Recce Platoon recapturing the delights of the M.M.G. whilst the Colour Sergeant got the tickle out of his toes by doing impossible things with a quarter tonner and also demonstrated how to beat off hordes of little chocolate men with a white hot L.M.G. from the hip.

Remembrance Day turned out wet for the first time practically within living (T.A.) memory which may, but should not have, accounted for the small turn out.

By comparison, the weather was kind to us for the Assault Boat Race from Bedford to King’s Lynn, when the Rifle Platoon cheated itself into second place having been out-cheated of first place by “C” Company, both having beaten the previous record by a handsome margin. We have a feeling that the rules will be less flexible next year.

Our social activities have been equally diverse. At the Company outing to Yarmouth we were entertained by Ken Dodd and the feminine charms of the male dancers and we have enjoyed the efforts of the Steel Band at two of our public dances at the Drill Hall.

The Rifle Platoon declared Christmas early this year and a good evening was had at the Wrentham Spread Eagle when quite a few members were surprised to find their capacity did not measure up to “a yard of ale.”

The Company dinner was held in early December at Gunton Hall, which was generously made available again by Captain Hammersley at cost price and a pleasant if slightly quiet evening was enjoyed by all.

The same (i.e. quietness) could not be said of the Anti-Tank Platoon Dinner which was uproarious after certain persons, who should have known better, had been persuaded to forego the charms of the night spots of Bungay. The Tank Busters are warned its all down on tape and will no doubt be twisted beyond recognition on the replay.

Finally the P.S.I. organised another of his successful evenings with a Christmas Draw and hot snacks and more than fifty children were entertained to a Christmas party at the Drill Hall.

Looking to the future each Platoon will take turns in organising our monthly social evenings and other activities, and so it is hoped release the hard pressed stalwarts who have borne the brunt in the past, and will also give scope to new talent.

We are all sorry that Lt. Coates has to leave Beccles Drill Hall for business reasons and we wish him the best of luck as R.S.O. at Ipswich. Under his command the Anti-Tank Platoon has made great progress and his ample presence will be greatly missed. Lt. Catchpole takes over at Beccles with the task of forming a new Rifle Platoon assisted by Corporals Burgess and Campbell. An intensive recruiting drive is planned for 1964 and it is reported that recruits will be issued with battle dress without lapels and will have a special hairdo. Since Camp we have been joined by Lt. Richmond and 2/Lt. Patterson and they and the Lowestoft Platoons are determined not to be out-done by Beccles in the recruiting drive. We are already looking forward to Camp and hope we shall be able to record in future notes that our recruiting efforts have by then shown results.



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

Colchester Tattoo

A donation of twenty-five pounds has been made by the organisers of the Colchester Community Fund from the proceeds of the 1963 Colchester Military Tattoo. This sum has been credited to the Regimental Benevolent Fund.

NORFOLK SECTION

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Dates to Remember

1964.

- April 19th—Gaza Day Commemoration Service in the Regimental Chapel 10 a.m.
- June 5th—Royal Norfolk Regiment Officers Dinner at the Naval and Military Club.
- June 7th—London Branch will place a wreath on the Cenotaph in Whitehall. Meet on Horse Guards Parade at 11.30 a.m.

- Sept. 26th.—Annual Meeting of the Regimental Association General Committee — Britannia Barracks, 5.15 p.m.
Reunion Dinner in Britannia Barracks 6.30 for 7 p.m.
- Oct. 12th—Memorial Service to Nurse Cavell, Life's Green, Norwich Cathedral, 10.45 a.m.
- Oct. 30th—King's Lynn Branch Dinner, Providence Street, Drill Hall, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 6th—London Branch Reunion Dinner.
- Nov. 11th—Remembrance Service at the Regimental Memorial Cottages, Norwich 10.45 a.m.

Regimental Chapel

Considerable progress has been made in the work of beautifying St. Saviour's Chapel. Oak College Stalls and Wall Panels have been erected and underfloor heating installed. A Service at which the new fittings will be dedicated is to be held later in the year, probably on the afternoon of 26th September, the day on which the annual reunion dinner at Norwich is held. Full details of this service will be made known as soon as the tentative arrangements can be confirmed.

Regimental Museum

Among recent acquisitions is a collection of seven medals awarded to the late Lt. (Q.M.) E. Sargent. The collection includes two medals awarded for service on the South African War, three for the Great War of 1914-18, the Long Service and Good Conduct and the meritorious Service Medals.

On the closing of the Royal United Service Institution Museum a collection of badges and a pair of epaulettes (1820) were presented to the Regiment.

Mementoes of the war in Gallipoli and Palestine have been presented by Major A. M. Taylor, M.C., and Mr. R. C. Larking.

Christmas Gifts

From donations to, and profits from, the 1963 Reunion Dinner held in Britannia Barracks, Christmas gifts were made to 119 former members of the Regiment who are long-term patients in St. Andrew's and Helledon Hospitals, or residents of Hostels for the aged in Norwich.

Other gifts were also made to our Chelsea Pensioners and to former members living in the Star and Garter Home for the Disabled at Richmond, and the British Legion Halsey House, Cromer.

The distribution of gifts to the tenants of our Memorial Cottages was carried out at Norwich by Brigadier Barclay accompanied by Major Cripps and at King's Lynn by Mrs. Pope.

Several letters of appreciation have been received.

LONDON BRANCH

The reunion dinner held in November at the Dragoon's Room of the Westminster Dragoons, Drill Hall, Westminster, was again a roaring success with over 70 members sitting down to a very good dinner. Grace was said by one of our very loyal members,

Major Fletcher Lightfoot. The telegrams to Her Majesty The Queen and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret were read by our Chairman, Capt. M. J. Franses, who proposed the Royal Toast and the toasts to the Regiment and Regimental Association, Capt. Franses said, being a "new boy" in the Chair, it was most heartening to see so many members at the dinner and welcomed in particular our late Chairman Lt. Col. Floyd also Brig. Wilkinson, Major Cripps, Sgt. Major Richardson and R.S.M. Fowler from Norwich. Our friends from Chelsea Hospital were represented by that grand young man C.S.M. Lawrence. No London branch dinner would be complete without a representation of the "Dorsets" and it was nice to see them enjoying themselves. That well known figure of John Scotcher had been transported to the dinner by a member of the British Legion. There were a number of old faces missing and one can only hope to see them at our next function.

Before the dinner 34 members attended another moving ceremony at the Field of Remembrance at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Brig. Wilkinson planted a cross on behalf of the Regiment whilst everyone stood for a few moments in memory of the fallen of the Regiment. After the ceremony those who wished planted their own personal crosses. From a visit to the plot a few days later it was obvious by the number of crosses planted that many other friends and relatives had also visited the Regimental plot in the Field of Remembrance.

The week following Remembrance Sunday our Treasurer, Mr. G. Terry and I had the good fortune to attend the Cenotaph Parade of the Dorset Regiment Association. Over 200 members were on parade with nine banners from branches as far apart as Southampton & Birmingham. I must say the turn-out was a credit both to the organisers and those who attended.

Whilst on the subject of Cenotaph parades it has just been announced that the parade held in London each year will still continue to be held in the future by the London branch and it is hoped that everyone will continue to support the function and indeed increase our numbers by bringing their friends.

The Burma reunion will be held at The Royal Albert Hall on Saturday the 9th May. This year we are booking two boxes and anyone who served in Burma and wishes to attend should apply to the Secretary of the London Branch early for tickets at 12/6d. each.

" THE BRITANNIA AND CASTLE "

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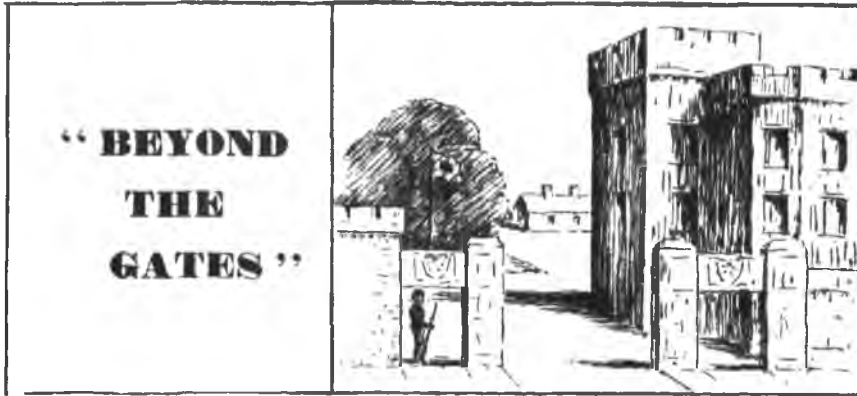
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Ipswich Branch

The parade service at the Cenotaph in Christchurch Park, Ipswich on Sunday, 10th Nov. 1963 was cancelled because of the very bad weather, but a short service was held and wreaths were laid. A few members attended this service and Mr. H. Baker laid the wreath on behalf of the Branch. In addition to being a "wash out" for the locals, it was also a disappointment for ex-Sgt. B. A. Lincoln, M.M., 4/Suffolk who came to Ipswich for the weekend from Herne Bay, Kent to take part in the parade with some of his Old Comrades. He was very pleased however, and thought himself highly honoured when the Band of the Suffolk & Cambridgeshire Regiment (T.A.), in the Recreation Room at the Drill Hall, Great Gipping Street played for his benefit the Regimental March "Speed The Plough." He expressed his many thanks to the Band for this incident and also mentioned the very nice gesture of Cpl. Fincham of the same Battalion for putting him up during his stay in Ipswich. It is understood he visited a few old haunts in the town and also met Mr. Given of our Branch whom he knew quite well in his service days.

A party of ten attended the ceremony of Laying up of the Colours of the 1st and 4th Battalions of The Suffolk Regiment which took place on Saturday, 30th November at St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds. A most interesting, but perhaps, a sad ceremony, being the final chapter in the history of "The Suffolk Regiment."

In our last notes, mention was made of Ex. Sgt. Keating. We have to mention him again, but regret to say he was admitted to hospital on 12th Dec. and died on 16th Dec. following an operation. His funeral took place at Rushmere on Sat. 21st Dec. and the Branch was represented by Mr. & Mrs. Dowe, Messrs. Clark, W. Green and Wyartt. A wreath was sent by the Branch and a letter of condolence was sent to Mrs. Keating.

Another ex-member of The Suffolk Regiment, well known locally, but not an active member of the Branch also died recently — ex O.R.Q.M.S. A. Baker M.M. (Pasha) of the 4th Battalion. After completing his regular army service he was employed at the Drill Hall, Portman Road and when the last war broke

out he was mobilized with the 4th Battalion. He was taken prisoner at Singapore and was in Japanese hands until the end of hostilities. Since arrival home has not enjoyed very good health and had to retire from work some while before retiring age.

Our condolences go to the wives and families of these two "old soldiers."

We are pleased to record that Mr. A. Green has improved in health and has started work again on a light job for the time being. We wish him better health in the future.

Visits were paid during the holiday period to Mr. & Mrs. G. Barnes, regular attenders at our meetings when they could get there. Mr. Barnes is recovering from the effects of a fall at the bad spots of pavement for which Ipswich is noted. Whilst Mrs. Barnes is still under the weather with asthma and dare not venture out in the wintry evenings. Ex. Sgt. H. Bragg, D.C.M. now in his 88th year is not in very good shape. His eyesight is failing which of course is a handicap but he still manages to do a few odd jobs around the house. Another old timer, Boer War veteran C/Sgt. John Pye, also nearly 88, is in better fettle. He is much better now than in the early part of last year when he was not able to get about because of an attack of gout. He is pleased to tell you that he does not use his stick now except for his daily short walk in town.

We have not seen much of Mr. Harry Frost of Branham lately. Although in fair health at his age he does not wander far in the evenings and the trip from Branham to Ipswich is not always a pleasant journey. We were pleased to see J. F. Phillips, late 1/4th Battalion, at our meeting on 15th Nov. also ex Pte. Osborne on 3rd Jan. and we hope to see more of them in the future. We exchanged seasonal greetings, by card, with ex-Sgt. Flossie Foreman, now a fully fledged C/Sgt. at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Flossie is in very good health and looking forward to better weather and the fun of a game of bowls.

On 21st Dec. we held our Annual Christmas Draw when in the presence of a very good muster, the many attractive prizes were distributed.

A few "houses" were played during the evening and refreshments were provided. Our many thanks go to Mrs. Brame, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Wyartt for the supply of such excellent and tasty "rations."

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In conclusion we would like to convey our best wishes to past and present members of the Regiment for 1964.

Cambridge Branch

Greetings from Cambridge Branch and by the time this comes into print we shall be well advanced into 1964. This still leaves time for a New Year Resolution for all ex-members of the Regiment to come along and enjoy monthly meetings.

On December 7th last we had a well attended meeting in order to give a send-off to Chris Pilgrim who has gone to Australia for two or three years. He was presented by members of the Branch with a gold tie clip suitably engraved. He is by now "down under" and all members, I know, regret his going, and will equally well turn out to greet his return. We hope he will render an account of his stay and send a word of greeting to all his old comrades through the Cambridge Branch.

Christmas has come and gone and members spent it quietly at home. Branch activities have been confined to monthly meetings and the annual Christmas Shoot at the Drill Hall. We are looking forward to renewing our exchanges with neighbouring Branches in the coming year. With this happy thought in mind we hope that all those familiar faces will be there. Until then, au revoir.

Bury St. Edmunds Branch

The Branch has at last had to accept the resignation of our Secretary, Doug Sillett, on doctor's orders and we wish him a speedy return to health. At the same time to thank him for the great work he has done in keeping the Branch together. I have volunteered to fill in the gap so I hope I shall see all the old faces at our next meeting.

A small Christmas Social was held at the Grapes Inn in which a good number turned up to welcome the Colonel of the Regiment, Lt. General Sir Richard Goodwin, who being on leave found time to visit us. We were very delighted and honoured with this visit and many tales were heard including one from mine host, Bob Sandry, whose father was with the Regiment many years ago at Malta. He very well remembers as a boy having a small barrow with which he assisted in building the Suffolk Road on that island.

Many old faces were missed at the meeting and we now know that a party was in progress in the town for elderly people, but we know we shall see these old regulars again at our next meeting.

Another pleasing item is the interest taken by our officers and their wives in attending. Our wives turn up on all occasions and supply refreshments for which we are very grateful. Our thanks too, to those members who gave prizes for the draw. Thank you all. A new member with us is Henry Blowers, who has now returned to Bury and put in an appearance at the first available opportunity.

I hear that our old friend Pippen Lockwood is making progress after his accident at the gas works. Speedy recovery Pippen and hopes to see you again soon.

All members send their congratulations to R.S.M. K. Duffy on being presented with his M.S.M. and

wish him and his wife every success as "mine host" of The Orange Tree in Braintree.

Good wishes to all Branches and members wherever they may be a very happy and prosperous new year.

Mildenhall and District Branch

The Ladies Committee of the Branch arranged a very successful dinner and social evening at the Town Hall, Mildenhall, on the 2nd. January, 1964.

A company of about eighty members, their wives and friends, enjoyed an excellent meal and the rest of the evening was spent in playing games, dancing, bingo, etc.

We were very pleased that our President, Major A. W. Neve, had sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be present on this occasion. We sincerely hope that he will very soon be restored to full health.

At the seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Branch Mr. C. W. Leeks was again elected Chairman, and Messrs. P. Norton and A. Rivett elected Vice-Chairmen.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. V. C. Phillips, reported that the Branch accounts were in a healthy condition, and that membership of the Branch was seventy-eight.

London Branch

There hasn't been a great deal of activity at this Branch during the last few months.

We have suffered our share of sickness which, of course, affects attendance, but we do still get the regulars — "Shoey," Bill North, "Pony" Moore, Jack Cadman, etc.

At our last meeting on the 14th December, an old comrade of India days came along to see us. He was Major (Q.M.) Fred Dent. He was given a great welcome, especially by Bill Barratt. Fred asked to see Bill especially. Memories went back many years too. Anyway as Major Dent is only "round the corner" at the War Office, we hope to see him regularly now.

It is very gratifying to see Mrs. Flynn still attending our meetings. We never seem to run out of conversation about old times, people and places.

If the ears of some of the old "Thumpheads" buzz at times, they will know that members of the London Branch have been talking about them. I suppose I should name a few — "Slogger," Leach, "Happy" Haylock, "Shady" Burrows, "Punkis" Peck, "Mary" Gilbert, Jimmy Goldfinch and quite a few others too

Ex-Cpl. G. Moxon wrote to me recently and I hope to meet him soon. We will have plenty to talk about.

"Sparkie" Reid attended our last meeting — it was the first time for about 18 months. Anyway it was very nice to see him again. Lets hope he will be able to attend more regularly.

In the next issue of the Gazette, perhaps we will get some news of the Annual Re-union, if any.

Burra Salaams to all our old friends and a happy 1964 to everyone.

Remembrance Day 1963

A Badge Cross was planted in the Field of Remembrance on behalf of the Suffolk Section of the 1st East Anglian Regiment Past & Present Association.

Badge Crosses or Poppy Crosses were also planted on behalf of the Cambridge and Plymouth Branches.

A Poppy wreath was also laid on the Cenotaph, St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds, during the Church Service on Sunday, 10th November, 1963.

The Suffolk Regiment Cottage Homes

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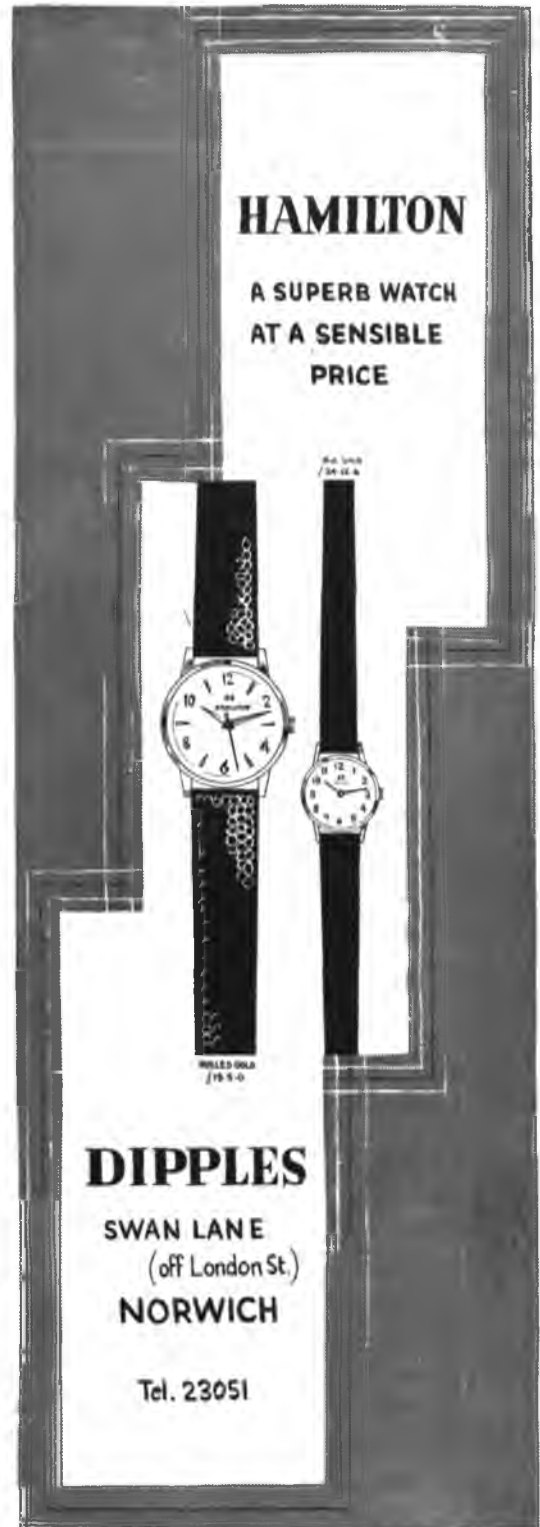
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