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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY, 1962

- MAY 25th** **Regimental Dinner Club. Luncheon at
Naval and Military Club**
- MAY 25th** **Regimental Dinner Club. Dinner at United
Service Club**
- JUNE 1st** **Presentation of Colours at Osnabruck**
- JULY 13th-15th** **Annual Reunion at Northampton
(Northamptonshire Wing)**
- JULY 15th** **Laying up of 48th Colours in Church of
the Holy Sepulchre at Northampton**
- JULY 17th** **Handing over of 2nd/10th and 58th
Colours to Army Museum at R.M.A.,
Sandhurst, 3 p.m.**
- JULY 20th-21st** **Brigade Weekend at Bury St. Edmunds
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C. J. M. Watts, J.P.

EDITORIAL

The Significance of the Regimental Colours

Colours are the memorials to the great deeds of a regiment. When Colours were carried in battle, many acts of heroism were performed in defence of the Colours, and they formed a rallying point for the last desperate stand of a regiment.

In the wars of history, regiments have been almost wiped out in their country's cause, and yet the only memorial may be a word on the Colours. The Charge of the Light Brigade with its tremendous loss of life is summed up in the single word, "Balacava". The virtual annihilation of whole battalions is remembered by the words "Neuve Chappell" or "Aubers Ridge" on the Colours.

Sir John Fortescue, writing in his "History of the British Standing Army" records that when a Company of German Mercenaries was formed the C.O. read the terms of service to the men, who each raised three fingers and swore on The Trinity to observe them. Then a ring was formed and the Commanding Officer, calling the Ensigns into the midst of it, delivered to each the Colour of his Company and exhorted him to defend it to the death. If any crime was committed which brought disgrace upon the Regiment, the complaint was laid before the Ensigns who thereupon thrust their Colours point downwards into the ground and vowed that they would never fly again until the reproach was wiped out. When the culprit was found and punished, the Ensigns flew their Colours again before the whole Regiment on parade.

Colours are always consecrated; firstly because of

connection with the Church, and secondly because of their importance as symbols of the people and the sacrifice of human life which always attended their defence.

The Israelites carried the sacred standard of the Maccabees; the standard of the Emperor Constantine bore the sacred monogram of Christ; Joan of Arc's standard bore the figure of Christ. In a book called "Military Antiquities" it says that in England "Holy or sacred banners were frequently carried into the field by monks or other ecclesiastics in order to inspire a confidence in the troops, who were taught to believe that the saint whose banner was then displayed would interest himself on their behalf". At the battle of the Standard in 1138, the banners of St. Peter of York, St. John of Beverley and St. Wilfrid of Ripon were erected on a wagon and moved into the midst of the Army.

Each successive set of new Colours inherits, like the heir to a great family, the traditions, the glory, the honour and the veneration acquired by its predecessors. Though intrinsically valueless, they are extrinsically priceless. Sir Edward Hamley, on seeing some old Colours hanging in Monmouth Church, wrote these words:—

"A moth-eaten rag on a worm-eaten pole;

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Presentation of Colours

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NO application can be considered after 10th April.

Personalia

Major J. M. BARSTOW has been appointed Training Major 4th/5th Northhamptons (T.A.) and takes up the appointment in July.

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Lt.-Col. M. A. CHAMBERLAIN, M.B.E., has been appointed G.S.O.1 Liaison H.Q. 1 N.L. Corps and takes up the appointment in May.

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Major W. R. CHAMBERS has been appointed D.A.Q.M.G., H.Q. B.A.O.R.

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We congratulate David and Joy COLEY on the birth of a son in December, 1961.

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Major L. H. B. COLVIN, M.C., is now Garrison Commander, Penang.

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Lt.-Col. and Mrs. G. J. S. Cotton with their children returned to England from Australia on 23rd January to face the rigours of an English winter leave before Lt.-Col. Cotton takes up a new Staff appointment at H.Q. Northern Army Group, B.A.O.R., in April.

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Capt. C. J. DALE goes to Sierra Leone in May as a Staff Captain.

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We congratulate Capt. C. P. DOLLERY on his promotion to substantive rank.

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Capt. A. G. P. EVANS-EVANS has been appointed to the Staff at H.Q. B.A.O.R.

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We have heard from Mr. A. FISK of Blythburgh, Suffolk, who is now in his 85th year. He served in The Northamptonshire Regiment from 1896-1918. He is keeping fit and well and placed his usual wreath on the War Memorial at Blythburgh on Remembrance Sunday.

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We welcome to the Regiment 2/Lts. D. M. F. GOODALE and F. J. T. YOUNG on commissioning from R.M.A. Sandhurst. They are serving with the 1st Bn.

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We congratulate Major J. W. H. GREEN, T.D., on his promotion to substantive rank.

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Major R. C. C. GREENER has rejoined the 1st Bn. and assumed the duties of 2 i/c.

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Contact has been made with ex-Pte. Thomas HARROLD of The Northamptonshire Regiment, who now lives at Montreuil sur Bois, Seine, France. He sends his best wishes to all members of the Regiment.

We congratulate Major L. J. HENWOOD on his promotion to substantive rank.

We congratulate R.Q.M.S. HURST of the 1st (Cadet) Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment, A.C.F., on the award of the B.E.M. in the New Year Honours List.

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Major and Mrs. E. JESSUP are now living at Sandyacre, 41 Fylde Road, Ansdell, Lytham St. Annes, Lancs.

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We congratulate Capt. C. W. T. LUMBY on his promotion to substantive rank.

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We have heard from Capt. J. D. MACK who served with 5 Northhamptons from 1943-1945 and with 2 Northhamptons in 1946. He has now resigned from the 17th Cadet Battalion Royal Hampshire Regiment, Portsmouth, after 14 years' service with them because of pressure of business.

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We welcome 2/Lt. N. T. P. MEYHEW to the Regiment on first commissioning from Mons O.C.S. He is at present serving with the 1st Bn.

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Capt. N. MILLER has completed his tour of duty at the Brigade Depot and joins the 1st Bn. this month.

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Major H. H. MOORE returns to U.K. from Sierra Leone in May for leave before returning for a second tour.

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Lt.-Col. A. G. R. NOBLE, M.C., has been appointed Assistant Military Secretary at H.Q. Eastern Command and takes up the appointment in April.

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We congratulate Capt. J. PORTER-WRIGHT on his promotion to substantive rank. He is due to join the 1st Bn. in July.

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2/Lt. T. T. TAYLOR has returned from service with the Ghanaian Army and has joined the 1st Bn.

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We congratulate Capt. N. E. L. THOMAS on his engagement. Capt. Thomas became a member of the T.A.R.O. on the amalgamation of "R" Battery and 5 Northhamptons, and now lives in London.

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Capt. N. A. K. TUBB has completed his staff appointment and rejoins the 1st Bn. this month.

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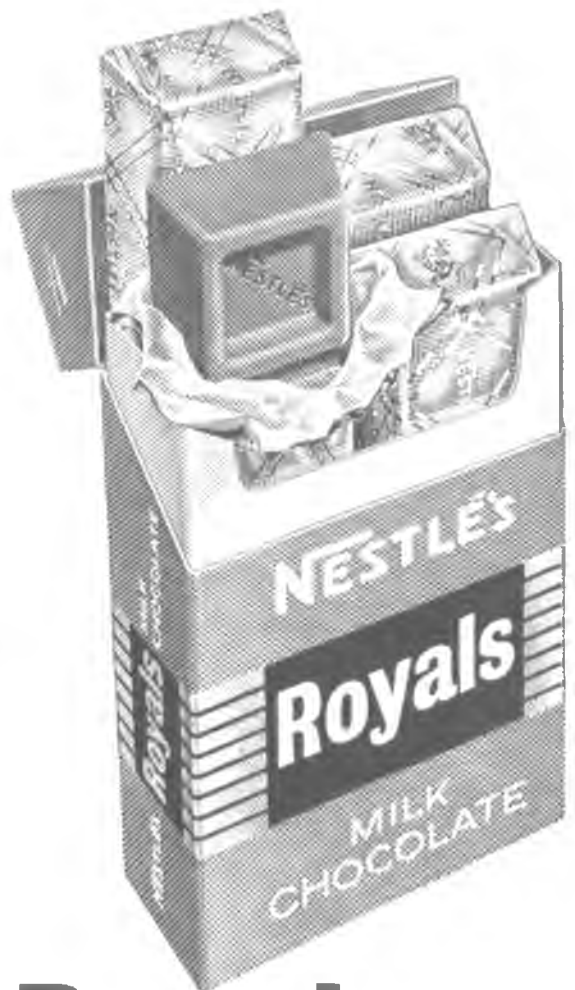
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Lt. J. B. WINCKLEY has gone to Singapore for employment with the Far East Training Centre.

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We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. R. E. J. GERRARD-WRIGHT on the birth of a daughter on 26th November, 1961.

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Major G. R. YATES has been appointed D.A.Q.M.G. (Quartering) 1 Corps.

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Major and Mrs. A. A. G. POWER would like to thank most sincerely all those officers who subscribed towards the lovely salver given to them as a wedding present. They are very grateful and will always treasure it.

LATE NEWS

We have just received a long letter from Mr. B. LICKORISH, who lives in Ontario, Canada. He enlisted in the Northamptonshire Regiment in February, 1915, and joined the 58th in France in May, and served in France till wounded at Villers Bretonneux in 1918. He was orderly to Capt. Colyer Fergusson, V.C., for two years. In October, 1918, he was posted to the 48th and served with them in the Army of Occupation in Germany.

Mr. Lickorish sends the following story:—

The 58th were being relieved in the front line by the 29th. One of them called out "make way for the 29th, there's no unit like the 29th."

C.S.M. Piggott of "B" Coy. replied: "The 29th is a good unit, but it takes two 29's to make a 58."

Deaths

FOSTER

On 21st December, 1961, in Northampton General Hospital, after a long illness, Barbara, wife of Major G. Foster, T.D., 4th/5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.).

WALKER

On 28th December, 1961, suddenly in Northampton, Leslie Thomas Walker, ex-The Northamptonshire Regiment.

BENNETT

On 29th December, 1961, suddenly in Bedford, James Donald Bennett, ex-Sgt. 5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment.

DIMMER

On 28th January, 1962, suddenly at his home in Northampton, Alfred George William Dimmer (604724), late 2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment.

COOK

On 17th January, 1962, at 5 Ingersoll Road, London, W.12, A. E. Cook, ex-C.Q.M.S. The Lincolnshire Regiment.

Obituary

C.Q.M.S. A. E. COOK

It is with regret we report the death of C.Q.M.S. A. E. Cook of 5 Ingersoll Road, London, W.12, which occurred on 17th January, 1962. "Boberjee" as he was known to his inmates was born on the 3rd May, 1886, and on his 18th birthday, 1904, enlisted into the Lincolnshire Regiment and served continuously for 22 years. Joining the 1st Battalion he served with it in India and Aden before the 1914-18 War, and with it proceeded to France in August, 1914. His record of service shows that during the war he served in France from 13th August, 1914, to 17th February, 1918, and after 14 days' leave in England returned to France to serve there almost another year.

Returning to England after the war ended he was posted to the 2nd Battalion and proceeded to India where he served for 6½ years before returning to take his discharge on 8th May, 1926. He was a Life Member of the Regimental Association, and a loyal member of the London and Home Counties Branch, who were represented at his funeral at Mortlake on 23rd January. Floral tributes were sent from his Branch and the Association.

We regret the passing of a man who always put his Regiment first in his thoughts both when serving in, and after leaving it. He had the greatest pleasure when he could be in the company of his former comrades, particularly at annual reunions. "Boberjee" will be remembered above all for his loyalty to his Regiment to which he always gave of his best.

MR. FRANK NEWBOLD

From G. W. Holderness we learn of the death of Frank Newbold which occurred at West Norwood a few days before Christmas. At the outbreak of World War I Frank, then living at Luton, immediately offered his services and joined the Spilsby Company of the 5th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, and went with the Battalion to France early in 1915.

Frank Newbold was an inspiring though quiet figure, did his job unflinchingly and when things looked their blackest, would always look for the sunny side. He never complained, though on occasions he was known to deplore the quality of French beer. At times when on the line of march, his voice with those of "Becky" Sharp and Billy Hamp would cheer their comrades with song—somewhat unusual ones at times, but nevertheless sufficient to lighten one's burden and make them forget the rigours of war.

After the war he was a member of the staff of the Midland Bank, Lincoln, where his undoubted talents gained him speedy promotion, and when he retired a few years ago, he was head of the Inspector Department at Midland Bank Head

Offices, London. It was a privilege for many who served with him during the war to have enjoyed his comradeship, and those of the 5th Battalion who knew him will regret his passing.

MR. W. H. WHITE

The death of 2209725, Mr. William Henry White, formerly of the Lincolnshire Regiment, took place at Sheffield on 22nd January. His funeral on the 26th January was attended by Mr. A. F. Corby, who represented the Regimental Association.

White joined the Regiment on the 7th January, 1926, serving first with the 2nd Battalion in the Sudan, and later the 1st Battalion at Gibraltar, Shanghai, Hong Kong and India. After nearly 8 years' service, most of which was overseas, he was in 1933 invalided home and discharged medically unfit—much to his regret as he enjoyed his service as a machine gunner. He had, prior to enlistment, service as a Territorial soldier with 119 Coy., R.E., W.R. Division (T.A.).

On leaving the Army he was employed with a steel firm in Sheffield, and remained with the firm until shortly before his death; he was engaged on the Security Staff, serving under Mr. Corby, who is in charge of the Security Staff.

Of White, Mr. Corby writes:—

"Although in failing health for some time past, which meant quite a number of periods being spent in hospital, White was a grand type and always cheerful despite his disability."

We extend sincere condolences to his widow, and son who is now attending Rotherham Grammar School.

Col. R. W. Cave-Orme

A Correspondent writes:

"May I add a postscript to your obituary notice of the late Colonel R. W. Cave-Orme.

When the former 6th Holding Battalion, which he commanded was, after many changes, finally disbanded he was appointed Sub-District Commander at Farnborough from 1943-45, with his H.Q. at Blandford House.

Subsequently he was appointed Sub-District Commander at Whitby, where he remained until it was closed down in 1946, in which year he retired."

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The white-tiled kitchen is the H.Q. of the many cooks becoming expert under the guidance of Club Manager John Wilson, who is a member of the International Academy of Chefs. The kitchen has its own bakery which produces 700 lb. of fancy cakes a week.

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Visit of Lt.-Col. W. A. Sankey, D.S.O., D.S.C. to Lincoln

Lt.-Col. W. A. Sankey, D.S.O., D.S.C., who commands the Bermuda Rifles, which is one of our Affiliated Regiments, visited Lincoln on 25th January.

He was accompanied by his wife and step-son, M. G. D. Graham, Esq., and was met on arrival by the Colonel of the Regiment and Major P. H. Segon. Visiting the 4th/6th Battalion Regimental Mess, they were greeted by Majors Francis, Macklam and Capt. Rushby, and later proceeded to the City Guildhall to pay an official call on the Mayor of Lincoln (Councillor W. E. Herbert, J.P.), who was pleased to entertain them and explain the civic regalia and details of the historical building and its contents. A visit was paid to the Regimental recruiting display at the Odeon Cinema, where the Colonel met Sgts. Perkins and Goadge, Cpl. Richardson, L./Cpl. Brown and Pte. Blackwell, all engaged in recruiting.

After lunching at the White Hart, a visit was made to Lincoln Cathedral, where in the Soldiers' Chapel a wreath was placed in commemoration of

those of the former Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps (now Bermuda Rifles) who laid down their lives when attached to the Lincolnshire Regiment in the Great War and World War II, and whose names are recorded in the Rolls of Honour housed in the Chapel

A visit to the Regimental Museum of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment completed the visit, here the Colonel was pleased to accept the following gifts from 2nd East Anglian Regiment on permanent loan to the Bermuda Rifles, two "Ivatt Lamps" and the bookcase containing Histories of the 10th Foot.

His visit afforded the opportunity of the following officers and ladies resident in Lincoln being either introduced or of renewing acquaintance: Brigadier and Mrs. Richards, Lt.-Col. I. B. Shepherd-Folker, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. H. Wenham and Major and Mrs. P. H. Segon. Mrs. Richards is a former resident in Bermuda, and her husband and Lt.-Col. Shepherd-Folker have both been stationed there, and have visited the island since.

A Visit to the War Office

Have you ever been inside the War Office? It's easy to get in, but oh dear, it's hell to get out again!

Last year I went to see a friend who had been in my Regiment and who had a high up job in Lansdowne House. (Actually I only wanted to pass the time and ask him out to lunch.)

In case you don't know, Lansdowne House was once a block of flats, but years ago it was taken over by the War Office and all the rooms are now offices.

I filled in a paper at the Porter's desk at the entrance, giving my name, address, next of kin, maiden name of my mother, etc., and saying who I wanted to see and why. (The "why" was a bit difficult!)

After a long wait whilst the ex-R.S.M. hall porter made several telephone calls, I was led by an elderly messenger to the lift. We went up three floors and then started walking. We turned left, then right, then left again, until I was completely lost, and then along a long passage with office doors on both sides. At about room three hundred and something we stopped and my guide went in, leaving me in the passage. Minutes later he reappeared. "You're to wait," he said and led me into a room opposite.

Inside were two individuals in civilian clothes; they might have been serving officers, R.O.s, or established Civil Servants, I couldn't guess. Heads were bowed over their desks and they didn't look

up. Facing the door was the only vacant chair in the room, behind an empty office table. Obviously the senior man was on leave.

I started to apologise, "I'm so sorry, but I have been asked to wait in here." No response. I took the vacant chair and felt self-conscious. What if someone should come in and ask me a question? Both heads at the desks remained bowed; occasionally a hand reached for a paper from the "In" tray; not a word was spoken for fifteen minutes.

Then the door opened and my friend appeared. "Ah, Charles," he said, "there you are. I am terribly sorry to have kept you waiting, but I had the Director with me. I hope they are looking after you. It's nice to see you, come along in."

Two sets of eyes followed me as in an aura of reflected glory I left the room. I felt like saying "Your boss does know me after all, so I can't be quite such a worm as you appear to think."

We had an interesting conversation and he couldn't manage lunch, and I threaded my way along many passages and down many staircases, completely lost until, by luck, I arrived once more at the entrance. I was nearly through the door when a voice said: "Your pass, please Sir?" "I'm afraid I haven't got it; it was taken from me in Col. X's office and I haven't seen it since." A look of deep suspicion combined with resignation came over the Porter's face, and he reached for the telephone. "Please take a seat, Sir."

Three telephone calls and fifteen minutes later he put down the receiver. "That's all right, Sir, we won't worry about your pass this time, but we have to be careful you know."

As I walked into the sweet fresh air and sunshine of Berkeley Square I breathed a deep sigh of relief. I was out! (I once heard of a chap who went in, and wasn't seen again for ten days. They eventually found him frantically searching for his pass in the Secret Documents Destruction Unit!)

They are right, of course. There are spies everywhere, and although I don't look like James Bond, you never know, and they have to be careful. It's not so much the getting of the information that they object to, it's the getting away with it.

Soldiers' Pay—Infantry Year 1000

Among the archives of the Regimental Museum of the 10th Foot is a postcard which was used for recruiting purposes in 1900. It was printed for H.M. Stationery Office by Gale and Polden Ltd. On one side is a coloured print of a Sergeant in Review Order, also a Private in Scarlet Walking out Order, another in khaki posed at what is assumed to be the vicinity of the exit to barracks, and out of which two ladies smartly attired are leaving the barracks in their dress of the day. Opposite the coloured print is printed the following:—

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		s.	d.
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- What was the length of annual furlough?

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Ski-ing in Bavaria

On 17th December, 1961, seven members of the Battalion joined about twenty members of the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers for the journey down to Oberstorf, at the start of two weeks' ski-ing in Bavaria.

We arrived, after having spent a rather uncomfortable night, at about 0900 hours, to be met by a fleet of German Army lorries and a bus, which transported us and our baggage to the Hotel "Alpenfrieden" in Tiefenbach. At the hotel, which was the nearest point to our destination that we could reach by transport, we collected our skis, checked our kit, had a couple of beers to renew our strength, and started the climb up to the German Army ski hut, which was to be our home for the next two weeks.

The climb up to the ski hut was in itself a memorable part of the trip. As we were unfit, tired and cramped after the journey, and weighed down with heavy burgens, skis and ski-sticks, it took the best part of two hours, and it was with more than a sigh of relief that we sighted the hut.

The next day our ski instruction began, under Hans, the German Army Ski Instructor, who showed great patience with his pupils' somewhat laborious efforts.

Experience tells, and L/Cpl. Head, with Ptes. Walpole and Denby, who had done some ski-ing before while with the 1st East Anglian Regt., set the pace, and soon became quite proficient, while 2/Lt. Ffinch and Cpl. Vinson and Ptes. Doyle and Radwell, the "beginners" valiantly tried to keep up with them.

Once the basic principles of turning had been mastered, the ski-ing became more competitive, with racing and ski-jumping over boxes and boards packed up with snow, and even a few ventured so far as to ski down to the hote!

We were very fortunate with the weather and snow while we were there, with warm sunshine every day, and only one short snow storm. We had enough snow to enable us to ski the whole time, which we did, with the exception of a break over Christmas, when the majority went down to the hotel for a more satisfying Christmas dinner than the compositions could provide.

Apart from the ski-ing, a number of the party fancied themselves as mountaineers, and climbed the crags overlooking the hut, the main purpose being to write their names in a book which was in a metal box attached to a large wooden cross at the highest point. There were also a few who, goaded on by their hunting instincts, made various attempts to catch goats, deer and other species of wild life that were to be found, but without success.

Unfortunately the two weeks soon came to an end, and we all trooped down to the hotel, where we handed over our kit to the next party, which had just arrived. After a few farewell drinks, we were taken to Sonthofen Station by German Army transport, and from there began the long journey back to Osnabruck.

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- (5) The Interests Fund of the Former Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.
- (6) The Museum Fund, The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- (7) The Museum Fund, The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

They are all deserving causes, so take your pick. After all, "you can't take it with you".

Sobraon Barracks

Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln, built in 1880 and originally named "New Barracks" to distinguish them from the Old Militia barracks also situated on Burton Road, still has its "Keep" and the surrounding brick wall. The sports fields therein are still in the care of Fred Wright who, for 24 years, has looked upon them as his very own. "Polly", the old grey mare who in days gone by pulled the mowers and rollers, and Carter Paterson haulage duties for 15 years, is but a memory, her place having been taken by a tractor which now hauls all the machinery old man Wright requires to make his grounds numbered among the finest in the country.

World War II made the building of north and south camps adjacent to what was originally the Depot of the 10th Foot a necessity.

But what of the barracks today and in the not too distant future?

Sobraon Barracks at present houses and will continue to house the Headquarters of the 4th/6th Battalion (T.A.), R.H.Q. Headquarters (Lincolnshire), 2nd East Anglian Regiment, the Regimental Museum of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, the Lincoln and District Branch of the Regimental Association and the married families of the P.S.I.s' and A.I.O.s' staff.

The chestnut trees will continue to enhance the area which those mentioned above will occupy; the football field near the Administrative Block will be the scene of sporting events and parade of the 4th/6th Battalion.

What is to become of north and south camps, and those parts of Sobraon Barracks no longer required? This is a matter now "under consideration". Visitors, both service and civilian, who are interested in "what is going spare" have been many. Ministry of Works, Air Ministry, War Office Lands Department and the Lincoln City Corporation representatives have appeared on the sites with plans of the barracks in their hands, reconnaissances and conferences have taken place and the outcome it awaited with interest. The Sub-Editor unfortunately is not open to offers; he regrets it is none of his business, for had the officers and married quarters now vacant been Regimental property and he allowed to sell them he could have swelled the Regimental Trust Funds with a considerable amount of money.

Our readers will be informed of future developments—so see you have your copy of THE POACHER.

A little matter of interest to former officers of the 10th Foot who once commanded the Depot is that after having been without for 82 years, there has been installed in the passage near to what was once the C.O.'s office, a lavatory basin, immersion heater, towel roller and towel. No charge is being made for a wash an brush up.

P.H.S.

The Recce Platoon

"We are the eyes of the Commanding Officer." Our job is to find out where the enemy is, by whatever means we can and, once found, never to lose sight of him.

The platoon consists of four vehicles, which may be increased to six, each with a crew of four men, a commander, wireless operator, observer, and last but by no means least, a driver. Each one of these men has to know his particular job thoroughly and to be able to do it well, as a small team such as this has no room for a passenger.

Once each commander has been briefed on his task he is entirely on his own and his only link is his wireless set. He may be told to go and find out where the enemy is, or what his strength is in a certain location. Whatever task he is given he has to have initiative, daring, resourcefulness, and, above all, the ability to read a map. Without this last attribute, whatever he may find will be useless as he will not be able to tell his Commanding Officer where it is. "Near a smashin' pub, Sir," though useful information in many ways, is not what the Commanding Officer needs at that time, and the definition "in a field with a large bull, Sir; real nasty tempered he looks, too!", while suggestive of future events for the enemy, does not give the detailed information required.

The commanders are not specialists, but normal infantrymen who have to be good at their job. The four commanders of the vehicles at present are: Lt. Paul Dollery, who comes from Lincoln; Sgt. Peter Keal, from Boston; Cpl. Denis Starling, from Soham, Cambridge; and Cpl. Garry Vinson, from Sheffield. The wireless set in each vehicle has a range of 5-7 miles and is the sole responsibility of one man. His job is to maintain it and to ensure that he is always in contact with "control". He has undergone six weeks' special training, which enables him to pass messages on the wireless quickly, accurately and securely. If the message is in code he has to be able to decode it and give it to his commander in a readable form. This calls for patience, intelligence, and the ability to remain calm at all times.

"If you can keep your head, when all about you
Are losing theirs, and blaming it on you;
If you can ginger up a worn out battery,
And still transmit a message to H.Q.—
Correctly, and when edited, politely,
While both your ears have turned a gentle blue;
If you can do all this at once, and calmly,
Then, you can be an operator, too!"

The wireless operators with the platoon are: L/Cpl. Roland Edwards from Loughborough, Leicester; Pte. John Marsden from Nottingham; Pte. Harley Courtney from Scunthorpe; and Pte. Robert Hewitt from Coventry.

The observer in each vehicle can make or mar an operation as it is ultimately up to his cunning and sniper-like ability to see the enemy without

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- MAY 25th**
Dinner Club Luncheon and Dinner
- JUNE 1st**
Presentation of Colours at Osnabruck
- JULY 13th to 15th**
Reunion at Northampton
(Northampton Wing)
- JULY 15th**
Laying up of 48th Colours at
Northampton
- JULY 17th**
58th and 2/10th Colours handed over
to Army Museum at Sandhurst
- OCTOBER 6th**
Reunion at Skegness
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- OCTOBER 7th**
Laying up of 1/10th Colours at Lincoln

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the observer whispered "Stop". The enemy tanks had stopped 100 yards in front, but had not seen us. The driver reversed carefully behind a barn while the wireless operator reported our find. Suspecting there might be other tanks in the area, the commander and wireless operator did a short recce on foot, and found a squadron of tanks and two Companies of men (this is, about 15 tanks and 200 men) forming up for an attack. Our wireless operator passed this information to our H.Q., and while this was being done we had to move our position hurriedly as four more tanks had appeared behind us. We drove straight into a barn, closed the doors, and then asked the German farmer, rather belatedly, if we could come in. He said yes, so ten minutes later we had the satisfaction of seeing our own aircraft destroy the tanks and infantry, while the farmer's wife kindly cooked us a vast mixed grill.

If variety is the spice of life, then the Recce Platoon provides all the spice you can possibly ask for!

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being seen, that the success or failure of an exercise depends. He has got to be able to see without being seen, which in itself is no easy task, and to recognise what he sees and to give all details of it to his commander. The observers in the platoon are Pte. Christopher Peasgood, of Irnham, Grantham; Pte. John Boothby, of Wragby, Lincoln; Pte. Leonard Short, of Skegness; and Pte. Terrance Varney, of Gainsborough.

The old cry of "Don't forget the driver" is very true in the Recce Platoon, for each crew is dependent on its driver. He has to drive for long hours, and expertly all the time; to drive across fields, over mud, through hedges, in fact literally anywhere. Also he has to be the vehicle cook, as when the crew are observing is the only time a meal can be prepared, and the only one free to do it is the driver. In their "spare" time the drivers have to maintain the vehicle. On one recent exercise the drivers averaged four hours' sleep in three days. The drivers are Pte. Gordon Germany, from Stanford; Pte. John Pepper, from Malden; Pte. Christopher Frostick, from Cromer; and Pte. Jeffrey Sergeant, from Brandon, Norfolk.

Teamwork is the basis of success in the Recce Platoon. On the recent large B.A.O.R. exercise, our vehicle was in an observation post when enemy tanks were seen moving in some wood half a mile away. We followed the tanks for some miles by "tracking" the track marks, and after four miles



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We are now entering the New Year with the satisfied feeling that the Battalion has achieved a great deal since joining Rhine Army. After exercise "Spearpoint" we were faced with two main tasks—training of specialists to offset the January, 1962, discharge of National Servicemen, and preparation for the annual administration inspection due on 14th December. At the same time we began our individual training in earnest, fitted in a lot of sport and enjoyed a full Christmas programme.

On 7th November Maj.-Gen. E. A. W. Williams, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., G.O.C. 2 Div., visited the Battalion. This was his first official visit to us at Mercer Barracks and his aim was to see how the Battalion had settled in and how our winter training and administration preparation were progressing. Accompanied by the C.O., he toured the camp and looked in on the N.C.O.s' cadre, a Signal cadre, M.T. cadre and an Intelligence Section cadre. The G.O.C. was most impressed and spoke to a number of soldiers under training. Before lunching with the officers, General Williams visited the cookhouse and then the W.O.s' and Sgts.' Mess.

Immediately after the G.O.C.'s visit, the Battalion began to prepare for the next big hurdle, the administrative inspection. An enormous amount of work went on in preparation, especially on vehicles and signal stores, but the results proved well worth the effort as the M.T.O., R.S.O. and Q.M. all gained top gradings. For the Brigade Commander's annual inspection, the Battalion worked extremely hard both on the square and in the camp. Self-help was the order of the day and all the Companies decorated their own barrack rooms very successfully. On the square we reached a very high standard of drill, but unfortunately, owing to heavy rain, the parade had to be held in one of the M.T. hangers. Following the parade the Brigadier, accompanied by the C.O., inspected "B" Coy. platoons in the barrack rooms, then moving onto the Gymnasium, watched "C" Coy. at P.T. Whilst inspecting both these Coys. the Brigade Commander spoke to a number of soldiers and asked them how they were enjoying life in B.A.O.R. During the latter half of the morning the Brigadier toured the camp, visiting the different departments and offices. He was most impressed with all stores and armouries, especially the Q.M.'s and H.Q. Coy.'s, which were

really excellent. The Brigadier's final inspection was with the M.T. Platoon. Here he showed great interest in the armoured personnel carriers. The vehicles certainly looked most impressive, well painted and clearly signed, and the M.T.O. was congratulated on running an extremely good platoon. Before lunching with the officers, Brigadier Man visited the W.O.s' and Sgts.' Mess and spoke to all Mess members. After lunch he spoke to the whole Battalion in the cookhouse and told us how well we had done in Germany, especially as we had only arrived in June. He said that we were undoubtedly a happy, efficient Regiment who would do very well in war.

The administrative inspection over, we began preparing for Christmas and also for training in the New Year. The latter will include Adventure Training, involving both ski-ing in Bavaria, and platoon enterprises. Ski-ing is being arranged in conjunction with the German Army at their ski hut high in the mountains near Sonthofen in Bavaria, from January to March. As we go to press, the first party under 2/Lt. Ffinch has just returned from a most enjoyable ten days. As far as the platoon enterprises are concerned, the platoon commanders are setting their own schemes. There are few limitations, and marks will be given for the planning and execution of the projects. A trophy, to be known as the Poacher's Cup, will be awarded to the best platoon. All the platoons are looking forward eagerly to putting their own particular plans into operation. There is no lack of variety in ideas, and we hope to write accounts of a number of the enterprises in the next issue of THE POACHER.

Our Christmas holiday was from 21st December to 27th December, and those not lucky enough to get home leave enjoyed a really festive Regimental Christmas. In addition to organised entertainment in barracks, many single soldiers enjoyed the hospitality of married families. The first party was for the children. This took place on 21st December in our W.V.S. Room. A tea for 159 children and 60 mothers, containing all the well-known Christmas Party eats, was arranged, and presents for all the children were distributed by Father Christmas. Games and a cartoon film show followed. Our families who have quarters at Aldenburg (near Bremen) had their own Children's Party run on



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similar lines. By all accounts received, their children's party was as successful as the one held at Mercer Barracks. The Corporals in the Battalion have worked extremely hard on their Mess, and their big night was the Corporals' Mess Ball on 21st December—a highly successful and well-run party. The Regimental dance band played, and the entertainment included spot prizes, raffles and a buffet. On Friday, 22nd December, the W.O.s' and Sgts.' Mess held their annual Christmas Draw and Social Evening. This has always been a popular event at Christmas time in the Battalion, and this year was no exception. The soldiers' W.V.S. Christmas Party was held on Christmas Eve. A buffet, games, raffles and prizes were all arranged, and our congratulations go to both our W.V.S. ladies for organising such a first-class party. On Christmas Day the normal customs in the Army were observed. Tea with rum was served by the W.O.s and Sgts. to the soldiers in bed, and a huge Christmas dinner comprising of all the well known Christmas fare was served by Officers, Warrant-Officers and Sergeants. The Commanding Officer drank the health of the Battalion, spoke of our good record in the past year, and, with justifiable confidence, wished us well for 1962. On Boxing Day the Sergeants played the Officers at "football". The W.O.s and Sgts. had taken the idea of fancy dress very seriously, and their efforts would have done credit to any New Year's Eve Ball. The Officers, however, preferred warmth, and winter warfare kit, trousers and boots, were very much in evidence. The Sergeants eventually won, we think, by 5 goals to nil! The All Ranks Dance, our final event during the Christmas holiday, was held on 27th December in the N.A.A.F.I. Once again the Regimental Band played, prizes and a buffet were provided and, without doubt, this dance ended our Christmas festivities on an extremely high note.

OFFICERS' MESS

With exercise "Spearpoint" over, we were at last able to turn our effort to entertaining in order to return some of the hospitality we have received since our arrival in Germany. A guest night was held on 3rd November at which the guests were the C.O. and seven officers of the Lancashire Fusiliers, and the Brigade Major, and another one on 1st December for the C.O. and officers of our neighbours, the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, and the D.A.A. & Q.M.G., Major D. Lillyman. Both evenings were very enjoyable for us and we hope also for our guests.

The Christmas period was started off by a Ladies' Guest Night on the 18th December. Fifty-three sat down to an excellent dinner of Christmas fare. The Band was in top form: extras after the meal lasted for a full hour and included Christmas carols in which everyone joined. Dancing in the dining room (now miraculously transformed into an undersea tavern) followed, to the music of a German three-piece band. An excellent evening ended with breakfast in the small hours. The organising committee of Capt. Wetherall, Capt. Taunton and Lt. Ford are to be congratulated on a very well-planned party.

The Sergeants' team which opposed us at "football" on Boxing Day won by 5 goals to 1, but we think they ought to know that the rules only provide for 10 per cent reserves, and NOT 300 per cent, and these should be on the touchlines. We were, however, delighted to entertain all the W.O.s and Sgts. in the Officers' Mess after the game!

The Haarlem (Holland) Hockey Club visited the Garrison to play a Garrison side on 7th January, 1962, and we were glad to have the opportunity of accommodating and entertaining eight of their members.

Sgt. Towers went for an attachment to the United Service Club in December and has now returned the better for his experience. We had



MOBAT Training (17 pounder A.T. Gun)

some difficulty in restraining him from writing off as undrinkable half the cellar stock! S/Sgt. Millhouse acted as Mess Sergeant in Sgt. Towers' absence and we are grateful to him for the hard work and long hours he put in.

It is with regret that we say farewell to Majors J. L. M. Dymoke and G. R. Yates, Capts. A. G. P. Evans-Evans, E. M. C. D. Taylor, P. W. Edwards, P. D. Taunton and Lt. R. C. Hastie. We are glad to welcome 2/Lts. Mayhew and T. T. Taylor, and our new Education Officer, Major J. H. T. Waight, R.A.E.C.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Writing this in January, our thoughts turn to all past and present members of the Sergeants' Mess wherever they may be, and we wish them all they would wish themselves in 1962.

The exhausting time of the Festive Season is now safely behind us, and we appear to have survived the pace without any lasting damage being inflicted on person or property. Quite a few found the full meaning of "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" when so much seemed to be squeezed into so little!

Outstanding among Bn. events for Christmas, as one is almost accustomed to expect, was the "Draw Night" on 22nd December. For the previous three months the special committee of C.S.M. McCarthy, S.Q.M.S. Littleton (R.A.P.C.), C/Sgt. Bird and

Sgt. McColgan worked increasingly to encourage us to part with our money and purchase tickets at pfg. 50 (11d.) each. This was done in the many ways familiar to any Mess members, and so well did they achieve their aim that the final total amounted to 3,933 tickets realising the sum of D.M. 1,966.50 (£175). This made possible a really first-class evening. With 158 prizes to dispose of, how could one fail? Let it be known, though, that there was many a mystified one found amongst our officer guests when it became apparent that neither the C.O. or 2 i/c's tickets had been pulled out of the drum, whilst the Brigade Commander won two prizes for his five tickets! The selection of prizes had been obviously the result of much hard work right up to the last hour, for one begins to run out of ideas after the first 50 have been bought.

The next Mess event was the annual one of being hosts to the officers upon the occasion of building up courage (Dutch) to face the dining hall full of troops hungry for the Christmas dinner! We therefore had a pleasant hour together before fulfilling the successful and hectic operation of waiting on the men.

Having previously served their early morning tea and rum, we felt it then time to return home for Christmas dinner, and one hears that in addition to turkey some members had plenty of cold shoulder and sharp tongue on arrival, from the depths of a hot kitchen stove!

RECRUITS ENLISTED IN 1961

FIGURES TAKEN FROM 19 GEN.A 2281 (AG STATS)

Regiment	3 year	6 year	9 year	Boys	Others	TOTAL
1st East Anglian	4	85	64	30	15	198
2nd East Anglian	—	50	117	50	22	239
3rd East Anglian	8	86	54	16	16	180

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SERGEANTS' MESS

- 1—Visit of Bde. Comd. to Sgts.' Mess
- 2—Sergeants' Mess Draw
- 3—Visit of Bde. Comd. to Sgts.' Mess. Crib
- 4—R.Q.M.S. Eyeions at the Corporals' Ball gets a camera as a prize



Christmas at OSNABRUCK



1—The Childrens Party

2—Christmas Dinner starting!

3—Christmas Dinner finished!

4—O.R.S. J. Harrold with the
Christmas beer (Watneys ? ! !)

Finally, the Mess saw the New Year come in at what was undoubtedly the Mess Party of the Old Year. Everyone came in fancy dress costume, which gave tone to a well relaxed party spirit. The majority of members and their ladies had made a great effort in their creations, and during the course of the evening the team of selectors awarded prizes as follows:—

Ladies: 1st, Mrs. Stubbs ("Far Eastern lady"); 2nd, Mrs. Oliver ("Billy Bunter schoolboy").

Gents: 1st, Sgt. (Mrs!) Knight; 2nd Sgt. Nicholson ("U.S. Cavalry"). Despite the itching powder, sneezing powder, fire crackers and Sgt. (Dracula) Coyne, the entertainment went well on into the New Year morning, and many a cautious eye peered through a snowed-up wind-screen on the journey home.

A word of thanks, finally, to those families who entertained the living-in members so well during the holiday period, not only for Christmas dinner but for many of the house parties, which seemed so abundant this year.

Did many of our readers wonder how the Brigade Commander came to have tickets on our Draw? On Wednesday, 15th November, 1961, the Sergeants' Mess held their customary monthly Dinner Night, and amongst our guests was Brigadier P. H. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. It was a great and enjoyable privilege to entertain this Senior Officer, and he set us completely at our ease immediately. An excellent dinner was served in candlelight under the watchful eye of S.Q.M.S. Stubbs, A.C.C., and the setting was made complete by the attendance of the Regimental Band under the baton of Sgt. Poole. The appreciation of the meal was carried to its full when our senior guest insisted on going behind the scenes to thank the cooks! After rising from dinner at 10.30 p.m., a games tournament, for which the guests had been paired off with members, proceeded to get under way. Though not faring so well at Crib, the Brigade Commander and C/Sgt. Wolfe proved to be a formidable pair at Darts, and went on to win the match and the prize of 5 tickets for the Christmas Draw! Much must also be said for his skill at "liar-dice", even though he claims our rules are different to his! Sgt. Oliver rounded off the evening with some spectacular songs and stories which called for some pretty unusual actions! Also with us that evening was R.Q.M.S. Thompson, R.A.P.C. (ex-Pav W.O.1 R. Lincoln, who is stationed close by our present location, as well as Major W. R. Chambers (acting C.O.) and 3 other W.O.1s.

Once again we refer to the nominal roll and find that true to form a quarter has yet to pass when no movement of individuals has taken place. Taking their leave of us are, firstly W.O.2 Smith, on promotion to R.Q.M.S. to take up an appointment at a training camp in the Harz Mountains! Our congratulations and thanks go to both him and his wife for their support to the Mess on every occasion over many past years. It is felt that the Mess will see them both back before many years have passed. Next, C/Sgt. Hill, having stood all our tempera-

mental habits from behind the bar over the past 6 months has now taken up a T.A. appointment with the 4th/5th Northhamptons at Peterborough. Thank you for coping so well and good luck to you and the better half in U.K. Lastly Sgt. Hewitt also returns to U.K. for a similar appointment with the 4th/6th R. Lincolns at Lincoln. This month, however, we welcome an addition to the A.C.C. strength in the form of Sgt. Hogg, and we wish him a happy tour. Finally, on this subject, we welcome C.S.M. Groves and Sgt. Leatherland, who have joined for their first tour with the Regiment.

A welcome visitor recently was Major Malpas who, we like to think, spent an enjoyable lunch time reacquainting himself with old friends in the Mess and identifying much of the silver known to him in previous years!

Our parting note is by way of an acknowledgement to those scores of good people who sent the Mess their best wishes at Christmas time—it is hoped that not too many were overlooked on our part. We now have opened a file named "Presentation of Colours", and trust that many of you are planning to be with us on 1st June, 1962!

REGIMENTAL BAND NOTES

Our activities in Osnabruck during the last few months have been many and varied. They have included a marching display in Minden, together with the 7th Munster Musik Korps of the German Army, and a concert in Nienburg, where we massed with the Bremen Band of the United States Army and the 11th Musik Korps. This proved to be a very interesting experience, each band having their own individual approach to military music. The evening programme concluded with the three Bands playing "Old Comrades", "The Stars and Stripes Forever", and "Colonel Bogey", to a large and appreciative audience.

On 3rd October the Bands of Osnabruck Garrison, The 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, The Lancashire Fusiliers and ourselves gave a two-hour concert in aid of the German equivalent of the R.S.P.C.A.

On Remembrance Sunday the Band was selected to provide the music for the broadcast service over the British Forces Network; as a result we are to record a programme for a broadcast in February.

The Dance Band has also been very busy in and around the Garrison, particularly over the Christmas period.

SPORT

More sport was played in the Battalion from October to Christmas than we had thought possible, and there is no doubt at all that we have made a very encouraging start. The two sports where success has been most pronounced have been boxing and soccer. All sports representatives, however, have tackled their job with gusto and enthusiasm as their individual notes imply.

RUGBY

The first half of the season is behind us. Most



Loving it!

of the players look back on it only with relief, for out of the fifteen or so matches we have played we have won only two. This is a sad record, but it does not in any way reflect the spirit of the team. The players are as keen as ever and not in the least daunted by the record.

In this second half of the season we look forward to the return of several players who have been away on courses. Also Lt. Ford is now fit again after an arm injury, and we can expect to see him giving some much needed encouragement to our three-quarter line.

BOXING

The Novices' boxing competition was held in October. This lasted for three exciting days and, after a close fight, the H.Q. Coy. 2nd team won.

From the Novices we were able to select the necessary talent to add to the "known" boxers to form the Battalion team. The team settled down to some hard training under Sgt. Oliver, who has trained so many Battalion teams in the past and who will be sadly missed next year.

In the 1st round of the 12 Brigade Group Championship we met our neighbours 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers. The gymnasium was packed to capacity and it was a tense and exciting evening. The bantamweight contest was a splendid one and Pte. Wells gained a close points decision after both boxers had fought to a standstill. Sgt. Barker, not quite back to his best form, gained a points decision over a plucky opponent in a fight which was spoiled by holding on both sides. Pte. Marsden caught his man with a wild right early in his fight and won by a knockout in the second round.

Probably the most exciting fight of the evening

was the second string welter. Pte. Harper appeared to be out on his feet in the first round but gradually fought back to slog it out and win a close points decision. In the first string light welterweight Pte. Patrick met an experienced opponent. Patrick boxed well and coolly and did well to last the three rounds.

After the interval Ptes. Lilley and Holden met tough, aggressive fighters and lost in the second and first rounds respectively. Pte. Feeley, the middle-weight resumed the winning run by coldly outboxing his opponent with solid straight punching. The light-heavy and heavy contests were thrilling fights with our men, L/Cpl. Adams and Pte. Rushby gaining close points decisions.

The first string welterweight fight brought Pte. Downing up against Tpt. Tibbs, a well known and experienced boxer. Tibbs gave a superb exhibition of boxing but Downing moved fast and was so elusive that the final verdict must have been very close. An excellent fight with a plucky novice putting up a fine performance against a first-class boxer.

We won the match by 18 points to 15.

In the semi-final of the Brigade Championship we met 35 Corps Engineer Regt. We lost this match by 8 fights to 3. The Sappers were, on the whole, more experienced, which gave them the verdict in many close fights. Pte. Wells could find no answer to his opponent's long left and lost on points. Ptes. Marsden, Patrick and Smith all found their opponents too strong and experienced. Sgt. McColgan was put down in the second round and got up apparently fresh, but could not defend himself against the barrage of blows from his opponent and was put down again for the full count. In the light-heavyweight, L/Cpl. Adams seemed to be off form and could not prevent his man scoring freely with his left. He lost on points. Cpl. Purnell, carrying too much weight, found that lack of ring practice left him far too open to the southpaw's right jabs. Purnell managed to get inside occasionally and hurt his man, but lost on points.

Our three winners were Sgt. Barker, who was at his best against a plucky man, Pte. Harper, who again showed tremendous guts and skill in knocking out his man, and Pte. Feeley, cool and determined as ever.

The last fight was quite the most exciting, with Pte. Downing again showing superb fitness and pluck against a very experienced man. Downing lost, but only after a very close fight.

For his performances in these matches, Pte. Downing has been awarded the Taunton Trophy for the boxer who has done most for the Battalion's boxing during the year.

SOCCER

The Battalion football team found itself at the beginning of the 1961-62 season with only half of last season's successful team. With the willing attendance of our remaining Battalion players and strong reinforcements from 1 E. Anglian, the team got down to training under Pte. McMorrin, an old Battalion player well known to many of our readers.

Christmas at Osnabruck



1—Sgts.' Mess Draw Committee: C.S.M. McCarthy, C/Sgt. Bird, S.Q.M.S. Littleton, Sgt. McColgan. 2—Sgts.' Mess Draw: Nice for someone! 3—The Corporals' Ball: The Regimental Dance Band. 4—R.S.M. and Mrs. Baylis at the Corporals' Ball.

We played a few friendly matches against our neighbours, the 16th/5th Lancers and 12 Inf. Wksps., R.E.M.E., which the team were strong enough to win, and then we settled down to the serious business of garrison football.

In the Osnabruck League we have had a hard but successful struggle against all teams of the Brigade, and at the time of writing, we are top of the Garrison League and unbeaten except for one friendly match against 35 Corps Engineer Regt. (whom we have since beaten 6-1). The remaining matches to be played in the league will be a true test of our strength as we have lost Ptes. McMorrان, Day, Garrard, Perry, Jenkins and Akrill, to civilian life. Cpl. Stater has left us to go to the Depot, where we hope he will continue playing football.

In the B.A.O.R. Challenge Cup the Battalion had the good fortune to reach the 3rd round. The 1st round was played against 47 Regt., R.A., which we won 2-1 (scorers Ptes. Day and Gooday), and the 2nd round against 25 Corps Engineer Regt., which we won with the same score (scorers Ptes. Courtney and Gooday). Both these rounds were played at home. In the 3rd round we were drawn against 1 R. Leicesters, and due to our commitments and adm. inspection the match was postponed twice. We eventually played the match at Munster with a team including a number of reserves. Although our team put up a first-class effort we were soundly beaten by a better team assisted by heavy rain and a muddy pitch. The Battalion Football Officer is still Capt. C. P. Culbert, while Sgt. Shailes has taken over the training of the team. The following have played regularly for the Battalion 1st eleven this season: Pte. Howard (team captain), P. G. Medlock, Miller, Perry, Elms, Garrard, Atkinson, Gooday, Day, Courtney, Akrill and Jenkins.

Pte. Day and Gooday were awarded their Battalion Colours before going on N.S. release.

We are now concentrating on winning the Osnabruck League and training hard for next year's B.A.O.R. Cup.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

The Battalion got off to a flying start at cross-country running late in October, with a race in which only old and infirm were excused participation. "C" Company won this "popular" event easily, their first ten men being within the first 20 places.

Our first match, against 35 Corps Engineer Regt., resulted in a narrow defeat which was in fact encouraging, as the Sappers had been training hard for six weeks. An easy victory was gained at R.A.F. Gutersloh. L/Cpl. Middleton ("C" Coy.) taking 1st place, closely followed by L/Cpl. Holmes, Ptes. Tulk, Holl, Patrick and Murrells. The result of a match against The Life Guards early in December proved to be a different story. L/Cpl. Middleton ran a magnificent race and succeeded in coming 1st closely followed by three Life Guards who had only just passed Pte. Wright—lying face down in the mud where he had the misfortune to slip. The final score was a defeat by 65 points to 73. In a

four-way match at Herford a week later we were soundly beaten by the Life Guards and 7 Signal Regt. L/Cpl. Middleton gained 3rd place in this very hard-fought contest. Shortly before Christmas an easy victory was gained at Minden against the South Wales Borderers, our team accounting for six places in the first eight.

On Monday, 8th January, 1962, the square at Mercer Barracks saw the start of the annual inter-Companies race. The teams consisted of 20 soldiers from each Rifle Coy. and two teams from H.Q. Coy. The course was a gruelling one of 5½ miles in length and consisted of all the types of "going" necessary to test a cross-country team to the full. The weather conditions were ideal, but the ground was very wet and muddy as some of the team found to their cost later on. The Signal Platoon assisted by Officers and Sergeants provided an excellent commentary over the whole course.

The race was started at 2.30 p.m. by Major W. R. Chambers and the whole field got away to an excellent start. Judging from the pace set, the race was going to be a gruelling test of stamina. From the moment the commentary was taken up, it was obvious that L/Cpl. Middleton ("C" Coy.) was setting an extremely hard pace for the rest of the field. Middleton was closely followed by Pte. Holl ("C" Coy.) and Pte. Day (H.Q. Coy.). As the race continued, however, Middleton gradually drew away from the remainder, and at the halfway stage he was leading by a good 300 yards. It was now obvious to all the spectators as they listened to the commentary that although "C" Coy. runners were well forward in the race, "B" Coy. teamwork and spirit were paying dividends, and at the three-quarter stage they were occupying 9 of the first 25 places.

By now the field had thinned out considerably as runners found the going hard and tiring; not so L/Cpl. Middleton, he strode on and entered the camp gates some 400 yards and 3 minutes ahead of the next home, Pte. Holl.

Runners now came in thick and fast looking very much the worse for wear in the majority of cases. After a very short time, however, it became apparent that "B" Coy. were going to win as they had kept together as a team surprisingly well and were positioned just behind the leaders. Individuals were cheered heartily by Company supporters as they came in, in varying groups. About 20 minutes after the winners had crossed the finishing line, the last runners came in. Final positions were:—

Individuals: 1st—L/Cpl. Middleton ("C" Coy.); 2nd—Pte. Holl ("C" Coy.); 3rd—Pte. Day (H.Q. Coy.).

Team: 1st—"B" Coy.; 2nd—"C" Coy.; 3rd—"A" Coy.; 4th—H.Q. 1 Coy.; 5th—H.Q. 2 Coy.

Major Chambers congratulated all teams on a very good race and especially L/Cpl. Middleton on such a splendid run. He then presented the cross-country challenge cup to Cpl. Morrell, the "B" Coy. team captain, and so "B" Coy. retain the cup for a further 12 months, having won it last year whilst the Battalion was stationed in Watchet.



**Inter-
Company
Cross-
Country
Race**



1.—The winner, L/Cpl. E. Middleton, leading. 2.—The winning team, "B" Company. 3.—The start of the Cross-Country Race.

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LINCOLN AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Our report this time starts with a note of regret at having to say farewell to R.Q.M.S. Jones (R. Signals) and his wife, affectionately known to members of the Branch as "David and Betty" on their departure for a tour of duty in Cyprus. They spent many happy evenings with us at the Branch Club, and we recall with gratitude the help that David gave the Club from time to time.

We were surprised and delighted at Christmas to receive a "taped" recorded message from them which members heard on Christmas Eve. Good luck to you both in your new station.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

A return visit to Faldingworth R.A.F. Station on 6th November was well attended by members, and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Branch activities continue to enjoy popularity, and all functions held over the Christmas period were well patronised, namely the Christmas Draw, social evenings, and the like.

The Children's Christmas Party, held on the 23rd December, 1961, was attended by over 60 children, who enjoyed a lovely tea, followed by games and a visit from "Santa" (who turned out to be none other than our friend Bill Davenport, who no doubt will be remembered by many "B" Coy. ex-1st Battalion lads). After the party the mums and dads who could do so returned to the Club for a get-together in the evening. Nothing but praise can be said of the way our Secretary, Capt. Lewin, and his wife worked over the Christmas holidays to make each function a real success.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Although there is no lack of applications for Honorary Membership, we would like to see more of the "Old Corps" lads, of which there are many in Lincoln and district, joining the Branch. How about it?

We welcome to our ranks this month Mr. C. H. Selby (ex-1st Bn. Drums) now living at Leadenham, near Lincoln.

STAMFORD BRANCH

We congratulate Mr. R. S. Seamer on the award of the Lord Lieutenant Certificate. Mr. Seamer,

who is Chairman of our Stamford Branch, is also a Colour Sergeant in 4th/6th Bn., The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.).

Joining the Army in the last war, he took part in the "D" Day landings and later saw service in Palestine and Egypt. He joined the T.A. in 1947, was promoted Sergeant in 1948 and Colour Sergeant in 1958.

Mr. Seamer and the Secretary, Mr. Sylvester, have done yeoman service to the Stamford Branch, and all members are most grateful to them and trust that they will continue the good work for many years to come.

CORRECTIONS—DECEMBER ISSUE

Readers are requested to delete the word "Chums" which appears under "Personalia" on page 5 of the December issue in the article relating to the 5th Battalion Veterans' Annual Dinner. The sub-editor apologises to the Chums of the 10th Battalion and Veterans of the 5th Battalion for this error.

ON PAGE 20

Stamford Branch is shown as having to make arrangements for the 1962 Annual Reunion; this is not so, it should read "Grantham" Branch. Sorry Stamford about this. Presume your turn comes in 1963.

The Northamptonshire Wing

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

The 4/5th Bn. and Branch Reunion Dinner was again well attended, and a very happy evening was spent by all.

We were extremely happy to welcome the Northampton Branch to Peterborough on 11th November last. It certainly was a good evening and the walls of the Club room were "really bulging" (incidentally our pianist has never been seen around since we engaged him). On this occasion the demand for hot murphys exceeded the supply.

Well done Northampton Branch for attending with so many members and friends.

Our members had a get-together on midday, 23rd December for pre-Christmas drinks and refreshments; 20 members attended.

The Secretary is in possession of application forms for the visit to Osnabruck, Germany, to the



5th Bn. and Peterborough Branch Reunion Dinner
Left to right: Mr. F. Baker, Mr. S. Pearson, Lt.-Col
O. K. Parker, M.C., Mr. S. Bloodworth

1st Bn. the 2nd East Anglian Regt. The approx. fare (by air) return same day, is £12-13. Please inform Secretary if you are interested. Date: 1st June.

It is pleasing to see Mr. W. Houseman again attending after a long illness, from which he is still convalescing.

"Kaffir" Simpson is at present indisposed; we wish him a speedy recovery.

We welcome as a Branch member Mr. W. Searle. Will all Branch members who have not submitted

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The Annual General Meeting was held on 17th January, 1962.

H. G. TOMPKINS, *Secretary.*



Outing to Yarmouth by members of Peterborough Branch

Territorial Army



1th/5th Battalion

The Northamptonshire Regt. (T.A.)

The Annual Reunion Dinner of the Battalion and Peterborough Branch of the Comrades Association was held on 21st October. Over two hundred attended, and distinguished guests included the Earl Spencer (Honorary Colonel), Lord Hemingford, Brigadier Oulton, Brigadier Taunton and the Mayors of Peterborough and Kettering.

On 18th November the Sergeants' Mess held their Mess Dinner and Dance. Such was the size of the gathering that it had to be held in the main hall at London Road. A dance band formed from members and friends of the Regimental Band excelled themselves and contributed much to the enjoyment.

On 1st December the officers, carrying on the tradition of "R" Battery, held a Ball at Franklin's Gardens, Northampton. It was attended, and thoroughly enjoyed, by the Colonel of the Regiment and about 270 past and present officers and their guests. Before it a "warming up" cocktail party was held at which the Honorary Colonel was present. Major Bob Jeffery, the chief organiser, richly deserved the thanks of everyone for a very successful evening.

During these winter months most of the training is confined to the environment of drill halls, and that organised by Battalion Headquarters to cadres for specialists and recruits. However, there have been exceptions. All Companies have held full week-end exercises to prove that they can be all-weather soldiers, and as a final fling to the 1961 training season, a Battalion all night exercise was held which involved sections marching about 18 miles from "Kates Cabin" on the A.1 road to Deenethorpe Aerodrome, where they carried out attacks on the nuclear sites of "Fenland". The "Fenlanders", consisting of H.Q. Company and cadets from the A.C.F. and Oundle School under the command of Major "Barbereski", did their best to defend their rockets and all the crossings over the River Nene. Who won? Most were too weary to argue about it and were too busy enjoying the excellent breakfast provided by the Q.M. and "B" Company.

A most successful cadre course of five week-ends run by W.O.2 Penny from the Army Catering Corps was attended by about twenty of the Battalion cooks. Just before Christmas a cooks' competition was held and was won by the "B"

Company team consisting of Ptes. Dickson, Kennedy, Watson and Robinson.

On 20th January the Band gave—as they did last year—a concert in the Isle of Ely College of Further Education at Wisbech. The large hall of the College was filled to capacity and Bandmaster Holland and the Band gave, in the words of the Brigade Commander who was present, "a most excellent and polished performance." Over £40 was realised for charity.

The War Office has recently announced that Major F. G. Barber is to take over command of the Battalion from Lt.-Col. G. A. C. Danby in about August of this year. We all congratulate him and say how pleased we are. He will be the first T.A. Officer to command since Colonel Quash handed over to Colonel Wilford in 1955. Major J. M. Barstow has been nominated as Training Major.

On 14th January we were delighted to see Capt. J. B. Akehurst, who paid us a visit before taking up his staff appointment in Germany. He justified his visit by putting over in a most interesting way what the Staff College thinks of the nuclear battle and United States marines in Alaska.

1961 has been a year of successes in most activities, and, after doing so well at football in the 1960-61 season, some are, no doubt, wondering how we are progressing this year. Alas—we were knocked out by 5/8 Foresters in the early rounds of the T.A. Championships. It was a terrific struggle with extra time being played. The real tragedy was that two of our opponents' goals were scored from the penalty spot. We hope we have learnt our lesson.

ROUND THE COMPANIES

"A" COMPANY

"A" Company welcomes 2/Lt. Peter Rainger on first commissioning. They now have five sub-terns.

Christmas festivities included a visit, strictly social, to "C" Company at Wellingborough. Darts and skittles occupied most of the evening, and as both Companies claimed victories, the celebrations were mutual. The Club held a very successful Children's Party on 6th January.

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Sgt. Freeman has left after very many years of loyal T.A. service. Their "chef", Cpl. Masters, A.C.C., now supports three stripes.

Clare Street is being completely redecorated and, coupled with more spacious stores and offices, the Company looks forward to brighter days.

"B" COMPANY

After four years of disappointments and near misses, "B" Company's 3-inch Mortar Section have proved in 1961 that they are the best in the Brigade. A Section of M.M.G.s has been added to their expanding empire, and with the experience of Capt. Strickland at their disposal, they are all set to challenge "D" Company as the No. 1 M.M.G. Section in the Battalion.

Hogmanay was celebrated in the usual Corby style and now that the effects are beginning to wear off they look forward to what 1962 has to offer—a camp north of the border, participation in the Nijmegen Marches and the Brigade competitions to train for and win. Also—or is it expecting too much?—the enlargement of the drill hall.

"C" COMPANY

"Keeping it in the family" seems to be "C" Company's policy. There are now two Rooneys (brothers), two Warrs (brothers), two Hydons (father and son), two Vissians (brothers), two

Howards brothers), and three Jagers brothers). The Band and Drums boasted six fathers and sons a short time back. "B" Company have the Hobbs family (father and two sons), and Oundle have the three Palmer brothers. Still "C" Company's record takes some beating.

The Company has had good reason to celebrate the promotions of C/Sgt. Lamb to C.S.M. and Sgt. Jellis to C/Sgt., and the awards of the Efficiency Medal to C.S.M. Ferrell and Pte. W. Smith.

A most successful N.C.O.s' cadre at Kettering, first introduction to the Vickers M.M.G. and weekends at Yeldon Range have been the main activities. On the Battalion night exercise, "Autumn Journey", "C" Company claim to have captured the enemy Company Commander.

2/Lt. Willey has now assumed command of Rushden Detachment from Major Green. Most successful dances and children's parties were held at both places.

"D" COMPANY

After being the Company P.S.I. for three years, Sgt. Jeffery has returned to his Regiment in Harwich. He and Mrs. Jeffery depart with the Company's best wishes and thanks. They welcome as their new P.S.I. Sgt. Hill, and congratulate him and Mrs. Hill on the birth of a daughter on the day

after he reported for duty—a good start to any P.S.I.'s tour!

Like others, "D" Company have experienced the winter airm and in particular remember a 24-hour exercise in late November when the arts of patrols and living rough in the area of Yeldon were practised. The Company Commander learnt that the back of a Morris Traveller is NOT the ideal place for a night's sleep.

Sgts. Terry Kilty and Brian Jackson (now a Copper) have transferred to H.Q. Company, but Ted Twigen is to be congratulated on gaining his third stripe.

A most delightful New Year's Eve Party was held in the T.A. Centre at which Sgt. and Mrs. Jeffery were presented with a canteen of cutlery subscribed to by all ranks.

We hope 1962 will see the start of work on the Club premises. We also hope that 1962 will produce, with the aid of the "Ever Ready" Scheme, the additional recruits the Company so badly needs.

H.Q. COMPANY

The hub at Peterborough have been heavily involved with Administrative Inspection preparations. The Signals at Oundle deserve full credit for their "excellent" grading.

The Recce Platoon has been formed, and after an excellent start by Capt. Dowdy, has now been taken over by Lt. Nick Hargreaves, who joins the Battalion from a London R.A. (T.A.) Regiment. Capt Dowdy now teaches in Hertfordshire but he,

UNIT NOTES

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and we, hope that he will be able to get to camp and attend the odd week-end. The Band are in great form, and from the number of engagements coming in it would seem that they and the Drums will have a busy summer. At least they won't have web belts to blanco as white washable ones of plastic have been purchased.

The M.T. had a lean period of accidents and threatened petrol shortage, but are now on the upward trend again. Sgt. Ellis, the M.T. Sergeant, attended a three-week course at the Army School at Bordon and is now a S/Sgt. Congratulations to him.

A doctor has been recruited, but he lives at Rothwell near Kettering and "B" Company have already got his name into their drill books. He is Capt. Noel Watson, R.A.M.C. (T.A.). We extend a hearty welcome to him and ask him to remember that his rightful place is H.Q. Company.

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General

The Training Year 1960-61 ended in fine style with a battalion exercise, "Poachers' Glory", which took place on the week-end 27th-29th October in the Sherwood Forest Training Area near The Major Oak. We were allied with the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry (armoured cars) and we were fighting the 16th (Lincoln) Independent Parachute Company, who represented Fantasian parachutists.

In November we made a start on practising for annual range courses, and each Company braved the weather on the open range. The results of the instructional course are so far quite encouraging, although we find that the new range course is a good deal more testing than the old one.

On Sunday, 12th November, the Battalion paraded at Gainsborough on the occasion of Remembrance Sunday. The parade was commanded by the Commanding Officer, and the Regimental colour was carried by Lt. B. Dixon. The Band and Drums were under the direction of C/Sgt. T. E. Moffett and Drum-Major P. Freeman.

It was with much regret that we saw Major Henry Marshall, M.B.E., T.D., on parade in uniform with the Battalion for the last time. He commanded the leading guard of the parade. Major Marshall, for many years—it seems almost from time immemorial, commander of our Gainsborough Company, has now retired after 25 years' distinguished service with the Regiment. He will be greatly missed and we all wish him well, though it will no doubt be difficult to recognise him in a bowler hat. We are sure that he will long continue to take a close interest in our affairs and we shall always be pleased to hear his cheerful chuckle at our social gatherings.

The second-in-command of the parade was Major A. J. Bennett, M.B.E., and the second guard was commanded by Capt. D. F. Clarke. The subalterns or parade were Lt. S. M. Benton and 2/Lt. N. M. A. Eveleigh (of the 2nd Monmouths temporarily attached to "D" Coy.).

The weather was foul and we were all soaked. Thanks to "D" Coy.'s hospitality, however, we soon recovered and we dispersed none the worse for our drenching.

In early December our new Brigade Commander, Brigadier M. J. D'A. Blackman, O.B.E., M.C., carried out his annual administrative inspection. We were delighted that he was able to go to every T.A. Centre although, due to the long distances he had to travel, he was unable to do all his visits on occasions when T.A. soldiers could be present. He did, however, meet a large number of our men

during the week-end 9th-10th December, which was the culmination of the inspection.

The M.T. section and "C" Coy.'s Arms Storeman in particular are to be congratulated on their performance in preparation for and during the inspection, but throughout the Battalion there was ample evidence of the hard work which had been put into preparing to greet our new Brigade Commander.

Honours and Awards

We congratulate the following on the award of Lord Lieutenant's Certificates: Major H. D. Marshall, M.B.E., T.D., W.O.2 T. W. Ward, B.E.M., C.S.M. G. Johnson, C/Sgt. S. R. Seamer, Cpls. A. R. P. Bailey, C. V. Bailey and A. T. Cross.

Exercise "Poachers' Glory"

The exercise started late on Friday night, the 27th October, and it went on until the Sunday afternoon. Its object was first to practise continuous patrolling and then, when sufficient information had been gathered, to launch the Battalion into an attack, planned from the information we had collected. The exercise was directed by the Commanding Officer, and the Battalion was commanded on the exercise by Major A. J. Bennett, M.B.E. Guy Fawkes Night certainly came early to Sherwood Forest last year. Friday night was comparatively silent as reconnaissance patrols on both sides carried out their stealthy tasks, but on the Saturday night all hell broke loose. It was a beautiful moonlit night but the peace was soon shattered by patrol clashes and snatch parties hustling away their prisoners. The contrast between the brilliant moonlight and the deep shadows of the forest made it easy for fighting patrols to crawl in close to their objectives. Our fighting patrols each succeeded in capturing a prisoner. 2/Lt. Eveleigh's prisoner was an enemy officer, but unfortunately our patrol bumped an enemy patrol and lost the prisoner.

Lt. Dixon succeeded in bringing his prisoner in to Bn. H.Q. and some information was extracted from him. Enemy patrols made life most uncomfortable for Bn. H.Q. for a while, but they were eventually driven off as a result of determined action by R.S.M. Swift and members of Bn. H.Q. Towards dawn our patrols again penetrated into the enemy area and the noise of battle continued. As the night progressed, the ground and grass seemed to get wetter. Crawling on one's stomach is warm work and it was not until dawn that we realised that there had been a sharp ground frost. Despite a forest fire, started by 2-in. mortar smoke bombs,

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the Battalion attack went in on time on Sunday morning and we finished off the exercise after digging ourselves in.

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OFFICERS' MESS

The principal event of the autumn was the Officers' Ball, which was re-established after a period of two years and which was held once again at the Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa, a hotel which particularly lends itself to such occasions. The colours, together with the silver drums, were displayed in an alcove on the main staircase. The evening took the form of a dinner followed by a dance. Due to seating difficulties, our numbers were limited to 110. These included Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., whom we were delighted to have with us. The evening was a great success.

Lincolnshire A.C.F. had the use of the Mess in early December for their annual Sports Day. We are always pleased to help the cadets in any way we can. The year ended with the traditional Meet of the Burton Hunt on Boxing Day. Unfortunately it was not hunting weather, but we were able to make up for their disappointment by providing

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We thank the following officers for most acceptable gifts in the form of silver ash trays: Jim Turnbull on retirement and Gordon Gammage on promotion. We say farewell to Stephen Harrison, who has moved to Lichfield, and to Nigel Eveleigh, who has returned to Monmouth. There are rumours, however, that Nigel may shortly be returning to Scunthorpe, and we shall be very pleased to welcome him once again if he does return to Lincolnshire.

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During the past quarter the Company has been concentrating most of its time in recruit training and shooting practice. We have so far had some very encouraging results in our classification practices and we have been very lucky with the weather on the days that we have spent on the open range at Oundle.

We had a most enjoyable Christmas dinner on 9th December, and we were very pleased to be able to entertain the Commanding Officer, Capt. Hart, Mr. Sylvester, Chairman of the Stamford Branch of the Old Comrades, Major Simpson and Lt. Downes.

One of our "London" officers, Lt. D. O. Batten, has now moved a little nearer to the Company area and is living in Leicester. We are very pleased to see him at drill nights once again. We should also like to welcome Ptes. Larkin, Fidler, Worth and Walton as new recruits to the Company.

We offer our congratulations to C/Sgt. Seamer on the award of his Lord Lieutenant's Certificate.

We look forward in 1962 to a major recruiting drive to bolster our numbers. We have already organised socials and dances which we hope will be useful for this purpose.

"B" COMPANY

Since the beginning of the new training year, we have embarked on firing the range courses for 1961-62. We have had two days on the Horncastle Range, during which we fired the rifle instructional course. The "experts" were surprised to discover that the new range course is not as simple as they had imagined it to be. Good scores will no doubt be obtained when some adjustments are made in techniques, but some former marksmen were noticeably red in the face after Practice No. 9. We had another day on the Horncastle Range when we entertained the cadets of the Louth Grammar School C.C.F. Our team of young soldiers narrowly beat the cadets in a short competition. The cadets then enjoyed themselves firing the S.L.R., the Bren and the Sten. We hope to arrange a similar occasion in the spring.

On a dark and frosty night in early December, we held a Company endurance and map-reading exercise based on the Sleaford Drill Hall. After a solid evening meal, we dropped a number of small parties some 17 miles from the Drill Hall, each with separate instructions to obtain certain information. The ultimate aim was to arrive at the Drill Hall in time for a good breakfast. Apart from one or two minor casualties, everyone completed the course weary and sore-footed but claiming to have enjoyed the experience. Major Bennett joined us on the exercise and led a party which included two Louth Grammar School cadets, who acquitted themselves extremely well. A number of our own new recruits took part in the exercise. It was their first experience of this sort of thing, but their approach to the task augurs well for the future. Our thanks are due to R.S.M. Swift, who undertook the detailed preparation of the exercise.

On 2nd December, 1961, the Brigade Commander paid his first visit to Boston. On the following Saturday he visited the Sleaford and Horncastle Drill Halls. He found the Sleaford Drill Hall in the hands of building contractors and looking very sorry for itself. When the work is completed the A.C.F. detachment will share the enlarged premises with us.

We offer our congratulations to C.S.M. Johnson and to the brothers Cpl. A. Bailey and Cpl. C. Bailey on being awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificates for their services to the Territorial Army.

Recruiting in the Company has improved tremendously mainly because of the remarkable recruiting record of Sgt. F. Thompson, the Horncastle Platoon Sergeant. His method of "the personal approach" has worked wonders. On one evening alone he enrolled six recruits.

We welcome Ptes. Bannister, Bennett, Ladlow, Kirk and Patchett to the Company. Having welcomed new young men, we sadly say farewell to C/Sgt. A. Hodgson. Other commitments oblige him to leave us after being C.Q.M.S. since the amalgamation of the 4th and 6th Battalions. He has been a member of the Battalion and Company shooting teams for many years. Last year he was awarded a Lord Lieutenant's Certificate. He has always looked after us with great efficiency, and his loss will be badly felt.

"C" COMPANY

Firstly, we would like to say farewell to members of the Company who have departed during the last three months. Pte. Ives has joined the Regular Army and we wish him well in his new life. Mr. Catchpole has left the district to return to his home town. We will miss him a great deal for he spent much time and energy on Company training.

Secondly, we offer our congratulations to Cpl. Cross, who has been awarded a Lord Lieutenant's Certificate. Cpl. Cross has worked very hard within the Company for many years and deserves this honour.

"D" COMPANY

On Sunday, 12th November, at the invitation of Gainsborough Town Council, the Battalion with the Band and Corps of Drums, attended the Armistice Parade. "D" Company was, of course, strongly represented, being Host Company, and Major H. D. Marshall, M.B.E., T.D., commanded one of the two guards. The colour was carried by Lt. B. Dixon, and C.S.M.s Ingall and Ventress were escorts. Following the parade, light refreshments were enjoyed by all the Battalion at the T.A. Centre in Ropery Road.

On the 23rd November Major Marshall handed over the command of the Company to Lt. B. Dixon following more than 25 years' service, much of it with the Company, and the Company has recently marked its appreciation of its tremendous debt to

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Major Marshall by presenting him with a silver tankard at a dinner and dance held at the Old Hall, Gainsborough.

Following the visit of our new Brigadier on the occasion of the annual administrative inspection, we prepared for the usual Christmas social events: the Children's Party and the New Year's Eve Ball, both of which went off successfully, as did the annual small bore shoot where, we are glad to say, every one got a prize.

A very full training programme has been planned between the start of the year and camp, and already we have held two "one-day" training courses for N.C.O.s and we thus hope to go to camp confirming our possession of the best Platoon Sergeants and Section Leaders in the Battalion.

H.Q. COMPANY

All platoons of the Company took part in the Battalion exercise against 16 Independent Parachute Company on the Proteus training area in late October, and despite the extremely cold weather, many useful lessons were learned about patrolling and the necessity for silence at night.

The Company paraded with other Companies at Gainsborough for Armistice Sunday and again we were unfortunate with the weather. However, the wet clothes were soon forgotten because of the warmth of "D" Company's welcome after the parade, and we thank them for their hospitality. The annual administrative inspection took place on Sunday, 10th December. Much hard work had been put into the preparations by all and it would be invidious to mention names, but the Company strength on that day was 197 all ranks, which is approximately half the Battalion strength and which speaks for itself. This was the first inspection we have had since we amalgamated with S. Coy. in May and therefore we thought we would be easy prey for eagle eyes. However, we survived scrutiny with only one treasure being discovered. Our main difficulty is one of accommodation and we have still further moves to make to fit all the platoons into comfortable quarters.

On the social side of our activities during the winter months, Sgt. Smith and Cpl. Hackney have produced hot dogs and tea, which have been most welcome on drill evenings.

The Children's Christmas Party was held after Christmas this year as the Drill Hall was hired at Christmas to the G.P.O. as a sorting office. Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Plumley selected the presents and the party was organised by C.S.M. Morriss, C/Sgt. Plumley, Sgts. Grocock, Turrell and Smith, Cpl. Chapman and L/Cpl. Hackney. Despite a poor attendance, which was due to the weather, all the children enjoyed themselves and received a present from Father Christmas (Sgt. Grocock).

We congratulate O.R.Q.M.S. T. Ward, B.E.M., on the award of a Lord Lieutenant's Certificate, and Sgts. Ancliffe and Hornsby (Permanent Staff) on passing the Army Certificate of Education 1st Class.

SUPPORT WEAPONS WING,

H.Q. COMPANY

The Mortar Platoon was unfortunate in the Brigade competition as they could only field one mortar team, but they made up with enthusiasm for their lack of numbers.

The Machine Gunners were second in the Brigade competition and thoroughly deserved this position. They are now training for their new role as the Recce Platoon, and hope to take an active part in any schemes the Rifle Companies are contemplating.

We have been extremely lucky in the Anti-Tank Platoon in being able to train with a Mobat, very kindly loaned to us by the 1st East Anglian Regt. Unfortunately, however, this has now had to be returned and we are anxiously awaiting an officially issued replacement. Quite a lot of training has, nevertheless, been done, and this will stand us in good stead on future occasions.

The Assault Pioneers earned a good name during our new Brigade Commander's inspection, and apart from the "Vicar's Tea Cup", all was satisfactory. Thanks are accorded to Sgt. Grocock (M.M.G.), Sgt. Smith and L/Cpl. Hackney (A.C.C.) for the organisation of a very good social evening held at the Old Barracks in December, and we look forward to more which we hope will encourage recruiting.

For the first time support weapons featured regularly in the training programme and most members of the Company are now familiar with the 3-inch mortar.

ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTION

On the day of the Annual Administrative Inspection, focus was on weapons and weapon-training, and we were delighted that once again our Company armoury received special mention. L/Cpl. Bradbury again did most of the hard work in this direction.

Two competitions were organised, one for map-reading and the other for .22 shooting. Sgt. Gant came out top in map-reading—only to be expected in view of his prowess as Signal Sergeant. Pte. Bramley gained the shooting honours. The day concluded with bounty and monthly pay, much of which found its way back to the Company over the bar. Several raffles were organised and we raised £5 for the Children's Christmas Party.

The latter party was held just prior to Christmas and some 50 children enjoyed an excellent meal and all received a wonderful present from C/Sgt. Santa Claus. There was a film show during the afternoon.

And now we are in 1962 and already we have spent one full day on the range preparing for annual classification. News of annual camp at Scarborough has been well received, but once again July means that we will be without the dozen members of the Company engaged in the vegetable canning industry. But one comforting thought, Scarborough in July should be a good aid to recruiting. Let's hope so, anyway.

Army Cadet Force

Lincolnshire

LORD LIEUTENANT'S CERTIFICATES

The Lord Lieutenant of the County, The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Ancaster, I.L., T.D., J.P., has awarded Lord Lieutenant's Certificates to the following for outstanding and voluntary service in the Army Cadet Force, and we offer them our congratulations:—

Officers

Capt. G. H. A. Murray, ex-Carre's Grammar Det. (Lincs. A.C.F.); Capt. G. F. Addison, Grimsby Det. (Lincs. A.C.F.); Lt. J. F. Pygott, Billinghay Det. (Lincs. A.C.F.); Lt. R. E. McKay, Scunthorpe Det. (Lincs. A.C.F.).

Warrant Officers

S.M.I. George William Bing, Market Rasen Det. (Lincs. A.C.F.).

CADETS TO THE SERVICES

C/L/Cpl. R. Norris (Crowland Det.) to 2nd East Anglian Regt. October, 1961.

C/Cpl. R. A. Smith (Gainsborough Det.) to 2nd East Anglian Regt. November, 1961.

Cadet R. Frow (Scunthorpe Det.) to the Regular Army. 1.1.62.

Cadet R. Akid (No. 2 Lincoln Det.) to the R. Navy. 9.1.62.

C/L/Cpl. J. Mullen (Horncastle) to Junior Leaders (all arms) R.A. 9.1.62.

Commissions

Lt. I. H. Kerr. Transferred to a Commission in the T.A. General List w.e.f. 1st August, 1961.

Lt. K. Sindall. Appointed to a Commission in the T.A. General List w.e.f. 2nd October, 1961.

Promotions

Lt. I. H. Kerr (Boston Det.) to be A/Capt. w.e.f. 1st September, 1961.

Lt. K. Sindall (Bourne Det.) to be A/Capt. w.e.f. 2nd October, 1961.

2/Lt. R. E. McKay (Scunthorpe Det.) to Lt. w.e.f. 23rd September, 1961.

Resignations

A/Capt. K. J. Beaney w.e.f. 31st May, 1961.

Lt. A. Huskinson w.e.f. 1st November, 1961.

2/Lt. H. R. Smith, M.M. w.e.f. 1st November, 1961.

2/Lt. J. W. Snaith w.e.f. 31st October, 1961.

It is with very much regret that we say goodbye to Capt. Beaney and Lt. Huskinson; both have had long and valuable service with the Army Cadet Force and we wish them good health and a happy retirement.

County Training Officer—South of the County

Capt. R. P. Cross (Boston Det.) to be Training Officer for the South w.e.f. 1st December, 1961.

CERTIFICATE "A" PART II

The following cadets all passed their Certificate "A" Examination at Beckingham W.E.T.C. on the 17th December, 1961.

S.M.I. E. C. Hacker, L/Cpls. R. Beech, T. Julian, P. S. Smith and A. Wood of No. 1 Lincoln Det.

Cadets M. Hentley and D. Holden and L/Cpl. R. Leigh of Carre's Grammar School Det.

Cadets R. Johnson and S. Johnson of the Spalding Det.

Cpl. R. L. Ryder and L/Cpl. D. Wright of the Grantham Det.

L/Bdr. J. Flintoft and L/Bdr. L. Sutton of the Grimsby Det.

"MONTGOMERY OF ALAMEIN" SHOOTING

COMPETITION

On Sunday, 22nd October, 1961, two teams from No. 1 Area and No. 2 Area fired in the above competition which is a postal shoot. Although conditions were very poor, with a strong wind and rain, the teams shot well with the following results:

No. 1 Team

B.S.M. Keay (Havelock)	-	-	-	-	62
B.S.M. Robinson (Scunthorpe)	-	-	-	-	63
Bdr. Rands (Scunthorpe)	-	-	-	-	54
B.S.M. Bell (Grimsby)	-	-	-	-	63

TEAM TOTALS - 217

No. 2 Team

Cadet Johnson (Havelock)	-	-	-	-	44
Sgt. Richmond (Lincoln 1)	-	-	-	-	55
Sgt. Addison (Grimsby)	-	-	-	-	62
Bdr. Flintoft (Grimsby)	-	-	-	-	56

TEAM TOTALS - 242

"LUCAS TOOTH" EFFICIENCY COMPETITION, 1961

Placings of the first three in the "Lucas Tooth" Efficiency Shield Competition for 1961 as follows:—

Market Rasen Det., A.C.F., 1st—270 marks.
Boston Det., A.C.F., 2nd—260 marks.
Carre's School Det., 3rd—250 marks.
Holbeach Det.

The competition was much closer than in previous years and there were ties for the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th placings.

We congratulate the winners.

"RIGGALL" EFFICIENCY CUP COMPETITION, 1961

In the above competition the following points cover shooting, Certificate "A" Parts I and II, recruiting, and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

LINCOLNSHIRE CADETS



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Cadets of the Metheringham Det. (Lincs. A.C.F.) receiving Bren Gun instruction



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Christmas Party, Branston Det. (Lincs. A.C.F.)

Scheme. 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings in this competition were taken by:—

No. 1 Lincoln Det., 1st—629 points.

Grimsby Det., 2nd—436 points.

Havelock School Det., 3rd—411 points.

Brigg and Scunthorpe were very close at 4th and 5th. Again the winners are to be congratulated.

WINTER TROPHY COMPETITION, 1961

The trophy, presented by Colonel T. A. H. Coltman, D.L., is fought for annually, and its aim is to get as many cadets as possible taking part. The competition consists of

Seven-a-side rugger; .22 shooting and fire orders; assault course and boxing.

The rugger was won by No. 3 Bn., consisting of:—

Cadet Hall, Cadet Beacon and Cadet Forth of Crowland Det.

Cadet Easy and Cadet Kell of Sutton Bridge Det.

Cadet Maddison and Cadet Jackson of Boston Det.

The .22 shooting was also won by No. 3 Bn. with 156 points.

No. 1 Bn. had the best individual team, but the competition was for the best aggregate of two teams. The best individual was Cadet Wilburn with L/Cpl. Burnett a good second.

Assault Course. This was won by No. 2 Bn. consisting of cadets from No. 1 Lincoln, Metheringham and Branston Dets. Lt. Reed and his staff provided tea for all at his unit H.Q., and it was voted an excellent meal.

Boxing. This took place in the evening and was organised by Major Clayton, who also refereed all bouts. There were 15 fights and 9 walk-overs. The competition was watched by Air Commodore N. A. P. Pritchett, D.L., R.A.F. (Retd.) (Secretary, Lincoln T. & A.F. Association), and the new A.C.F., Brigadier M. J. D'A. Blackman, M.C. The Brigadier gave away the cups at the end of the competition and congratulated all the contestants.

No. 1 Area won the Boxing Cup.

BOXING RESULTS

Mitchell, 3 Bn. lost to Goulding, 1 Bn.

Grice, 2 Bn., beat Gray, 2 Bn.

Comery, 1 Bn. lost to Easy, 3 Bn.

Johnson, 3 Bn., beat Day, 3 Bn.

Warrick, 3 Bn., lost to Burnett, 2 Bn.

Stamford, 1 Bn., beat Rossington, 2 Bn.

Grice, 2 Bn., beat Easy, 3 Bn.

Sewall, 2 Bn., lost to Usher, 3 Bn.

Luff, 3 Bn., beat Sipler, 3 Bn.

Jackson, 1 Bn., beat Patton, 1 Bn.

Howell, 1 Bn., lost to McCutcheon, 1 Bn.

Stamford, 1 Bn., beat Stacey, 3 Bn.

Grice, 2 Bn., lost to Goulding, 1 Bn.

Johnson, 3 Bn., beat Burnett, 2 Bn.

Whindle, 4 Bn., lost to Cliffe, 1 Bn.

Northamptonshire

No. 1 CADET BATTALION

The annual county church parade was held at the Regimental Church, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at Northampton. Being the local unit, we acted as hosts and also had the honour of leading the parade, headed by our own Corps of Drums who, incidentally, for the first time were resplendent in dress caps. We were able to purchase these caps as a direct result of a very generous gift from Major A. G. Willford, our former C.O. The day of the parade, 22nd October, began with torrential rain and continued almost until we formed up, but as everyone knows, the sun always shines on the righteous, and we were able to march to and from church without getting wet. After the service we marched past Major-General Sir Evelyn Fanshawe, who took the salute and who then presented the Cadet Forces Medal to R.S.M. Blunt, S.M.I. Smith and also to Lt. Bamford (2nd Bn.).

The annual Officers' Dinner was held at Kettering on 4th November. Speeches were commendably short and the evening passed pleasantly enough, the main topic of conversation, of course, being "shop".

The play-off for the Hereward Wake Football Trophy took place on 26th November, this Battalion being drawn against 3/4th. Unfortunately the matches were played in dense fog, the one or two hardy spectators—I use the word loosely—being quite unable to see the players. However, all teams tackled the game in the true spirit and we were soundly beaten.

Certificate "A" Part I results have been about what we expected, 17 passes on 3rd December. Map-reading seemed to be our undoing, but this will be rectified. Beginning in April, of course, the new syllabus comes into operation and the examination should be considerably easier. To offset this, Part II will be more difficult.

The Christmas period has been particularly trying in that we have not had the use of the Drill Hall for five weeks, and although we have tried to operate in odd corners, training has not been easy. We hope that the new officer in charge of the Drill Hall will be more favourable towards us in terms of accommodation. In the past we have been regarded as beings from another planet, it being conveniently forgotten that we parade more bodies than any other unit based on the Drill Hall.

3rd January saw the Army Exhibition at the Drill Hall and we were responsible for the Army Cadet Force stand. It was generally acknowledged that it compared well with the stands of the Regular Army. Its success was due almost entirely to R.Q.M.S. Hurst, who had the assistance of eight or nine cadets. Between them the stand was manned for a total of 21 hours. Our theme was adventure training, but all facets of cadet training were presented. Whether or not we obtain an influx of recruits remains to be seen; unfortunately the bulk

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of visitors seemed to be very young, but it may pay off in a year or so.

In the New Year Honours, R.Q.M.S. Hurst was awarded the *B.P.M.*, to whom we again offer our heartiest congratulations.

We hope to begin practice soon for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme expedition. For members of the Adult Staff at any rate, we shall have to begin gradually, working up eventually to the whole 15 miles required. More news of how we progress, probably in the next issue.

IMPORTANT

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Queer Questions

A workman one day on a scaffold up high
Was working for all he was worth,
When all of a sudden he tripped himself up
And fell on his head to the earth.
I rushed to the spot where he lay all stretched
out,

And I said "Are you hurt, poor old Joe?"
And he looked up at me and he said if I aint,
This is just what I would like to know:

"What's my nose doing up on that 'ook?"

"What's my nose doing up on that 'ook?"

I've broken three ribs and an arm and a toe,
So I can't be so very bad 'urt, oh dear no.
But if I aint 'urt,

What I would like to know is,

"What's my nose doing up on that 'ook?"

★

I boarded a tramcar one pouring wet night,
It was full up with people inside;
So I stood at the end, by the door, in the rain,
And for nine solid miles had to ride.
When we came to a stop, not a soul would get
out,

So I turned to the people and said with a shout,
"Aint none of you got any 'omes?"

"Aint none of you got any 'omes?"

I've stood up this end till I'm properly beat,
I've enjoyed myself splendid!

The ride's been a treat!

But don't none of you think I could do with a
seat,

"Aint none of you got any 'omes?"

★

I bought a new razor the week before last,
Intending some money to save;
And yesterday morning I lathered myself
And proceeded by physogogue to shave.
I'd cut meself twice and was streaming with gore
When the wife round the door popped 'er 'ead,
"Are yer shaving verself Frankie dear?" she
cried,

So I turned round to 'er and I said:

"No—I aint shaving—I'm blacking me boots
ye fool!

I'm blacking me boots ye fool!

You can see what I'm doing

By the way I'm be'aving,

I'm using a razor, but NO—I aint shaving—
I'm blacking me boots, ye fool!"

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