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# Queen Mother honours her Regiment

QUEEN Elizabeth The Queen Mother, visited the Regiment for two special occasions in May and June of this year.

On 13 May at Liverpool Street, The Colonel-in-Chief named a locomotive 'Royal Anglian Regiment' to commemorate our Tercentenary and to mark the electrification of the railway from London to Ipswich. The Queen Mother was met by The Lord Mayor of London, The Colonel of the Regiment and Mr Frank Paterson, the general manager, and inspected a very smart guard of honour and the Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion. Following a fanfare by the Poachers' Trumpeters, The Queen Mother unveiled the name plate Royal Anglian Regiment and a Regimental badge on a locomotive that can now be seen in regular use between Liverpool Street and Ipswich.

As The Queen Mother left for a reception, British Rail presented her with four model locomotives, each named after one of her great grand-children. At the reception, British Rail presented the regiment with a fifth model, named after the Regiment, and a replica of the locomotive's nameplate and badge which is being kept by The Poachers while they are in England.

On 13 Jun The Queen Mother again joined her Regiment, this time for Beating Retreat on the Horse Guards followed by a Regimental reception in the Banqueting

House. The Colonel-in-Chief, accompanied by Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, was met by The Colonel of the Regiment and Maj Gen Reynolds, Col Comdt The Queen's Division.

Drawn up on parade were the Regular and Territorial Bands and Drums of The Queen's Division who, together with the Pipes and Drums of 5 and 7/10 UDR, performed an imaginative and interesting programme of music incorporating marches and tunes connected with the Regiments of the Division and the UDR.

**Right:** The Queen Mother talks to Mr. Frank Paterson, general manager of British Rail, watched by the Colonel of the Regiment.

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## Freedom of Wellingborough

ON 27 Apr Wellingborough Borough Council honoured the Regiment with the Freedom of the Borough.

On parade were two Guards, Colour Party, Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion and one Guard, Colour Party and Band and Drums from the 5th Battalion. The parade was commanded by Maj Alan Wildridge.

Civic guests were received by Councillor and Mrs Robert Fairhurst in the council offices and then attended a special meeting of the council where a motion was passed granting the Freedom to the Regiment.



Wellingborough's arms

The mayor presented a framed scroll to Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst, who thanked the council for the honour and then presented the borough with a piece of silver



The Colonel-in-Chief, accompanied by the Deputy Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment, takes the salute at the Horse Guards.



## Bisley results in brief

Congratulations on fine performances at Bisley to: Poachers - 7th Overall Regular, 5th Bn - 7th Overall TA, 1st Bn - 3rd Long and Short Range Target Rifle, Capt Roger Hare (1st Bn) 33rd Regular 100, 3rd SMG, 1st Tyre Target Rifle, Lt Nick Crawshaw (1st Bn) 1st Target Rifle x Class, Sgt Ballard (1st Bn) 10th SMG 75, 15th LMG 30, Cpl Sinclair (6th Bn) 1st TA Moving Target, LCpl Donnelly (1st Bn) 15th LMG 30, Methuen (R Anglian Team) 3rd.

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# Mainly about people...

Congratulations to Lt Cols Roger Howe and Tony Calder on their selection for promotion to Col. Maj Alan Behagg, Gordon Brett and Alan Taylor on their selection for promotion to Lt Col. Capt David Baylis and Peter Holme on their selection for promotion to Maj with effect 30 Sep; Lts Simon Etherington and Edward Thorne on their selection for Regular Commission; Capt David Taylor and Lts Bill Burford and Jock Keogh on their selection for QM commissions in 1986/7.

Lt Col J G M B Gough, who now lives at Cerne Abbas, sent in some cuttings of The Trooping The Colour in Hong Kong by 1 Lincolns at their 250th Anniversary, but regrettably the pictures were not clear enough to reproduce. The Colonel of the Regiment at the time was Maj Gen C R Simpson and the CO Lt Col J Griffin.

Congratulations to Col Bill Dodd who is appointed Chief of Mission BRIXMIS in Jun in the rank of Brigadier.

Congratulations to members of the Regiment who were named in the Birthday Honours: OBE: Lt Col P. B. D. Long - recently CO 5th Battalion; MBE: Maj D. H. Greenfield - recently QM 2nd Battalion; BEM: Cpl M. R. Wright - 5th Battalion and to Martin Berthoud, High Commissioner Trinidad, formerly of 1 Beds & Herts, who was appointed a CMG.

Col Ernest Loftus, whose 100th birthday on 11 Jun 84 was reported in the Apr 84 Castle, writes from Zimbabwe that he is well. He enclosed a picture taken on his birthday. We wish him many happy years to come.

Welcome to 2Lts Patrick Dean, Frank de Planta de Wildenberg (1st Bn), 2Lts Justin Barnes, Peter Hallam (2nd Bn), 2Lts Patrick Reid (3rd Bn) who have joined the Regiment from Sandhurst.

We wish the following well on their retirement and hope to see them at Regimental functions for many years: Maj Gen Keith Burch, Lt Col Leon Paul, Capt



Congratulations to Cdt CSM Nick Nottingham of Haileybury CCF on winning the Advanced Infantry Section Orienteering and Military Skills Competition. Cdt CSM Lance Gerrard-Wright is also in the picture. Both Nick and Lance have been accepted for Commissions in the Regiment.



Col. Ernest Loftus.

Tim Wilkes and Capt Tim Slinn.

A warm welcome to Maj Doug Riche who returned from a well earned retirement to once again become Area Secretary at Warley when Lt Col Larry Open-Smellie left to take up another RO appointment in Colchester. Our thanks to Larry Open-Smellie for his work in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire & Essex over the last year.

His many friends all wish Lt Col Alex Turnbull, our Area Secretary in Norwich, a speedy recovery from his major operation and look forward to seeing him again soon at events in Norfolk, Suffolk & Cambridgeshire.

Padre Edgar Hollowell writes that he has been posted to Virginia where his address will be 7917 Saint George Court, Springfield, Virginia 22153. He would be pleased to see any friends from the Pompadours or Poachers who find themselves in the area. We congratulate him on the award of his second Meritorious Service Medal for his service while at Fort Lewis.

Col Vincent Kehoe writes from the 10th Foot Royal Lincoln American Contingent Branch saying that the branch had held a successful 300th anniversary celebration dinner on 20 Jun 85 on the date of formation of the Earl of Bath's Regiment. The branch expects eight members to be in Lincolnshire for the September celebrations.

Col John Clark has organised the Essex garden scheme for

SSAFA for the last 12 years - a scheme which raises some £10,000 a year for SSAFA. Hundreds of people visit and enjoy some Essex gardens on Sunday afternoons. Col Clark would like to hand over his interesting and worthwhile job to somebody who has recently retired and living in Essex. Anyone interested should ring Twinstead 461.

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## OBITUARIES

**Brig John Heath** - Shoreham, 27 May. Brig John Heath died while serving at RARDE and his funeral at Shoreham on 4 Jun was attended by The Colonel of the Regiment and many friends. John was commissioned into The Suffolk Regiment, subsequently served with the 1st Battalion, commanded the 5th Battalion and was employed in various technical staff appointments, including the MICV project.

**Lt Col Monty Case** - Bury St Edmunds, 17 May. A funeral service was held in The Suffolk Regimental Chapel on 24 May.

### Horse Guards Parade

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**Lt Paul Currell** - Paul, who was wounded with the Pompadours in Northern Ireland, was killed in a microlight aircraft which crashed in France on 4 May 85.

**Pte R W Edney** of the Pompadours died in a traffic accident in the UK on 28 Mar.

**Pte D Cuppleditch** of the Pompadours died in a traffic accident in the UK on 11 Apr.

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### Past and Present Dinner

THE Past and Present Dinner will be held at Bassingbourn on 19 Oct. Tickets may be obtained from Mr D. Richardson, 44 Peddars Close, Ixworth, Suffolk IP32 2HA for £6 each (£8.50 for a guest) plus £1 for breakfast. Please add your annual subscription of £1.

### GAZA Society

THE Gaza Society held their annual dinner at Bassingbourn on 30 Mar and once again made a very generous donation to the Regimental Benevolent Fund. The £550 will be put to good use

## IJLB changes are now taking shape



Junior Leader Hall of the Royal Anglian Regiment enjoying parachuting with the IJLB.

There are a few very bright young stars soon to hit the Regiment and we wish all Royal Anglian junior the best for their careers. They certainly had a fine send off with a magnificent passing out parade, the salute taken by the Duchess of Gloucester.

As for the Junior Leaders, they remain oblivious to the changes.

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## News from the Vikings

# Under fire in Ulster



Ptes Hobbs, Newman, Keith and 2Lt Vincent on patrol.



The CO presents Sgt Gaughan (ORC) with a Commanding Officer's Commendation certificate.

LIFE for the Vikings in Ulster continues apace and a marked increase in terrorist activity is noticeable.

May proved a busy period for the City Company (A Coy) with a number of vehicle hijackings and burnings, leading to two shooting incidents on the 24th, when a foot patrol in the Gobnascall Estate had a single high velocity shot fired at it - the shot passing between Lt Kendall and Cpl Osborne. Later the same day approximately 12 shots were fired at a joint Army/RUC patrol and in the follow-up operation two terrorist rifles were recovered by 2Pi on 25 May.

Prior to finishing their tour in the City, A Coy conducted a very successful search operation in the Gobnascall on the 14 Jun. It began in the early hours and after a long, hot day finally ended in the early evening.

The operation resulted in the

find of 8 blast incendiary devices ready for use, an improvised initiating charge, five Para military masks, one CB radio and several items of an intelligence interest.

A Coy the Battalion Intelligence Section and those members of C Coy under command received congratulations and thanks from the CLF.

C Coy took themselves off to Cyprus in May for Ex Lion Sun 3. It was a good opportunity to stretch their infantry legs in a country ideal for section and platoon tactics and much training was undertaken and enjoyed. Adventurous activities were pursued eagerly and a number of firsts were recorded in free-fall, parachuting, hang gliding and sub-aqua diving.

The shooting team has continued to train hard at Ballykinler and against strong opposition gained a creditable third position at the

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Cpl Wagg, B Coy on patrol.

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# News from the Vikings



Pte Coles, C Coy, in Cyprus.



Final briefing - from left Alison Snaep, Jan Hollingsworth, Jackie Cutter and Sally Haes.

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Northern Ireland SAAM, thus qualifying for Bisley.

Capt Hare came second in the SMG match and seventh in the overall Champion at Arms. Pte McDonald won the Roupell Shoot after some nail-biting re-shoots. He tied first with five other people on 38.

After one re-shoot he and another competitor were invited to shoot against each other. Pte McDonald then achieved another score of 38 and his total 37. This consistently high standard won him the Roupell Cup - an outstanding performance.

June saw the departure of the Band and Corps of Drums to England for the annual summer commitments, plus the Divisional Beating of Retreat on Horse Guards. The Drums returned to NI on 18 Jun, having crammed themselves and their equipment into a London recording studio the previous day and made the first sife and drum recording by a line Corps of Drums. This record will be available soon.

The Mortars are currently training on Salisbury Plain, but we hope to see them back in Lon-

donderry in time for the marching season. While on the subject of marching, A Coy are, operations permitting, busy practising their marching in preparation for the forthcoming Freedom Marches in Ely, Bury St Edmunds and Norwich.

The Commanding Officer has awarded Commendations to Cpl Huddlestone (C Coy) for Operationally Meritorious Service and to Maj Jones (Roupe) for Meritorious Service of a non operational nature and a Collective Commendation has been awarded to Maj D. Phipps and all ranks of A Coy for their successful tour on operations in the City from 17 May to 17 Jun 85.

Viking athletes competed in the recent NI Individual Championships (Pictures Page 19), resulting in fine performances from Capt Jones RAMC - 110m hurdles, CSgt Haniver - 400m hurdles, Sgt Bodger - hammer, shot and discus, L.Cpl Jones - 55m high jump.

This qualified them to compete in the Army Individual Championships at Aldershot.

Runners from the battalion took part in the Belfast Marathon and the three best times were: CSgt Haniver - 2hr 50 mins, Cpl Preston - 2hrs 52 mins, CSgt Grenfell - 3hrs 55 mins.

By sponsoring himself, CSgt Grenfell raised £150 for the combined Royal Anglian and R Inf Bde Youth Club which they used to buy a miniature snooker table.

Amidst all the other activities, the ladies have been busy too. Four in particular - Sally Haes, Jan Hollingsworth, Alison Snaep and Jackie Cutter took part in a parachute jump for charity. After a postponement or two, the jump was finally completed and between them they raised £800 divided between SAAFA and the Babycare Unit at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge. A marvellous achievement and no serious injuries were suffered in the attempt.



A new landing technique tried by Jan Hollingsworth.



Prior to his retirement Capt (QM) Tim Slinn handed the keys of the Quartermaster's Dept to Capt (QM) John Ross.

## DATES FOR 1985

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|-------------------|--|
| 30 - 31 AUGUST    | Autumn Golf  |
| 6 SEPTEMBER       | 2nd Bn Tercenary Boston/Grantham                                       |
| 7 SEPTEMBER       | 2nd Bn Tercenary Lincoln.  |
| 7 - 8 SEPTEMBER   | OCA Reunion, Cleethorpes. Deputy Colonel in-Chief present 8 September. |
| 8 SEPTEMBER       | 2nd Bn March Grimsby/Cleethorpes.                                      |
| 28 - 29 SEPTEMBER | OCA Reunion, Norwich.  |
| 19 OCTOBER        | Past and Present Dinner  |
| 1 NOVEMBER        | Regimental Council Meeting and Regimental Dinner.                      |
| 7 NOVEMBER        | Field of Remembrance, Westminster                                      |
| 10 NOVEMBER       | 2nd Bn Remembrance Day, Lincoln.                                       |
| 12 NOVEMBER       | Remembrance Sunday, Bedford.   |

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## News from The Poachers

# Goodbye to our old friends and welcome to new



The new CO Lt Col P. Rawlins.

HAVING returned from the mountainous scenery of Washington State to Colchester, it was not long before the Poachers were on the rolling Salisbury Plains protecting a Cruise missile deployment in sub zero temperatures. Milan and Recce Platoons with their night sights found that they were particularly employable.

The following were posted from the battalion on 18 Mar on our return: Maj R. G. Greenham to Maj D. H. Greenfield to become CO 5 (V) R Anglian.

QM 7/10 UDR, Maj G. W. M. Hipkin to become RCO at the Depot. The entire battalion would like to wish them well and hopes that they will visit us soon.

The battalion returned to Hyderabab Barracks in time to conduct a SAAM on 24 and 25 Mar and at the same time hosted a visit by the Colonel of the Regiment. Maj Domeisen, OCB Coy, became the Champion at Arms, while the overall result left C Coy the winners.

The end of March saw not only the CO, Lt Col Julian Browne, being towed out of camp but also a handover - takeover between RSMs.

On 17 Apr we were able to welcome the new CO, Lt Col Peregrine Rawlins who arrived to find himself in the midst of a busy schedule.

The 2IC had led the battalion to Stanford training area on 8 Apr where the Poachers established the 14th UKLF Cadet Leadership Camp. This ran from 12-22 Apr. A total of 279 16 and 17 year olds from ACFs and CCFs from all over the country were put through a demanding series of

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WO1 (RSM) D. Whitehead hands over to WO1 (RSM) D. Dunthorne.



Comd UK Fd Army visits 14th UKLF CLC.



CO Lt Col Julian Browne is towed out of camp.



CSgt Dowland and Sgt Swaby receive their LSGCs from the Colonel of the Regiment.



C Coy, battalion SAAM winners.



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# News from The Poachers



Members of the Jamaican Defence Force are briefed on Milan.



The Mayor of Wellingborough inspects the contingents.



A Coy carrying out vehicle decontamination.

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**INDEPENDENT AND PROUD OF IT.**

The combined Band of the 2nd and 5th Battalions passing the saluting dais during the Freedom of Wellingborough ceremony.



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activities. The camp was a great success and was notable for the number of visitors it attracted.

On 24 Apr we were pleased to have the Lord and Lady Mayor of Leicester visit the battalion. They had a full day which included visiting the PNCOs' and Sect Comds' Tactica Cadres, reviewing the preparations for the Freedom of Wellingborough, having tea with the Cpl's Mess and taking dinner in the Officers' Mess.

On 27 Apr a contingent from the Poachers along with one from the 5(V) Battalion exercised the Freedom of Wellingborough which was granted that morning to the Regiment. The upward gradient to the saluting dais deterred nobody as the council had laid on a good supply of refreshments at the TA Centre, which was at the top of the hill. The generous hospitality after the parade was much enjoyed by all.

With the advent of May the Tercentenary "ball" seemed to get well underway, D(Sp) Coy's

TEWT "Co-ordination of the Anti Armour Plan", C Coy's "Attack by Night" and even the battalions' excellent showing at the EDSAAM seemed over shadowed by the events of 13 May.

As the only Regular battalion on the "mainland", the privilege of forming a Guard of Honour for our Colonel-in-Chief fell to us. At Liverpool St Station on Platform 9 with the Band playing, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother named a BR Class 86 locomotive "Royal Anglian Regiment".

It was a memorable occasion and the "Royal Anglian Regiment" even ran on time on its inaugural journey.

Also during May the inter Coy Hockey competition was played and won by A Coy, while the battalion athletics meeting and inter coy swimming competition were both won by B Coy. (Pictures Page 20)

The cracking pace of life carried on into June. B Coy with attachments disappeared to Jamaica for a month's training. In return a company of the Jamaican Defence Force arrived on 6 Jun to be hosted by the battalion for a month. They are obviously not over-impressed with the English summer - who is?

On 8 Jun the battalion hosted the dress rehearsal for the Massed Bands of The Queens Division prior to their performing on Horse Guards. It was an impressive sight with 500 musicians on the Square and did much for public relations with over 2,000 townpeople from Colchester watching the event, and the salute being taken by the Colonel-of-the-Regiment.

The WOs' and Sgts' Mess had a highly successful Tercentenary Ball, fortunately held on a Friday night as it took many of the guests the weekend to recover. This event was shortly followed by a brief visit from the Divisional Brigadier on 18 Jun.

With the companies keeping in touch with their military skills with the Porton Battle Run and other such activities going on, the next major events are Bisley RASAAM and the Regimental Weekend.

## News from The Poachers



Victorious Poachers – EDSAAM 85: 1st D(Sp) Coy – 2 R Anglian, 2nd MCTC, 3rd C Coy – 2 R Anglian, 4th B Coy – 2 R Anglian, 5th A Coy – 2 R Anglian. RIFLE: Best Individual and Class A – Sgt Nunn, Best Class B – Pte Tee, Best Young Soldier – Pte Athroll. GPMG: Best Gun Pair overall and Class A pair – Sgts Nunn & Anderson, Best Gun Pair Class B – LCpl Almond and Pte Markham. Regular Army Team – winners – C Coy. Falling Plate, Regular Army Team winners – A Coy.



The Band with the Regiment's locomotive



A Coy Porton battle run "stand to".



Above: The Guard of Honour gives a Royal salute during the locomotive naming ceremony at Liverpool Street Station.

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Left: Mrs Cufflin, the Lady Mayoress of Leicester visits the PNCos' Cadre.

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## News from The Pompadours



C Coy see all aspects of tank warfare at the French commando school.



Cpl Stanley about to tackle a tree on the French commando course.

# Taking French lessons

AT the time of publishing the last issue of Castle, the Pompadours had just weathered one of the coldest winters on record, and are now surviving one of the wettest, coldest summers!

The boxing team had won the 4 Armd Div Championships and we were looking forward to our block leave. Unfortunately the Pompadour boxers, although they won the BAOR semi-finals, were defeated in the finals by 19 Fd Regt RA.

Lt Bob Eke is to be congratulated on the performance of the team, and further congratulations to Pte Strudwick who went on to do very well in the individual championships later in March.

The hockey team had a mixed

season. Although eventual winners of the 4 Armd Div League, their run of victories in the Infantry Cup was sadly interrupted in the BAOR final, when they were narrowly defeated by 1 Green Howards. The Deput team, who we had beaten in the final last year, were, to our delight, the eventual winners of the Infantry Cup.

After our return from block leave, taken in two tranches this year, due to the Recce and Mortar Concentrations, the next main event, which involved the whole battalion was the Staff Colleges Demonstration. C Coy sent a strong platoon under Lt Tony Miles to the French Commando School where they spent three weeks as guests of the French, eventually returning with commando badges which the CO allows them to wear in combat dress, thus setting them above us mere mortals.

We just managed to get the whole battalion together for the inter company swimming meeting on 1 May, which was held in the Hallenbad in Minden and turned out to be a two-way race for the cup.

Last years winners, HQ Coy, started well and were not placed below 2nd throughout the meeting, but Heavy Weapons Coy, mainly in the form of Capt Willmott, LCpl Comack and Pte Coyne eventually won the competition. The talent show at this meeting certainly bodes well for the Pompadour team at the 4 Armd Div meeting.

The inter company athletics meeting was held at the Weser Stadium on Saturday 11 May, the next and probably last time the whole battalion was in station.

Capt John Rourke again managed to lay on fine weather for the day and for the first time in

years, HQ Coy were the winners, beating A Coy into second place by four points.

Battle Group HQ and the Echelon deployed into the field on 18 May for the Div CPX, Exercise Mainbrace, a fast moving, long

BAOR 4 Armd Div to "assess the details of the Bde HQs". The CPs certainly added a lot of track mileage during the exercise, which flowed from Hildesheim in the east of the Corps area almost to the Dutch border and back again!

The Pompadour soccer team came back into action in late May, entering an international competition entitled "Company World Cup" which involved 48 teams from 17 different nations. The Pompadours came away from the competition held at Enschede in Holland with a trophy inscribed "4th Price Loser Round World Cup" - what was in fact the winners of the 'plate' competition!

They then played an exhibition against a local side - Weser Leibnitz - an up and coming Bundesliga team at the Weser Stadium to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the league. The match, very diplomatically, ended in a 2 - 2 draw.

By this time B Coy Gp were almost ready to depart to Canada as part of 17/21. Battlegroup on Exercise Medicine Man 3.

Just before they departed, after posting in half the battalion, they were treated to a gruelling formal inspection by the CO, which involved a drill parade, a company NBC run, and various tests and specialist inspections which really put the company through the mill.

The process was repeated on 6 Jun when HQ Coy was inspected, but luckily for most, instead of doing battle runs in full NBC



Pte Peters and LCpl Deller re-enact the Robin Hood meets Little John legend on the French commando course

kit and CEFO, the CO did the company commander a great favour by running the whole company through the BFT and TOETs.

One of the major problems facing an infantry battalion in BAOR is the lack of ETR range space, which, combined with the already extremely busy calendar, makes the business of putting a company through the obligatory personal weapons tests a very taxing ordeal.

The Pompadours were allocated ranges for their Skill at Arms Camp at Sennelager from 3 - 14 Jun.

Shortly before attending however, we were informed that five days were to be extracted from the programme due to German public holidays. Eventually we utilised the single range allocated during the first week for a GPMG concentration, and what remained of the second week to fire all the SLR and SMG personal weapon tests.

Needless to say, the weather was awful, and many individuals - RSM and Adjutant included, fired their APWT in monsoon conditions!

During the weekend break, the battalion was invited to send a team to compete in the annual Kreis Minden - Lubbecke Shooting Cup. A team of five from HQ Coy shot with German weapons against the county police shooting team, a Bundeswehr engineer regiment, and local TA and civilian shooting clubs.

Although we did not exactly cover ourselves with glory, coming last by a couple of points, Maj Mags Amberton came 2nd in the rifle competition.

June has been a month for visitors. The Commandant of the School of Infantry, Brig Tony Pollard, the Brigade Commander, Brig R N Wheeler during the Skill at Arms Camp and the recce parties of two Danish regiments.

one armoured and one infantry, who are due to take part in the 4 Armd Div FTX, Exercise Quarter Final, later this year as part of 11 Armd Bde.

They all spoke perfect English, to the extent that during the barbecue at the officers Mess, several wives found themselves being quite expertly "chatted up"! We look forward to meeting them again on exercise - their presence will certainly add to the weight of armour we will be able to throw about.

We were also visited by our Treaty partners 2me Regiments D'Artillerie and B Coy 2/66 Armor. We will be exercising with them again later on in the year.

We now look forward to three weeks field firing on the Sennelager ranges, beating all comers in the 11 Bde/Minden Garrison inter company sports competition, and finally to Blenheim Day and our part in the Tercentenary celebrations.

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# News from The Pompadours



The Echelon stand. Cpl Armstrong (RMA) takes down a casualty's autobiography and NAAFI order while he waits to see the RMO.

## Demonstrations for the Staff Colleges keep us on our toes

STUDENTS of Camberley will know that now there is no longer a European battlefield Tour as part of the course, the only excuse students have to pick up their "duty-free" is the annual visit to view the Staff Colleges Demonstration.

For the past two years, the event has been sponsored by 4 Armd Div, and this year, from 3-10 May, the Pompadours provided the manpower, vehicles and equipment for the Tactics Stands 1 and 6 - The Battlegroup in Defence and the Battlegroup Echelons, and assisted in Tac Stands 8 and 9, the Equipment Display and the Battlegroup in Offence.

Maj Roland Thompson and C Coy HQ plus the majority of B Coy presented Tac Stand 1, and displayed and demonstrated a Company Group, including

tanks, support weapons and engineers, in defence. The entire presentation was carried out at NBC High and lasted an hour.

Including rehearsals for Commander 11 Armd Bde and GOC 4 Armd Div, and presentations to VIPs, the Corps Commander, Uncle Tom Cobbley and all, the Stand went through its paces some 12 times, only two of which were for the Staff Colleges themselves.

Maj Maps Amberton and a fair proportion of HQ Coy, including - Capt John Rourke - the erstwhile QM(T), presented the Battlegroup A1 and A2 Echelons.

Living in a tented camp, set up over the first weekend, the team explained the Echelon System of Logistic Support to all and sundry 32 times, each presentation

lasting half an hour. Maj Tim Otter and A Coy were attached to 3 RTR Battlegroup to present the Battlegroup in the Offence - the last run of the demonstration. A Coy provided Mech Coy of "goodies", plus, with help from B Coy, a strong platoon of "baddies" to be attacked by the might of 3 Squadrons of tanks, a battery of artillery, a squadron of Lynx, and almost anything else Commander 11 Armd Bde could lay his hands on.

The company attacks were rehearsed, practised and finally presented some 15 times, so we feel confident that A Coy can now attack the Scharnhorst Bunker, in the middle of Sennelager Impact Area, at any time of the day or night, in any weather.

Above, Staff Colleges demonstration: 5 Pl lines up with one section's kit laid out in front of them. Company HQ, or part of it, can be seen to the rear.

Right, Pte Rix is told not to use the Echelon CP as an outhouse - Ex Mainbrace.



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C Coy snipers line up with the rest of the company during the Staff Colleges demonstration. Left, Pte Hone; right, LCpl Knifton.

## News from The Pompadours



Richard Clements and Clive Waghorn canoeing in the icy waters.



Kerry Gill looks down the crevasse at Clements and Waghorn, about 80ft. below.



Home sweet home among the Chinstrap penguins at Metchnikoff Point.



The Army element of the team loads the RegIMENTALLY-sponsored canoe on the HMS Endurance at Portsmouth.

## Antarctic island's chilling splendour

By Lt Richard Clements

Comd Chris Furse (RN), at the suggestion of Sir Vivian Fuchs, had the idea of an expedition to the Antarctic. It was totally unexplored and very inhospitable. The expedition was to run from 1983 in three phases, a first summer party, an overwinter party and a second summer party. I was fortunate enough to be selected for the second summer phase, running from Jan to Apr 85.

We disembarked from HMS Endurance on 29 Dec. Home was in the middle of a Chin strap penguin colony and consisted of half-a-dozen tents and a cardboard hut, a prototype that was being tested for its suitability for future third world emergency housing! Throughout the expedition the weather varied from

glorious, still blue days with visibility up to a hundred kilometres to temperatures of -30°C, nil visibility and winds of more than 100 miles per hour.

Our eight man team used three inflatable boats and four specially-designed kayaks to circumnavigate the island, which only has six landing places on the entire 120 miles of coastline. This, combined with the weather's tendency to change from flat calm to a force ten gale in the space of half an hour, added spice of life! The circumnavigation took about three weeks, the team being blown in and having to stop for protracted periods while the scientists did their investigations. The canoeing was the most southerly that had ever been undertaken.

The wildlife, which was all on the coast, did not seem at all disturbed by our presence. Whales became quite inquisitive about the boats and occasionally surfaced within 50 metres of them. The penguins, which on land looked like a group of ageing wine waiters, transformed into swift, graceful animals which often escorted us. The seals were deceptively friendly. The leader of the party needed 11 stitches after being nipped on the thigh while performing his morning constitutional!

Once the circumnavigation was completed the next three weeks were to be used by the scientists to carry out various studies, such as the collection of invertebrates, a plain table survey of parts of the coastline and botanical studies of the various lichens and mosses. My contribution to all this was to collect fish specimens for the

British Antarctic Survey. To fully appreciate the joys of dissecting fish in the freezing cold, one really must try it.

The final four weeks of the expedition were to be spent mountaineering and travelling across the island. We had already done half-a-dozen very good routes during the circumnavigation, climbing un-named virgin peaks – one of which has been unofficially named after the Third Battalion. Travelling cross country is normally accomplished on mountaineering skis, with each man pulling a pulk, a type of one-man sledge, loaded with provisions. Progress can be painfully slow, especially moving through some of the more heavily crevassed areas. It was in one of these areas that Lt Comd Clive Waghorn took a well publicised dive into a crevasse, breaking his leg in the process. Extracting him and dealing with his injury took three of us the best part of a day. The time spent working on the casualty ward at the Cambridge Military Hospital certainly paid off.

Two of us spent 12 hours retracing our four-day outward journey to base camp to raise the alarm. Clive was eventually lifted off the island by a Sea King helicopter onto the Royal Fleet Auxiliary tanker Olna, which had been diverted from the Falklands to assist with the rescue. The three of us involved in the rescue were also taken off and returned to UK a week or so earlier than originally planned.

For the most part the Antarctic remains unexplored in any depth. The potential for mountaineers and scientists alike is huge.

# News from The Pompadours

NO matter what the Army Establishment Committee decide, all Pompadours refer to the company that provides their fire support as "Heavy Metal". In recent months all four platoons of the company (Milan, Mortars, Recce and SF - The Drums) have been putting in heavyweight performance in their own specializations. Few, if any punches were pulled.

The Corps of Drums, newly converted to their role as the battalion's Sustained Fire Machine Gun specialists, had time only to draw their kit and breath, fire in the BAOR GPMG-SF match, before returning to UK to take part in Horse Guards 85, and the Royal Tournament.

The Recce Pl, under Capt Peter Morling, achieved excellent results on the Divisional Field Firing Concentration, closely followed by the Corps Recce Pl Tactics Concentration. Although it is rumoured that they will shortly be wearing purple tanksuits and "XVI/XLIV Lancers" epaulettes, there is no doubt that the platoon, with four years experience of the CVR series vehicles, stands well to the fore of Infantry Close Recce, indeed half the platoon is, as we write, teaching the cavalry a thing or two on 13/18 Hussars major FTX, 'Kollected Kanter'.

## Heavy Metal ability

Next it was the turn of the Mortars who attended the Divisional Mortar Concentration ably organised and administered by A Coy under the command of Maj Otter. All phases of the black art were comprehensively tested, and the Pompadour 'tubers' showed that they too, were firing on all eight cylinders.

The successful concentration was an excellent curtain raiser for the trip to Canada of 2 sections of Mortars under the Mortar Officer, Capt Bill Willmott, who will

support 17/21 Lancers Battle-group at BATUS.

Finally the Milan Pl has just completed a very testing and demanding Corps Concentration at Putoos Ranges. Again, the concentration staff were left in no doubt as to the preparation and abilities of the Pompadour Platoon who excelled in all of the many tests. Not least on the final live firing where, at the end of a demanding two week exercise a 100% kill rate was achieved. Added interest was maintained

when the CO promised the platoon a day's leave for each of the last four missiles to hit the target. Despite the keen interest and pressure, if not to say threats, from the remainder of the platoon, four more kills were added to the tally and four days well earned leave awarded.

All four Platoons of 'Heavy Metal' have lived up to the name, and have contributed much to the high standing in which the battalion is held.



The Recce Platoon Scimitars firing cannon at Hohne Ranges.



The Mortars engage BHQ on charge 3.



The Band and Drums of the Pompadours during a Beating Retreat, held at Hohne Hamelin, in the Crusader exercise area.

## Swimming team's training pays off

THE Pompadours swimming team is as strong as ever, if not stronger.

With the talent selected from the inter company swimming gala, and a bit of judicious cross-posting to ensure that no swimming stars were sent to Canada, Maj Tim Otter (the high precision seeker) began training the team in mid May.

Having paid a fortune for season tickets at the local civilian swimming pools, he was determined to get his money's worth.

CsGt Clive Baldwin, the coach, had the team training twice a day for three weeks before the 4 Armd Div Championships, and on 13 Jun, at Hamelin, the Pompadours again swept the board, dropping only five points out of a possible 84 in the Major Unit Championships. The strength of

the team was again demonstrated in the outstanding performances in the relay events.

The results were as follows:- 50m Freestyle Sig Oldcroft 2nd, 100m Freestyle LCpl Comack 1st, 100m Breaststroke LCpl Watkinson 2nd, 100m Backstroke Pte Coyne 1st, 50m Butterfly Maj Otter 2nd, 200m Indiv Medley Pte Tabram 3rd, 4 x 50m Breaststroke Relay 1st, 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay 1st, 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay 1st, 4 x 50m Medley Relay 1st.

In the water polo the team were knocked out in the semi-finals by last year BAOR champions. Selected from the swimming team, the water polo team had not had much chance to practice skills or tactics, and had to rely on speed and fitness, rather than the ball

handling normally needed to succeed.

The Pompadours qualified for the semi-final as a result of a very exciting qualifying match in their league, in which they had to beat 5 Armd Wkspys by a goal difference of five or more. In the event, the final score was 6 - 0, with three goals coming in the last quarter.

In the semi-final, the faster swimming displayed by the Pompadours looked like paying off, as they led 65 Corps Sp Sqn RE, the eventual winners, 4 - 2 at half time. Unfortunately, the superior ball handling and tactics of the champions took its toll, and they came back to beat the Pompadours 8 - 5 at the end of an extremely hard fought match.

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Cpl Ellis demonstrates the art of programming the MFC computer whilst simultaneously holding a rifle and looking the other way.



"I'm glad you asked me that!" - Maj Amberton prepares an answer to fob off an American officer during the Ex Treaty study day.



## News from the 5th Battalion

LCpl Mick Wright and team from HQ Coy in the Inter Section March and Shoot.

### Narrow SAAM win for 3 Coy

THE new year saw all companies practising hard for the battalion SAAM.

After many years of being runners up 3(Essex) Coy managed to snatch the title of Champion Coy, but not until they had had some anxious moments doing their arithmetic. 1 (Essex) Coy who only joined us at the start of the year were runners-up.

We were pleased to welcome Brig J. Greenway, Comd 49 Bde to the ranges to present the prizes.

4 (Hertfordshire) Coy's apparent loss of form obviously proved enough incentive for them to produce the goods at the Eastern District SAAM a few weeks later. They became champions for the 10th time in 11 years - making it seven wins in a row and establishing a new record to displace the one they set last year.

Sgt H. Batchelor was the Champion TA Shot and with Pte Capon won the gun competition, and Pte Murphy from Watford took the Young Soldiers prize in the SMG competition. Following on from these competitions our GPMG (SF) teams which had won the Eastern District (TA) final in December went down to Salisbury Plain at the beginning of June for the UKLF final and managed a very creditable third place.

The first weekend in February had been chosen by the Milan Pl to pit their skills against the snow and ice of Snowdonia. However with typical skill they had chosen a time of uncharacteristically mild weather although this was partly made up by an extremely low cloud base.

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By Saturday morning they were ready to face the mountain, which was to be a new challenge to most of them. Splitting into small groups they headed off to conquer the Devil's Kitchen, with the cloud base being so low accurate and challenging map reading was required.

Only one mistake was noted when Pte. Brown attempted to lead one group over a 400 ft cliff. He was persuaded to check his bearings by some rather worried team members. Sunday saw many of the platoon abseiling for the first time.

Earlier than the customary September, May saw the battalion preparing for camp and moving on a thoroughly long and uneventful journey to Barry Buddon near Dundee, which was ideal for the golfing enthusiasts as Carnoustie golf course ran parallel to some of the ranges. The battalion was relatively small in size because after Lionheart we are putting as many as possible on courses before we go to BAOR again.

4 (Hertfordshire) Coy were on Ex. Marble Tor in Gibraltar later in the year, while the Milan and Mortar Pls. are both attending UKLF concentrations and the battalion team were preparing for Bisley.

Barry Buddon managed to produce some of the wettest and coldest May weather as we started a series of cadres. A potential NCO cadre ran throughout the Camp period and for the first eight days a number of other Cadres were run including signals, assault, pioneers and HGV. Companies



Pte Fennie attacking an obstacle during the March and Shoot.



Sgt H. Batchelor and team - winners of the Eastern District (TA) orienteering competition.



3 Coy - the winning team at the battalion SAAM.



OCdt Williams having a good look at the way up.



## News from the 6th Battalion

# Polishing our shooting and operational skills



**Lt Craig Tapper**, our tame Australian, hands over his most prized possession to **Sgt Alan Debenham**, his platoon sergeant, on the occasion of Lt Tapper's return to Australia after commanding 3 Plt A (Norfolk) 2 Coy in Norwich for 3 years.



**Lt Tapper** finally hands over his platoon to his successor at Norwich.

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also took advantage of the excellent ranges to fire all their PI weapons and culminated with section attacks on the field firing ranges.

Midway through camp we were pleased to welcome several visitors including the President of East Anglia TAVRA, Lt Col H.C. Hanbury, Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire and Lt Col P.D.L. Hopper who commanded the battalion some 10 years ago and our Deputy Honorary Colonels for Essex and Northamptonshire, Col G.C.P. Morgan and Col R.C. Jeffery. Brig J.R. Greenway - 49 Bde Comd visited the battalion on the last day to see the potential NCO cadre in the final phases of their test exercise and to watch the inter section march and shoot competition. This was deservedly won, much to the consternation of the rifle cosys, by a section from HQ Coy led by LCpl M. Wright from Peterborough, who received the Gaza Cup from the Bde Comd.

The battalion is in the process of forming two of the new HSF Cosys, to be known as 5 & 6 Cosys, one to be based in the south of the area at 1, 3 and 4 Cosys and one in the north centred on HQ and 2 Coy. Many applications have been received and it will not be long before we will be able to report that these companies are up to strength. Maj Ian Arnold, until recently Bn 2IC has taken command of 5 Coy.

On 27 Apr as part of the Tercentenary celebration a Guard and Colour Party from 2 (Northamptonshire) Coy and two Guards and a Colour Party from the 2nd Battalion received the Freedom of Wellingborough on behalf of the Regiment. In the evening Lt Gen Sir John and Lady Akehurst hosted a reception in the Drill Hall for the local civil dignitaries and guests.

4 (Hertfordshire) Coy have won the battalion orienteering competition for the last four years and after some hard training they thought all their hard work had finally paid off at the Eastern District Orienteering Championship on 30 Mar. On checking the finishing times of the rival teams, Sgt H. Batchelor, the team captain calculated that East Mid-

SINCE the last issue the battalion has concentrated upon two main skills - shooting and increasing the knowledge and experience of our operational role.

The battalion SAAM was held at Colchester ranges over the weekend of 26-28 Apr. Renowned for inclement weather, Colchester lived up to expectations. Not only did it rain but snow showers fell during the Saturday afternoon.

Although the shooting skills of the 400 or so volunteers who fired may have been affected, spirits and the keen feeling of competition were not. After all the scores had been added up D (Cambridgeshire) Coy emerged as victors - much to the delight of the new OC, Capt (now Maj David Denson), the old OC, Maj David Reed and their Deputy Honorary Colonel, Col Dick Shervington.

D Coy's superiority was underlined as they won the SLR, Section and Moving Target Competition. This was the first SAAM in which our two Home Service Companies took part. No 1 PI from Norwich emerged as the winning platoon in the SLR competition and confirmed their superiority by winning the HSF Falling Tiles Competition in fine style. Next year they may go a step better and start defeating the other Coy teams.

At the end of the meeting the prizes were presented by the Commanding Officer. Included in these were the TARA non-central competition cups for the LMG and SMG matches won by HQ (Suffolk) Coy.

land University OTC, who had narrowly beaten 4 Coy on the last three occasions, had come second with a finishing time of 229 minutes and 4 Coy were first with a time of 225 minutes.

The prize giving came and Sgt Batchelor armed with a photographer was ready to receive the teams prizes, only to hear East Midlands University OTC announced as the winners. Stunned and surprised he returned to the stats tent to double check. He was right, and a sporting if some what disheartened East Midlands University OTC team handed over the prizes.

Congratulations to Lt Col P.B.D. Long OBE and LCpl M. Wright BEM who received awards in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours.

Finally the battalion has seen a number of key appointments change in recent months. In April we welcomed our new Commanding Officer, Lt Col Robin Greenham. April also saw Maj Peter Horrell become Bn 2IC. In May Maj Andrew Duff joined us as Training Major and in June Capt John Huggins and Capt Charles Thomas took command of 2 & 3 Cosys respectively.

To round off a splendid weekend Col Paul Raywood, Deputy Honorary Colonel Norfolk presented WO2 Keith Bate with his Territorial Efficiency Medal and Majs Ron James and Tony Scott with the first clasp to their Territorial Decorations.

The EDSAAM competition took place a couple of weeks later over the weekend 10-12 May. Although the results were not as good as we had hoped the battalion team qualified for Bisley. They are now training hard under the watchful eye of Csgt Ron Mortimer.

To round off a good shooting year the results of the WRAC Army Rifle Association 1984/85 competition have just been released. The two teams from HQ Coy came first and second out of 16 teams. The team members were; A team: Sgt Frodsham, Pte Groves, Pte Oram and Pte Tovell; B team: Cpl Oleaszczuk, Pte

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**Maj Bob West**, OC C (Suffolk) Coy, 2Lt Chris Revell, C Coy and Csgt Ron Mortimer, PSC C Coy, discussing how to set up a CP in Gibraltar without a Landrover, radios or tent.



**HQ (Suffolk) Coy shooting team**. Winners LMG and SMG matches in the TARA Non Central Competition. Standing: Maj Scott, Cpl Oleaszczuk, WO2 Ranson, Cpl Sinclair, Lt Ashley, LCpl Webb, LCpl Lewin, Pte Rodway, Pte Salmon. Kneeling: Capt Denson, Sgt Frodsham, LCpl Noakes, Cpl Oleaszczuk, WO2 Frodsham.

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## News from the 6th Battalion

# Two Venturers on Operation Raleigh

FIRST came Operation Drake. Now comes Operation Raleigh.

Operation Raleigh, under the patronage of the Prince of Wales and organised by Col John Blashford-Snell, is a four year expedition which will circumnavigate the world.

Participants, or Venturers as they are called, will spend three to four months in a particular part of the world undertaking such projects as scientific research, community work and adventurous training.

6 R Anglian is lucky enough to have two Venturers serving in its ranks. Lt Richard Wesson has just returned from four months in Belize where he was on the organising staff. The second is 2 Lt Felicity Bowden who lives near Bury St Edmunds and is the 2IC WRAC Pl. She will spend from October to December in Chile as a Venturer.

2Lt Bowden applied to become a Venturer back in the winter of 1983. After an initial interview those who passed, progressed to the next stage - the actual selection.

This involved a series of tests including map reading, first aid, survival procedures and problems and the ability of the individual to function as a member of a group. All in all much akin to the TA recruit selection procedures!

One test, however, was not in any military manual or pamphlet. This required the potential Venturer to go into a small dark room

and measure the girth of whatever was inside using a tape measure. Whatever was inside was attached to a large chain and was fairly hostile to having its girth measured. It was not until afterwards that the Venturers were told what the creature was - a man in a hairy monkey suit.

Having passed the selection tests Felicity attended the launch of Raleigh's mother ship where she had the privilege of meeting the Prince of Wales.

Perhaps the major obstacle to be overcome is raising of the necessary finance. Each Venturer is required to find £2,000 to cover expenses while they are with the expedition. To this end Felicity appealed to both her military and civilian contacts. Local businesses and friends in the Bury St Edmunds area have helped greatly but without the assistance from the uniformed branch much more work would have been required. Felicity therefore wishes to thank East Anglian TAVRA, the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess of the Poachers and the Regiment itself for the contributions they have made.

During her time in Chile the most likely tasks she will undertake include the establishment of medical centres for cataract operations for the Scientific Eye Expedition, studying endangered species of tortoise, local plant life, the building of a museum and youth centres using material available locally and possibly climbing the Andes.



2 Lt Felicity Bowden, HQ Coy, checks the progress of two would-be venturers for Operation Raleigh.



Maj Ron James, OC F (HSF) Coy is presented with his First Clasp to the Territorial Decoration by Col Paul Raywood, Deputy Honorary Colonel Norfolk.



Pte Andrew Powell of C (Suffolk) Coy who was presented with his Gold Standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme by Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace on May 1.



Col Raywood checking to see if WO2 Keith Bate is wearing his Territorial Efficiency Medal correctly.

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Bdr, Pte Holdway and Pte Staff.

Congratulations also go to our cooks from C (Suffolk) Coy. The team of Sgt Heskett, Sgt Turner, Cpl Prentice and LCpl Crisp won the EDIST Cookery Competition (for the umpteenth year running). In the UKLF competition they again performed extremely well and came a creditable fourth.

To make C (Suffolk) Coy even more glad of their change of role they were chosen to mount this year's trip to Gibraltar for Exercise Marble Tor. Their Company Commander, Maj Bob West, took his composite company away from 18 May until 1 Jun. The exercise went extremely well and, making use of the now open border, almost everyone had at least one day in Spain. We once again owe our thanks to the

Gibraltar Regiment and 2 Qns for making the exercise the success it was.

At long last the much vaunted series of works services has begun. The rebuild at Bury St. Edmunds is well under way with the new HQ Coy building growing taller every day. Half of the car park has disappeared, to be replaced by extra garages, providing the required steel can be acquired, and the renovations of the battalion HQ offices has started - much to the Commanding Officer's annoyance as yet another wall falls noisily down. Meanwhile, at Norwich the HSF now have an old quarter for use as their offices, the armoury is being renovated and hopefully the A Coy HQ move from East Dereham to Norwich will soon take place.

Many of our officers and SNCOs have been away on courses. At

one stage Warminster was besieged by seven of our officers - five of whom were on the Coy Comds' course and two were on PCD. They were joined one night in the bar by Maj Bill Lucas, the battalion 2IC, who was on a course Winterbourne Gunner. In spite of this onslaught Sch Inf survived!

Companies have been busy improving individual and collective skills in readiness for Ex Brave Defender. Now that Clansman has been issued at long last the Training Major, Maj William Reeve organised a Br CPX to see if we knew how to use it. The ensuing CPX at STANTA over the weekend 15-16 Jun was a great success. Valuable lessons were learnt and much signalling expertise gained.

A fortnight later Ex Summer Viking took place. This 54 Inf

Bde sponsored CPX, (although the lengthy scripts were written by the Training Major and Adjutant) was designed to test TAOR HQs. Again valuable lessons were learnt and with the company HQs acting collectively as LOCONs they became that much more familiar with the bigger picture.

GOC EDIST has taken great interest in the battalion recently. So far he has visited D, C, HQ Cos and Bn HQ and later this month visits A and B Cos hopefully to include watching the HSF on a drill night.

We extend a warm welcome to our two new HSF officers. Lt John Taylor now commands a platoon in Bedford while Lt Glenn Smith takes over a platoon in Norwich. We hope they will find that not too many things have changed since they were last serving.



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## News from the 7th Battalion

# Change of priorities

### Testing time for battalion

HISTORY was made during April when the battalion's attached REME Tradesmen entered, for the first time, the annual competition for TA REME Workshops. Exercise Southern Craftsman, as it was called, was intended to test all aspects of military skills, trade proficiency and physical fitness and was held at Bordon-Longmoor.

At the end of a demanding but enjoyable weekend the team was rewarded with a very welcome crate of beer for finishing first in the attached tradesmen section of the competition. The overall position of eighth was particularly pleasing to Capt Tipping and his men because in achieving this the team had to beat no less than 12 workshops at their own game. In the manufacture task subsection Sgt Des Goodrich, Cpl Rex Clarke and LCpl Brian Kenny achieved a very creditable third position.

All in all a successful first attempt on behalf of the battalion. The experience gained this year will enable the team to do even better next year.

The complete team was: Capt Tipping, Sgt Phil White, Sgt Des Goodrich, Cpl 'Scouse' Wells, Cpl Rex Clarke, Cpl Tom Hester, LCpl Steve Gladstone, LCpl Brian Kenny, Cfn John Broadben and Cfn Pat Cockrell.

Equally skilled and successful was the battalion team in the Eastern District TA Field Cookery Competition. The team of Sgt Burke, Cpl Williams, Cpl Lock and LCpl Ogden (Driver) finished fourth in the competition held at Purfleet in March.

THE new training year, which began in April, saw a change of priorities. During last year inevitably the guiding light for weekend objectives was Exercise Lionheart which demanded a concentration on company and battalion level skills. Now the battalion's new training directive focuses the attention on individual skills.

Naturally the first quarter's training programme reflects this shift of emphasis and early activities have featured dry training and field firing. Control and organisation has largely been the responsibility of individual companies.

One of the more interesting although not necessarily typical weekends was that held by LDY (Loughborough & Melton) Coy at Winney Hill. The purpose of the exercise was to practise house clearing skills.

Under the guiding hand of Maj Martin Mee, OC LDY Coy, the soldiers from the north Leicestershire area enjoyed a most instructive weekend polishing up some of those skills that had become somewhat tarnished in the build up to Lionheart.

Not to be outdone for interest in

the training programme, Maj Alan Hemmings treated his A (Scunthorpe & Grimsby) Coy to a company level weekend.

They were fortunate to be invited to take on the role of enemy in 49 Bde Hel Ex Polar Dawn at STANTA. This role gave them the opportunity to experience a considerable amount of helicopter flying although, because of very poor weather at the start of the exercise, the helicopters bore a remarkable resemblance, during this phase, to TCV's.

Because of the wide variety of tasks in HQ Coy, unfortunately it is less common for the company to carry out company training as a complete sub unit. This year, however, it is an aim of Maj Ed Marshall to have the various specialist groups at least in the same locality on a more regular basis.

The first of these occasions occurred in June when the whole of HQ Coy went off to the rugged countryside of Derbyshire. Inevitably, the adventurous training for this weekend was centred on the use of a cage or Edair. The exercise was a great success and many lessons were learned.

Preparation is now well underway for 1985's camp which this

year will take place in the wilds of Barry Budden. It will be the first time that the battalion has ventured north of the border and everyone is looking forward to boasting the sale of Scotch.

Sadly, it has been confirmed that the planned exchange visit with the Ohio National Guard will not now take place. Maj David Williams OC D (Northampton) Coy, had gone a long way towards completing preparations to take a composite company from the battalion to the USA when he learned that restrictions imposed by Congress had led to cancellation.

Unfortunately this also means that C Coy of the 1st Battalion 148th Infantry, Ohio National Guard will not now be joining us on Exercise Tartan Tiger. However, it is still worth watching this space for further news of that event.

During April the battalion held an officers study period at the Cambridge Moat House Hotel in Cambridge. This event was unusual for the battalion because in parallel with Exercise Tiger's Broad the officers' wives joined us in Cambridge, albeit with their own itinerary.

The study period proved to be extremely interesting and informative with a list of distinguished speakers too long to mention in its entirety. In particular, however, we were pleased to have presentations from Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst and our own 49 Inf Bde Comd, Bng Greenway.

The ladies, too, had a thoroughly interesting day and were entertained on the Saturday evening when, with the officers and guest speakers, they enjoyed a splendid formal dinner in the hotel.

8 Jun saw the officers summer ball. Despite a minor set back at the beginning when the reception was forced indoors by the weather, the ball was a great success. The officers were pleased to welcome as their special guests Maj Gen Sir Christopher and Lady Welby Everard and Brig and Mrs J. B. K. Greenway.

Our very special thanks go to Gp Capt R. G. Curry, Station Commander RAF Scampton for allowing us to take advantage of their excellent facilities for the ball, and to Officers' Mess PMC Sqn Ldr Stannard and his staff for all their hard work.

The battalion was happy to welcome two new officers recently. Maj Lawrence Chell took up the appointment of RSO when he joined us from 1 Mercian and Lt Keith Freeman became our new



Pte Hill takes the hard route at Winney Hill.

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Pte Inwood demonstrates the traditional way for LDY Coy soldiers to enter the front door during the FIBUA Exercise at Winney Hill. Pte Wood provides back-up support.

## News from the 7th Battalion



The winning team: Back row, Lt Mallett, Pte Elsey, Cpl Large. Front row, Cpl Perks, WO2 Gould, Cpl Mann.



A (Muppet) Coy after cleaning up following Ex Polar Dawn. WO1 Freeman performs well as a perch for LCpl Kermit the Coy Mascot, which like everyone else, is effectively manipulated by Maj Hemmings.

## Shooting teams make progress

UNDER the expert eye of Lt Clive Mallett the battalion has made great progress in competitive shooting during recent months.

The first major event, the battalion SAAM held at Colchester in April, took place in demanding conditions with a very strong wind and heavy rain. It was pleasing to see each company appearing in the prize list with B (Lincoln) Coy narrowly beating HQ Coy for the Champion Company prize. Other team prizes were won by 10 (Northampton) Pl for the falling plate and team section and by Recce Pl for Champion Pl.

Following the battalion SAAM

Lt Mallett was able to make his final selection for the team to represent the battalion in the EDSAAM one month later. The considerable hard work that followed was well rewarded when the battalion qualified at this meeting, to enter for the TA SAAM X5 at Bisley in July.

Particularly notable was the winning performance of HQ Coy's team which represented the battalion in the Rifle Team Cup. Led by Lt Mallett, the team also comprised WO2 'Titch' Gould, Sgt Keith Large, Cpl Terry Perks, Cpl Eddie Mann and Pte Paul Elsey. Finally Pte Baillie of B (Lincoln) Coy won the best young soldier shot in the EDSAAM.



Cpls Widdowson and Lovett with their trophies for winning the GPMG pairs in the Bn SAAM.



Lt Szabo (A Coy) won the Best Officer Shot in the Bn SAAM and Sgt Gooderham (A Coy) won the best Moving Target Shot.



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GOC Eastern District presents the cup for Best Junior Soldier to Pte Baillie of B Coy in EDSAAM.

# News from the branches



## ESSEX

**FORTY-ONE** veterans and their wives from the Thurrock branch went by coach to Arnhem on 3 May in a 40th anniversary pilgrimage, stopping at Wustwinkel in Belgium to visit the memorial unveiled last October by Capt C. A. L. Barnes on behalf of the Essex Regimental Association. The Essex and British Legion standards were paraded and a wreath laid.

From Arnhem we left for Amerongen, to be received by the burgemeister at the town hall before going to the cemetery where Pte Watson (2 Essex) is buried and where, following Last Post played by a Dutch cadet, a wreath was laid.

Next stop was the Airborne Cemetery, Osterbeek for a memorial service and on to the Zetten where 2 Essex fought some fierce battles. A wreath was laid at the memorial which is in the shape of a 'V' carrying the emblems of England, Canada, USA, Holland and Belgium.

Some of us recognised ourselves in pictures displayed in our luncheon cafe at Betuwe!

Returning to Arnhem town hall for a memorial service we joined the burgemeister and a large contingent of Canadians in a march to the memorial. Speeches, hymns and church bells were followed by Last Post. In the evening there was a musical programme and a presentation of Erasmus medals to veterans.

Sunday saw a large parade at Wageningen with 2000 Canadians and their bands. As we marched past there were shouts of "Here come the Tommies" and

a tremendous cheer. Our veterans included Cpl Spencer in his scarlet tunic and ex CSM Darkie Ward, just recovering from a hip operation and, at 78, the oldest on parade.

Princess Margriet of the Netherlands laid a wreath and later met veterans and jokingly asked who shot the Polar bear! The Essex contingent held a knees up in the square with the locals, singing all the old songs.

On Monday we visited Ede, Harkamp and Apledorn, where commemoration stamps were on sale with an Essex man at Arnhem as the picture: the same picture is in The Essex D Day to VE Day with 2 Essex.

Again we marched and people kept coming up to us to have their flags autographed and to say thank you for their liberation, the older people with tears on their cheeks. There was an evening Tattoo followed by a late dinner.

On Tuesday we visited Bevel and Halderaan, the scene of bitter fighting at close range. At Yonkers Bos cemetery were the Essex graves of Ptes Averill, Commons, Howarth, Pallett, Senft and Townson and of LCpl Gardner. On to Nijmegen where Les Westcott and Harry Conn visited a farm where the Carrier Platoon had an OP. In the evening presentations were made to Mr & Mrs Hartog and Mr & Mrs Van-de-Weerd for all the help they had given us. When we arrived home we were very sad to hear that Frank Hudspeth, who should have been with us, had died. He served with 2 Essex in NW Europe.

**THE** annual reunion was held on 6-7 Jul. The sun shone brilliantly, the comrades were very clearly in good heart and the whole weekend was a huge success.

The Saturday was all go. The meeting of the museum trustees at 9.30 am was followed by meetings of trustees of the interests of the former 48th and 58th Regiments; the management committee, and the 3rd (Militia) Bn trustees. Then at noon the AGM was held at which comrades were

A MAJOR appeal has been launched to raise funds to move the Royal Norfolk Regimental Collection from Britannia Barracks into the City of Norwich.

Brig Peter Barclay, president of the appeal said: "We are all proud of the splendid record of the Royal Norfolk Regiment and of the brave ex-

plots of those who served in the many campaigns throughout the world. Their history is told by the exhibits in the Royal Norfolk Regiment Museum at Britannia Barracks, which is well outside the city, and so I was very pleased when the county council agreed to take over the custody and safe keeping of the collection for display in an appropriate place in Norwich on a permanent basis."



## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

updated on events over the past year and proposals for reunion 1986. The day being very hot the comrades then retired to the club to assuage their thirsts.

The reunion dinner was held in the Clare Street TA Centre. The layout of the tables, enhanced by a lavish display of former TA and 3rd (Militia) Bn Silver, created just the right setting for a successful evening. Our thanks are due to D Coy 7 R Anglian for their considerable help in organising the dinner.

Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst presided and proposed the toasts to "The Queen", "Our Deputy Colonel-in-Chief" and "The Regiment". When proposing the latter toast Sir

John summarised the activities of our 2nd (Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire) Bn throughout the past year. He also mentioned the activities of our 5th and 7th Volunteer Battalions upon whom, in any future conflict, so much will devolve.

Comrades were astir and abroad at "Sparrow" on the Sunday.

At 10.30 headed by the Band & Drums of the 5th (V) Battalion, and under command of Lt Col Peter Worthy, the comrades marched from Gibraltar Barracks to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, there to await the arrival of Lt Gen Sir John Akehurst.

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ON 1 May 85, Col M. St. G. Pallot retired as president of the Royal Tigers Association, a position he had held since Jan 71.

At the annual general meeting of the association held on 22 Jun, Col Pallot was unanimously elected an honorary life member in recognition of his outstanding services to the association during his tenure as president.

He is succeeded by Col T. Holloway. Lt. Col. W. G. Dawson has succeeded the late Col M. Moore as chairman of the association.

Royal Tigers Weekend was held on 22-23 Jun. The annual meeting was held on 22 Jun when the new president took the chair for the first time. He particularly thanked all members who had helped make the annual sweep such a success.

The dinner followed the AGM 158 members and their ladies were present and judging by the time the bar eventually closed, it was a good evening.

On 23 Jun the annual parade service was held at the Regimental Chapel in Leicester Cathedral. The Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Col R. A. St. G. Martin honoured us with his presence and took the salute. The parade was commanded by Col M. St. G. Pallot and, doubtless helped by the only three hours of sunshine during June, the turnout was higher than usual.

After the parade the annual cocktail party was held at Ulverscroft Road, followed by lunch at which the principal guests were the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire and Mrs Martin and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leicester.

The weekend was successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Much of the talk was of 1988 and preparations for celebrating our 300 years have already begun. Please note the following future events.  
26 Oct 85. - 1st (old 8th) Bn Reunion at Ulverscroft Road.  
7 Dec 85. - Officers Luncheon in London 21-22 Jun 86. - Royal Tigers Weekend 1986.



## NORFOLK

"This will mean that the proud history of the Royal Norfolk Regiment can be seen and enjoyed by many more people and serve as a memorial to the past and an inspiration for our young in the future.

"The cost of moving and setting up the Regimental Collection is to be borne by the trustees of the Royal Norfolk Regiment Museum. I hope the Royal Norfolk Military Heritage Appeal will receive a generous response from industry, commerce and citizens throughout the county. Your donations will provide Norfolk with a unique record of its proud military heritage. I strongly commend it to you and ask for your support."

Maj David Jamieson chairman of the appeal said: "The intention is to move the majority of the Regimental Collection from its present location in Britannia Barracks into the city where it will form a Military Heritage Collection within the Norfolk Museums Service.

"Important work needs to be done now to prepare for the move. Colours, weapons, uniforms and other exhibits need further restoration and research. To do all this the trustees are launching an appeal to raise £150,000."

Contributions or requests for Deed of Covenant forms should go to The Appeal Office, Britannia Barracks, Norwich.

# News from the branches



Lt Col Colin Groves, Capt A. C. Miles RSM Shaun Sweeney, with the party in the Sergeants' Mess at Minden.

ON 9 Jun a party of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Association members travelled to Minden to be the guests of the Pompadours for five days. Stan Mansfield writes that they had a very interesting time following a comprehensive and varied programme, including visits to the border, to Sennelager and on training.

They were extremely well entertained by the Officers, Sergeants and Corporals Messes.



## BEDFORDSHIRE & HERTFORDSHIRE

Throughout the visit the party were shown the greatest kindness and consideration and left with mementoes they will never forget. They send their thanks to Lt Col Colin Groves, Capt Adrian Miles, WO1 (RSM) Shaun Sweeney, to their guide, Sgt John Leaman, who looked after the party so well, and to all those they met.

The party found it a very different army from the one they knew, but they came away feeling very proud of their successors — the Pompadours.

OUR first Tercentenary celebration took place on the weekend of 24/25 May when 28 past and present officers of the Regiment sat down to dinner on the Saturday night. On Sunday the 10th Foot cocktail party was held, followed by an excellent curry lunch. More than 50 officers and wives attended.

Our thanks go to the staff of B Coy 7 R Anglian for their excellent work over this weekend. We are now looking forward to seeing the 2nd Battalion when it visits Lincolnshire on the 6, 7 and 8 Sep.

Our dinner and dance will be held at the Beacholme Holiday Camp starting at 6.30 pm on Sat 7 Sep. Divine Service will be held at St. Peter's Church, Cleethorpes, at 11.30 am on Sun 8 Sep. Princess Alice will attend the service. Anyone interested in further details should contact the Lincoln office.

The 10th Foot Regimental collection has finally been moved to the Museum of Lincolnshire Life at the Old Barracks, Burton Road, Lincoln. An opening ceremony was held on the 21 Jun in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire and Maj Gen



A group of Suffolks at Sudbury, including back row; Mr Footer, Maj Warren, Mr Sayers, Mr Sore, Col Dean, Mr Parkington. Front row, Mr Andrew, RSM Gingell, Mr Woodhouse, Mr East and Mr Sutor.

THE members of the 7th Bn Suffolk Regiment (later 142 Regt RAC) held their 26th 18 monthly All Ranks Reunion on 23 Mar 85 at the Royal Yeomanry HQ in London. The turn-out of 49 members was, as usual, remarkably good considering that it was over 40 years ago that the Regiment was disbanded while serving in Italy.

The Yeomanry HQ always looks after the party well with its bar, lounge and buffet.

Members had been asked whether after all these years it was time to consider cancelling these gatherings. Out of 100 replies 72 wished to continue, 18 wished to finish while 10 did not express any opinion. In view of these fi-



## SUFFOLK

gures, we hope to have the next get together in Sep 86.

There was a delightful gesture during the meeting when a framed photograph was presented to Donald Roberts. It was taken at the previous party in Sep 83, showing the presentation to him and his wife of gifts then made to them.

The Hemel Hempstead Branch's first buffet 'dance' was held on the 15 Jun at the Drill Hall Hemel Hempstead and a good time was had by

all. We were sorry that Lt Gen Sir Richard Goodwin was unable to attend but we did have the pleasure of Col and Mrs Dean, Mr Gingell and colleagues from the Bury St Edmunds branch, complete with the Bury Standard. Also present were Lt Col Greenham and Maj Gregory from 5R Anglian and guests from other service branches. To all, we extend our thanks for helping to make the evening the success it was. During the break for the buf-

set the Mayor and Mayoress made a brief attendance from another function to meet our guests, this gave our new mayor a chance to meet our new Suffolk OCA in Hemel Hempstead.

Our special thanks must go to our treasurer Tony Rogers for providing the music for the evening and the branch committee for organising the raffle which resulted in a profit of £80, which was presented to Col Dean for the Benevolent Fund before our guests left for home.

Our thanks to everybody who made this a successful evening by their attendance, help or support, the branch hopes that this was the first of many such functions.



## LINCOLNSHIRE

Sir Christopher Welby-Everard.

Since the last notes the following have passed on: Maj W.J.R. Cragg, Mr. F. Cannon and Mr. L. Selby.

Mr. Frank North celebrated his 100th birthday on 21 April. He joined the Regi-

ment in 1904 and retired in 1925, after completing his pensionable service.

He still looks after himself, with a little outside help. For those interested his address is: Flat 16 Heathcote House, Vivian Close, Harborne, Birmingham B17 0DW.

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## Sport on camera



Sgt Bodger of the Vikings throwing the hammer in the NI individual athletics championships.



CSgt Grenfell of the Vikings who completed the Belfast marathon in 3hrs 57mins.



Above: Capt Dean taking the baton from Lt Pollard as part of the Viking's relay team in the NI athletics championships.



Above right: Pte Marshall of Viking B Coy in the NI athletics championships' steeplechase.



Left: LCpl Donnachie of Viking HQ Coy about to throw the javelin during the NI athletics championships.



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## 7th Bn goes for distance

FLUSHED with some notable successes in this year's Tickle run, the battalion saw fit to enter a team for the first time in the Army half marathon. 21 men were entered for the Aldershot event and all completed the course.

Particular congratulations are due to Pte Turner of B (Lincoln & Gainsborough) Coy who was the first battalion member to complete the event in the creditable time of 1 hr 20 min. Cpl Innes of D (Northampton) Coy followed him two minutes later.

Long distance running is becoming a very popular sport. D Coy has recently formed a cross country team which did well to achieve 6th place in their first event, the EDIST competition.

B Coy, in addition to providing 10 members of the battalion team at Aldershot, also sponsored their own C Sgt Sanderson in this year's London marathon. Not satisfied with that he dashed off to France to join the thousands in the Paris marathon.

Other B Coy entries in the Paris marathon were WO2 Paine, and Cpl Kissane. They were joined from D Coy by WO2 Stamps and Cpl Innes who returned the battalion's best time of 3hr 06 min.

Pte Potter, LCpl Williams and Pte Keighley of LDY (Loughborough & Melton) Coy are to be congratulated for their efforts to raise money for Leicester, Groby Road Hospital. They undertook the 184 mile Penmaenmawr march across Wales.

Above, Poachers Inter-Coy athletics champions. Below, Poachers Inter-Coy swimming champions.



## Sport on camera



Pompadour hockey squad 1985. Standing: LCpl Edmonds, SSgt Wainsley, Cpl Harman, Cpl Milgate, CSgt EKE, CSGT Thorpe, Pte Milgate, Capt (now Maj) Page. Squatting: Pte Palmer, LCpl Taylor, Captain Wild, LCpl Milgate, WO1 (RSM) Sweeney.



HQ Coy winners of the Pompadour's athletics competition. LCpl Lenny Paul and Maj Maps Amberton receive the trophy from Mrs Sue Groves.



Pompadour orienteering team, with ex-Pompadour Maj John Walsh (running for HQ BAOR), Cpl Bines, Sgt Morley, Sgt Jones, Sgt Southwell, CSgt Lindsay, Maj Walsh, Capt Macdonald.



CSgt Matthew Lindsay of the Pompadours during the BAOR orienteering championships – they certainly chose the right weather for it.

## Pompadour athletes start season well

ALTHOUGH we have for some time had several very promising athletes in the battalion, we have not until now realised our potential.

Following the inter company athletics and tug-of-war competitions, Capt John Rourke has been running the athletes all over Minden in preparation for the BAOR athletics final, and with hopes of a trip to the UK for the Army Championships.

Competitions began in late May, with the BAOR individual championships. We sent four first class athletes to compete, and they started the season off very well coming home with the following results: LCpl Lenny Paul: - 1st 100m, 1st 200m – in 21.85 secs, BAOR record, Pte Darrell Maynard: - 2nd 400m, Lt Andy Wadman: - 5th 5,000m, Pte Mark Reid: - 4th 800m

LCpl Paul and Pte Maynard went on to the Army individual championships in the UK where LCpl Paul came second in both of his events, and Pte Maynard fourth.

The next stage in the series was the 4th Armd Div championships, which is probably the strongest pool in BAOR, containing most of the Corps Troops, and including the very professional 7 and 22 Sig Regts.

The Pompadour athletes exceeded all expectations, coming second in the meeting, taking seven first places, six second places, six third places and three fourth. They went on to participate in the BAOR Major Unit Final on Sat 29 Jun versus 7 Sig Regt, Irish Guards 4 Fd Regt RA, 40 Fd Regt RA, 50 Missile Regt RA and 16 Sig Regt. We will have

the results published in the monthly newsletter.

Mention should also be made at this point of the successes of our LAD tug-of-war team. The Pompadours LAD did extremely well in the REME tug-of-war competitions last year, winning the 640kg class and coming third in the 560kg class. This year they came 3rd in 640kg and won the 560kg class in BAOR, and go on to participate in the REME finals.

The team coach, AQMS Prichard is confident that the bad luck that prevented them from winning the 640kg class in BAOR will be reversed, and they should have no difficulty defending their trophy as well as adding the 560kg class to it.

New ground has also been broken by our orienteers. Led by Capt Fraser Macdonald, the team has achieved the distinction of being the only infantry team in the BAOR and Army finals. Their run to success started in April when the team, consisting of Capt Macdonald, WO2 Lund-Conlon, CSgt Lindsay, Sgt Southwell, Sgt Morley, Sgt Jones and Cpl Bines came second in the 4 Armd Div championships, they went on to the BAOR finals where they came 6th, then on to the UK to the Army finals where they achieved a very creditable 10th place.

We feel sure that with experience, the Pompadours could become an established team in the orienteering tables. From the team, Capt Macdonald, Sgt Jones and Sgt Morley were selected to represent BAOR against the French army as a guest team in their championships.



Pte Darrell Maynard of the Pompadours well clear in the 400m, he went on to run in less than 49 seconds in the BAOR championships.



RARCC team against Felsted: Back row - Anthony Haynes, Capt C. H. Webster, Neil Vartan, WO2 (TQMS) Halewood, CSgt Ali, Capt R. J. O'Dwyer. Front row - Maj (QM) K. Laight, Brig M. E. Thorne, Maj G. W. Hiphin, Lt Col P. Rawlins, Maj A. F. French.



Lt Willis of the Vikings competing in the NI individual athletics championships in May.



*It's got to be Gordons.*

## Haileybury highlight to season's cricket

THE RARCC played nine matches with the following results:

- v Harrow - lost: Harrow 250 for 4 (dec); RARCC 67.
- v Bancroft - drawn: Bancroft 178 for 8 (dec); RARCC 143 for 8.
- v Edward Evans Lomber XI - won: RARCC 170; EELs XI 148.
- v Uppingham - lost: RARCC 118, Uppingham 120 for 2.
- v Haileybury - drawn: RARCC 140, Haileybury 119 for 9.
- v Felsted - lost: Felsted 188 for 6 (dec), RARCC 78.
- v Greshams - lost: RARCC 70, Greshams 74 for 3.
- v Framlingham - won: RARCC 180 for 6 (dec), Framlingham 100.

Match managers will know the difficulty and the time consuming business of finding the right calibre player for these important fixtures. On one occasion the average age bordered on 38!

We need some youth for these excellent games against schools. We are always de-

lighted to see some school cricketers playing for the Regiment and this should be encouraged next year.

Next year we must look for home ground as all three Regular Battalions will be out England. The Depot might be the answer.

It has been a most enjoyable and again very beneficial year for the club, the highlight being the Haileybury match when the result could have gone either way and when Neil Vartan scored 57 in quick time. The season ended on a high when we beat Framlingham by 80 runs.

Finally, our thanks to Mr R. Hounsell who has again inspired in most of our matches. We look forward to seeing him next year.

Some of the notable performances during the season were: Batting - Edward Thorne 58 v EELs XI, Neil Vartan 57 v Haileybury, Peter Field 41 v Uppingham, Alan Foster 40 v Bancroft, Grae Bird 75 v Framlingham. Bowling - Brig Mike Thorne 41 32 v Felsted, Edward Thorne 37 v EELs XI, Lt Col Tom Calder 4 for 16 v EELs XI, Neil Vartan 3 for 23 v Haileybury, WO2 (TQMS) Halewood 41 22 v Framlingham, Dan Griggs 3 for 2 v Framlingham.

## Keen competition at Flempston

THE Golfing Society spring meeting was held at Flempston Golf Club on 10 May. 24 members competed, the weather was good, the competition keen and the course as usual, although good, won hands down.

Lt Col Harold Moore won the Scratch, Col Peter Badger the Stableford with WO2 George Boss a close second and the afternoon foursome was won by Col Badger and Lt Col Moore with Col Ben Palmer and Sgt Andy Thomas runners up.

On 17 May, a Regimental team consisting of Lt Col Harold Moore (capt), Lt Col John Wilson, Maj John Grusse and Tony Cobbold, Capt Frank Matthews,



WO2 George Boss receives his runner-up prize.

WO2 Ken Taylor and Gordon Halewood and Sgt Andy Thomas played in the annual Queen's Division Triangle match against the Queens and the Fusiliers.

At lunch we were 13 points in lead and we all thought we were home and dry. Not a bit of it. I did not win a point in the afternoon and ended up runners up the Queens!



LCol Lenny Paul of the Pompadours showing the blistering form that broke the BAOR 200m record. CPL Carter is second and Pte Hope third.