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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 28th March**  
Northamptonshire Wing, London Branch.  
Dance at Drill Hall, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, S.E.16.
- 11th April**  
48th Burma Officers' Dinner at Simpson Barracks, Northampton.
- 24th April**  
Northampton Branch. Dinner and Dance at Northampton.
- 9th May**  
4th Battalion (1939-45) The Northamptonshire Regiment, Officers' Dinner at Northampton.
- Mid-June**  
1st Battalion arrive at Felixstowe.
- 3rd, 4th, 5th July**  
Annual Reunion, Northamptonshire Wing, at Northampton.
- 17th, 18th July**  
Brigade Depot Week-end.
- 28th July**  
Annual Regimental Dinner and Luncheon, in London.
- 26th September**  
6th (S.) Battalion, The Northamptonshire Regiment, Annual Reunion and Dinner, at Kettering.
- 3rd October**  
Annual Reunion, Lincolnshire Wing, at Skegness.
- 9th October**  
4th Battalion (1939-45), The Northamptonshire Regiment, Annual Reunion and Dinner, at Rushden.
- 17th October**  
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## EDITORIAL NOTES

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## EDITORIAL

### *The Royal Anglian Regiment*

Many people will have read in the press on the 25th February, 1964, that the four Regiments in the East Anglian Brigade are to amalgamate to form a new Regiment, to be known as The Royal Anglian Regiment.

It is anticipated that the formation day of the new Regiment will probably be early in September, 1964. On that day the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) will cease to exist, and the present Regiment will become The 2nd (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

All battalions will wear the same cap badge, which will be the garter star in silver, with on it, the Castle and Key above a scroll emblazoned "Royal Anglian", all in gold. Battalions will continue to wear their present collar badges. Buttons will bear the same device as the cap badge.

Many details about the Dinner Club, the Regimental Association, the Journal, and other matters have still to be worked out, and when these are finalised, full particulars will be published.

Many will ask why this second amalgamation has come about so soon after the last amalgamation. All we can say is that it is the considered policy of the Army Council that all the present Regiments of Infantry shall, in time, become battalions of Large Regiments. They have said that the move to the Large Regiments should be by process of evolution rather than by one of revolution. The Army Council consider that the efficiency of the Army will be increased, and administration made easier by having Large Regiments.

The decision of the Regiments in the East Anglian Brigade to amalgamate into one regiment was not taken lightly. Discussions have been going on between the Colonels of the Regiments and the C.O.s of the Battalions for the past twelve months. The Colonels have been assured that *all* the present Regiments of Infantry will eventually become battalions in Large Regiments.

The East Anglian Brigade is the first brigade to make the decision. They may have been wise to get in first, and come in on some of their own terms, which they have done. The new Battalions

will continue to keep their county connections, and their individuality. This has been ensured by the secondary titles, and by the wearing of battalion collar badges and not regimental ones. On the other hand they may have been unwise. What if other brigades refuse to move voluntarily to a large regiment? We know it is the *wish* of the Army Council, *but will they back their wish with an order if necessary?*

This is the fourth big reform that the British Infantry have experienced in the past 83 years. First came the reform of 1881 when single regiments were linked to form a two-battalion Regiment. In 1947 all Regiments were reduced to one battalion by placing one of them in a state of "suspended animation". A year later the battalions were amalgamated. Then in 1957/60 came amalgamation of pairs of Regiments to form one Regiment of one battalion. And now this further reform.

Where will it all end? Will it lead in time to a "Corps of Infantry"? The Army Council say exactly the reverse. They believe that Large Regiments, with strong "Regimental" loyalties will do more than anything to prevent the Infantry having a "Corps of Infantry" forced upon them. We shall see. Many of us thought that the amalgamations of 1947 and 1960 were final, but how wrong we were. We may be wrong again!

Anyway, the decision, right or wrong, has been taken by the Colonels, and it is now up to all ranks to make it a success and ensure that the Royal Anglian Regiment is so efficient and has so many recruits that no one will ever want to amalgamate or disband any part of it. Let us hope that in 100 years' time the Royal Anglian Regiment will still be the Royal Anglian Regiment, with its four Regular Battalions representing the eleven Counties that went to form it in 1964.

We believe that this reorganisation, affecting as it does the lives of some three hundred officers and two thousand soldiers, should have the widest publicity and that all details of the negotiations that have been going on should be made known to every member of the Regiment. We therefore propose to publish a special feature in the June number of THE POACHER giving the full story.

## Deaths

**PHILLIPSON**

On 13th November, 1963, at Creaton Hospital, Northampton, Sgt. Cecil Phillipson, D.C.M., late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

**LEE**

On 22nd November, 1963, at the Stamford and Rutland Hospital, the Rev. Charles Ivor Lee, Rector of Crowland since 1954, and late The Lincolnshire Regiment, aged 67 years.

**EVERETT**

On 6th December, 1963, at Kettering, Major Frank Everett, aged 87, late 1st Volunteer Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment and 6th (S) Bn., The Northamptonshire Regiment.

**LLOYD**

On 13th December, 1963, at Crondall, Farnham, Surrey, in his 83rd year, Lt.-Col. Horace Lloyd, D.S.O., late The Northamptonshire Regiment.

**JOHNSON**

On 14th December, 1963, at his home at

Spalding, Cpl. A. E. Johnson, late The Lincolnshire Regiment.

**CLAYTON**

On 19th December, 1963, at his home at Coventry, Sgt. H. Clayton, late The Lincolnshire Regiment, aged 82 years.

**LEWIS**

On 27th December, 1963, at Northampton, Sidney Lewis, late C.S.M. The Northamptonshire Regiment.

**CONNOLLY**

On 2nd January, 1964, at Sunderland, as a result of a car accident, Brigadier John Frederick Connolly, D.S.O., late Buffs, who commanded 5th Northampton (T.A.) from 9th August, 1943, until 18th December, 1944.

**TOLLEY**

At his home at Buckfast, South Devon, Lt.-Col. W. E. Tolley, M.C., late The Lincolnshire Regiment.

## Obituary

**COLONEL R. J. L. OGILBY, D.S.O.**

Colonel Ogilby, who died on 3rd February, 1964, was a good friend to many Regimental Museums, and in particular to the Museum of the Northamptonshire Regiment.

In 1952 the curators of the Museums of Regiments in the East Anglian Brigade Group decided to hold six monthly meetings to discuss matters of common interest. The meetings were held at Regimental Depots in rotation, and Colonel Ogilby and his friend Mr. L. E. Buckle attended every one, and both were most helpful to all us curators and gave us advice and encouragement.

I remember when he first visited our Museum at Quebec Barracks. It was housed in a room which was too small, and the exhibits were very crowded and not very well displayed. Colonel Ogilby gave me to understand, in very few words, that he thought our Museum could be improved and made some helpful suggestions. The next time he came, I had moved the Museum to a barrack room. This time he was most complimentary, and he never wasted compliments.

The last occasion that he saw the Museum was when it was officially opened at Gibraltar Barracks. Though not in the best of health and decidedly lame, he came down from London for the opening, and afterwards spent a long time looking at the exhibits. He told me, again in a few words, that

he was very pleased with what he had seen, and departed for London. The next day the Museum received a gift of £50 from the Ogilby Trust, and a warm letter of congratulations from Colonel Ogilby.

He has been a source of encouragement and help to many, and his character has been aptly summed up by his live-long friend, Lt.-Gen. Sir Adrian Carton de Wiart, writing in "Happy Odyssey" as one "who wastes no sympathy on you when you have no need of it, but stands like the Rock of Gibraltar when you do". A fine epitaph to a fine man.

C.J.M.W.

**LT.-COL. W. E. TOLLEY, M.C.**

Lt.-Col. Tolley, who was born in 1896, joined the Lincolnshire Regiment on the 12th May, 1915. In the First World War he served mainly with the 6th Battalion with which he won a very gallant M.C. At the end of hostilities he joined the 2nd Battalion, with which he served in India, the Sudan and in England. He retired in 1947.

Bill was a typical and fine type of Regimental officer, the kind whom, one felt, would "march to the sound of the guns" and who always joined wholeheartedly in any Regimental activity be it work or play. He and his charming wife, Lucille, added much to the close-knit Regimental life of those days.

He was a good shot with gun or rifle and a natural all-round games player, who represented the Battalion at cricket and hockey, and he will always be remembered for his unflinching good nature, sense of fun, and his kindness to all with whom he came in contact.

Unfortunately for some of his best friends, he lived in South Devon, a long way away, and they did not see so much of him in the latter years of his life, but his death leaves a great gap for those of us who spent so many years soldiering happily together and we mourn the passing of a gallant, kindly and loveable character whose type the Army will find it hard to replace.

Deepest sympathy goes to his two daughters and his son in their great loss.

#### LT.-COL. H. LLOYD, D.S.O.

I first met Horace Lloyd at Devonport in, I think, 1912, when he came to the 48th to take over the adjutancy from Stuart Thunder. Lloyd proved himself to be a good and smart Adjutant. A keen horseman, I remember him playing polo at Crown Hill while we were stationed at Devonport. In 1913-14 the Regiment moved to Blackdown and formed part of the 2nd Brigade of 1st Division. While there Lloyd, as Adjutant, was responsible for the Battalion mobilization arrangements. That these proved satisfactory was soon borne out, for in August, 1914, the 48th with the rest of the 1st Division mobilized for active service.

In France Lloyd ably assisted his Colonel (Lt.-Col. E. O. Osborne-Smith) and saw us through the advance to, and retreat from, Mons. I never saw him other than calm and self contained. It was most unlucky that, soon after we began to advance after the Marne battle towards the River Aisne, Lloyd was wounded and evacuated to England. He saw no more service with the Regiment and retired as a Major in 1919.

I lost touch with Horace Lloyd after the war, but I shall always hold him in affectionate memory.

G. ST. G. ROBINSON.

#### REV. CHARLES IVOR LEE

During the First World War Charles Lee served with the 4th Lincolnshire Regiment and was severely wounded in 1915 at Sanctuary Wood, Ypres. After a long period of hospital treatment he was transferred to the Royal Flying Corps Photographic Wing in 1917, based at Spitalgate, Grantham. He was ordained priest at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1921.

After his ordination he was curate at St. Martin's, Lower Edmonton, and later served at St. John the Evangelist, Fitzroy Square. In 1928 he moved to Warwickshire, serving as Vicar of several churches before moving in 1954 to become Rector of Crowland, the office he held until ill-health and subsequent death came upon him.

At the outbreak of the Second World War he was instrumental in forming the L.D.V. Corps at Bartlev Green and later became platoon commander

of the local Home Guard. He was greatly interested in the work of both Toc H and the British Legion, and was for some years Padre of the Aston Manor Branch of the Toc H at Birmingham.

During his incumbency at Crowland he acted as Padre to the local branch of the British Legion, and also served on their executive and services committee. His last public appearance in Crowland was at the united Remembrance Day Service at the war memorial, when the parade was marshalled by Lt.-Col. R. J. C. Crowden, of Peterborough, Branch President, with whom he served in the Lincolnshire Regiment in France.

He was a Vice-President of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of Change Ringers and took a keen interest in campanology, welcoming personally whenever possible the many parties of ringers who visit Crowland Abbey, famous as having the first peal of six bells ever to be hung in this country.

We offer sincere condolences to his son and daughter.

#### SGT. H. CLAYTON

Sgt. Clayton died after a brief illness at the age of 82 at his home, 62 Huntingdon Road, Earlsdon, Coventry, on 19th December, 1963.

"Harry" Clayton, to give him the name by which he was affectionately known, was a Boer War veteran and one of the leading workers in Coventry for ex-servicemen and their dependants. A member of the British Legion since its foundation, he was President of Coventry No. 7 Branch, for many years a member of the Area Council for Warwickshire, a Vice-President of the County Committee, and served on the County Service and Benevolent Committee. His main activities were with the Coventry Service Committee, helping to dispense help and advice to ex-Servicemen in need. On behalf of the 10th Foot Royal Lincolnshire Regimental Association, of which he was a Life Member, he frequently visited mentally sick patients of the Regiment in Coventry Hospital, and just before his death he reported upon his last visit.

He joined the Army at the age of 17 and served with the Green Howards during the British Expedition to South Africa, 1899-1902. He was in the service again during the First World War, and later in India became a Sergeant of the 10th Foot, serving with the 2nd Battalion.

Though too old for active service in the Second World War he joined the 13th Bn. of the Home Guard in Coventry and held the rank of Captain. By his death Coventry loses its Secretary of the Boer War Veterans' Association, the British Legion one of its staunchest workers, as also does our own Regimental Association.

A guard of honour, preceded by many British Legion Standards, were present at the funeral of a great soldier and excellent type of man.

We regret his passing and offer our deepest sympathy to his widow and family in their great loss.

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The Trustees are most grateful to all the members of the Society of "Friends" and hope that they will urge others to join.

### Editorial Notes

*Unit notes, articles and other contributions for the June 1964 issue of the Journal should reach the Editor by 24th April, 1964.*

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### The Brigade Golf Meeting, 1964

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

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

It will begin at about 0930 hours and the events will include Scratch, Handicap and Bogey competitions run concurrently during the morning, followed by a Stableford Foursome in the afternoon.

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

Lunch and tea will be provided at the Club House.

Details and entry forms will be issued in May.

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## Personalia

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We congratulate Major and Mrs. W. J. B. ANNEAR on the birth of a daughter on 25th December, 1963.

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We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. M. A. ARIS on the birth of a son on 27th November, 1963.

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Lieut. P. BARTHORPE has transferred to the Beds & Herts (T.A.).

Lieut. (Q.M.) R. BAYLIS has been granted a Regular Commission. We congratulate him on the award of the L.S. & G.C. Medal.

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Brigadier A. A. CROOK, D.S.O., has been appointed a Military Knight of Windsor. His address is now: 17 Lower Ward, Windsor Castle.

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Major H. W. CLARKE has been selected to command the Brigade Depot at Bury St. Edmunds and takes over in September, 1964.

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Capt. C. J. DALE has been Mentioned in Dispatches for distinguished services in Malaysia.

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We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. R. J. M. DRUMMOND on the birth of a son on 16th December, 1963.

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We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. P. E. EDWARDS on the birth of a daughter on 18th January, 1964.

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Colonel R. P. S. ERSKINE-TULLOCH was promoted to the rank of Colonel w.e.f. 15th July, 1963.

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Major B. S. FOSTER, T.D., has been awarded the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.

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W.O.1 M. FRANKS has become R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion. He succeeds Lieut. DENNY, who has been commissioned as a Q.M. W.O.2 C. GROVES has been appointed R.Q.M.S. of the Battalion.

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Major C. J. GARDINER has been appointed G.S.O. 2 at the School of Infantry at Warminster.

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Major (Q.M.) F. W. GASCOYNE was promoted to the rank of Major on 16th December, 1963.

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Major R. R. GREAVES retired on 5th December, 1963.

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We congratulate Lieut. R. C. HASTIE on the announcement of his engagement to Miss G. E. M. GOODISON.

Lt.-Col. D. K. HAYMAN would like to thank all the officers formerly of the 10th Foot, who subscribed to his gift of a silver salver bearing their signatures, as a wedding gift.

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Brian HENDERSON was capped for Scotland against France at rugby football, but although picked to play against the All Blacks, was unable to do so through injury.

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Major L. J. HENWOOD is now serving with Corps of Royal Military Police, 40 Cyrenaica Area, B.F.P.O. 55.

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Colonel A. W. INNES, O.B.E., M.C., has been selected for appointment as M.A., Moscow. He will be moving to Moscow this month. The appointment carries the local rank of Brigadier.

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Capt. and Mrs. C. W. T. LUMBY wish to thank all officers of the Regiment who subscribed to their splendid wedding present, and also to say how much they treasure it.

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Major C. H. MACKIAM, M.B.E., is now on leave at 243 Burton Road, Lincoln.

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Major E. D. MALPAS has recently taken up the appointment as an R.O. III at the Army Apprentices' School, Harrogate, and his address is "Moray", 23 Silverfields Road, Harrogate.

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We welcome Lieut. C. H. R. MARRIOTT to the Regiment. He is serving with 4/5 Northhamptons (T.A.).

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Major H. H. MOORE has been selected for a tour of duty with 4/5th Battalion, The Northamptonshire Regiment (T.A.) as Training Major.

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Major W. K. POOL has been appointed D.A.A.G. East Anglian Brigade Depot, and took up the appointment in December.

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We were most concerned to discover that Major Sir Frederick and Lady ROBINSON were passengers in m.v. *Lakonia* which caught fire on 23rd December, 1963, but are delighted to say that both survived and are none the worse after a very trying ordeal.

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Capt. I. SPACIE has returned to Regimental Duty from the 3rd Parachute Battalion.

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Lieut. T. T. TAYLOR has succeeded Lieut. R. C. HASTIE at the Infantry Junior Leaders'

Battalion, Oswestry. Lieut. HASTIE has rejoined the 1st Battalion.

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2/Lt. R. C. THOMPSON has joined the Battalion from 1 East Anglian Regiment.

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Major P. F. WALTER, M.B.E., M.C., has transferred to The Parachute Regiment.

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We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. J. P. WETHERALL on the birth of a daughter on 12th November, 1963.

Capt. D. J. WILFORD rejoins the 1st Battalion in March, 1964.

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We congratulate Lieut. G. C. WILLEY on the announcement of his engagement to Miss C. V. COX.

\* \* \*

We congratulate C/Sgt. G. R. WOOD on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

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Lieut. M. S. WRIGHT is now serving with the East Anglian Brigade Depot.

## *A Visit to New Zealand*

BY MAJOR T. C. S. KNOX

As a result of my secondment to the Singapore Military Forces I had the opportunity to visit New Zealand with my family. It was my first visit, which unfortunately coincided with the New Zealand winter. I cannot therefore report favourably on their reputedly lovely climate. It was wet and windy and straight from three years in Singapore it was cold, though there were some lovely sunny days which one never gets in an English winter!

During the three months we were in New Zealand I tried to do and see everything. I stayed on a sheep farm, went trout fishing on Lake Taupo and in the famous Tongariro River, watched football, went to the races, went sailing, skied at Ruapehu, played golf and visited most of the tourist centres and beauty spots in the North Island.

The first thing that strikes one about New Zealand is the lovely lawn-like grass which grows all the year round and is kept mown by the many millions of sheep; the second is the prosperity which exists in the very nearly classless society which successive socialist governments have created; the third is the New Zealander's love for sport and an out of doors life; and fourth is the five-day week. Even the shops shut on Saturday throughout New Zealand and there are no Sunday papers.

The houses in New Zealand are usually sited so that they have a lovely view, and they are mostly bungalows as the housewife can get no outside assistance. Gardens are usually unfenced and, unless the owner is a very keen gardener, they are small and planted with shrubs and fruit trees requiring the minimum attention. Because New Zealanders are house-conscious and home-loving, most of the social life takes place in the home. Tea is their favourite drink which is offered and accepted by New Zealanders on every possible occasion. One lady I met on the beach said she and her husband

had 15 cups of tea every morning before breakfast! The main meals are breakfast, and dinner at 6 p.m. Lunch is usually a light sandwich meal followed by a cup of tea, and the dinner is followed by supper at 10 p.m. consisting of tea and cakes. The ridiculous licencing laws still exist and only men are allowed in the public bars, which will be crowded between 5 and closing time at 6 p.m. However, the licensed restaurant is becoming very popular and it is possible in the large centres of population to get a very good evening meal at a reasonable hour. Don't try and order trout or venison because the law prohibits either being sold, thus preventing commercial exploitation of two of New Zealand's most popular sports.

Whilst in New Zealand we visited our Allied Regiment, the Northland Regiment, and the Auckland Regiment, which is affiliated to the 1st East Anglian Regiment. Lt.-Col. Ryan, who commands the Auckland Regiment, very kindly invited me to the formal dinner of both Regiments where I represented the East Anglian Brigade. In reply to the toast to the Brigade, I recalled that it happened to be the anniversary of the Battle of Talavera and all present drank a toast to the old 48th Regiment. The Suffolk Bowl, like the Talavera Cup, was then passed round the table and every officer stood in turn to drink. As the officers of the Auckland Regiment are not supported by the officers sitting on right and left, I drew attention to their steadiness and explained the reason for the support I had always received when drinking from the Talavera Cup. I was duly supported by Brigadier Connely, late of the Auckland Regiment, and Colonel Ward, late of the Northland Regiment and now Dep. Bde. Comd. It was a simply excellent dinner night and gave me a wonderful opportunity to meet a large number of officers of both Regiments. We also went as guests of the Auckland Regiment to the Garrison Officers' Ball, which was great fun,

but we were unfortunately unable to attend the Ball given by the Northland Regiment because it was taking place on the evening before we sailed for home. Both Regiments were extremely hospitable and invited us to all their functions during our visit to New Zealand.

I met the great-great-grandson of Robert Henry Wynyard, who arrived in New Zealand with a contingent of the 58th Regiment in October, 1845, and who later became commander of the forces in New Zealand. Mr. Wynyard, who is a farmer, showed me among other relics of the 58th Regiment a piece of silver presented to his great-great-grandfather by New Zealand citizens depicting a fern tree with a figure of a soldier of the 58th, a Maori chief and piccaninny.

We called on the H.Q. of the Northland Regiment in Whangarei, and although our visit was at short notice, we were very pleased to be able to meet Colonel Garland, Colonel of the Regiment, and Brigadier Harding. They kindly took us to see the War Memorial, and before we left Colonel Garland presented us with a copy of their Regimental History. We made a short detour to inspect the site of the battle of Ruapekapeka, which has been designated a site of historical interest, but it was not possible without the help of an expert and a great deal more time than we had, to follow the design of the pah or the course of the battle.

On our way through Dargaville we were met by Colonel and Mrs. Ward, who took us to a beach to dig for toaroha, a New Zealand shell fish which lives in the wet sand and has the remarkable ability to move at high speed at a depth of about one foot. With his kind help we collected our full ration of shell fish in a very short space of time. Both Colonel Ward and Brigadier Harding were full of their visit to England and asked to be remembered to everyone.

Another visit I made was to the Auckland Museum, which is a War Memorial to those who lost their lives in the two World Wars. It is a most impressive building in a lovely setting overlooking the harbour. There I saw the old 58th Colours which are well displayed above a notice which says: "The first Colours to be unfurled in New Zealand."

In an article of this length it is not possible to mention everything of interest, nor is it the place to express our thanks all over again, but I would like to assure all officers of the 1st and 2nd East Anglian Regiments that they have got a tremendous welcome awaiting them should they ever visit Auckland or Whangarei.

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## A Flag with a History

Soon after the mobilization of the 4th Battalion, The Lincolnshire Regiment, at the outbreak of World War II some of its members belonging to "A" Company, when in the Lowestoft area, took possession of (or should it be said "borrowed") a Union Jack from the Odeon Theatre as a memento of their visit.

The flag became an important part of the Company's accoutrements and travelled in the haversack of one or other of the soldiers of "A" Company from the day of its "take over" until the conclusion of the war, when it was returned to the Manager of the Odeon Theatre, not bearing battle honours, but the autographed signatures of some of the members of the 4th Battalion. The flag was carried in all the battles (as recorded in the Regimental History) in which the 4th Battalion took part.

It was only recently that the history relating to this stolen flag was brought to notice by A. Cotterill of Stamford, who informed the Curator of the Museum of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment of its history and location. Mr. Cotterill suggested to the Manager of the Odeon Theatre at Lowestoft that he might like to present the flag to the Museum of the Regiment. The Manager approached the Head Office of the Rank Film Organisation, the rightful owners of the flag. As a result the flag will be officially and publicly presented by the Rank Film Organisation at Lowestoft in a frame measuring 7 feet by 4 feet to a representative of the Regimental Museum.

## The Museum of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment

The trustees of the Regimental Museum of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following gifts:—

From H. R. Tobin, Esq., a silver cup awarded to him as winner of the Officers' Featherweight Boxing Championships in the Inter-Theatres of War Boxing Championships at Aldershot on 29th and 30th April, 1919.

From Mr. T. A. Shenton, an Officers' Field Service Pocketbook which was picked up on the Passchendaele battle field during the attack of the 59th Division on 26th September, 1917.

From Mr. De Voe, U.S.A., Regimental photographs belonging to his father, L/Cpl. Bob De Voe.

From the Royal United Service Institution:—

An officer's sword of the 5th Lincolnshire Rifle Volunteers, 1857-90 pattern.

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## **Battalion Review**

It may be of interest to serving officers away from the battalion to know some of the present appointments within the battalion and of some of the changes which are anticipated. It is not easy to keep in touch and we hope that these journals will be of more interest if we use some of our valuable space to bring readers upto date.

### *Battalion H.Q.*

Commanding Officer: Lt.-Col. W. R. Chambers.  
 Second-in-Command: Major H. W. Clark.  
 Training Officer: Major J. A. Hughes.  
 Adjutant: Capt. C. W. T. Lumby.  
 I.O.: Lieut. J. A. G. Everitt.  
 R.S.M.: R.S.M. Franks.

### *"A" Company*

Company Commander: Major J. A. Garnett.  
 Second-in-Command: Capt. R. F. Kitchin.  
 C.S.M.: C.S.M. Dixon.

### *"B" Company*

Company Commander: Major W. J. B. Annear.  
 Second-in-Command: Capt. J. K. Parker.  
 C.S.M.: C.S.M. Pond.

### *"C" Company*

Company Commander: Major E. Turnill.  
 Second-in-Command: Capt. J. P. Growse.  
 C.S.M.: C.S.M. Russell.

### *H.Q. (Ops) Company*

Company Commander: Major T. C. S. Knox.  
 R.S.O.: Capt. R. J. M. Drummond (Relieved by  
 Capt. I. Spacie, April, 1964).  
 C.S.M.: C.S.M. Veitch.

### *H.Q. (Admin.) Company*

Company Commander: Capt. A. F. Rogers.  
 P.R.I.: Major R. W. Whitney.  
 Paymaster: Major H. R. Johnston.  
 Quartermaster: Capt. J. E. Edwards.  
 R.Q.M.S.: R.Q.M.S. Groves.  
 C.S.M.: C.S.M. Smith.

Soon after our return from exercises in Schleswig Holstein, we were faced with the Annual Inspection carried out by Brigadier P. T. Tower, D.S.O., M.B.E., our Brigade Commander. Ceremonial Parades are now expressly forbidden on Annual Inspections and we paraded with our vehicles "crews front" and rigorous and cold inspection concluded the parade with a drive past which was the subject of most favourable comment in the Report. This over we got down to individual training and have managed to complete several most necessary cadres. The resurrection of "B" Company in August had resulted in the raising of a third support platoon and left us short of trained mortar and anti-tank gunners.

For most of the winter, sport has been flourishing although some interruption was caused by several frosts during January. Details of our sports activities appear elsewhere. Ski-ing has not been quite the success of last season owing to very poor snow. Nevertheless many men have enjoyed, and are enjoying, periods in the ski huts.

The instability and variety of the Regular soldier's life was brought shatteringly to our attention at 6 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, 4th January, 1964, when the battalion was placed on 7 days' notice to move by air as part of the Strategic Reserve. There followed a flurry of preparations which would be familiar to many readers. Our training was switched immediately to Internal Security, the doctors filled us with inoculations and our scales were kept busy. We all had visions of arriving in Cyprus before we originally expected. However, 1st February will, we hope, see us relieved of this commitment and preparation for our move to Felixstowe in June can go ahead. Our dates of move from B.A.O.R. have now been given as 15th June, 1964.

We have already managed to move a few of our families to Felixstowe anticipating that many of our families will have housing difficulty over accommodation during our stay from June to October. However, it is encouraging to know that there is no shortage of married accommodation in Cyprus and perhaps two or three months' inconvenience in U.K. will be worth it. We only hope that the move to Cyprus in October will materialise and not be upset by the political situation.



Winter scene in Osnabruck  
C.S.M. Dixon instructing the Battalion N.C.O.'s cadre  
amid the snow and ice of the German winter

During Christmas a large number of soldiers managed at least a few days at home and only some 150 soldiers sat down to the traditional Christmas dinner. The servers almost outnumbered the diners. During the Christmas period we managed to arrange an excellent professional variety concert, and we, in conjunction with our neighbours, 9/12 Lancers, managed to book a private performance of the new James Bond film, "From Russia with Love"; this was a Rhine Army premier.

In an endeavour to fill in the long winter evenings we have established a Social Club designed for J/N.C.O.s and soldiers—somewhere where they could bring their wives and girl friends for modern dancing and a drink. The intention is that the Club should be run by the soldiers for the soldiers, and Mrs. Ida Gobey, our W.V.S. representative, has been a stalwart supporter. Unfortunately the one necessary ingredient has been absent. Even the best of organisers cannot produce partners, and our young wives have proved disappointingly reluctant to attend. Music has been provided by our own group on electric guitars and drums. We now have two groups, one calling themselves "The Four Deuces", made up by I./Cpls. Jubb and Day (Corps of Drums), and Cpl. Griffiths (R.E.M.E.) on guitars and Pte. Redmond ("C" Coy.) on the drums. The second, and newest, group comprises I./Cpls. Everitt, Dodds and Wilson, and Pte. Storr. The equipment, including electric guitars, amplifiers and the rest is battalion property and shared by the two groups. In addition we are planning to run weekly Bingo sessions and hope that these will provide amusement and entertainment not only for our single soldiers but also the large number of families living in the Dodesheide area of Osnabruck.

Another outlet to winter pastime has been the establishment of a Battalion Stamp Collection Club which meets fortnightly and has 15 or 20 regular attendants. The committee comprises the Second-in-Command, Bandmaster and Orderly Room Colour Sergeant with Sgt. Parkinson being responsible for refreshments. The financial side of the Club is ably handled by Sgt. Hammerton. Stamp Club evenings are most popular and everybody's collection has benefited from them.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

We ended 1963 in a blaze of social activity and were glad of a quiet spell in January and February.

In December we entertained our new neighbours, the 9th/12th Lancers, and their wives, to curry luncheon. On Friday, the 13th December, we held our Ladies' Guest Night. Organised by Capt. White and the Subalterns, and well executed by Sgt. Towers and his staff, this proved a most enjoyable evening. A record number of sixty-two officers and their ladies sat down to dinner amongst whom were two officers serving away from the Battalion, Capt. and Mrs. John Wetherall, and Capt. and Mrs. Charles Culbert. After dinner the band played an excellent programme of music including carols, and this was followed by dancing to the Regimental Dance Band and to the Battalion's own "Four Deuces" twist group.

We welcome back to the Battalion Major Terence Knox, Lieut. Bobbie Hastie and 2/Lt. Richard Thomson from 1 East Anglian. Capt. John Tadman has now joined the Brigade Headquarters Staff and Lieut. Taylor has left us for the Junior Leaders' Battalion at Oswestry.

We congratulate Major and Mrs. Bill Annear on their Christmas Day daughter, and Capt. and Mrs. Robin Drummond on their second son. Congratulations also to Lieut. Bobbie Hastie on his engagement.

On 1st January, 1964, we entertained the Warrant Officers and Sergeants to a lunch time drink; a pleasant beginning to the New Year.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

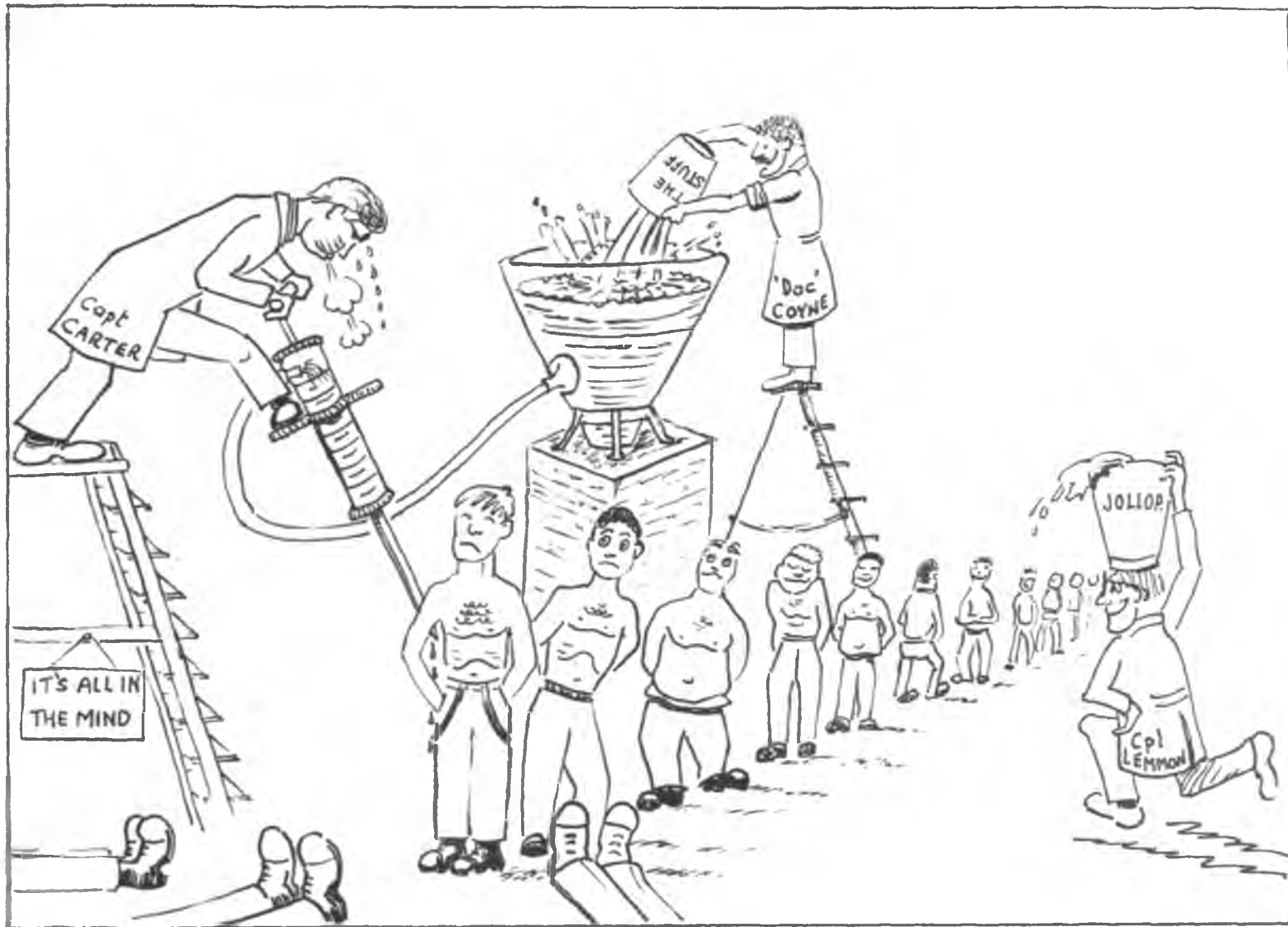
Since the last edition we have said farewell to our closest neighbours, 16/5th Lancers, and have entertained their successors, the 9th/12th Lancers. We had a most enjoyable evening of welcome to them after which a large number of shoes were found by the cleaners next morning. It can only be assumed that our guests have a flexible type of R.Q.M.S.

On 11th December we had great pleasure in entertaining the Commanding Officer and Second-in-Command to our monthly Dinner Night. We congratulate the Commanding Officer and P.M.C. of the Mess on winning the darts competition.

Our Christmas Draw was held on 21st December; a most successful evening, when the officers and their wives joined in. Members noted that S/Sgt. Greenstreet, R.E.M.E., who ran the Draw, was in debt before the Draw, but, strange to relate, seemed to be flush with the conkers soon after the Paymaster, Major Johnston, had drawn the star prize,



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(Drawing by Sgt. Rogers—who wishes to remain anonymous)

a very nice Transistor Radio. Sgt. Richardson and Sgt. Evans were embarrassed to draw ladies unmentionables. We congratulate the organiser on the success of the evening.

We welcome to the Mess C.S.M. and Mrs. Pond from the Depot, Sgt. and Mrs. Love from the Parachute Regiment, and Sgt. and Mrs. Hewitt from the 4/6th Royal Lincolns.

We say farewell to Mr. Denny, and congratulate him on his commission. C/Sgt. Bird and Sgt. Snell have left us for a tour as Recruiting Sergeants. We wish all three the best of good fortune in their new jobs.

C/Sgt. McColgan, Sgt. Sutton and Sgt. Crawshaw have survived a course at Pirbright. It was noticeable that a certain C/Sgt.'s waistline has reduced considerably during the course. This proves that if you keep your instructor topped up with beer (B grading) you can't afford to buy it for yourself.

We congratulate R.Q.M.S. Franks on his promotion to Regimental Sergeant-Major, and also C.S.M. Groves on his appointment as Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant.

The installation of two "one-arm bandits" in the Mess is improving our finances, except when the "Yellow Bag Spam" turns up and proceeds to drain them.

On the sporting side we have entered a team in the Garrison Hockey League. To date our only match resulted in a good 5-1 win.

We staged a very successful New Year's Eve Dance and had a record attendance. We were pleased to have two ex-members as our guests, Capt. and Mrs. Edwards (Quartermaster), and Lieut. and Mrs. Baylis (M.T.O.).

Our seasonal visit to the Officers' Mess this year was changed from the traditional Boxing Day to New Year's Day by mutual consent. Certain members felt that Officers' Mess drinks were stronger than those in the Sergeants' Mess. The officers, we understand, thought that certain of our members had weak stomachs.

Our Ladies' Guest Night was held on 4th January and forty-one of our wives sat down to dinner. It was fortunate that the next day was a Sunday.

We have unanimously RESOLVED to present C.S.M. Russell with a Route Card, Start Point—Bar Release Point—Chair. We hope that this will prevent him from getting lost again.

### CORPORALS' MESS

The Corporals' Mess has now successfully recovered from the festive season with all that it entailed.

This last quarter started out very well with a "Tramps' Ball" in October. Quite a few Mess members turned up very heavily disguised and a good part of the evening was spent trying to find out who was who. A good evening was had by all and plenty of work was left for the "mopper-up" the following morning.

November passed very quietly preparing for the Christmas period, with committee meetings taking place at all hours of the day. Cpl. Simmons and

Cpl. English had their work cut out going down town every few days buying prizes for the Christmas Draw. It would not be quite true to say that all went smoothly during this preparation period, but all committee members left the field of battle without too many signs of wear.

20th December opened the festive season when a Fancy Dress Ball was held. This was a great success and the ingenuity of some of the costumes showed that a great deal of imagination as well as hard work had gone into the making of them. Cpl. Parlett carried off 1st prize dressed as a most gruesome Hunchback of Notre Dame. The ladies' prize was won by Cpl. Peel's wife whose Cleopatra outfit raised admiring looks from all members present. Some of the members' costumes hampered them a little during their "twist" sessions, but with a "never say die" attitude they came through without mishap.

The Christmas Draw was held on 23rd December. The list of prizes seemed never-ending, but it was not long before they all disappeared. The evening included dancing between the drawing of prizes and a most enjoyable buffet.

Christmas Day was the turn of the living-in members when they had a free evening in the Mess. Cpl. Shirley and Cpl. Willoughby took over as barmen from Cpl. Bradtke, giving him a chance on the other side of the counter for a change. From all accounts this was a successful evening as far as the living-in members can remember.

New Year's Eve was celebrated in the traditional manner.

During this quarter we have had a good number of new faces in the Mess and would like to welcome on their promotion L/Cpls. Kirkham, Nugent, Hare, Day, Baker, Dodds, Johnson, Birch and Irons. We also congratulate on their promotion Cpls. Holmes, Baines, Downing, Simpson, Norton and Palmer.

L/Cpls. Gomersall, Taylor and Booth have now left us for the Brigade Depot, and Cpl. Dalton for A.A.S., Aborfield. We wish Cpl. Parker every success on his return to "civvy-street".

### "A" COMPANY

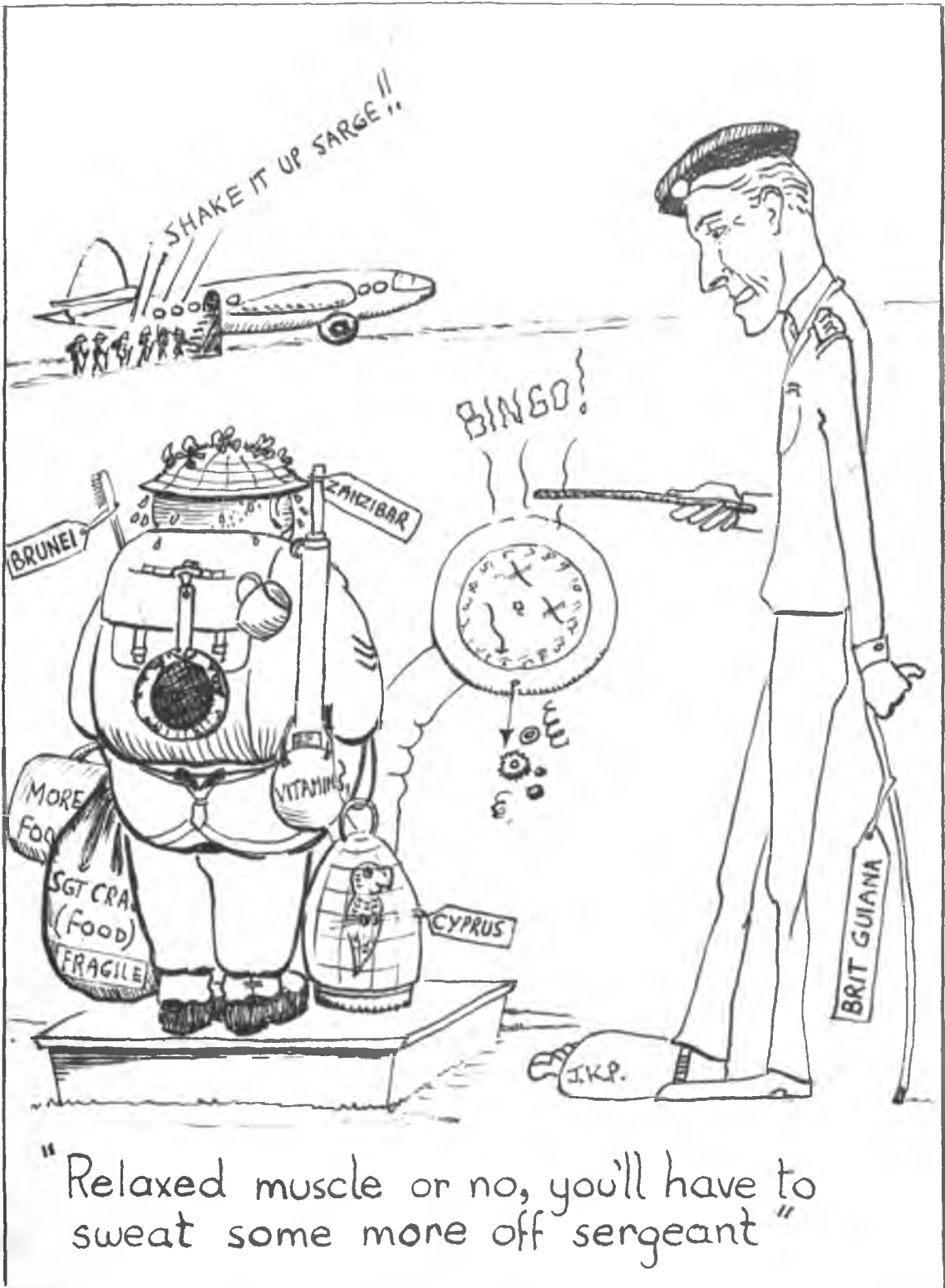
During the past few months the Company has gone from strength to strength and from one emergency to another. We began with the hectic preparations for the Annual Administrative Inspection and ended with the Battalion being placed at seven days' notice to move from Osnabruck—destination unknown.

In between, the pace has slowed somewhat. We have managed to classify most of the Company on the Rifle, Sterling and Light Machine Gun, and to get most men to fire the 3.5 Rocket Launcher and Energa Grenade.

A B.F.G. and Military Vehicles Rally organised by the Osnabruck Garrison Car Club resulted in Dvr. Evans and navigator Cpl. Palmer taking second place. Unfortunately the same team in the Second Division Rally overturned their vehicle.

In the world of sport "A" Company has done outstandingly well. We have six members in the

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Battalion football first eleven, Cpl. Blanchard, Ptes. Lenton, Leyman, Rush, Shoot and Litchfield, and four members of the Company play for the second team, Ptes. Blood, Lock, Livingstone and Sgt. Knight. It is not surprising therefore that in the Brigade Minor Units' Competition "A" Company has so far beaten 12 Inf. Wksp. by 4-1 and our own "B" Company by 5-0. Ptes. Green, Wood and Wells boxed for the Battalion, and 2/Lt. English trained the team but was found to be too light. At Hockey Sgt. Knight represents the Battalion, and we were all most disappointed when the Sergeant-Major left the team after only two games. He does, however, get the odd game with the Sergeants' Mess. We also have members of the Company representing the Battalion at Cross-Country (2/Lt. English, Pte. Horne), Rugby (Lieut. Young, Cpl. Knowles), Ski-ing (Ptes. Green, Burns, Hardy, Garside), and at .22 Shooting (W.O.2 Dixon, Sgt. Knight). The Company Commander and Company Second-in-Command have been known to play Squash.

Christmas passed fairly quietly, many of the Company being on leave or ski-ing. Each platoon held their own Christmas party. It is rumoured that on the night 2 Platoon held their party, the Minibus clocked 57 miles!

1964 has already brought with it a temporary change of role for the Battalion and the Company. On the 4th January we were placed at seven days' notice to move from Germany. We have been weighed, inoculated, vaccinated and photographed. The Q.M. opened the doors of his clothing shop and it is now said that "A" Company have the best dressed soldiers in the Battalion. Our Land Rover has now been weighed at least seven times and neither Capt. White nor Cpl. Cooper can understand why it remains heavier than any other Land Rover in the Battalion!

We may not go anywhere, but we at least have one photo to prove that we were all complete and ready to go.

Finally we congratulate Sgts. Evans, Knight, and Cpl. Blanchard on the birth of their sons. We say good-bye to Lt. Taylor who is now at Oswestry, Sgt. Evans who goes shortly to the T.A., and Sgt. Rogers temporarily, who is acting Sergeant-Major to H.Q. (Ops). We welcome to the Company 2/Lt. Thomson, C/Sgt. Wingell, Sgts. Kirk and Hewitt, and wish ourselves all a very happy New Year.

#### "B" COMPANY

The burning of the midnight oil for the Admin. Inspection seemed to pay dividends as the Company acquitted itself well, as did the Battalion.

This inspection behind us, the emphasis was on training, especially cadres, P.E. Tests, shooting and sport. A very cold week was spent on the ranges at Vorden when, in spite of the weather, most people managed to fire their classification course—some with better results than others.

Many blisters appeared in the preparatory marches, and excess poundage was lost in the build-up to the P.E. Tests. However, thanks to the practice, nearly everybody now has these tests behind them for another year.

One cold, wet November morning, the Battalion was formed in hollow square to be addressed by the Commanding Officer. Was it for a "pat on the back", a haranguing or news of the Battalion's move? If it was about a move everybody had their own ideas, and theoretically money was placed on each certainty! Hong Kong, Cyprus, England? We were not kept in suspense for long and were told Cyprus in October, 1964. With the weather as it was, Cyprus was very welcome, and morale, which wasn't low, was raised even higher.

Individual, section and platoon training continued with Internal Security lectures and practices included. An exercise, "Merry Christmas" confirmed that the Company was getting the hang of Internal Security.

#### 5 PLATOON

The Platoon, although without a Platoon Sergeant, has been functioning efficiently as a team since its formation. We are now proud possessors of a Platoon Sergeant. We welcome Sgt. Love, who has joined us after an attachment with the Airborne forces.

Cpl. Mis:en left us during the Schleswig Holstein training period to attend a course at the Small Arms School at Hythe. He has now returned to the fold having obtained a "C" grading.

Congratulations are offered to L/Cpl. Norton on his promotion to Corporal, and to Pte. Kirkham on his promotion to Lance-Corporal.

On Monday, 23rd December, the Platoon Christmas party was held at Osterkappeln. We were pleased to entertain the Company Commander, the C.S.M. and the C.Q.M.S. as our guests. A most enjoyable evening was had by all.

#### 6 PLATOON

After our return from Schleswig Holstein, training, including day and night exercises, fitness training and prodigious beer-drinking kept us all busy and most of us out of trouble.

The climax of the year came suitably with our party, which was a hilarious and roaring affair, enlivened by the presence of the Commanding Officer.

L/Cpl. Simpson has been promoted to Corporal and Ptes. Hare and Nugent to Lance-Corporal. We congratulate them all.

#### 8 PLATOON

They and WE say "We are the Cream". We must make it quite clear that we are not a rifle platoon, but SUPPORT Platoon, and like to be called the same.

During the latter part of the year we have been running an anti-tank cadre for the Battalion under Lieut. Halcrow and Cpl. Brown. We have also had men on a Battalion mortar cadre. Cpl. Worley and Cpl. Rogers were instructors on this. Now that the cadres are over, although not fully trained, at least we know what we are talking about.

C/Sgt. McColgan left us to attend a Drill Course with the Guards. We congratulate him on his "B"

TRAINING FOR A NEW ROLE



When the Battalion became part of the Strategic Reserve it became necessary to prepare for new roles and duties. A platoon of "B" Coy in action in an internal security role against a "mob" of rioters from "A" Coy

grading. On muster parade we didn't know what had hit us!

Also we congratulate Pte. Donald and Cpl. Worley on becoming fathers. Both had daughters.

In the sporting world Pte. Gooday was a regular member of the Battalion 1st XI until he broke his ankle. The plaster is now off and we hope that he will shortly regain his place. Ptes. Peplow, Humberstone and Elston have played for the 2nd XI. Pte. Wakefield represented the Battalion in the Divisional Boxing Championships. He lost, in a plucky fight, to a more experienced boxer. Pte. Atkin (48) went through the Novices' Boxing to win his weight.

#### COMPANY H.Q.

The faces in the "hub" have changed only slightly. C.S.M. Duke has left. Pte. Boothwright has departed to "A" Company. L/Cpl. Rowlands has entered no man's land in the Q.M.'s department. To replace them we welcome C.S.M. Pond, Ptes. Riley and Good.

Pte. Townes has not been seen for some time. He is on a Clerk's Course. Some say he will replace L/Cpl. Dodds. Sometime one sees the C.S.M. behind the typewriter and one begins to wonder!

We must congratulate L/Cpl. Dodds on his promotion, and we must not forget the Company Commander, not for promotion in this field, but for becoming a father on Christmas Day.

The new year has come in with a "BANG". "Seven days' notice to move". Where to? Who knows? Cyprus, Borneo, etc. This news brought a hive of industry into the Company lines with kit checks, exchanges, weighing of men and equipment, loading, unloading and reloading of the Company Land Rover and trailer. All this, including injections, and training in an I.S. role have been foremost in our minds for the past two weeks. "I know where (and when) I'm going" is not true in this case!

#### "C" COMPANY

It is a sad paradox of military life that other people's misfortunes are our bread and butter. An invasion, a revolution, communal strife or an earthquake may seem unmitigated misfortunes to the victims; to the professional soldier they often bring blessed change, heightened interest, travel, and a welcome test of his skill and spirit. Is the real point that one can defeat the enemy, but Brigade Headquarters has never been known to lose?

Whatever the truth of the matter, moving onto seven days' notice to move as part of the Strategic Reserve during January was a real shot in the arm for "C" Company, medically and morally, and seldom have such lively and thorough preparations been made for battle. The Company office shuddered as C.S.M. Russell practised his Judo; he says he learnt it at Covent Garden, although it is not clear whether among the baritones or the bananas. Brigadier Dunbar, Commander 6th Infantry Brigade Group, was so ill-advised as to visit the Company Store, where he was promptly offered 1157 to 1

against Zanzibar and only narrowly escaped being labelled and weighed.

It is often unwise to take one incident as typical of a mood, but there was one during this visit that stuck in the memory. The Brigadier asked a "C" Company man: "Where would you like to go?" The reply was laconic and convincing: "Anywhere," he said.

Meanwhile we train, shoot, march, study, and play football. "B" Company beat us 5-0 at football, a margin of defeat which does nothing to dispel our belief that the best men lost. C.Q.M.S. Gray was particularly effective, his footwork in the mud earning him the title of the "Wizard of Ooze" and another Battalion trial.

His namesake, Pte. Gray, brought glory to the Company on 15th January by winning the Brigade Cross-Country Championship in the face of tough opposition and bitter cold; a brilliant performance which will not be bettered by anyone this year.

But this quarter was the quarter of The Tree, the "C" Company Christmas Tree, of Trafalgar Square proportions, lit by practically the entire resources of the 11th Engineer Group. You could see it for miles around. Its glow will light us far into 1964.

"Want a lit-up fairy at the top of the tree?" asked Cpl. Edwards. "Just send Rigby up with a bottle of rum."

#### 9 PLATOON

Sgt. Everitt led us through a very happy and successful autumn campaign in Schleswig Holstein, while the Platoon Commander spent three weeks in Norway on the mountaineering and adventure course. Lieut. Goodale now meets every setback with "It's part of the game!" and even disasters with a cheerful "It's all in the mind!"

Now, now, that thoughtful-looking man in the rear rank! Get your brain in for washing.

We are very glad to welcome Ptes. Underwood, Moore, Walker and Kirchin to the Platoon. Long may they stay.

The winter has been a very enjoyable one, with Christmas leave, ski-ing, training and Strategic Reserve standby nicely combined into a stimulating mixture. Actually, Fisher, Waters (the Brewer's Friend), Routledge and Morrison have their own ideas about stimulating mixtures, and defy the laws of nature by looking quite healthy.

Cpl. Warrington is learning Russian, and Underwood is on a Clerk's Course; Alliston is probably the fastest hockey player in the 1st XI and Cpl. Holmes one of the strongest Battalion soccer players.

We are, we modestly declare, just a set of muscular intellectuals.

#### 11 PLATOON

After our return from Schleswig Holstein and after a short period of rest, we plunged into the business of getting ourselves ready for the Brigade Commander's Inspection. This involved a couple of weeks work which ended with a final frantic burst, culminating in The Day, which everyone said went off very well, in spite of the efforts of certain Platoon Commanders in the gym!

That lot over, we settled down to our pre-Christmas routine. We went on the range and fired our classification course on the rifle and L.M.G., Ptes. Hill and Stocks distinguishing themselves by becoming marksmen. Various courses also took place in which Pte. Cuff qualified as a driver and Pte. McMMain qualified as a mortarman and was consequently lost to Support Platoon. Sgt. Crawshaw also left us for a period, to be subjected to the gentle attentions of the Guards at Pirbright. He duly returned to us and seems to have survived the experience remarkably well, since he does not even appear to have taken off any weight! Is it true that his report said "A good, all-round, Platoon Sergeant"?

During the period with which these notes deal, we welcomed Ptes. McMMain and Smith for a short stay with the platoon; we hope they enjoyed being with us. We welcome Ptes. Harrison, Horne and Hawker who have just joined us from the Depot; we hope they will settle down with us quickly. Recently we lost Cpl. Atkins to the cookhouse, Pte. Warby to be a storeman at Hythe and L/Cpl. Hewitt to civilian life. We wish them well in their new jobs.

#### 12 PLATOON

Since last writing we have said good-bye to Lieut. Wright and for some time have been officerless. However, we have recently welcomed Lieut. Hastie and look forward to good things in the coming months. The platoon has grown and a lot of new faces have been accepted: Ptes. Stewart, McMMain, Stanton, Woodward and Holmes, the last, of course, an old Support hand.

With marriage comes promotion, it seems—it has to L/Cpl. Jackson. Congratulations!

Training time has been taken up with Battalion cadres, so the old hands have reverted to rifle platoon work—at which, of course, we excel—even though there may be the occasional growl: "The guns are being neglected."

On a recent patrol exercise Cpl. Barnes played the ghost, but so frightened himself that he did not dare make an appearance (so much for his supernatural powers). Or did he perhaps just evaporate?

#### H.Q. (OPS) COMPANY

##### COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

Since the last issue of the Journal the major problem has been the reorganisation of the Company leave so that not quite *all* the Company was away at once. At one time the new Company Commander found himself bereft of all staff, and if it had not been for the Company Clerk, L/Cpl. Irons, and Company Storeman, L/Cpl. Weetman, all administration and attempts to control the various Platoons and Departments would have been brought to a standstill. Those of us who were here for Christmas enjoyed one of the best Christmas Holidays to be expected in the Army.

Capt. J. Tadman has left the Company to take over as S.C. "Q" at Brigade Headquarters, and we

welcome Major T. C. S. Knox as the new Company Commander, who has arrived from the heat of Singapore. Capt. R. F. Kitchin has left to attend a Parachute Course, where we wish him the best of luck; he is succeeded by Lieut. J. S. Houchin in command of the Recce Platoon. The C.S.M. of H.Q. (Ops) Company, W.O.2 G. Veitch, has deserted us to be permanently attached to the Battalion ski team and the duties of C.S.M. have been taken over by whoever happens to be available—S/Sgt. Cheshire (Sig. Pl.), Sgt. Hornsby (Sig. Pl.), Sgt. Rodgers ("A" Company) and, much to the amusement of the Company Clerk, Sgt. Platt (Assault Pioneers), who collected an extra duty after being in the chair only two hours. We welcome Cpl. Allison, who has been loaned to us from H.Q. (Admin.) Company to supervise the armoury, which now holds the arms of half of the Battalion. C/Sgt. Millhouse keeps an excellent stores ably assisted by L/Cpl. Weetman, Ptes. Gibbs and O'Connell. Cpl. Thorne, late of the Drums, is permanent Company Orderly Sergeant and has not yet been known to mistake a bugle call!

The Company football team is still the best in the Battalion and we recently defeated 34 Fd. Sqn., R.E., in the Minor Units Knockout Cup 3-2. We congratulate Pte. Elms (Shodder) the team captain on their success. We hope to win the cup.

On 3rd November the following members of the Company were selected to train for the Battalion ski team under C.S.M. G. Veitch: L/Cpls. Boothby and Jones, Ptes. Short of the Recce Platoon and Carritt, Spring and Price of the Signal Platoon. They left by road for Garmisch in Bavaria, and after an uneventful journey arrived at the log cabin which was to be their home for the next three months. They were extremely lucky in having the use of the only ski slopes in Bavaria where there was sufficient snow for ski-ing. Each day they travel by cog train to the summit of the Zugspitze some 9,500 feet high, and have been training hard alongside some of the world's best skiers who are using the same slopes in preparation for the forthcoming Winter Olympics. Unfortunately Pte. Short met with an accident in the early stages and had to be dropped from the team with a dislocated shoulder. The 2 Div. Championships are looming ahead and we hope to be able to report favourable results in the next issue of THE POACHER.

The latest excitement, caused by a warning order placing the Battalion on seven days' notice to move anywhere in the world, has certainly had the effect of sharpening up the Company administration. The C.S.M., W.O.2 G. Veitch, has been recalled from ski-ing to make out endless nominal rolls, the arms have been re-distributed and everyone is being inoculated and getting their photographs taken for passports. The procedure will be quite familiar to those who served with the Battalion in Watchet when the Battalion was last alerted to move with the Strategic Reserve. We all hope that we find ourselves in one of the warm trouble spots in the Commonwealth quite soon, certainly sooner than expected.

## BATTALION ORDERLY ROOM

Dare we say it? We were almost sorry to leave our "desirable residence—all mod con" in Schleswig Holstein to return to barracks. We were wary of the probing minds and dust-conscious eyes of the Brigade Commander and his staff which were so soon to descend upon us.

Queen's Regulations and the Manual were hastily dug out, and the amendments numbers entered on the front page, a duster and polisher put into operation, and the worst awaited. We have now seen our report and we seem to have acquitted ourselves very well.

We are now into 1964, and our first thoughts are of Cyprus. We look forward to a sun tan as opposed to frostbite we suffer from now. We may be there sooner than expected if being part of the Strategic Reserve stationed in Germany means anything.

Farewell to L/Cpl. Booth, who has moved to the Depot Orderly Room. We wish him success in his new appointment.

## INTELLIGENCE SECTION

After our return from Schleswig Holstein we re-sorted the maps and withdrew all pamphlets for amendment and re-distribution. L/Cpl. "Bruce" Bemrose returned to the Section after a spell of duty up at Kiel and was in time to help.

Unfortunately Pte. "Paddy" Goodall had a nasty accident just before Christmas and was evacuated to England for treatment. We wish him a speedy recovery—we knew he would get his Christmas leave somehow!

We were unlucky not to have Cpl. Barnes with us in Schleswig Holstein; he was enjoying himself in Norway on an adventure training course. He has now left us for a more settled life in the Lincolnshire Constabulary. We wish him all success, and hope to see him on point duty in Grantham when we march through the town later this year.

Our latest arrival in the Section is from Corby (yet another Corby Jock), Pte. George Johnston. After a short exercise with Pte. Burrows he now knows a lot about Osnabruck, they both walked a very long way.

At the time of writing Pte. Johnston has taken Sgt. Sutton ski-ing in Bavaria; we hope that they look after each other. Cpl. Roy Stratford is on a course in England at the Joint School of Nuclear, Chemical and Ground Defence, and Pte. Allen is sitting in the map room feeling miserable because his leave has been cancelled!

## SIGNAL PLATOON

On returning from Schleswig Holstein everyone's activities were turned to preparing for the Annual Interior Economy Inspection. Apart from the usual troubles of sorting out individuals' personal kit and checking and servicing all the radio and line equipment, an additional hazard was presented in the shape of S.R. C42 and B47. We have been waiting the issue of these precious sets for about eighteen

months. Why they were delivered within three weeks of the Admin. only the fates can tell. For about four days the signal stores and cadre room were inundated in boxes, sticky brown paper and piles of straw, which was all stacked away and used after the Admin. Inspection for the 5th November bonfire.

The shock of at last receiving our new sets was unfortunately too much for S/Sgt. Cheshire, who was admitted to the B.M.H., Munster, in the middle of November. He only just got out in time to go on leave on 12th December. Surprising what Christmas does for a chap!

It was not at all surprising what Christmas did for the Signal Platoon. Members not away on leave on the evening of Saturday, 21st December, attended the Platoon Christmas Party with their wives, which was held in the notorious "Limberg". The R.S.O. had made arrangements with all the pretty girls in Merkurs Store that they should be there too. Unfortunately they didn't turn up. They must have heard that the R.S.O. was away on leave and wouldn't be there himself! Despite this the party went with a swing. The wives were never short of dancing partners and the "shaking, twisting and shouting" went on until after 1 o'clock in the morning.

Pte. Lloyd was unfortunately in hospital over the Christmas period but was pleasantly surprised when Ptes. Travis and Badcock visited him with a parcel from the P.R.I., subscribed to by men of the Company.

Apart from the new sets arriving in October, the Battalion also received its new Land Rovers in November. They are really splendid as far as the F.F.R. (Fitted For Radio) ones are concerned anyway. Possibly the only complaint, and there must be something to complain about, is that the operator is somewhat cramped. They are certainly a tremendous improvement on the *old* champ.

Then came the big surprise of the New Year—our Strategic Reserve commitment! The bustle and preparation is still going on as I write. Kit is being weighed, Land Rovers have been weighed with kit and without, and figures never seem to tally. Special equipment has been ordered for stowing secondary batteries and is arriving any day, etc., etc. And in the middle of it all our long awaited signal troop, Royal Signals, has arrived and Sgt. Cross, L/Cpls. Scott and Dodd and Sigs. Baker, Wilson and Dobbs are given a hearty welcome to the platoon.

Unfortunately we have to say our farewells to Cpl. Parker, who has gone to join the Civil Defence. We wish him all the very best for the future. Cpl. Parker has been with the platoon for five years or more and will be much missed by everyone. Pte. Mackleworth, one of our "dashing" dispatch riders also leaves us in the near future; we wish him the best of luck, too.

All the instructors are engaged now in work for the Ten Weeks Signal Cadre, which, we hope, will produce some new faces in the platoon in early March. Twelve men from Rifle Companies, the Recce Platoon and the unclassified members of



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the Signal Platoon are taking part, and work started on 13th January, 1964. Unlucky for some!

#### RECCE PLATOON

Since the last notes the platoon has been re-equipped with Land Rovers fitted for radio, and the B47 and C42 radio sets. These welcome improvements have kept us busy learning to operate the sets and getting the necessary driving experience.

We were sorry to say good-bye to Capt. R. F. Kitchin, and we wish him the very best of luck and success in the future. In his place we welcome Lieut. J. S. Houchin, who has just returned from keeping the Army in the public eye. L/Cpl. Goodman has temporarily left us to do the Company Orderly Sergeant's job in the absence on leave of Cpl. Thorne.

Various members of the platoon have competed in the locally organised motor rallies with success, and medals have already been won by Lieut. Houchin, Ptes. Simpson 94, Codd, Varney 87, Radwell and Steels. They are to be congratulated on their driving and map-reading. Monte Carlo next year?

This coming training season the platoon faces two problems in addition to normal training: how to teach signallers to drive and drivers to signal.

#### ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON

Since our last notes we have been preparing ourselves for Christmas, and almost all of the platoon have been on leave. Christmas was well spent by the few who were in camp. It is rumoured that Pte. Gunton stopped eating two days before Christmas so that he could have three helpings. Ptes. Gunton and Grocock have been relieved of the duties of Platoon Sergeant and Platoon Corporal respectively on the return from leave of Sgt. Platt, Cpls. McKenzie and Kettle.

We congratulate Pte. Grocock on his engagement whilst in England on leave. A one minute silence was held by the platoon on his return. We are now waiting for a piece of the wedding cake.

A new member to our select band is Pte. "Jinks", a four-footed pioneer, and Pte. Gunton has been trying to get him on ration strength without much success. The extra food, we have a shrewd suspicion, is not for "Jinks" but for his master!

1964 is here and once again we are looking forward to a year of interesting and varied work. Most of the single members of the platoon are walking about looking slightly apprehensive; it must be because it is Leap Year.

#### M.T. SECTION

At last we are seeing the effects of the all Regular Army, as since the last Journal notes were written we have only had to say good-bye to two members of the Section, Ptes. Tuck and Percival, the C.O.'s driver. We welcome to the Section Ptes. Jones, Naylor, Hayes, Nix, Murray, Vissien and Watts (who has recently returned from the M.T. Platoon at the School of Infantry, Hythe). We wish them a happy stay with us.

A very special word of gratitude to the loyal and

ever hard-working Sgt. "Vic" Silvester, R.E.M.E., who shortly takes his leave of us on Regular Release after 22 years' service. His presence in the M.T. Section over the past three years has been a pillar of strength. His skill and knowledge are second to none and we have every cause to feel that much less well equipped to cope with the rigours of future training and the Annual Technical Inspections. Thank you, Vic, for the endless hours you have given towards keeping us on the road. Good luck to you in the future.

We regularly take part in motor rallies organised by the Garrison Motor Club, and in the November trial we gained the first three places out of an entry of 26. The December event had a field of 41 entries and we took third, fifth and sixth places, also winning the first team prize. Competition is against civilian cars and other military 4-ton vehicles with courses of up to 130 miles which are covered during the hours of darkness and involve complicated map-reading. This has been found to be a noticeably popular sport, particularly when one considers that the rallies take place on Saturday evenings, and the competitors pay their own individual entrance fees.

Our 3-ton drivers have recently been made very happy, and their driving worries lessened by the fitting of first-class "blinkers" on their vehicles. The small semaphore-type direction indicators have given concern in the past, as Continental drivers aren't familiar with them. We are also delighted with the fleet of new Land Rovers Mk. 8 which have arrived recently—6 (G.S.) and 17 (F.F.R.). They have come just at the right time of year to give drivers and occupants greater comfort in this wintery weather, and the civilian type refinements on the controls give drivers a great amount of pleasure. As the first Battalion in the area to be fully equipped in this range, we are the envy of many.

We held our Annual Christmas Party at a "Gasthaus" in a quiet village some five miles from Osnabruck. For over four hours the beer flowed freely, interrupted only by a splendid supper of sold cutlet and kartoffel salad. It was a most enjoyable evening to which the Section invited our P.O.L. Clerk, Herr Hoffman, and the civilian Volkswagen driver Kurtz. Much must be said for the N.C.O.s who organised the evening, and also the generosity of the men in the Section who raised £14 for a Christmas box for Tony Jeary (an ex-National Service driver who lies paralysed in the U.K.), which was handed over to him by Cpl. Fisher on Christmas Day. Whilst in the party spirit, the M.T.O. was overheard to take up a challenge from Cpl. Mitchell and L/Cpl. Warburton on a certain motor-cycle matter when the weather improves! What we all want to know is who, in the early hours of the following morning, found that the ice would not bear his weight, nor indeed that of his would-be rescuer?

Christmas came and went with plenty of enjoyment, and the families deserve our thanks for the way in which they invited so many bachelor soldiers to their homes.

As this goes to press we are busily preparing to

move as part of the Strategic Reserve. We settle on this happy and active note, not daring to guess what 1964 holds in store for us.

#### H.Q. (ADMIN.) COMPANY

The Company continues to run smoothly. With the arrival of the last draft, we passed the two hundred mark; this, however, only lasted two days before the Adjutant noticed and posted someone.

There is a shortage of department notes; those who have men of literary talent appear below, but what of the remainder? The Drums are more interested in their new dance band and therefore have no time to write. The Cooks—someone did start to write, then it was time for the next meal and so with meal following meal, it somehow never got done.

All the other departments are very small, and though some notes came into the office, they all seemed to start with: "Since my last notes I have, etc." Interesting though some of them were, lack of space does not allow for the autobiographies of the Post Corporal or the P.R.I. Corporal.

This leaves some thirty men unaccounted for; they are scattered all over Western Europe, between Lincoln and Bavaria. They are working hard recruiting, conducting buses, cooking or just general duties.

#### COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

There has been very little change this quarter. C.S.M. Groves has gone down the road to the Q.M.'s and of course does not now sympathise with us when we try to find men for guard duties. C.S.M. Smith has returned from the Hartz Mountains to take over; he appears to find things rather dull after running a ski school. Cpl. Dalton has gone to chase boys at Arborfield and so Birch has been given a stripe and made C.O.S. To keep our army up to strength Fagon has come into the stores from "A" Company. Most of the work of this H.Q. seems to be directed towards running the ski huts, and Morris will be glad when the snow goes and no more letters about ski-ing need to be typed. With the current flap going on the Orderly Room should understand that one typist can only produce one type of nominal roll at a time; and it takes twice as long to type 198 names as it does any other Company to type 100.

#### REGIMENTAL BAND

Now that the festive season has past, we can look back on the usual round of seasonal engagements, both duty and social, the latter usually followed by a rather "soggy" Band practice the following morning. On the 17th December the Band held their own Christmas Draw with guests invited from within the Battalion and also from the other Bands in the Garrison, a most successful and enjoyable evening. Sgt. (Don) Denton had to make two trips to carry his prizes home, much to the disgust of the overworked organiser of the Draw, Sgt. (Man. United) Simpson, who didn't get a look in. In fact it is thought in the Band that he worked so

hard in preparing everything that he forgot to buy any tickets.

We have quite a number of congratulations to offer; first to L/Cpls. Neale and Dawson on the birth of their daughters, and also to L/Cpl. Jackson on his marriage in December to Miss R. House of Watchet, Somerset. The Bandmaster now looks at our two remaining Lance-Corporals over the top of his glasses. I wonder why?

Bdsm. Hammond has left us for the Brigade School, and we welcome back Bdsms. Sadd and also two new members from the School, Bdsms. Bell and Desmond.

#### QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT

After a very short reign R.Q.M.S. Franks has now left the staff on promotion to R.S.M.; all are now hoping that the "inside information" gained during his stay will not be used to our disadvantage. We welcome W.O.2 Groves as the new R.Q.M.S.

The department club room has now been completed and we all eagerly await the "official opening". It was tested for size by the department having a Christmas drink. The one problem that has so far beaten the staff is "Sgt. Bullock's secret"!

The congratulations of all go to Pte. and Mrs. Agg and to Cpl. and Mrs. Lambert on the birth of a daughter and son respectively.

The department has joined in the keep fit campaign, and it is rumoured that the sight of the department being led out of the camp on a road-run by Capt. (Q.M.) J. E. Edwards was too much for many of the Battalion.

#### BATTALION SPORT

##### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

The 1st and 2nd XIs are enjoying a respite during the short closed season which runs from the 11th December, 1963, to 22nd January, 1964, for all 12 Inf. Bde. Gp. league matches.

We regret to report that we were beaten in the first round of the Army Cup by our old friends the Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers, who themselves were knocked out recently in the fourth round. After being down 2 goals to nil at half-time, the team fought very hard but could only reduce the deficit and the final score was 3-2 against us.

October saw numerous trial matches and inter-Company games. As a result, a number of new players were found and many of the weaker positions in the 1st XI have been strengthened by new blood. However, a good defence and half-back line cannot score goals, and until recently, filling the centre-forward position was the problem. Pte. Gooday ("B" Coy.) was switched with great success from centre-forward to the right wing, and when the closed season ends, Cpl. Missen ("B" Coy.) will probably replace him as centre-forward. Cpl. Holmes ("C" Coy.) and Cpl. Blanchard ("A" Coy.), the backs, and Pte. Rush ("A" Coy.), the goalkeeper, have formed a solid defence and have played with great credit. Pte. Elms (H.Q. (Ops) Coy.) has been an excellent captain, and Cfn. Cranmer (R.E.M.E.) has entertained the spectators with some clever football.

It was most unfortunate that Pte. Gooday broke his ankle during a trial match in November, as until then he had been our main goal scorer. However, with luck he should soon be playing again, and with a strong centre-forward should cause our opponents many headaches.

We are looking forward to the second half of the season with confidence, and hope to play well both in the League Championship and in the 2nd Division Knockout Competition.

1st XI results, since the last issue, are:—

versus	1 R. Warwick Fus. 1st XI	Lost	2-3
"	9/12 Lancers 2nd XI ...	Won	14-1
"	1 R.F. 1st XI ...	Won	4-1
"	9/12 Lancers 1st XI ...	Won	5-2
"	35 Corps Engr. Regt. 1st XI	Won	2-1
"	1 L.F. 1st XI ...	Lost	2-3
"	25 Corps Engr. Regt. 1st XI	Drawn	1-1

#### BOXING

The team trained hard this year under S.S.I. Edwards, A.P.T.C., and despite the set-back of trying to train in the mud and rain of Schleswig, were very fit by the time of our first match. This match was a friendly one against the 1st Bn., The Cheshire Regiment, and was held at Mercer Barracks on 1st November. Although no decisions were given, our team boxed well and the results were thought to be about even. The experience gained in this match was augmented by L/Cpl. Dowling and Ptes. Kent and Wells boxing for local German Clubs.

On the 18th November we had our first match in the Inter-Unit Team Championship, having drawn a bye in the first round. Our opponents were

25 Corps Engineer Regiment and the match was held in their gymnasium at Roberts Barracks. The Sapper team had won their first round by 10 bouts to 1, so we knew we faced a strong team. The results of individual bouts were as follows:—

#### Bantam

Pte. Wells ("A" Coy.) won easily on points.

#### Feather

Sgt. Barker ("C" Coy.), a far more experienced boxer than his opponent had an easy points win.

#### Light

Pte. Cahill ("C" Coy.) fought a far bigger man, won on points. He won the first two rounds easily, but was hard-put to last the third.

#### Light Welter (1st String)

L/Cpl. Dowling ("A" Coy.) had an extremely close, hard fight, losing on points.

#### Light Welter (2nd String)

L/Cpl. Dowling ("B" Coy.), in another close, hard fight, lost on points.

#### Welter (2nd String)

Pte. Kent (H.Q. (Ops) Coy.) fought pluckily against a very much more experienced man, who gave him little chance to score.

#### Light Middle

Pte. Green ("A" Coy.) was knocked out in the first round.

#### Middle

Pte. Woods ("A" Coy.), really a light middleweight, fought the toughest and most experienced fighter of the other team and was knocked out in the first round.



#### ARMY CUP BOXING

L/Cpl. Dowling (left) welterweight, in action for the Battalion against an opponent from 25 Corps Engineer Regiment in the Army Cup Competition.

*Light Heavy*

Pte. Wakefield ("B" Coy.) fought a very strong Fijian opponent and took severe punishment in all three rounds. Wakefield was an extremely plucky loser.

*Heavy*

Capt. Drummond (H.Q. (Ops) Coy.) joined the team a short time before the match, had a close fight with a more experienced boxer and lost narrowly on points.

*Welter (1st String)*

Sgt. Love ("B" Coy.) gave a demonstration of cold, calculated boxing against a plucky opponent, who was powerless against him. The fight was stopped in Love's favour in the second round.

Although the team lost by seven bouts to four, it was a creditable performance against a more experienced team. S.S.I. Edwards is to be congratulated on producing a fit and sportsmanlike team.

Boxing Colours were awarded to S.S.I. Edwards and the team.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

Our carefully arranged fixture list has, inevitably, been sadly upset. Most of the damage has been caused by the German winter and some by inescapable military duty. However, we have played twelve matches, winning six, scoring 95 points and conceding 84. Of more importance than the statistics, we have had some excellent games. Our best performance was our defeat of the Royal Hampshires at Munster. In this game the pack excelled itself against bigger opponents and showed more fire in the loose than had been seen before. The solitary score came from a try by Capt. Parker, which he converted. This was a splendid effort and typical of the good rugby he played all season until injuring his ankle.

Most of the team have put up good performances. Cpl. Galpin (R.A.P.C.) is always a great threat on the wing. The pity has been that his opportunities have been all too few. Pte. Stoten (R.A.P.C.) deserves great credit for the way he has settled into the full back position, and improved with every game. 2/Lt. Hipkin has done well in the centre. Among the forwards, particular mention should be made of Ptes. Carter and Bentley (H.Q. (Admin.) Coy.), Capt. Drummond, Sgt. Prime (R.A.P.C.) and Lieut. Halcrow. Ptes. Hampton ("C" Coy.) and D'Arcy (H.Q. (Ops) Coy.) were also introduced into the pack in the last games before the freeze-up and their performance gave a clue to the extent of the untapped talent hidden in the Battalion.

At Easter we hope to play host to Lincoln City Rugby Club and look forward to a convivial weekend.

## HOCKEY

Hockey got off to a fairly slow start this season, and has also been affected by the weather. In consequence we have played only three games in the Garrison League, of which we won one, lost one

and drew one. In the Army Cup we had a bye to the second round, in which we defeated 26 Tpt. Coln., R.A.S.C., 5-0. We are now looking forward to the third round.

We have formed a good relationship with the local German Hockey Club and both the Battalion and the Wives teams have had some very good games. We hope to take part in a hockey tournament with them this Easter.

At present, the team is largely formed from the Sergeants' Mess. Sgt. Ashworth is a strong centre-half and C/Sgt. Hammond is still a tower of strength in the forward line. S.S.I. Edwards, A.P.T.C., is a valuable newcomer to the team this season.

## CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

We began the season in fine style with a win over the Cameronians in which our runners took the first eight places. Unfortunately we could not maintain this standard and lost three of our next six fixtures. Our runners have always tried hard but on occasions have lacked that extra peak of fitness that is necessary to win.

The highlight of the season was the Osnabruck Garrison Championship, in which Pte. Gray covered himself with glory by coming home an easy winner. As a team we came third out of seven major units competing, a fairly satisfactory result.



Pte. Gray of "C" Company being congratulated by his Company Commander, Major E. Turnill, after winning the Osnabruck Garrison cross-country race.



Our individuals finished as follows:—

1st, Pte. Gray ("C" Coy.); 12th, Cpl. Downing ("B" Coy.); 17th, 2/Lt. English; 22nd, Pte. Glynn ("C" Coy.); 25th, Pte. Senogles ("C" Coy.); 26th, Lt. Everitt; 34th, Sgt. Hammerton (Band); 43rd, L/Cpl. Kent (H.Q. (Ops) Coy.); 65th, Pte. Horne ("A" Coy.); 69th, L/Cpl. Rose ("A" Coy.).

The following were awarded Cross-Country Running Colours: 2/Lt. English, Sgt. Harrison, Cpl. Downing, Ptes. Gray, Glynn and Senogles.

#### JUDO

The Judo Club is now well under way with a small but enthusiastic membership. We practice under the guidance of Pte. Morris (H.Q. (Ops) Coy.), who is himself a Green Belt. The regular nucleus consists of Ptes. Guton (H.Q. (Ops) Coy), Lindo (H.Q. (Ops) Coy.), Lloyd (H.Q. (Ops) Coy), Ogle ("C" Coy.), Varney (H.Q. (Ops) Coy), and 2/Lt. Hipkin.

We have had only one match so far, which was a very enjoyable and instructive encounter with a more experienced team from the Royal Fusiliers. We did quite well to win three of the nine bouts and are looking forward to more matches in the future.

#### SKI-ING

Once again the Battalion has its excellent hut on the Zugspitze, which was reported last year. At present it is occupied only by the ski team, which consists of six young soldiers training for the 2nd Division Novices' Competition, which we won last year, and six soldiers training for the Divisional Open Downhill and Slalom Competitions. Those training for the Open Competitions are Ptes. Burns and Hardy, both of "A" Company, who were in last year's novices' team, L/Cpl. Jones (H.Q. (Ops) Coy.), Ptes. Burgess ("C" Coy.), Gar-side and Green, both of "A" Company, who were chosen having shown the most potential of the remaining skiers from last year. Ours is believed to be the only other rank team in B.A.O.R. The races are in the first week in February at Oberjoch; we have hopes of doing well, but one of our rivals have two skiers of Olympic standard so first place is probably beyond us. To complete the team, C.S.M. Veitch is again in charge and does sterling work maintaining our good relations with the U.S. Army in Garmisch, without whose generous assistance the whole venture would be difficult.

One of the novices, Pte. Spring (H.Q. (Ops) Coy.) attended a U.S. Army First Aid Course in Garmisch and is to be congratulated on passing out second.

This year we also have two houses in Retenberg, near Immenstadt, on the Austrian border. Here we can accommodate thirty-eight men including a small permanent staff on fortnightly ski courses, twenty-four men from the Battalion and ten men from the minor units of the Brigade. The first course has just returned, very enthusiastic about the arrangements, and with no broken bones. The Ski-ing Officer was just congratulating himself on

his organisation, when he was informed that there had been *no snow*. Perhaps this explains the Christmas card from the local brewers. It is also understood that a group of six men, who shall be nameless, have gained some first-hand experience of mountain rescue by night, and as a result of a very fine effort by the local police avoided an extremely uncomfortable night.

#### Wives Club

Since our last notes, the Club has been meeting as usual on the first Tuesday in the month.

In October Herr Ludvic brought a large collection of glass ornaments for our members to buy and we invited 30 wives from the Royal Fusiliers and Mrs. Tower, the Brigade Commander's wife, to watch Herr Ludvic's demonstration. Unhappily his apparatus had broken down so he gave each lady a small present, and provided the prizes for the raffles from his attractive collection to compensate for the disappointment.

At the November meeting Mrs. Annear and Mrs. Parker organised a Beetle Drive. During December we wished Mrs. Denny farewell and welcomed Mrs. Franks, who has now taken over the financial side of the Club.

We were also sorry to see Mrs. Kitchin leave after working so hard to get the Ladies' Hockey Team going. The Shooting Club started again in November.

Mrs. U. Smith, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. Lemmon and Mrs. Baylis offered to help with food for the children's party, which was held in the N.A.A.F.I. on the 23rd December, and was a very happy if somewhat noisy party!

The Club sends New Year Greetings to all past and present members.

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

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

This is a comprehensive secondary school with just under 2,000 boys and girls. The boarding house has been established primarily to meet the educational needs of children of Service families stationed overseas. Children of both "grammar" and "modern" abilities will be considered for boarding vacancies, provided they are over 11 and under 17 years of age.

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

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

## ***The British Legion***

How many regular soldiers, when they leave the Army, join the British Legion? Today, alas, not many. And yet everyone of them *should* join. There are branches all over the country, and few villages are too small to have a branch.

The serving soldier of today knows little about the work of the Legion. All he probably knows is that they sell poppies once a year, and some of them go to church on Remembrance Day. *This* is what he ought to know: The British Legion was started at the end of 1914-18 War by Earl Haig to help all those ex-Service men who were in need. He said he would accept no personal honours until adequate arrangements had been made for his men. Sir John Brown, C.O. of the 4th Battalion, The Northamptonshire Regiment, was one of the founders, and National Chairman of the Legion.

The Legion has over one million members, and is so powerful that it has been able to make Governments increase pensions for disabled Service men and widows. It has no politics—to the Legion all Governments are equally bad when they don't help war widows and disabled men. From its funds it has paid out over nineteen million pounds in grants to ex-Service men since 1921. Work is provided all the year round for many hundreds of disabled men in making poppies for sale, and the proceeds from the sale of poppies come to one million pounds per

year. The Legion has fought, and continues to fight, many battles with Ministry of Pensions over individual cases.

Though the Legion is an immensely powerful body with great funds, they need new and younger members to carry on the work of branches in place of those older ones who have done such a fine job in running branches and looking after the needs of the elderly and infirm war pensioners and others over many years.

Every branch is a social club where all ex-soldiers are welcomed. Most branches run whist drives, dances, dinners and social evenings. The branch committee look after the needs of ex-Service men in their area. It doesn't cost much to join, only 3s. 6d. per year, and the money goes to help those in need. Help is given, not only to members but to everyone in need who has served in the Forces, and to their dependants.

Serving soldiers are not eligible for membership, but when they leave the Army they can and should become members. We appeal to all men about to take their discharge, and to all others who have served in the Forces, to join. Whatever town or village you live in, someone will know where the nearest branch is and who is the Secretary. Drop him a line, or go and see him, and join the Legion and help to carry on the magnificent work started by Earl Haig.

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## Lincolnshire Wing

### LINCOLN AND DISTRICT BRANCH

#### SOCIAL EVENTS

Our Social Diary is always pretty full, and the visit to the Ivy Club at Wragby, mentioned in our last report, was followed by their visit to us on the 6th November, 1963. A very enjoyable evening was had by everybody. On the 28th November the Sergeants' Club, Broadgate Drill Hall, Lincoln, again provided a very successful evening which was well attended; a return visit for them to our Club has already been planned.

The functions over the Christmas period all went with a real swing, starting with the presentations of cups and prizes for the various competitions mentioned in the last report. These presentations were made on the 21st December, being the same night as the Christmas Draw. Major P. H. Segon, M.B.E., kindly accepted our invitation to present the cups to the winners. The cup for the highest individual score of the competition went to Tommy Bentley, unfortunately he was taken into hospital the same evening and so the presentation to him of his trophy had to await his discharge from hospital. We are pleased to report he is now restored to health.

The Christmas Draw was supported even better this year than last, over 1,500 tickets were sold. 150 prizes of all descriptions were gained by the successful prize winners.

The Annual Children's Party took place on the 11th January, 1964, in the Club Room. Last year it may be remembered we took the children to the Pantomime, but this year we decided to give to them the usual party; it does not seem the same without one. The Entertainment Committee provided games, a lovely tea, and presents for 57 children.

We were sorry to hear of the illness of Paddy Brophy, and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

### STAMFORD BRANCH

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Drill Hall, Stamford, on Friday, 29th November, 1963. The Secretary reported that membership was remaining steady at around the 100 mark. The Branch had been responsible for the 1963 Reunion at Skegness, which judging by the letters of appreciation received from the President, General Secretary, Colonel Young and Branch Secretaries, the Reunion had been enjoyed by all.



Regimental Colour of the 1st/10th Regt. hanging in the Chapel in Lincoln Cathedral.

Photo: F. G. Knight, Boston Branch

The Secretary paid tribute to Major Simpson for the great assistance he had given in making the arrangements, and to Messrs. Cotterill, Busby and the ladies, who had conducted a very successful raffle.

The election of Officers, Committee, resulted as follows:—

Chairman, Mr. S. R. Leamer; Vice-Chairman, Major H. L. Simpson; Treasurer, Mr. T. Gilbert; Auditors, Major H. L. Simpson and Mr. T. W. Boyden. The Committee was re-elected *en bloc* with Mr. D. Smith in place of Mr. J. Hirst, whose work prevented him from attending meetings.



## ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held at the Drill Hall, Stamford, on 15th November, 1963. The hall had been kindly loaned by the Lincolnshire (T.A.) Association and excellent floral decorations had been kindly provided by Mr. G. E. Williams, head gardener of Burghley House.

Guests included the President, Brigadier R. H. L. Oulton, C.B.E., the Worshipful the Mayor of Stamford, Councillor J. W. L. Whincup, J.P., who has served in the Regiment, Lt.-Col. A. J. Bennett, M.B.E., Major P. H. Segon, M.B.E., Lieut. D. O. Batten, and Inspector S. Noble of the Stamford Police, who together with 80 members and friends sat down to a very good meal supplied by the White Heather Restaurant.

The after dinner speakers included the President, Lt.-Col. Bennett, Major Segon, and the Mayor of Stamford. Entertainment was provided by a talented family of musicians—The Kaye Trio of Leicester.

Members of the Stamford Company of the 4th/6th Battalion, Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.) acted as waiters and looked very smart in their white jackets. A common phrase these days, but very true: "A very pleasant evening was had by all."

## DIARIES OF A SOLDIER

The shorthand written diaries of the late Cpl. R. Clark, who in the 1914-18 War was killed in action whilst serving with the 4th Battalion, The Lincolnshire Regiment, have been transcribed by Miss M. Richardson, of 27 Cottage Beck Road, Scunthorpe, and edited by Lt.-Col. M. H. Raymond, O.B.E., T.A., M.A. (Cantab), and have been sent to her sister, who desired to read them before being re-typed.

The diaries portray qualities of a man of exceptional highly religious and moral standard, one whom it must have been a privilege to know and to serve with, or to have had serving under one's command.

Some time must elapse before the corrected script is re-typed and properly bound. It is hoped that in addition to presenting a copy to Miss Clark and to Miss Richardson, there will be placed one copy in the Public Library in Stamford, and a copy in the Regimental Museum of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

## NAMING OF ROADS

The Council of the City of Lincoln have very kindly consented to give names to roads new in Lincoln which are associated with the County Regiment, the first of these is "Welland Road" situated north of Sobraon Barracks. "Welland", being part of the title of one of our Allied Regiments of the Canadian Army—The Lincoln and Welland Regiment.

**Sobraon Barracks**

The upheaval is well and truly on, the administrative block which formerly housed the headquarters of the Depot, The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, is having a face-lift, for after its modification, the block, which was the hub of the 10th Foot, is to house the H.Q. of the 16 Lincoln Indep. Company of the Parachute Regiment (T.A.) and the 84 Company W.R.A.C. (T.A.).

The "B" type married quarter at the west end of the block, which from 1880 was the home of the Barrack Warden, until later it became quarters for various soldiers of the Regiment, is being converted into lecture rooms. Quartermaster's House, after being modernised, will become the residence of the civilian caretaker of the T.A. at the east end.

What was once the offices of the Depot Q.M. is now R.H.Q. (Lincolnshire) of 2nd East Anglian Regiment, whose staff have had many trials and tribulations to contend with. Sunshine which formerly poured through the office windows upon the ledgers of the Q.M. can now no longer penetrate the room; the wall of a newly-constructed miniature range is the outlook for the staff, who have to work with the aid of artificial light. One has to be very strong-willed to concentrate in an office whilst all around the din of machinery breaking up the area and making up the building goes on without a pause, except for meal times. Rumour has it the staff of R.H.Q. have become "Beatle" fans as a result of the Contractor's staff transistor radio, which blares out without respite. It is quite untrue, but we have to bear the rubbish this diminutive instrument pours out for those who might otherwise hit their thumb with a hammer, unless they had "music" to brighten their lives whilst at work.

The "Keep" area is a veritable hive of industry—chestnut trees in the vicinity obtained in 1904 from the late Lord Liverpool's estate and planted by recruits into what was thought to be their permanent sites, have been uprooted by drag rope fastened to the tree, and to what appeared to be an armoured lorry.

An area at the S.E. corner of the cricket field has been stripped of its turf, and bulldozers have "exploited" the area. The foundations and the long awaited ground floor outline of the new H.Q. of the 4th/6th Battalion, Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T.A.) is taking shape.

Machinery is a great help to the contractors; it can also be a nuisance, particularly so when it happens to sever a water main, electric cable or gas pipe. The occupants of other buildings linked to them suffer in silence and, at time, in darkness; nevertheless, the work goes merrily on, and in each successive publication of THE POACHER it is hoped to report progress, that is, providing electricity for heating and lighting is still available, to prevent frostbite and night blindness to the staff working in the offices.

P.H.S.

## Northamptonshire Wing

### THE NORTHAMPTON BRANCH

#### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

A very full Christmas programme was carried out at the Club—Christmas Draw, Christmas Eve Party (at which an excellent turkey supper was arranged by the Chairman, Mr. J. O. Roberts), and Boxing Night Party. The Club was packed full on all these occasions, and thanks are due to the Committee for their work during this period.

The New Year's Eve party was also well attended and enjoyed by everyone from the very beginning until "Auld Lang Syne" at midnight.

The Children's Party, held on 11th January, was a great success. Seventy-six children attended, twenty-five of them being invited from the Nazareth Children's Home. All received very good presents, and there were frequent periods of darkness when the recipients of torches switched off the lights to try them out. The high spot of the afternoon was the visit of a retired pit pony, which was ridden by most of the children. Unfortunately the animal was not fully house-trained and emergency action had to be taken with shovel and broom.

The Annual Dinner and Dance will be held some time in April, and will be announced in the local press when arrangements are finalised.

#### THE REGIMENT IN THE NEWS

The 5th Battalion were featured in the Northampton *Mercury and Herald* on the 21st Anniversary of a Tunisian battle known to all 5th men as "The Christmas Do" and quite a "do" it was. Colonel A. A. Crook, commanding the battalion at the time, gave an overall picture of the operation and other well-known members added their individual stories.

Reporters then visited the Club for further stories, and this occasioned a small Reunion of 5th Battalion men. Unfortunately time was too short to notify many who would have liked to have been there.

Following this, the *Mercury and Herald* ran a feature on the Club itself, its history of ups and downs, welfare work and social activities, and it is hoped that this publicity will bring in many members to the Comrades' Association.

#### MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary of the Branch, with whom contact should be made, is:—

J. R. Matthews,  
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### THE NORTHAMPTON BRANCH CLUB



Left to right: P. Todd, W. McGurk, W. McNicol, Major D. Baxter, J. R. Matthews, J. Woodhouse, G. Coe, A. Hathaway, J. O. Roberts, P. Jackman.

## NORTHAMPTON BRANCH



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## WELFARE

In addition to grants to members in ill-health, all life members of the Club received a Christmas gift of money.

J. R. MATTHEWS.

## PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

Apart from our normal monthly meetings, activities have been rather restricted in the past few months.

Several members met for the usual "get-together" on Boxing Day at the T.A. Social Club, London Road.

It has been proposed that he hold a social event in March, 1964. The object being to get as many of our members as possible, with wives and girl friends together for at least once during the year, owing to the distance some members have to travel. The event will take the form of an evening's entertainment by artistes, singing and dancing, with a good buffet and bar.

It has been brought to our notice that a Peterborough resident has just celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. He is Mr. T. Henson, D.C.M., who served for 12 years with the 1st Battalion. Mr. Henson was awarded the D.C.M.

whilst serving in Belgium during the 1914-18 War. The Branch sent a letter of congratulations and Mr. Henson replied by saying: "Give my best regards and thanks to all my comrades of the Regiment, and I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year."

We wish a speedy recovery to a Branch stalwart, "Bill" Simpson, at present indisposed.

Many thanks to one and all for remembering us by Christmas cards for 1963.

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## *Territorial Army*



### *4th/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regt. (T.A).*

After many years of discussion and speculation, the foundations of our new Battalion H.Q. have been laid and the brickwork is rising rapidly. We hope to move in by the end of the year. In the meantime we have moved temporarily into "The Spider", which many will remember as the war time A.T.S. quarters.

November was as usual a busy month. We attended the Armistice Parade in Lincoln on the 10th. Unfortunately it was a very wet morning and the march past was cancelled, but we decided to "show the flag" by marching back to barracks as the weather had cleared by the time we came out of the Cathedral.

The last fortnight was spent in preparation for the Annual Admin. Inspection, which took place on 7th and 8th December. This was a little earlier than usual to try and avoid the Brigade Commander having to clamber over mailbags as in previous years. Most of the Drill Halls are hired by the G.P.O. for a fortnight before Christmas for use as sorting offices. The Inspection seemed to pass off successfully, although we have not yet received the report.

We had a useful Battalion week-end at Beckingham on 11th and 12th January. The Officers studied leadership, and there was training for Senior N.C.O.s, Junior N.C.O.s, signallers, specialists, cooks, trained soldiers and recruits. Not to be outdone, the M.T. used the week-end to brush up on their infantry work, including a night patrol exercise.

#### *OFFICERS' MESS*

The Ball was again held at the Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa, and attended by over 100 Officers and Guests. A well attended Mess gathering took place on Remembrance Sunday when the Battalion parade was in Lincoln. An informal Christmas Supper/Dance was held early in December, which coincided with the Brigade Commander's annual visit. Some 40 Officers and Guests attended, including several former Officers.

We again entertained the Burton Hunt on Boxing Day and for the third year in succession no hunting was possible due to the weather; however, they appeared to enjoy themselves despite this omission.

We were delighted to see Colonel Peter Baily and family, and Capt. Ian Spacie and John Richards. We are delighted also to see Mac back in Lincoln after his short visit to Aden, and despite his alleged illness, he was seen to be in most excellent form at the party.

We congratulate Nic Bury on his recent engagement, and anxiously wait to see if this infection is caught by other Subalterns.

We can now see from the Mess the foundations of our new T.A. Centre, and we look forward to moving later this year. At the same time we hear rumours that the present Mess will become an old folks' home and we hope that this will not be until after our departure.

#### *SERGEANTS' MESS*

We have recently witnessed a complete change-over of our P.S.I.s. With the exception of "C" Company at Grimsby, each Company has a new one. C.S.M. Coates, "A" Company, has left for the Recruiting Staff, being relieved by C.S.M. Thompson at Stamford. Sgt. Gordon, "B" Company, has relieved Sgt. Hewitt, who has gone to Osnabruck and 2 East Anglian. C.S.M. McCarthy arrived from 2 East Anglian to relieve C.S.M. Ventress with "D" Company at Gainsborough, and we trust that C.S.M. Ventress is not getting too fit ascending the Mountains of Mourne during his daily morning exercise. Sgts. Hobson and Parkin have now settled down to their respective tasks with the Signal and M.T. Platoons. Sgt. Hornsby has joined 2 East Anglian and Sgt. Ancliffe H.Q., 148 (N.M.) Bridge (T.A.) M.T. We take this opportunity of wishing all those past P.S.I.s and their families the very best of luck, and to the new arrivals we extend our best wishes for a very happy stay with the 4th/6th.

The W.O.s and Sgts. of H.Q. Company held their Annual Dinner during December at the White Hart in Nettleham, at which R.S.M. and Mrs. Blood were the guests. The evening was a most enjoyable one with all arrangements of a very high order, and in this sphere we in H.Q. Company must congratulate Sgt. Grocock and the Committee. The ladies we feel sure were most impressed with the after-dinner chocolates.

As entirely a new venture, a Christmas Draw was held this year with a view to increasing our new Mess Funds, which proved a success. The highlight of this function was the excellent arrangements made by C.S.M. Ingall and his Company; the bar facilities were first rate, and our thanks to Mrs. Ingall and the ladies for the excellent buffet. We are still very interested in how Sgt. Hill (P.S.I. of "C" Company) came to get 67 ticket numbers on the board and it is hoped that before next year he will "spill the beans" and let us all know. "Well done, Sgt. Hill!" We were delighted to see Major H. D. Marshall in our midst, but we are still in the dark as to how he gained admittance, and secondly, how the R.S.M. and his wife came to win the spot waltz. It was said that the "R.S.M. carries his own spots about", nevertheless, it was a just reward for all the time he devoted to making the Draw a success.

#### "A" COMPANY

During the first week in October the Rotary Club of Stamford organised an Exhibition of Hobbies in the Assembly Rooms. Several thousand people came to the Exhibition and interest in the T.A. Stand was most encouraging. Already several recruits have come forward after visiting us at the Exhibition, and recruiting figures for the last three months are most encouraging, showing a net gain of eight men. On this optimistic note we begin 1964 by welcoming into the Company Ptes. Bagworth, Nunn, Waldron, Goodman, Burton, Healey and Kemp. Also back from the rigours of regular Army life we are glad to see an old member of "A" Company, Pte. English.

December was mainly given to the social side, of which our main event was our Annual Christmas Dinner, held this year at Spalding. Once again we had a very large gathering, and we must congratulate Cpl. Ellis and his Dinner Committee on a thoroughly enjoyable evening in the best tradition of "A" Company. Several local figures were among our guests, including the Chairman of the Spalding U.D.C., who paid tribute to the Territorial Army in his reply to the toast of "The Guests".

Finally we would like to issue a formal warning to members of any other Company who may be unfortunate enough to oppose us on schemes. The indefatigable C.S.M. Barsby is in the process of introducing Judo at Bourne Drill Hall.

#### "B" COMPANY

Since our last issue, we have said farewell to our P.S.I., Sgt. Hewitt, who has now joined the 1st Battalion. At a small farewell party he was presented with a cigarette lighter as a small token of our regard and thanks for all his hard work on our behalf. In his place we extend a very warm welcome to Sgt. R. Gordon, until now a very hard-working Recruiter for this area, and we hope that this will prove valuable to the Company.

The inspection by the Brigade Commander was carried out on Saturday, 7th December, when only the Company T.A. Centre at Boston was visited.

It passed without a hitch as far as we know, and despite the visit being in the morning, several of the Company managed to be on parade to meet the Brigadier.

The Children's Party was held on Saturday, 14th December, when we entertained over 70 children to a magnificent tea laid on by Sgts. Graves and Wollaton, Cpls. Bell and Teasdale, and Ptes. Beck, Davy, Holmes, Patchett and Tracey. After tea, and a period of games and musical chairs, a film show was laid on, much to the pleasure of the adults, who enjoyed seeing the old films again. Father Christmas then arrived in the person of Pte. Davy, to give out the presents, and the evening concluded with a sing-song ably led by the Company Jive Group. On the following Saturday, 21st December, we had our social evening, to which many old friends were invited. Despite the frosty weather a large number of members were able to attend and take part in the dancing to the tunes of our Company Group, the "Dobbin Dolphins", and to partake in the buffet supper ably laid on by members of the Company.

As we go to press we hear that Pte. Tracey, who came to the Company in September, has now joined the Regular Army. We hasten to wish him the best of luck in his new life.

#### "C" COMPANY

The period covered by these notes has, of course, been dominated by Christmas; but although the festive season has infringed on our training programme, it has enabled us to offer some compensation to the families of our married members for the time which fathers and husbands spend away from home on T.A. activities.

The Annual Christmas Party for children of unit members was held on Saturday, 28th December, at our Westward Ho T.A. Centre. Much preparation had been undertaken by C.S.M. Cressey, W.O.2 Reeve, C/Sgt. Flett, Sgt. Evans and their good ladies, together with Sgt. Hill (our P.S.I.) and many other unit members lent a willing hand on the day. Cartoon films were followed by party games, then an excellent tea; and finally Father Christmas distributed presents for all.

Earlier in the period—in November—representatives of the Company had joined the rest of the Battalion for Armistice Sunday. A week later a crew from "C" Company represented the Battalion in an assault boat race against other Regular and T.A. units, from Bedford to King's Lynn. Regrettably a small important engine component broke en route and our crew had to retire. Nevertheless we consider this valuable experience and propose to issue a challenge to a repeat performance in Lincolnshire in the not-too-distant future.

Highlights of our normal evening training have been close-quarter shooting at night; matches against "Q" Battery, 440 H.A.A. Regt., R.A. (T.A.)—we won at football but lost at basketball—and some more excellent training films. We are now practising for the Inter-Company .22 Shooting Competition and have hopes of an improved per-

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formance in this direction, which will give us a good start to what we hope will be a successful 1964.

#### "D" COMPANY

So much has happened in the past three months that it is difficult to remember anything beyond the Admin. Inspection, so we will start our notes there. As usual much work was put into the preparation, including a complete reorganisation of the filing system by our P.S.I. However, we are glad to note that the Company Commander's desk diary (1919) remains. The day passed off well. There was a good attendance, and we were able to show the Brigadier some training, too.

Our Christmas festivities seem to have been the only other significant events. The Company shoot was, as usual, a great success. As in previous years everyone got a prize, and we are greatly indebted to the local shopkeepers for their generosity in presenting them. The Shooting Cup for Corporals and below went to Pte. Hobson, who scored a "possible". The Children's Party was organised by C.S.M. Ingall and proved very popular. Finally there was the New Year's Eve Ball, which was very well attended and much enjoyed. Our thanks are due to Major H. D. Marshall, M.B.E., T.D., D.L., for his assistance with these festivities.

Finally, we welcome to the Company Ptes. Hobson, Stanton and Shakesby, and bid farewell to

L/Cpl. Slee, Pte. Oxby and the Nunns brothers. The latter have now joined the Regular Army and we wish them every success in their new career.

#### H.Q. COMPANY

The Company was fully represented on the Remembrance Sunday Service which was held in Lincoln. Unfortunately the weather was not very kind which caused the march past to be cancelled. However, the parade marched back to Sobraon Barracks. The Administrative Inspection was our next hurdle, and we cleared it with apparent ease. Great credit is due to Sgt. Hobson, who carried out a tremendous amount of work in preparation.

Our Children's Christmas Party was attended by approximately 100 children. Near calamity overtook us when the Entertainer failed to arrive, but the situation was restored after several frantic phone calls. Our thanks are due to Sgt. Grocock, Cpls. Bogg, Chapman, Scoffins, and L/Cpl. Pearson for all the hard work they put into organising it.

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### *4th/5th Battalion*

## *The Northamptonshire Regt. (T.A.)*

#### *OFFICERS' MESS*

Twelve months ago we ended our notes with the hope that we should see a start made in 1963 on providing us with a proper home. We are delighted to say that not only has this start been made but we are established in our new Mess, even if some sorting out still remains to be done.

After Camp things moved apace, although at times it wasn't apparent; and by September it was decided that we should be able to open our new home for the Reunion Dinner. Thanks to valiant efforts by our permanent staff, later by our own Mess staff and with the co-operation of Brigadier Taunton, the architects and contractors, we were able to do this—but only just, the painters were still at it on the morning of the dinner.

Whilst the Mess was in use on the night of the Reunion Dinner, it was officially used for the first time on the Sunday, when the Mess gave an Opening Party and buffet luncheon to which were invited many Civil Dignitaries from Peterborough, together with past officers who had attended the dinner, and our industrial friends in the Peterborough Area. Altogether over 120 people attended and we were delighted to be able at last to entertain them. Our Mess staff excelled themselves. Sgt. Segasby and his men ensured that everything ran smoothly, and Sgt. Clarke and his cooks produced a buffet of such excellence that it is still spoken about by our guests and ourselves—with rapture. To all who helped so nobly to make this occasion memorable, we offer our grateful thanks.

Once again the climax of the year was the T.A. Ball held again in Northampton, but this time in the rebuilt Salon. This year the new building helped to make the Ball an even greater success. Among the many guests who attended this year we were delighted to see Lt.-Col. W. R. Chambers, who found the time on a short visit to the U.K. to pay us a visit.

#### *SERGEANTS' MESS*

On the evening of Saturday, 24th October, 1963, the Mess members and their ladies foregathered at London Road T.A. Centre to witness the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. F. G. Barber, "pull" the first pint and officially declare our new Mess open. After this short ceremony there followed a social

evening during which some of our senior members, Bandmaster Holland being well to the fore, showed us that twisting isn't for the youngsters only.

We were pleased to number amongst our other guests Mrs. Barber, Capt. and Mrs. Pilgrim and Capt. Chambers, whom old members will remember as the Australian M.O. with the Battalion at Carnoustie. In spite of the long distances involved, members came in from all Company locations and we were delighted to see them, and hope that many more such evenings can now be organised.

We have been able up to date to open the Mess on Drill evenings and Saturdays, Sgt. Boyer and L/Cpl. Pearson the Mess Barman, putting in a lot of hard work to ensure our comfort and enjoyment. We will be pleased to see past and serving T.A. or Regular Mess members who are in the area; we can always offer a pint and chinwag about old times.

#### *H.Q. COMPANY*

The major event to occur of late has been the closure of the Lincoln Road Drill Hall and the transfer of the "I" and Recce Sections and the Band to London Road. The "farewell to Lincoln Road" coincided with the departure of C.S.M. F. Parkinson, D.C.M., B.E.M., after an incredible total of 41 years' service, and both events were marked with a highly successful party.

Every section now has a nice little billet at London Road, and after the initial rush for possessions and furniture was over and the dust had settled, everyone was able to take stock and get normal training under way.

Hearty congratulations were supplied to Lieut. R. Pearce on his appointment to Captain, and also to Cpl. Bailey, recently attached from "B" Company.

The M.T. Platoon reaped the material rewards for their sterling efforts this year in the Command and Army Driving Competitions. Capt. T. Agutter, T.D., S/Sgt. Ellis, Cpls. Palmer, Gulson and Ptes. Palmer, Britchford and Hunter were presented with inscribed pewter ash trays for their achievement of second place in the Command Championships and with certificates for their participation in the Army Competition. This year they hope to enter two teams and improve on their first efforts. That spirit

is running high in the section was evidenced by their "wow" of a Christmas Party enlivened by a group with the unlikely name of "The Earwigs".

The Recce Platoon, represented by Sgt. Kavanagh, Cpls. Freeman and Stacey, and Pte. Smith, did very well in the exercise "Fly-by-Night" organised by the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiments. Evading capture, they tied for the first place in the competition and deserve every credit for it. Their only observation on the scheme was about the meanness of the other units in not offering them any tea!

#### "A" COMPANY

A worthwhile night patrol exercise was carried out in November, being Part II of exercise "Surprise". The objective must remain nameless, but was until recently an important Rocket Base. Having carried out a previous night recce patrol to sound out the defences, Part II of the exercise consisted of an attempt to breach the defences. Unfortunately it can only be assumed that the occupants must have got wind of our intentions and had vacated the premises. Having satisfactorily overcome two wire fences and other obstacles, the third fence, some ten feet high, appeared to present some difficulty, but eventually L./Cpl. Robinson, Ptes. Pelkins and Papworth, after almost crushing the Company Commander's shoulders, were able to scale the last obstacle, only to find the birds had flown. Eventually the remainder of the patrol under L./Cpl. Sharp managed to gain entry and the whole place was searched. Unable to find anything of great interest, a certain object was hung from the main flag pole as a register of protest. All this took place a long way from Northampton, and as a matter of record, readers should note that no damage was done to the property.

Another night exercise just before Christmas adequately illustrated the point that woods shown on maps are sometimes cut down and consequently boundaries do alter. Needless to say, this point was appreciated on the spot during this exercise, although it is believed one or two members of the patrol, having previously examined the map and having been quite clearly told the track ran through a wood, were convinced Sgt. Denton's map-reading was at fault when they found themselves following him along a track some fifty yards outside the wood. For once Sgt. Denton was right, but unfortunately this time he had not accepted any bets!

C.S.M. George is still not completely fit and unfortunately had to have his broken ankle re-set. We wish him well and hope to see him back in harness shortly. We welcome Lieut. J. Ford to "A" Company on his transfer from "D" Company, and wish 2/Lt. J. Richardson every success in his transfer to "D" Company. (We must now change our "standard" pass-word.)

Lieut. R. L. G. Williams has now moved to Lincoln, but he technically still belongs to "A" Company.

#### "B" COMPANY

At last the tumult is over, the builders have departed, and life is getting back to normal. We welcome to the T.A. Centre, 2 B (Veh.) Platoon, 104 Medium Workshops, R.E.M.E. (T.A.) and the Corby Detachment 2 (C.) Battalion, The Northamptonshire Regiment, A.C.F., both of whom have moved in. We still have our difficulties as three units are now using all available space for training; the storage of training and social stores accumulated over the years presents a problem of the greatest magnitude. It will be some months yet before Company H.Q. staff will lose their harrowed expressions, etched in by the worries of the last six months.

We welcome Lieut. C. H. Marriott on his transfer from the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regt., and congratulate him on his promotion to Captain. We congratulate 2/Lt. Schlesinger on gaining his commission, and to Pte. Day on being accepted as an officer cadet. On the debit side we have lost Lieut. Barthorpe. At the end of the summer he moved to Hemel Hempstead with change of civilian employment, and has transferred to the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. We thank him for all the time and hard work he has given to the Company. An officer of his calibre, available at all times and living within hailing distance of the T.A. Centre, will be very hard to replace. We wish to thank Mrs. Barthorpe also for all the help she has given, on the female side, especially to the Ladies' Shooting Team. We wish them both a happy and successful life in their new station.

We congratulate Cpls. Mason and Halliday on their promotion to Sergeant; L./Cpls. Fordyce and Tite, and Pte. Baillie on promotion to Corporal; and Ptes. Hobbs, W., Huckle, Colegate, T., and Taylor on promotion to Lance-Corporal.

Although unofficially opened on 18th December, when the President, Lt.-Col. F. G. Barber pulled the first pint, we were not able to move into our new Club premises for regular business until 9th June. Since then we have been glad to see the large number of members using these—especially the ladies. The lounge was designed for them, and we are very pleased to see that more and more wives and girl friends are availing themselves of the opportunities to meet their husbands after training. On 18th January we held a very successful Club social—the T.A. Centre bulged at its seams. We were very pleased to see a good contingent from the R.E.M.E. with their ladies, and trust they enjoyed their first main social contact with this T.A. Centre.

#### "C" COMPANY

There are always numerous activities in the three months before and including Christmas, many of which are social events. We believe in working hard, but thoroughly enjoy our social and festive board, as our recent recruits have discovered. We welcome Ptes. G. A. Tew, B. T. Griffin, D. M. J. Stone, J. Archer, C. C. Weldon and R. W. Dicks, and hope that they will tell friends about the good time, the comradeship, the worthwhile and re-

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munerative hobby of which they are now a part.

It is interesting to report that we paid out Cpl. Bailey, our first "Ever-ready", in November his £150 Bounty. The Press took and published some photographs of the occasion. T. J. Martin, a friend of Cpl. Baily, who had not seen or heard of him since they served together in the Regular Battalion, promptly decided to remedy this after seeing the photograph in the *Evening Telegraph*, and volunteered on the next Drill night.

A most enjoyable Company Christmas Party was held on Monday, 21st December, when we repeated the annual "get-together" and this year it was our turn to be hosts to "A" Company. The organising committee are to be complimented on a most entertaining party. We congratulate the following personnel of "C" Company on their promotion: Cpl. H. F. Baily to Sergeant; Cpl. T. Warr to Sergeant, I./Cpls. M. Jiggers and G. Jones to Corporals; Ptes. J. Grvzuk and L. Millard to Lance-Corporals.

An excellent Children's Party was organised in the Wellingborough T.A. Club on Saturday, 11th January, and our sincere thanks are due to Mr. Rex Pearson and his "helpers" for the untiring efforts put in to ensure that the children had a wonderful time.

#### RUSHDEN DETACHMENT

We congratulate Lieut. G. C. Willey on gaining a Grade A "Special" Certificate as a Rescue Instructor at the Army School of Civil Defence. We also congratulate Mr. Willey on his recent engagement to Miss C. V. Cox. We send out best wishes to C.S.M. Ferrell, who has now retired from the Territorial Army. However, George is still working (hard) for us as Club Steward and our thanks are due to him for his arrangements of the Christmas Parties for the children and ourselves. The darts team pulled off an exciting victory against the Oakley Arms—probably much to the surprise of our late P.S.I., Mr. Tappin, the landlord of that establishment. At the time of writing, the Drill Hall is being completely redecorated, so we extend a very hearty welcome to all our friends to visit us, see the new colour scheme, and join us for a drink.

#### "D" COMPANY

Far from seeing a run-down in activity towards the end of the year, October found us in the midst of preparations for our own Company adventure training exercise which was very well supported by the remainder of the Battalion, some 70 all ranks taking part. The operation took the form of a simulated gliderborne landing (night vehicle approach) alongside the River Ouse, near Tempsford Bridge to be exact, some 12 miles south of Huntingdon, and by 2200 hours three assault groups were established in bivouac areas on the river bank. There followed some active patrolling both by the assault groups and elements of the Recce Platoon acting as enemy, the latter being most enterprising. Hot cocoa was particularly welcome before both sides settled down for a few hours sleep, and as the writer laid down that the next phase would not

commence before first light, he was most surprised to find that by 0800 hours all groups were alert and ready to go, having packed up the bivouacs and cooked their own breakfasts. At this stage the groups became waterborne, being responsible for manning their own infantry assault boats fitted with outboard motors. Perhaps manhandling would be the correct word to use, for apart from having to produce the correct mixture of fuel, manipulate the toggle rope and paddle as necessary, there were no fewer than three separate sets of locks to be negotiated, which involved actually carrying the boats several hundreds of yards overland. The astonishing part was the terrific enthusiasm with which all this was done, and indeed, by 1000 hours two groups had already reached Brampton Weir some 12 miles away, where they were met by a British Agent who directed them through the enemy lines along an old disused railway track (spare the feet) to Grafham Rifle Range, the objective and site of an enemy factory manufacturing a secret morale booster—rum! Round the approaches to the range the Recce Platoon were once again very active, but this did not deter the young soldiers of "A" Company who, with great dash, captured the objective and without batting an eyelid drank all the rum before the other groups arrived. The exercise was rounded off with a very good lunch prepared in the field by C/Sgt. Jellis, Sgt. O'Dell and Cpls. Belton and Caley.

1963 has been a successful one for the Company with the completion of our fine new premises, but we have been very sorry to lose some of our older stalwarts, thinking in particular of Sgts. Ambrose and Kilty and also Cpl. Adams, who has left the district. We wish them well and especially Sgt. Ambrose, who has undergone a severe operation from which we are pleased to say he shows every sign of making a full recovery. Our urgent need now is for recruits. We have the spirit and the will to win. In 1964 we intend to try and do some Press Gang work not only in Huntingdon but in St. Neots, St. Ives, Ramsey, and all stations closed by Dr. Beeching, so mothers, lock up your sons or we will sign them on!

#### BATTALION WIVES' CLUB

Looking through the past copies of *THE POACHER* I see that notes of our activities have not been reported. This may have led some to believe that we had wound up our Club, but although support at present is smaller than we would like, we do still exist and meet regularly on the first Wednesday of each month at London Road T.A. Centre under the Presidency of Mrs. F. G. Barber, wife of the C.O. We have, however, decided to suspend our meetings during the cold weather and will commence on 1st April, when we hope that any Battalion wives living in the area will come and join us again.

Many of you will have known Mrs. Driscoll, wife of the R.S.M. They have now been posted and live at Bulford. The Club made Mrs. Driscoll a presentation of a table lighter on her departure. The new R.S.M.'s wife, Mrs. Bates, is with us and joining in our activities.



On 19th October, 1963, the Club organised an outing to London to see the Tommy Steele Show, "Half a Sixpence". A very pleasant day was spent sight-seeing and shopping in London before the show, which everyone enjoyed.

Just as these notes are being written the Annual Children's Party is taking place, beginning with a visit to the Pantomime to see "Aladdin" and afterwards a tea party at the home of Major and Mrs. Anstee. More about this in our next notes.

If your husband is a member of the T.A. and you are interested or would like to know more about the Battalion Wives' Club, why not come to our next meeting. You will be most welcome.

#### BAND

Another year has passed and we can look back on a very successful year; we have above all managed to maintain our strength of 56 Band and Drums, also our quality.

Our Annual Dinner was held at the "Angel Hotel" on 6th November. Eighty attended, and two dance bands played for dancing, both provided by 4th/5th Regimental Band. We were sorry the Commanding Officer was unable to come owing to the Brigade Officers' Dinner the same night, but we were pleased to have our Band President, Major J. W. H. Green, T.D., and our Company Commander, Major J. L. Boe, T.D.

Since our last notes we have lost two long serving members, namely L/Cpls. James and Jones; they

have both been a tower of strength to the Band in their early days; for that we say "thank you" and hope they enjoy their retirement from the world of music. We are all happy to see Sgt. Peter Clarkson on his feet fit and well once again after his illness, and hope the doctors have made a good job this time. By the time these notes go to press we hope that Ray Watson will be out of hospital fit and well once again.

Our latest member of the Band, Bdsm. Bandy, seems to have settled down to T.A. routine, and we hope his stay will be a long and happy one.

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## Northamptonshire

### 3rd/4th CADET BATTALION

Since our last "write-up" two further Weapon Training week-ends have been completed, and the value of comprehensive training of this type has become evident, for not only has the battalion team won all the open range competitions during the year, but news has just been received that they have won the County B.S.A. .22 Shoot. Sgt. L. Lloyd of Buckden and Cpl. D. Allen of Peterborough finished as joint individual top scorers with 53 points each out of a possible 55. A pleasing feature of the Battalion's shooting is that it has been consistent over a period of four years, and we have every hope that it may be maintained. On Sunday, 1st December, a Part I examination was held at Peterborough and 15 passes were obtained, including 4 "Credits". A Pre-Part II week-end was held at the County C.T.C., Northampton, on Saturday and Sunday, 7th and 8th December. This was followed by Part II examination on Sunday, 15th December and 3 passes obtained.

The Annual Christmas Party, held at Lincoln Road Drill Hall on Saturday, 14th December, was an undoubted success, and our thanks go to Capt. J. Setchfield and Sgt./Inst. V. Kisby, who gave up additional spare time to the organising of the event. Following an excellent "repast", a varied programme of dancing and games was completed. Guests included members of the Sea Cadet Corps, Air Training Corps, Royal Marine Cadets, the Girls' Training Corps and St. John Ambulance Cadets.

Not to be outdone by the younger element, a combined effort from the officers and adult instructors resulted in a highly successful Mess Party on Saturday, 12th January, 1964, and it was with real pleasure that we were able to renew acquaintance with many old friends who attended as our guests. To name but a few, Major R. E. Amos, former Cadet Executive Officer, Major R. G. Smith, Major P. Southall, Major J. G. Avery, and the County Chaplain, Major The Rev. W. A. Jones. We were also both honoured and delighted to have Lt.-Col. F. G. Barber, Commanding Officer 4th/5th Bn. (T.A.) join us, together with Sea Cadet Corps and Royal Marine Cadet Officers. We hasten to add that this event was not an "all male" party and was enhanced by the presence of the ladies, and we are indebted to Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. Setchfield and Mrs. Booth for their excellent buffet arrangements.

To more serious note; mention must be made of a new innovation introduced by our Parent Unit, 4th/5th Bn. (T.A.) in the shape of a series of *Advanced Training Week-ends* the first of which

was held at Northampton on Saturday and Sunday, 18th and 19th January. These courses, of which there are to be three, should do much to maintain the interest of the senior cadets in the Army Cadet Force, and at the same time encourage them to continue service in the Territorial Army. We are most grateful to Lt.-Col. F. G. Barber and his staff for their interest and effort on our behalf.

Our congratulations to John Setchfield on his promotion to rank of Captain, and we are confident that in taking over his new duties as Adjutant he may relieve the C.O. of his Admin. duties that have taken up so much of his time for a number of years. 2/Lt. C. B. Acton has been posted to command Fletton Detachment and we wish him every success.

We cannot conclude without mentioning that we have now acquired a minibus (thanks to the good offices of County H.Q.), which should eliminate a high proportion of our former transport problems, and we look forward to 1964 with renewed determination and hopes of a successful year.

## Lincolnshire

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

Congratulations from the Army Cadet Committee are extended to Major L. J. Meldrum on his award of the M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List, 1964.

Congratulations are also extended to the following who were awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate:—

Major R. Snell, 4th Cadet Battalion; Lieut. E. Law, Sleaford Detachment; C/Bsm. B. Bell, Grimsby Detachment; Cadet/Cpl. C. E. Hall, Crowland Detachment.

### CERTIFICATE "A" PART II EXAMINATION PASSES

The Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force can be proud of their achievements in the results of Certificate "A" Examinations. At an examination held at Beckingham on the 15th December, 49 cadets passed.

### POST CERTIFICATE "A"

Now that we have a fair proportion of cadets with their Part II Certificate "A", it is the intention to go ahead with Post Certificate "A" training.

Although there were only a few with Certificate "A", Part II, last year, the Territorial Army Units in the County did a grand job in laying on training for Post Certificate "A", and it is hoped that during 1964 a full programme will be carried out.



Lincolnshire Cadets carrying out training under guidance of an N.C.O. of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment, Osnabruck, August 1963

#### SHOOTING

The Grimsby and Gainsborough Detachments are to be congratulated on qualifying in the *News of the World* .22 Competition, and it is sincerely hoped that in the semi-finals they will qualify.

The Grimsby Detachment did extremely well in the Competition last year and gained 11th place in the National. We wish them all success this year and we are sure that they will do their utmost to win the trophy.

#### CADETS TO THE SERVICES

The Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force continue to find recruits for the Regular Army, Navy, Air Force, and also for the Junior Leaders and the Apprentice Schools. During the last six months 32 have joined one of the Services. A few have also joined the Territorial Army.

#### BOXING—NORTHERN COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

These Championships, which were held at York, were the four runners-up to the semi-finals to be held in Oswestry during January, 1964, with the

finals being held at Lincoln on the 15th February.

We had seven entries in the Northern Command Championships, and although having none to go forward to the semi-finals, all did exceptionally well. In the preliminaries it was unfortunate that four of our boys had to meet one another. All our boys are under 16 years old, which makes them eligible for two more seasons' boxing, so they have a good chance to win the Championships.

#### CAMP

The Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force will be camping at Milton Bridge, Edinburgh, from the 1st to the 15th August. It is estimated that 30 Officers, 30 S.M.I.s/S.I.s and 450 Cadets will attend Camp.

It is hoped that during the visit, visits to places of interest can be arranged, and even though the Edinburgh Tattoo will not be taking place, the rehearsals will, and it is hoped that our cadets will have the opportunity of seeing these.

The camp itself is a fully equipped Week-end Training Centre and has all the amenities required

and it is certain that the cadets will have a very good two weeks camp.

#### ANNUAL PARTIES

Every year during December or January cadet units hold their annual party, most of which commence with a sit down meal followed by games, dancing, etc. Room does not permit details of all these parties, but one or two merit note.

#### WALTHAM

This unit under the command of R.S.M. W. Stamford held a very successful Annual Party at the Youth Club at Waltham which was attended by the County Cadet Commandant and the T.A. Officers of the 594 Company, R.A.S.C. (Mot. Amb.) (T.A.).

At the party was included a very good supper, dancing to one of the pop groups, presentation of prizes and many games. R.S.M. Stamford was entirely responsible for the organising and was assisted by his wife and daughter and Mrs. Brackenbury.

Silver trophies were presented to the best cadet of the year, Cpl. T. Turner; a cup to L/Cpl. Porter, who had passed his Part I and II Certificate "A" in under 12 months' service, and other suitable prizes were presented to Cpl. M. Atkinson, L/Cpl. Fletcher, L/Cpl. Saunby and L/Cpl. Miller who had attended all parades during the year.

Another feature of the evening's entertainment was the presentation of gifts to the County Cadet Commandant, Major Hoyle, O.C. 594, Capt. Jarman, P.S.O. 594 and Major Clayton the Administrative Officer.

#### LINCOLN No. 1

Lincoln No. 1 held their party on Saturday, 4th January, and as in the case of Waltham, a very good time was had by all.

Again there was a sit down meal at which the writer saw for the first time food left by cadets—they literally eat themselves to a standstill.

An elaborate programme had been arranged for entertainment, but the cadets proved that they were quite capable of laying on their own entertainment, and throughout the evening some were jiving and twisting, some were playing billiards, others a sing song and, to the astonishment of the Commandant and the Administrative Officer, four or five pairs playing chess. This proved beyond any shadow of doubt that this unit has the right idea of making its own entertainment and not waiting for adults to lay everything on for them.

#### SLEAFORD

At the evening party held at Sleaford the Officer Commanding the unit, Lieut. E. L. Law, mentioned the following notable achievements during the year:—

Cadet attendance for the year 73 per cent; 20 cadets lined the route in Grantham for H.M. the Queen Mother's visit; 7 cadets passed Part II Certificate "A", L/Cpl. R. Faulkner was the only cadet to pass with credit; 10 junior cadets passed

Certificate "A" Part I; 6 more cadets passed Empire Test. Unit was second in the County on the Arms Inspection Report; 4 cadets joined the East Anglian Regiment; the unit attended two week-end camps at Beckingham and they collected £3 7s. 6d. for the "Freedom from Hunger Week".

The Officer Commanding the unit, in ending, made special mention of S.M.I. Bailey and Sgt. Wollaton of the 4th/6th Royal Lincolnshire Regt. (T.A.) who had given marvellous service to the unit during the year.

#### WINTER TROPHY AND RIGGALL FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

On Sunday, 24th November, 1963, the Riggall Football Competition and the Winter Trophy Competition took place at the Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln, and was won by Crowland Detachment of 3rd Battalion, who beat No. 2 Battalion in the final.

The Winter Trophy Competition consisted of cross-country running, assault course and .22 shooting with harmonised sights on a landscape target.

The 1st Battalion were easy winners in the cross-country, but the other events were more evenly contested.

## Battle of Sobraon 10th February, 1846

Early in February all was in readiness, and on the morning of 10th February all the British guns that could bear opened fire on the Sikh entrenchment held by 35,000 of the best troops of the army of the Khalsa. "Meanwhile, on the margin of the Sutlej," to quote General Gough's dispatch, "two brigades of Maj.-Gen. Sir Robert Dick's Division stood ready to commence the assault against the enemy's extreme right. His 7th Brigade, in which was the 10th Foot, reinforced by the 53rd Foot and led by Brigadier Stacey, was to head the attack, supported at 200 yards distance by the 6th Brigade. At nine o'clock Brigadier Stacey's Brigade moved to the attack in admirable order, but notwithstanding the regularity and coolness and scientific character of this assault, so hot was the fire of cannon, musketry and zumboorucks kept up by the Khalsa troops that it seemed for some moments impossible that the entrenchments could be won; but soon persevering gallantry triumphed, and the whole army had the satisfaction to see the gallant Brigadier Stacey's soldiers driving the Sikhs in confusion before them within the area of their encampment. The 10th Foot, under Lt.-Col. Franks, now for the first time brought into serious contact with the enemy, greatly distinguished themselves. The Regiment never fired a shot until it got within the works of the enemy."

Some 13,000-14,000 of the Sikhs were killed or wounded in this battle—more than a third of their force engaged—and 67 of their guns fell into the hands of the victors. After the battle the army marched into and occupied Lahore, and here the 10th remained in garrison until July, 1848.

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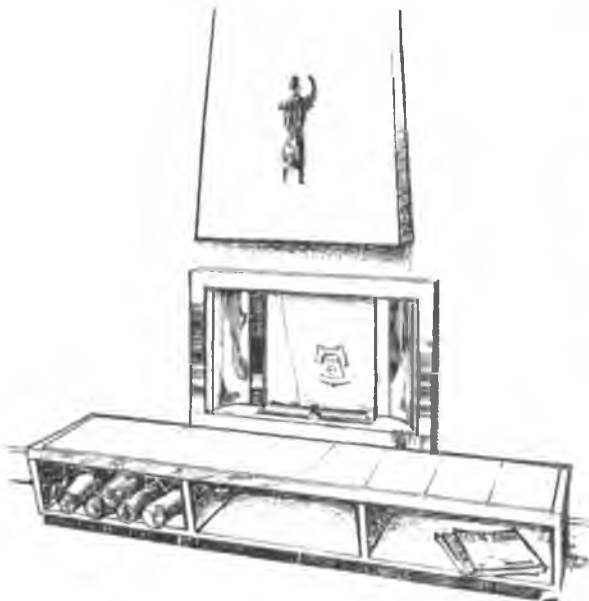
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