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# Pte. Angle

## On Deputy Colonels

On 31st December, 1975, we said goodbye and thank you to Brigadier Tim Green who has been Deputy Colonel for Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire for the past ten years. These counties, and the 2nd Battalion in particular know well the value of his experience and advice. Brigadier Dick Gerard Wright has taken over and whilst his responsibilities as Commander 39 Brigade in Belfast must command his full attention, we look forward to seeing him often in our midst as Deputy Colonel.

In order to maintain and strengthen our links with Leicestershire now that the 4th Battalion has been finally disbanded the Colonel of The Regiment invited Colonel Mike Pallot to extend his tour as Deputy Colonel for Leicestershire for a further two years from 1st January, 1976, and he has agreed.

## On Castle 1976

This is the 'new look'. The emphasis is pictorial rather than verbal. The Editor wishes to thank units and individuals for their contributions which in some cases have had to be pruned drastically in order to include the increased number of photographs. He would welcome constructive criticism. Notices of deaths are so out of date in this annual publication that it has been decided to omit them.

## On 'The Regimental History'

'Crater to the Creggan' written by Major Michael Barthorp is reviewed on the enclosed sheet. It is interesting and informative and, unlike so many official histories, it is very readable. It is to be published in March.

It should be a matter of regimental pride to own a personal copy of your regimental history. Please order now.

## On Army Agents

In performing the opening ceremony at Lawrie House, Farnborough, the Mayor of Rushmoor inaugurated the first new branch of Holt's—the Services Branch of Williams & Glyn's Bank—in its 167 year existence. During

those years Holt's has grown from being Army Agents to the 1st Regiment of Foot to bankers for twenty-one Regiments and Corps, including of course the Royal Anglian Regiment.

The early years of the nineteenth century responsibility for administration had been concentrated in the Regimental Colonel and indeed recruiting, training and equipping were still largely his responsibility. To help him with the paperwork he had his Regimental Agent. By the time of the French wars, however, the Agent had developed from his earlier role as the Colonel's link with Parliament, wringing from it such money as he could to reimburse the Colonel's own outlay. Now, he was far more the banker to the individual Regimental Officers, as well as to the Regiment.

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## On Dress (not again?)

Yes, again. This time at no extra expense! An extract from the Army Dress Committee 228th Meeting held on 4th December, 1975, reads:

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## On Unit moves

Regimental Headquarters has moved to new offices in The Keep, Gibraltar Barracks.

The 3rd Battalion moved to Cyprus in February and are now at Salamanca Barracks, Episkipi, BFPO 53.

The 2nd Battalion return to England in May and will be stationed in Gordon Barracks, Gillingham, Kent.

The 1st Battalion remains in Assaye Barracks, Tidworth.

## On Regimental Functions 1976

### Regimental Weekend, 11th and 12th June

11 June Cricket and Golf.

12 June Cricket, Officers' cocktail party and buffet supper, Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' cocktail party and buffet supper.

Both these functions will be held at The Queen's Division Depot, Bassingbourn. It is intended that the cricket match shall provide the meeting place during the afternoon. The Bands and Drums of the 1st and 2nd Battalions will Beat Retreat.

Details for both days will be issued later to members of the Officers' Club and to unit WO and Sergeants' Messes. Officers, WO and Sergeants not covered in this way should write for details to The Regimental Secretary at RHQ.

### The Officers' Dinner Club

An excellent turnout attended the dinner at the 'In and Out', 94 Piccadilly, on 3rd October, 1975. The Colonel Commandant, Queen's Division, and the Divisional Brigadier were the guests of 150 members of the Club.

The dinner will take place again at the 'In and Out' in 1976 on 1st October.



1st Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment Colours being handed over by Col. M. St. G. Palot to the Provost, The Very Reverend J. C. Hughes.

# MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

## Honours and Awards

Posthumously awarded for Gallantry whilst serving in Muscat and Oman:

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### Queen's Birthday Honours 1975

Congratulations to:

Major General T. M. Creasey, OBE

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Major General P. J. H. Leng, MBE, MC

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Colonel D. C. Thorne—Awarded OBE.

Captain T. H. Bullock—Awarded MBE.

Staff Sergeant M. E. Taylor

—Awarded BEM.

Also to Lieutenant Colonel S. A. Green on being awarded the Sultan of Oman's Distinguished Service Medal.

And to the following Mentioned in Despatches for service in Northern Ireland:

Lieutenant Colonel P. P. Young,

Major D. J. W. Browne,

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Corporal A. J. Orton.

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### Commands 1976-7

The following appointments have been confirmed:

Lt.-Col. P. Sincock, MBE, to command 2nd Bn The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers in May 1976.

Major W. T. Dodd, MBE, to command 3rd Battalion in September 1976.

Major R. C. Tomkins, TD, to command 6(V) Battalion in March 1976.

Major W. J. Gleadell, TD, to command 7th(V) Battalion in March 1977.

Lt.-Col. S. A. Green to command the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion in February 1977.

Lt.-Col. J. C. D. Hegg's appointment to command 2nd Battalion The Royal Brunei Malay Regiment has been changed to command 8th Battalion The Ulster Defence Regiment He assumed the appointment in December 1975.

Brig. D. R. C. Carter has been selected to relieve Brig. M. J. A. Clarke, MBE, as Divisional Brigadier in June 1976.

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Major General P. J. H. Leng, CB, MBE, MC, is now Director of Military Operations, Ministry of Defence.

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Capt B. R. Cornish has relieved Capt. C. Groves at RMA Sandhurst.

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The following officers were promoted:

*To Colonel 1975:*

Lt.-Col. R. L. Jackson, OBE.

Lt.-Col. K. Burch, MBE.

Lt.-Col. J. V. Miseroy.

Lt.-Col. G. C. P. Morgan.

Lt.-Col. W. G. Wallace, OBE, TD.

*To Colonel 1976:*

Lt.-Col. J. Hall-Tipping.

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Captains Garman and Kinson have been granted Regular Quartermaster Commissions.

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We welcome to the Regiment the following officers who have been commissioned 2nd Lieutenants since our last report:

*Regular Commissions:*

S. J. Bacon (from SSC).

R. E. Harrold.

J. L. Hawkins.

J. F. Macdonald.

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*Short Service Commissions:*

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Congratulations to Warrant Officers H. S. Bullock, R. W. Gordon and D. R. Edwards on being appointed to Short Service Commissions.

# CHAMPIONS ALL



**'All this and a medal too!' Pte. Justin, Pte. Hughes and Cpl. Wyatt show delight in having helped win the Infantry Cup for the fourth time.**



**Lt. Col. Tim Swayne and Pte Marshall, winners of the Volangdis Trophy TAVR IMG Pairs Bisley, won by the 6th (V) Battalion.**



**Army Free Fall Championships, Pte. Dowling, 3rd Battalion, individual winner in the Novices Competition with his prizes.**



**Cpl. Harry Wright, winner at Bisley of the Roupell Cup.**

Junior Private Kelly won the Army and Inter-Services Junior Foils Championship.

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In addition to those pictured here, LS & GC Medals have been awarded to WO.II D. Ormerod and WO.II M. F. Smith, both in the 2nd Battalion, and to Drum Major May of the 1st Battalion.

The Poachers provided three members of the Army Athletics Team in 1975: 2Lt. Rodger Antolik in the high jump, Cpl. Boyd and Pte. Taylor in the 400 metres hurdles. 2Lt. Antolik represented England against Wales in an international match in August. Pte. Taylor was elected Army Sportsman of the year.

L/Cpl. Enfield and Pte. Straker, 1st Battalion, broke the Army record for the 2 x 400 metres hurdles.

Captain Peter Field, 3rd Battalion, won the BAOR Individual Discus.



**RSM Fletcher receives his LS & GC medal from Brigadier Johnston, Commander 20 Armoured Bde at Detmold in July '75.**



**RSM David Greenfield being presented with the LS & GC by Brigadier R. E. J. Gerrard-Wright, OBE, on 30th October, '75.**



**Cpl. Fred Allison talking to Brigadier B. N. L. Fletcher, Comd 2 Inf Bde after the presentation of his LS & GC on 5th November.**

The following officers have retired: Lt.-Col. G. R. Yates, Major R. Marshall, Captains D. M. Norbury and T. H. Bullock, Lieutenants J. F. Smith, P. J. N. Dyer and R. D. Michael.

Captain R. Corbett has transferred to RAPC and Captain J. Bass has returned to The Queen's Regiment after serving us so well in Tiger Company.

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Captain E. H. Keeble, late Royal Norfolk and Small Arms School Corps, retired on 31st May 1975, having completed fifty years forty days continuous service in uniform. He enlisted as a boy in 1925, retired in 1953 and joined the Army Cadet Force, serving in Kent. In 1954 he joined the Territorial Army, serving in the 5th Bedfordshire and Hertfordshires. In 1958 he joined the Chigwell School CCF as School



WO.11 Slinn presenting a silver bugle to Drum Major May. The bugle, which is similar in all respects to a set already in possession of The Corps of Drums, was bought and presented to the 'Drums' to commemorate the 'revival' of 'D' Company during the units' last emergency tour in Ulster during September-October 1974.

RSM, and remained there until 1974. When Chigwell School CCF was disbanded in August 1974, Captain 'Clippy' Keeble joined the Forrest School CCF until he finally retired in May 1975. Not a bad record! He lives at 417 Copperfield Road, Chigwell, Essex.

Our congratulations to ex-RSM Harry Staff who has recently entered the Royal Hospital. Now aged 88, he enlisted in the Essex Regiment in 1907, was discharged in 1930, and served with the Home Guard during the second world war, where he was promoted to Major. Since 1930 and until this year he has been secretary of the old 7th Essex Eagle & Gun Association, a total of almost 70 years' service to the Regiment.

Harry was recently presented with an illuminated scroll by the Eagle & Gun Association, and with a carved Eagle by the Essex Regiment Association.

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Major Derek Tewkesbury retired in February after eighteen years as Regimental Secretary at Bedford. A staunch supporter of all our Regimental functions, he will be missed by all visitors to Kempston Barracks. We hope to see him often in the future. To Derek and Barbara our best wishes for a happy retirement.

Major Donald Girdwood has stepped into the breach and is well known to many of us.



The RSM, his five godchildren and the three members of his Mess who were also baptised, so the story goes! RSM John Perry, CSM Roy Smith, Drum Major May, CSM Fred Slinn, Nicholas Stewart, Louraine Slinn, Paul Stewart, Melanie Stewart and Suzanne Slinn.



**Major Gen. Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, KBE, CB, DL, President 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association, presenting the King's Colours to the Association's American contingent on the 20th April, 1975, at Chelmsford, Massachusetts, USA. Lady Welby-Everard, Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton and Major E. Jessup accompanied the President on his visit to America for the Bicentennial Celebrations.**

## On Allied Regiments

Lt. Col. Dan Harris, ED, wrote in October last year to introduce himself as the new CO of the 3rd Bn [Auckland (Countess of Ranfurly's Own) and Northland] Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment. He succeeded Lt. Col. N. A. Wallace, OBE. Apparently since the Labour Government abolished compulsory military service in 1972 the Battalion suffered a tremendous drop in strength. Our own LAVR will no doubt sympathise.

Colonel Harris extends a warm welcome to any Royal Anglians who may be visiting New Zealand. The HQ is at Fort Cantley, Davenport, Auckland 9.

Lt. Col. Banfield wrote in May 1975 to say that although his Battalion, The Barbados Regiment had hoped to have New Colours presented by the Queen on Her Majesty's visit in February last year it had not proved possible to complete them in time. However, the Battalion Trooped The Colour at the public knight-

ing of Sir Garfield Sobers. To add to the unique occasion female members of the Regiment and schoolboy cadets were on parade. Her Majesty commented 'Barbados always surprises me.'

Lt. Col. M. M. Jackson, CD, Commanding the Sherbrooks Hussars, has handed over to Lt. Col. Ross Bishop, CD. His Battalion were not blessed with good weather when their New Guidon was presented. The event was successful but a freak storm literally closed down the whole province.

Lt. Col. Craig Curtis, Commanding The Bermuda Regiment, visited this country in March last year and included a visit to the Depot to discuss future appointments for the Bermuda Regiment. Our alliance has grown in strength and we now provide the Adjutant (Captain Chris Mather relieves Captain Andrew Duff on 7th April), the RSM WO.I R. E. Jones and three PSIs (WO.II). The latter not yet appointed.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

In 1975 the Battalion became fully acquainted with its AMF(L) role. By the time these notes are published members of the Battalion will have exercised in Norway, Denmark, Italy and Turkey. Looking into the crystal ball, 1976 promises to be just as interesting and varied.

## Exercise Hardfall 1975

The first three months of the year were taken up with preparatory training for Norway and training in Norway. For 95 per cent of the Battalion this was the first time in snow.

The whole of January and early February was spent in learning the mysteries of our new arctic kit, learning how to put up 5 and 10 man tents quickly, running miles and miles carrying bergens and finally learning the basic points of skiing on the dry ski slope and cross country track at Bulford.



Lt. Gen. Sir James Wilson with Ptes. Valerio, Topham, L/Cpl. Brown and Pte. Birch.



Volvos en route to Norway.

Mid-February saw the main body moving by sea and air to Voss via Bergen, a large advance party and training party having left some four weeks before. The Battalion was split between five locations; A, B, C and Sp Companies being based in hotels, hostels or Norwegian Army camps. Battalion HQ was fortunately thirty kilometers away from each location so the Companies were very much on their own!



Personal kit—£250 per man.



**'Is it the blue or green touch paper we light?'**  
Vigilant PI—Pte. Bell and L/Cpl. Ward.



**Keep right on!**



**Cpl. Busby and L/Cpl. Wiseman.**



**C/Sgt. Ross—9 PI—Ski joring—harder than it looks!**



**Lunch break—5 Pl 'B' Company. I./Cpl. Webb, Ptes. Munday, Hind, Crane and Cpl. Drake.**

**Sgt. Plumb, Pte. Dowd and the CO's temporary residents.**



Training progressed quickly from simple, but exhausting marches on snow shoes pulling pulks (sledges), through section attacks, platoon attacks, construction of snow holes, survival training, field firing, ski joring (towing on skis behind vehicles) to long ski marches of up to 40 kilometres a day.

Whatever training we did we found that our fitness training in Tidworth really paid off. Just to prove it, 196 members of the Battalion qualified for the bronze award of the Norwegian ten kilometre ski race.

We were sorry to leave Norway where we had made some excellent friends, and met such kind and friendly people. We look forward to our return next year, about the time this goes to print, and our AMF(L) exercise inside the Arctic Circle.



**Cpls. Vessey and Cheong.**



**Capt. Goldschmidt, Capt. Croker, RAMC, and Cpl. Elba-Porter 'dropped in' to see 'A' Company.**



**Anti Tank PI on the range—Cpl. Nailard apparently unconcerned.**



**Cpl. Smith with Lt. Gen. Tufte Johnsen, Commander of Southern Norway, CO, OC 'A' Company and Sgt. Bear look on.**



**'C' Company HQ on patrol. Pte. Atterbury, Pte. Denham, I/Cpl. Hill, Sgt. Ludbrook, Cpl. Moore, Cpl. Smith, L/Cpl. Rayner.**



**DENMARK**  
**L/Cpl. Guyton and Danish soldier comparing length of hair. Lt. Mooring and L/Cpl. Goodwin act as judges!**

**Exercise Arena Exchange**

In mid-April the '1st XI' of Battalion and Companies' headquarters sailed for the spring AMF(L) CPX in Denmark. This was the first time the Battalion had operated with AMF(L) and by all accounts our allies were impressed with our performance.

Beautiful weather plus Danish hospitality throughout the exercise ensured that the 75 strong contingent enjoyed themselves. We were quite close to Vordingborg, which many old 'Vikings' will remember from 1967.

**Major Frost, Danish LO and violin case full of whisky and schnappes surrounded by thirsty officers—Major King, Captains Drinkwater and Hawkins.**



**DENMARK**  
**CO getting his orders from Maj. Gen. Groven, Commander AMF(L). 'You are to move west—I spell Victor Echo . . .'**

### Laying-up of Colours

On the 12th/13th May the Battalion laid up the Colours of The 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk). The Regimental Colour was laid up on the 12th May in the Regimental Chapel of The Suffolk Regiment in St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds. The Queen's Colour was laid up in the Regimental Chapel of The Royal Norfolk Regiment in Norwich Cathedral on the 13th May. The Battalion exercised its right to march through both cities with Colours flying, bands playing and bayonets fixed. The two guards on parade were provided by 'A' and 'B' Companies.



**Colour Party—Lt. Mooring, C/Sgt. Carpenter, WO.II Harper, Lt. Stallard, C/Sgt. Pryce in Bury St. Edmunds. No. 2 Guard—'B' Company follows.**



**The Colour Party, No. 1 and 2 Guards in front of Norwich Cathedral.**

### June and July

June and July were hectic to say the least. Both 'A' and 'B' Companies trained at Stanford TA. 'C' Company conducted a two week KAPE tour in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire. In between we managed to squeeze in the Inter Section Competition. This resulted in a win for Cpl. Scoles and his section from 5 Platoon, 'B' Company. The overall results were a win for 'B' Company with 'A' Company second and 'C' Company third. As background activity the 2IC/Ops/Trg Officer managed to organise every possible form of cadre imaginable.

### KAPE

'C' Company's KAPE team of over a hundred men after weeks of preparation finally left Tidworth on 23rd June. The Company was split into platoon groups; for the first week Company HQ was in East Dereham, moving to Cambridge for the second week, 9 Platoon in Fakenham and then Wisbech, 10 Platoon in Swaffham and Ely, and 11 Platoon in Diss and Huntingdon.

The results of this labour was encouraging; 32 potential recruits were introduced to the Army Careers Information Offices and it is hoped that they will soon be joining us in Tidworth.



Final preparations for KAPE—Pte. Hunt—10 Pl



'C' Company KAPE team.



**Command Company team—Gen. Dye and Mrs. Baily look on.**

#### **Minden Day—August 1st**

The Battalion celebrated Minden Day in the traditional fashion. Gunfire at reveille was followed by a parade in the morning. Guards were found by 'A', 'B', 'C' and Sp Companies. The salute was taken by the Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, Major General J. B. Dye. General Dye presented LS and GC medals to the Bandmaster WO.I Cherry and to the Drum Major S/Sgt. May during the parade. General and Mrs. Dye were our very welcome guests for the rest of the day. Potted sports and a Battalion fete completed the morning's activities. The Band and Drums beat Retreat in the evening and the day finished with an All Ranks dance in the Garrison Theatre.

#### **Sennybridge**

Almost immediately afterwards the Battalion moved down by road and rail to Sennybridge for two weeks field firing. Glorious weather helped companies achieve first class results.

The training culminated in a three day final exercise with 'A' and 'C' Companies pitting their wits against 'B' Company.

Block leave over, in September we prepared for the platoon competitions, thinking about Norway training again and, for the fortunate few (some 25 officers and men) going to Turkey on an AMF(L) exercise. We also welcome our latest piece of equipment—the Scimitar. Recce Platoon has eight; it's going to be even more difficult to get them on their feet now!



**Cpl. Threadwell and Colin.**



**Latest addition to the battalion driven by Cpl. Rowe, Pte. Death and Cpl. Barraclough up top.**



**Sennybridge—The Adjutant at war! I've got 16 down!**



**Sennybridge, Pte. Granger '3 Pl, Runner' determined to get to Sennybridge. Pte. Durrant looks on.**



**Sennybridge, Pte. Gould—Comd Company, 'It's not the temperature that's rising.'**



**'Excerpt from Can Can.' A reminder that training goes on under all conditions.**



**The Bn. Team and 2/2 GR.**

### **Battalion Shooting Team**

In 1973 the Battalion came 14th at Bisley, in 1974 it came 10th, and this year it came 8th. 1976, who knows?

A highly successful shooting year started off with 'C' Company winning the Battalion meeting in April. A large squad was formed as a result and the team went on to win both the South West District Meeting and the South West United Services Small Arms Meeting.

There were also some notable performances by our young soldiers, particularly L/Cpl. Todd, Ptes. Mason, Curtis, Good and Ringer, who won their team events. We provided six of the District VIII in the inter service rifle match.

Two friendly matches, one at Tidworth and one at Crookham, against 2/2 and 10 Ghurka Rifles were held in May and June. We were beaten on both occasions but they were great fun and did our shooting much good.

And so to Bisley—the Class A Shots were once again the 'old faithfuls'; Major Paul Long, Captain Tony Domeisen, C/Sgt. 'KC' Jones, Sgt. Pete Denny and Cpl. Dave Cheong. The Class B Shots were L/Cpl. Todd shooting for the second year and two new faces in Ptes. Mason and Curtis. There should be few Class B problems for the next four years. Individual results were a little disappointing with too many mediocre results and not enough outstanding ones, with the exception of the moving

target match, which we won, the first time it has been competed for. However, the important thing was that there were no disasters and thus we finished a creditable 8th. Three of the teams ahead of us were Ghurkas and we would only have had to shoot marginally better to have come 5th. Tony Domeisen came third in the SMG match and shot for the Army once again, and four of the team were in the Army Hundred. In retrospect it was an encouraging year which underlined the fact that we are almost within striking distance of the Major Unit Championship.



**With defence cuts in mind S/Sgt. Jones gets some practice in for Bisley 1976.**

# THE POACHERS

Before going on to Operation Banner phase of the year it would be appropriate to mention some of the success at shooting and on the sports field. It became clear from the Champion Company competition that our best talent was to be found in athletics and shooting. We therefore made our first serious attempt at Bisley for some years and were rewarded when the team, led by Major Bobbie Hastie, came 13th overall out of 63 major units taking part. There were some good individual results too with Major Hastie and Private Walker gaining places in the Army 100. However, the most outstanding success of all was Corporal Wright's victory in the Roupell Cup, for which there were no less than 720 entries. Sgt. Mazingham and Cpl. Wright also did well by coming 4th in the GPMS pairs competition.

It has been an exciting and challenging year for the Poachers. In the first seven months of the year the Battalion followed its operational role in BAOR and then at the end of May, as Colonel Mike Thorne said farewell and Colonel Charles Barnes arrived, attentions turned from

Germany to Northern Ireland. The year fell naturally into two parts.

The winter period from October to March was taken up with individual training and section commanders, JNCOs and specialist cadres which laid the sound foundations on which to build for success later in the year. Poachers also found time to enjoy themselves. Captain Robert Pepper organised a very successful Exercise 'Snow Queen', during which many members of the Battalion went on skiing courses at our ski hut in Bavaria.

After completing some intensive cadre training in March the two major military events in the first part of 1975 were a successful skill at arms camp at Sennelager in April and a valuable, and enjoyable, Battalion exercise (mainly on foot) in May for two weeks in the Sauerland, just north of Winterburg. This latter exercise got everyone out of APCs and on to their feet to practice skills which greatly eased the transition to Northern Ireland training two weeks later.



**Poachers' Bisley Team. Back row l. to r.: Ptes. Howard, Hill, L/Cpl. Anderson, Ptes. Bellum, Hill, Riley. Front row l. to r.: Cpl. Wilson, Sgt. Mazingham, Major Bobby Hastie, Sgt. Nodden (REME), Cpl. Wright.**

The last five months of 1975 were taken up with Operation Banner for which we started training in the first week in June. We took over responsibility for our tactical area of responsibility on 5th August. This included the Lower Falls, Divis, Sandy Row, Shankill and Unity Flats; perhaps the most interesting and challenging area in Belfast. 'A' Company, under Major Hugh Lambert, occupied Brown Square with a responsibility for the Shankill Road and Unity Flats, 'B' Company with Major John Houchin occupied the 'Coronation Street' area of the Reservation whilst 'C' Company under Major Brian Davenport controlled the Clonard district and the Peace Line. Support Company, under Major Harold Halcrow, had charge of the Divis Flats and Sandy Row whilst Colonel Charles Barnes assisted by Major Terry Taylor and Captain Robin Greenham, directed operations from Hastings Street RUC Police Station.

The Battalion took over in cease-fire conditions and for four days the relative calm of the preceding months continued. On 9th August, the fourth anniversary of Internment, violence erupted in Belfast.

It started with stoning and shooting at company bases and then later, after a Republican rally in Castle Street, Battalion Headquarters in Hastings Street came under fierce attack. A resolute body of men composed of the officers' and sergeants' mess staff and regimental police, with the RSM to the fore, could not prevent



**Ulster 1975.**

the derelict houses, which formed part of the western defences of the base, being set on fire. Platoons from 'C' and Sp Companies had to come to the rescue to disperse the rioters.

The worst of the violence was to come on the following day when three hundred catholic youths leaving a rally in Dunville Park headed for the Peace-line between the Lower Falls and



**Cpl. Isom and L/Cpl. Firman taking cover behind a pig on 9th August, '75.**



**Pte. Bellham, Recce Platoon.**



**A 'B' Company patrol.**



**L/Cpl. Firman keeping rioters at bay.**



**L/Cpl. Debrick ('A' Company) giving free coal to the local old people.**



**Found by planned search by 'A' Company on 18th September, '75.**



**A brief moment's rest 9th August, '75.**



**Found by Sp. Company 11th August, '75, in Divis Flats. Pistol found on a woman by 'C' Company 29th October, '75. '45 pistol found on a man by 'A' Company 6th October, '75.**

the Shankill for a confrontation with the Protestants. 'C' Company were rapidly on the spot and got between the two sides. In minutes cars and lorries were hijacked, used as barricades, and set on fire. The gunmen came on the streets but 'C' Company reacted firmly, hitting two gunmen, and immediate threat to the Peace-line was removed. Shooting, however, continued from the Divis Flats at Hastings Street and Albert Street Mill and the situation was not fully restored until Support Company carried out a difficult company operation to re-enter the Divis Flats and restore order there.

It was the turn of the Protestants to riot on the next day, 11th August, in the Shankill Road in 'A' Company's area. The incident flared up

in a matter of minutes but took many hours of patience and restraint in the face of bottling, stoning and a blast bomb before the calm returned.

All these incidents occurred within the first week of arrival. It rapidly got the Battalion into top gear and certainly proved the value of the training which had always been aimed at the 'hard' situation although a cease-fire was in force. A little later two terrible bomb outrages occurred, part of the seemingly unending spiral of intersectorian violence. One was in the Shankill Road and the other just off the Falls Road which developed into an ugly situation in which a patrol of 'C' Company were



**Pte. Kilby ('C' Company) makes best use of the wonders of modern science.**

attacked by an angry mob and were also fired upon. As a result of courageous and firm action by two NCOs, the patrol managed to extricate itself hitting four gunmen in the process.

Following this initial hectic period, an uneasy calm settled over the battalion's area. This enabled everyone to draw breath and to concentrate on a period of intensive patrolling and planned searches in support of operations against intersectorian violence.

'C' Company were first off the mark when they arrested a gunman complete with weapon. The gunman had crept down to the Peace Line from the Protestant Shankill Road and fired one round into the Catholic Clonard area. Unbeknown to him a patrol from 'C' Company were hidden in an alley three feet away. As a firm hand grasped him by the shoulder he was heard to say 'I knew I shouldn't have \*\*\*\*\* done that.' 'A' Company were immediately sent to search his house where they found two



**Pte. Fred O'Rourke and Cpl. Larry Sadler with RUC Support patrol Divis Flats.**



**Mag Off, Cock three times, the end of another Sp. Company patrol.**



**L/Cpl. Scott McCartney.**

pistols and some ammunition. Success did not end there, the very same night the Battalion Search Team found two hundred high velocity rounds in the Clonard. During the same period Sp Company and 'B' Company arrested two people in connection with the murder of a Protestant Council worker. Both persons have since been charged by the RUC.

The third week of September saw a short but active renewal of the bombing campaign in the Province. Sp Company had to deal with two bombs which exploded in their area destroying two shops and 'A' Company had a further two bombs on the edge of their patch. Two weeks later an 'A' Company patrol who saw a man acting suspiciously outside a club in the Shankill Road area discovered, while questioning him, that he had a loaded .45 pistol tucked into the waistband of his trousers. The man was soon, needless to say, helping the police with their enquiries! During the same week another 'A' Company patrol had an interesting find when they discovered four hollowed-out fake bricks containing between them a total of 79 .303 live rounds. 'C' Company in the Clonard have had their successes too. They found a lethal home-made .22 pistol in a derelict house. In each case these good results are directly related to the alertness of the junior NCOs and the soldiers in the patrols.

'B' Company in the Reservation ran into trouble on the night of 18th/19th October, when a patrol, investigating some shots which had been heard in the Raglan Street area, was engaged by a number of gunmen and became pinned down. 'C' and Sp Companies moved into the edges of the Lower Falls to enable 'B' Company to concentrate and carry out a follow-up operation in the centre of the Reser-

vation. Several people were arrested and taken in for questioning and 'B' Company claimed hitting one of the gunmen. Shortly afterwards 'C' Company, acting on information, found an M1 carbine and a large quantity of ammunition in a house in the Clonard area.

The Battalion made every effort to take advantage of some of the quiet periods by establishing an active and varied sports programme. Sailing and canoeing provided an excellent opportunity to get soldiers into some fresh air. While for the confirmed land-lubbers the various squash ladders about the Battalion helped sharpen the reflexes and also gave a 'once' in a lifetime opportunity to hit the CSM on the back of the head with a fast moving squash ball. The Battalion soccer team were soon heavily committed in the Northern Ireland Major Units League and produced some encouraging results. They were particularly unfortunate to be narrowly beaten in the Army Cup by 1 QLR after a hard fought game. On the Rugby Field the Poacher XV had their best start to a season for some years, just losing 18-16 to 1 KOSB and then beating RUC 'F' Division 8-6, and 25 Field Regiment RA 36-12.

Throughout the year the Battalion has received many visitors. The Colonel of the Regiment came to Munster. We were particularly pleased General Freeland was able to watch the Battalion athletics team win the 2 Division championship, as well as see the Battalion Operation Banner training and met many of the soldiers and their families. Whilst in Ulster the Battalion was visited by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr. Merlyn Rees and the Minister of Defence, Mr. Roy Mason, both touring the Battalions TAOR and meeting the soldiers patrolling the streets. Other visitors

included the GOC, Lt. Gen. Sir David House, and the CLF Maj. Gen. D. T. Young, as well as the Conservative Party Defence Committee, and the Lord Bishop of London and Monsignor Thomas Fehily, the senior RC Chaplain to the Forces. Commander 39 Infantry Brigade, Brigadier Dick Gerrard-Wright, was a regular visitor to the Battalion. Having commanded the Poachers during two Belfast tours, there was not much he did not know about the Battalions area or the Battalion. In spite of this the Commanding Officer has survived!

Back in Munster the Rear Party and the Wives' Club were extremely busy. Major Guy Hipkin had the additional charge of forty young soldiers who, because they were under 18, could not join the Battalion in Belfast. They managed to come second in the 4 Guards Armoured Brigade Novices boxing competition and also found time to go grape picking on the Mosel, mountaineering in Norway, and act as enemy on the Brigade FTX to the east of Paderborn.



**Brigadier Gerrard-Wright talking with C/Sgt. Nigel.**



**Commanding Officer and the Lord Bishop of London.**



**Rt. Hon. Mr. Roy Mason, M.P., and Pte. Bird, 'C' Company.**



**Rt. Hon. Mr. Merlyn Rees, M.P., talking to Cpl. Boyd's section while visiting 'C' Company.**



**Sgt. Whitfield, DCM, outside Cupar Street Clinic.**



**The RSM discussing the situation with the Conservative Party Defence Committee.**



**The Wives' Club, Mrs. Ferrance, Mrs. Mertie Barnes, Mrs. Jean Hicks, wife of Brig. Hicks, Comd. 4 Gds. Armd. Bde, and Miss Ferrance.**

The Wives' Club, led by a strong committee and ably supported by the Families Officer, Stan Bullock, maintained a full programme of outings, dinners, meetings and a very popular Sunday chicken and chips and two-way 'Poachers' favourites, the exchange of video tapes between Munster and Belfast.

In December the Battalion said farewell to the Shankill, Divis and Lower Falls and returned to a series of Christmas parties before all departed on leave until 6th January. The New Year heralds the usual administrative drive, training cadres, inspections, and the most enjoyable exercise of all 'Snow Queen', when twenty-eight soldiers a fortnight, between January and March, move south to Bavaria to learn to ski and relax on holiday.

The Battalion joins 16 Parachute Brigade on moving to Gillingham, Kent, in June. Then follows a hectic tour of the Regimental area, leave and exercises in Norway and the Sudan.



**Lt. Charles Barnes, MBE, and Capt. Perigrine Rawlins. CLE Major Gen. Young chatting with I/Cpl. Gill of Sp. Company.**

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# Pompadours

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Since we last contributed to the *CASTLE* magazine the Pompadours have experienced a most interesting and busy year—certainly there has never been a dull moment and next year promises to be equally stimulating. The highlights of the past year were:

Northern Ireland tour in the Creggan Estate of Londonderry, November 1974 to March 1975.

Winning both the BAOR and UK Infantry soccer cups.

Winning the Brigade and Divisional swimming finals.

Winning the Brigade athletics and coming runners-up in the divisional finals.

Taking part in the BAOR finals in both athletics and swimming.

Moving to Catterick from Paderborn in August.

Preparing to move to Cyprus in February 1976 for a two-year accompanied tour.

During the middle of November 1974 The Pompadours left BAOR for another four month tour in Ulster. We were based in Londonderry—a familiar spot for many—and were deployed with 'A' and 'B' Companies and Bn Tac HQ at Creggan Camp, and 'C' and Sp Companies, Recce Pl and Echelon at Fort George.

Our responsibilities were more extensive compared with the previous tour. 'A' and 'B' Companies rôle was to keep a watchful eye on the Creggan Estate, whilst 'C' Company looked after the Shantallow. The North Ward and Rosemount together with the MUFF and Buncrana VCPs fell to Sp Company, and the Recce Pl covered the area of the Enclave—the narrow strip of country between Londonderry and the border with Donegal.

We soon settled down to the restricted way of life and tried to accustom ourselves to the dreadful weather which faced us on arrival.



**Not all the population of Londonderry were hostile towards the Pompadours. As Pte. Griffin from 6 Pl demonstrates to two enthusiastic students, Surely this is what it is all about?**



**L/Cpl. Thompson looks on as the RMP Finds Team examine the weapons found by his section when they entered a house in the Creggan.**

The weeks passed by fairly slowly after a hectic beginning, brought to an end by the ceasefire which forced us to adopt a low profile. To overcome boredom Companies managed to get platoons away for a day to Ballykelly for a spot of local R and R with 1 WFR. The attractions were few but the change in scenery made all the difference. Use was made of the Eglington and Magilligan ranges for weapon classification and, on the sporting side, a few of the sports teams managed to get out and about and play a number of fixtures. A suitable circuit was found in Fort George and also one to the rear of Creggan Camp. Almost all soldiers completed their Battle Efficiency Tests. A successful driving cadre was also run at Fort George by the MTWO.

On our return to BAOR towards the end of March the battalion went on three weeks well earned leave prior to beginning a full training and sporting programme during our last summer in BAOR. First came the Battalion Field Firing fortnight at Sennelager from 12th-23rd May. We lived under canvas close to the ranges in order to gain maximum benefit of the time allocated to us. On 15th May, for the second

consecutive year, we played host to the National Defence College students who were visiting various units in BAOR. 'A' Company assisted by some elements from Sp Company laid on an infantry fire power demonstration for the students.

Towards the end of May the Mortar Platoon moved to Munsterlager to take part in the 4 Div Mortar Concentration. The battalion sponsored both this concentration and the 1 (BR) Corps Anti Tank Concentration which was held at Putlos in June/July. The Support Platoons had been reformed after the Northern Ireland tour and had carried out intensive retraining cadres prior to the Concentrations. The results and the reports gained were extremely encouraging and promise well for the future.

Two most welcome visitors to the Battalion were Lt. Gen Sir Ian Freeland, who visited us from 11th June to 13th June, and Lt. Gen. Sir James Wilson from 15th July to 17th July. Both Generals were made to feel completely relaxed and at home and not only saw training and met members of various messes, but also visited coffee mornings at the Wives' Club.



**S/Sgt. M. Howard collared for the donkey work during a visit to Mullenan Farm! Major A. C. Taylor looks on from the stable door**



This lucky seagull had his wing set in plaster by Capt. Simon Thompson, the doctor attached to 3 Bn. in Londonderry. The wing was broken during the high winds which buffeted Creggan Camp in October. The other two members of the Surgical Team are L/Cpl. John McKenna (left) and Cpl 'Mac' McCarter (right).



A Pompadour patrol returns to Creggan Camp at dawn. L/Cpl. Hawkins brings up the rear of his patrol as they return for breakfast.



Major Goodale, OC Support Company, with Sgt. Luckman, OC Assault Pioneer Pl, and L/Cpl. Jones in a garden shed somewhere in the Rosemount area.



A typical Pompadour PI room in Creggan Camp. 6 PI sort themselves out ready to start another day. Pte. Smith (11) . . . (left front) seems to have lost his shirt!



Pompadours being briefed before going out on a night patrol in Londonderry. L/Cpl. Mills and Ptes. Bowles and Feehan of 4 PI memorise the details.



Pte. Poole treads wryly as a section from the Mortar PI patrol the Rosemount area of Londonderry.



Miss Beverley Pilkington, who hails from near Southend, was seen in 'The Sun' and claimed as Mademoiselle de Pompadour. She visited the Pompadours in 'Derry' (it is rumoured that the CO hasn't worn his jacket since!).

A series of successful cadres were run during the summer. These included Mortar, Anti Tank, Junior NCO tactics and potential JNCOs cadres. The theme that all Pompadours are to learn to drive this year was started through a large number of MT cadres, both during the day and in the evening, and will be continued at Catterick. A champion company and march and shoot competition was also held at the end of May. 'B' Company became the inter-company champions and 2 PI, commanded by

Lt. Graham Duthoit, won the march and shoot competition. In order to give the soldiers a change of air from Paderborn a series of adventure training camps were set up in the Hartz Mountains. This enabled the majority of soldiers to get away from Paderborn and take part in mini-sailing, canoeing, rock climbing, pot holing and trekking. The results far outweighed the problems of arranging these camps and many soldiers qualified as canoeists.

Mademoiselle de Pompadour at the gate with a shy Pte. Whitaker.





Major Gen. Leng visited the Bn on 10th December '74 and is seen here talking to a patrol from Sp Company.

In the middle of July we held a farewell summer fête where the gates of Alanbrooke Barracks were thrown open to the population of Paderborn. The weather unfortunately was very disappointing but luckily the rain abated by midday and although it was dull and overcast the fête was a great success with a large crowd attending. Everyone entered into the spirit of the day and Companies produced a variety of stalls and games. A variety of British and German military equipment kept the hundreds of children occupied and amused but the highlight of the afternoon was the Free Fall Parachuting and Helicopter displays.

In preparation for our return to Catterick, the advance party left Germany on 28th July and then we realised just how close it was to our handover to 2RRF. All departments, especially the Assault Pioneer Platoon, worked extremely hard to put Alanbrooke Barracks into tip top condition. By 22nd August all the hard work and effort had been proved worthwhile. We left the Barracks after nearly five years occupation and did not have to pay a single pfennig in damages.

Once we were all assembled at Catterick after a very successful move, the Commanding Officer announced the marvellous news that the battalion is to move to Cyprus in February 1976 for a two-year accompanied tour. This came as a complete surprise and was greeted with great cheers by one and all.



'The Wild Bunch'. The Pompadour Band at Rosemount.



The Secretary of State for Defence, the Rt. Hon. Roy Mason, M.P., in the Sergeant's Mess at Creggan Camp. He is talking to the CO, CQMS Fisk, CQMS Donaldson, whilst RSM Bullock eyes the dirty ashtray. CSM Cathrae (left) looks left out of it and Sgt. Harris appears to have just got up.



On 15th May 'A' Company and elements of Sp Company gave the annual Fire Power Demonstration to students from the National Defence College.



The GOC 4 Division—Major Gen. Gow—visited the Bn on 31st July. He is talking to soldiers from 4 Pl. Major Taylor, OC 'B' Company, smiles . . . but what has Pte. Cutter said to the General?



Brig. M. Johnston, Commander 20 Armoured Bde, having a lunch-time nip in the Sergeants' Mess with Bandmaster Watts and RSM Fletcher.



Lt. Gen. Sir Ian Freeland tries the GPMG 'SF' on 'A' Range Sennelager during a visit to 'A' Company training. His only comment: 'It's just like the old Vickers.'



Gen. Freeland accompanied by Mrs. Aris chats to Mrs. Newman (left) and Mrs. Rourke in the Pompadour Wives' Club, June '75.



Gen. Wilson meets Sgt. Lancaster of 4 Pl in July '75. The Commanding Officer looks on.

## Catterick

During October the Pompadours were extremely busy with both training and sport. The main effort on the training side was directed towards reaching a high standard of proficiency in order to operate in the airportable role. In order to achieve this the local training areas and ranges were extensively used to iron out the shortcomings prior to the companies going to Stanford.

The first company to go to Stanford was 'C' Company and they took with them the Recce Platoon. Their week of training included helicopter drills—something which the Battalion has not done for some time. No sooner had they returned to Alma Barracks then they were off again, this time to Edinburgh Castle for public duties.

'A' Company followed 'C' Company to Stanford and spent their week in much the same way, covering all aspects of infantry training and again more helicopter work. Then they started a three week period of ceremonial duties at Edinburgh Castle in place of 'C' Company.

'B' Company recently took part in exercise 'Inside Right', a mobilisation exercise in which they operated a series of mobile vehicles to represent units from 24 Airportable Brigade. At the appointed times the vehicles set off from both Catterick and Weedon for their destinations at Colchester, Shorncliffe and South Cerney. For 'B' Company's part everything seems to have gone smoothly judging by the fact that all the vehicles reached their destinations without mishaps, and what is more, made it back to Catterick.

A very successful Lance Corporal Tactics Cadre was conducted in October. Whilst we have not discovered any aspiring Generals, their knowledge and confidence has been increased. Pompadours continue to learn to drive and the Signals Platoon are running a Standard II Signals Cadre.

The GOC North East District, Major General G. de E. Collin, visited the Battalion on 31st October. He visited the Sergeants' Mess, met those Pompadours who had been Mentioned in Despatches recently and watched keenly contested six-a-side football, hockey, basketball, volleyball and tug-of-war competitions.

In Paderborn we were fortunate enough to have JSPC (BAOR) within easy reach and we were able to get a considerable number of people qualified.



**L/Cpl. Baxter and Pte. Dowling, both of 'B' Company, with their prizes. Dowling was the individual winner of the Novices Competition. L/Cpl. Baxter finished 7th out of 14 competitors.**

As newcomers to the sport of freefall parachuting it was with tongue in cheek that we entered individuals for the Army Freefall Championships and a team from 'B' Company in Ex 'Parashot', the annual inter-unit competition which tests parachuting, map reading, patrol techniques, shooting and demolitions.

In the event we need not have worried for the results were most encouraging. In Ex 'Parashot' the team, consisting of 2Lt. Blyth, L/Cpl. Mick Baxter and Barney Blyth, and Pte. Pete Dowling, acquitted themselves well, coming sixth overall out of twenty teams.

In the Individuals we produced a champion in the novice class. Pte. Dowling emerged a clear winner and L/Cpl. Baxter finished seventh.

Unfortunately the opportunities for freefall parachuting in North Yorkshire are limited but there is considerable interest in the unit and we look forward to greater successes again next year.



**The Band and Corps of Drums Beating the Retreat at Alanbrook Barracks at the end of a very successful Summer Fete held in July.**

### **POMPADOUR BAND NOTES**

The Band have put their musical instruments aside and taken up their stretchers and the first two weeks of medical training under the Field Ambulance have been successful. They have also carried out a couple of engagements with the Trumpeters performing at a Rotary Club in Sunderland, and the dance band playing at the Mayoral Ball at Southend. On the 5th November they travelled to Leicester to play at the Leicester county cricket club for Ray Illingworth's reception.

A year of success and continued improvements is the only way to describe our 1974-1975 season, but first, our changes in the Band. We bid farewell to Sgt. Bainbridge, Cpl. Stanley, Bdsms. Buckingham, Elchardus and Harris and wish them every success in their new careers. L/Cpl. Burkitt gained a progress prize at Kneller Hall and in return we sent Bdsms. Hall and Arzon for their Pupils Course and wish them success . . . or else.

In January we spent a very wet week in Londonderry and in true band fashion returned to Paderborn for a three week R & R. Our first away trip was to play for AFCENT in Holland, pleasant enough but not as notable as our visit to Paris in June, where we played to capacity crowds for an international music festival in Epinay and an arts festival in Du Marais. The British Embassy were duly impressed by our contribution to their celebrations on the official Birthday of HM the Queen. So much so that their letter of thanks implied that we were so good we should have all worn

dog collars (addressed to the Band of the Anglicans)!

Back in Paderborn our usual round of the local 'Spa' towns became somewhat exhausting but beneficial to the funds in raising the finance for our new music stand banners, which retain the Eagle and Garter motif.

Our final engagement before we moved to Catterick was a week in Denmark where a small town called Odder had an Anglo-Danish week. The beer consumption of the band was heavily curtailed because of the exorbitant prices . . . alas!

The engagements for 1976 were to have read like a coastal tour of seaside bandstands. However, the unexpected move to Cyprus leaves us with hopes of further international engagements and two years of sunny music making.



**Wives' Club auditions for Solo Fog Horn, December '75.**

## ADVENTUROUS TRAINING— HARTZ MOUNTAINS

During July and August three separate Company groups from the Pompadours spent a week each training in the Hartz Mountains, near the East German border. This area is normally associated with winter warfare training but it also offers excellent opportunities for summer activities such as rock climbing, pot-holing, canoeing and trekking.

The Commandant of AMTC Silberhutte kindly provided facilities and equipment and put his instructors at our disposal—a mixture of teutonic wonders and musclemen from the APTC. The weather, in an otherwise excellent summer, was disappointing but this did not unduly affect the training. Interest in the activities varied considerably. Canoeing proved extremely popular and over thirty soldiers gained their proficiency badges after two days on the sheltered waters of the lakes, followed by an overnight 'long paddle' down the Weser.

Sergeant Majors mysteriously overcame the lack of volunteers for the rock-climbing and although there was no shortage of soldiers keen to ride in the powered safety launch, enthusiasm for the sailing dinghies was somewhat subdued, particularly after Major John Hart's impromptu but nevertheless excellent demonstration of the capsize drill.

On numerous occasions German tourists watched from the nearby parking place in stony unsmiling silence as our intrepid sailors attempted to defy the laws of nature and sail directly into wind only to find themselves berthed on the sand bar at the end of the lake!

Trekking, which was run by our own unit instructors, also proved popular. The area is a major tourist attraction, and after a few days in the area it was not difficult to see why. To make this aspect of the 'training' even more agreeable the German Liaison Officer had conveniently planned the treks to take in some, or perhaps most, of the bars in the area!



**Lt. Graham Duthoit, OC 2 PI, leading his 'boys' during the March and Shoot Competition in May. 2 PI were the eventual winners.**

# 5th (Volunteer) Battalion

It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since the last issue of the CASTLE was published, but such is the tempo of training, social and other events within the 5th Battalion that time rushes past. Owing to the limitations of space we can record only a selection of the events of the last twelve months.

At the end of October 1974 we underwent our Fitness for Role Inspection which was a searching examination of all our work and organisation. We can report that the Battalion received a first class report from the GOC Eastern District. During the inspection it was noted that the Battalion was 95 per cent recruited and we have been able to maintain this effective strength during the year.

Christmas 1974 saw the usual social events in company locations and with children's Christmas parties in addition to the adults' rave-up. We are told that to be involved in one children's party is equivalent to two 'Battle Camps' and that sound training in riot drill is a must for all organisers. The WOs' and Sergeants' Mess at Peterborough held a very successful party and draw and then challenged the Audit Board to try and sort it all out!

Training during the early part of the year was concentrated on individual skills and culminated with all companies organising test weekends during which each individual was tested in his weapon handling and fieldcraft. During this period 1 (Suffolk) Company ran a very good exercise at Stanford, having advertised for enemy in the TAVR magazine. The response was excellent and in the exercise they had to face the combined might of 'B' Squadron 4/7 DG, 'C' Company, 5 RRF and 873 Movement Light Squadron RE.

Two specialist test weekends organised on a Battalion basis provided very good training for drivers, signallers and medical orderlies. Whilst the signallers did their own thing at Corby, the drivers and medical orderlies were put through a stiff test at Stanford. The cross-country driving tests provided spectators with examples of the skill of our drivers as well as—well, perhaps it was just bad luck, but at one stage the water

crossing looked like a city rush hour with land-rovers marooned in some numbers and their drivers testing the depth of the water to reach the tow chain laid to the waters edge (demarcation rules) by the recovery team!

Fame on the football field just eluded 4 (Leicester) Company once again when, for the third year running, they reached the final of the District TAVR Football Cup. They managed to hold their opponents, 118 Recovery Company REME, to a single goal draw, but then went down 4-1 in the replay.

The social scene in the first three months of the year was very full indeed and the following two occasions are worthy of mention. Over 300 guests attended 4 (Leicester) Company's WOs' and Sergeants' Mess Ladysmith Ball at Leicester and it was a most enjoyable occasion. On the second weekend in March the Officers assembled at Great Yarmouth for a business with pleasure weekend and brought along their wives and families, who enjoyed themselves whilst their husbands taxed their brains over various problems in the conference room. In the evening the ladies were entertained to dinner at which the Mess Staff assisted the Carlton Hotel staff. Although a little premature, the event was used to dine out the CO, Lt. Col. Pat Hopper, who was due to hand over command in May. The Mess presented Lt. Col. Hopper with a silver salver.

In April two weekends were spent at Stanford on mobilisation procedures and half the Battalion was put through the system at each weekend. This was the first time the mobilisation machinery has been put into action and the experience proved to be of considerable value later in the year when the Battalion mobilised in part of the national exercise Inside Right, just prior to camp. The attendance at these weekends was first class and over 90 per cent of the Battalion was exercised.

In May our new CO, Lt. Col. John Tadman, assumed command. He managed to survive a hectic two-week non-stop handover period when all 14 training centres ranging from Gainsborough in Lincolnshire to Hertford,



**3 Company Camp in Cyprus.  
9 PI enthusiastically carrying out a beach landing.**

were visited in addition our two TAVR Associations and District Headquarters. At the Eastern District Study Weekend a large number of Regular and TAVR officers saw the Battalion contribute with a presentation by Major Brian Cridland (Training Major), supported by Majors John Hayton (OC 2 Company, Lincoln) and Fred Searle (OC 1 Company, Suffolk), and Capt. David Harris (2 Company).

### **3 Company Camp in Cyprus**

3 (Essex) Company were due to camp independently this year and on 7th June they flew

to Cyprus, including an attached Section from 307 Fd Amb making the company 140 strong. The advance party, led by the Company Commander, Major Nightingale, arrived by Hercules during the early hours of 5th June and immediately set to work both to make the camp site as comfortable as possible and achieve a tan prior to the arrival of the main body. French Camp stands on a dusty, wind-swept hill about a mile from Akrotiri air base and its desolate appearance on arrival was hardly welcoming. However, in three days the necessary camp stores, transport, rations, support weapons, ammunition and canteen supplies, etc. etc., were drawn and the camp thoroughly organised to receive the main body.

**The Padre, Rev. Ken Belben, conducting Morning Service in French Camp.**



In the present circumstances training in Cyprus may take place within the Sovereign Base Areas only, and to make the best use of the facilities available 3 Company trained in both Akrotiri and Dhekelia. During the first week the platoons fought their way through the spiny burnet west of Akrotiri and up and down the mountainous country north of Episkopi and enjoyed some good section shooting on a brand new electric target range (ETR). To alleviate the considerable thirsts aroused during such training in temperatures approaching the nineties each platoon in turn visited the Keo distillery and brewery in Limassol and returned appropriately refreshed.

At the end of the first week the Company spent a free day visiting Nicosia by coach and returning via the Troodos Mountains and Limassol, a shopping and sight-seeing expedition much enjoyed by everyone.

The pace quickened on the middle Sunday and after a morning on the ETR and a Camp Church Service, two platoons left to set up a separate camp at Dhekelia. There each half of the Company spent two very full days firing all platoon weapons on the rocky and inhospitable range at Cape Pyla. In addition during this time Support Platoon fired their mortars and anti-tank guns, the new hand grenade was thrown for the first time, practical experience of helicopter handling and loading was gained and, almost as a relaxation, each platoon watched impressive demonstrations of demolition and the work of war dogs.

The Company reassembled again at Akrotiri on Thursday in time for a memorable discotheque party in the RAF Peninsular Club, graced by a number of WRAF ladies. The following morning was much less enjoyable since the considerable quantity of stores borrowed had to be returned to their owners and the camp prepared for final handover. This was a hard but enjoyable camp and all returned with a sense of achievement in addition to their sun tans.

Also in June 5 (Hertford) Company ran a very successful Ball at Fanhams Hall near Ware in Hertfordshire. In a splendid setting some 250 guests enjoyed themselves and appreciated the fine floodlight beating retreat by the Corps of Drums of the Honourable Artillery Company.

The summer months saw steady preparation for camp with Company and Battalion exercises. In September Company HQs were put through their paces in an intensive 24 hour CPX and CQMSs were given similar treatment

by the QM in his Echelon exercise. Weekend study periods for Junior and Senior NCOs put the finishing touches to this preparation and then it was all systems go for Camp.



**Annual Camp. Familiarisation training with tanks of C Squ 9th/12th Royal Lancers.**



**21.4. Sparks and CSM Chaplain in 5 Company's Command Post during the BG exercise.**



**Brig. M. Johnston, Comd 20 Armd Bde, and the CO with C/Sgt. Bradley, 2 Company 'A' Ech during the BG Exercise.**



**Helicopter training—Annual Camp. Every man in the Bn flew twice.**



**Major Gen. P. C. Shapland, DVT & C, with Lt. B. H. James and members of the Anti-tank Pl at Soltau.**

### **Annual Camp**

Camp 1975 was completely different from any previous camp of the 5th Battalion. For one thing we were moved between two camp locations, one in the UK and one in BAOR, and secondly the Battalion served overseas as a complete unit for the very first time.

In many ways the camp was a culmination of all our training since we were formed, in that we were mobilised together with many other TAVR units as part of Exercise Inside Right, and then trained in BAOR with elements of 20 Armoured Brigade, our formation on mobilisation.

The mobilisation phase over the weekend 18th/19th October went without a hitch and the Battalion was ready to move by early on the Sunday morning. The smoothness of the operation was due to the fact that we had rehearsed the procedure during the year and

everyone knew exactly what to do. During this phase a section from 250 Field Ambulance joined us and remained with us for the duration of the exercise. It was a considerable advantage to us to be able to work with a medical unit and we now have a better understanding of each other's role. We also receive two important visitors during the mobilisation phase. First on the Saturday, GOC Eastern District, Major General Tabor, came to see how things were progressing and he talked to many of the men as they passed through the documentation procedure. On Sunday the Colonel of the Regiment, Lt. Gen. Sir Ian Freeland, came during the afternoon and toured the local areas where companies were training.

A small advance party had led the way on the preceding Wednesday but at 0300 hours on Monday the main part of the move to BAOR began when the sea party, consisting of 51 vehicles, 48 trailers and 90 men, left camp for Harwich and a smooth sea crossing by overnight ferry to Hamburg. Concurrently throughout Monday the main body of the Battalion consisting of some 400 men were air lifted by VC10s from RAF Brize Norton to Hanover. Thus the bulk of the Battalion was in Reinschlen Camp near Soltau on Monday



**WRAC Ptes. Court, Bates and Clements sample the delights of compo for the first time.**



**Lt. Gen. Sir Ian Freeland with Major B. D. Freeman, OC HQ Company at Wretham Camp during exercise Inside Right.**

evening with the sea party catching up by mid-day Tuesday with the story of the 'Ride of the Valkyrie' through Hamburg. This was how they described the top speed run through the city to the autobahn accompanied by a superbly efficient German police escort. Once on the autobahn, the convoy completed the journey in a more normal manner.

Training began in earnest on Wednesday and companies took to the field using the vast training areas to advantage. Our training was enhanced by the fact that 20 Armoured Brigade provided for us a troop of chieftain tanks from 'C' Squadron 9th/12th Royal Lancers, and 'C' Company and the Recce Platoon of the 2nd Battalion Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, a mechanised battalion and our very helpful sponsor Unit in BAOR. Companies were able to carry out combined training with these elements and considerable value and experience was obtained by all ranks. The Director of Volunteer Training and Cadets, Major General Shapland, spent most of Wednesday with us and had a very detailed look at the Battalion. Another guest arriving on that day was Colonel Gerry Aspell, Deputy Honorary Colonel (TAVR) (Leicestershire) The Royal Anglian Regiment, who came to see 4 (Leicester) Company.

During the first week all companies and Battalion HQ underwent 48 hours exercises to shake out all systems in preparation for the main Battalion exercise. The 48 hour period contained the only fog free moonlight night and sunny day of the whole camp period and everyone returned to camp on Friday in good form.

For the sake of security little need to be said about our free day, the middle Saturday of camp. It is understood that some companies organised tours of the museums and art galleries of Hamburg and the opera house was also very popular! Perhaps all that need be said is that everyone was on parade at 0900 hours on Sunday for our traditional Drum Head Service.

After the Service it was all systems go as the Battalion prepared to move out on its major exercise, with a brief interlude while the officers gave a midday party with the officers of 5/8 Kings for the many people in BAOR who had helped us with camp. Among our guests we were pleased to see the previous Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Pat Hopper, and his wife.

The Battalion exercise began early on Monday morning after orders and recces during Sunday afternoon and evening. It was designed to mirror the kind of operations we could expect to be engaged in if mobilised and having

the support of armour and APCs greatly enhanced the action. We were also joined by an officer of 'D' Battery 1st Royal Horse Artillery to act as our battery commander and a section from 2 Armoured Squadron with bridge layers, an AVRE and a digger. The latter was used to dig in Battalion HQ and saved many spade hours. On the afternoon of the first day, the Commander 20 Armoured Brigade, Brigadier Maurice Johnston, visited us and stayed overnight to watch the progress of the exercise. His detailed inspection of the Battalion in the field concluded with this personal message to the Commanding Officer:

'I was enormously impressed with the enthusiasm, spirit and amazingly high standard of expertise I found today in your Battalion. Please pass on my sincere congratulations to all concerned. Should any war break out in Europe I would be very proud to have 5 R. Anglian in my Brigade.'

The second night of the exercise saw the Battalion perform perhaps its most difficult task when, having 'destroyed' all its vehicles and heavy equipment, it split into section sized groups laden down with their personal weapons and equipment and withdrew some 12-15 kilometres through a cordon of surrounding enemy. The night was pitch black and foggy and the compass was the only way of keeping direction through an unfamiliar countryside. As dawn broke, the Battalion assembled in a wooded hide. Only one small group failed to make the RV by the appointed time, and they turned up a few hours later.

After a rest and some patrol activity, the Battalion was called upon to put in a full scale attack with one company in APCs supported by tanks. The attack started at first light and the sun broke through to welcome the end of the exercise when the objective was won and consolidated.

The end of the exercise provided no occasion for rest, for within 18 hours all the vehicles had to be loaded and ready to move for the return to UK. Our REME fitters worked marvels to get every one of our hard pressed vehicles road worthy and much praise is due to them. However, some companies had the energy (or were they just punch drunk?) to hold parties on the Thursday evening. Then once again it was everyone on the move with the respective sea and air parties meeting up at their home locations on the final Saturday to unload stores and equipment.



**Members of 4 Company well dug in during the BC exercise.**



**Eastern District Small Arms Meeting. Cpl. Crispin 3 (Essex) Company receiving his prize for the best score by a TAVR NCO in the Rifle Match.**



**Eastern District Small Arms Meeting. Lt. Newsum 2 (Lincolnshire) Company receiving his prize for the best score by a TAVR Officer in the Rifle Match.**

# 7th (Volunteer) Battalion

The year's events are blurred by our recent camp but it has certainly been an exciting and rewarding year for the Battalion.

On the practical side we emerged unscathed from the TAVR review having lost nothing, but gaining a Conrate Sergeant in each company, which is a great step forward, and an enlarged Headquarters at Northampton complete with WRAC detachment. Not before time, our Battalion Headquarters Drill Hall at Clare Street, Northampton, is undergoing a major restructuring programme to bring the facilities up to date.

Lt. Col. Bill Dawson took over command in October 1974 from Lt. Col. (now Col.) Billy Wallace. We were delighted when Col. Billy Wallace received the O B E. and was appointed TAVR Colonel (North). Major John Gleadell moved to Battalion 2nd in Command and Major Mike Shaw took his place commanding the Scunthorpe company. Our Training Major, Humphrey Bradshaw, returned to Northern Ireland and was replaced by Major Mike

Menage, also from Northern Ireland duties. On 1st April Major Peter Wilson joined us to take over command of the HQ elements.

The most notable achievement of the year was the performance of a 'C' Company team in the Nijmegen March. This was trained and led by their newly-joined PSI, S/Sgt. Ross. They performed better than all other TAVR teams and many of the Regular teams as well, gaining a team medal and individual medals for each team member. They well justified all the training, expense and administration involved.

In the shooting arena we gained valuable experience at Bisley, and at the District shoot our 'D' Company from Northampton had a second or third in every event, notwithstanding the fact that they had been up all the previous night on an exercise.

Annual Camp provided the highlight of the year. During the first five day the Battalion was fully engaged as were all TAVR General Reserve Battalions in the nationwide Exercise



**'C' Company's Nijmegen Team lead by S/Sgt. John Ross and C/Sgt. 'Tankie' Turner.**



**The CO issues orders on exercise 'Inside Right'.**

'Inside Right'. After two days mobilising at Proteus, near Nottingham, the companies were despatched to tasks throughout Eastern District. Vehicles clocked an average of 650 miles each and the war diary ran to sixteen pages. A detailed account is therefore impossible to relate here.

Colonel Paul Raywood, late of 6 R. Anglian, was our Directing Staff Officer and we were delighted to see our previous CO, Col. Billy Wallace, umpiring 3 WFR! 1 R. Anglian provided a highly professional and active enemy which kept every one on the go 24 hours a day. They had more success than the Marines who, having swum 3½ hours to the beach at Fingeringhoe, tried to infiltrate our lines only to find that we had not arrived.

Highlights of this exercise are difficult to pick out but company moves by helicopter, reversing charges from one public coin box to another, coping with a leg of pork at platoon level, and the misinterpretation of the code word 'pheasants' for 'peasants' with alarming results, were but a few.

After five gruelling days in the field the Battalion arrived at West Tofts having had little sleep but with morale sky high having

completed all tasks. Our thanks to Eastern District and the enemy for such a worthwhile exercise.

Taking over a camp in such circumstances was not easy but by the first Friday, after a good night's sleep, the Battalion was involved in field firing. After the traditional Saturday off, the Padre held a drumhead service followed by march-past on the Sunday. The band of 1 R. Anglian played and kept us in step and then gave a most entertaining concert in the soldiers' dining room.

Sunday night saw the start of a 23-hour deep penetration exercise which was visited by the Brigadier Nottingham, Brigadier Tugwell. Thick fog did not prevent the final attack and under conditions resembling those of World War I the eerie conclusion was reached.

The second Monday saw the start of a week-long task of providing enemy for 1 Royal Scots, who were at Stanford preparing for Northern Ireland. This was a great experience for the soldiers, who thought that they taught 1 Royal Scots the basic elements of ISI! at least by the end of the week.



**Major Mike Brown as OC enemy, enjoying the job and the weather at Stanford PTA in July '75.**



**The 2IC Major John Gleadell takes command during exercise 'Left Back'.**

On Wednesday, 29th October, our Leicester-shire and Derbyshire Yeomanry Squadron was honoured by a visit from H.R.H. Prince Philip, who was making his last appearance as their Colonel in Chief. This was a successful and memorable occasion for the squadron.



**The nerve centre, Major Peter Wilson and Capt. Frank Street, in the Bn Ops Room.**

On the same day we were delighted to have a visit from the Colonel of the Regiment, who visited each company and the LDY and had lunch with H.R.H. Prince Philip. On Thursday General Sir Ian returned for the Officers' Mess Guest Night, when we were pleased to have the GOC Eastern District, General Tabor, with us.

Not a drop of rain fell during camp. Every soldier went home having had the experience of at least one trip in a helicopter. Active involvement with 1 R. Anglian and 1 Royal Scots gave impetus to everything we did. All in all a marvellous camp and we hope for a repeat performance in the not too distant future. We also look forward to Camp '76' when we go to Bellerby Camp, Catterick, in May/June.

**The CO briefs OC 'D' Company on a sensitive cargo task exercise 'Left Back'.**





**Trooper Colin Henshaw presenting Prince Phillip with a four-in-hand whip.**

#### **The LEICESTERSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE YEOMANRY (PRINCE ALBERT'S OWN) COMPANY**

Since the re-formation of the Territorial Army in 1971, the Sword of Damocles hung over the Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry as a Regiment. Under the reorganisation of the Cadres, the LDY expanded to Squadron strength within the newly formed 7th Volunteer Battalion. The traditional links with the Cavalry and the Royal Armoured Corps plus the Regimental insignia were retained, which will help to explain how the anomaly of a Squadron of infantry arose. The 'sword' hung by a very thin thread which eventually broke as arrangements to fully integrate the LDY, and similar sub-units in other Battalions, were introduced as part of the Defence Review 1975.

The date set for the changeover was 1st April 1975. One of the many implications of the review was that the Squadron could no longer retain HRH The Prince Philip as Honorary Colonel. With HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Anglian Regiment, it was inappropriate to have two members of the Royal Family at the helm. Prince Philip expressed a keen wish to visit the Squadron and say goodbye before the official rebadging day. The only sensible date was during the annual camp at West Tofts, in Nor-

folk, on the 29th October. Thus the scene was set for his visit and the official day for the cap-badge change was made 1st November. An appropriate day because, after the death of the late King, Her Majesty appointed Prince Philip as the Honorary Colonel on 1st November 1953.

Throughout the country there are some 3,000 old comrades of the former Derbyshire Yeomanry and Leicestershire Yeomanry, and even now there are those who attend the annual reunions and first fought in the Boer War; for all of them, to lose their cap badge was as sad a blow as it was to the serving soldiers of the Squadron. So it was that some seventy-five old comrades also took part in the visit to West Tofts. They arrived in the mid-morning, were given coffee, and then taken by minibus to one of four stands on the training area to await presentation to the Duke. At each stand was a group of soldiers about to complete the last of four tests in the annual competition for the Troop Cup. After a nail-biting wait in the cold (the fog was so thick that it was feared the visit would be cancelled), Prince Philip eventually arrived. Having met the first group of old comrades, he watched Mr. Luke Smith's troop trying to launch an assault boat with an enormous splash in record time compared with the other teams. (He has since been renamed 'Aqualuke').



**Prince Phillip addresses the Squadron before his departure.**

The Duke was then driven by the Squadron Leader to the next stand, where 'Buttons' Lambie (so named because of his complicated mess kit) attempted to get all his group, a pile of bits and pieces and an injured man on a stretcher, across a simulated minefield by using planks placed at the most awkward angles. It was all really rather like a 'WOSB' farce, but successfully completed even though the stretcher case was dropped on his head. More old comrades and then a visit to the confidence course at Archers. Confidence! One look at the first set of ropes several hundred feet in the air is quite enough to destroy any sane man's confidence. However, all was completed in record time by a very fit-looking team. On then to the fourth team, led by 'The Pink Panther' whose boots turned pink after an unsuccessful attempt to bull them up. This team was in the throes of trying to see targets hidden in the fog about two hundred yards away. (Sorry, metres). Finally, prior to lunch in the Mess at West Tofts, the Duke had a look at the Headquarters elements of the Squadron and spent some time talking to the signallers, storeman, drivers and cooks who were actively preparing the lunch for the old comrades and the Squadron. As soon as the party of officers left for lunch there was seen to be a frantic dash for the bar of free beer set up in a marquee. Meanwhile the officers, joined by General Sir Ian Freeland, had a less alcoholic time (just) back at the base camp. All the serving and old comrade

Officers were rather later back at the tent than originally planned but they did manage to get on parade before the Duke arrived. HRH presented the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate to Sergeant Major Marshall and the Troop Cup to Sergeant Bliss, and then received a present from the Squadron. This was a four-in-hand whip carried by Trooper Henshaw, who had recently passed out as the best recruit at Basingbourn. Prince Philip was very pleased, as he had just broken one in Poland and 'it's always handy to have another one'. During the days before the visit everybody in the Squadron had been practising the correct drill for the Royal Salute, which was given just before the Duke left for Lakenheath. What had not been considered was the amount of ale that would have been consumed by the time the Salute was required. In fact, after seeing off 528 pints of Worthington 'E', the Present Arms sounded quite odd. The clatter of brollies from the old comrades coupled with the SLRs of the soldiers (it may even have been the other way round) sounded more like a very tired masseuse in a massage parlour. But no one minded! Prince Philip waved goodbye to rousing cheers led by the old comrades, and then departed.

And so it was that on the final Friday of Camp, the 31st October, Colonel Bill Dawson attended the LDY's last Squadron parade to hand out the new Royal Anglian badges and welcome the LDY Company fully into his Battalion.

C.W.G.

# Depot Queen's Division

The year 1975 was a busy and successful one in its training cycle, its sporting achievements and in its social activities.

As the administrative tail for the three Regiments of the Queens Division, there are a number of functions of the Depot specifically orientated to the battalions served by the Depot. For example, over eight hundred recruits completed their recruit training during the year, mostly joining the nine infantry battalions comprising the Queens Division. A considerably larger number of recruits were, of course, initially accepted for training, some wasting out for medical or other reasons before completing their course. At the same time some 230 Junior Soldiers passed into adult training.

Still on the training side, a number of Officers and NCOs attend short courses at the Depot prior to going to Warminster or Brecon. Some thirty platoon Commanders came on pre-

PCD courses during the year, thirty-seven senior NCOs on their pre-Brecon courses, and fifty-three junior NCOs on their Warminster Skill-at-Arms course. A number of junior drummers and junior bandsmen were also trained, while courses are also held for potential officers. The Depot training staff also have a commitment to run periodic TAVR courses for both recruits and for their NCOs, and to provide certain administrative backing for the local TAVR units.

On the social side, the Depot receives a large number of distinguished visitors throughout the year, some of whom are specifically 'Depot' guests, but many of whom are Regimental guests entertained on behalf of the Regiment concerned. This is generally a very pleasant duty, despite the strain that some of the larger functions impose on our limited resources, and tends to strengthen the existing links between the battalions and their supporting 'tail'.

During March 1975 Richard Stone's excellent portrait of H.M. The Queen Mother was hung in the entrance hall of the Officers' Mess just in time for the visit of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent the following day. We have now lost this painting—temporarily we hope—to 3 R. Anglian. In May the GOC Eastern District, Major General D. J. St. M. Tabor held his annual dinner in our Officers' Mess, for the chairmen of the County Councils of Eastern England. We hope that the magnificent dinner profited the Royal Anglian Regiment specifically in long-term recruitment and general goodwill!



Cpl. 'Titch' Goude from 1 R Anglian indoctrinating Pte. 'Lofty' Fresco in the techniques of obstacle crossing.



Cpl. Tommy Carr, from 3 R Anglian, in the miniature range with Pte. Kevin Bogg and Pte. David Patterson of Gallipoli PI, firing the 84 mm subcalibre during their recruit training.



**Major Martin Franks congratulating Pte. Richard Huggins on scoring 74 out of a possible 80 on his annual personal weapons test in September '75.**

The bi-annual postings conferences, during 1975 in early June and mid-December respectively, are a useful and pleasant gathering, traditionally marked by a buffet supper in the Officers' Mess and a cocktail party in the Sergeants' Mess, during which a lot of informal liaison work is done.

On the 5th July the annual Royal Anglian gathering was held at the Depot, with a cricket match and buffet lunch followed by Beating Retreat, cocktails and buffet supper. The following week we hosted the schoolboys exhibition for three days; this was a marvellous display of talent and equipment and attracted hordes of very scruffy looking schoolboys, some of whom will, we hope, be reincarnated into smart intelligent soldiers. The final day of this marathon was the influx of some twenty thousands civilians to the Depot 'Open Day'. We were delighted to see the Director of Infantry, Major General Tim Creasey, on one of his visits during this period.

The Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the Depot marked the Royal Anglian Regimental Day with an excellent dinner-dance, actually held on 12th September, to which all the Royal Anglian Officers of the Depot and their wives were invited. The previous month the Corporals of the Depot staged their first ever summer ball, held in marquees on the airfield. This was also a resounding success, under the able management of Corporals 'Grasshopper' Allen, Dave Farmery, Paul Rogers, among others who contributed to this lively and entertaining evening.

The latter part of 1975 was marked by a number of events, including two conventions, one sponsored by HQ Queens Division, of headmasters and career masters from officer-



**Jnr. Bandsman Grenville Yaxley learning to survive.**



**S/Sgt. Bob Baker is the technical Colour-Sergeant at the Depot, where he has now served for five years.**



**The Colonel of the Regiment inspecting a guard of honour at the Depot on 15th October, '75, with Lt. Col. C. D. Piggins, the CO.**

producing schools, and a formal visit to the Depot on 15th October by the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant General Sir Ian Freeland, who toured the facilities of the Depot, watched various training activities, and spoke to a large number of young Royal Anglians.

Brief mention should perhaps be made of the visit by General Sir William Jackson, Quartermaster General, who lunched in the Officers' Mess, an informal visit by Lieut.-General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, the Military Secretary, who played golf for the Depot, a weekend visit of the Chaplain General, The Venerable Archdeacon Peter Mallett, and a brief visit by Major-General K. G. Galloway, Director of Army Dental Services. We also welcomed Lieut.-General Sir James Wilson on a number of occasions in his capacity of Colonel Commandant of the Queens Division.

**Pte. David Ford, Martyn Hildreth, David Soderman and Robert Winter undergoing recruit training in Tangier Pl, talking to the Colonel of the Regiment, Lt. Gen. Sir Ian Freeland, during his visit to the Depot on 15th October, '75.**



# 6th (Volunteer) Battalion

## 6(V) ROYAL ANGLIAN

The TAVR review bit deep into 6 R. Anglian, removing one Company and handing on the problem of which Company to axe to the Commanding Officer. 'C' Company at Braintree posed the most difficult of decisions, but it had to be. Typical of the British, 6 R. Anglian managed to salvage a sizeable stump from the wreckage by keeping what is now the most flourishing body of men, the 'Braintree Detachment'; perhaps someone will write a book on them, for their title is sufficiently mysterious to qualify.

It leads us on to remember that Staff Sergeant 'Wilkie' Wilkinson, who for so long held the fort as the 'C' Company PSI, has now left the Army and is enthusiastically studying engineering. RSM Lofty Knight, one of the great Royal Anglian characters, has completed his service and is now somewhere in Felixstowe, quite confident of overcoming anything that little 'ole civvy street can put up against him. There will be many who will regret his leaving—not least the Volunteers in 6 R. Anglian. The Training Major (for some unfathomable reason called the TM in Scots accent). Major Richard Wilson, is now dressed in solicitor's black, having left the Battalion after three years. He has done a great deal to lift the standards. The 2IC, Major Jim Holl, has also gone, to our regret. These last three holes have been filled by RSM



The Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Tim Swayne presents the Gaza Cup to 21A. Colin Palmer, who commanded the winning team from 'A' Company.



Suffolk PI shooting trophies 1975.

David Spalding, Major John Growse and Major Duncan Stewart respectively—all welcome.

If you look for highlights, then of course it must be the Volongdis Cup (some 3½ feet high) which was won by the Commanding Officer and Private Marshall, of the Suffolk Platoon, Bury St. Edmunds. To win this LMG pairs trophy at Bisley against 80 other teams is a tremendous feat, particularly if it is your first taste of this kind of victory. Anyone who can keep his nerve on the Century Range at Bisley and win deserves a large piece of metal, and the Volongdis Cup satisfies this requirement! We did not do so badly in the falling plate or SMG trophy either. The problem is to keep our reputation going, having reached breakthrough.

Camp this year was spent in our own back garden—Stanford, although we did have the Exercise 'Inside Right' is a pipe opener. It should perhaps have been better described as a bottom scorer, for the miles covered by the troops in the back of their trucks was formidable. We must be forgiven if we draw comparisons to 'Inside Right' situations with those so vividly described by Evelyn Waugh just before the Second World War. In what other circumstances would you expect to receive a telegram from a frustrated Company Commander at Battalion HQ addressed to 'HQ 6 R Anglian Nottingham', stating that the writer could be contacted at a telephone kiosk somewhere in Northamptonshire? Thus the mental image is completed with the same Commander guarding

the kiosk against innocent members of the public, the situation further complicated by the fact that the telephone did not ring and this resourceful Commander was reduced to snatching at the telephone whenever it looked as though it should be ringing! We saw and duly hated our enemy, 1 R. Anglian, who later on at camp produced their support weapons for a demonstration and their most excellent Band for families and messes alike.

In 'A' Company it has been a year of changes. WO.II Barr retired and WO.II Housego stepped in. Captain Martin Haylock left us for a career as a bus conductor, but, bored of this, is now learning to teach in London. Captain Freddie Vigers has come in as 2IC and looks as fierce and warlike as ever. Colour Sergeant Burton, our contact man with the Colonel of the Regiment, took over as CQMS from Colour Sergeant Slaughter. The Company is healthy, so healthy that we are increasingly selective. This then marks our Private Chapman, ex 4 R. Norfolk, as a likely lad who came to East Dereham to see what gave and stayed on.

'A' Company did some coast-watching on Exercise 'Inside Right' and used their local knowledge to some advantage at Salthouse by over-running the Commando enemy when they were asleep! The fact that they were out of bounds and that the exercise was out of control at that moment added to the enjoyment. They won the Gaza Cup, snatching it from the jaws of 'D' Company. Colin Palmer, their most erudite of Platoon Commanders, deserves con-



'A' Company's winning team 'en masse' at the final obstacle of the Assault Course phase of the Gaza Cup competition.



The strains of 'Inside Right'.



**Recruits learning the problems of living in the field.**

gratulations, together with his sterling soldiers.

And so to 'B' from Bedfordshire Company. Apart from a flourishing bar run by L/Cpl. Ford and a magazine by L/Cpl. Willars, both hugely enjoyed, the Company has trained hard at shooting and IS. Their platoons at Bedford, Biggleswade and Dunstable continue in some strength, but even so are now concentrating on the National Recruiting Campaign. WO.II Doug George is now a PSI, reverting to Private and being promoted to Sergeant in one day. Sergeant John Martin is now CSM, and S/Sgt. Gatehouse retired after 25 years of TAVR service. He continues though with the ACF. They had a small ceremony to mark the occasion and at the same time were presented with a silver-handled ivory cane circa 1830 by Mr. E. Cornwall—an Old Comrade.

Mrs. Marjorie Richards, the 'B' Company clerk, richly deserves the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate she received.

'D' Company of Cambridgeshire was strengthened by the Haverhill Platoon from unfortunate 'C' Company. They are well recruited and are determined to keep these figures going. They have done a lot of shooting, sending a team to the Eastern District Meet at Fingringhoe and to Beckingham, coming 4th in the SLR and 8th in the SMG at the latter meeting. Scalps included some of the Professionals! They definitely improve. The Company had an exercise on Salisbury Plain; something of an event to get out of our Anglian boundary! It does a great deal to help keep interest alive. If any of our Regular brothers have read

so far in this journal, then don't forget to ask us if you have a spare weekend exercise planned.

Finally Braintree. Nothing daunted, they continue and are determined to survive, albeit as part of 'B' Company and will be known as the Pompadour Detachment from Braintree—who cares about short titles! They have done things of note, having the fastest time in the Gaza Cup Assault Course and providing the best shot at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, Cpl. (now Sgt.) Len Abbot.

It remains to mark the impending handover of Commanding Officers. For Colonel Tim Swayne it has been an eventful two and a half years and we wish him all good fortune for the future and regret his going. For Major Roger Tomkins we extend a great welcome.



**Miss 'Bedford' supported by members of 'B' Company.**

# SPORTS REPORT

## FOOTBALL

On the sporting side the Pompadours have very full fixture lists. The football teams have both been doing well in the North Yorkshire League. The first XI are now through to the third round of the Army Cup. The opposition in the first two rounds were local units from the Garrison Area and were beaten thus:

4 Lt. Regiment RA, 3-1

15 Fd. Workshops REME, 6-0.

The last match was abandoned thirty minutes before full time because of thick fog but the opposition have conceded the game.

Two young professional teams from Middlesbrough FC visited the Battalion on 27th October for the day. They were given the opportunity to fire the whole range of infantry small arms and to drive the Chieftain tank and Scorpion at the nearby RAC Training Centre.

In the afternoon the Tees-siders played the two Battalion teams who, as expected, both went down quite heavily. The first team how-

ever, did well to hold the Middlesbrough Reserve team to 2-2 up to half time. A games evening was held in the Junior Ranks Club, which, we are pleased to report, the Pompadours won convincingly. The first XI had a return fixture at Ayresome in November.

### POMPADOURS WIN INFANTRY CUP FOR THE FOURTH TIME

In his last season as Football Officer of the Pompadours, Captain 'Jimmy' Jenks can rightly feel proud of his team's efforts for 1974-75. The records for the team show that they won all their games bar one, scored 90 goals for 20 goals against, and had Pte. Collins and Cpl. Jephcote as their leading marksmen with 28 and 27 goals respectively.

The game in which the team were beaten was, alas, the semi-final of the BAOR Section of the Army Cup. After having ninety per cent of the play, and not being able to beat the opposing 'keeper, they allowed the 3rd Light



**Winners of the Infantry Cup! Shortly after the Pompadours beat 1 KOB 3-2 in the UK final, the Colonel of the Regiment visited the Battalion in Paderborn and was photographed with the team.**



**The one that nearly went in! Pte. Nolan makes a late save and pushes a shot over the bar in the game against the Youth team from Middlesbrough FC.**

Infantry to break away and score the winning goal.

The next time the Pompadours were to meet the 3rd Light Infantry was in the final of the Infantry Cup, played in the Sennelager Stadium. This game turned out to be a real thriller with both teams striving hard to get the upper hand and the supporters urging their men to greater efforts. On into the second half, when 3rd Light Infantry were to concede a penalty which was duly converted. The penalty award unsettled the 3rd Light Infantry back four and they cracked under the Pompadour pressure. Although their forwards netted twice, it was only a token reply to four goals in their own net. A splendid finale to the season with the 4-2 win gaining the Pompadours the Infantry Cup for the fourth time in the last five seasons.

The 1975-76 season has opened with several changes in our line-up as well as a change of location to Alma Barracks, Catterick. Enthusiasm is running high and we have a team in each of the two divisions of the Yorkshire Services League, with only one defeat between them to date. It is not the 'B' team who blotted the record either!!

A great day for the players was when two teams of young professionals and apprentice footballers from Middlesbrough FC visited the Battalion. Mr. Harold Sheppardson, the England team trainer during the 'Ramsey' era, was in charge of the party and, after trying their hand at firing infantry weapons, the pro's had a light lunch and changed for 'battle' with the Pompadour teams. The result of the games was inevitable, but our first team are still smirking at having held the Middlesbrough Club's North Midland League side to a draw for an hour before the professionals' know-how finally triumphed. The day ended with a games evening in the JRC and, as the Middlesbrough lads left Alma Barracks, the teams were all in agreement that we should have a similar day in the future and that 27th October 1975 will be well remembered.

The rest of the season promises plenty of soccer for the teams. Apart from normal league programmes, we endeavour to play as many 'friendly' games as possible and we are still in five cup competitions at the time of going to press. Jungle drums tell us that the VIKINGS are also considering a game when they hope to lower our colours. We await the challenge with bated breath!!

**Middlesbrough versus the Pompadours. A photograph taken of both teams before the match at Catterick. In the return match at Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough, the Pompadours were only beaten 5-1. Almost entirely due to Jack Charlton's coaching during the morning.**





**Pte. Conway and Pte. Holman, Army Youth Team, 1974/5. Army Senior Squad 1975/6.**

## Vikings' Football

The 1974/75 season's prospects were firmly hit on the head by the Ulster tour up to Christmas and Exercise Hardfall in Norway afterwards.

In spite of this the Battalion side fought their way through to the District Final, beating 1 DWR 6-3, 1 R. Irish 4-1 and the School of Signals 6-2 before succumbing to the Queens Own Hussars in the final. We led 2-1 until two minutes from time, but finally went down 5-3 after extra time.

The team also reached the quarter final of the Infantry Cup, going down in an exciting game 2-1 to 2 Para.

Within the Battalion, 'A' Company have made a complete sweep winning the Inter Company Knockout Competition, the Minden Day six-a-side competition and the Inter Platoon six-a-side competition.

A great deal of new talent has joined the Battalion to reinforce the remaining experience. We welcome Holman, Conway, Sergeant, Hares and Elvin to the squad. Holman, Conway and Hares all played for the Army Youth team during the season.

The 1975/76 season has started with Holman and Conway in the Senior Army Squad. With all this talent we hope to have a good season.

## Rugby



**The Poachers XV.**



**The Poachers (dark jerseys) v KOSB.**



**Making a determined run for the try line is Cpt. Simon Thompson, Pompadours v 8 Inf Bde HQ, which was played at Ballykelly.**



**Lt. Graham Duthoit and Cpl. Bob McGuinness jumping for the ball in a match against 1 WFR which was played during the Pompadours Op Banner tour.**

**Despite an Op Banner tour the Pompadours Rugby team played several matches both in Germany and N. Ireland. The team before the start of the match against 1 WFR which was played at Ballykelly.**



## Athletics-3rd Bn.

On the athletics field the Battalion had another good season winning the 4 Guards Armoured Brigade meeting by a clear 40 points and the 2 Division meeting by a clear 22 points. We were not quite so lucky in the BAOR championships where we were just pipped into fourth place by 1 Cheshire, the eventual runners up in the Army Championships. However, members of the Battalion were able to attain some fine individual results. Second Lieutenant Antolik (high jump), Corporal Boyd (400 metres) and Private Taylor (400 metres hurdles — Army Sportsman of the year in 1974) were selected to represent the Army at the Combined Services meeting in July. Roger Antolik was later selected to represent England in an international match against Wales. Antolik and Taylor were included in the list published by the Amateur Athletic Association of the top twenty United Kingdom athletics in the high jump and 400 metres. We have had therefore a good season at athletics and now have the basis for greater success in 1976.



**Sgt. John Lawton receiving the 2 Div Championship Cup.**



**Pte. David Parris winning the 2 Div 4 x 100 m relay.**



**Cpl. Randy Boyd leading in 2 Div 400 m hurdles.**

## Vikings

The Battalion Cross Country was held in January and was won by 'B' Company. The athletics was held in May and was won by Command Company (seven points separated the first four teams).

Both teams won the District Championships and got through to the finals of the Army Championships. In the cross country we came 10th out of 12 with Pte. Lincoln producing our best result at 9th. He was selected to represent the Army in the Combined Services Match.

In the Army Athletics final at Aldershot the team were placed 5th out of seven with which we were very pleased. Altogether twelve of our athletes were invited to represent the Army this season.

The Battalion entered a relatively new competition called the 'Army Single Event Championships'. This allows any unit, with an outstanding pair of individuals, in any athletic event, a chance to win an Army Championship. Twenty-one units entered teams and this Battalion gained 'runners-up' positions to the



Mrs. Pike presents the Bn Athletic shield to Sgt. Plumb, Comd Company.

1975 champions in the following events:

4 x 400 metres relay (Capt. Willdridge, Cpl. Hanniver, Cpt. Jones and Pte. Brown).

2 x 400 metres hurdles (Cpl. Jones and Cpl. Shrubbsall).

Long jump (L/Cpl. Enfield and Pte Straker).

In the 2 x 400 metres hurdles our pair broke the Army record as did that of the winning pair.



Vikings Athletics team—Aldershot—Army Championships. Back row: I. Cpl. Boucher, Pte. Wilkinson, L/Cpl. Lincoln, Sgt. Mather, Pte. Hares, Sgt. Parsons, Cpl. Hamiver, Pte. Straker, L/Cpl. Duncan, Cpl. Bodger, Pte. Foley, Cpl. Shrubbsall, Pte. Larter, Capt. Willdridge, and L/Cpl. Enfield. Front row: Cpl. Elba-Porter, Bdsm. Brown, Cpl. Jones, Commanding Officer, Cpl. Austin, Ptes. Bruch and Birch.



**Cpl. Hanniver—one of the mainstays of the battalion team.**

### **THE POMPADOUR ATHLETICS**

The 1975 season was upon us immediately on our return from Northern Ireland. Unfortunately street patrolling is no substitute for good hard winter training, so our build-up to the 20 Armoured Brigade Championships held on 12th June was short and sharp. Once again we proved to be the dominant force and easily



**CRA 4 Div presents the 'Runners-up' Shield to WO. II Rourke, who trained the Pompadour team. By coming second in the 4 Div Meeting we qualified for the BAOR finals.**



**Cpl. Austin winning the 1500 m in the Bn Athletics meeting.**



**WO. II J. Rourke competing in the 5000 metres at the 20 Armoured Brigade Championships.**



**3 R Anglian inter-company meeting with 2Lt. Blyth (far left) and L/Cpl. Boyne competing in the 110 metres hurdles on 28th May.**

overcame the opposition. Another week of concentrated training took us to the 4th Division Championships. This year we did just that little bit better and came runners-up to 7 Signals Regiment and earned a place among the final eight for the BAOR Championships on 5th July. As we expected, the opposition was strong and the competition tough. We finished a satisfactory 5th equal and have now the basis on which to build a team for the 1976 season.

Captain Peter Field was our only entry into the BAOR Individual Championships, in which he won the Discus. In the Army Individual Championships he came a notable second.



**Salamanca Day—22nd July—was marked by a Potted Sports Day. Brigadier Johnston, Commander 20 Armd Bde, was on his final visit to the Pompadours and presented the prizes. CSM Dear of 'B' Company received the inter-company Challenge Trophy from Brigadier Johnston.**

**'B' Company succeed in beating all comers in the inter-unit Tug-of-War. The team was trained and coached by CSM M. B. Dear.**





A and B. L/Cpl. Boyne (butterfly) and Pte. Gash (breaststroke) competing in the BAOR Individual Championships in Berlin for the Pompadours.

## SPORT AT THE DEPOT

The year 1975 was a great one for sporting achievements; the swimming team became Minor Unit Army Champions while the athletics team achieved fourth position in their Army Championships. The shooting team gained a respectable fifth place among the Minor Units at Bisley, and the cricket team were only beaten in the Minor units final. Rugby started well with a score in the opening round of the Army Cup of 76-4!



### ARMY CHAMPIONS FROM QUEENS DIVISION DEPOT

The Army Minor Units Swimming champions for 1975 include Pte. Garry Marchant (second from left, standing), L/Cpl. Steven Raines (on right, standing), both from 1 R Anglian, and Cpl. Bill Murton (on right, sitting). Cpl. Murton has now returned to 3 R Anglian.

Royal Anglians were prominent in all these teams, with Corporal Bill Murton, L/Corporal Steven Raines and Pte. Garry Marchant in the swimming, S/Sgt. Rod Travis (discus winner), Sergeants Mick Draper and Brian Willoughby and Lieutenant Alan Wells (sprints) and Corporal Michael Scott (high jump) in the athletics. Sergeant Russell Turner and Corporal Bob Isbell were part of the four man shooting team at Bisley, while Corporals Paul Neal and David Goude were part of the team under Major Paddy Ford up to the Eastern District shoot. The cricket team had strong representation with Captain Julian Rawlins topping the batting averages, ably supported by Sergeant Bill Isles, Corporal Mel Thurlby and Lieutenant Alan Wells. Lieutenant Wells also started the rugger season well with four tries in the Army Cup first round; Lieutenants Chris Groom and John McColl were also in the team, together with L/Corporal Bernie Cripps and Corporal Rod Allen.

Altogether, 1975 was a very successful year in its training, sporting, and social activities. It is worthy of note that members of each of the three Regiments represented at the Depot clearly became fully integrated into all aspects of Depot life, while still retaining their Regimental pride. Visitors from Battalions are, of course, always welcome to this, their firm base in England, whether it is on an official visit concerning training or unofficially to see old friends.



1st BATTALION

Back row: Major Long, Bdsm. Brown, Pte. Brothers, Pte. Yeowell, Cpl. Jones, Cpl. Scoles.  
Front row: Cpl. Krause, Pte. Huddleston, Capt. Goldschmidt, WO.II Kett, Pte. Roberts, Lt. Amberton.

## Regimental weekend cricket

### GENTLEMEN OF SUFFOLK

Bevan c Heel b Badger .....	8
Clayton c Rowllins b Badger .....	0
Townsend not out .....	149
Goodman c Thurlby b Calder .....	4
Wingfield-Digby lbw b Badger .....	25
McHush b Badger .....	0
Prior c Badger b Underwood .....	19
Extras .....	2

Total (for 6 wkts. dec.) 207

Dudley, S., Pardoe, Rowe, and Dudley, J., did not bat.

Bowling: Badger 4 for 36.

### THE REGIMENT

Slater lbw b Wingfield-Digby .....	3
Groom lbw b Wingfield-Digby .....	7

Goldschmidt run out .....	37
Badger c Dudley b Wingfield-Digby .....	11
Rawlins, J., not out .....	93
Thorne, M., not out .....	14
Extras .....	13

Total (for 4 wkts.) 178

Calder, Heel, Thurlby, Wells and Underwood did not bat.

Bowling: Wingfield-Digby 3 for 38.

Result: Match drawn.

The annual match against the Gentlemen of Suffolk was played at the Depot Ground at Bassingbourn on Saturday, 5th July. The wicket was fast and treacherous, tamed only by Townsend and Rawlins. The result was a well-matched draw.

# ARMY CADETS

## ESSEX ARMY CADET FORCE

More than 390 cadets, accompanied by 100 officers and Adult Instructors, gathered from the four corners of Essex, went to Camp near Folkestone on Sunday, 27th July, by special train.

They were from 33 units in Essex, commanded by Colonel J. H. L. Parker, MC, who has just taken over, having recently retired from the Regular Army.

Most of the boys were in fine permanent huts, but a few 'overspill' went into marquee tents. However, the weather was more than kind; brilliant sunshine all the time and fine warm evenings, so the greatest use was made of the extensive training areas in the hills behind Folkestone, the firing ranges at Hythe and Dover and the assault course and indoor swimming pool generously put at our disposal by the Army at Shorncliffe Garrison. In particular, cadets were, with supervision, able to get down to the beaches only a mile away and swim in the sea. Forty cadets completed their expedition training, qualifying them towards their Bronze and Silver badges in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. During the second of this two-week camp further adventurous training took place, including one-day and three-day exercises, watermanship in assault craft and canoeing, training in snorkel diving, night camping, signals work and rock climbing at Crowborough. Much of this was organised and

supervised by the members of No. 45 Army Youth Team, commanded by Capt. Peter Bowles, from Southend. News came through on Thursday that, in the Modern Pentathlon (Open Tetrathlon) Competition, Cadet Cpl. A. Mullis, of Billericay Detachment, the youngest competitor among 47 entries, came 8th overall in a very keen competition which included fencing, swimming, shooting and cross-country running. In Camp on Sunday morning, 'B' Company won a closely fought Guard Mounting Competition, and in the afternoon the Potted Sports Competition was won by 'C' Company. More than 100 parents and friends stayed to watch the events which culminated in a 'friendly' football match between the Officers and Sergeants. It is said that the Officers won, but the result was difficult to believe as the game was abandoned at half-time due to the competitors becoming water-logged!



Map reading on the Kentish Downs.



Lyddensfoot Ranges—100 yards firing point.

On Sunday, 3rd August, all cadets attended a Drumhead Service conducted by the Senior Padre, Rev. K. G. Hay, TD, of Prittlewell, assisted by the Rev. D. Nash, of Rivenhall. This was followed by a March Past to the Corps of Drums from 'D' Company, Colchester, when the Commandant took the salute. Many parents took the opportunity to travel down and participate.

General Sir Roland Gibbs, Commander in Chief UK Land Forces, visited the Camp by helicopter on Wednesday, 30th July, and went to the training areas to see the cadets, and he said how impressed he was with the work being done.

There was a Guest Night in the Officers' Mess on Wednesday, 6th August, when the principal guests were: Colonel G. H. S. Dicker, CBE, TD, DL, of Brundell, Norfolk, and Brigadier Hugh Hunter Jones, MC, TD, JP, DL, of Langham, Essex, Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Territorial Association of East Anglia; also the Association's new Secretary, Colonel W. Pakenham-Walsh, who has just taken up his appointment at Springfield Tyrells, Chelmsford. The Essex ACF were also pleased to be able to entertain their Honorary Colonel, Colonel P. H. A. L. Franklin, of Colchester, and the last two County Commandants, Colonel A. R. Kiggins, TD, JP, DL, of Brentwood, and Colonel D. G. Flindall, TD, DL, of Hornchurch.

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**1st (Hertfordshire) Cadet Bn. The Royal**  
**Anglian Regiment, 27th July-8th August**

The first Battalion joined forces with their sister regiment this year, the 4th Cadet Regiment, and shared the accommodation at Browdown Training Camp, Hampshire, making a grand total of 230 all ranks and thereby filling all accommodation at Browdown to bursting point. So much so that fifteen 120

lb. tents were required for the extra bodies. The weather was very hot indeed, and the Instructors had to keep a careful eye on the cadets for any sign of sickness from the heat.

Major P. F. Burgess, the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, had a busy time receiving visitors to the Camp, namely, Major General Sir George Burns, the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, and Major General Cathcart. They saw the cadets training with the equipment which the 48th Army Youth Team brought with them, which included archery, canoeing, volley ball, and a trampoline.

Other visitors received by the Commanding Officer were Major D. M. Pugh, the G2 Cadets HQ Eastern District, Col. S. R. W. Burr, the Honorary Colonel of the 1st Battalion, Major General Bate, Council of the TAVR, Col. Lomas and Major Daniels, MOD (Cadets). They were all present at the Officers' Mess Night on Friday, the 1st of August.

At the start of the second week we were joined by four more cadets who had been at Bisley in the Army Cadet Force rifle meeting and we were delighted to hear that the Herts. ACF had come third in the Montgomery of Alamein Cup and two of the four cadets, brothers Lance Corporals Barnes, I. and K., came 25th and 30th respectively in the Army Cadet 100. A notable success was achieved by Captain Weir, the Battalion Signals Officer, in forming a Signal Platoon which arranged communications between Browdown Camp and Longmoor training area where the first Battalion on the second week carried out field training. The reception between the two camps was extremely good and individual signallers attached to each Company performed their duties very well indeed, using C 31 sets and the 88s. These allowed the Company Commanders to keep good communications with their fighting patrols and sections in the field, looking for the enemy. We firmly believe the



'C' Company—3-day exercise: base camp.

adder population of Longmoor Ranges had prior notice of the Battalion going there the second week, and in consequence we didn't see one the whole week we were there. The conditions were ideal for them, sunbathing and waiting for unsuspecting cadets! On returning to Camp, we did a survey with the cadets on whether this camp was to their satisfaction and it appears that Longmoor Camp has one of the top places of popularity for our camps in the future.

The catering was organised by two members of the 1st Battalion, Lt. D. Annan and SMI T. Mann, who have their catering service shop in Hertfordshire. All ranks had nothing but praise for their wonderful effort in producing good substantial food, which was well presented and appreciated by all cadets.

### COUNTY OF NORFOLK ARMY CADET FORCE

A record number of cadets attended Annual Camp 1975 from 27th July to 3rd August, at Church Crookham (Hants.), to enjoy glorious weather and a week full of activity.

On Monday, 28th July, Colonel Clayton, Secretary of East Anglia TA & VR Association, made his last visit to Norfolk ACF before his retirement. Major General The Earl of Cathcart, Deputy President of the ACFA, spent the greater part of Tuesday with us, visiting each Area on training. On Thursday, 31st July, Major General Tabor, GOC Eastern District, spent much of the day visiting and talking to cadets on training. On Friday, 1st August, the County Swimming Championships were held at the Garrison Swimming Bath, Aldershot. Some good times were recorded and Colonel Dicker, Chairman of East Anglia TA & VR Association attended and took more than a keen interest in the events. On Saturday, 2nd August, Colonel Flower, County Commandant, presented the awards and took the salute as the County ACF marched past. The King's Cup was won by the Thetford Detachment, and the Jephson Cup (which is awarded for the cleanliness and tidiness of billets in camp, with marks deducted for barrack-room damages—which resulted in keen competition and minimum breakages) was won by No. 3 Area. The cup was received by Major Briggs, Headmaster of Staniforth School, Thetford, who is Area Commander. Swimming medals and certificates were presented to the first three in each event, and



Senior cadets on Cadre training run by Major Anstee, No. 1 CTF, at Church Crookham Camp.

the Inter-Area Cup was won by No. 3 Area with 36 points, with No. 1 Area two points behind. The cup was received by Cadet Sgt. Holder. The Edwards Shield .22 Shooting Competition was presented to the Thetford Detachment. The County Commandant's Special Award was presented to Cadet Cpl. Keeble (CNA), who represented the Eastern Region in the ACF National Athletics Championships and finished third in Class 'A' 800 metres event.

Other sporting successes achieved this year are: Winners of Junior and Senior Cross-Country Running Championships, Winners of Junior Tetrathlon Championships, Runners-up in the Football Championships—all at Eastern Region level.

A few miles from camp, at Bisley, our cadet teams were shooting well and No. 1 Area team won the Frankfort Challenge Shield, open to teams from any of the three Cadet Services in the UK. This team were also runners-up in the Canada Cup, also a team shoot Bisley badges were awarded to all members of the three teams and Cadet Hundred badges were awarded to four cadets.

During the week, a full and interesting programme of training was carried out as arranged by the County Training Officer, with assistance from No. 1 Cadet Training Team and No. 44 Army Youth Team. Evenings allowed for films to be shown on the camp site and a number of static displays by the Regular Army proved very popular. Many cadets attended the Garrison Gymnasium at Aldershot for games organised by No. 44 AYT.



Norfolk Cadets.



Haverhill cadets relax en route before completing map reading exercise.

### SUFFOLK ARMY CADET FORCE

A few years ago Suffolk ACF activities were only seen within the County of Suffolk, but recently more travelling has been possible and now, in 1975, we find Suffolk cadets embarking by boat and plane to other parts, including Canada, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Even our 1976 Annual Camp will involve a sea water crossing for the first time in our history—the venue being the Isle of Man. Assembling cadets from some 20-odd locations in the County and travelling to the Isle of Man will without doubt cause some problems and difficulties. The ACF will have met most or all of them before, and they will certainly be overcome with energy and enthusiasm by those Officers and Adult Instructors concerned.

No doubt the interest shown by Regular Army units have helped the ACF very considerably to 'show the flag' over a wider area. Visits to Regular Army 'Open Days' have been a worthwhile feature during recent years and are eagerly awaited, and vacancies are generally over-subscribed. This has ultimately led to Suffolk cadets to undertake their own camp in Holland, while the now well-known Suffolk Cadet Trumpeters have sounded calls at the Menin Gate at Ypres and at the time of writing these notes are on duty at the British Berlin Tattoo—a great event for cadets to attend.

Events in the sporting field have been very well supported, and whilst no major trophies have been won, reasonable achievements resulted in the Eastern Region football championships and the National Swimming championships, whilst in numerous shooting competitions the cadets have not only maintained the standard but shown a distinct improvement which augers well for future competitions.



Annual rifle meeting at Bromeswell Range. The Honorary Colonel, Major Gen. W. A. M. Stawell, with his wife presenting the King Challenge Cup to C/L/Cpl S. Pritchard of Lowestoft. Major Gen. Stawell has since retired after 12 years as Honorary Colonel.



Felixstowe cadets are seen on 'Night Duty' in a clean sweep exercise at Felixstowe Town Station for which they were congratulated by the Council.

## ROYAL ANGLIAN (LEICESTER & NORTHAMPTON) ARMY CADET FORCE

At the annual Detachment Prizegiving Ceremony of Brentwood Road Detachment, 11 cadets were formally enrolled into the Detachment, and Capt. F. W. Aldwinckle, our County Sports Officer and Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Officer, and formerly Detachment Commander, presented the prizes and awards. S/Sgt. Brealey was the Outstanding Cadet NCO of the Year, and L/Cpl. Fraser the Outstanding Cadet of the Year. Cadet D. Lovegrove was the Best Recruit of the cadets enrolled that evening.

After almost 12 years' service SMI Kenneth Reeves retired, and to mark his retirement 'C' Company presented him with a cheque so that, as a keen bird watcher, he could buy a pair of binoculars of his choice. SMI Reeves started his service with Melton Mowbray Detachment.

After a gap of some six or seven years, 'B' Company again has a Corps of Drums; this time as part of the Hinckley Detachment. After much hard work by both the cadets and their instructors, and some four months of training in the earlier part of 1974, the Corps of Drums has appeared in public and has acquitted itself well.

With the aid of the Parents' Committee two new drums and four trumpets were purchased, and all were on show with the Corps of Drums at a Parents' Social Evening held at Brunel Road, Hinckley, when the County Commandant, Lt.-Col. A. P. Gilkes, was present, along with several local business people whose interest in the Corps of Drums is appreciated. Once again there is a Detachment which owes much to its Parents' Committee, who, in turn, deserve and get our grateful thanks.

Capt. I. D. (Ian) Maclachlan and SSI M. Congreve were in charge of our party of 12 cadets who visited 25 Engineer Regiment RE in BAOR. From written reports of the cadets it is obvious that our hosts laid on excellent programmes which included a week-end's stay in the Hartz Mountains, all of which was thoroughly enjoyed by the party. Our thanks are due to all in 25 Engineer Regiment for all the time and trouble taken to make the visit so enjoyable.

There is continued progress in Adult Training in the new APC syllabus, and we are pleased that, following very successful courses, we now have quite a number of Officers, SMIs/SIs qualified for the St. John Ambulance Certificate in First Aid and are so enabled to instruct cadets up to and including Three Star level.

Lt.-Col. J. R. Britten was appointed Cadet Executive Officer in 1960 and retired in mid-1975, having completed 15 years in this appointment. During this period Col. Britten saw many changes in the ACF, not least the very successful amalgamation of the Northamptonshire & Leicester and Leicester & Rutland Army Cadet Forces into their present organisation, for which he must take his share of the credit. During his Regular Army career Col. Britten served with the Northamptonshire Regiment.

We welcome Major Angus Ferguson as our new Cadet Executive Officer. He served with 9/12 Royal Lancers and for a time was attached to the Leicestershire & Derbyshire Yeomanry TA and is therefore not unknown to some of us and, having seen something of our work during his attachment to the TA, the ACF is not the strange world it might otherwise have been.

A new Detachment of 'A' Company has been formed at Daventry and parades at the Band Hall, Waterloo, Daventry, Northants. It is under the command of Lt. S. Mullen, who formerly commanded Gibraltar Detachment ('A' Company) in Northampton.

### Annual Camp

For our first-ever Camp at Haigh Lines, Aldershot Training Camp, Church Crookham, Aldershot, 32 officers, 44 SMIs/Sis and 370 cadets attended. The cadet strength was the highest we have even taken to Camp. This is a fine achievement, bearing in mind that this years Camp was extended from the usual eight days to ten days.

Training, which was on a Company basis, was varied and interesting. 16 and 17 AYT's, who were with us for the whole Camp, organised and supervised a Three Star Test for the eligible cadets.

The longer Camp enabled us to make certain changes so that all cadets went to Southsea for a half-day on Friday, following the County Commandant's Inspection and presentation of prizes and march past. For once our Church Parade could be held on a Sunday, and the service was conducted by our Senior Padre, the Rev. F. G. Adams, TD, CF, assisted by the Padres of 'B' and 'D' Companies, the Rev. A. Rowe, CF, and the Rev. F. Pearce, CF.

In previous Camps only the 'A' Company Band has been present, but this year, following its formation in 1974, 'B' Company's Band was there as well. The bands played on alternate occasions since they could not merge, as 'A'

Company's band has drums and bugles whilst 'B' Company's has drums and trumpets. Both bands played well, and by next Camp perhaps we shall have 'C' and 'D' Companies with their own bands.

Four members of the WRVS, Mrs. J. Duff, Mrs. M. Edmunds, Mrs. P. Leach and Mrs. Blunt, ran the cadets' canteen and worked very hard indeed supplying the needs of cadets. More Coca Cola was drunk than we thought possible! The extremely hot weather no doubt helped. We are sincerely grateful to the WRVS for all the time, effort and hard work they put in.

Our Medical Officer, Col. N. T. Nicol, TD, MB, RAMC, was assisted again this year by two lady officers of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Miss E. Edmunds and Mrs. A. Collier, to whom we offer our sincere thanks for all that they did for us.

With three members of the Collier family in Camp, RSMI P. G. Collier, his son, Cadet/Sgt. Stephen Collier, who was acting Cdt. CSM for the period of Camp, and Mrs. Collier as a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, there was, one might say, quite a family gathering.

All in all we had a good Camp where much useful training was achieved.

#### **Sports**

The Eastern Region Regional Seven-a-side Rugby Final Competition was held at Vipers RFC Ground, Whetstone, Leicestershire, under our sponsorship, and whilst it is pleasing to report that our Senior team were the winners of the Senior finals, they were unsuccessful in the National finals, being beaten by Glamorgan. We congratulate Lt. A. P. Kellett for the hard work which he did in training the winning team. Our Junior team unfortunately lost to Nottinghamshire.

We also thank our County Sports Officer, Capt. F. W. Aldwinckle, for all the hard work he put in to make the event so successful for all participants and also to all those who helped in every way.

Over the years we have held an Inter-Company Football Knock-Out Competition at Annual Camp, and our Senior Padre, Rev. F. G. Adams, TD, CF, and our Medical Officer, Col. N. T. Nicol, TD, MB, RAMC, have presented a very handsome shield to be competed for in this competition and to be held annually by the winners. Our thanks to them for their generosity.

On the Thursday of Annual Camp we held our Athletics Meeting, again ably organised and run by our County Sports Officers, Capt.



**Leicester, Northampton and Rutland Cadets set up bivouac at the annual camp.**

F. W. Aldwinckle and Lt. R. W. Davies. The prizes were presented by Col. R. A. St. G. Martin, OBE, JP, the President East Midlands TAVR Association, who was visiting Camp that day along with Col. G. L. Aspell, TD, DL, FCA, Chairman of the Leicestershire County Committee, and Lt.-Col. H. C. W. M. Tulloch, the Assistant Secretary of the Association.

In view of the longer Camp, we were able to hold our Inter-Company Swimming Gala on the Saturday evening. The final overall results were: 'C' Company 35 points, 'B' Company 32 points, 'D' Company 28 points, and 'A' Company 20 points.

Our Annual Rifle Meeting was held at Kibworth Range, Leicestershire, on a dry and not too cold day. The team results were: 'A' Company 641 points, 'D' Company 549 points, 'C' Company 527 points, and 'B' Company 386 points.

The individual competitions placing were: 1st, Sgt. Stephen York, Rushden Detachment, 'D' Company, 104 points; 2nd, Sgt. S. Collier, Katering Detachment, 'D' Company, 102 points; and 3rd, Sgt. C. Leggatt, Burma Detachment, 'A' Company, 96 points. The four Companies entered teams in a Knock-out Competition which was won by 'B' Company 1st Team with 72 points from 'D' Company Team with 54 points.

With a view to increasing the numbers of officers and SMIs who control range practices, week-end Range Control Courses were held at Gibraltar Barracks, Northampton, and Brinkton Range, Northampton, under the auspices of 15 CCT to qualify those attending.

At the Inter-Services Cadet Rifle Meeting at Bisley, Cpl. M. Linnell ('D' Company) came third in the 300 yards Patriotic Shield Competition, and S/Sgt. S. Collier and Cpl. R. White (both 'D' Company) were both placed in the Cadet Hundred.

# AROUND THE BRANCHES

## ROYAL TIGERS' WEEKEND

Royal Tigers' Weekend began on Saturday afternoon, 21st June, with the dedication of a memorial overthrow on the War Memorial Gates at Victoria Park to 'The Service and Sacrifice of All Ranks The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (1688-1964)'. This was followed by tea at the De Montfort Hall and later the annual dinner for Old Comrades was held at the TAVR Centre, Ulverscroft Road, which was attended by over 300 Old Comrades. At the dinner Colonel M. St. G. Pallot, Deputy Colonel of the Royal Anglian Regiment (Leicestershire) and President of the Royal Tigers' Association read a message from Lieutenant General Sir Ian Freeland, GBE, KCB, DSO, JP, DL, Colonel of the Royal Anglian Regiment, in which he said:

'The laying up of the Colours of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 17th Foot closes the chapter on one of the infantry's finest line regiments, the traditions of which I am proud the Royal Anglian Regiment has inherited.'

The last chapter in the long history of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment closed on Sunday, 22nd June, 1975, when the Colours of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment were laid up. Prior to the Cathedral ceremony the Colours were paraded for the last time when they were marched from the Town Hall Square to St. Martin's. Leicester cathedral filled to capacity; and the Colours' Parties standing in the centre aisle presented arms to the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Colonel R. A. St. G. Martin, OBE, JP, as he took his seat.

The ceremony was conducted by the Provost of Leicester, the Very Reverend John Hughes. In an outstanding and very moving address he made reference to the long history of the Regiment, its service to the nation and its many battle honours. The address concluded and moving to the slow march of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, the Colour ensigns and the escorts bore the Colours to the steps of the high altar where the Deputy Colonel of the

The memorial overthrow 'To the Service and Sacrifice of All Ranks The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (1688-1964)' erected on the War Memorial, Victoria Park, Leicester, and dedicated 21st June, '75.





**2nd Battalion Colours being marched from the Town Hall Square to the Cathedral.**

**The 1st and 2nd Battalions' Colours formed up in the central aisle of Leicester Cathedral prior to the Laying-up ceremony.**



Regiment, Colonel M. St. G. Pallot, received them from the Colour ensigns and handed them to the Provost for their final blessing. The 1st Battalion Colours are laid up in the cathedral and the 2nd Battalion Colours in the Regimental Museum.

After the ceremony the Old Comrades formed up outside the Cathedral and marched past the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire.

To mark the occasion a lunch was held at the TAVR Centre, Ulverscroft Road, which was attended by many distinguished guests, principle among whom were the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire and the Lord Mayor of Leicester. Lieutenant General Sir Colin B. Callander, a former Colonel of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment, spoke at the lunch and expressed the debt of gratitude the Regiment owed to the City and County of Leicester. He reminded those present of the many thousands of men who had been trained at the former Regimental Depot at Glen Parva and the everlasting links in the Regimental Chapel and Museum.

#### **10th FOOT ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION**

##### **Annual Reunion 1976**

Annual reunion 1976 will again be held at the Beacholme Holiday Camp, Humberstone, near Cleethorpes, Humberside, as follows:

##### **Saturday, 2nd October, 1976**

2.30 p.m. Annual General Committee Meeting.

4.00 p.m. Annual General Meeting.

7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Annual Dinner followed by dancing.

Delightful chalet accommodation, meals, etc., are available at moderate prices for those wishing to stay at the 'Beacholme', which is a first class holiday centre. Lincoln Branch are making all arrangements and full details and dinner tickets can be obtained from their Honorary Secretary, Captain W. H. Lewin, 182 Riseholme Road, Lincoln, telephone no. Lincoln 25576.

##### **Sunday, 3rd September, 1976**

9.45 a.m. Divine Service in the Music Room, Beacholme.

##### **Annual Reunion 1975**

The Annual Reunion was held at the 'Beacholme' on 27th and 28th September, 1975 and followed the usual form. Our President, Major-General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, presided at the Annual General Committee Meeting and the Annual General Meeting. Both meetings were well attended and the Association business was satisfactorily carried out.

In the evening over 360 members and their guests assembled for the Dinner and Dance. Our President presided at the dinner and expressed with sadness that Brigadier P. W. P. Green had joined us for the last time as Deputy Colonel Royal Anglian Regiment, and expressed our thanks for his loyal support. He announced that the new Deputy Colonel would be ex-'Royal Lincoln'—Brigadier Dick Gerrard-Wright, and we all looked forward to him joining us next year. He regretted that due to family reasons Brigadier Oulton was unable to attend and he could not remember a Reunion without him.

He welcomed the Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Association Party, Chelsea Pensioner Palmer and our two friends from the American Contingent, and he hoped the full contingent would join us in 1976. Brigadier Green replied expressing the pleasure he had had from his association with our Regiment since the amalgamation and how delighted he was that Brigadier Gerrard-Wright was taking over from him and he wished us all the best for the future.

Sunday morning found a large assembly for the Divine Service when our President read the Lesson. Afterwards we saw a film show (with help from Grimsby Branch) of the Presentation of Colours to the American Contingent by our President during the Association Party visit to USA in April, 1975.

In conclusion our grateful thanks to Frank Myatt and the Boston Branch members for their excellent organisation which gave us a wonderful Reunion.

##### **Grimsby and District Branch**

With the AGM behind us and the retention of our present Branch Officers and Committee, except the Entertainments Committee Chairman, Spiff Harris, who has given us such loyal and devoted service, we look forward to yet another successful year. Our grateful thanks to Major Mike Shaw for permitting us to enjoy the excellent facilities at Westwood Ho! barracks. Branch 50/50 dances have continued to

be well patronised and provide much needed income. A party of 12 members attended the Queen's Divisional Depot 'Open Day' which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Five members also attended the Royal Chelsea Hospital Founders' Day and spent an excellent day with our pensioners, whilst there being joined by Chick and Ivy Martin, the former wearing his MSM (beside his MM)—congratulations on your award. Ginger Webb also joined us—so what a gathering! Our Annual Dinner was again a great success with some 250 members, wives and friends, in fact it was a miniature reunion. Sorry we could not join the Lincoln Branch for their Annual Dinner.

We have hit the headlines with our publicity both in the local press and a half-hour broadcast on Humberside radio—result—a few new members—though sad to relate three have 'passed on', which includes Boer War veteran ex-Cpl. Topliss, aged 96 years.

We must not forget a 'mention' for our Ladies' section, who support us so well with all our many activities—our grateful thanks ladies. Before I close I must express our thanks to Fred Myatt and his Committee for an excellent Reunion—it is worthy of note that the dance band was formed by an ex-1st Bn. Bandsman Sid Wheeler. Finally it takes much of what has been mentioned to keep a Branch ticking, it's easy to keep 'well oiled' but that's not all. Then why do we continue? One word sums it up—'COMRADESHIP'. 'BRIT.'

#### **Lincoln Branch**

Efforts by the Branch during the past year to attract ex-Lincolns to join the Club have been successful—we now have membership from London, Nottingham and various parts of the County.

We have also been able, since the last report, to completely redecorate our premises, re-carpet and hope very shortly to have installed the latest sound equipment. In spite of all this expense we have still been able to invest enough to ensure the future of the Branch (thanks to the wizardry of Will Lewin, our Secretary and Treasurer).

The Annual General Meeting held on the 2nd of September was well attended. We were pleased to welcome Harold Starr (Tashy) onto the Entertainment Committee—now we really have an experienced bingo caller. Harold tells me he last called out at South Camp in 1964 (anybody remember?).

The Executive Committee remains unchan-

ged with Fred Smedley in the chair, Will Lewin Secretary and Treasurer, with yours truly his 21C, and Frank Abbott as Vice-Chairman.

Our Annual Branch Dinner and Dance will be the highlight in the New Year to be held at the Silvergate Restaurant, Lincoln, on Saturday, 2nd February, 1976. We would welcome anyone who would like to attend.

It is on a sad note that I end this short report. Phil Smedley, the beloved wife of our Chairman, passed peacefully away recently. She was very popular with the Association members, and many of our Branch members attended the funeral to pay their last respects.  
C.T.H.

#### **THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT COMRADES ASSOCIATION**

The Annual Reunion was held on Saturday and Sunday, 5th and 6th July, 1975. On the Saturday morning the Management Committee met prior to the Annual General Meeting to receive the report on the General Fund Account, to decide on the date of the Reunion for 1976 and to receive reports from the four Branches.

The Annual General Meeting followed at 12 noon at which there was an attendance of 24 members. The General Fund Account and the Benevolent Fund Account were explained and reports were received from branches. Corby, Northampton and Peterborough Branches all reported a satisfactory state of affairs and London, who had virtually ceased to exist, reported that there was now new life in it and meetings were again being held and there was a feeling of optimism that it would survive. It was announced to the meeting that the Annual Reunion would be held as usual during the first weekend in July and would be on 3rd and 4th July, 1976.

On Saturday evening the dinner and dance was held. It was attended by 239 people, 55 down on last year, and the Band of the 5th (V) Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment played during the dinner in their usual excellent way.

On Sunday the Church Parade was held with the Comrades parading under the command of Brigadier D. E. Taunton, and with the Band and Drums of 5th (V) Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment. Her II Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, graced the occasion with her presence, carrying out an inspection of the parade, laying a wreath at the War Memorial in Wood Hill and taking the salute at the March Past after the church service. The service was con-

ducted by the Vicar of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Canon H. A. Tibbs, and the sermon was preached by the Right Reverend Guy Marshall, Vicar of Blakesley.

After the parade the officers entertained their guests for sherry and luncheon in the Officers' Mess of the Royal Pioneer Corps at Wootton and at the same time the Northampton Branch entertained in their Regimental Club. We were delighted to have as guests the Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton, Major General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, Lt. Col. and Mrs. W. G. Dawson, Rt. Reverend Guy Marshall and Canon H. A. Tibbs and Mrs. Tibbs. There are four branches of the Regimental Association and they are at Corby, Northampton, Peterborough and London.

The Secretaries are:

Corby: Mr. J. R. Gayne, 17 Ashley Avenue, Corby, Northamptonshire.

Northampton: Mr. L. A. Jeynes, MM, 23 Coverack Close, Northampton.

Peterborough: Mr. T. C. Ferreday, 13 Stukeley Close, Southfields Estate, Stanground, Peterborough, Northamptonshire.

London: Mr. R. Lomas, Audrey House, Ely Place, Holborn, London EC1.

If any members of the Northamptonshire Regiment, the 2nd East Anglian Regiment or the Royal Anglian Regiment reside in the areas please make contact with the Secretaries and they will be made most welcome.

### **THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT ASSOCIATION**

The main social occasion of the Regimental Association during 1975 was the annual dinner and dance which was held on Saturday, 18th May, at Presdales School, Ware. The programme followed the pattern of recent years; sufficient time for a reception in the bar to start off the evening, dinner at Branch tables, followed by dancing until midnight.

Our guests included the Chairman of Bedfordshire County Council, Councillor Johnson, and the Chairman of Hertfordshire County Council, Councillor Ireton, and the Deputy Colonel, Major General Michael Holme, who proposed the toast to the Regiment.

The arrangements for this reunion were again in the capable hands of Hertford Branch. Their willingness to act as sponsors of this annual function and the work it entails is greatly appreciated by us all. The attendance

by 240 people reflects the continuing support it now receives.

#### **London Branch**

The Branch held its annual dinner and dance at the Pill Box, Westminster Bridge Road, on 1st November, 1975. Captain Charles Connelly presided at this very happy reunion. The Branch Secretary, Mr. Bill Aldridge, was delighted with the success of the raffle which he organised during the evening; the two attractive young ladies assisting him in selling tickets certainly proved experts at extracting donations.

#### **Hertford Branch**

On Saturday, 25th October, 1975, the Branch held its annual dinner and dance at the Shire Hall, Hertford. The threat of a return of thick fog to the area was a worrying factor for the organisers but all went well on the night. Major Jo Townsend presided and the guests included the Mayor of Hertford, Councillor Mrs. Coleman, and the Deputy Colonel and Mrs. Holmes.

#### **Bedford Branch**

Bedford has been able to sustain the greatest number of members of the Regimental Association over the years and its monthly meetings are still well attended. As a result of this the Branch is able to find willing supporters for all Regimental functions; the conscientious Branch Secretary, Mr. 'Buster' Wells, overcoming the problem of transport for members wishing to attend the Regimental Association Dinner, etc. The Branch welcomes the opportunity of acting as hosts to our visitors after the formalities of the Regimental Wreath-Laying Ceremony each November.

#### **Ware (Hertfordshire Regiment) OCA**

The annual dinner and dance was held on 3rd May, 1975, when the Presdales School, Ware, was packed to capacity. A reunion supper dance was also held there on 11th October, 1975, when the President, Colonel George Kenyon, presented the winning trophies in the bowls competition.

#### **1976 DIARY DATES**

8th May—The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association Annual Dinner and Dance, Presdales School, Ware.

14th November—Wreath-laying Ceremony, Kempston Barracks, Bedford.

## THE ESSEX REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

Sunday, 29th June, saw the customary gathering for the 1975 Warley Reunion, when a 'full house' plus fine weather helped to make the occasion a memorable one. All 360 seats in the Regimental Chapel were filled and in addition to a number of county civilian officials, we were pleased to welcome our Lord Lieutenant, Sir John Ruggles-Brise, and to have the Chaplain General to the Forces, Archdeacon Peter Mallett, to preach to us.

The music during the Remembrance, and for the 'March Past' and the excellent programme which followed, was provided by the Essex Corps of Drums.

Branch activities appear to be on the increase and once again the main functions have been the annual dinners staged by Southend, Chelmsford and Thurrock branches, by the 4th Battalion Comrades. All of these were a great success, and Saffron Walden Branch celebrates its 25 years of activity with a social and dance at the Town Hall in 1976.

A most successful Festival of Flowers and Martial Music was held in the Regimental Chapel, Warley, in September. Taped music of the popular marches was kindly provided by the bands of our 1st and 3rd Battalions and the event which lasted four days was attended by some 1500 people. A musical programme on the Sunday during the festival was given by the Essex Corps of Drums in the Regimental gardens, and gave great pleasure to all those present.

The proceeds were donated to the Army Benevolent Fund.

Many readers will be happy to know that ex-RSM Harry Staff has now entered the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. A short tribute to him is published elsewhere in this issue, on page —?

### Diary Dates

5th March: 4th/5th Bn. Essex Regiment Officers Dinner at R A.F. Club, Piccadilly, London.

29th May: Southend Branch, Annual Dinner.

27th June: Annual Reunion, Warley.

ARE YOU A MEMBER  
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## THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION Tenth Annual Report 1974

The Ninth Annual Report and Accounts were presented to an Annual General Meeting held at Blenheim Camp, Bury St. Edmunds, on 23rd November, 1973.

The President Lieutenant General Sir Ian Freeland was in the chair.

It has been decided that the Annual Report has up till now been published too late in the year proceedings and events reported. To put this right the Annual Report will be presented by the Chairman to the Annual General Meeting which in future will be held in the Spring.

This report covers the year ending 31st December, 1974, insofar as the Audited Accounts are concerned and the period 1st August to 31st December, 1974, in other respects.

### Casualties

The 1st Battalion completed a four months emergency tour in Northern Ireland during the six months covered by this report. There were three casualties, fortunately none fatal, of which one corporal was seriously injured. One soldier died of natural causes whilst serving in the 2nd Battalion.

A comprehensive system of 'follow-up' of casualties of all kinds in the Army has been set up under Ministry of Defence instructions. No soldier is now invalided out before his personal and family circumstances are known and where necessary financial or other assistance made available, particularly regarding accommodation so far as married soldiers are concerned.

### Membership

There are now 3,614 members registered, 554 officers and 3,060 soldiers. Seventy-four new life members joined between 1st August and 31st December, 1974.

### Accounts

The Balance of the Funds represented by the excess income over expenditure of the Combined Funds fell from £7,109 to £5,271 in 1974. This was mainly due to the increase of Case Grants from £858 to £2,531 and the Annual Grant to the ABF from £700 to £1,041.

Notwithstanding this decrease in income the Capital of the Combined Funds rose from £38,046 to £43,317.

Days Pay rose by £1,097 and the Investment income by £400. Profits from the sale of Regimental Souvenirs fell by £75.

The abridged Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Accounts are shown at the end of this report.

### **Investments**

Investment Capital in the Benevolent Fund stands at £32,888 with a market value as at 31st December, 1974, of £19,873. The value of our portfolio therefore carried a considerable depreciation due to the economic climate prevailing in the country.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of these accounts.

### **Capital policy**

In last year's report your Committee accepted that the planned build-up of capital should be delayed in order that grants-in-aid, which were expected to increase in number, could continue to be related to the inevitable increase in the cost of living. This increase did in fact occur and your committee continue to watch the situation most carefully. Provided no major economic catastrophe strikes at our investments it appears that the target set in 1971 for a capital build-up of £50,000 by 1975 will be achieved in 1976.

### **Days Pay scheme**

As on 31st December, 1974, 1,273 soldiers were donating to the scheme. This again reflects a decrease due to discharges outnumbering new recruits. The actual number was 100 against 300 in the previous year.

The system now in operation for ensuring the maximum publicity and encouragement to join the Association is working satisfactorily.

The income from the scheme was £10,448 in the full year ending 31st December, 1974. This was £1,097 more than in 1973 and was again the result of pay increases.

### **Benevolence**

Thirty-eight grants were made during the period to 31st December, 1974. Considering that in the full year only one of these occurred as the result of service in Northern Ireland, the number of cases assisted in the ordinary way has increased due to general economic conditions.

Annual grants to our former Regiments' Associations were made totalling £2,500.

Your Committee approved a grant to the

Army Benevolent Fund of £1,201 for 1975.

Interest free loans from the Army Benevolent Fund for major rehabilitation, house purchase and furnishing amounted to £1,190, about £2,100 less than last year. These loans are made to long service soldiers on retirement. These are not automatic interest free loans to anyone who wants them, they are made only where the applicant, or his family, would suffer financial hardship if the loan was not available. These are secured by repayments from the Terminal Grants through the Regimental Paymaster, and are short term.

### **Donations to the fund and assistance from other agencies**

A letter was received from Clarence House in January 1975 stating that our Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was touched to notice that so many of our benefactors were organisations which had contributed as a result of operations in Northern Ireland and that Her Majesty felt this showed how deep public interest was in the difficult task carried out by the Army in Ulster. Your Committee wish to record their appreciation to our Patron for the immense interest Her Majesty takes in all aspects of her regiments' affairs which is a great inspiration to us all.

Your Committee wish to record their appreciation to the following individuals and organisations who so generously gave donations or assisted members of the Association or their dependants by practical means—

The Bury St. Edmunds Branch of the Regimental Association Club.

Gaza Society.

Wives' Club, Depot Queen's Division.

PRI Depot Queen's Division, from the profits on their gaming machines.

RAF Cranwell.

In addition to the above organisations several individuals have also contributed in the form of donations.

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, your Committee wishes to express once again on behalf of its members our thanks to the Army Benevolent Fund, The Royal British Legion, The Forces Help Society, The National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, SSAIA and many other welfare organisations with which we co-operate.

# THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

## COMBINED GENERAL AND BENEVOLENT FUNDS

Abridged Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1974

CAPITAL OF FUNDS			ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
1973		£	1973		£
10,937	Balances brought forward from 1973	38,046	118	Furniture at cost less depreciation	100
7,109	Excess of Income over Expenditure	5,271	25,573	Investments at cost	33,563
			3,194	Case Loans	2,778
			2,625	Debtors	4,137
			710	Stock	1,371
			8,631	Cash at Bank and Deposit	5,768
			810	Special Investment A/c	276
			393	Cash in Hand	178
			42,054		48,171
			3,432	<i>Deduct LIABILITIES—</i>	
			576	Creditors	4,442
			—	Mrs. Wilkins Trust A/c	
			—	First Day Cover A/c	412
			4,008		4,854
38,046		£43,317	38,046		£43,317

### GENERAL FUND

#### Abridged Income and Expenditure Account

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
1973		£	1973		£
482	Subscriptions	430	145	Admin. and Audit	199
252	Profit on sale of stock	173	92	Printing and Stationery	47
67	Refund of admin. expenses from Benevolent Fund	224	—	Postage and Sundries	99
16	Lunches refund	5	4	Wreaths	—
65	Investments	71	6	Write-off bad debts	—
			—	Grant to Colour Presentation	200
			635	Excess Income over Expenditure	358
882		£903	882		£903

### BENEVOLENT FUND

#### Abridged Income and Expenditure Account

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
1973		£	1973		£
9,351	Days Pay Scheme	10,448	47	Admin. and Audit	147
1,833	Investment as per Schedule	1,955	220	Write-off bad debts	—
—	Investment on Short Term Deposit	289	55	Printing and Stationery	66
			858	Case Grants	2,531
			700	Donation ABF	1,041
			2,550	Grants to Outstations	2,500
			228	Personal Accident Assurance	228
			69	Wreaths	84
			250	Benevolent Secretary Salary	250
			—	Inland Revenue Stamps on Covenant	103
			—	Journal	800
			31	Donations and Appeals	39
			6,176	Income over Expenditure	4,913
					12,702
				Less bad debt recovered	10
11,184		£12,692	11,184		£12,692

## OBITUARY



### CAPTAIN MICHAEL GUY ANDRE SHIPLEY

Michael Shipley was born on 7th May, 1952, in Trieste, where his father was serving with The Northamptonshire Regiment. He was killed in action on 8th March, 1975, in Dhofar when the helicopter in which he was carrying out a recce for a forthcoming operation was shot down.

Michael was educated at The Hall School, Hampstead, and at Brighton College. He represented the latter at rugby football, cross country and athletics. He gained a Short Service Commission from Mons Officer Cadet School in February 1972 and joined the 2nd Battalion in Germany where he soon proved his ability. His Company was involved in an Army trial exercise which involved all phases of war for a mechanised combat team clad throughout in NBC clothing. He quickly showed a positive, forthright approach to commanding his platoon, but with all the fairness, sympathy and firmness that goes to make a really good leader. His well above average performance in a new and strange environment was particularly noted by the trials experts and organisers.

Michael continued to prove his ability when operating in the difficult and often dangerous reservation area of the Lower Falls in Belfast. His Company Commander described his platoon as outstanding and during over sixty shooting incidents, some of them major gun battles, his courage, coolness and personal example were an inspiration to all. He was justly mentioned in despatches for his services in Belfast. His Commanding Officer stated 'I can-

not speak too highly of his courage and skill as a platoon commander and always he remained modest, quiet and shy about his many exploits. His control of his platoon was an object lesson in man-management.'

In 1973 he served for eight months at the Junior Infantry Wing, Preston, and in 1974 joined the Sultan's Armed Forces. He settled in quickly and the local soldiers, Arab and Baluch, adored him. They respected and responded to his bravery, acknowledged his dedication to their administration and welfare, and they loved his sense of fun.

Michael was soon tested to the full and came through with flying colours, for during an operation in January 1975 the leading company of the Jebel Regiment came under very heavy effective fire from over one hundred enemy. The leading elements suffered heavy casualties including the Company Commander and twelve men killed together with twenty-three wounded. Michael, who had been observing this from his Company position, then led a platoon forward through heavy fire to restore the situation and evacuate the wounded. For his action he was awarded the Sultan of Oman's Distinguished Service Medal for Gallantry. The citation stated 'Under conditions when natural inclination would have made most troops withdraw Captain Shipley by his leadership, calmness and example took his platoon forward, successfully extracted all the wounded and remained in the position until sure all the injured had been recovered. His organisation, leadership and personal bravery saved the lives of many men.'

Michael was an extrovert and lived life to the full. As a comic or a mimic he was irrepressible and his imitations of the Dad's Army team or the Rolling Stones were memorable. He was immensely popular with all ranks. Yet he was often stunned into tongue-tied embarrassment by the presence or sight of a senior officer. The first time he met the Dhofar Brigade Commander he could not reply to his friendly opening remark 'I know your father well'. Michael later admitted he was longing to riposte 'And so did Lloyd George'.

Michael's loss is a sad one and he will be missed and remembered by all those who knew him, not only for being a first class officer with much potential, but also for his ability to relax off duty, for he was full of the joy of living, with a ready wit and a well developed sense of the ridiculous. We extend our deepest sympathy to his parents, Major George and Margarite Shipley and to his sister Judy.

**BRIGADIER EDWARD GALWEY  
WARREN, CBE, 1893-1975**

By the death, on 10th August, the Regiment lost one of its best-known and best-loved officers, namely 'Tony' Warren, to quote the name by which he was familiarly known. In his early regimental years his brother officers knew him as Galwey, and in those days Christian names were less commonly used than nicknames.

He joined the 48th from Sandhurst in September 1912 at Devonport, whence the Battalion moved to Blackdown, near Aldershot, in October 1913.

When war broke out in August 1914 he went to France with the 48th until he was wounded at the 1st Battle of Ypres in November 1914. After a short spell of service at home with the 5th Battalion at Shorncliffe, he was seconded to the Egyptian Army, serving in the Sudan until after the end of the war in 1918. He then went to the 48th at Templemore, Co. Tipperary, from 1919 to 1922, and afterwards at Shorncliffe.

After a short spell of service in the Sudan again, he was seconded for service with the Iraq Army from 1928-32, and while there he was awarded the Iraq Army Gallantry Medal, then received the 'Order of El Raïlidain' of King Feisal I, and the Campaign Medals of the Iraq Army, and the British GS (Middle East) Medal. Finally he was promoted to the rank of Brevet Lt.-Col. and awarded the CBE.

Returning to England he commanded the Depot, then went to the 58th at Ballykinler and took command from Lt. Col. O. K. Parker in May 1939, and took them to France at the outbreak of war. In February 1940 he was given command of the 4th Infantry Brigade of the 2nd Division and brought them out from Dunkirk in June. He then commanded Gallo-way Area, then Aylesbury Sub District.

In 1948 he retired and lived with his wife Gwen for a year or two on his farm in Buckinghamshire, which he had purchased not long before. Finally he went to his native Ireland, to Castleconnell near Limerick, where he engaged in pig breeding, dog breeding, shooting and fishing, till in 1967 he suffered the grievous loss of Gwen by her sudden death from heart failure.

Some people are blessed with the fortunate asset of good temper. He was one of those. He was always the same. Both in peace and under the stress of war, his sense of humour and mental balance never deserted him.

As a commander of men, both at Battalion and lower levels, he was outstanding. Very able,

and, as Colonel Watts, whose first Company Commander he was, says, "kindness was one of his great qualities". His subordinates, both officers and men, were devoted to him. Over 50 years later, Major Barthorp vividly recalls his happy days as a newly joined officer in Tony's Company, and how he was taught common sense, man-management, initiative.

So, as the years roll on, many will be forgotten but Tony Warren will be remembered.

C.J.W.

**CAPTAIN RUPERT DUDLEY GOWING**

Rupert Gowing was born in Gibraltar on 9th August, 1934. He was educated at Felstead School and HMS Conway. In 1954 he joined the Royal Norfolk Regiment as a National Serviceman and was granted a short service commission in the Regiment on 21st May, 1955. He died suddenly at his home in Hertfordshire on 25th January, 1976.

After serving for a period as Training Subaltern at the Depot, where he showed considerable ability as an instructor, he joined the 1st Battalion in Cyprus and returned with it to Germany. He was selected to become an adventure training instructor at the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion where he served from 1958 to 1960. A tour seconded to the 3rd King's African Rifles followed, after which he became ADC to Lt. Gen. Sir Richard Goodwin and later to Lt. Gen. Sir Ian Freeland, successive GOCs East Africa.

In 1964 Rupert Gowing was appointed instructor at the Army Apprentice School where in April 1966 he married Suzanne Archer and rejoined the 1st Battalion. His enthusiasm for instructional and adventure training work made him the obvious choice to become the Regimental Recruiting Officer at the Depot where he served successively at Bury St. Edmunds and Bassingbourn prior to his retirement in April 1971.

Perhaps Rupert Gowing will best be remembered for his kindness and courteousness and particularly for his interest in Regimental affairs. He rarely failed to attend Regimental functions and he will be much missed at these in future. Only the week before he died he had a medical examination, which he passed, to join the 6th (Volunteer) Battalion TAVR.

To Suzi and her two children we send our deepest sympathy.



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