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HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH, THE QUEEN MOTHER

Colonel in Chief

The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th 44th Foot)

The Colonel-in-Chief

Extract from the Supplement to
The "London Gazette" dated June 24, 1958

The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother as Colonel-in-Chief, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16/44th Foot) on formation, June 2, 1958.

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The following gracious message from Her Majesty the Colonel-in-Chief was received by Lt.-Col. T. J. Barrow, D.S.O., the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion on Amalgamation.

"O.C. 1st Battalion, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), Dortmund.

On the formation of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) I send all ranks my warmest greetings.

I know that in this Regiment will be combined in full measure those qualities of loyalty and valour that you have inherited from the famous Regiments which are to-day united.

I am indeed proud to be your Colonel-in-Chief and I assure you that the interests of the Regiment will ever be close to my heart."

ELIZABETH R.
Colonel-in-Chief.

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On the occasion of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's Birthday on August 4, the following message was sent on behalf of the Regiment, by Lt.-Gen. Sir Reginald Denning, Colonel of the Regiment:

"The Private Secretary,
To Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother,
Clarence House, S.W.1.
All ranks of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) tender to their Colonel-in-Chief their respectful good wishes on the occasion of Her Majesty's Birthday."

REGINALD DENNING,
Lieutenant-General.

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The following gracious message was received by the Colonel of the Regiment in reply:

"Lt.-Gen. Sir Reginald Denning,
Colonel, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).
I send my warm thanks to all ranks of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) for their kind message of loyal greetings on my birthday which I have received with much pleasure."

ELIZABETH R.
Colonel-in-Chief.

Lieutenant-General
SIR REGINALD F. S. DENNING
K.B.E., C.B.

Colonel
The 3rd East Anglian Regiment
(16th/44th Foot)

Brigadier
C. M. PATON
C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L.

Associate Colonel
The 3rd East Anglian Regiment
(16th/44th Foot)

Amalgamation of the Regiments

On the occasion of the amalgamation of the Regiments the following message was sent to Her Majesty The Queen by the Colonels of the Regiments:

The Private Secretary
To Her Majesty The Queen,
Buckingham Palace, S.W.1.

With humble duty General Denning and Brigadier Paton, formerly Colonels respectively of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment, have to report for the information of Her Majesty The Queen that the two Regiments have this day amalgamated to form The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16/44th Foot). All Ranks of the new Regiment tender to Her Majesty their respectful greetings and devoted loyalty. They are determined to endeavour to serve The Queen in accordance with the high traditions and devotion with which their predecessors served The Sovereign for so long a time.

Reginald Denning,
Lieut.-General.
Charles Paton,
Brigadier.

Warley Barracks,
Brentwood.

* * * *

The following gracious reply was received from Her Majesty The Queen:

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning,
Warley Barracks, Brentwood.

Please convey to All Ranks of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) my sincere thanks for the kind telegram they have sent me on the occasion of the amalgamation of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment. I greatly value their loyal assurances and I send them my best wishes for the future of their new Regiment.

Elizabeth R.

* * * *

The following message was sent by the two Colonels on June 2 to:

1st Bn., The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).
Depot, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).
Depot The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.).
1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.).
4th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.).

On the occasion of the amalgamation of our two Regiments we send our best wishes to the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) in full confidence that it will worthily uphold the great traditions of the two Regiments from which it has been born.

Denning,
Colonel, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
Paton,
Colonel, The Essex Regiment.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

With the closing down of the Regimental Depot, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, which finally took place on September 1, the new Regimental Headquarters, authorised for the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), came into being.

The Regimental Headquarters will be located at The Regimental Depot, 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), Warley Barracks, Brentwood, Essex, and the Regimental Secretary will be Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, who will take up his new appointment during October.

A part of the Regimental Headquarters will remain in Kempston Barracks, Bedford, and will consist of Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., who will also act as Secretary of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, and Miss Lund, the present clerk.

Until such time as the Brigade Depot is formed at Bury St. Edmunds, The Essex Regiment Association will be administered from the Depot at Warley. When the Depot closes, an increment to Regimental Headquarters will be made to ensure the administration of The Essex Regiment Association, etc.

Both Regimental Associations will continue in being and details of the Regimental Association to be formed for the amalgamated Regiment and its relations with the present Associations will be published later.

Next year a new journal to serve the Amalgamated Regiment will be published. It will be bi-annual and will probably be published in May and November.

THE BADGES AND BUTTONS OF THE 3rd EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT (16th/44th FOOT)

As was reported in the message from The Colonel of The Regiment, published in the March number of this year, on the amalgamation of our Regiment with The Essex Regiment, all regiments of the East Anglian Brigade took into use the East Anglian Brigade Cap Badge, which is illustrated here. It consists of the Castle of Gibraltar and Key surmounted on the Star of the Garter, thus fully representing five regiments of the Brigade. The Star of the Garter is included from the former badges of The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and our Regiment, and the Castle of Gibraltar and Key is included in the former badges of The Essex Regiment, The Suffolk Regiment and The Northamptonshire Regiment. It was not found possible to include in the Badge any detail which would represent The Royal Norfolk Regiment and finally it was decided to adopt the badge of The Royal Norfolk Regiment, "Britannia," illustrated here, as the button to be worn by the Brigade.

THE EAST ANGLIAN BRIGADE
CAP BADGE

THE 3rd EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT
(*16th/44th Foot*)
COLLAR BADGE

Each amalgamated Regiment is having its own Collar Badge and that chosen for the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) consists of the Garter from the present badge of the 16th Foot and The Eagle from the present badge of the 44th Foot, as shown in our illustration.

1st. BATTALION. The 3rd. EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT (16th/44th FOOT)

The following notes cover the first three months of the existence of 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot). They begin with the first hoisting of the new Regimental Flag on June 2 and end with details of a Regimental Week-End from September 5-7, our first ceremonial occasion. In between there has been a great deal of very hard work training and in administration.

REVEILLE, JUNE 2, 1958

The new Regimental Flag is hoisted for the first time in front of Battalion Headquarters.

At a Company Commanders' conference, before amalgamation, Lt.-Col. Waite simply said "Amalgamation—normal" and dismissed the subject before passing on to knottier problems such as forthcoming training, the number of men to be left in barracks during exercises, the size of H.Q. Company or the availability of candidates for the next N.C.O.'s Cadre. In practice amalgamation was a little more difficult than that, but not much. It was complicated by the absence of some outward and visible signs such as cap badges, which it had been planned to put up on amalgamation day. But thorough preparation by amalgamation cadre, the liaison between the opposite numbers of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment, and the interchange of specialists which had been going on for some time, all smoothed the way for a very successful amalgamation. The specialist platoons and departments received a good sprinkling of men from both the former Battalions as every effort was made to fit everyone in where he would be most valuable and departments are naturally the better for this pooling of available talents. The same did not apply to rifle companies. It would have been possible to have mixed platoons or even individuals as much as possible to eliminate any Bedford or Essex bias there might be in a Company, but this would have broken up all the existing teams which had been built up during the previous months in the companies in both Battalions. Instead the bolder opposite course of keeping the former rifle companies as intact as possible was followed, relying on good sense to complete the process of amalagamation. This has undoubtedly paid.

The new Battalion was very soon in the thick of the summer training season, and this has done much to accelerate the amalgamation process. The Company notes, which follow, show that the Battalion has spent much of its time out of barracks and that as usual it has rained. Concentration on training has rather limited some of the normal summer activities, such as cricket and athletics. However, the Shooting team brought great credit to the Battalion, immediately after amalgamation, by sweeping the board in the B.A.O.R. Championships, in particularly by winning the Wavell Trophy. As a result they went forward to represent the British Army in the International Prix Leclerc competition in which they came fourth. An Indian Summer covering the last week of August and the first week of September provided gruelling conditions for the preparations and rehearsals for the Miniature Tattoo and Beating of Retreat which were the highlights of the Regimental Week-end. The football team, who had an inconclusive draw with 45 Field Regiment R.A. probably found it a great deal too hot. However, it was worthwhile as it kept dry for the ceremony itself. The continuation trainees, under Sgt. Hiscock, gave a smart exhibition of arms drill, and Support Company followed with a realistic demonstration of getting its weapons over an obstacle and into action—so realistic that afterwards one of our guests expressed surprise that live firing was permissible within such a restricted area. The Regimental Colours of the 16th and 56th of Foot were then paraded in slow time before the spectators and after the Beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums the Commanding Officer took the salute as the parade marched off. Guests included the Divisional Commander and representatives of all ranks of neighbouring and affiliated units. There was an entertainment in both Officers' and Sergeants' Messes after the parade. The Corporals' Mess adjourned to a nearby German hotel for dinner and the Band—assisted by the skiffle group—played in the canteen. A Battalion Church Service completed the week-end.

BEATING RETREAT

The Band and Drums led by Drum-Major Simmonds.

What the future holds in store we cannot fully say. Brigade training, the administrative inspection and Christmas will give us something to be getting on with.

WHO'S WHO

Battalion Headquarters

C.O.	Lt.-Col. T. J. Barrow, D.S.O.
2 i/c	Major C. R. Hefford.
Adjutant ...	Capt. J. V. Miseroy.
A/Adjutant ...	Capt. A. F. F. H. Robertson.
I.O.	Lt. A. B. Dennison.
R.M.O.	Lt. B. R. Lewis.
U.P.M.	Major J. D. Worne.
Padre	Rev. (Capt.) J. E. W. Symon.
R.S.M.	W.O.I E. H. Hellicar.
Bandmaster ...	W.O.I R. Brown.
O.R.C.S. ...	C/Sgt. J. Bowman.

Headquarter Company No. 1 Group

O.C.	Major L. W. Allan, M.B.E.
P.M.C.	Major H. R. Bestley.
P.R.I.	Capt. J. H. R. McFadden.
R.S.O.	Capt. R. L. Jackson.
W.T.O.	Lt. D. E. W. Taylor.
Messing Officer .	Lt. J. E. Simmonds.
Q.M.	Lt. D. V. Crosier.
Q. (Tech.) ...	Lt. D. J. Bebbington.
C.S.M.	W.O.II V. Herd.
R.Q.M.S. ...	W.O.II S. A. Burridge.
C.Q.M.S. ...	C/Sgt. R. F. Russell.
C.Q.M.S. ...	C/Sgt. A. J. Jerrom.

Headquarter Company No. 2 Group

O.C.	Major D. W. Browne, M.C.
Mor. Pl. ...	Lt. P. F. Chapman.
M.M.G. Pl. ...	Lt. H. D. Lucas.
A/Tk. Pl. ...	2/Lt. W. T. Dodd.
Continuation Training	Lt. P. S. Morton.
C.S.M.	W.O.II J. F. Parrott.
C.Q.M.S. ...	C/Sgt. H. Hodgson.

"A" Company

O.C.	Major H. W. Alden, M.C.
2 i/c	Capt. G. N. Dean.
No. 1 Pl. ...	Lt. G. R. Barnett.
	Lt. A. I. M. Smith.
No. 2 Pl. ...	Lt. D. R. Palmer.
No. 3 Pl. ...	2/Lt. M. G. Craddock.
C.S.M.	W.O.II L. Cotter.
C.Q.M.S. ...	C/Sgt. L. V. Nichols.

"B" Company

O.C.	Major J. C. Salazar, M.C.
2 i/c	Capt. J. R. Oldfield.
	Lt. D. R. Wells.
No. 4 Pl. ...	2/Lt. P. W. King.
No. 5 Pl. ...	Lt. C. B. Scott.
No. 6 Pl. ...	Lt. M. Adkin.
C.S.M.	W.O.II D. Driscoll.
C.Q.M.S. ...	C/Sgt. A. M. Davidge.

"C" Company

O.C.	Major R. J. Randall.
2 i/c	Lt. S. A. Green.

The March Past

Support Company Platoons followed by Continuation Trainees under Sgt. Hiscock.

The Regimental Colours of the 16th Foot and the Pompadours.

No. 7 Pl.	...	2/Lt. R. J. Bass.
No. 8 Pl.	...	2/Lt. R. G. Bates.
No. 9 Pl.	...	2/Lt. C. C. Baker.
C.S.M. ...	...	W.O.II A. F. Charlesworth.
C.Q.M.S.	...	C/Sgt. J. R. N. Marlow.

OUTWARD BOUND

O.C.	...	Lt. P. H. Gill.
		Lt. C. R. Spong.

SHOOTING

After the Regiment's resounding success at the B.A.O.R. Rifle Meeting the team proceeding to Bisley had only four days in which to train. Of course, this was not enough to produce any startling results. However, Pte. A. Ford made an outstanding achievement by coming second in the Young Soldiers' class.

On their return, the Prix Leclerc team gathered together and travelled to Sennelager for four weeks' concentrated "lead pushing." On August 18 the team travelled to Grafenwohr in the U.S. Area, where the competition was being held. The competition was fired off on August 22 and the results were as follows: 1, United States; 2, France; 3, Netherlands; 4, United Kingdom; 5, Canada; 6, Belgium; 7, Germany. Although the placing of fourth does not look a particularly outstanding feat it is really quite commendable. Our team were under some severe limitations, including that of being the only nation there with bolt action rifles. The standard of shooting is extremely high and the competition has been called "the N.A.T.O. Olympics." After the shoot was over the team had a most deserved and enjoyable time afforded to them by the very hospitable American hosts. The cuisine was excellent and the whole team came back looking a few pounds heavier. Although they won no shooting trophies they did, however, come back with a large cup for winning the Grand Frog Jumping Competition; Pte. D. Bentley receiving the cup for first place and 2/Lt. King a lighter for second place.

The Regiment is now looking towards the Non-Central matches and the .22 season, hoping for a taste, or even a large bite, of last year's successes.

SADDLE CLUB

Since amalgamation we have lost many old members. We were particularly sorry to say goodbye to Capt. Tony Ward-Booth. He was one of our founder members and instrumental

THE BRITISH ARMY PRIX LECLERC TEAM

Kneeling (l. to r.): D/M. Simmonds, Ptes. Crawley, Taylor, Bentley, Williams, L/Cpls. Cayzor, Hall and C.S.M. Herd.

Standing (l. to r.): Lt. Taylor, 2/Lt. King, Sgt. Tucker, Pte. Bolton, Cpl. Hammerton, Pte. Wells, L/Cpl. Marr, Pte. Rance, L/Cpl. Hellman, Pte. Ford, Pte. Pettie, L/Cpl. Gill, Pte. Cable, Sgt. Law, C/Sgts. Phillips and Nicholls, Sgts. Collison and Dallimore, Major Lloyd and Lt. Pike.

in many of our successes. Majors Robin Medley and John Kitto and Capt. Tony Makepeace are other stalwart supporters who have left us. Towards the end of June the horses moved down to Dortmund. Much hard work was needed to convert an old piggery into a stable. In the late afternoon and evenings officers and grooms were to be seen building jumps, breaking up concrete, erecting paddocks, whitewashing and painting. Now after about two months' hard work the results of our labours are beginning to show. We are sorry to report a bad traffic accident on a wet and slippery road, in which most of our grooms were injured. Fortunately, Cpl. Caves and Ptes. Hyde, Smith 606 and Elding have recovered from their injuries, but Pte. Batchelor is more seriously injured and being returned to England. To him we wish a speedy recovery. Despite all these happenings we have not missed a horse show; Lt. Graham Barnett on "Pithein" and Cpl. Martin on "Lore" were both placed in the Show Jumping at Bad Lippspringe. Cpl. Martin on "Lore" in addition went on to win a silver tankard for the best Other Rank performance at the Hunter Trials. We were glad to see Lt. Stuart Green back again from Plymouth; he has been riding regularly for us since his arrival. Capt. Angus Robertson had an unfortunate fall at the Munster Horse Show in July. Both he and his horse "Sandra" were admitted to their respective hospitals slightly the worse for wear.

SADDLE CLUB

BAD LIPPSPRINGE HUNTER TRIALS

(L. to r.): Lt. G. Barnett on "Heino," Cpl. A. Martin on "Pithein" and Lt. S. Green on "Lore."

However, they are both back with us now and completely recovered. Lt. David Taylor rides in this first horse show, a German one, on September 7. Mrs. Robertson has bought a horse of her own and is riding in the same event. We wish them both good luck. Amongst the subalterns we have found a wealth of reluctant talent, Lts. Peter Chapman, Peter Morton, David Palmer and Henry Lucas show great promise. There will be plenty of opportunities for them with indoor German shows during the winter months.

ATHLETICS

There has not been much to report since amalgamation. Following successes in the Second Divisional Athletics Meeting, Capt. Lucas, 2/Lt. Craddock and Pte. Leavold all went to Berlin for the Army Individual Athletics. 2/Lt. Craddock made a very fast time in the 880 yards of 1 minute 59 seconds. He later went on to represent the Brigade in athletic matches against German clubs.

CRICKET

Frequent absence from barracks on training has severely handicapped the cricketers and the games have tended to become an afternoon's recreation rather than a gladatorial encounter. Perhaps this is as it should be. In all the Battalion team played seven matches, winning and losing three and drawing one. 2/Lt. Baker ("C" Company) and Pte. Phillips ("SP" Company) were our best batsman and bowler respectively. They played a major part in all matches. An Inter-Company knock-out competition, organised at Whitsun, was won by Support Company. A league competition is still in progress at the time of writing.

"A" COMPANY

Three months have now gone by since we trundled down the Autobahn in ten-tonners to Dortmund. Though at first reluctant to forget our many happy memories of Goslar, we have now settled in and are working happily together. Summer is the season for schemes and schemes are the best means for a newly formed Company to get into working order. So fast on the heels of our move came two weeks at Soltau, where we married up with our tank friends, the Hussars. Soon afterwards we spent a few days at Hameln, crossing and re-crossing the River Weser—which flows at eight knots—by day and night. Unfortunately, nobody was tempted by our elaborate precautions to fall in. After this, the three Platoons went on their own for platoon training. 1 Platoon went off to Frondenburg. All went well until their vehicle, returning at three o'clock in the morning, accidently went off the road. Only a few were hurt—Pte. Rogers and Cpl. Price seriously.

2 Platoon walked to Winterberg and learnt how to use a map. 3 Platoon pitched camp by the Mohnesee, where they enjoyed much boating and swimming. The food was excellent, thanks to Pte. Rolfe and his helpers. All the local population, especially the farmers, and Gasthaus patrons, proved most co-operative. All three Platoons look forward to the next venture of this kind.

Just now we have finished two weeks of very instructive live firing at Sennelager and a night assault river crossing of the Ruhr with a consequent Advance to Contact.

Major H. W. Alden, M.C., has taken the reins from Major Medley. Capt. G. C. Lucas is our Second-in-Command, but he is soon off to Nigeria. Lts. A. I. M. Smith and D. R. Palmer have also joined us. Sgt. Baggaridge, cheerful as always, has recently arrived from the Depot. On a sadder note, many of our soldiers are about to leave us. The 5618s, who comprise a large and cheerful part of our Company, leave us in September. We shall have to say goodbye to Cpl. Tewson, Ptes. Benning, Clark, Edwards, Cook, Cable, Seabrook, Linney and Jessop. Pte. Cain, who joined us from the Signals for his last months, has left for the U.K. already. Their loss will be sorely felt in our sporting activities, especially at football—nevertheless, we still hope to make up a good team. At cricket we have not been very successful. Our hockey and basketball teams fared much better—coming second in the recent Battalion competitions. Summer is almost over—not that it ever began —and "A" Company is looking forward to Brigade training, ski-ing, winter warfare and a grey Christmas—there is no such thing as white snow in murky Dortmund.

"B" COMPANY

Since its formation on June 2 "B" Company's calendar has proved to be both full, strenuous and at times enjoyable. Training got under way after only one week's administration. The Company started off with four days' pleasant but hard section training at Schwerte. The weather during this period was excellent and the countryside beautiful. Unfortunately this period coincided with the hay crop and some townsmen were slow to learn that a field of grass is not just grass but something pretty valuable. On June 18 the Battalion went to Soltau, where they spent 10 days on Platoon and Company training and learning to co-operate with tanks. The latter appears to be a rather one-sided business; although we did at times ride on the tanks, they must be about the most uncomfortable, dirty and dangerous taxis existent. On our return from Soltau we enjoyed a short period of quieter training, including a little preparation in handling assault boats on the duck pond in Napier Barracks. This was a fairly light-hearted occupation in which practically everybody managed to get wet. It was during this time that Pte. Cleair startled and surprised everyone by going to sleep while swimming; fortunately this was noticed and he was pulled out by the combined efforts of Lt. Wells and Ptes. Serevena and Holliman. On July 11 we went to Hameln to do the same thing on the Rever Weser, which has a very much faster current and was swollen by the successive cloud bursts which somewhat marred our stay there. Still the sun did come out long enough for a little essential washing in the local bathing lake. There was even a rumour that Sheehan was seen having his back scrubbed by one of the local lovelies. On July 21 Platoons went out to camp under their own arrangements to the Mohne Dam. They were a little unfortunate with the weather, but by now we are getting used to that. Very little can be told about this period; even under third degree interrogation they will only admit that they enjoyed themselves.

Our next big date was August 5, when we went to Sennelager for field firing and battalion training. This period was extremely strenuous but of immense value, both for the rifleman and particularly for the N.C.O.s and Platoon Commanders, teaching them to control their men, with the added incentive of the danger to themselves which lack of control while firing live ammunition produces. We returned to Dortmund on August 23 and now feel confident in our ability as a Company in all forms of training, in fact we think we can show the rest a thing or two; certainly our shooting results during the Inter-Company Attack Competition indicate this.

On the personal side much has happened during the last three months. C.S.M. Driscoll has taken the plunge by getting married on July 12. We wish them both the best of good fortune. Our good wishes also go to Cpl. Grange, who got married in Watford on July 5. We have welcomed many new faces to the Company and can only mention a few. Sgt. Pettitt and Sgt. Roberts have been two very welcome reinforcements. Lt. Wells has joined us from Battalion H.Q. but has since managed to break his leg while on leave; we hope he will make a speedy recovery. Also in hospital are Cpl. Barrick and L/Cpl. Tout. We are very sorry to hear of their illness and hope that they make a full and complete recovery. Notable among the departures was that of 2/Lt. David Carmalt, who leaves us for the comfort of a University. Good luck to him and the professors.

In the sporting world, in the Inter-Company Hockey Tournament an already strong team was strengthened by W.O.II Jenns, who stood in for C.S.M. Driscoll during his leave, and had

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS

Members of "C" Company lunching at a German Steel Factory. L. to r. Ptes. Demetriou, Harold, Pastfield, Mills, Green, Onslow, Page, Harris and Frost.

no difficulty in winning. In the basketball we were knocked out by the eventual winners, "Support" Company. In cricket we are doing quite well and already those track suited characters, the footballers, are making their appearance. Major Salazar has been flattered to discover a reward of £500 being offered for him, although the bit about dead or alive spoils it. Finally, as we write these notes, leave seems to be the order of the day.

"C" COMPANY

Presumably the publication of *The Eagle* or *The Wasp* has always been preceded by someone going up to O.C. "C" Company, or any other Company Commander for that matter, and saying "Where are your *Eagle* Notes (or *Wasp* Notes), they should have been in the day before yesterday." It is a sad thought that never again will future O.C.s have to explain why their notes for these particular journals are not ready and on such an occasion it would be nice to write something memorable, apt and wise. However, we cannot think of anything memorable, wise or apt to say. So we will content ourselves with recording that these are the last notes "C" Company will produce for *The Wasp* or *The Eagle* and that we look forward to producing notes for the new journal of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).

We have been fortunate in "C" Company that the amalgamation probably disturbed us less than anyone else in either of the two Regiments. Few changes were made in the composition of the Company. We did not even have to change our barrack block and indeed not one N.C.O. or soldier in the Company even had to change his bed space as a result of the amalgamation. Since we became "C" Company, 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) we have been kept busy. We have spent ten days in Soltau co-operating with "B" Squadron of The Hussars, two days "messing about in boats" at Hameln and, more recently, nearly two-and-a-half weeks at Sennelager and Arnsberg. Most of this training has been made memorable by the quantity of rain which fell and the number and violence of the thunderstorms we have suffered. Pte. Jack Fone will no doubt remember for many a day a certain early morning at Sennelager when he appeared to consider that the end of the world had at last arrived. In the sporting world the Company has produced quite a successful cricket team and are still in the running for winning the Battalion Championship. Because of the amalgamation there has not been so much time as usual for other sporting activities such as swimming and athletics.

Since the last notes were published the 5607 Group left us and we have also said goodbye to

such notable personalities as Cpl. Crowe, L/Cpl. Chantree, Pte. Wakefield, Cpl. Nash and many others. We wish them every success and hope that they find "civvy street" as rosy as it probably appeared from the rear rank of the Company during an R.S.M.'s Parade.

SIGNAL PLATOON

The Signal Platoon had two amalgamations. The first took place at Goslar, where Capt. Bacon ran a cadre for both Goslar and Dortmund elements; the second at Dortmund, when the newly initiated Signallers from Goslar met the Dortmund "hard-core"—with some misgivings! Be it sufficient to say, however, that we pride ourselves that the amalgamation of the two Signal Platoons went smoothly, and a closely knit team was produced even before our first Battalion Exercise. Capt. Bacon left Goslar at the end of the cadre and we wish him all success in his new work. We also send him our heartiest congratulations on the birth of his son.

We have joined the Battalion on all Exercises since June and have met with varying successes on each. We usually receive a "slight" rocket when wireless sets do not work, but after a thunderstorm at Sennelager, when an "act of God" nearly blew up the command post, we managed to get a few thanks from minor casualties, for earthing our sets! Even our exchange operator suffered . . . after the lightning struck the command post it went to earth along the telephone cable, causing all the indicators on the exchange to drop and clouds of dust to pour from it. This would not have been so bad, but he was holding the telephone at the time . . . he will never touch a telephone in a thunderstorm again.

To date our sporting activities have been limited owing to Exercises and having "key sportsmen" on leave at the wrong time. We came second in the Battalion cricket competition, and were knocked out of the hockey competition in the second round by "A" Company, who went on to win against, what we think, was lighter opposition.

We hope to provide Signallers for Battalion teams during the forthcoming football, hockey and boxing season—if only we can miss the occasional Exercise.

Since amalgamation L/Cpls. Raby and Lane have left the Platoon for "civvy street." We wish them all success in the future. L/Cpl. Lane will be missed by many wireless operators. His cheerful voice coming over the air at 05.30 hours in the morning made Exercises almost worth while.

M.T. PLATOON

In this, our first report from the M.T. of the newly amalgamated Battalion, we are pleased to say that everyone has settled down very well at work and play. We are sorry to have had to say goodbye to many old friends from both late Regiments in our first three months as a new Line Regiment. During the past three months we have been heavily committed in field Exercises at Soltau, Hameln and Sennelager. The old maxim "Drivers sitting on their backsides all day with nothing to do," we hope has at last been disproved. The M.T., who have very little time indeed to spare for sport, managed to beat the Signal Platoon in a friendly football match at Sennelager six goals to five, in one of their very rare appearances.

MORTAR PLATOON

We have had a successful season so far as regards accuracy and speed, and with a little more practice we will be able to call ourselves a formidable team. The usual run of Exercises have been undergone with good spirit and the cry is "If the cat's aboard then let's go." We had the unusual experience of being struck by lightning at Sennelager in August which immediately made our current switch read a little more than zero! We are all sad to lose Pte. Denney, who leaves us literally as these words are penned. Few Mortarmen are so accomplished as to be able to fire a bomb after a 20 degree switch within 20 seconds of it being called for. We wish him the best of luck in "civvy street" and look forward to seeing him back soon. It was unfortunate that we were looking for recruits for the Platoon when we experienced the ill-fated demonstration with "B" Company at Sennelager. It is hoped that the spectators thought that 12 feet was, in fact, the minimum range! After pulling them out of their holes we did our best to reassure them that it was so. It was here too that we heard a cry for carrier pigeons for the M.F.C. We knew the wirelesses were not working too well, but we thought there was no need to be so bitter about it. Amalgamation has left us better off than we would have been otherwise and most of us have now forgotten it and have our eyes on the future.

M.M.G. PLATOON

The amalgamated Platoon settled down remarkably well both during and after parade hours. Many friendships had been made before at Goslar during a Battalion Exercise and an N.C.O.'s Cadre. Our first field training was held at Haltern, where we fired our first shoot in support of a Company attack—a very brave "D" Company. On return to barracks a lot of valuable ground was covered in the way of dry training, which proved its worth throughout the remainder of the season. Then we tried our hand at river crossing at Hameln and despite the heavy section stores and fast flowing river we found that we were able to cross in a reasonably straight line—even at night. Back again to

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Dortmund, where the majority of the Platoon passed their T.S.O.E.T.—thanks to that dry training. Eventually we went to Sennelager and used up our annual allocation of ammunition in supporting all rifle companies in their various phases of attack. We felt rather outdone by being given such a large safety angle! Between ranges, our "champs" managed to find most of the unfilled pits in the Area. An all-time record must have been put up by the Platoon, who managed to take 11 hours to drive from Sennelager to Arnsberg (our next port of call), a distance of approximately 30 miles. During the Arnsberg Exercise every Rifleman must have muttered something about "petrol-feet." Whilst this training was in progress we said goodbye to Ptes. Turner, Rogers and Miller. L/Cpl. Arter disappeared to Netheravon on an M.M.G. Course. We now look forward to training for and firing the M.M.G. Cup later in the year.

ANTI-TANK PLATOON

The most notable achievement of the year has been the successful internal amalgamation. On April 28 the platoon from Goslar joined forces with their Dortmund counterparts with considerable misgivings. However, after a three-weeks' cadre, under the new platoon commander, 2/Lt. W. T. Dodd, we felt as if we had known each other all our lives. We now lay claim to being the most versatile platoon in the Battalion. Our cadre was followed by a live shoot at Fallingbostel which for most of us was the first time we had fired the guns. There were no casualties. The platoon had considerable success as acting enemy rifle "company" to the Battalion at Soltau. We are now constantly in demand for similar enterprises. In July we became the Assault Pioneer Platoon in addition to our other rôles, under Capt. Paxton. After a week at Hameln on the River Weser with the Royal Engineers we returned to another cadre. We meddled chiefly with explosives and 99% of what we accomplished was highly destructive. The cadre included a delightful ten days "guarding" Napier Barracks. We are now rehabilitating ourselves following two weeks in the field at Sennelager and Arnsberg which were by and large enjoyed by everyone. We are faced with a busy autumn, including more schemes, another live shoot and possibly some leave.

Departures

L/Cpl. J. Miers who succeeded in convincing W.O.S.B. that he would be of more use to the army as an officer!

Shortly we shall lose two old stagers, Pte. "Mac" Brundell and Pte. Walker, on "demob." To these and to Cpl. "Mike" Higgins on his forthcoming marriage, the platoon would like to extend their best wishes for the future.

"OUTWARD BOUND"

The system of Outward Bound Training, designed to show the individual his physical and mental capabilities, has been used for some years in sections of British Industry and schools, as a means of character building in youth. More recently, Army Boys' Units have incorporated it as a regular part of their curricula and, in June this year, the idea was introduced into the Battalion when the Commanding Officer decided to give it a place in the Unit's training, and Lt. Gill was appointed to arrange expeditions. The aim was to send out groups of about ten men for a week to do something unusual. To complete the task would require a definite effort. At the same time, it was also required that each man should not only feel a real sense of achievement at the end of the week, but he should also have enjoyed it. An officer would go with each group, but the men would be left, as far as possible, to their own resources and, once the expedition had been reconnoitred and planned, and the group briefed, the men would be responsible for how the expedition was conducted and for organising camps en route.

The idea was received in the Battalion with a mixture of bland curiosity and forthright enthusiasm. A week later, six men sceptically assembled and Expedition Mohne See set off. The plan was to march to the lake, and spend two days sailing in R.N.S.A. dinghies. Apart from contravening practically every sailing rule, one incident of catching up half a dozen old men's fishing lines off a bridge, and several narrow misses between dinghies, all members of the expedition swore full confidence, and certainly, at the end, looked quite competent. Perhaps one of the highlights was on the last day having lunch and a beer, under the cool chestnut trees outside a pub, and seeing the rest of the Battalion go by in convoy to Hambin. Certainly the first expedition had been a success.

At the time of writing, three further expeditions have gone down the Rhine. All following the same plan, they have left Dortmund by truck for Koblentz and, after spending the first day there, have paddled an assault boat to Dusseldorf, a distance of almost exactly a hundred miles. From Koblentz to Bonn the river goes through typical Rhineland country—on one side terraced vineyards grow down to the water's edge and on the other trees cover the hills. Four other night camps were made. Three of them pleasant little villages, where local hospitality has always been extremely warm, and the last one just opposite the sophisticated city of Dusseldorf itself. The following morning, the truck has taken the groups back to Barracks again. All expeditions have been most successful, and the weather has been mainly

"OUTWARD BOUND" ON THE RHINE

(Left) Pte. Henderson, "C" Company.
(Right) Pte. Beach, "A" Company.

glorious sunshine. The boat has proved itself quite unsinkable, and the only tense moments that possibly have occurred were when it has been steered between a couple of tugs going in opposite directions, and the helmsman has temporarily forgotten which way he will move when he frantically pushes the oar a certain way.

Certainly, Outward Bound Training has made a good beginning. The men of the expeditions have learnt to work dependably by themselves but for the benefit of the group as a whole. Its popularity may be gauged by a remark made by someone on the last day of an expedition—"that was the best week I've spent in the Army. When's the next one?"

REGIMENTAL BAND

Since the last publication a great step toward the stabilising of the Army has been undertaken, namely, the amalgamation of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment, which took effect on June 2, 1958. Coupled with this, came the merging of the two Regimental Bands producing a total strength of 54. Mr. Pearson (Bandmaster, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment), left for "points east" to take up a similar appointment in Libya, leaving Mr. Brown (Bandmaster, Essex Regiment), the task of putting the two Bands and chattels together and making one. This, in actual fact, did not take place until the middle of July, when the ex-Essex Band arrived back in B.A.O.R. from England, where they have been fulfilling engagements since late May.

A few days before the Band departed for U.K. the Inspector Army Bands' "Official" report came through from Kneller Hall and it was far more gratifying than was reported in the last *Eagle*, then it was "Very Good," but the final grading was "Outstanding." A very great achievement indeed for any Band, and one which will take a lot of living up to. Great credit reflects on all who took part in the inspection, and we would like to say "Thank you" for all the hard work they put into it.

Whilst at home, the Band took part in the Essex Flower Show, June 11, 12, "Passing Out" Parades at Bury St. Edmunds and Warley Barracks, and, of course, the Old Comrades' Reunion and Laying Up of "Colours" at the Regimental Chapel.

OFFICERS' MESS

The first three months of the Battalion's life have been busy ones in the Mess. The most immediate result of amalgamation was the concentration of an unprecedented number of officers within the Mess. Even now the Mess numbers are heartening and many more have been temporary members whilst waiting for their postings to take effect, or have been with us for a few days auditing or handing-over after the final transactions at Goslar. Amongst these were Majors Ian Dyer, Thomas McMillen and Harold Lloyd and Capts. Tony Makepeace, Malcolm Smyth, Freddie Fox, Keith Hoile and Vernon French and Lt. Bob Pike. Some of those officers, who were intended to form part of the amalgamated Battalion, have also left as a result of release and the normal calls of Army life. We wish Capts. David Hillyard and Bob Milne and Lts. David Carmalt, Sam Luckin, Peter Tindale and David Herbert the best of luck in civilian life and our good wishes go also to Capt. Charles Lucas on his way to Nigeria and to David Brown in the rarified atmosphere of Divisional Headquarters. Little need be said of the officers now with the Battalion as the "Who's Who" gives a good idea of what they are doing. We must, however, congratulate Capt. Geoffrey Dean and Lt. Alan Dennison on their marriages and Major Harold Bestley on the birth of a second daughter. We sympathise with Lt. David Wells, who was languishing in hospital at Arnhem when he had planned to be getting married, but who now hopes to wed in October. We welcome Major David Smith of the Jamaican Regiment who is here on attachment; whatever else happens, he will be a very experienced umpire by the time he leaves.

The main Mess function has been the cocktail party following the Beating of Retreat on September 6. After the guests had left we had an informal party amongst ourselves with dance (?) music provided by record player. The subalterns' choice in records brought home vividly to anyone of the rank of Captain or above just how old, or old fashioned he was.

Behind the scenes much remains to be done

in amalgamating on paper properties, silver, pictures and insurance policies and the like. Completion of these administrative details is our next task. We can turn our attention to this, confident that the first three months have seen great progress within the Mess on the practical side of amalgamation.

SERGEANTS' MESS

May 31, 1958, and the Bedfords prepare to move on to Dortmund to complete the final stage of the amalgamation. After a long and uneventful journey they arrive on the outskirts of Dortmund to be met by the advanced guard of their partners in amalgamation, The Essex Regiment, who conduct them swiftly, smoothly and efficiently to their new home. After the spaciousness of Goslar it is somewhat difficult to accustom oneself to being a little cramped, but within a week or so everyone is settled in and life again assumes a normal aspect.

The time since amalgamation has been spent largely in outdoor training. The training has been hard but varied and interesting, the days long but full, and everyone is convinced that more than anything else, this has been responsible for helping the Battalion to settled down quickly to becoming a good and efficient unit. In spite of a heavy training programme we have not completely neglected the social side of life. Wherever possible Saturday night has been set aside for our own social evening, and we have been able to arrange a dinner night and occasional visits to the other Sergeants' Messes in the Garrison. Inevitably there have been more than the usual number of comings and goings as a result of the amalgamation. We have said good-bye to R.S.M. Baldry, Bandmaster Pearson, C.S.M.s Cassidy, Bedford and Ingham, C/Sgts. Greenwood (Josh), Back and Phillips, Sgts. Hunt, Drake, McNichol, Jones (Ted), Mayhew, Petherick, Rhodes, South, Cracknell and Hutchinson. Our best wishes, a "thank you for everything" go all of them. In return we are pleased to welcome C.S.M. Bailey, C.S.M. and Mrs. Jenns, Sgt. and Mrs. Roberts, Sgt. Pettitt and Baggaridge. We trust their stay will be a long and happy one. Whisper it softly, at long last "Jim" Driscoll has got married. We have yet to make the acquaintance of Mrs. Driscoll but extend to both a hearty welcome to the "Army Game."

Once again we are glad to record that our Mess members continue to shine in the shooting world. C.S.M. Herd, Sgts. Nicholls and Phillips, D/Major Simmonds, Sgts. Dallimore, Collison, Tucker and Law are all to be congratulated on their fine shooting whilst representing the Battalion in the Prix Leclerc Trophy Competition. We have yet to discover who will be our leading lights in the world of sport but already some members can be heard muttering about "the new 25 yard rule" and "Bully off," whilst animated arguments on the respective merits of Arsenal, Spurs, West Ham and Blackburn can be heard most meal times. A sure sign that summer has almost gone! It is pleasing to think that all this indicates that the Mess is rapidly settling down, with all thoughts of amalgamation receding into the background. The months ahead promise to be busy ones, with Brigade training, administrative inspection and Christmas all due during the next three months. The Sergeants' Mess, as an active branch of a strong, healthy and happy unit, can already be heard expressing opinions of where we shall be this time next year. It is on this confident and optimistic note that we say farewell and good luck to all our readers and friends everywhere and look eagerly forward to meeting you through the medium of the new journal.

CORPORALS' MESS

Sennelager training has come and gone once again and with it the memories of a great deal of mixed weather, mud, heat, sand and an abundance of flies. However, at least one N.C.O. must have enjoyed the open-air life: Cpl. Wardle re-engaged for a further period of service with the Colours, and at least one other corporal is on the verge of a similar step. Strangely enough there have been few changes in the Corporals' Mess, but within the next four weeks we shall be losing a dozen or so on N.S. release and at least one regular soldier, Cpl. Bygraves.

We were well represented in every aspect of the parade on September 6, which brought to an end the new Battalion's first three months' existence. The highlight of the Regimental Week-End for the Mess was the dinner held at one of the principal local restaurants.

Our strength is now well over the hundred mark and consequently our voice in the Battalion is a mighty one, and we must be forgiven for using it now in good measure to say with a good station such as Germany, amalgamation an all but established fact, and a successful Regimental Week-End behind us, we have indeed "never had it so good."

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R. O. N. Davies	Ghana Regiment, West Africa.
D. A. L. Moon	Parachute Regiment.

Quartermasters

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M. F. Shaylor	Q.O. Nigeria Regiment, West Africa.
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R. G. Bass	1/3 East Anglia.
W. R. Dalzell	Jamaica Regiment.
A. C. George	Singapore Guard Regiment
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Regimental Depot

THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT

From : Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E.,
Officer Commanding Regimental Depot,
The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
To : Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B.,
Colonel, 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).

Sir,

It is my duty to report the disbandment of the Regimental Depot, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment with effect from today's date. This disbandment includes the disposal of all stores and equipment previously held by the Unit and the dispersal of all members of the Permanent Staff.

The orders to disband have been carried out by all ranks of the Regimental Depot in that loyal spirit which they have inherited from their predecessors.

The lowering of the Regimental Flag from the Keep today symbolised the end of yet another chapter in our history, these barracks having been the Regimental Home of The Sixteenth Foot since 1876.

We have, however, immediately re-raised the Regimental Flag over the barracks as a visible sign of the continuing presence of that part of the Regimental Headquarters of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) which is to form at Bedford and of the Regimental Museum of The Sixteenth Foot.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. T. TEWKESBURY, Major.

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The above-mentioned report by the Depot Commander to the Colonel of the Regiment needs no amplification, signifying as it does the end of the Depot, in the physical sense. but not the severance of our regimental spirit from Kempston Barracks. While our Regimental Memorial stands proudly outside the Barrack gates, come what may, the spirit of the 16th Foot will always be there.

On the day of Amalgamation the Depot sent a telegram of good wishes to the new Regiment and received the following message in reply: "Your wishes are appreciated by All Ranks the new Battalion. We know your valued support combined with Warley will continue to sustain us in the future."

For the Depot, the process of closing down began after the Regimental Week-end. It was a gradual affair, with its climax in August, when the 2nd Battalion Colours, the Regimental Silver and property were moved to the new Depot at Warley.

Gradually the Staff disappeared. R.S.M. F. W. Eames was one of the early ones to go and we are glad to report he is now settled in civil life in Hemel Hempstead. C.S.M. Brinkley left for the 5th Battalion. Lt. M. W. Green departed for his new career as an "Army Airman." Lt. M. D. Wilson is to go to West Africa for service with the Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment. Capt. Richard Dinnin is also to join the Colonial Forces. Capt. W. H. S. Thomas, who was a tower of strength in the final phases, has gone on a Company Commanders' Course at the School of Infantry.

The last social function held at the Depot was a "Barbecue," organised by the Sergeants' Mess on August 6, and it was a very enjoyable occasion.

Among our last visitors were Lt.-Col. S. Pepys and Major B. J. Palmer, of The Essex Regiment, Major H. A. R. Puttee, and at the very last Lt.-Col. J. L. de V. Martin, who has since retired.

Of the ex-members of the Regiment who were employed at the Depot, Mr. Walton has been re-employed as a civilian caretaker at the Barracks and is back once more in the Guardroom, where he has been joined by Mr. Pearman. Mr. Price now helps to man the Telephone Exchange, Mr. Cook is a clerk with the C.R.E., Bedford, and Mr. Pedley is employed as a groundsman in Grange Camp.

At last the day came and on September 1 a small company assembled at the archway of the Keep for the final farewells and ceremony, and consisted of Major D. T. Tewkesbury, O.C. Regimental Depot, Major L. B. Day, the Quartermaster, C/Sgt. Boreham, Sgt. Dean and the last of the Staff. With them were Lt.-Cols. A. C. Young and E. G. Fanning.

Farewells over, the company dispersed, Major Tewkesbury to leave pending retirement, Major Day to leave pending posting, C/Sgt. Boreham and his party to the new Depot at Warley, leaving Cols. Young and Fanning to return to the Regimental Secretary's office and the Regimental Museum with somewhat heavy hearts.

IF WALLS COULD SPEAK

When a building has been lived in for a number of years it takes on an indefinable "something." In some strange way it absorbs a part of the life around and inside it, and in some peculiar manner gives it back to the world around. Call it "atmosphere." To look at a building is to see only half of it. The other half, as the American said, "Goes way back."

In the year 1876 it was known that the Depot Companies of the 16th Foot, which until this time moved around following the Battalion, were to be brought together and stationed in the town of Bedford. A new barracks had been built in the Kempston Road, begun, as the plans show, in 1874 and completed in 1876, and this was to house them. The barracks, of new red brick, comprised an imposing Keep enclosing a gateway and equipped with store rooms and office block and some officers' quarters and two large barrack blocks.

In 1876 the 2nd Battalion of the Regiment embarked for India, leaving its Depot Companies at Fort Ganges, under Major Adcock. In May of 1877 the 1st Battalion embarked for Cork and the two Depot Companies joined and boarded the train for Bedford. They arrived on May 29, 1877, at Midland Road Station and marched up the road towards the village of Kempston, wheeled in under the arch and settled themselves into the new barracks. The board above the main arch proclaimed, *The Depot, The Sixteenth Regiment of Foot.*

The Depot, once established, seems to have been a busy Unit. Recruiting was based upon it and the recruits were brought in, given initial training and then despatched to the two Battalions. The social life of the Depot began to thrive, married families giving and running entertainment, and the Depot concert party, the "Military Minstrels," gave frequent entertainments to the people of Kempston. The Depot fire precautions appear to have been efficient, for when, in 1877, Kempston Grange caught fire, the Depot "engine" was there before any other and although opinions differ in the value of their work, the soldiers were "very active" at the scene of the fire.

In 1881, under the Cardwell system, Bedford became the centre of the Regimental District, a Colonel's command, and the Regiment became known as The Bedfordshire Regiment. The bonds with the town of Bedford were growing and recruiting concentrated on getting local men into the Regiment.

In 1887 the Depot saw its first occasion of note. The 1st Battalion had received "New Colours" and the "Old Colours" were returned to Bedford to be laid-up. On Saturday, December 3, they were marched behind the 3rd Battalion Band to St. Paul's Church. The Colours laid-up, the Colour parties returned to celebrate at the Depot. The first of the long series of entertainment in the Home of the Regiment. In 1888 the Regiment was 200 years old. The Depot was thriving and assisting with the work of administering the volunteer forces.

In this year Public Relations received a slight setback when on the occasion of the inspection of the militia by the District Commander the *Bedford Times* reporter was refused admission by the sentry on the gate. The reporter adjourned to the fence surrounding the "field in rear of the barracks," where the review was to take place. One gathers that he sat there throughout the five hours' proceedings on a bitterly cold November day. His report, though undoubtedly accurate, does not enthuse over the proceedings.

The plan of the barracks compiled in 1899 shows a line of married soldiers' and Sergeants' quarters where the Sergeants' Mess now stands. The area behind was a "drying area," equipped with linen posts. The present Pioneer shop is marked as a laundry and the sanitary arrangements appear to be primitive by modern standards. The hospital stood much as it does today, the isolation ward being what is now the Regimental Secretary's office. The two barrack blocks stood separately beside the square, a wooden cookhouse and bath-house standing discreetly in rear. What is now the Cassino Theatre was a drill shed and the wall to the south of the square was pierced by a small gateway only. The "Encampment and Drill Ground" beyond was an open field.

Notices in the local newspapers drew attention to the benefits of Army life and called upon the youth of the area to enlist. "Enquiries to any Post Office or the O.C. of the Military District, at the barracks." Recruiting goes apace, wars and rumours of wars bring recruits to both the Regiment and the volunteers. The slogan "Do your Duty."

In the closing years of the century, the likelihood of a war in South Africa increased and events were watched with some anxiety. The 2nd Battalion was at Aldershot and was reported to be very low in numbers. In December of 1899 the Reservists were recalled to make up the Battalion. It is reported that some 491 joined at the barracks within a week and we hear of chaos and bother. An overworked surgeon and Quartermaster's staff preparing the men for draft. It became apparent that the 2nd Battalion was destined for overseas service and 50 of the Depot staff "old soldiers" were torn from the comparative comfort of the Depot life and drafted. Their comments are not recorded. The pages of the *Bedford Times* throw interesting side lights upon the joining of the recruits. On December 1, 1899, the Regimental District Commander begs the taverners of Bedford and the people not to entertain recruits on the way to the Depot as some may be turned away if too drunk to identify themselves, and drunks roaming the streets late at night asking the way to the barracks tend to give the Regiment a bad name. He adds, "As a rule the men of The Bedfordshire Regiment are extremely respectful and sober, but the best men in the world are liable to fall when tempted." The Reservists received a great send-off from Bedford. There were crowds lining

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the road from the Depot to the Midland Road Station. There were weeping sweethearts and wives. There was festivity and patriotic exhortation and, what appears to be normal at all stages of the journey, drinking. It seems to have been a very hectic and confused time for the draft and Depot Staff. The Colours of the 2nd Battalion arrived at Midland Road Station either too early or too late, and although the Band was there in time there was no Guard to escort them. However, they marched up to the Depot to the strains of "Soldiers of the Queen."

Volunteers from the town and district were rolling in and being formed into volunteer Companies and drafted overseas. The Depot coped with them all. The Depot Staff, depleted by the drafting of its "old soldiers," was made up from the Reservist Corporals who had rejoined. Their chagrin at not "going to the war" is on record. Throughout the war the Depot continued to feed the 2nd Battalion with recruits and to assist with the training of the volunteers. The war dragged on and it was not until 1902 that peace brought the volunteers home again. In May, 1902, the first Volunteer Active Service Companies came home for demobilisation. They were met by the Depot Band and marched up to the barracks. Soon the Depot was fully occupied de-kitting and discharging the Reservists returned from the war. The tide flowed back again and the Depot settled to its peacetime routine, finding and feeding recruits to the two Battalions.

The plan of the barracks drawn in 1913 shows some interesting developments and also betrays some warlike preparations. In the office block the Regimental Police Room is labelled "Command Post" and First-Aid Stations were set up in the Pioneer Shop, Beresford block and huts adjoining the married quarters. The Brigade H.Q. occupied part of that which is now the Corporals' Mess. The remainder of the Corporals' Mess was then the Depot Sergeants' Mess, the billiard room being what is now the Regimental Museum. The cook-house in rear of the barrack blocks was now adjoined by a wooden Mess hall. Drying rooms stood in rear and the former Drill Shed had now become the gymnasium. An education building had sprung up between the hospital and the isolation ward. In the field a new drill shed, now garages, and the weapon-training store had made their appearance. A cricket pavilion stood in one corner and a 30-yard range in the other. Along the west side of the field there was hutted accommodation for married soldiers, whilst along the remaining sides trench shelters were in course of construction. The bottom of the field was given over to soldiers' gardens.

The latter months of 1913 and first part of 1914 saw a revival of military activity in and around the Depot and Headquarters. Steps were being taken to increase the effectiveness of the Territorial Forces. And in April, 1914, after a recruiting week the Battalions of the Territorial Force were raised. The 5th Battalion was reviewed at Camp in August and was mobilised for a few days after its return. Appeals were going out to the men in the district to join the Army. With the declaration of war against Germany the recruits began to pour into the Depot. The training at the Depot reached an intensity not seen before. Training went on in the County and in the Bedford parks. The town was full of soldiers. Highland Territorials marched in, camped, trained and marched out again. Our own Territorials went off. The trained Companies began to leave the Depot bound for France. Lord Kitchener's appeal went out and part of the "First 100,000" began to come in under the archway. The Square was full of Bedford men in cloth caps. Photographs show them drilling with rifles in their plain clothes and going for their pay outside the Office Block. Recruit squads followed one another. The Derby Scheme brought a new influx. The National Service Act finally regularised but did not diminish the flow. It is recorded that during the four years of the war some 40,000 to 50,000 recruits passed through the Depot on their way out. It is not recorded what percentage of the same men returned.

It was about half-past-nine on a morning in November, 1918, that rumour reached the Depot of the signing of the Armistice with Germany. At 11 o'clock it became official and the Union Jack broke from the Keep, together with a (newly acquired) black and yellow flag. The two Depot Buglers sounded the "Cease Fire" from the top of the Keep amid absolute silence and then, as cheering broke out, the Depot Band moved on to the Square. Members of the N.A.C.B. and the Q.M.A.A.C. arrived and dancing broke out. All work ceased and as the celebrations wore thin in the barracks the Depot marched upon Bedford to lend a military flavour to the celebrations there. The Regiment's own private celebrations came, when in May, 1919, the remnants of the 1st Battalion arrived home. They were welcomed to Bedford in grand style. The massed Regimental Bands and the Colours led them to the Church, then to be entertained by the Borough and then in procession around the town. In June the Cadre of the 2nd Battalion was similarly welcomed.

Demobilisation went on apace. The flow of men was out of the Depot and back to the post-war world of the 1920's. The Depot now changed its name again, the words *and Hertfordshire* were added. We are told that post-war recruiting was not good. Feeling was generally anti-military and there was no longer

a rush of young men to join the Army. Nevertheless a fairly steady stream of recruits, their intakes named after Colonels of the Regiment, looked out at us from the pages of the newly published *Wasp*.

The years were not uneventful. In 1920 the Colours of the 9th Service Garrison and the Young Soldiers Battalions were laid-up in St. Paul's Church. In 1921, on October 13, Major-General T. D. Pilcher, C.B., the Colonel of the Regiment, inspected the Depot and recorded his satisfaction with what he saw.

1926 brought excitement during the General Strike, when large numbers of men recalled suddenly from leave crowded into the Depot demanding food and accommodation. On November 16 the 2nd Battalion arrived in Bedford by train and were given a great welcome by the Mayor and Corporation. Formalities over, they marched to the Depot via the Embankment, Goldington Road and Midland Road, and the Drums Beat Retreat in the High Street that evening. The following Day the Battalion went to Luton, where the Prince of Wales presented them with new Colours, and the famous Silver Drums were presented on behalf of the two Counties. On the following day the final parade of the "Old Colours" took place on Bedford Park. The Colours were trooped and marched to St. Paul's Church, where they were laid-up beside those of 1887.

Depot life is seldom without incident, few of which make even local headlines. Not so the events of a certain night in 1930. The Officers' Mess was visited by a burglar and many of the cups of the 3rd Battalion were stolen. The following year saw an event that was an almost personal disaster for dwellers in and around Bedford. R101 crashed and a familiar shape was absent from the skies around Cardington.

The Colonels of the Regiment are always frequent visitors to the Depot and on May 14, 1935, Field-Marshal Lord Cavan inspected the Unit. No doubt not less remarkable for the soldiers in the Depot was the morning of June 16, when they awoke to find the Square full of armoured cars of the 12th Royal Lancers, who were our guests for one night. In this year began the custom of opening the Depot to the general public on "Army Day." In 1935, also, General Sir Henry Jackson took over the appointment of Colonel of the Regiment.

1938 was a great year for the Depot. With the addition of the main cookhouse and Mess hall, the removal of the old quarters and the building of the Sergeants' Mess and the growth of the new married quarters, the barracks began to take on their present appearance. Building improvements were a suitable background to the events of the year. The Depot celebrated the 250th anniversary of the Raising of the Regiment. Before a large assembly of Old Comrades and the personnel of the Depot of the Regiment the Lord Bishop of St. Albans laid the foundation stone of the Church of the Transfiguration in Kimberly Field, Kempston. In this Church, completed in 1940, was built the Depot Chapel, in after years a much frequented place of worship for the recruits of the Depot while in training. The Colonel of the Regiment and the Lord Lieutenant of the County planted two chestnut trees on the border of the Square nearest the office buildings. On this occasion also the Lord Lieutenant, Lord Luke, presented to the Regiment a picture of the Raising of the Regiment, painted by Mr. C. C. P. Lawson. The original picture hung in the ante-room of the Officers' Mess and reproductions have since made it familiar to all members of the Regiment. During the celebrations the new Standard of the Bedford Branch O.C.A. was consecrated and presented. Also the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Henry C. Jackson, named the L.M.S. railway engine "The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment."

In 1939 the usual celebrations were not held. The T.A. Units were recruiting to higher establishment, mobilised and departed and the Depot settled once again to a wartime routine. However, in August of 1941 the Depot moved to merge with the Suffolk Regiment Depot at Bury St. Edmunds to form No. 3 I.T.C. Only a small Regimental Headquarters was left behind in Bedford. During the war years Kempston Barracks was used as a convalescent Depot for returning war wounded and wartime training was carried out at Bury. For the first time since 1876 there were no Bedford squads drilling on the Square and although the Flag still flew the main efforts of the Regiment were concentrated elsewhere. The Depot party being under the command of Major E. G. Fanning.

Blenhiem Day, 1945, coming as it did not long after V.E. Day, was celebrated at the I.T.C., Bury St. Edmunds, with The Suffolk Regiment. Throughout this period a stream of returning soldiers was passing through on demobilisation. In Bedford the returned 5th Battalion held their reunion parade on December 13 and presented the Regimental Colour to the town of Bedford, to remain in their keeping. Blenhiem Day, 1946, was again celebrated at Bury St. Edmunds but for the last time. On September 6 a party of 400 recruits, with their Officers and N.C.O.s from I.T.C., detrained at Bedford station and marched to the Depot. Six weeks later another Company arrived and were quartered in Grange Camp. The 16th Foot had returned. The Depot party were in Kempston Barracks and on October 27 the Freedom of the County Borough of Bed-

[Photograph : "The Bedfordshire Times"

The Old Guard march through the archway of the Keep at the end of the Regimental Week-end, thus signifying the closing down of the Regimental Depot.

ford was presented to the Regiment. Wreaths were laid during the largest parade the Depot had seen since 1938. "The Colours" were on parade, as were many Old Comrades. The services and march past over, the Freedom was brought back to the Depot, there to hang in the ante-room of the Officers' Mess.

The Depot was once again functioning as a Training Centre, but as No. 16 P.T.C. its recruits were not necessarily detailed to the Regiment. Nevertheless, the Regimental home was beginning to revive. Little seemed to have changed about the barracks, except the old gymnasium, which had now become the Cassino Theatre.

One evening in May, 1947, the well-known strains of "Mandolinata" echoed on the Square where recruits of 16 P.T.C. and Old Comrades were formed up to greet the homecoming Cadre and Colours of the 2nd Battalion, which had been placed in "suspended animation." The Colours were not laid to rest in a Church but were placed in the Officers' Mess for safe keeping until required again.

In this year the post-war Depot began to take shape. The Cassino Theatre was redecorated and became the social centre. The gardens were taking shape and the Messes were beginning to re-equip themselves. The week-end of August 9 and 10 in the glorious summer of 1947 saw the beginning of the post-war tradition of Regimental celebrations with a dinner, passing-out parade and displays by recruits, church the morning after and a cricket match.

Passing-out parades of the P.T.C. recruits were becoming a popular fortnightly feature of the Depot life. The parents of recruits were encouraged to attend and see the work that went on inside the forbidding fortress that swallowed their sons.

In December of 1947 General Sir Henry Jackson took his last parade of the Regiment as Colonel and, on retiring from his appointment placed his sword and portrait in the ante-room of the Officers' Mess.

In 1949 appeals went out for the Memorial Fund to provide another obelisk for the Regimental War Memorial. People began to look forward to the future of the post-war Regimental Depot. Slowly the grounds took shape and began to assume that attractive appearance that has been the unconscious background of Depot life. In September of this year there was an occasion of great joy to the Regiment when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, since 1938 Honorary Colonel of the Hertfordshire Regiment, was appointed our Colonel-in-Chief.

The Regimental Week-end, 1950, was marked by the visit of the First Battalion returning to England in February after 25 years' service overseas; they visited Bedford at the invitation of the Mayor of the Borough and the Corporation. The following day the Square saw a ceremonial parade, including the Trooping of the Colour, before the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, then G.O.C. Northern Ireland District. This was a fitting prelude to the activities of November of that year. On Armistice Day, 1950, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visited the Depot for the purpose of unveiling the new obelisk of the War Memorial. Shortly after 2.30 p.m., on a cold November afternoon, the Royal car entered the main gate through lines of spectators and the Royal Standard broke from the flagstaff on the Keep.

After the Royal Salute came the service of dedication and Her Majesty unveiled the new obelisk and opened the Roll of Honour. From that day on, Depot routine has included the daily turning of its pages.

Another commemoration of this visit has been the naming of "The Queen's Room" in the Officers' Mess.

The following year the Depot received its first National Service intake. The first men of the post-war Army came under the arch in May. Intakes were named after the actions fought by the Regiment and after Regimental holders of the Victoria Cross.

In 1952 the Depot produced a Guard for the proclamation in Bedford of the accession of H.M. Queen Elizabeth and in the following year was visited by the Mayors of the French towns of Dunkirk and Ver-sur-Mer for the passing out of the intakes named after these towns.

In the autumn of 1955 the 1st Battalion embarked upon Exercise "Royal Scot," a march through the towns of the two Counties, demonstrating equipment and recruiting. The Battalion concentrated outside Bedford and moved in by Companies with bayonets fixed and Colours flying and with the Machine Gun and Anti-Tank Platoons mounted in their vehicles, bringing up the rear. The Battalion was housed for the night at Grange Camp and the following day the "Old Colours" were laid up in St. Paul's Church besides those of their fellows.

The summer of 1957 brought the news of the impending amalgamation of the Regiment with The Essex Regiment and also of the closing down of the Depot.

The Regimental Week-end in June, 1958, marked the end of active training at the Depot and of Regimental functions, and now the Regimental Depot, as such, has ceased to exist.

We leave behind the Keep that has overshadowed our activities for some 80 years and has flown the Royal Standard and the Regimental Flag so proudly. We leave behind the tree bordered Square that has been the training

ground for a "hundred thousand" Bedford soldiers. We leave behind the aspect of the barracks, Victorian, severely military, but domestic, homely in a grim sort of way. Of the many thousands who have passed through the Depot, few can have been insensible to its atmosphere, the product of the flow of the life over the years. Perhaps walls, in their own mute way, can talk!

M.W.G.

THE REGIMENTAL DEPOT, KEMPSTON BARRACKS

LIST OF COMMANDERS

Year	Regimental District Commander	Regimental Depot Commander
1881–2	Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Hawley	Major A. G. Duberley
1883–4	Lieut.-Colonel A. Cherry	Major G. L. le M. Taylor
1885–6	Lieut.-Colonel A. Cherry	Major F. J. Harden
1887	Lieut.-Colonel R. W. M. Wetherell	Major E. H. Wickham
1888	Lieut.-Colonel R. W. M. Wetherell	Major A. G. Duberley
1889	Lieut.-Colonel R. W. M. Wetherell	Major F. J. Harden
1890–91	Lieut.-Colonel R. W. M. Wetherell	Major G. D. M. Nisbett
1892–93	Lieut.-Colonel G. A. Lee	Major E. F. Johnstone
1894–95	Lieut.-Colonel G. A. Lee	Major J. C. Tilley
1896	Lieut.-Colonel G. A. Lee	Major T. Hammond
1897–98	Colonel Sir G. A. Hochepied-Larpent	Major W. O. Cavenagh
1898		Major W. O. Cavenagh
1901		Major J. C. Tilley
1903		Major J. S. Lightfoot
1905		Major T. E. Fowle
1908		Major J. M. Traill
1910		Major J. E. L. Gibbes
1912		Major B. R. Roche
1915–18		Lieut.-Col. R. A. Henderson
1919		Major T. M. Barrett, O.B.E.
1922		Major C. B. Cumberlege, D.S.O., O.B.E.
1925		Major R. Le Huquet
1927		Major J. S. Davenport, M.C.
1930		Major R. B. L. Hatch, M.C.
1934		Major S. D. Mills, M.C.
1937		Major H. H. Lake.
1940		Lieut.-Col. H. E. Carey
	16 P.T.C. Commanders	
1941		Major E. G. Fanning, M.C.
1947	Lieut.-Colonel G. A. Anstee, O.B.E., M.C.	
1947	Major J. F. O'Hare	
1947–48	Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Young	Major J. Harrison
1951		Major A. E. French
1954		Major T. J. Barrow, D.S.O.
1955–1958		Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E.

THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

In spite of the present sad happenings, the Museum still carries on, inwardly the same, and still do visitors come, and also gifts to swell the Regiment's collection.

During the last quarter the following interesting and valued items were received, for which the Regiment gives thanks to the senders and to those who so kindly came in person:

From Ex-R.S.M. S. C. ("Paddy") Armstrong, an official history of the Regiment, produced by H.M. Stationery Office, circa 1903, a South African War Journal of the 6th M.I. by the late Col. H. I. Nicholl, an Association Annual Dinner menu, a South African War iron ration (once issued to Farrier Sgt. Blake), and other interesting documents, also a photograph of Lord Henry Scott, Commanding 8th Battalion, 1916/1917. From Mr. R. G. Cooper, a bronze cenotaph medal presented to all ranks under his command by the late Lord Ampthill. From Mr. A. A. Childs, a Cantonese flag taken while the 1st Battalion was serving in North China in 1928.

Mr. J. H. Selby brought the Museum a number of interesting things when he came over for the Summer Gathering in June, namely, the complete police arm band worn by him in India when he was Provost Sergeant of the 2nd Battalion at Secunderabad and Kamptee, 1920/1924, his brass kit plate, also Col. Verner's complete Sketcher, a super protractor fitted with sights, inclinometer and compass, a prismatic compass in a 1908 type case, used by him for many years and originally taken off the body of a dead Officer in No Man's Land in 1917, two mirrors, photographs, coins, etc.

Mr. F. W. Thurley brought a Regimental card on which had been written a commendation for good service as C.S.M. in the early days of the first battle of Ypres by the late Brigadier C. C. Foss, v.c., then Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion. The Regimental badge on this card had been shot out by shrapnel. Mr. F. W. Harvey, from Hitchin, who joined the Regiment in 1903, visited the Museum twice and brought many interesting documents, photographs, buttons, titles, his own parchment discharge certificate, a small book, also a British early type Very Light pistol used in France and made of solid brass with steel fittings, a brass Bedfordshire cap badge struck towards the end of the First World War and rather rare, and a small type Senior Regimental scout's badge struck in 1914 for use on active service.

General Sir Henry Jackson sent a coloured lithograph by Simkin of men of the Bedfordshire Regiment in Field Service Order of 1895; and Col. G. A. Anstee sent an old Handbook of Rules for Regimental Clubs. R.S.M. L. S. Unthank, the son of our late R.S.M. S. R. Unthank, sent photographs which had belonged to his late father, among them some of the 1st Battalion trooping the Regimental Colour at Malta in 1926, and also of the Passing-Out Parade of May 10, 1913, at the R.M.C., Sandhurst, on which would have been a number of then future Officers of the Regiment, the majority of whom were killed in the 1914/1915 fighting.

Some much prized gifts also came to the Museum through Mrs. D. Hines, niece of the late well-known Sgt.-Drummer W. J. Emerton, the giver of the Emerton Trophy, who only died a few weeks ago. He served in the 3rd Volunteer Battalion and the 5th Battalion (T.A.) of the Bedfordshire Regiment for 30 years, from 1887 onwards, and Mrs. Hines gave us his blue full-dress helmet, complete with silver plate, badge and chain, a very fine specimen, his full-dress scarlet silver-braided tunic, his blue peaked cap, his medals and many buttons and badges.

Visitors to the Museum during this last quarter have included the following: Mrs. W. R. H. Dann, Lt.-Col., Mrs. and Miss Sprunt, General Sir Henry Jackson, Major R. Tasker-Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Pearman, Mr. and Mrs. Selby, Mr. F. W. Thurley, Lt.-Col. G. E. J. Warland, Sgt. L. T. Leach, Mr. F. W. Harvey and grandson. Mr. Harvey, himself a founder member of the Hitchin and District Branch, was a great friend of the late Pte. Edward Warner, v.c., who joined the Regiment a few months before he himself did. He has many interesting things to say about Pte. Warner, who was a St. Albans man, unmarried, and of whose family no trace seems to be left

We were also very glad to welcome Major H. A. R. Puttee on his way through to Yorkshire, Major J. L. de Vimes Martin, who has just retired, and whom the Curator remembers joining his Company at Bordon in the late summer of 1930 as a Second-Lieutenant. Capt. G. W. Clapshew, the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, Capt. Richard Dinnin and Lt. Mike Green on departure from the Depot, and Mr. A. R. Thurston, of the *Bedfordshire Times*, also visited us. These are only some of our summer visitors.

The Museum will still remain here for the time being, will still be open, and it is still hoped to welcome many visitors.

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THE REGIMENTAL WEEK-END 1958

It was with some nostalgia that the depleted staff of The Depot began their preparations for the Regimental Week-end, for nobody could escape the underlying thought that this would be the last Regimental Week-end with The Depot in being. But it did not deter them and all were determined to make it a Week-end which would be long remembered. Another factor to be contended with was the very unreliable weather of this summer and many anxious thoughts and discussions were devoted to an indoor programme but fortunately "The Depot Luck" held and the weather, except for an odd shower or two, was kind to us.

The Week-end was preceded on Friday, June 6, by a Regimental Guest Night, when the Officers of The Depot had the privilege of entertaining he Colonel of The Regiment, the Honorary Colonels of the T.A. Battalions and General Sir Henry Jackson. The Band of The Hertfordshire Regiment played during dinner.

On Saturday, June 7, the Week-end opened with a Regimental Garden Party on the lawns. The guests were received by the Colonel of The Regiment and Major and Mrs. Tewkesbury. The lawns were a colourful sight with the marquees set out for tea and most gaily decorated with flowers and plants kindly supplied by the Parks Department of the Bedford Corporation. One marquee held an exhibition of Regimental Silver with the Colours of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Battalion (T.A.) and 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). These were guarded by N.C.O.s and Men dressed and armed as The Regiment was in 1688, under the command of Capt. R. H. H. Dinnin.

The Band of the 5th Battalion, under Bandmaster F. W. Battle, M.B.E., played a selection of music during the afternoon, and the Garden Party ended with the Beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums of the Battalion.

Among the guests who attended were: Col. The Hon. Thomas Morgan-Grenville, Vice-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, and Mrs. Morgan-Grenville, General Sir Evelyn and Lady Barker, Professor Sir Albert Richardson and Mrs. E. A. S. Houfe, Brigadier C. M. Paton, Colonel of The Essex Regiment and Mrs. Paton, Colonel The Right Hon. Lord Luke and Lady Luke, Alderman A. A. Jones, Mayor of Bedford, and the Mayoress, Mr. W. M. Brown, Headmaster of Bedford School, and Mrs. Brown, Mr. J. E. Taylor, Headmaster of Bedford Modern School, and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. George Brewis, Clerk to the Bedfordshire County Council, and Mrs. Brewis, the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire and Mrs. Pratt, Col. Sir Dealtry Part, Mr. G. Whitworth, Chairman of Kempston Urban District Council, and Mrs. Whitworth, Sir Douglas and Lady Gordon, Lt.-Col. M. F. T. Baines, Secretary, The Bedfordshire T.A. Association, and Mrs. Baines, Alderman and Mrs. Horace Neate, Alderman and Mrs. H. R. Waller, Alderman J. A. Canvin, Colonel W. J. Cockerill, O.C., R.A.S.C., Grange Camp, Kempston, and Mrs. Cockerill, Major T. A. E. Robinson, Brigade Major East Anglian Brigade and Mrs. Robinson, Col. and Mrs. E. B. S. Scott-Clarke, Col. and Mrs. S. S. Smith, Major D. E. Redington, O.C. U.S.A.F., Chicksands, and Mrs. Redington, Major B. J. Palmer, O.C. Regimental Depot, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), Major G A. C. Danby, O.C. Regimental Depot, The Northamptonshire Regiment, and Mrs. Danby, Group Captain and Mrs. Cherrill, Commander and Mrs. J. E. Dyer-Smith, Commander and Mrs. H. R. Newton, Capt. P. C. Rignold, W.R.A.C., Capt. and Mrs. Orlebar, Mrs Pilcher, Mr. G. F. Simmonds, Town Clerk of Bedford, the Rev. and Mrs. H. John.

Among the many officers of The Regiment who attended were: General Sir Henry Jackson, Brigadier, Mrs. and Miss Rossiter, Col. and Mrs. Anstee, Col. and Mrs. Steel, Major and Mrs. Lemon, Lt.-Col. A. C. Clarke, Lt.-Col. G. E. J. Warland, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. F. Vincent, Lt.-Col. Alan Andrews, Lt.-Col, Mrs. and Miss Sprunt, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Tempest, Major and Mrs. Oldfield, Major D. M. Hawkins, Major A. Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hoare, Major and Mrs. Cedric Lowe, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Humbert, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Phipps and many officers of the 5th Battalion.

That evening the All Ranks' and Old Comrades' Dance was held in the Gymnasium—it is a source of annual wonderment that, on this occasion, the Gymnasium is made to look so attractive that it almost loses its identity. This year R.S.M. Eames with his band of workers had once again made this transformation and how very attractive it looked. By eight o'clock when the Dance began, the Gymnasium was crowded, and the bars were full of members greeting each other, while the younger generation took to the floor. Later in the evening General Sir Reginald Denning, Colonel of The Regiment, visited the Dance and spent some time talking with members who had served with him in the Regiment. Many other officers and their ladies also came over to the dance to join in the fun, but all good things have to come to an end and it was a tired but happy throng, who, in the early hours of Sunday, left through the Archway of the Keep, to pause, perhaps, for a moment, to look at The Regimental Memorial, its beauty and dignity once again enhanced by flood-lighting.

Sunday, June 8, dawned fine and The Depot was early astir for this day, as always, was the great day of the Regimental Week-end. Soon after breakfast Old Comrades from far and wide, on foot, bicycles, in cars and coaches began to

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The Old Guard and the New Guard march across the Square.

The Colonel of The Regiment's Parade.

Regimental Week-end, 1958

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1. The Regimental garden party. 2. The Colonel of The Regiment inspects the Luton Branch. 3. The Ware and Cheshunt Branches march past. 4. The All Ranks' and Old Comrades' dance.

arrive and soon the Cassino Theatre was a busy scene as friends welcomed each other and refreshed themselves at the buffet and bars which had been established there. The Officers' Mess was also a busy scene as was the Sergeants' Mess as members Past and Present gathered in readiness for the Colonel of The Regiment's Parade. Soon after 11 a.m. there were scenes of more military activity as the Guards with their Regimental Colours from the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment and the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment marched on to the Square. They were followed by the Branches of The Regimental Association with their Standards. The preliminaries were carried out and by 11.45 a.m. all was ready for the Inspection by the Colonel of The Regiment, General Sir Reginald Denning, who, accompanied by Brigadier Longmore, Hon. Colonel The Hertfordshire Regiment, Colonel The Right Hon. Lord Luke, Hon. Colonel the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, and Major D. T. Tewkesbury, O.C. Regimental Depot, then came on Parade and was received with a General Salute. After inspecting the Guards, provided by our T.A. Battalions, the General moved slowly along the ranks of Old Comrades, having been greeted at their head by General Sir Henry Jackson, who was on parade with the 8th Battalion (1914/1918) O.C.A. As he went down the ranks General Sir Reginald Denning greeted many old comrades who had served with him in the ranks and paused to speak to many others. Then, having inspected the Band of the 5th Battalion, who played for the Parade, the General returned to the dais. Before addressing the parade, General Sir Reginald Denning presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to R.S.M. Mann of the 5th Battalion. R.S.M. Mann who served with the 5th Battalion for some six years, has now returned to his original regiment, The Royal Norfolk Regiment. His departure was regretted very much by members of the Battalion, which he had served most loyally and well throughout the period he had been its R.S.M.

The General then addressed the parade. He spoke of the amalgamation and how the new Regiment would require their support. He also spoke of regimental occasions of the future, some of which would be a joint affair, but in November of each year we would come back to our Regimental Memorial for our Regimental Remembrance Day. The Colonel of The Regiment spoke of the inspiration we all gained by having such a splendid turn-out of old comrades on parade.

The parade then marched past and dismissed. General Sir Henry Jackson and Major Lemon were invited by the Colonel of the Regiment to join him on the dais for the march past. The lunch interval followed, during which the Band

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[Photograph: N. Verby, Bedford

The Colonel of The Regiment presents the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to R.S.M. J. H. W. Mann, 5th Battalion, on the Colonel of Regiment's Parade.

of the Hertfordshire Regiment played a selection of music on the lawns.

After lunch the Inter-Branch Competitions were soon in full swing and we are, as ever, indebted to Mr. Wells, the Hon. Secretary of the Bedford Branch and his band of willing helpers for the hard work they all put in in organising the "darts" and "skittles" competitions.

On the cricket field, a match organised by Capt. H. O. Parker, was soon in progress. The two teams were representative sides of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, including both past and present members of the Regiment. L/Cpl. Chamberlain won the toss for Bedfordshire and after a quick look at the wicket decided to put Hertfordshire in to bat. A time limit of one-and-a-quarter hours was set for each innings and after a fine innings of 32 by L/Cpl. Miller, of the Depot, and a "knock" of 22 by Major Brightman, the Hertfordshire side amassed a total of 88 runs. Bedfordshire's start was disastrous, losing two wickets after

only five runs had been scored. However, a good recovery was brought about by a stylish "knock" from L/Cpl. Chamberlain (35), from the Depot, and a fine innings by Mr. Burnage (18). In the closing stages the excitement mounted as Bedfordshire, with five wickets to fall, needed 30 runs in about 20 minutes to "top" Hertfordshire's innings, and after some quick running between the wicket and some "cheeky singles" needed two runs off the last ball of the match. Scores: Hertfordshire, 88 for five wickets; Bedfordshire, 87 for seven wickets.

Throughout the afternoon the Band of The Hertfordshire Regiment played on the cricket field and their selection of music was much appreciated.

It was decided to hold a raffle in aid of the Regimental Benevolent Fund; a number of kind friends, including the Depot Sergeants' Mess, presented the necessary prizes, and Mr. A. H. Timms and a band of volunteers from the Watford Branch took on the onerous task of selling the tickets. Their enthusiasm and hard work resulted in the sum of £19/7/6 being credited to the Benevolent Fund, a truly magnificent effort. After tea the draw for the raffle took place at the dais on the Square. Mrs. Tewkesbury kindly carried out the draw and presented the prizes to the lucky winners.

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[*Photo: N. Verby, Bedford.*

Mrs. Tewkesbury draws the raffle.

Then followed the presentation of prizes to the winners of the Inter-Branch Competitions, which was carried out by Col. G. R. Steel.

INTER-BRANCH POSTAL SHOOTING COMPETITION

The results of the Competitions were as follows:

1	Watford	772 points
2	Bedford	745 points
3	Hertford	725 points
4	Ware	678 points
5	Hitchin	504 points

INTER-BRANCH DARTS COMPETITION

In the first round Luton beat Bedford, St. Albans beat Hitchin, Ware beat Watford and Hertford beat London. In the semi-final St. Albans beat Luton and Ware beat Hertford.

Result: Winners, Ware; runners-up, St. Albans.

INTER-BRANCH SKITTLES COMPETITION

First round, Watford beat Hertford. In the second round Watford beat The Yellow Devils, Hitchin beat Luton, Bedford beat St. Albans, Ware beat London. In the semi-final Hitchin beat Watford, Bedford beat Ware.

Result: Winners, Bedford; runners-up, Hitchin.

INTER-BRANCH AGGREGATE COMPETITION

Branch	Shooting	Darts	Skittles	Aggreg.
London	—	1	1	2
Hertford	6	3	1	10
Watford	10	1	6	17
St. Albans	—	10	1	11
Bedford	8	1	12	21
Hitchin	2	1	10	13
Luton	—	3	1	4
Ware	4	12	4	20

Winners, Bedford; runners-up, Ware.

INTER-BRANCH LADIES' DARTS COMPETITION

In the first round Ware beat Bedford, St. Albans beat Watford and Hitchin beat London. In the semi-final Ware beat St. Albans and Hertford beat Hitchin.

Result: Winners, Ware; runners-up, Hertford.

The prizegiving was followed by the Beating of Retreat on the Square by the Drums of 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment. At the end of the Retreat the most poignant moment of the Week-end was reached, when the Regimental Flag was lowered on the Keep and the Old Guard, dressed and armed as their for-

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[*Photo : N. Verby, Bedford.*

Col. G. R. Steel presents the Cups for the Inter-Branch Competitions.

bears in 1688, and the New Guard, in No. 1 Dress, marched across the Square to disappear through the archway of the Keep to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne."

But as we turned and watched them disappear and at the same time caught a glimpse of the Regimental Memorial, we knew that come what may the spirit of the 16th Foot would live on in the new Regiment to write pages of glorious history as its members had done throughout the ages.

Slowly the company broke up and exchanged farewells and promises to meet again and as the shades of night fell the Depot became quiet and slumbered with perhaps a whisper in the air of "Well done." Another regimental occasion had passed and passed well.

This account of the Week-end would not be complete without a word of thanks to all those who helped to make the Week-end the success it was, in particular the Depot Staff and recruits, who already shorn in numbers, gave of their best. The Band and Drums of our T.A. Battalions, who played so well and the many others who, behind the scenes, carry out the work which is so necessary to make these occasions successful.

Regimental Depot

THE 3rd EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT (16/44th FOOT)

During the many discussions which took place after the decision to amalgamate The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment with The Essex Regiment, it was decided that the new Depot should be formed on the Depot of The Essex Regiment at Warley and also that the new Regimental Headquarters should be established there.

Eventually the historic day, June 2, arrived and the Amalgamation, which had filled our thoughts and occupied our activities for so many weeks, was an established fact.

To mark it all ranks from both Regiments, then at the Depot at Warley, paraded on the Square, where they were addressed by the Commanding Officer, Major B. J. Palmer, after which the parade gave three cheers for the new Regiment. At the same time the new Regimental flag was hoisted and a notice board with the new title was put up outside the Depot gate. During the remainder of the day the Battle Honour boards and other notice boards were altered so that by mid-day we were well and truly The Regimental Depot, 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot). But to remind us of the glorious past remain The Essex Regiment Museum and the Regimental Chapel.

Unfortunately, it was not possible for us to change our badges on June 2, as they had not arrived from Ordnance. When they did arrive they did not arrive complete and it was some weeks before we were all properly dressed. Most of us thought we had prepared ourselves mentally for the change, but when it came it was a moment full of nostalgia. Like so many other things in life, however, one gets accustomed to changes and we all now became used to the new badges, which daily have more and more meaning.

The Staff have been together long enough now to have become thoroughly integrated and friendly and we like to think we are now rather a better Depot than we were before. The main changes in Staff can be seen from the lists of Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants, which appear elsewhere in this *Journal*. We wish those who have left us the best of good fortune and can honestly say we were sorry to see them go.

We have been fortunate in having a very full quota of trainees over the period from June to now and this has meant few spare moments, as well as several crises in accommodation and training instructors.

Though we are still far from getting as many as we need, the number of Regular enlistments has shown a welcome rise since Amalgamation, due mainly to the doubling of our recruiting area. The fact that we had a small all-Regular squad in training for a short period is a healthy sign and something which has not happened since before the War. New recruiting posters and pamphlets have been produced and any reader who would be good enough to help in their distribution or display will be very welcome and we will be grateful if he would get in touch with the Adjutant.

The first Passing-Out Parade for recruits who joined the Regiment after June 2 took place on August 23. The parade was taken by Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., Colonel, the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot). In his address General Denning told the recruits that they were going to a Battalion which had, already, made its mark in Germany, not only in shooting but also in every other sphere. They had the honour to be the first to join the new Regiment since it was formed and behind them were the traditions of two famous Regiments and a great example to follow, which had been set for more than two-and-a-half centuries. After the parade the Colonel of the Regiment visited the N.A.A.F.I. tea room and spoke with parents and friends of the recruits.

A great number of Officers, N.C.O.s and men have passed through our "Held Strength" since June 2, and even more of their M.F.O. baggage has been in and out of the Q.M.'s Stores. We try to make all ranks in transit as welcome as possible. We are also pleased to see any past or present members of the Regiment, if at any time they are in the area. Anybody who has not done so before would find a visit to the Chapel and the Museum worth while.

TRAINING COMPANY

These notes are the first to come from the Training Company of The Depot of our new Regiment. We are conscious that we are helping to make regimental history. Our Staff, consisting of all ranks from both of our former Regiments, is now well integrated and we all hope we are laying good foundations for future generations to build up the spirit of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).

The number of recruits, both Regular and National Service and other members of the Regiment who have passed through the gates of The Depot and our hands have been large and we have been very pleased to meet them all.

Lt. Pike, Sgts. Cracknell and South have joined the Staff from the Battalion. Lt. Hutchings, who can regard himself as a founder member of the new Training Company, has left us for the Airborne Forces and we wish him well in his new sphere. The C.S.M., C.S.M. Archer, was unlucky enough to break his arm and to have it badly set which meant all the unpleasantness of having it broken again and reset. But we hope to have him back to duty in the near future.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Pennells on his marriage and to Cpl. Law, our P.T. expert, on his forthcoming wedding.

The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.)

Since last going to press most of our efforts have gone towards Jubilee Celebrations and preparations for and participation in Annual Camp. With other T.A. Units in Hertfordshire we attended a Jubilee Service at St. Alban's Abbey, afterwards marching past the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire. The parade was well attended and our Band played all the contingents past the Saluting Base, whilst our Corps of Drums marched the column from the Abbey through St. Albans. We were blessed with a lovely summer day.

During this period all our separate Companies held Dinners, Open Days and Dances in celebration, and we started thinking about camp at Folkestone in a slightly jaded state. However, enthusiasm for camp overrides most difficulties and we got away to a good start on August 23. The accommodation, messing, etc., were all at a very high level this year, and the weather, which occasionally broke into appalling storms, smiled on us particularly, as our two night exercises were both enjoyed on fine warm nights. Thanks to our Training Major, Major Dyer, some very good demonstrations and training was organised for our cadres by the Small Arms School, and this made extremely active and interesting work, particularly for the Leadership Cadre.

For the first time since the re-formation of the T.A. we had a recruits' cadre at camp. This was run by our temporary Adjutant, Capt. Richard Dinnin, and C.S.M. Thornton from No. 2 Company, Watford. The spirit in this cadre was tremendous and we are glad to welcome these recruits who have already shown that they have the spirit and abilities to become trained soldiers in "The Herts Guards." Our Open Day on Sunday, August 31, brought fine weather and many old friends from Hertfordshire, and thanks to the Sergeants' Mess all were more than adequately catered for, even young Ian, R.S.M. McKean's infant prodigy. Our Regimental rock was a great success. Over a thousand sticks were made up for us by an enterprising firm in Folkestone and these were sold to all and sundry in the camp. A presentation of four enormous sticks was made to our

Honorary Colonel and other Senior Guests after dinner in the Officers' Mess on Friday, August 29.

For the autumn we have a joint exercise with our affiliated Cadet Regiment; this will take the form of an escape exercise. Our winter programme is full of interest: Cooking courses for all units in the County. As a result of last winter's instruction, our cooks were in demand all over the Brigade at camp. We also have one Regimental activity fixed for each month.

5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.)

This year was the Golden Jubilee of the Territorial Army. To mark the occasion Her Majesty The Queen reviewed Units of the Territorial Army in Hyde Park. The Battalion was singularly honoured on this occasion by the selection of the Regimental Band to represent Eastern Command on the Parade, which says a lot for its standing and reputation in military circles. In addition the Battalion was represented on Parade by the Regimental Colours and Escort together with a representative contingent numbering 20 from the Battalion. The detachment was under the command of Major D. A. C. Peet and consisted of Lt. R. C. Tomkins and Lt. N. R. Ayrton, the Colour Officers, the Escort being C.S.M. R. Webb, Sgt. W. Jones, Sgt. A. Rogers, while the Companies were represented by C.S.M. T. Morley and Sgt. Thody, "A" Company, Sgt. Jones "B" Company, C.S.M. Baker, Cpl. Scrivener and Cpl. Hazel "C" Company, C.S.M. Gurney, Sgt. Edwins and Cpl. Marshall "D" Company, Sgt. Lovell "S.P." Company, Ptes. Armstrong, Nixon, Ward, King and Jameson "H.Q." Company.

On Sunday, June 22, the representative parties collected in Hyde Park where, after one rehearsal, they formed up for the Review by Her Majesty The Queen. It was a splendid and awe-inspiring occasion and one which will always be remembered by those fortunate to be present. His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh was gracious enough to comment favourably on the turn-out and bearing of the Regimental Band as he passed them on the inspection. After the Review the detachments in Command Blocks and headed by Eastern Command marched past Her Majesty The Queen with Colours flying and band playing; this apparently endless phalanx of Territorial Volunteers made an impressing and inspiring sight. As they marched to the saluting base these representatives of the Volunteer Army were acclaimed by an immense crowd of spectators who lined the route. The weather which had been kind developed into a tropical storm halfway through the march past. Soaked to the skin but with spirits high the volunteers continued to march past in fine order.

The County Celebrations were organised by a committee under the chairmanship of the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. S. W. B. Phipps. He was assisted by Major D. A. C. Peet, Capt. H. O. Parker, Capt. F. W. Boutwood, M.B.E., Capt. D. V. Monico and a representative from each of the other County Units. The Celebrations took the form of Drumhead Services in Wardown Park, Luton, Russell Park, Bedford, and Grove House Gardens, Dunstable. These were followed by equipment displays on the afternoons of the same day, during which the The Regimental Band played. The Corps of Drums completed the occasion by beating Retreat as a finale. On the social side a Territorial Army Officers' Ball was organised, whilst other ranks had dances in Luton and Bedford. The setting for the Drumhead Services was most spectacular. Against the background of trees, the backcloth of Old Comrades and Legion Standards, interspersed with members of the Corps of Drums in their scarlet, proved most effective. The 5th Battalion, two guards strong, Colours and Escort, all in No. 1 Dress added another splash of colour to the proceedings. Before the Service started the Colours of the Battalion and the Standards marched in slow time through the ranks of the hollow square, formed by the County Territorial and pre-Service Units, to their appointed places. This movement was extremely well done and proved of instant appeal to the spectators and County dignitaries who formed the fourth side of the square or stood behind the troops on parade. The services were conducted by Capt. the Rev. J. Bowers, C.F., Chaplain to the 5th Battalion. The address at Luton was given by Rev. R. S. Jarvis, and at Bedford by Rev. R. Yale, C.B.E., Q.H.C., A.C.G. The Regimental Band played for the services.

During the afternoons the Units displayed all their wares. The public turn-out and interest was most gratifying. They turned out in their thousands and stayed for over two hours and were only drawn away from the area by the Corps of Drums Beating Retreat. A great boost to Units and to recruiting in particular. It was so successful that all other form of recruiting in the way of visits to factories has been discontinued and will be replaced by a Civic Sunday in each town on the lines of this year's ceremony and display. After the services the Units marched past the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Major Simon Whitbread, J.P., who was accompanied by the Mayor and attended by the Lieutenancy.

The Territorial Officers' Ball was organised by Major D. A. C. Peet and Capt. D. V. Monico

T.A. JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, DRUMHEAD SERVICE, RUSSELL PARK, BEDFORD, SUNDAY, JULY 13, 1958

[*Photo : "The Bedfordshire Times" Bedford.*

The Rev. R. Yale, C.B.E., Q.H.C., Assistant Chaplain General, and the Rev. J. Bowers, Chaplain to the 5th Battalion, receive The Colours. Colour Officers, Lt. R. C. Tomkins, Lt. N. R. Ayrton.

of the Battalion proved to be the social occasion of the year. A gratifying recompense for all the long hours and hard work they had put into it. The Battalion turned out in force for the dances at Luton and Bedford and particularly as these were the first occasions on which the newly formed Regimental dance band functioned. We expect great things from this able and talented band and more will be heard of them in the future.

THE T.A. JUBILEE PARADE, HYDE PARK, JUNE 22, 1958

[*Photo : N. Verby, Bedford.*

The Battalion Colour Party and Contingent.

Names (l. to r.), Back row : L/Cpl. Scrivener, Pte. Jameson, Pte. Nixon, Pte. Armstrong, Pte. King, Pte. Ward. Centre row : Sgt. Rogers, Lt. R. C. Tomkins, C.S.M. Webb, Lt. N. R. Ayrton, Sgt. Jones. Front Row : Cpl. Thody, Sgt. Lovell, C.S.M. Baker, Major D. A. C. Peet, C.S.M. Harley, C.S.M. Morley, Sgt. Edwins, L/Cpl. Oliver-Paul.

The Mayors of Bedford and Luton gave a party for all ranks in the Territorial Army, their wives and friends. This took the form of a variety concert which was followed by an excellent supper. A gesture which was greatly appreciated by members of the Battalion.

ANNUAL CAMP

The Battalion was delighted to camp again with the other Units of 162 Brigade after two years camping on its own. Friendship and rivalries were renewed which added to the zest of camp life and augmented the standard of training. Camp this year was at Dibgate, near Folkestone, which provides very adequate training areas, ranges, in addition to recreational facilities and the opportunity of relaxation in the amenities of a seaside town. The weather was most kind and enabled training to be completed without a hitch by being fine at the critical periods of each day. In addition, everyone was able to enjoy the sea bathing and other amusements to the full. A total of 250 volunteers attended camp and the Battalion was organised into three Companies, H.Q. Company, Support Company and a Training Company with Battalion H.Q. functioning in its normal role. H.Q. Company, under the command of Major J. Darville, was responsible for the administration of the camp and only took to the field during Brigade exercises. The Signal Platoon took full advantage of the Brigade Signal Cadre to train its newest members. The Signal Officer, Capt. R. C. Tomkins and his Assistant Officer, Lt. P. Price, together with the Signal Sergeant, Sgt. Baines, were responsible for the training of the remainder and fielded effective communication on the exercise. The Intelligence Section trained under the supervision of Lt. S. C. Whitbread and Sgt. Milligan, whilst Capt. W. J. Sidey, the M.T.O., ran a very successful M.T. Cadre. The Regimental Band and Corps of Drums, both of full strength, made use of the days available for concentrated training and practice. Support Company, under the command of Major E. P. Davis, consisted of the

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Mortar and M.M.G. Platoon, under Capt. E. J. Lancaster and Capt. D. Wood, respectively. Its members made full use of the Brigade specialist weapons Cadres to train its recruits, whilst its own Officers and N.C.O.s trained the remainder. This Company provided the highlight of the camp by winning both the Brigade Mortar and M.M.G. competitions, which were fired on the Lydd Ranges and judged by the permanent staff of the Support Weapons Wing of the School of Infantry. A fitting conclusion to the training year as the Battalion had won the Brigade and Divisional Rifle meetings.

The Training Company, under the command of Major D. A. C. Peet, was the amalgamation of the Rifle Companies and fielded an Officers'-N.C.O.s Platoon, another of fully trained personnel and a Recruits Platoon. All personnel were able to fire the 3.5 rocket launcher, the energar grenade, the 2in. mortar and threw the 36 grenade. The training was interesting and varied, ranging from elementary fieldcraft to platoon level training in the assault of a strong point, the attack, wood clearing and defence. The Junior Officers and N.C.O.s in addition, carried out T.E.W.T.S at Company level. The Company provided personnel for a Brigade demonstration of the fighting patrol which was laid on and conducted by Capt. H. O. Parker. A most effective and instructive demonstration it proved to be. The remaining Company Commanders attended the Brigade Senior Officers' Cadre.

The afternoons were devoted to recreational training. Throughout the camp period Brigade competitions were organised for football, cricket, basketball and tug-of-war. The weather did interfere with the programme but they were concluded. The Battalion did not win any of these competitions but will set its sights to win these as well in future. The Corps of Drums beat the Retreat in Hythe on first Thursday and attracted a tremendous crowd who were most complimentary. Unfortunately, as they were in camp for one week only they could not take part in the Brigade Corps of Drums Retreat on the Leas at Folkestone. The Brigade Church Parade on the middle Sunday was rained out as an outdoor ceremony but was held in the main N.A.A.F.I. tent. The Regimental Band played for the Parade and the address was given by the Unit Padre, Capt. J. Bowers, C.F.

On the middle Sunday we were delighted to be able to entertain the Lord Lieutenant and Mrs. Whitbread to lunch and much enjoyed their short stay with us. Other guests to lunch were Mr. Holmes, of England and Kent cricketing fame, his wife and daughter, Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. Peet, Mrs. Sidey, Miss Sidey, Mrs. Sambrook, Mrs. Parker. The Regimental guest night was held on the last Thursday, the guests included the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., Brigadier J. Sykes-Wright, D.S.O., G/Capt. L. S. Snaith, C.B., A.F.C. and Lt.-Col. M. F. T. Baines, O.B.E., who came down all the way from

ANNUAL CAMP, 1958

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Support Company (Ampthill) winners, 162 Infantry Brigade M.M.G. and Mortar Inter-Unit Competitions.

ANNUAL CAMP, 1958

Officers' At Home to the Sergeants' Mess. R.S.M. Mann, Major Peet, R.S.M. Willmott.

Bedford for the occasion, Lt.-Col. R. A. Humbert, T.D., Commanding 1st Battalion The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), Major R. Hicks and Major D. Higgs, Brigade Major and D.A.A.Q.M.G. respectively, of 162 Infantry Brigade (T.A.), Capt. J. Bloomfield, the Camp Adjutant and former member of the Regiment. The Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess had their Dinner Night in the first week and combined with the other three Battalions in a mammoth social evening, the first ever to be held in the Brigade. The Regimental Band, the Corps of Drums and the Cooks, not to be outdone, had their private social evening which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Once again the Battalion demonstrated its ability to cater for itself and to be self sufficient. We dispensed with all Regular assistance. The two Messes were manned by volunteers and ran extremely well. The Quarter-Master, Capt. Boutwood, M.B.E., the Messing Officer, Lt. J. M. Sambrook, the Cook Sergeant, Sgt. Smith and his team of volunteer cooks produced, by their untiring efforts, a standard of messing in the main dining hall which had to be seen to be believed. A varied selection of dishes at each meal well cooked and appetising was the order of the day. All that was lacking was self service. Given the requisites to undertake this it could have been laid on.

Yes! It was a happy camp. The spirit within the Battalion continues to astonish visitors. The approach to training was most marked; never has it been so keen or vital. It appears that all ranks felt that military training should be harder and cover longer hours. All of which augurs well for the future of the Battalion.

We are now settling down to winter routine and training but already thinking about camp next year, which will be held at Sennybridge, in Wales, from June 20 to July 6. As it is in the midst of the wilds with no counter attractions we are expecting intense and hard training. This won't be too bad as long as worth while amenities and comforts can be laid on in camp. We had better start thinking about how to amuse ourselves in out of training hours. Anyway, if it's going to be anything like Millom last year, we say, roll on camp.

It would be too tedious to record the names of the newcomers to the Battalion. They are welcomed, and we hope they soon settle down. It will be sufficient to say that the Battalion has already topped the 300 mark—the target set for December this year. At this rate we should be over 400 by this time next year.

It has been a most successful year for the Battalion—recruiting apart. It has proved its superiority in all fields, particularly the competitions, one by winning the Brigade and Div-

ANNUAL CAMP, 1958

Capt. H. O. Parker, the Adjutant, inspects the Fighting Patrol before the dress rehearsal of the demonstration. [Owing to the intense heat at this time the Patrol were excused the blacking of faces and hands.]

isional Rifle meetings and by winning both the Mortar and M.M.G. competitions. A standard which we must maintain in the future.

BEDFORDSHIRE ARMY CADET FORCE

The Colonel of The Regiment has received the following letter from Col. G. A. Anstee, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P., Honorary Colonel, The Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force:—

Bedfordshire A.C.F. County Cadet Committee,
95, Ashburnham Road,
Bedford.
July 18, 1958.

My Dear General,

As the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment is shortly to relinquish Kempston Barracks and move to the amalgamated Regimental Depot in Essex, I would like, on behalf of present and past members of our County Army Cadet Force, and also the Cadet Committee, to acknowledge with gratitude the help, encouragement and generosity we have received from successive Depot Commanders since the re-formation of the Cadet Movement in 1942.

Throughout these 16 years it has been our privilege to enjoy, and benefit by, close association with our Regular Regiment. Indeed it is true to say that the efficiency and enthusiasm of our County A.C.F. owes much to the fine tradition of the Regiment and to the inspiration and leadership always so willingly given by your Officers and Other Ranks. Also we are proud of the fact that hundreds of our Cadets volunteered for and served with units of your Regiment at home and overseas.

We now look forward to continuing our association with the Regiment through your Territorial Battalion which we sincerely hope will become Guardian of our County Title, the custodian of Kempston Barracks, and Warden of the Regimental Memorial.

Yours ever,
G. A. ANSTEE

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning,
K.B.E., C.B.,
Delmonden Grange, Hawkhurst, Kent.

HERTFORDSHIRE ARMY CADET FORCE ANNUAL CAMP, 1958

Having completed preliminary arrangements to go to camp at Ogborne-St.-George in Wiltshire from August 3—10, we were informed that the camp was required for operational purposes and alternative arrangements would have to be made. With the full co-operation of Eastern Command a new site was selected and it was decided to go to the Eastern Command R.E.

Bridging camp at Wouldham, near Rochester, Kent, and plans were accordingly made. The Wouldham site, in fact, proved to be ideal and although the camp was small, extra tentage was erected and there was no real discomfort from lack of accommodation except for some congestion in the ablutions early each morning. For the second year, catering was in the hands of a civilian firm of caterers and whilst this method has made serious inroads into what small reserve of funds the County Cadet Force had accumulated, the actual catering proved very satisfactory. Training areas were not really adequate for infantry section work but the best use was made of those available. The 36 hour Patrol/Bivouac scheme had to be cancelled because of the weather and there being no drying facilities in the camp, but the Royal Engineer permanent staff co-operated whole-heartedly and a river crossing exercise by day was substituted—to the great delight of the Cadets.

Visits were arranged to Chatham for Navy Day and for a tour of the docks and the Radar Training Establishment, and sports and other recreational facilities were available, daily, as required. Two Padres were present in camp and adequate arrangements were made for services in camp and the Cadets attended Wouldham Parish Church on the Saturday morning for Divine Service. The County Medical Officer was in camp the whole time.

The County Cadet Force was honoured by visits from the following: Field Marshal The Lord Wilson, G.C.B., G.B.E., President, A.C.F.A.; Brigadier J. A. Longmore, C.B., C.B.E., T.D., D.L., Chairman, Herts. T. & A.F.A.; Brigadier R. N. Hanbury, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., A.D.C., Chairman, Herts. A.C.F. Committee; Major J. R. C. Emslie, D.A.D. Cadets, The War Office; Major T. C. Dyer, Training Major 1st Battalion The Hertfordshire Regiment; Lt.-Col. R. E. G. Bartholomew, Command Youth Liaison Officer; Major F. A. Manthorpe, District Youth Liaison Officer; and on the Friday afternoon representatives from the Hertfordshire Press visited the camp and witnessed the Guard Mounting and the Junior Drill competitions.

The camp was under command of County Cadet Commandant, Col. S. R. W. Burr, T.D., with Deputy Commandant Lt.-Col. R. A. Payne and Chief Staff Officer Lt.-Col. L. W. Giles, O.B.E., M.C., and the units attending camp were 1st Cadet Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment (C.O. Major L. A. Wilton) and the 4th Cadet Regiment (Hertfordshire Yeomanry) R.A. (C.O. Major D. A. F. Wood).

The 1st Cadet Battalion London Rifle Brigade were unable to be accommodated at Wouldham, and instead, enjoyed a week's attachment to 1st Battalion The Rifle Brigade at Tidworth. The Herts. Training School and the St. Michael's College (Ind. Company) spent a happy week with the City of London A.C.F. at Wouldham the previous week.

HERTFORDSHIRE ARMY CADET FORCE, ANNUAL CAMP, 1958

The team from 1st Cadet Battalion The Hertfordshire Regiment which won the Guard Mounting competition.

EXTRACTS FROM

THE LONDON GAZETTE

REGULAR ARMY

Bedfs. and Herts. Regiment

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Francis Stewart Denning, K.B.E., C.B., relinquishes the appointment of Colonel The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment on amalgamation, June 2, 1958.

Essex Regiment

Col. (Hon. Brigadier) Charles Morgan Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., relinquishes the appointment of Colonel The Essex Regiment on amalgamation, June 2, 1958.

3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot)

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Francis Stewart Denning, K.B.E., C.B., is appointed Colonel 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) on Formation, June 2, 1958.

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Major C. E. Britten retires on retired pay, June 24, 1958 (Reserve Liability).

Lt. (now Major) C. C. Norbury, M.B.E., M.C., the date of seniority as Lieutenant is June 4, 1942, and not as in Gazette (Supplement) dated July 5, 1946, under Essex.

Lt. C. C. Norbury,, M.B.E., M.C., to be Captain, December 4, 1956. (Substituted for the notification in Gazette (Supplement) dated November 8, 1946).

Capt. C. C. Norbury, M.B.E., M.C., to be Major, December 4, 1953. (Substituted for the notification in Gazette (Supplement) dated November 10, 1953).

Major J. E. Stewart to retire on retired pay, July 15, 1958 (Reserve Liability).

Lt. B. M. Parsons to be Captain, July 13, 1958.

Lt. C. M. F. Randall to be Captain, July 19, 1958.

Major J. L. de V. Martin retires on retired pay, July 28, 1958, and is granted the hon. rank of Lieut.-Colonel (Reserve Liability).

The undermentioned Second-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants, July 27, 1958:

P. J. Sincock.
M. Adkin.
D. W. F. Taylor.

Major J. C. Richardson retires on retired pay, August 16, 1958 (Reserve Liability).

Cadet Richard Edward Coote to be Second-Lieutenant, June 7, 1958.

Memoranda

The undermentioned Lt.-Col. on completion of tenure of employment as Lieut.-Colonel remains on full pay (Supny.) on the date shown:

J. G. Mileham, Empl. List (1) (late Bedfs. Herts.), March 1, 1958.

Lt.-Col. A. C. Clarke, O.B.E. (Employed List 1), (late Bedfs. Herts.) retires on retired pay, August 14, 1958 (Reserve Liability).

Brigadier B. A. Burke, D.S.O., late Infantry, retires on retired pay, July 17, 1958 (Reserve Liability).

REGULAR ARMY — SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot)

2/Lt. D. A. L. Moon to be Lieutenant, May 19, 1958.

2/Lt. Paul Neate from National Service List to be 2/Lieutenant, January 18, 1958, with seniority December 21, 1957, for service with the Ghana Military Forces.

REGULAR ARMY — NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot)

2/Lt. R. N. Pirie to be Lieutenant, August 3, 1958.

Bedfs. and Herts. Regiment

Cadet Timothy James Page to be 2/Lieutenant, May 10, 1958 (now 3rd East Anglian Regiment).

Cadet David William Robson to be 2/Lieutenant, May 10, 1958 (now 3rd East Anglian Regiment).

Essex Regiment

Cadet Michael Ernest Critchley Hill to be 2/Lieutenant, May 10, 1958 (now 3rd East Anglian Regiment).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot)
Class III

Lt. J. Craig from Army Emergency Reserve of Officers, National Service List, to be Lieutenant, July 2, 1958, retaining his present seniority.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS — SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

Essex Regiment

Lt. C. Stilwell from Active List, to be Lieutenant, July 16, 1958, retaining his present seniority.

ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS — NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot)

2/Lt. J. W. White to be Lieutenant, August 23, 1958.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Bedfs. and Herts. Regiment

Lt. D. Wood to be Captain, June 25, 1958.

Hertfordshire Regiment

Lt. J. R. Keatley is granted the acting rank of Captain, May 12, 1958.

Lt. H. M. Brown from Army Emergency Reserve of Officers, National Service List, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, to be Lieutenant, April 1, 1958, with seniority January 8, 1956.

Captain (Acting Major) H. T. Wright to be Major, July 13, 1958, with seniority July 21, 1955.

Lt. (War Subs. Captain) Dennis Harold Labern from Emergency Commission S.W.B. to be Lieutenant, July 10, 1958, with seniority August 8, 1952.

TERRITORIAL ARMY NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

Hertfordshire Regiment

2/Lt. R. A. M. Purver to be Lieutenant, July 3, 1958.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Hertfordshire Regiment

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) J. C. Ottaway, M.B.E., T.D., having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, August 30, 1958, retaining the hon. rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

Lt. (Hon. Captain) T. G. A. Walker having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, August 30, 1958, retaining the hon. rank of Captain.

TERRITORIAL ARMY GENERAL LIST

ARMY CADET FORCE

Bedford

Lt. W. Shaw resigns his commission, June 1, 1958, and is granted the hon. rank of Captain.

Francis William Roberts to be 2/Lieutenant, March 10, 1958.

Hertford

Lt. M. C. Way resigns his commission, April 1, 1958, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

Lt. K. H. Littledyke (Emerg. Commission R.A.) is granted the hon. rank of Captain, April 1, 1958, on ceasing to serve with the Army Cadet Force.

Lt. T. G. Lovett resigns his commission, April 1, 1958.

Lt. C. F. Creswell resigns his commission, May 31, 1958.

Lt. D. M. Sutton (Lieutenant, Reserve of Officers, Royal Signals) resigns his commission, March 31, 1958.

Lt. G. E. Drury resigns his commission, March 31, 1958.

The following Officers are awarded the Cadet Forces Medal:

A/Major F. C. Ravenscroft.
A/Major A. J. Vigus, M.B.E.
A/Capt. H. C. Everest.
2/Lt. W. J. H. Bambrick.

HAVE *YOU* PLACED AN ORDER FOR A COPY OF THE JOURNAL DETAILS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS APPEAR ON PAGE 149

EDITORIAL

This number has been specially produced with *The Eagle*, the Journal of the Essex Regiment, to commemorate the Amalgamation. Both issues of the Journal—*The Wasp* and *The Eagle*—carry special features which are common to both of them, while retaining some items which are individual to each of them. The friendliness and co-operation, which has been so patent in the whole process of the amalgamation, has again been manifest in the production of this joint number of our Journals and augers well for the new Journal which will make its debut next year.

The final number of *The Wasp* will be published at the end of the year.

PERSONALIA

We much regret to report the death of Brigadier-General Viscount Hampden, which occurred on Thursday, September 4, 1958. The funeral took place at Kimpton, Hertfordshire, and was attended by a large gathering which included Brigadier J. A. Longmore, Hon. Colonel of The Hertfordshire Regiment, Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, representing General Sir Reginald Denning and The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, and Major I. C. Dyer, representing Lt.-Col. R. A. Humbert and The Hertfordshire Regiment.

The late Viscount Hampden served in the South African War and in the 1914-1918 War. From 1920 to 1947 he was Hon. Colonel of The Hertfordshire Regiment.

A full obituary will be published in the December Number of *The Wasp*.

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We were very sorry to hear of the serious illness of Mr. Ted Cannon, which necessitated his admission to hospital. Mr. Cannon is a very keen member of The Regimental Association and is much respected and liked in Bedford for his untiring and ceaseless work on benevolent cases in Bedford on behalf of the Bedford Branches of The Regimental Association and The Old Contemptibles' Association. We were glad to hear that he had recovered sufficiently to be allowed to leave hospital and to go down to the Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home at Lowestoft on convalescence.

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The announcement of the marriage of Major and Mrs. Beasley's youngest daughter is published elsewhere in this number. Their three daughters are now all married. Major and Mrs. Beasley have settled down in their new home at Fairholme, Pumoe, Bedford. Major Beasley has obtained employment with one of the leading furnishing firms in Bedford, where his long ex-

perience as a Quartermaster is proving very useful. The wedding was a very happy occasion and was attended by many relatives from both sides. Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. C. Young and Major and Mrs. D. T. Tewkesbury also attended. It is interesting to note that Rev. H. *John, Vicar of Kempston, Chaplain to The Regi*mental Depot, began his tour as Chaplain at The Depot with the marriage of Major and Mrs. Beasley's eldest daughter and ended it with the marriage of their youngest daughter.

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Mr. C. C. Wells writes to tell us of the marriage of their only daughter, Claudia, to Mr. L. E. Milne, a Naval Architect, which took place on August 23, 1958. The wedding was attended by Capt. and Mrs. W. F. Sandys, who are very old friends of the family Claudia was educated at Bedford High School and her husband at Bedford School.

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Lt.-Col. R. A. PAYNE, who is Deputy County Commandant of The Hertfordshire Army Cadet Force, was admitted to The Order of St. John as a Serving Brother in July. He tells us that he has been in the Brigade for some twenty-three years and is at present Training Officer for the London District.

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Mr. A. H. LONG, M.M., who writes to give us his new address, which is 22, Crosbie Close, Donnington, Chichester, Sussex, tells us that he joined the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment in France in August, 1916, being one of a draft from the 8th Bn. The Essex Regiment (Cyclists). With a few others he served throughout with the 6th Battalion until the Battalion *was disbanded in May, 1918, when they joined* the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment. In view of our recent amalagamation with The Essex Regiment, he thinks it is interesting to note a connection even in those now far-off days.

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Major Ned HARPER writes to us from Kent where he is now living. For the past six months he has been running The Fountain Inn, Cowden, Kent. He tells us it is a delightful part of England in which to live and he finds the running of an Inn keeps him busy and occupied.

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Major and Mrs. Jack DICHARDSON sail for Rhodesia on October 23. Their address *from the begnnning of December next will be:* "Ilsham," P.O. Trelawney, Southern Rhodesia.

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We were interested to note in recent issues of *The Bedford Record* mention of two members of The Regiment. The first was A. J. FORD of 66, Park Road, Kempston, who is serving his National Service with the 1st Battalion. He went to Germany in August of last year and since being with the Battalion he has won no less than three Cups, two Medals and three Silver Spoons and became Runner-up to the Champion Young Soldier Rifle Shot in B.A.O.R. He has also represented the Regiment at Bisley where he was successful in winning a place in the Queen's Hundred. He was also one of the team which The Regiment provided to represent The Army in the N.A.T.O. Competition—The Leclerc Prix. The other is L/Cpl. T. COX of 35, Howard Avenue, Bedford, who is about to complete his National Service. He has been employed as a Regimental Policeman and has thoroughly enjoyed his service with The Regiment. He much enjoyed Goslar where he tried ski-ing for the first time, which he thinks is a wonderful sport.

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We were sorry to hear from his daughter that Mr. W. FENSOME had been admitted to hospital and that his address now is: c/o The Spencer-Wells Ward, The City Hospital, Normandy Road, St. Albans. Mr. W. Fensome, who has been a keen member of the St. Albans Branch of The Regimental Association for some years now, served in the 8th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914/1918 War. He was wounded and was also a prisoner-of-war for some two years. He is now eighty-six years old.

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Mr. F. T. COOPER, Hon. Secretary of the 8th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (1914/1918) O.C.A. has had another period in hospital with his eye. This was his sixth time. His left eye is also now giving him trouble, but he remains most cheerful and is always looking forward to regimental occasions. His address is: "Half Moon," Wilstone, Near Tring, Herts.

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We were sorry to hear from Mrs. Scaife that her husband, Major J. E. N. SCAIFE, entered the Southern Hospital, Dartford, some weeks ago, for an operation. The operation was successful but severe complications developed and Major Scaife has been very ill indeed. At the time Mrs. Scaife wrote, her husband was recovering and beginning to look more like his old self. On his discharge from hospital they are to go away so that he can recuperate.

We are sure all his friends will wish him a complete and successful recovery. Their address is: 25, Clarendon Gardens, Stone, Dartford, Kent.

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J. C. CROWSON, who served in The Regiment on a National Service Commission, circa 1953/1954, and who has been a member of The Regimental Association ever since, wrote to tell us he had a very interesting and enjoyable holiday in Belgium and Germany. His address is: 75, Lextden Road, Colchester.

Major Charles BRITTEN, who retired at the end of June, tells us he has obtained a post with Telephone Rentals Ltd., 29, Harrington Road, South Kensington, London, S.W.7.

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Mr. H. W. MARCHANT of 16, Alderney Street, Pimlico, London, S.W.3, writes to tell us he has been on the sick list for a year now and is unable to get about. He served as a Sergeant in the 7th (S) Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914/1918 War.

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Mr. J. ALLEN of 19, Downhills Park Road, Tottenham, London, N.17, a member of the London Branch, had a very unpleasant experience on return from his summer holiday. During his absence, during one of this summer's bad storms, his house was hit by a thunderbolt and all the chimneys and part of the roof demolished.

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Colonel R. H. SENIOR has taken up an appointment in the R.A. Record Office at Foots Cray. He and Mrs. Senior hope to move to their new home at 52, Southborough Road, Bickley, Kent, at the end of September.

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Major G. E. J. WARLAND writes to tell us that since his retirement on March 28, 1958, he has been living in Kensington. He is now the owner of a guest-house and hopes, eventually, to be able to obtain another. His present guest-house, which is very close to Victoria, is: Chester House, 134, Ebury Street, London, S.W.1. (Telephone: Sloane 7646). Members of The Regiment, interested in bed and breakfast accommodation in London, will always be welcome. Major Warland, when he wrote, had just returned from a stay in Spain and hoped to visit Brussels shortly.

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Major A. E. FRENCH, Army Recruiting Officer, St. Albans, informs us that the following boys were enlisted at St. Albans in August as Junior Leaders for service in the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot): C. R. England of 101, Third Avenue, Sundon Park, Luton, Beds., and K. F. Wolf of Highfields School, Harpenden, Herts.

They joined the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion at Plymouth in September. They have both engaged for six years regular service on reaching the age of 18.

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In this number we have an interesting account by Major Ian ROSS of a visit he paid to Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore, in February last. A description of the Unveiling of the Memorial in the Cemetery was given in the June Number, 1957, Vol. XV. No. 6. The Ceremony was attended by Majors G. B. Whitworth and C. A. Stahelin.

Major Ross has also sent us an account of the Ceremony of the Unveiling of the Rangoon Memorial, which we hope to include in our next number.

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has graciously consented to unveil The Brookwood Memorial on Saturday, October 25, 1958, at 2.30 p.m. The names of ten members of The Regiment and five members of The Hertfordshire Regiment appear on this Memorial. Our official representatives at the Ceremony will be:—

The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment: Lt.-Col. J. C. Preston, M.B.E.

The Hertfordshire Regiment: Lt.-Col. A. Andrews, D.S.O., O.B.E.

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We were very glad to have further news of Major SCAIFE in the form of a letter from him. He tells us he is out of hospital and has just returned home after a fortnight's stay with his daughter (Valerie), who, with her husband and family, have just arrived back from Hong Kong and are now comfortably settled in at Shorncliffe, where her husband is O.C. C.S.D.

REGIMENTAL REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 1958

Regimental Remembrance Sunday, 1958, will be observed at The Regimental Memorial, Kempston Barracks, Bedford, on Sunday, November 16. Full details of the service to be held beforehand and other arrangements are being sent to Branches and Members of The Regimental Association.

THE EMPIRE FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE, 1958

The Regiment has reserved its usual plot at the Empire Field of Remembrance, which is to be held at Westminster from November 6 to 11.

The Field will be opened at 12 noon on Thursday, November 6, by a short service, conducted by Canon Stancliffe, assisted by the Dean of Westminster. This will be attended by the Regimental Secretary and the Secretary of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association. Members of The Regimental Association are invited to join them at the service and to visit The Regimental Plot afterwards or before the service.

Full details regarding the Regimental Plot are being sent to Branches.

A MESSAGE

from the Chairman of

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If you are in any doubt, even before you are due to leave the Services, write to: Regular Forces Employment Association, 62, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

Since our last number the following ex-members of the Regiment have obtained employment through the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen:—

Mr. S. H. Thomas (Ex No. 22535703).—Storekeeper, Ministry of Supply, Bedford.

Mr. H. Middleton (Ex No. 23231429).—Assembler, Motor Manufacturing Industry, Bedford.

Mr. J. W. Summers (Ex No. 5947662).—Bank Messenger, Norwich.

Mr. H. Kemp (Ex No. 5949409).—Messenger, London.

Mr. K. A. Leftly (Ex No. 6286135).—Canteen Attendant, Portsmouth.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Secretary, The Regimental Association, has the following Christmas Cards available for sale:—

With Regimental Crest and Ribbon and inset photograph of the Regimental Depot, Kempston Barracks, Bedford. 8d. each.

THE KRANJI MEMORIAL, SINGAPORE

Major I. S. Ross is now serving with The Singapore Guard Regiment and in February of this year he visited the Kranji Memorial. Subsequently he sent us the following very interesting account of his visit.

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It had been a very sultry afternoon, heavy rain clouds hung low over the island, and I was awakened from my siesta by thunder and heavy rainfall. It was all over in half-an-hour, the clouds sped away, a clear pale blue sky tinged with the red of sunset appeared, with it, that fragrant breeze of the after-storm, laden with the perfume of Frangi Pani. I was urged to jump into my car and take to the Bukit Timah Road and see the Memorial at sunset.

There is something splendid and magnificent about Kranji—also something simple and dignified for here, at the top step under the tall tower, I looked out across the lush green lawns—adorned with young Cypress trees and laid out with rows and rows of head stones, at the foot of each, clinging to the stone, in almost a fond embrace, a flowering shrub. Raising my eyes towards the glorious scarlet and sepia sunset I beheld—the Straits of Johore before me. The splendid proportions of the Government Secretariat Building—and then the causeway—"ah, the causeway." Herein lay the secret of the magnificence and dignity of Kranji, here one imagines, those whose deaths are commemorated gathering in the peaceful eventide to look over the scene of the great disaster in which they had paid the supreme sacrifice.

As I gazed spellbound over the tranquil scene, I suddenly heard an ominous sound. "Could it be Sten fire? or L.M.G.? or Rifles?" which shattered the air? For the stillness had been abruptly broken, I realised it was Chinese New Year Crackers and Fireworks being let off at prayer time. The Year of the Dog—The Year of good luck! At first I was annoyed by this intrusion upon my moments of calm reflection. Yet the mood passed quickly because somehow the sound seemed to make my mental picture more real. How many had stood their ground on this elevated prominent fearful yet determined, and had heard such sounds, but more deadly? Soon the barbaric hordes of "nippons" swarm across the straits in their boats and come yelling and shrieking their pagan cries of "Bansai," shrill in the evening air as they launched themselves on our redoubts and like a plague of locusts swept on.

I wandered down amongst the headstones, my eye anxiously, yet fearfully looking for the badge I know so well. Suddenly I saw one,

[Photograph : Imperial War Graves Commission

The Memorial, Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore.

then another, and another—until I counted some twenty-seven.

I felt compelled to say something aloud and found my lips giving voice to a simple thought "Well done all of you, well done"! Before I left, I recorded my visit in the visitor's book—I remember writing:—

"A magnificent and dignified tribute to those of my Regiment who did their duty and gave their lives for the great cause of freedom."

The names recorded on the Regimental Tablet are:

Ptes. L. G. Crawley
W. G. Craxford
A. E. Cross
F. P. Davies
F. P. Dimnock
A. E. Dines
P. J. Donovan
I. Dimbalsen
O. C. Dunham
F. W. Edwards
H. Emmerton
S. Evans
B. L. Fairham
A. E. Farmer
J. E. Floyd
H. C. Foley
A. H. Fuller
J. J. Gardner
A. Gilfallon
G. S. Gooch
F. G. Hale
R. W. Hall
W. F. W. Hand
P. Hanlon
P. R. Hayes
D. Haysman
T. F. Healy
W. F. Hewitt
H. W. S. High
A. C. Howard
W. C. A. Irons
R. H. Ives
C. W. Izzard
H. Jackson
R. Jarvis
A. Jones
Ptes. D. J. Jones
G. Lawrence
R. C. Lawrence
J. Leaney
D. J. W. Lemon
B. McCue
A. C. Macdonald
J. A. MacGregor
Mapley, J. W.
P. R. Martin
F. Mayne
Mumford, S. C.
Peasnell, W. W. F.
F. Perkins
M. A. Perry
A. G. H. J. Plum
J. G. Prior
W. H. Quantrell
T. Rabone
W. D. Richardson
D. F. Rolph
E. S. Rolph
J. W. Smith
W. F. G. Smith
W. G. Smy
F. C. Stokes
T. A. Sullivan
R. Taylor
I. E. Tomlinson
R. J. Wade
G. W. Walker
S. Willey
T. H. Willsher
H. Wilson
J. E. P. Winstanley

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5953037 Pte. R. Darch
5944175 Pte. H. J. Whitbread
5950117 Pte. L. E. Rainbird
5950218 Pte. F. H. Barker
5952710 Pte. P. D. Diprose
5946540 Pte. A. J. Thurston
5951256 Pte. E. W. Winfield
5955560 Cpl. F. George
594732 L/Sgt. R. F. Collingridge

5950486 Pte. F. Onione
2nd Lieut. G. W. Star
Major T. C. Wells
59556407 Cpl. R. Young
5955678 Pte. T. Winup
Lieut. W. E. Thewles
5953071 Pte. L. H. Harris
5952926 Pte. D. J. Gilchrist
5950602 Pte. E. J. Fulford
5955554 Pte. J. Ford
5956263 Pte. H. H. C. Dean
5955030 Pte. S. H. Coombes
59549374 Pte. E. M. Billing
5950688 Pte. A. J. Austin
5954689 Pte. V. A. Laurence
5959743 Pte. B. P. Young
Lieut. D. H. Jackson

The inscription on the Memorial Wall reads:

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But to whom the fortunes of war denied the customary Rites accorded to their Comrades in death.
They Died for all Free men.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION DIARY, 1959

Regimental Association Diaries for 1959 will be on sale during December:—

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Apply to: The Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, Kempston Barracks, Bedford, Beds.

NOTE.—A Regimental Diary for the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) is not being produced for 1959.

THE REGIMENTAL PICTURE

Copies of The Regimental Picture, which depicts the Raising of The Regiment at Reading in 1688, and which was painted by Mr. C. C. P. Lawson for the 250th anniversary in 1938, are available for purchase.

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THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER 1958

Owing to the amalgamation and other circumstances it was found very difficult to arrange a suitable date for the Regimental Association Annual Reunion Dinner this year. Eventually it was decided to hold it on Saturday, July 5. It was realised this was by no means a very good date, being only a month after the Regimental Week-end and also in the summer holiday season, but it was thought it was better to hold it then rather than later in the year when the date was more likely to clash with Branch Dinners. It was also borne in mind that it was intended to hold a joint Regimental Association Dinner with The Essex Regiment in April of next year.

After some discussion and thought the Victory Hall, of The Victory Ex-Services Club, Seymour Street, London, W.1, was selected as the venue for the dinner. An excellent choice it turned out to be. The Hall is beautifully pannelled and arranged and is an ideal setting for functions such as these. The catering arrangements and bar facilities are good and the staff from the Secretary, Commander Williams, downwards, did all they could to ensure our evening was a happy and successful one. Once again the London Branch assisted in the organisation of the dinner and provided the doorkeepers, ticket checkers, etc. They also produced a large board on which the names of those present, listed by the Battalions they had served in, were displayed; this proved most popular. No Bands, unfortunately, were available to attend the dinner, both our T.A. Bands being heavily engaged in the T.A. Jubilee Celebrations, but London Branch came to our rescue again and provided a small orchestra, which coped very well and even played "Roast Beef of Old England" as we went into dinner. We now take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Aldridge, the indefatigable Hon. Secretary of the London Branch, and his members for the generous help they gave at this year's dinner and which we know they are always prepared to give on any occasion.

The circumstances we mentioned at the beginning of this account did have quite an effect on our attendance and numbers were quite definitely smaller than usual. But it did not affect the spirit of the occasion and by the time we were due to go into dinner a very happy throng of members was present in the bar—exchanging greetings. A feature of this year's dinner was the number of members who were present who had not been able to be present for some years and all were very glad to see them.

Eventually some one hundred and ten members were assembled to greet the Colonel of The Regiment, General Sir Reginald Denning, as he made his way to his place at the top table, where pieces of Regimental Silver and the Miniature Colours added to the dignity and decorations of the Hall.

After Grace and The Regimental Prayer had been said, the Chairman of the Old Comrades' Association, Col. Fanning, requested us to stand in silence in honour of "Our Absent Comrades" and he mentioned some of those who had passed on within recent months.

The toasts to Her Majesty The Queen and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother were proposed by General Sir Reginald Denning, who told members that messages of loyal greetings, on their behalf had been sent to Their Majesties. Gracious replies had been received and read as follows:—

Palace of Holyrood House,
Edinburgh.

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning,
President, The Bedfordshire and
Hertfordshire Regimental Association,
Victory Hall,
Victory Ex-Services Club,
Seymour Street, London.

Please convey my warm thanks to all members of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment at dinner tonight for their kind and loyal message which I greatly appreciate.

ELIZABETH R.

Clarence House.

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning,
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire
Regimental Association,
Victory Hall,
Victory Ex-Services Club,
Seymour Street, London.

I am most grateful for the message of loyal greetings which I have received from members of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regimental Association on the occasion of the Annual Reunion. I send to all who are assembled at the Victory Hall my very warm good wishes for a happy and enjoyable evening.

ELIZABETH R.,
Colonel-in-Chief.

Before proposing the Toast of The Regiment, General Sir Reginald Denning spoke of the amalgamation and of the smoothness with which it had taken place, the friendliness and co-operation of The Essex Regiment. He spoke of the wonderful record of the 1st Battalion in the last few weeks before amalgamation when they won the Divisional Knock-Out Soccer Competition, the Divisional Minor Units .22 Competition, the Brigade Rifle Championship, the B.A.O.R. Rifle Championships and "The Wavell" Trophy for shooting.

The General then mentioned several members who, although in their late seventies and, in fact, in some cases in their eighties, were still most loyal in their attendance on all regimental occasions, among these were Major D. M. Hawkins, Major F. H. Osborne, Messrs. C. Mansfield and R. T. Warner.

In conclusion the General said it was proposed to hold the Reunion Dinner in April of next year and the occasion would be a joint affair for The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association and The Essex Regiment Association.

General Sir Reginald Denning then proposed the Toast of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) coupled with the 16th Foot.

The Toast of The Regimental Association was given by the Regimental Secretary, Lt.-Col. A. C. Young.

The company then broke up to greet old friends and exchange reminiscences. Although our numbers were small all who were present agreed it was a very happy evening.

The following message was received from 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot):—

"For Annual Reunion Dinner best wishes from All Ranks, 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot)."

The Regimental Association

Notes from Branches

1/5 "YELLOW DEVILS" 1914/18 O.C.A.

At the July meeting of the 1/5th "Yellow Devils" O.C.A., the President, Councillor Arthur Pakes asked the Hon. Secretary if he had received an official invitation for the Branch to be represented at the recent Drumhead Memorial Service in connection with the T.A. Jubilee. The answer was in the negative, and he thereupon moved that a very strong letter of protest be sent to the authorities concerned expressing their indignation that the Branch had been ignored. The close association of the 5th Battalion with the Territorial Association was well known, and he personally considered it an affront to the Branch, and that this should be placed on record. Several comrades expressed their views on similar lines in no uncertain fashion, and it was agreed to lay the facts before our Patron, Lord Luke, with a request that he will forward the letter to the responsible authority.

The Secretary reported that he had received a cheque for £10 from the Bedfordshire County Council, being a grant authorised by the Stage Plays and Cinematograph Licensing Committee for the Benevolent Fund. He was instructed to write a letter of appreciation and thanks to the County Council for this very kind action. The monies would be worthily applied. The Secretary pointed out that this grant from the County Council had only been made possible by the interest that Mr. C. W. Gilder had taken, and he suggested that a hearty vote of thanks should be accorded him, and it was passed unanimously. A letter was received from the Regimental Association asking for assistance for an ex-Serviceman who served with the Battalion, but unfortunately he was not a member of the Branch, and therefore financial assistance could not be granted. It is just another excellent reason why all surviving members of the old 1/5th should join the Branch. It only costs 2/6 a year subscription, and they will find a very loyal and true comradeship. The Secretary, Mr. J. Ward, 83a, Colin Road, Luton, will be only too pleased to receive names for enrolment.

Two more members of the slowly diminishing "Yellow Devils" have passed away, and at our August meeting tribute was paid to the memory of Messrs. P. Stewart and H. Parsons.

With regard to our protest that no invitation was received for the Drumhead Memorial Service at Luton in connection with the T.A. Jubilee Celebrations, Lord Luke sent a letter stating he had investigated the Branch's complaint in regard to the T.A. Jubilee Drumhead Service, and he stated it was "most unfortunate that the 'Yellow Devils' were omitted from the distribution list. He accepted full responsibility, and expressed his regret. There will be an opportunity for them to come to the Drumhead Service at Dunstable on September 28." The Branch accepted the letter, and it was agreed to ask for further details in regard to the Dunstable ceremony, and discuss this at the September meeting.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday, August 17, the "Yellow Devils" marched again, but this time to the Luton Parish Church, to pay homage to those comrades who fell in Gallipoli on Sunday, August 15, 1915, during the first world war.

There was a muster of about 30 comrades to see Mr. F. King place our wreath on the Town War Memorial in tribute to our fallen comrades.

"The Luton News" said in their issue reporting the service:—

> The passing of forty years made no difference to these old soldiers as they marched briskly and upright, hard-earned medals chinking and glinting in the morning sunshine. It seemed fitting that as they turned into Church-street the Parish Church bells began pealing out, as if in thanksgiving for their bravery—and the courage of those who never returned.
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> At the Church they were received by the Vicar of Luton, Canon Wm. Davison, R.D., who conducted the service, during which special prayers of thanksgiving and remembrance for the Fallen were said.

HONOUR AND LOYALTY

Canon Davison told them: "We welcome you for your honour and loyalty." The preacher was the Rev. J. M. Scoones, who drew comparisons between the Christian and the soldier.

He said that Christians were soldiers, and the character of a soldier helped to illustrate a Christian, who was engaged in a continual war between good and evil. When a baby was baptised and given the sign of the Cross, that signified that the child was to be Christ's soldier and servant.

"You and I are commanded to fight for what is right," he continued. "Christians have got to be effective soldiers for good in this world."

COURAGE NOT ENOUGH

A good soldier, he went on, had courage and loyalty. The soldier had to be brave, yet courage alone was not enough. The soldier had to have loyalty as well, but loyalty to whom? Loyalty to his country was not enough, either. "Loyalty must be to what is good and true," he said. The idea of loyalty to "my country, right or wrong" was sheer atheism.

"A soldier's loyalty has got to be something far greater than to his own country. A Christian soldier has got to be a man standing for what is right—the will of God."

LONDON

Once more a Regimental Week-end has come round, and we are pleased that so many of our members were able to attend this—perhaps the last in its present form. We have come to look forward eagerly to this opportunity to meet our friends and enjoy the welcome we know will be waiting for us. In the sporting events we were, as usual, unsuccessful in our attempts to bring back any trophies, but we can always be relied on to have a go. More of our members turned up on the Sunday morning, so that we were more strongly represented than ever for the Colonel of the Regiment's Parade. Again we express our thanks to the organisers and assure them that should further gatherings be held either at Kempston, Warley or even further afield they can rely on continued support from London Branch.

This year our committee decided to vary the Children's Christmas Treat. Recently there have been the Christmas Party, visits to the Circus and to the Pantomime. Now we have had a complete break with tradition, the Children's Christmas Treat being held in June. At 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, June 29, our coach left Charing Cross for Littlehampton, picking up other members on the way. Everybody kept their fingers crossed, for nobody needs to be reminded what the weather was like at that time. However, we seem to have picked the finest day to date and were blessed with perfect weather from start to finish. After a wonderful day during which nobody was lost, nobody was knocked down, and all seemed to be well supplied with pocket money, we set off at 6 o'clock for our tea. This was laid on for us at Washington, a little place about half-an-hour's run from Littlehampton, where our children did full justice to the meal prepared for them. Aboard once more, and after a short break for refreshment for the elders, headed for home to the accompaniment of a rousing sing-song in which all took part.

Fifteen of our members were able to attend the Regimental Dinner held at the Victory Club in July. This, unfortunately, had to be held at a time when many of our other members were away on holiday, but those who did atend had a very enjoyable evening.

HERTFORD

The Royal Naval Association Annual Rally, No. 6 Area, was held in Hertford on Sunday, June 1. Our Branch with other Ex-Servicemen's Associations was invited to take part. The Parade mustered at Bull Plain, Hertford, and headed by the Band of H.M.S. *Pembroke* marched through the town to Hartham Common, where a Drum Head Service was held. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. C. P. Hilton-Briggs, M.A., R.N.V.R., Chaplain to The Hertfordshire Branch of The Royal Naval Association. Prior to the service the Parade was inspected by Capt. F. A. Slocum, C.M.G., O.B.E., R.N., who later took the Salute at the March Past. After the Parade, refreshments were enjoyed in the Drill Hall, St. Andrew Street. That evening the Band of H.M.S. *Pembroke* beat Retreat in the grounds of Hertford Castle.

Another Regimental Week-end has rolled by and our thanks go to all those who worked so hard to make it the success it was. What a great joy it is meeting once again old comrades, their wives and families and chatting about the past. Another occasion which brings back many memories of the past is glancing along the lines of old comrades formed up prior to the Colonel of The Regiment's Inspection. The "Cheerio" and "I'll be seeing you again" soon come around and a grand gathering is ended. The last sight one sees of the Regimental Home, Kempston Barracks, is the floodlighting of The Keep and The Regimental Memorial.

An invitation from the Ware Branch to their Annual Social on Saturday, June 28, brought together many old friends for a very enjoyable evening. The Cup awarded annually to the winners of the Inter-Branch Darts Competition, which was held by us for the previous year, was carried off by the Hitchin Branch, who defeated us in the final. It certainy looked at one time that we were to take it back to Hertford again as Hitchin were left with more than 200 to score to win while we only required a double. But we failed to get the double and Hitchin won. Thank you, Ware, for a very happy evening.

On July 5, the Regimental Association Dinner was held at The Victory Ex-Services Club, London. The gathering, although smaller than usual, was a great success. We were more than pleased to meet quite a number of very old friends who had not been seen for many years.

WATFORD

On Sunday, July 13, the Branch presented to St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Watford, a "Priest's Bench" in memory of our late Chairman, Mr. Charles Farrell.

Before making the presentation, Col. I. W. S. Grey, a Vice-President of the Branch, said: "It is a sign of the great regard we hold for Charles Farrell that we have come here this afternoon to take part in this simple ceremony. I knew Charles Farrell, as many of you, for many years, as a serving soldier, as an old comrade and as a citizen. We all know the good he did—the success he gave to the Branch of which he was Chairman and the regard everybody gave to him. If I were asked what was the one quality above all others which gave him this regard, I would say it was loyalty and devotion, particularly to his Church, family, Regiment and country. Nothing was too much trouble for him to assist in the betterment of any of these.

It is, therefore, most fitting that in this Church, in which he worshipped, I unveil this memorial to him."

Before dedicating the Bench, Monseigneur J. M. Clarke (former senior Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Forces) said, in a short address, that if asked for one word to describe the character of the British soldier, it would be comradeship. It was testimony to that spirit of comradeship—born in the barrack room and continued after service—which brought them to St. Helen's Church for this ceremony.

The Rev. Monseigneur Clarke then dedicated the Bench.

There was a large congregation present which in itself was a testimony to the esteem in which the late Mr. Charles Farrell was held. Among those present were: Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, The Regimental Secretary, Capt. E. B. Spicer, Vice-

President of the Branch, Lt. W. A. Moody, R.S.M. F. W. Eames, RS.M. L. C. McKean, ex-R.S.M. L. S. Butler and representatives from the London, Hertford, St. Albans and Bedford Branches of The Regimental Association.

With the exception of Cribbage our Annual Games Competition has been completed. The winners were:—

The Anstee Darts Shield: J. W. Gentle; Runner-up, F. J. Bennett.

The Davenport Shooting Trophy: J. L. Livesey; Runner-up, G. W. T. Thornton.

The Nunn Dominoe Cup: W. C. Sweby; Runner-up, K. Knight.

The Ladies' Dart Cup: Mrs. S. M. Rees; Runner-up, Mrs. F. M. Miles.

The Trophies will be presented at our Annual Dinner on October 17.

ST. ALBANS

There has been little activity in the Branch since our last notes. The monthly meeting has taken place as usual and the members have given all support possible, allowing for the holiday period.

Seventeen members attended the Dinner in London on July 5, and they all very much enjoyed it and the pleasure of being able to meet so many Old Comrades again.

We are hoping that under the amalgamation of the 16th/44th Foot any old members of the 44th or 56th Regiments who may be residing in or near St. Albans will get in touch with us and become members. They can be assured of a great welcome. The Branch intends to support the amalgamation in every way.

Two of our comrades have been to the Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home at Lowestoft this year and both gave an excellent report on their return. We are very glad the Branch and the Regimental Association were able to help make this journey possible.

We are now getting things under control for the celebration of our 21st Birthday, which we hope to celebrate in the New Year. Our best wishes to all our Old Comrades wherever they are.

BEDFORD

Since our last notes we have once again had the Regimental Week-end, when we were very pleased to meet many of our old friends. We must congratulate Watford Branch in "pipping us" in the Postal Shoot, but we were very pleased to be a good "second." Thank you, skittles players for turning up and winning for us the Skittle Cup for the second year running. We were able to take a coach-load of 30 members to the Regimental Dinner at the Victory Club, and all enjoyed the trip, dinner and the company they found there.

During the T.A. 50th Anniversary Celebrations we turned out in force to attend a Drum Head service in Russel Park, Bedford, organised by the 5th Battalion. On this occasion Mr. (Jimmy) Pithers was our Standard Bearer.

We deemed it an honour to be invited to send a representative to the unveiling of a memorial to the late Charles Farrell, and our Chairman, Mr. Butler, attended. Thank you, Watford.

We have been busy in the recruiting field of late, and have signed on six new members over the past three months, amongst them being Harry Maidment and Bill Riley. We have plenty of room for more, so all you ex-members of the Regiment living in this area, look us up. The first Friday in each month at The Lane, Social Club.

We feel very much indebted to the Colonel of The Regiment in allotting us tickets for the Dress Rehearsal of the White City Tattoo and would like to thank him for it. Those members who were fortunate enough to go had nothing but praise for their evening's entertainment.

We are now off on our Winter Games League in the Bedford United Services Tournament and hope that as time goes by we shall be able to report good progress. We are sorry that we have lost the servxices of one of our stalwart Dart players, R.S.M. Mann. We shall miss him very much during the season as it was always a plesure to see him throw, helping in his dart by "get in!"

We now look forward to the next muster of ex-members of the Regiment, that of the Remembrance Service in November.

HITCHIN

First, we must apologise for not having any notes from the Branch in the last issue of the Regimental Journal. We are very sorry none of our members were able to attend The Regimental Association Dinner at The Victory Ex-Services Club in July, but most of them were away on holiday.

On June 28 we sent a coach-load of members to Ware for their Branch Annual Social, and we were delighted to come back with the "Darts" Cup. We take this opportunity to thank the Ware Branch for a very enjoyable evening.

Our Branch Annual Outing is to be held on Sunday, September 7, when we go to Clacton-on-Sea. We are hoping for a fine day.

6th BATTALION 1939-1945 O.C.A.

Our eleventh Annual Reunion was held at the Euston Tavern, London, on Saturday, May 31. Once again—our previous venture having been so successful—we held a dinner and 58 members sat down to a very good meal, a most en-

joyable evening following. The chair was taken by Major G. Hickson, who has just returned to the old country from Australia after ten years steady "simmering." It therefore was small wonder that on this somewhat warm May evening he looked quite the coolest customer present. Col. J. R. Harper was again unable to be with us and a message of greetings and good wishes was given on his behalf. Col. Harper, who now resides permanently in Montreal, has every hope of being able to attend in 1959. The guests of the evening were the President and Secretary of our first world war counterparts, respectively Lt.-Col. A. T. Hitch, D.S.O., and Mr. Johnny Day, of the 6th Bn. 1914/18 O.C.A., and in proposing the Royal Toast Col. Hitch thanked members for their kind hospitality that evening. Col. Young, in proposing the toast to the Regiment, recalled his period of service with the 6th Battalion as 2nd i/c when stationed at Caterham Barracks in 1943, and how proud he was to be present that evening not as a Regimental guest, but as a member of the Association. Col. Young then spoke at some length on the amalgamation with the Essex Regiment, to a most attentive company. At a brief Annual General Meeting immediately following dinner and presided over by Major L. I. Barford, T.D., the officers serving on the 1957 committee were re-elected en bloc for the ensuing year. These are:—

President: Col. J. R. Harper, O.B.E., T.D.; Vice-Presidents: Major A. C. Miller, M.B.E., T.D., Major I. A. Campbell, T.D.; Chairman: Major L. I. Barford, T.D.; Hon. Secretary: F. G. Sugars; Committee and Area Representatives: Hitchin, P. J. Day; St. Albans, W. Perkins; Dunstable, L. Philpott and G. Goldsmith; Leighton, W. Bonham; Luton, A. McConnell and V. Woodward.

The following officers of the Battalion were present during the evening: Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, Major G. Hickson, Major P. E. Watson, Major E. M. Walker, Major L. I. Barford, T.D., and Capt. F. E. Woodward.

DUNSTABLE HOME GUARD 1940 - 1944 ASSOCIATION

As must have been the case throughout the many branches of the Regimental Association, there was keen disappointment here at the enforced cancellation of The Amalgamation Parade.

Our Rifle Club Section gained third place in the Garrett Cup" .22 Annual Competition, held in June at Dunstable. They gained an aggregate score of 584, an average of 97.3. With eight to start, and six to count, the team were unfortunate in having only seven to shoot. Incidentally, one of the team was again in the Queen's Hundred at the Bisley full bore meeting this year.

Arrangements for our Annual Dinner in November are well in hand.

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MARRIAGES

MILNE—WELLS.—On August 23, 1958, Mr. L. E. Milne to Miss Claudia Wells, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wells of 11, Hardwick Road, Bedford.

LEVELL—BEASLEY. — On September 6, 1958, at All Saints' Church, Kempston, by the Rev. H. John, Mr. Peter Arthur Levell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Levell of Bristol, to Miss June Rose Beasley, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs. H. T. Beasley of 31, Fairholme, Putnoe, Bedford.

BIRTHS

FEWSTER.—On June 12, 1958, at Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), to O.R.Q.M.S. and Mrs. T. Fewster—a son (Ian).

WEST.—On September 15, 1958, at Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), to Lucy (née Price) and Andrew West, of Brook End Farm, Keysoe, Bedfordshire, and late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment—a son.

OBITUARY

Mr. G. R. Maxey

We regret to report the death of Mr. G. R. Maxey, which occurred at his home in Studham, Bedfordshire, on Good Friday, April 4. He served with The Regiment for some twenty-one years and will be well remembered by those who served after World War I until the early thirties. As Provost Sergeant for many years he exerted a great influence in the Battalion,

Sgt. G. R. Maxey.

most of his service was with the 2nd Battalion, but his great sphere was in the Boxing world, where he was N.C.O. i/c of the Battalion team for a long time. He left the Army for civil life in early 1935 and had the compliment paid him of his photograph being used as the Frontispiece of the March 1935 (Vol. VII. No. 5) issue of *The Wasp*. It is a copy of this photograph we reproduce here.

In the 2nd Battalion Notes under Boxing the following was written about him:—

"Sgt. Maxey has left us for civil life, and all ranks realise what his loss will mean to the Battalion.

As a boxing trainer he had no equal; apart from his knowledge of boxing and ability to train a team, he possessed a real personality and that rare quality of being able to get the very best out of those whom he taught. The energy and interest he showed were amazing, and a patience which seemed quite inexhaustible.

Our successes at Boxing for the past number of years have been directly attributed to the efforts of Sgt. Maxey, who sacrificed much of his spare time, not only

in the building up of a first class team, but also to infusing a keenness for boxing into the young soldiers. We will always remember when we won the Aldershot Command Novices Team Boxing in 1932, and how perfectly that team was trained to overcome the stiffest opposition. Last year we took the Eastern Command Cup, while this year it was only lost by the odd fight after a terrific strugle. These are a few instances of what can be accomplished by a person with the qualities of Sgt. Maxey, for whom all boxers had the greatest respect and, it might well be added, affection. They, in return, supported him in a manner deserving of such good work.

He will never be forgotten, and it is now up to us to carry on that excellent work with the same spirit that he always showed.

To him we wish to offer our great gratitude for the way he brought the boxing in the Battalion to its present high level, and to extend to both him and Mrs. Maxey our best wishes for success in their new life."

During the last few years Mr. and Mrs. Maxey have been at The Bell Inn, Studham, Bedfordshire. Although his duties prevented him from taking an active part in regimental occasions his interest in The Regiment remained as keen as ever and members of The Regiment were always welcomed at "The Bell." He was a member of The Luton Branch of The Regimental Association and of the Association.

He was cremated at Bedford Crematorium on April 9, 1958, and the service was attended by Mr. W. T. Wilson, D.C.M., and other members of the Luton Branch, R.S.M. F. W. Eames from The Regimental Depot and a bugler who sounded "The Last Post."

Mr. S. R. Unthank

It was with regret that we received the news of the death of Mr. S. R. Unthank, which occurred on June 17, 1958. Mr. Unthank joined The Bedfordshire Regiment as a Drummer Boy in 1907 and retired as a W.O.II in 1931. He then served with the 5th Battalion, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment at Leighton Buzzard as C.Q.M.S. He left the Battalion in 1934 to join the Prison Service at Wandsworth. On reaching retirement age in that service he held the appointment of Head Porter at Forset Court, London, W.1.

The late ex-C.S.M. S. R. Unthank.

Towards the end of 1951 his health became poor and eventually his left leg had to be amputated. This necessitated his retirement from work and he and Mrs. Unthank then moved to 102, Station Road, Rainham, Kent.

Mrs. Unthank served in the A.T.S. during World War II for three and a half years, until she was invalided out. His eldest son served in the Royal Engineers and R.E.M.E. for some sixteen years, but was killed in 1945, having reached the rank of Captain. His other son also served in the Royal Engineers for some twenty-five years and was R.S.M. on his retirement.

Mr. S. R. Unthank was held in high esteem throughout his service and was known to many of his comrades as "Drummy," due to his long period with the Drums. His interest in The Regiment, after he had left it, never flagged and he was a very keen member of The Regimental Association. He also made a gift of a helmet badge to The Regimental Museum.

Our photograph of ex-C.S.M. Unthank has been taken from a group, which was taken in China, consisting of members of the 1st Battalion who had landed in France in August 1914, and who were then still serving with the Battalion.

Mrs. Unthank is now living at 11, Lancaster Road, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Another loyal and good member of The Regiment has passed on.

Deaths

GAME.—On December 3, 1957, at 1, Hawkshead Cottages, North Mimms, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, Mr. R. G. Game, who served in the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914/1918 War. He was a keen member of the 6th Battalion O.C.A. and the Regimental Association.

COOPER.—In June, at a Nursing Home in Aspley Guise, Bedfordshire, Mr. A. V. M. Cooper, of 5, Manor Road, Goldington, Bedfordshire. Mr. Cooper joined The Bedfordshire Regiment on October 24, 1892, and served with the 1st Battalion in The Chitral Campaign of 1895. He served with the 2nd Battalion in South Africa, where he was wounded. He was discharged as unfit for further service owing to wounds on December 12, 1900. For many years Mr. Cooper occupied one the The Regimental Cottages at Oakley. The funeral took place at Goldington Church on June 22, and was attended by Lt.-Col. E. G. Fanning, M.C., D.L., representing The Regimental Association. A bugler from the Regimental Depot sounded "The Last Post."

EMERTON.—On Sunday, June 22, 1958, at 4, Laburnam Avenue, Bedford, Mr. William John Emerton, who joined The Bedfordshire Volunteer Rifles in 1887. He continued to serve with the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment, when it came into being in 1908. He served throughout the 1914/1918 War. He was very keen on music and for some time served as Drum Major. A member of the Regimental Association, Bedford Branch, he took a keen interest in all regimental activities. He was employed by the printing trade for most of his life and at the time of his death was recognised as the oldest compositor in the County. The funeral was held at Bedford and was attended by R.S.M. Eames, representing The Depot and Regimental Association. R.S.M. Mann and C.S.M. Jackman representing the 5th Battalion and Mr. Cannon representing the Bedford Branch. A bugler from The Depot sounded "The Last Post" and "Reveille."

FYNN.—On July 10, 1958, at Bedford, at the age of 70, Mr. Edward John Fynn of 41, Chestnut Avenue, Bedford. Mr. Fynn served with The Regiment for some twenty-one years and was a member of the Old Contemptibles' Association. After leaving the Regiment Mr. Fynn served on the Staff of H.M. Prison, Bedford. He was a keen musician and served with the Band. Two of his sons served in The Regiment later.

WILSON.—On August 13, 1958, at Luton, Mr. W. Wilson, who served with The Bedfordshire Regiment and who was a member of the Old Contemptibles' Association. Regimental No. 7653.

HAYES.—On September 3, 1958, after a major operation, Mr. T. H. Hayes, of 58, Stortford Road, Standon, Ware, Hertfordshire, at the age of 86. Mr. Hayes enlisted in The Bedfordshire Regiment at Hertford on November 12, 1888. After training at The Regimental Depot at Bedford, he went to India and served with the 1st Battalion. He took part in the Chitral Campaign of 1895, with the Battalion. Joining the 2nd Battalion he fought in the South African War with that Battalion. During the 1914/1918 War he served as a Sergeant-Major with the 8th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment. A very keen member of The Regimental Association he maintained his interest in his old Regiment right until the very last. Mrs. Hayes died on December 6, 1957, they had been together, except when Mr. Hayes was on Active Service, some sixty-seven years. The funeral took place at Standon on September 8, and was attended by Lt.-Col. E. G. Fanning, MC., D.L., representing The Regimental Association, Mr. F. T. Cooper, Mr. M. Snow and Mr. A. Goldstone, from the 8th Battalion (1914/18) O.C.A., and Mr. C. Mansfield from the Hertford Branch of The Regimental Association.

HAMPDEN.—On Thursday, September 4, 1958, at Mill Court, Alton, Hampshire, Brigadier-General Viscount Hampden, Hon. Colonel, The Hertfordshire Regiment, 1920-1947.

ROBINSON.—At Edlesborough on September 7, 1958, Mr. W. H. Robinson of 9, Leighton Road, Edlesborough. Mr. Robinson was a Lutonian but moved to Edlesborough about 14 years ago. He was a great lover of sport and a successful breeder and trainer of greyhounds, and was also a keen gardener. Mr. Robinson served in The Bedfordshire Regiment in the First World War and was wounded in France.

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