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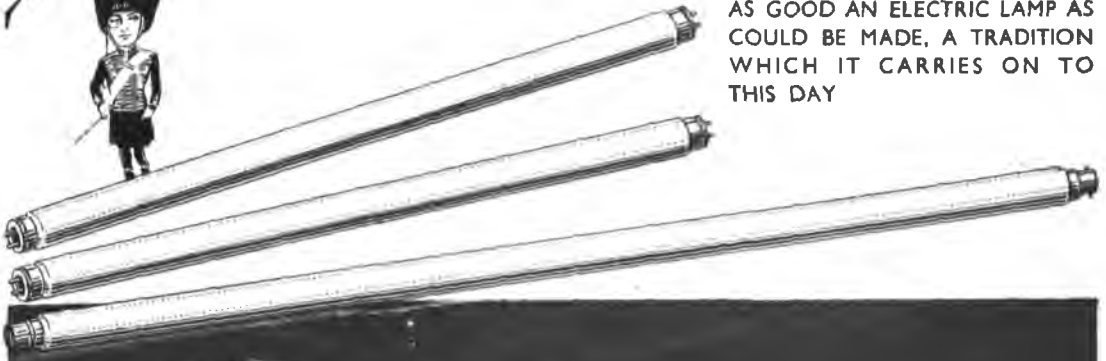
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*THE REGIMENTAL CHAPEL, WARLEY BARRACKS, BRENTWOOD*

## EDITORIAL

In the review of the October Number of *The Wasp* and *The Eagle* which *The Bedfordshire Times* kindly published in their issue of November 14, *The Journal* is described as a blending of the old Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regimental Magazine *The Wasp* and the old journal of The Essex Regiment *The Eagle*. They further state that the old flavour of *The Wasp* is still to be sensed in the new journal.

Judging by the many kind remarks received by the Editorial staff on the publication of *The Wasp* and *The Eagle*, the first number of the joint journal was successful and well received.

When the preliminary preparations for this number of *The Wasp* were made, there was an air of melancholy in the Editorial office and a tendency to mourn the passing of a journal which had served The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire loyally during the past some thirty years. But having read the review of *The Bedfordshire Times* and the kind letters written by many members, it was realised that here was no occasion to mourn, as neither *The Eagle* nor *The Wasp* were to die but were destined to go on together, to record the history of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) as they had done for their old Regiments in the past.

The new journal faces many responsibilities in that it must record faithfully the life of the amalgamated regiment and the present, without losing sight of the past and of the two famous regiments from which the new regiment has sprung. But we feel the blending of the two old journals and the presentation of the best of their "flavours" will ensure that these responsibilities are met in full and the joint journal will be in every way a worthy successor to its forbears.

The joint journal will be published in May and it is requested that all photographs and script for it are forwarded to The Editor, c/o Regimental Headquarters, by not later than April 1, 1959.

## THE REGIMENTAL CHAPEL, WARLEY

There is an old story that when the Roman Legions were stationed in Britain, the men of the Legions were gathered together from time to time for their religious services in tents of goat-skins—"Caprarium Pellibus"—or more shortly "Capella," in which some think the word "Chapel" has its origin. Ever since those days effort has been made to ensure the fighting men of our land have the appropriate opportunity

and place for corporate worship. In Essex such endeavour has found pleasing and fitting shape in the Chapel of the Essex Regiment, the subject of our Frontispiece for this issue.

In 1842 Warley Barracks became the Depot of the Honourable East India Company. At first the riding school was used for Church Services, as is shown by a recommendation of the Commandant, dated March 13, 1843. "That the riding house should be allowed to stand as it would prove very useful as a place of worship." In 1855 the Barracks were extended and the plans for this included the erection of the present Chapel, which was built in 1857 to the design of Sir Matthew Digby Wyatt. The cost was £2,147, which was the largest sum that the Commissioner for Affairs of India was prepared to sanction.

After the Indian Mutiny of 1857 the entire administration of India passed into the hands of the Crown, and in 1861, the control of Warley Barracks passed to the War Office.

In 1873 the Depot Companies of the 44th (East Essex) Regiment and the 56th (West Essex) Regiment, "The Pompadours" were brought together at Warley and they were accompanied by the Depot Companies of the East Essex and West Essex Militia. Thus there was established at Warley a Regimental centre for the Regular and Militia Regiments of the County of Essex. This was followed by the major reorganisation of 1881, when the system of county regiments was inaugurated and the 44th and 56th Regiments became the 1st and 2nd Battalions The Essex Regiment and The Essex Rifles and West Essex Militia became the 3rd and 4th Battalions of the Regiment.

The Chapel therefore has regimental connections with the Essex Regiment as far back as 1873, but the earliest memorial to the Regiment is a brass plate on the north wall, giving the names of those of the 56th Foot, the "Pompadours," who fell in the Nile Campaign of 1884/85.

Up to 1925 the Chapel was generally known as the Warley Garrison Chapel, but on February 25 of that year official sanction was given to the proposal that the Chapel should be recognised as the Essex Regimental Chapel. This proposal had been put forward by Major-General F. Ventris, C.B., Colonel of the Essex Regiment, in response to a strong feeling that the dedication of the Warley Garrison Chapel to the Regiment would have the desirable effect of forming a closer link between all Units of the Regiment and also would strengthen the connection between the Regiment and the County. The Essex Regiment thus achieved the distinction of being the only line regiment with a Chapel of its own. It owes much to Sir Bertram Cubitt, K.C.B., D.L., for his help at the War Office in obtaining sanction and a memorial to him was placed in the Chapel in 1948.

The ceremony of dedicating the Chapel took place on March 1, 1925, and was performed by the Chaplain-General, Bishop Taylor Smith. The ceremony was made all the more impressive by the laying up of the King's Colours of the 10th and 11th Service Battalions and the 1st and 2nd Garrison Battalions of the Regiment.

It is not possible here to describe in detail how through the years the original purposes of the dedication have been fulfilled or to describe in detail the many Colours and memorials in the Chapel. They include:

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The Memorial for the 1939-1945 War takes the form of a tower with a carillon of bells. It was completed this year by the dedication of a stained glass window in the base of the tower.

All these suffice to show how those aims of forging a closer link between the Regiment and the County and the Regiment and its Units have been fully realised.

Since 1946 a Civic Sunday Service has been instituted and is held annually. This is attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, together with the High Sheriff, the Mayors of the Boroughs, the Chairman and members of the Essex County Council, and the Chairman of all the Urban District and Rural District Councils of the County.

Upon amalgamation the Essex Regiment most generously offered the use of the Chapel to the new Regiment and in future it is to be known as the Chapel of the Essex Regiment and the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) and this has been agreed to by the War Office.

Those of us who have had the opportunity of visiting the Chapel have been very impressed with its beauty and dignity. Present and Past members of the Regiments who happen to be in the area at any time are cordially invited to visit the Chapel, the key of which can be obtained from the Depot Guardroom. A morning service is held in the Chapel on Sunday mornings at 10.30.

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## REGIMENTAL NOTES

### 1st BATTALION

The Battalion are now due to complete their tour in B.A.O.R. in the latter half of March, 1959, when they will return to the United Kingdom for a few months before their departure for their next station which is to be Cyprus.

It is hoped, subject to the exigencies of the service, that during their stay at home they will be quartered in Warley Barracks, Brentwood, alongside the Regimental Depot.

### 5th BATTALION

An Army Order has been published signifying Her Majesty The Queen's approval to the change of title of the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) to the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.).

### THE REGIMENTAL NICKNAME

A Regiment requires a short name for use as a war cry and in conversation. There is no diminutive of the Third East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) which is suitable and definite. It has been thought that such a nickname would appear of its own accord on the "Touch Line" or elsewhere. This has not happened either in the Battalion or the Depot.

The Colonel of the Regiment therefore sought the views of the Associate Colonel, the C.O.s of the Regular, T.A. Battalions and the Depot and has now approved the nickname "Pompadours."

The name "Pompadours" was the nickname of the 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment (56th Foot) for nearly 200 years and refers to the Regimental facing colour of Pompadour Purple. This colour is now worn by sports teams of the new Regiment and is the background colour of the Regimental flag. It is for this reason an appropriate nickname and well-known throughout the Service.

### THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENTAL PICTURE

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### 3rd EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT (16th/44th FOOT) DINNER CLUB

Although the response to the preliminary letter regarding the new Dinner Club was excellent and a large majority of Officers stated they would join it, the actual return of Banker's Order Forms for the new Club has been somewhat disappointing. It is hoped that those Officers who have not completed their Banker's Order Forms will do so as soon as possible and return them to:

Col. R. W. Littlehales, O.B.E.,

Hon. Secretary,

The 3rd East Anglian Regiment  
(16th/44th Foot) Dinner Club,  
"Springfield Tyrells,"

250, Springfield Road,  
Chelmsford, Essex,

from whom further information may be obtained or to:

Lt.-Col. A. C. Young,

Assistant Hon. Secretary,

The 3rd East Anglian Regiment  
(16th/44th Foot) Dinner Club,  
Regimental Headquarters,

The 3rd East Anglian Regiment  
(16th/44th Foot),  
Warley Barracks,  
Brentwood, Essex.

### PERSONALIA

Lt.-Col. P. YOUNG has been appointed to the Regular Commissions Board, and has taken up his new duties.

Col. J. LEADER writes to tell us that his father, Col. JOHN LEADER, is very well. He is still living in Canada at 3738, Pine Crescent, Vancouver, B.C., and is still playing a very good game of tennis, which is no mean feat when one is well over 80 years of age. Col. and Mrs. Leader celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary next March. They were married in March, 1909.

"The Bedfordshire Times" have for some time now included in their weekly issue on Fridays, a feature entitled "A Bedfordshire Portrait Gallery" in which are featured well-known personalities in the County. Among those who have appeared in this feature are Lt.-Col. E. G. FANNING, Col. G. A. ANSTEE and Lt.-Col. W. S. CHIRNSIDE.

Lt.-Col. Alan CLARKE has been successful in obtaining an appointment with a leading dairy firm in London. He is taking up his new duties forthwith and from what he tells us it should be very interesting work.

Mr. J. P. MORFEY, who held a National Service Commission in The Regiment, is now on the staff of The King's School at Ely, where he runs the School C.C.F. He tells us he was married in August and his address is: 3, The Gallery, Ely, Cambs. He is a keen reader of "The Wasp."

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We were very glad to hear from Capt. W. WHITE, who wrote to tell us that Mrs. White and he celebrate their Ruby Wedding anniversary on December 23. To the many congratulations and good wishes they are sure to receive we should like to add ours.

To mark this occasion we publish two photographs of Capt. White, one taken in Italy in 1918 and one in Newcastle in 1956, and also the following brief description of his service with The Regiment.

Capt. White, who may be better remembered by his contemporaries as Sergeant, later C.S.M. White, Regimental Number 9124, enlisted in the early part of 1907 and joined the 2nd Battalion as they were moving from Assaye to Goojerat Barracks, later, when the 2nd Battalion left Tidworth for Gibraltar he, with others, was posted to the Provisional Battalion and remained with them until the 1st Battalion arrived at Colchester in 1908.

Capt. White went with the 1st Battalion from Mullingar to France in 1914, his platoon commander at the time being Lt., now Major, W. W. Wagstaff. He took part in the action on Sunday, August 21, 1914, and was very fortunate in not being made a prisoner with Lt. Wagstaff and others, who became cut off.

Later, near a town named Missy, very well known to some people as it was in that town the Battalion received their first pay since leaving "The Old Country," Capt. White was wounded and spent some weeks in Netley Hospital and at Felixstowe, before rejoining the Battalion. He was wounded again on the Somme near High Wood on July 27, 1916. On this occasion he was in hospital at Bristol, but later rejoined the Battalion in France.

In April, 1918, at Le Sart, a small village just outside Nieppe Forest, Capt. White was wounded for the third time and on this occasion more seriously. After many operations he was placed on the retired list in 1923 as "Medically unfit for further service."

In Italy and subsequently in France, Capt. White commanded "A" and "B" Companies of the Battalion, alternating with Capt., now Brigadier, J. C. A. Birch. Later, just before he was wounded, he again took command of the two companies on the occasion when Capt. F. Hague was wounded.

Capt. White concludes by sending his kind regards and best wishes to all who remember him. He will be very glad to hear from them and will certainly answer any letters received.



## CAPTAIN W. WHITE

BOLOGNA — ITALY,  
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He states he is still "fighting fit" but this time it is against the formidable enemy "Father Time." He will be very glad to hear from his old batman, Fred Lane, who was near him and attended to him when he was wounded in 1918.

Capt. and Mrs. White are now living at: 19, Croydon Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 4.

Mr. H. JACKSON, of No. 9, Roman Road, Luton, Beds., when sending his subscription, enclosed a metal match case which is inscribed: "The Governor's Cup Team Competition, 1910—Bermuda Rifle Meeting—Pte. A. Bradshaw, "E" Company, 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment."

Mr. Jackson was handed this case in 1932 and asked if he could trace the owner. Although he has made many attempts to do so, so far he has been unable to do so.

If any of our readers know the whereabouts of Ex-Pte. A. Bradshaw, the Editor will be very glad to hear from them.

Chief Superintendent F. W. KITCHENER, of The Bedfordshire Constabulary, is to retire on February 1, 1959, after 40 years' service in the Police. Superintendent Kitchener will be remembered by many who served at The

Depot. He has always taken a keen interest in The Regiment and was most helpful on regimental occasions, especially Regimental Remembrance Sundays. We send our good wishes for happiness and good luck in his retirement.

The Finance Committee have authorised a donation, which has been sent, of two guineas, to THE FARMINGHAM HOUSE FOR BOYS, at South Darenth, Dartford, Kent. At present they have in their care Nicholas PRIGMORE, whose father, Henry Prigmore, served in The Regiment from 1939-1945.

Lt. A. F. ROGERS writes from Malaya, where he is serving with the 1st Bn. The Federation Regiment. He has been busy trying to learn Malay and expects to leave for the jungle, with his Regiment, on December 23. This means he will probably sit down to a Christmas dinner of bully beef and biscuits, a prospect which does not exactly fill him with joy.

Col. H. C. R. HOSE writes from Hove. He has resigned from his job with the petroleum firm and is now seeking another post. He was very sorry to hear of the closing of The Depot,



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of which he has many happy memories of his service there as a subaltern. He and Mrs. HOSE and their two daughters are very well. Their address is: 36, Tongdean Road, Hove, 4, Sussex.

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We hear from Major Stanley CHANDLER that at the end of their tour at the M.C.T.C., Colchester, in the early part of next year, they expect to go back to Malta. They are very pleased at the prospect as they enjoyed their previous tour there very much.

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Sgt. N. COX, who was formerly on the Regimental Depot Staff at Kempston Barracks, has been appointed Special Army Recruiter for the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot). He is now a member of the Staff of the Army Information Office at St. Albans, which is in the charge of Major A. E. FRENCH, and his recruiting area covers the counties of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

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Lt.-Col. E. W. BRIGHTEN wrote a little while ago to tell us he was back at Rusape after a six weeks' tour in the wilds of Kenya.

He was looking forward to a visit from Major and Mrs. Jack RICHARDSON, who are to stay with him before Major Richardson takes up his new job. Col. Brighten will be 80 soon, but appears to be very active still.

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Major R. H. MEDLEY is now holding a Staff appointment at the War Office.

He finds his job most interesting as he deals with the Junior Leader Units, the Army Apprentices Schools and the Army Outward Bound School.

He has met quite a number of the Regiment during his travels, including Brigadier PETERS, Lt.-Cols. PRESTON, MILEHAM and STEVENSON, Majors MILMAN, DUTHOIT, KITTO and Capt. WARD-BOOTH, C.S.M. HERRING and Colour Sergeant BALKHAM, also Staff Sergeant KING at Chepstow.

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We are sorry to hear from Mr. "Johnny" DAY, of the 6th Battalion (1914/1918) O.C.A., that Mr. Cyril BLISS is still very ill in Harefield Hospital.

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"The Bedfordshire Times" in their issue of November 14, very kindly reviewed the number of *The Wasp* and *The Eagle* published at the beginning of that month.

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Col. The Right Hon. The Lord LUKE was among those who attended a dinner at the Mansion House, London, in October, in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association Scheme to build a ring of new hostels in London.

Col. and Mrs. Ralph HARPER hope to spend some time in England next summer and expect to arrive in London on May 19. They are looking forward very much to seeing their many friends here again.

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Major Guy HATCH, son of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Roger Hatch, has been Mentioned in Despatches for his services in Malaya. His parents are delighted and proud of his prowess, and Col. Hatch tells us that his son is now a Major and p.s.c. and has an appointment on the H.Q. Staff of the 17th Gurkha Division.

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We were glad to hear from Mrs. BURNELL, of 175, Firs Lane, Winchmore Hill, London, N.21, the other day that Mr. Burnell is much better in some ways and is now able to do a little reading and talking. His memory is also much better and he still takes a keen interest in Regimental affairs.

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Major D. DUTHOIT has recently spent three weeks in London. He was very pleased to meet Major Robin MEDLEY almost daily, and Major George COWLEY on two occasions. He also met Lt.-Col. R. A. W. STEVENSON, the first time for sixteen years. He was glad to see him again as he was his first Company Commander when he joined the 1st Battalion in Jerusalem.

Major Duthoit is now living at 2, Marlborough Close, Horton Road, Devizes, Wilts.

Mr. J. E. KNIGHT (Chota) when sending his subscription for the year wrote at some length about his days in the Anti-Tank Platoon of the 2nd Battalion. He particularly remembers Lt., now Major, T. B. D. McMILLEN, Mr. "Ginger" DUCKETT, Mr. "Kate" COLMAN, Sgt. DAY and Mr. "Tick" LAWSON.

He also recalls the early days of 1940 in Belgium and France.

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Mr. Knight served in the Regiment 1930-1936 and came back as a Reservist in 1939. His address is: 126, Seaford Road, Tottenham, London, N.15.

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Capt. R. J. GRESTY writes from Singapore, where he is serving on the "G" Staff of G.H.Q., FARELF. Mrs. Gresty and he are enjoying life out there and are expecting to move into a very nice modern bungalow in a good area of the city. They have been living in a guest house. Capt. Gresty enjoys his work which is very interesting. He sees Majors Ian ROSS and Paul DAVIS quite frequently. He hopes that anyone of the Regiment who goes that way will get in touch with him and he will be delighted to see them.

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We are glad to hear Capt. David PAGE is making good progress.

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## REGIMENTAL REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 1958

Kempston Barracks, Bedford, which had laid forlorn and rather desolate since the Regimental Depot closed down in September, came to life again on Sunday, November 16, when The Regiment gathered to observe Regimental Remembrance Day.

With no Regimental Depot, the burden of the preparations fell upon the Secretary of The Regimental Association, Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., and the Commanding Officer of the 5th Battalion, Lt.-Col. S. W. B. Phipps. Much careful thought and planning was required, but with the loyal and enthusiastic support of all ranks of the 5th Battalion, the many difficult problems which arose were overcome, and on Sunday morning all was ready to receive the Regiment on this the day of its Annual Remembrance.

In spite of the fog and rather cold weather, members of The Regiment gathered together in the lines of the 5th Battalion, light refreshments were available and friends and comrades greeted each other.

By 11.45 a.m., the Gymnasium was full and a large congregation stood to greet the Colonel of The Regiment, General Sir Richard Denning, as he took his place. He was followed by the Rev. H. John, M.B.E., Vicar of Kempston and Chaplain to the late Regimental Depot. Then to the music of the Voluntary, "Valse Destiny," played by the Band of the 5th Battalion, the Regimental Colours of the 1st Battalion The Hertfordshire Regiment and the 5th Battalion entered and were received by the Chaplain and placed upon the piled drums. They were followed by the Standards of the Branches of the Regimental Association in London, Hertford, Watford, St. Albans, Bedford, Hitchin, Luton, and Watford, Ware and Cheshunt Branches of The Hertfordshire Regiment O.C.A.

The service then began, following its traditional pattern, and beginning with The Regimental Prayer. The Lesson was read by Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning. After reading the Lesson, the General reminded the congregation that we were gathered today before God to honour and remember all our Comrades who had passed on to higher service, and in particular, those who had passed on during the past year.

The General then read out the names of the following roll:

Roll of members of the Regiment who had passed on since Regimental Remembrance Sunday, 1957.

Brigadier-General Viscount Hampden.  
Brigadier John Macready.  
Colonel H. S. Windham.  
Major A. Sale.



[Photograph : Mr. C. Kelly (London Branch)]

The Regimental Memorial, Regimental Remembrance Sunday, 1958. The Colonel of the Regiment — General Sir Reginald Denning, salutes after laying the Regimental wreath.

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| Mr. F. Baker        | Mr. W. Hart        |
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| Mr. W. Gill         | Mr. A. J. Westwood |
| Mr. A. J. Green     | Mr. W. Wilson      |
| Mr. C. H. W. Groves |                    |

On concluding the reading of the Roll, the Colonel of the Regiment gave the exhortation, "They shall not grow old."

The address was given by the Rev. H. John and the service ended with the singing of the National Anthem and the Blessing.

The Colours were then returned to the Colour Officers by the Chaplain and the Standards to their bearers. The congregation then dispersed to get ready for the March Past.

The Parade formed up in the following order:

The Band of the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

The Regimental Colour and Guard, 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment.

The Regimental Colour and Guard, 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

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1/5th Bedfordshire Regiment (1914/1918) (The Yellow Devils).

London Branch.

Hertford.

Watford.

St. Albans.

Bedford.

Hitchin.

Luton.

Ware and Cheshunt Branches of The Hertfordshire Regiment O.C.A.

The salute was taken by The Colonel of The

Regiment, who was accompanied on the dais by Colonel The Right Hon. Lord Luke, T.D., D.L. (Hon. Colonel of the 5th Battalion), and Brigadier J. A. Longmore, C.B., C.B.E., T.D., D.L. (Hon. Colonel of The Hertfordshire Regiment), and Major A. B. Lemon, who was invited by the General to accompany him on the dais.

After the march past, the parade formed up in the road outside the gates of the barracks, on either side of The Regimental Memorial. The Colours taking post outside The Shrine and the Standards on the pathway on either side of the Memorial.

On the arrival of The Colonel of The Regiment, the "Last Post" followed by "Reveille" was sounded from the Tower of The Keep by a bugler of the 5th Battalion.

Then followed the wreath laying ceremony. Wreaths were laid by:

*The Regimental Wreath*—The Colonel of The Regiment.

*The 1st Battalion Wreath*—Lt.-Col. S. W. B. Phipps.

*The 2nd Battalion and Regimental Depot Wreath*—Major H. T. Beasley, M.B.E.

*The Hertfordshire Regiment Wreath*—Brigadier J. A. Longmore, C.B., C.B.E., T.D., D.L., Hon. Colonel.

*The 5th Battalion Wreath*—Colonel The Right Hon. Lord Luke, T.D., D.L., Hon. Colonel.

*Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force*—A Cadet from the Luton Company of The Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force.

*8th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (1914/1918) O.C.A.*—Mr. Packer.

*1/5 Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (1914/1918) (Yellow Devils) O.C.A.*—Mr. Plummer.

*London Branch*—Mr. Aldridge.

*Hertford Branch*—Major Townsend.

*Watford Branch*—Mr. Timms.

*St. Albans Branch*—Mr. Windmill.

*Bedford Branch*—Mr. Maidment.

*Hitchin Branch*—Mr. Childs.

*Luton Branch*—Mr. Everitt.

*6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (1914/1918) O.C.A.*—Mr. Timms.

*Gravesend Branch*—Mr. Theobald.

*Ware (Hertfordshire Regiment) O.C.A. Branch*—Mr. Powell.

*Unstable Home Guard (1944) Association*—A Member.

*Wreath in Memory of the late Brigadier J. Macready, D.S.O., O.B.E.*—Lt.-Col. A. C. Young.

*Wreath in Memory of the late Brigadier J. Macready, D.S.O., O.B.E.* (from his family)—Mr. A. Macready.

*Wreath in Memory of the late Brigadier C. C. Foss, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., D.L., J.P.* (from his widow)—Major H. T. Beasley, M.B.E.

*Wreath in Memory of the late Lt.-Col. J. C. Monteith, M.C.* (from his family)—Lt. Sambrook.

*Wreath in Memory of the late Major Arthur Sale* (from his widow)—Major Corner.

*Wreath in Memory of the late Pte. S. Needham, V.C.* (from his Sister)—Mr. Ward.

The Colours and Guards then marched off and the company dispersed. Refreshments were served in the Officers' Mess of the 5th Battalion and in the Gymnasium, where many old acquaintances were renewed and old battles and times re-fought. The threat of further fog caused many people to leave early, but those who stayed until dusk had fallen were again able to see The Regimental Memorial with its beauty and dignity enhanced in the flood lighting.

We were very glad to have with us on this day Mrs. Macready and Mr. Anthony Macready.

Thus ended Regimental Remembrance Day, 1958, the first to be observed since the amalgamation of The Regiment and the closure of The Regimental Depot. All the difficulties, which at times appeared insuperable, were overcome and the day went, as Regimental occasions tend to do, smoothly to its end.

Thanks of all who attended go to the C.O. and all ranks of the 5th Battalion and the Secretary of The Regimental Association, to whose hard work and enthusiasm the success of all the arrangements was due.

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## TRIPOLI TO TARHUNA, 1948

Reading of the 1st Battalion's recent activities in Germany, and the route marches accomplished by the rifle companies, recalled to mind a march which the Intelligence Section undertook while stationed at Azzizia Barracks in Tripoli. Capt. Ward-Booth, who was at the time our I.O., decided that our section should do something in the way of training which had not previously been undertaken by any other company in the Battalion. He, therefore, made arrangements for our section to march the 46 miles across the desert to the Battalion training camp at Tarhuna. This camp, situated in the foothills, was originally part of the defence system built by the Italians when that part of North Africa was an Italian Colony.

The first mile, after marching from camp, was through a thickly populated area, mostly comprising shanty buildings, hastily constructed from abandoned petrol tins and similar material. This was also the dhoobie area, where Arab women worked wonders on the troops K.D.—using buckets of starch and primitive charcoal-burning flat irons. This area soon gave way to a few orange groves and, after that, nothing but mile after mile of sand stretching to the horizon. Unlike the rifle companies, our section had very little marching experience—the greater part of our day usually being taken up with office work. Our very few public appearances came in the form of guards, C.O.'s parades, and a twice daily race past company office to the N.A.A.F.I. Halting only for ten minutes every hour, the section were soon able to put a respectable distance between themselves and barracks. We sang as we marched and, however tuneless our songs, we certainly lacked nothing in volume. This may well have laid the foundation to the present breach in Anglo-Arabic relations!

The sun was high in the sky when we halted for tiffin. While in barracks, the normal day's routine permitted a siesta during the heat of the day. This was rather pointless in the desert as there was nowhere to lie away from the sun's glare. The old saying, "It was a hundred in the shade, but there was no shade" at last had some real meaning for us. So, tiffin finished, on we marched along a burning ribbon of road.

Our supply truck, carrying the bedding and rations, had gone ahead to establish a camp for the night. This had been set up only a short distance from the road. Upon our arrival, we bathed our aching feet and applied large quantities of sticking-plaster to the most painful areas. Sleep was our greatest desire. Food was only secondary importance and dismissed by us as only a formality which custom decreed. The arrangements having been made for the posting of sentries, we fell into an exhausted sleep.

Before camp was struck in the morning, it was decided that two members of the section were too lame to undertake any further marching, they were pronounced unfit and left behind to travel with the supply lorry later in the day. A mild form of heat exhaustion had attacked us all. Marching mile after mile along a metal road, brought up to an almost white heat by the blazing sun, was a painful experience. Huge water blisters had begun forming on the soles of our feet and each step brought further pain as feet, which were almost raw flesh, began to swell. By the morning of the third day, another member of our small section had fallen out. There remained now only Capt. Ward-Booth and three members of his section—all of whom were in pretty bad shape. At this stage there were still twelve miles separating the section from the training camp at Tarhuna.

The ten minute halt had become unbearable. The physical effort required to rise to one's feet after only a short rest far outweighed its recuperative properties. With the permission of the I.O., the section decided to tackle the remaining twelve miles in one go, without halting on the march. It had now become an endurance test, about which we can remember little except the blinding heat, the taste of warm evil-smelling water from our bottles, the infuriating swarms of ever present flies and those tortured feet. It required an almost superhuman effort to slope our arms and march through the main gates at Tarhuna. On the command "Halt" it took an even greater effort as our feet almost refused to remain still and appeared to be jumping about inside our boots!

Two days later, still limping rather badly, we were able to parade as a section and march to the rifle range. Here, to the astonishment of all, we managed to classify on the rifle. A sneaking suspicion still prevails that sympathetic "Muckers" in the butt-party had much to do with our success. That only bears out the wonderful *Espirit de Corps* which was always found while serving with the Regiment.

EX-CPL. A. N. MACINTYRE

### COMMENT

BY CAPT. J. A. WARD-BOOTH

The Editor sent this article for me to see before publication and I would like to stress one thing before my brother officers point out to me that the march was obviously worthless training since (a) we had not worked up to it and (b) we were in no fit state to fight at the end of it. To be quite honest the march itself was not intended as training; it started off as a "dare" in the Mess and became the "I" Sec-

tion's Everest; I would add that I told the section before we started that anyone who did not wish to do it need not do so.

I think that Mr. Macintyre has not quite got his facts right about the time taken. We started off in the late afternoon, spent two nights out and reached Tarhuna about 10 a.m. on the third day. I would not be sure about the distance but looking back on it it certainly seemed more than 46 miles.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

In his letter forwarding the above article, Mr. Macintyre writes:—

The enclosed article recounts an exploit during my period of National Service with the 1st Battalion, which may be of interest to some readers of *The Wasp* now a few years have passed.

My own record of service may be rather different from most members of The Regiment. As a Scotsman, resident in Scotland, my initial period of training was undergone at the 30th Leader Training Battalion, stationed at Pinefield Camp, Elgin. Upon completion of this training, I was posted to a Holding Company of The Essex Regiment at Hyderabad Barracks, Colchester. Two weeks later I was posted to the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, joining the 1st Battalion in Tripoli. I was also with the Advance Party of the Battalion when it sailed for Greece, being stationed at the Cavalry Barracks, Salonika.

Since my demobilisation in 1949, I have kept in touch with several friends from those army days, but last year, while touring in England, I spent a few days in Luton as the guest of Sgt. D. Sharpe—he has signed on for another period of service with the 5th Battalion (T.A.). While staying in Luton, I made a point of visiting The Regimental Depot at Bedford. Unfortunately, it was a Sunday, and I was unable to visit the Museum which was closed. However, this pleasure can await some later date, when I hope to be in the County again.

I should like to extend an invitation, to any of my old regimental friends, who may pass through this district at any time, to call on me. Since demobilisation, I have been engaged in the family business of "Norwell's Perth Footwear," and can always be located there.

Mr. Macintyre's address is: 11, Rose Terrace, Perth, Scotland.

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## THE RANGOON WAR MEMORIAL

BY MAJOR IAN ROSS

The Rangoon War Memorial was unveiled by General Sir Francis Festing, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces, on February 9, 1958. The memorial is situated in the Taukkyan War Cemetery on the Frome Road about 21 miles north of Rangoon. The land on which the Memorial stands has been generously given by the people of Burma. The Rangoon Memorial was built by the Imperial War Graves Commission, it commemorates by name 27,000 Officers and Men of the Land Forces of the British Commonwealth who perished during the campaign in Burma and Assam and whose resting place is known only to God.



[Photograph by courtesy of the British Legion

The Taukkyan War Cemetery, Burma. View from the central rotunda of the Memorial.



[Photograph by courtesy of the British Legion

*The Taukkyan War Cemetery, Burma. General view of the Memorial and Cemetery.*

On the stone frieze high inside the central rotunda of the Memorial are inscribed these words:—

*"The names of twenty-seven thousand soldiers of many races united in service to the British Crown who gave their lives in Burma and Assam but to whom the fortune of war denied the customary rites accorded to their comrades in death."*

*"They died for all free men."*

The Guards of Honour were provided by the 1st Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, and the Burma Army; also on parade were detachments of the Armed Services of the Commonwealth. There were many moving moments during this memorable day, brought about by the splendid bearing of the troops on parade, by the stirring music of the Bands of The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and The Royal Marines, by the sounding of "Last Post" and "Reveille" by the Gurkha buglers and the playing of the Lament "Lochaber No More" by the Pipers of The South Wales Borderers.

Of the Memorial itself and all it enshrines there is nothing hopeless; it is magnificent and inspiring, and the many bereaved men and women of all races, who stood in contemplation amongst the flowers on February 9 this year seemed proud and contented. Honour had been

done to those to whom honour was due. They will not be forgotten!

Wreaths were placed at the foot of the Regimental Tablet within the Memorial; one from the Colonel of the Regiment and All Ranks past and present; the second from Lt.-Col. T. J. Borrow, D.S.O., and All Ranks of the 1st Battalion.

The inscriptions on the wreaths were the same:—

*"In sincere and proud memory."*

The names on the Regimental Panel read:

LIEUTENANT	PRIVATE
DRUMMOND, J. N. B.	BALI, G. E.
NEIGHBOUR, C.	CHITTOCK, E. W.
	EVANS, W. E.
SERGEANT	KETTERIDGE, H. C.
KIRBY, A. J.	SHERWOOD, B. E.
	SMITH, V. W.
LANCE-CORPORAL	SPRINGETT, F. K.
BRIGGS, G. E.	TARRIER, C. D.
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## THE RANGOON MEMORIAL



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*The inscription on the stone frieze of the Central Rotunda.*

## THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

During this last quarter the Museum has continued to plough its lonely furrow. The loneliness is rather more apparent than real, because, despite the fact that for the time being we are almost alone in this part of the Barracks, quite a number of visitors have found their way to us, and we continue to receive the most interesting gifts, which will now be detailed for the benefit of those interested.

Mr. F. Cooper, late 8th Battalion, added to the many things he has presented, by giving his 250th anniversary steward's badge, and a brass Very Light Pistol used in the trenches in the First World War. A most interesting Tile was presented by Mr. Diemer of the Bedford Branch. This is made apparently from Marston Valley Clay, polished, and beautifully embossed with the old Bedfordshire Badge and Harts, the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Badge and Harts, a button of the latter and a G.S. Button. Major J. L. de V. Martin presented a German Afrika Korps Water Bottle, with which he shared a shell hole, when he was wounded in the fierce fighting at Djebel Mansour in Tunisia, and from which he drank some very evil-tasting ersatz coffee; also a kerchief Map which he carried on "Op Anvil," i.e., the Paratroop invasion of the South of France on August 15, 1944, and

a Parachutists' Badge, awarded to him by the French Army, while serving with them in North Africa in 1947.

In September we were fortunate in hearing from Commander G. R. Wise, R.N. (Retd.), living at Tichfield, Hants, that he had bought some uniform belonging to the late Capt. G. P. Appleby, who served in the Regiment from 1892-1907. The Curator went to Tichfield to inspect the uniform, which was bought on his recommendation by the Regimental Association. The Museum thus acquired, in very good condition, one Frock Coat, one Sash (scarlet), Blue Cap, Helmets white and khaki, 1890 pattern, white buff Sword Belt complete with locket and slings, a Sam Browne Belt, Haversacks and Khaki F.S. Cap—the Sash and Sword Belt are both now very rare. Mrs. G. Fynn presented a Bedfordshire Badge, beautifully embroidered in yellow on black by Mrs. Percy in 1916; she was the wife of the late Dmr. Percy of the 2nd Battalion, who was severely wounded in 1914. Mr. W. H. Ruskin visited the museum in October, and sent us the bottom part of his brother's Mess Tin, and also his Drummer's brass Badge. His brother was No. 12022 Pte. W. H. Ruskin, a 6'h Bedfordshire scout and ex-Drummer, who was killed in the night action of May 4, 1915, at Bienvillers, when, following

a heavy bombardment, a big German raiding party got into the 6th Battalion trenches and inflicted 74 casualties. The Mess Tin and Badge were buried with Pte. Ruskin, and recovered after the War, when his body was exhumed for burial in a cemetery. These tragic relics were in due course sent home to the Ruskin family, who wish the Regiment to have them.

A very interesting letter, written by an unknown officer of the 16th Foot and describing the arrival and move into Canada by the draft of the 1st Battalion in the *S.S. Persia* in December, 1861, was sent by a Major W. B. Wetherall, no relation to our Wetheralls. The crossing of the North Atlantic in those days took 12 days, and the writer spoke in the highest terms of the food and accommodation. Another purchase by the Regimental Association was an 1869 pattern Shako, complete, hardly worn, and in perfect condition. It was made in Bath, and bought by Squadron Leader G. Marsland, R.A.F. (Retd.) from a stall in Saffron Walden Market. No history of it is known but it is a very nice specimen. Mr., ex-Sgt., J. Shoosmith presented a very good photograph of the 1st Battalion Band taken at Dacca, E. Bengal, in 1935. What a band that was, 56 strong, under Bandmaster P. Purcell. Finally, on the Regimental Remembrance Sunday, November 16, a very good framed photograph of the Band of the 2nd Battalion at Dublin in 1898 was presented to the Museum by Mr. C. Hyde, St.

Albans Branch (Regimental No. 6185). The band strength was then forty.

Despite our present rather solitary condition, the Museum has had some 60 visitors during this last quarter, a number of whom have been more than once, and a number of other visits have been arranged. Visitors include Mr. H. W. Steinmetz, R.E., Mr. G. W. Staton, Secretary, British Legion Hertford Branch, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ruskin, Mr. G. W. Wade, Mr. A. A. Sutherland, War Dept., Mr. A. W. White, late 6th Battalion, and family, Mr. J. Shoosmith and family, Mr. G. W. Salt, ex-Drums Cpl., 1st Battalion, Staff-Sergeant D. Reeves, 5th Battalion, Mr. W. Buckland, late R.A.M.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Mobbs.

## THE SIGNAL PLATOON

1st Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment,  
Aldershot, 1912

This photograph of the Signal Platoon of the 1st Battalion in 1912, which has been sent to us by a member, is interesting in that not only is it a good and clear photograph of the members of the Platoon, but it also shows the equipment used by Signallers of those days, so very different to that of today. It will be interesting to hear from any of our members who may have been a member of the Platoon at that time.



*The Signal Platoon, 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment, Aldershot, 1912.*

## THE UNVEILING OF THE BROOKWOOD MEMORIAL

The Brookwood Memorial commemorates 3,500 men and women of the Land Forces of the Commonwealth who died at sea, in raids and missions mounted from the United Kingdom or on active service outside the main theatres of war, and who have no known grave. It stands in Brookwood Military Cemetery, near Woking, Surrey, in which are buried 3,900 soldiers from every Army of the Commonwealth and from the Armies of many of their Allies.

The Memorial has been built by the Imperial War Graves Commission to the design of Mr. R. Hobday, A.R.I.B.A., and takes the form of an open rotunda of Portland Stone with fourteen piers radiating from the grassed court in the centre.

Each pier has on either face a panel of green Broughton Moor Slate bearing the names. Facing the central court is a curved stone wall on one side of which is the bronze box containing the Memorial Register, on the other the following inscription:—

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THIS MEMORIAL BEARS THE  
NAMES OF THREE THOUSAND  
FIVE HUNDRED MEN AND WOMEN

OF THE FORCES OF THE BRITISH  
COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE WHO  
GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THEIR OWN  
COUNTRY AND IN MANY FOREIGN  
LANDS IN HOME AND DISTANT  
WATERS IN THE CAMPAIGN  
OF 1940 IN NORWAY AND IN  
LATER RAIDS ON THE COAST  
OF EUROPE AND TO WHOM  
THE FORTUNE OF WAR  
DENIED A KNOWN AND  
HONOURED GRAVE.

On a frieze immediately above this inscription appear the words from the Book of Deuteronomy:—

THE ETERNAL GOD IS THY REFUGE  
AND UNDERNEATH ARE THE  
EVERLASTING ARMS.

Surrounding the Memorial will be wide grassed walks bounded by curved yew hedges with recessed seat features and flower beds, the whole being framed by eight weeping birches. Four adjacent quadrants are to be planted with rhododendrons, azaleas, heathers and other shrubs and flowers.

Commemorated in the Memorial are ten members of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and five members of The Hertfordshire Regiment.



[Photograph: The Imperial War Graves Commission.]

*The Brookwood Memorial.*



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**THE BROOKWOOD MEMORIAL**

The panel containing the names of the Officers and Other Ranks of the Regiment and the Hertfordshire Regiment who are commemorated in the Memorial.



The Memorial was unveiled by Her Majesty The Queen on Saturday, October 25.

Lt.-Col. J. C. Preston, M.B.E., represented The Regiment at the Ceremony and Lt.-Col. A. Andrews, D.S.O., O.B.E., represented The Hertfordshire Regiment.

Col. Preston, after the unveiling, laid a wreath on behalf of The Regiment and Col. Andrews a wreath on behalf of The Hertfordshire Regiment.

The following also attended the Ceremony: Mr. C. C. Wells, Hon. Secretary, The Bedford Branch, Mr. W. G. Aldridge, Hon. Secretary, The London Branch, and C.S.M. Jones, 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment.

Col. Preston in writing about the Ceremony told us that not only was the ceremony very moving but it was also very efficiently arranged, to add to this, it was a most lovely afternoon, which made everything more colourful.

## THE ESSEX REGIMENT

(44th and 56th FOOT)

### A BRIEF HISTORY

*(Continued from page 63 of Volume XVI, No. 2, July, 1958)*

Both regular battalions, the 3rd (Militia) Battalion and elements of the Volunteer Battalions, served in the South African War (1899-1902), the Regiment thus gaining the battle honour "South Africa, 1899-1902," while the 1st Battalion was awarded in addition the honours "Relief of Kimberley" and "Paardeberg" for its part in those engagements. At the Battle of Paardeberg, Lt. F. N. Parsons gained the fourth Victoria Cross to be awarded to the Regiment.

From 1902 to 1914 the 1st Battalion served in India, Burma and Mauritius, while the 2nd Battalion remained on home service. In 1908 further large-scale reforms resulted in the re-organisation of the Volunteers into the Territorial Force and the Militia into the Special Reserve. At the outbreak of World War I in 1914 the constitution and location of the Regiment was 1st Essex (Mauritius), 2nd Essex (Chatham), 3rd S.R. Battalion (Warley), 4th (T.F.) Essex, (Ilford), 5th (T.F.) Essex (Chelmsford), 6th (T.F.) Essex (West Ham), 7th (T.F.) Essex (Walthamstow) and 8th (T.F.) Essex (Colchester). Very great expansion of the army was necessary to meet the German menace, and this was arrived at by the expansion of the Territorial Force and the raising of special service battalions. In all, thirty-one battalions of The Essex Regiment were formed, eleven serving overseas with great distinction. In all, no fewer than seventy battle honours were won, ten selected honours being borne on the Queen's Colour. The 1st Battalion served on the Gallipoli Peninsula and in France and Belgium. As part of the immortal 29th Division it took

part in the initial landing on the Peninsula and in all the hard-fought battles that followed. Its record on the Western Front was equally glorious. Of the ten honours emblazoned on the Queen's Colour the 44th shares with other battalions of the Regiment, "Gallipoli," "Somme," "Arras," "Ypres, 1917" and "Cambrai." The 2nd Battalion was the first in action, moving to France with the original B.E.F. and taking part in the historic Retreat from Mons and the Battle of the Marne. Its record throughout the war was unsurpassed. Of the honours on the Queen's Colour, "Le Cateau," "The Marne" and "Ypres, 1915" were gained by the "Pompadors," who also share with other battalions "Ypres, 1917," "Somme, 1916, '18," and "Arras, 1917, '18." The part played by the two regular battalions is written that all may read on the walls of the Regimental Chapel, "To the glory of God and in memory of 185 Officers, 3,244 Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, The Essex Regiment, who fell in the Great War of 1914-18."

The 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Territorial Battalions served with distinction on Gallipoli and in Egypt and Palestine, taking part in many hard-fought engagements with the Turks and gaining ten battle honours for the Regiment. Of the honours on the Queen's Colour, "Gaza" was won by these Territorial Battalions, who also share "Gallipoli" with the 1st Battalion. The 9th, 10th, 11th and 13th Special Service Battalions (Kitchener's Army) had a glorious record in France and Flanders. They claim a worthy share in four of the ten honours carried on the Colours—"Somme, 1916, '18," "Arras, 1917, '18," "Cambrai, 1917, '18" and "Ypres, 1917," while the 9th and 11th Battalions added the honours "Loos" and "Selle" to the Colours. Lt. F. B. Wearne of the 11th Battalion was awarded the Victoria Cross for his conspicuous valour. The 15th Essex also served on the Western Front during the concluding months of the war.

Between the wars the 1st Battalion served at home, also seeing active service in South Ireland (1919-21) and in Palestine (1937-38). The 2nd Battalion served in Malta, Turkey, India, Egypt and the Sudan, seeing active service in Turkey (1920) and on the North-West Frontier of India (1930-1).

In 1913 four silver drums were presented to each regular battalion by the County of Essex. These were added to between the wars by public and private subscription, so that by 1937 the Regiment possessed a still unsurpassed display of silver drums and bugles.

Prior to the last war the calls of anti-aircraft defence caused the conversion of two Territorial battalions, leaving only the 4th and 5th Essex. These were duplicated in 1939, so that the Regimental order on the outbreak of World War II

was 1st Battalion (Egypt), 2nd Battalion (Warley), 1/4th and 2/4th Battalion (T.A.) (Ilford), 1/5th (T.A.) (Chelmsford), and 2/5th Battalion (T.A.) (Colchester). To these were added during the course of the war the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 30th and 70th Battalions.

The 2nd Battalion, the "Pompadours," were again first in the field, moving to France in September, 1939. They took part in the retreat to, and withdrawal from, Dunkirk in May, 1940. They again landed on D Day, 1944, and fought through without respite, but with great renown, to the final capitulation of Germany in May, 1945. The 1st Battalion saw service in the Sudan, Iraq, Syria, at Tobruk and in Assam and Burma, the most striking episodes being the epic struggle for Ed Duda during the successful break-out from Tobruk in November, 1941, and the service behind the Japanese lines in Assam and Burma in 1944. The 1/4th (T.A.) gave distinguished service in the North Africa, Italy and Greece. The Battalion took part in the Battle of El Alamein and in the final battles which led to the surrender of the Axis forces in Africa. In Italy the part the Battalion played will always be remembered. The 1/5th Essex (T.A.), too, gave valiant service in some of the most bitter fighting in the Italian Campaign of 1943-4, and subsequently saw the final stages of the fighting in North-West Germany. The 2/5th was overwhelmed at Deir-El-Shein in 1942, but all ranks have the satisfaction of knowing that the delay their resistance caused Rommel's Africa Korps was an essential factor in gaining time for the withdrawing Eighth Army to reorganise and stand on the Alamein Line. The 8th, 9th and 10th Essex were converted late in the war to armoured, artillery and parachute troops respectively, and as such took part in the final campaign in North-West Europe. Lt.-Col. A. C. Newman, of the 4th Battalion, gained the Victoria Cross whilst serving with commandos. After the war the 1st and 2nd Battalions were amalgamated to form the 1st Battalion (44th and 56th), while the calls for further anti-aircraft units in the newly re-formed Territorial Army meant that the 4th Battalion was the only representative in the post-war army of The Essex Territorial infantry battalions that had given such yeoman service in two world wars.

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GENERAL

The main events since the last issue of *The Wasp* have been Brigade Group Training, the Administrative Inspection and the opening of the winter sports season—using the expression in its widest sense; skiing is only just about to begin. Companies and departments were discouraged (not altogether successfully) from describing the horrors of the first two, as it seemed best to give a brief account of them here rather than to have a lot of repetition. So far as the sports are concerned, the detailed notes which follow show that an encouraging start has been made. It will be clear that the results obtained are not the efforts of a few gladiators but have been achieved by the hard team work and determination of more ordinary mortals. All the more credit to them.

We moved out of Dortmund on September 22 for Brigade Training. Naturally the rain came down to speed us on our way, but after the first couple of days the weather was well suited for training—never too hot and no trouble from dust, but fair enough. After limbering up in a Battalion Exercise appropriately called "Dummy Run," we provided the opposition for the remainder of the Brigade in our first Brigade Exercise ever. In our opinion at least, we were more than successful. The umpires, however, had other views and we witnessed a lightning withdrawal with "B" Company Commander providing a magnificent rearguard against the onslaughts of the umpires. Since they were surrounded by enemy tanks and still managed to escape whole it shows that some very smooth discussion took place. By the time it was over the remainder of the Battalion was digging in ten miles down the road. The second and final Brigade Exercise was fought against the Canadian Brigade. We were amazed at the amount of vehicles captured from the enemy. At one time the Commanding Officer was racing a jeep-load of Canadians down a track simulating Bren fire on the hooter! All did not continue so well, though; for, twelve hours after starting, we found ourselves "atomised." Once again we fought a fine battle against the umpires—"C" Company Commander winning a notable battle in salvaging his Company, shaken but intact, from the wreckage. The Signal Platoon also claim a local win, as they now have a good stock of Canadian made "line." Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely throughout the Exercises, feeling that

it was good to have some realistic training with all arms represented. Throughout, the Battalion operated as a group with its own Armour, Gunners and Sappers, and this force of all arms soon settled down as a very competent force.

One of the main events of the last three months has been the Annual Administrative Inspection. The Commanding Officer told us that as it was the new Battalion's first one, it had better be a good one; and so it was. It may be invidious to pick out one or two special features for comment because the general result was obtained only by very hard work all round and the determination to set a high standard for the years to come. Nevertheless, a few special points were the absolute steadiness on parade and the precision of the arms drill, which augur well for the Presentation of Colours next year; the high standard of turnout; and the "Excellent" grading obtained by the M.T. on their preliminary R.E.M.E. inspection. The excellent range classification results and the very good standard of administration generally also received specially favourable comment. Altogether we can be well satisfied that the new Regiment has got off to a fine start.

Christmas will be over by the time you read these notes, but our best wishes go out to all readers for 1959. We plan that Christmas here will be a memorable one. Christmas is especially a family occasion and it would be a bold man who would prophesy where our families will be next Christmas. While hoping for the best, it is only prudent to make the most of our opportunities this year and that is what we are doing. Details will appear in the next issue.

What of the future? It looks as though the Battalion will return to England in March or April and that it will spend two or more months there. During this period we hope to receive our Colours. Their Presentation is a vital element in the creation of the new Regiment and is now most timely. Originally it was planned that they should be presented earlier but, looking back, it is perhaps better to have established the foundations of the Battalion first. A Presentation of Colours in early summer would be a fitting climax to what has already been achieved and an inspiration for the future.

SPORT

SOCCER

The new Battalion team, under the control of Lt. (Q.M.) D. Bebbington, got away to a fine start of the season when we played the Border Regiment and beat them five goals to two. As we progressed into the season we lost our four professional players from Luton and Watford—Collier, Hawkes, Benning and Bunce. This left rather a large gap to fill, but we have managed, and the result is quite a good team, which is playing very attractive football. In the B.A.O.R.

Cup we drew 58 Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery, and although we won three goals to two goals, the score could well have been more in our favour. In the next round we played 1st Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment and beat them 6-0 in this local Derby within the East Anglian Brigade. In the Iserlohn Major Units' League we head the table and hope to be there when the season ends.

Up to the present we have played 18 games; goals for 85, against 25, which shows that our forwards know where the goal is. Our P.T. Instructor, S.I. Norwood, has certainly hit good form at centre-forward and a great number of goals have been scored by him.

#### HOCKEY

We seem to have played hockey through all the seasons in Dortmund and we are lucky to have a hard surfaced, full-sized ground, which is always fit for play. It did not take us long to realise that we would not be handicapped by absences of players chosen for the B.A.O.R. teams—or Divisional—or even perhaps Brigade teams. The numbers playing and the standard of play, however, have improved steadily, even though the offers to coach beginners have not been taken up. The macadam surfaced ground is very fast and Company and Platoon games are played at a great pace. Certain patches on the field remain wet after rain. These sometimes slow down the ball, amusingly if you are not directly concerned with it. The patches freeze over now and cause heavy players moving fast to accelerate with startling contortions. So far, neither ice nor hard-paced play have caused any serious hurt, although one red-blooded charge at goal made even a woolly-pated Irish hurley player tremble as he watched.

The Battalion has been represented by a number of players in the dozen or so matches played so far, including Capt. Jackson, Capt. Dean, 2/Lt. Spong, R.S.M. Hellicar, C.S.M. Cotter, C.S.M. Driscoll, C/Sgt. Ladley, C/Sgt. Davidge, Drum-Major Simmonds, Sgt. Day, Sgt. Gilseman, Sgt. White, Cpl. Austin, Cpl. Barnes, Cpl. Mundie, Pte. Bavington, Bdsm. Ellicott, Pte. Riley, Bdsm. Sinacola and Pte. Smith. There are no outstanding players in the Battalion, but there are some who cannot be left out of any 1st XI chosen and would make a place in most Regimental sides. They are C.S.M. Cotter, Cpl. Barnes and Bdsm. Ellicott.

After this modest introduction, it is pleasant to be able to record that we defeated 45 Field Regiment, R.A., in the first round of the B.A.O.R. Cup by three goals to two. The Inter-Company competition is at about the half-way mark but it seems certain that "H.Q." Company II team will be well ahead at the end.

The hockey notes would not be complete

without mention of C/Sgt. Jerrom, who has never been known to refuse to umpire any game. Some players are ready to subscribe to a presentation of a new pair of glasses for him. He intends to return the compliment by presenting those players with autographed copies of the rules of the game. We are lucky to have his expert and willing services.

#### CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

Since the end of October, if you had been standing by the gates of Moore Barracks on one of our cold wintry afternoons in Dortmund, you would have seen emerge a happy and earnest band of runners, tracksuit-clad and bound for a ten-mile jog round the flats of Dortmund. Yes, flats—the only hills in the camp's vicinity are two steep and sinister looking slag heaps. This has been a disadvantage, difficult to remedy, as most of our opponents' courses are over hilly terrain.

Cross-country running is undoubtedly a gruelling sport. But having admitted that a little madness is an essential ingredient in the make-up of its devotees, one should also explain that the sport has its own peculiar exhilaration, achieved when super-fitness is reached. Only this can explain the hours sweated away in the Gym and on sore and swollen feet over plough and track. It is also, of course, a team sport—a bad performance by one member can ruin the good efforts of the rest of the team. Certainly, there are no outstanding performers in this year's team; where we have scored is in our close packing, with not more than twelve places separating our scoring eight. At the moment, our sights are set on the B.A.O.R. Championships. In order to qualify, we must win the Brigade eliminator, which means beating the Royal Scots Greys, the only team to have so far inflicted defeat on us. But we are eager for revenge.

The following have been running for the Battalion this season:

Pte. O'Brien, 2/Lt. Craddock, Pte. Pastfield, Pte. Hyde, Pte. Davies, L/Cpl. Squire, Cpl. Stoeri, Pte. Kempson, Pte. Coleman, Sgt. Day, Pte. Choat, Pte. Leavold, L/Cpl. Skingsley and Pte. Ford.

#### THE SADDLE CLUB

Since the last publication of these notes, we have experienced both success and a certain amount of bad luck. As the summer progressed a lot more hard work was put in by the grooms. The Hunter Trial Course at Napier Barracks was lengthened and a show jumping ring was erected to one side of the playing fields. The stables, too, have seen a large concentrated effort and they are looking very presentable. We have now lost the services of Cpl. Martin. He has



[Photograph by: Fritz Hallensleben, Fallingbostal, Hann.  
Army Championship Hunter Trials, 1958,  
Dorfmark.  
Lt. G. Barnett on "Heino" taking the water.

been with us since the early days and has always shown great interest, both in the show ring and in the stables. His place has been taken by Cpl. Caves, who has already shown that he is

capable of running the stables with much drive and interest.

We have been to two more shows at Iserlohn and Osnabruck. Capt. Angus Robertson had recovered from the injury he received at Munster Horse Show and was fit to ride on both occasions. Lt. David Taylor rode in his first show at Iserlohn. At Osnabruck Lt. Stuart Green had a good day on "Lore" and was placed third in one of the show jumping events.

The Army Championship Hunter Trials at Dorfmark, the big event of the year, had its ups and downs. One sad note is that we unfortunately lost "Pit Hein" there. Success came to us, with Cpl. Martin having a good ride on "Peter," Mrs. Robertson's horse. He came third in the Individual Hunter Trial. Lt. Grahame Barnett was also placed on "Heino," after an interesting ride.

With the approach of winter and no more shows until the spring, we have sought the hacking country behind Napier Barracks, where everyone will find plenty of interest during the next few months.

#### SAILING NOTES

There is a large and pleasant lake, the Mohnesee (of "Dam Busters" fame) about 50 kilometres from Dortmund, where there is some extremely good sailing. The Mohnesee Sailing Club is an Army one open to Officers and their families and Officers of the Regiment who come to Germany in future should seek it out. The club house, which was erected this year, is comfortable, with a bar and meals are also served on



[Photograph by: Fritz Hallensleben, Fallingbostal  
Army Championship Hunter Trials, 1958, Dorfmark.  
Cpl. Martin receiving his prize for the best Other Rank in the Championship.

order. The Club owns 11 "Stars" and 12 "Sharpies" and there are also some R.N.S.A. dinghies and "Olympics" available.

Week-end sailing is now a popular pastime for some Officers and their families within the Regiment—Capts. Smyth, Hoile, Oldfield, Lts. Morton, Palmer, Scott, Dodd and Lucas spent the majority of the week-ends playing about in boats. Every Sunday during the season races are held, for both "Star" and "Sharpie" classes and they proved to be most enjoyable. Capt. Hoile won two races in the "Star" class.

The Divisional Regatta, for which we entered a team consisting of Major Smith, the Jamaica Regiment, Capts. Hoile and Oldfield, and Lts. Lucas, Palmer and Morton, took place in September. We did not do well, contenting ourselves with an amusing and tense private regatta with the Royal Norfolks. They managed to beat us by one point. The Infantry seldom manage to compete with success against the more experienced Gunners and Sappers.

#### "A" COMPANY

Since the last edition of this magazine "A" Company has undergone several changes. Major Alden has left us to command Support Company and Capt. Dean has taken over command from him. Lt. Palmer has been made Second-in-Command of the Company and Lt. Barnett is going to the Mortar Platoon, more commonly known as the "Drainpipes." During this period we went to Goslar to shoot and although the weather was rather wet had a most enjoyable time meeting old friends once more.

Amongst others, we have said goodbye to Jock McEachran, who has gone to try the bed springs in "Civvy Street," and to Charlie Hunt, who is going back to his barrow, but hopes to buy a truck soon and set up his own business. Lt. Palmer is leaving us to go on a course in Canada; when he rejoins us in April we expect him to look like a tame Eskimo. Sgt. Hardy is on a course at Hythe at the moment and we wish him every good fortune, as he is to get married in December.

#### "B" COMPANY

Things are certainly looking up. Our Company is now 90 strong, of which 51 are Regular soldiers.

Capt. Oldfield has left us for Aden, and Pte. Baverstock for civilian life, together with our three Luton football players, Ptes. Hawkes, Collier and Bunce. Cpl. Whitehead has gone to The Cambridgeshire Regiment as a T.A. Volunteer. C.S.M. Driscoll has been posted to the 5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment as R.S.M. C.S.M. Driscoll, Col. Grange and Pte. Deadman have all married since our last notes.

In fact, we believe Cpl. Grange's marriage to be the first since amalgamation. Sgt. Pettitt, whose pockets were reputed, during the "Adm. Week" to be full of wash basin plugs, has been acting for some time now as our Colour Sergeant. C.Q.M.S. Davidge has left us pending his release into civilian life and is now working in the P.R.I.'s Office. We welcome Sgt. Smith, at the moment doing Sergeants' Mess Caterer, and also Sgt. Burchell, who has joined us from the 5th Bedfords.

Strangely enough we all enjoyed Brigade Group Training, and in particular a four-hour break after being atomised. We are now adept at "detanking" and doing wide flanking movements in "Bootlace" formation through the inevitable Staatsforst. But it was not such fun getting entangled in electrified fences just short of the objective. We notice that our Company Commander now crawls under the wire. We even did a moonlight patrol on a tank to within a mile of the famished "Queens." Our hungry prisoner was bitterly disappointed on being released.

At the end of October the Company went back to Goslar and camped out on Astfeld Range. The new Range Course was fired with gratifying results, and 4 Platoon (Mr. King) won the falling plate competition. Apart from one early morning run into the pines of the Harz Mountains led by a certain red jersey'd character it was a good week. We were relieved to hear that Cpl. Stoeri's anxiety about returning to Goslar was quite unjustified. The officers, W.O. and Sergeants dined out one night at the Golden Crown and were amazed to see the quantity of flaming rum omelette consumed by . . . just you guess who.

#### "C" COMPANY

Since the last issue of *The Wasp* the Company has seen the end of the B.A.O.R. training season and the Administrative Inspection, both of which have been reported elsewhere. During Brigade training the Company was required to carry out some very interesting although difficult and tiring tasks. These placed responsibility on everybody from the Company Commander to the most newly joined rifleman. In particular, the junior N.C.O.s were called upon to show their resourcefulness and initiative; and they are to be congratulated on their efforts. At shooting, the Company has made good progress and completed the annual classification during a pleasant week at Goslar. The Company can boast 14 marksmen and 62 First Class shots. The .22 shooting team is doing well under the enthusiastic leadership of 2/Lt. Bates. It has won the first three rounds of the Inter Company Competition, stalwarts of the this team are C.S.M. Jenns, Sgt. Bennett and L/Cpls. Cayzer and Hellman.

**"B" COMPANY, 1st BN. THE 3rd EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT (16th/44th FOOT)**

[Photograph by: Kurt Leinen, Dortmund]

*Back row : Ptes. Williams 27, Wallwein, Bason, Smith, Rushen, Manwaring, Webb, Kilby, Lathwell, Payne, Connolly, Sharp, Manners, Fribbins, Mason, Dedman, Wallis.*

*Third row : Ptes. Brace, Martin, Flatt, L/Cpl. Shepherd, Ptes. Fann, Armstrong 39, Canham, Jackson, Parsons 17, Kempster, Rogers, Sheehan, Gaines, Tillcock, Washtell, Newton, Collier, Adams.*

*Second row : Ptes. Lewis, Hooson, Jermy, Felce, Bell 80, Clear, Armstrong 67, Moss, Leavold, Ford, Angell, Baron, Telling, Roach, Pangbourne, Bell 18, Dooney, Woolf, Hawkes.*

*Front row : L/Cpls. Trotter, Hall, Tuite, Cpls. Hitchens, Whitehead, Grange, Sgt. Pettitt, 2/Lt. P. W. King, Capt. J. R. Oldfield, Major J. C. Salazar, M.C., C.S.M. D. Driscoll, Lt. C. B. Scott, Lt. M. Adkin, Sgt. Roberts, Cpls. Hammerton, Stoeri, L/Cpl. Bennett.*

The Company has also done well with its sporting activities. Although disputed by "Support" Company we claim to have won the cricket, having never lost any of our matches. In the Inter Company Cross Country we were only just beaten to first place by "H.Q. I." Ptes. Pastfield, Coleman and Henderson are to be congratulated on obtaining their places in the Battalion Cross Country Team. Ptes. Preedy, Marson, Kennedy and Duggins have represented the Battalion at Soccer. Cpl. Miles and Pte. Clark gained their places in the Battalion Rugby XV.

As always, some members of the Company have departed for civilian life. Among them are such notable characters as Preedy, Woods and "Ginger" Clark. C.S.M. Charlesworth has left to join the T.A. at Hertford and C/Sgt. Marlow has gone to the M.T. Arrivals, all of whom are welcome, have been C.S.M. Jenns and Sgt. Bennett. Sgt. Harris has returned to the fold although he now tells us he is going on leave! Let it be said that we think his

"Burgoo" is second to none; his "Lord Lovells" the shiniest in the Battalion but, we wish his "Jew's Rollcalls" weren't quite so accurate.

In closing, and as we look forward to Christmas, we would like to send the Season's Greetings to all old members of "C" Company and assure them that we are always pleased to hear from them.

**MORTAR PLATOON**

At the moment the Platoon consists of: Sgts. Conboy, Philip, Edwards, L/Cpls. King, Edwards and Hilson, with eleven privates. We hear the murmur occasionally of "Too many chiefs and not enough Indians." We were sad to lose Lt. Chapman, our Platoon Commander, in September. He is now in the process of going to Aden and we trust that his cat does not succeed in stowing away on the boat with him. At present Lt. Lucas keeps a fatherly eye on the Platoon. L/Cpl. Hilson is away on a course

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at Netheravon; we hope that he is maintaining the Mortar tradition of being almost a permanent fixture at the "Dog and Gun."

At Brilon the Platoon became expert at the difficult art of vehicle recovery; we have managed to provide a few hints to the M.T. on request. Our Platoon training has now reached a high standard as was recently demonstrated during live firing at Hohne. On the cry of "Misfire," one of the crew (no names, no pack-drill) decided that one bomb in the barrel was insufficient and a second bomb was just the thing to clear a misfire, and was rapidly stopped by a well aimed boot.

#### M.M.G PLATOON

In December all that will remain of the Machine Gun Platoon will be an instructional cadre staff consisting of Lt. H. D. Lucas, Sgt. Tucker, L/Cpls. Arter and Eckton. Sgt. Collinson has already left us to go to "C" Company; we certainly miss his cheerful presence. Cpl. Wylie is now a powerful and influential Company Clerk. Cpl. Chapman, Ptes. Gillies, Ellis and Kennedy have recently left us for the jungle of civilian life; we wish them the best of luck. At Brilon the Platoon cooks, Sgt. Collinson and L/Cpl. Beckwith, made a great name for themselves by providing excellent meals in any circumstances. The cry "Pancakes" was once heard. The Platoon had a most enjoyable stay at Sennelager firing for the M.M.G. Cup in October. Although the final shoot was disappointing, we all learnt a lot and one gun team, consisting of Ptes. Chetwood, Wilton and Dawson 68, put up a magnificent performance.

The Administrative Inspection has left the Machine Guns with the most decorative transport in the Battalion. Due to a shortage of paint one Champ was left with a bright green undercoat and another with a bright red one. Joy-riding is now obviously a thing of the past.

#### ANTI-TANK AND ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON

The Anti-Tank and Assault Pioneer Platoon under the guidance of Lt. Dodd, has during the last three months become "Jack of all trades and master of every one."

At the beginning of September the majority of the Platoon went on a well-earned leave to the U.K. The remaining few were confronted with the task of constructing the various obstacles for the Tattoo, under the care of Capt. Paxton, on the Battalion Square. The week following, the Platoon went to Hohne to verse the Assault Pioneers amongst us in the art of anti-tank fire. After Brilon the Platoon found itself in the middle of an administration scare in which we managed to gain a favourable report, after burning a considerable amount of mid-

night oil. Close on the heels of this was Sennelager, where the Platoon spent three days, unfortunately without Cpl. Higgins, who was in hospital having an operation. These three days proved to be very exciting, letting off in the region of a hundred and fifty pounds of explosive on delapidated German bunkers.

The Platoon football team has met with considerable success, so far winning five out of a total of six matches, four of these being against other Companies. A lot of this credit must go to Pte. Rogers, who has always organised the team and scored the majority of goals.

#### REGIMENTAL BAND

Since the amalgamation the Band has had a very busy time indeed with Regimental and outside engagements. All members of the Band have worked hard and things have gone very well. Among our recent engagements, some of the more important have been the Brigade Flower Show and the Beating of Retreat on August 2, the Regimental Tattoo and Beating of Retreat on September 6, followed by a Military Band competition against an ex-German Army Band, from which we emerged the victors and proud possessors of an engraved cup; this trophy now occupies a position of honour in the Band Office and is on view to all. Incidentally, our programme for this competition was: March "Nibelungen"; Overture "Pique Dame"; Waltz, "España"; Tone poem "Finlandia"; Incidental Music to Act III "Lohengrin"; March "Pomp and Circumstance No. 1" and fanfares by the Fanfare Trumpeters. Following these engagements came the International Ladies' Football match between Holland and Germany on November 2, "Admin." Parades for the R.A.S.C., R.E.M.E., R.A.M.C." and, of course, our own. Other parades at which we performed were the St. Barbara's Day Parades for the R.A. and R.A.O.C. and also the Remembrance Day Parade and Service for the Garrison.

The Dance Band has been very much in demand, and now that the festive season is about to begin, the requests are coming in fast and furious.

We had a trip down to the German Broadcasting Studios in Cologne to do two recordings for the British Forces Network. One programme has just been broadcast and the other will probably be on the air shortly. This was a good experience for the majority of the Band, as it was the first time they had ever played in a proper studio.

The strength of the Band is quite good, but we can always find room for a good player who will help to maintain the very high standard which we have in the Band. That must be all for now, so until the next time, Cheerio.

## OFFICERS' MESS

There have been no major functions in the last three months although November was an eventful month. On Wednesday, the 5th, we had a very informal supper with dancing to records after the Battalion firework display. On the 11th we had a family cocktail party to say good-bye to Major Sandy and Mrs. Paddy Hefford on his departure for Bury St. Edmunds. This was a special occasion, because, although we hope to see something of them when the Battalion is in England, Major Hefford will be leaving the Army shortly and nothing short of a miracle could bring him back to the Battalion. We wish them the best of fortune at Bury and thereafter.

November 12 saw another farewell, this time to the Brigade Commander, Brigadier P. H. W. Brind, D.S.O., O.B.E., who was very satisfactorily dined out. He did not actually hand over command for a couple of weeks, so was with us again, this time for lunch, on the 19th, the day of the Administrative Inspection. Our best wishes go with him to the Imperial Defence College. On the 28th his successor, Brigadier P. W. G. Pope, D.S.O., M.C., who was attending a study day, had lunch in the Mess. Other departures are Capt. John Oldfield and Lt. Peter Chapman, both of whom have left us on their way to Aden; Lt. Arthur Smith for civilian life and Major David Smith of the West India Regiment, who was fittingly seen off after a memorable and most successful attachment. By the time you read this Capt. and Mrs. John Miseroy will have left for Camberley, where he will attend the Staff College. Against all these departures we can set the arrival of Capt. and Mrs. Michael Duffie and we welcome them to the Battalion. We congratulate Major Desmond Browne on notification of the award of Ahli Mangku Negara in the most distinguished order of Pangkuan Negara in the Merdeka anniversary honours list of the Government of the Malayan Federation. The award is for his part in the arrangements for the visit of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester and the Coronation of the Yang-di-Ratuan Agong as supreme head of the Council of Sultans when the Federation was first formed. We congratulate also David and Sacha Wells on their wedding and wish them every happiness. May he soon be out of plaster.

## SERGEANTS' MESS

How time flies! Six full months have already passed since Amalgamation, months that have been full and varied, with life moving at a fast and exciting tempo. The Summer (such as it was) has given way to the dull, grey, sulphur laden skies that only Dortmund knows.

Since the end of the training season we have been actively and somewhat feverishly preparing

for the Administrative Inspection, Range classification, winter training and Christmas, in that order. The Administrative Inspection being safely (we hope) overcome, and intensive winter training an established fact, we are able to spare a thought towards the Christmas festivities. The Mess Committee has already produced its proposals, and these coupled with the overall Battalion programme, promise what well could be "The best Christmas ever." Anyway, more of that in the next issue. Our social activities have in no way been affected in spite of the amount of work being achieved. The weekly whist drive, tombola and social evening activities still flourish, and "Cold Flap," so ably run by Sgt. McNamee has enabled the Christmas Draw sales to almost reach the 2,000 ticket mark. Two very successful Games Evenings against our Infantry Workshops and H.Q. R.A.S.C. have been held, and although the actual results have never been produced, everyone agreed that they have been first class.

We are glad to welcome new faces into our Mess in C/Sgt. Hewitt, Sgts. Burchell, Smith, George and Bennett, together with Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Driscoll, Mrs. George, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Pettitt. A hearty welcome is extended to all, with the usual but sincere wishes that their stay will be a long and happy one. The inevitable departures have included C.S.M. Driscoll to 5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment, T.A., as R.S.M. Congratulations to him on a well earned promotion. C.S.M. Charlesworth has left to join the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment, T.A., and C/Sgt. Bowman has gone to Bury St. Edmunds as Brigade Depot O.R.C.S. Our good wishes for every success go to them all. Temporary Mess residents in U.K. are Sgts. Hardy, Faint and Dallimore, all on various courses and due to rejoin in the New Year. Congratulations are due to C/Sgt. Jerome on passing his 1st Class A.C.E. and D/M. Simmonds, Sgts. Collison, Dallimore and Shorter on passing the subjects set for. Well done, all! It's another step towards that coveted crown.

We take this opportunity of wishing all readers our very best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

## CORPORALS' MESS

Now that the summer training season has ended, and the annual Administrative Inspection is over, we have managed to take a deep breath, relax slightly, and attempt to review the somewhat hectic events of the past few months. In making such a review, we feel sure that our

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readers will agree when we say that as a Corporals' Mess we are a lively and integral part of the Battalion and can justifiably claim that we have helped in forming our new Regiment. The autumn training season ended with a series of Brigade exercises, and on our return to barracks we were faced with the Administrative Inspection. This having been safely overcome, we are now deeply involved in Senior N.C.O.s' cadres, specialists' training, shooting and the like. With Christmas and all that it portends, just three short weeks away, it will be seen that life is fairly full. We have, however, managed to find time to enjoy ourselves socially. We have held a very successful games evening in our Mess, an event that we intend to hold monthly throughout the winter months. Following our recent Mess Dinner, we are holding a Christmas Dance to which all other Corporals' Messes in the Garrison will be invited. We challenged the Sergeants' Mess to a Hockey game, but unfortunately the "Old and Bold" proved too cunning for us, gaining a well-earned victory by two goals.

Once again postings and releases have taken their toll, and we have said good-bye to some of our longer serving members, the most notable being George Bedford, who has left us for the rigours of the M.T. School at Bordon. However, we have been pleased as always to welcome new faces into the Mess and our heartiest congratulations go to one and all. Promotions include L/Cpls. Hunt, Showler, Leeks, Wylie, Barnes, Gill, Kirk, Squire, Orchard, Tunbridge, Webb, Hall, Hart, Madlin and Stoeri to full Corporals. Ptes. Denny, Morgan, Donovan, Sedgewick, Woolf, Dedman, Walker and Catlin have entered the Mess, having successfully passed their junior N.C.O.s' cadre. Well done, all. We were sorry to lose Cpl. Smith to the Depot, but in his place we welcome L/Cpls. Cornish and Shephard from the Regimental Depot. Congratulations are also due to Cpls. New, Wardle and Layland on acquiring marital status, and to Cpls. Ball and Wickham on the recent additions to their families.

We continue to hold our own in the world of sport, with Cpl. Webb performing as a prominent member of both the Brigade and Battalion football teams and Cpls. Barnes and Mundie both appearing regularly in the Battalion hockey team. Cpls. Squire, Stoeri and L/Cpl. Skingsley have been running extremely hard and well for the Battalion Cross Country team. All are to be congratulated on being such able performers. A final word of praise for L/Cpl. Dawson on his fine performance as "Gerald" in the Garrison Dramatic Society play "When We Are Married."

In conclusion, we would like to wish all old friends wherever they may be, "A Happy New Year".

## REGIMENTAL DEPOT

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

Events during the period since the October issue of *The Wasp* and *The Eagle* were confidently expected to be of a more leisurely tenor than those of the preceding months, but this has not proved to be the case.

October was the month scheduled for our Administrative Inspection and was the occasion of the first visit to us of Major-General D. E. B. Talbot, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., G.O.C., East Anglian District, who spent a full day at Warley and seemed not displeased with our way of doing things, though, as usual, the one person we did not want him to meet was the very first man he spoke to in the dining hall!

On October 28 both the Colonel of the Regiment—Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.C.B., C.B., and the Associate Colonel—Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., came to see us and at the dinner given that evening General Denning was presented with a suitably inscribed wood carving of the crest of the Regiment. The occasion was a memorable one and we were very pleased that Lt.-Cols. Robert Humbert and Walter Phipps were also able to be with us. Lt.-Col. Phipps also came to see us on November 22, when he took the Salute at the Passing-Out Parade and had some kind words to say on the standard of the recruits' drill.

Lt.-Col. Alan Young, the Regimental Secretary, having handed over his former duties to Major Derek Tewkesbury at Bedford, has now joined us and may be seen groping his way through the gaps in the fog. He is already firmly convinced that Warley is the coldest spot in England.

The Sergeants' Mess have finally and sorrowfully said goodbye to C.S.M. Cassidy, who has retired to the wilds of Hampshire, and we are very glad to welcome back C.S.M. Archer after a long spell in Hospital.

The Corporals are at the moment busily organising a pre-Christmas party which is scheduled to include a visit to the Windmill Theatre. We are in no doubt that the voting for this particular show was unanimous.



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## The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.)

As was forecast in our last notes a joint T.A./ Cadet Exercise was held over the week-end October 18/19 in Munden Park near Watford. It was a frontier (Patrolling and agent snatching operation) which enabled nearly 200 troops to be employed most of the time. This was as well as the night turned misty and cold, but such was the activity that not many noticed it and, thanks to the Quartermaster's Staff, large quantities of hot food and tea did the rest. Two of the local papers were most co-operative and some excellent photographs of patrol activity by night were taken and published by them. This was our first large scale co-operation with the Cadets and it went with a swing right from the start, which is good encouragement to us to try it again.

During the week-end December 6/7, thanks to Major Dyer's friends in the Senior Service, about 100 of the Battalion spent the week-end as guests of The Royal Navy at Portsmouth. On the Sunday we visited *H.M.S. Victory* and *H.M.S. Vanguard* in the morning and, after an excellent lunch in the Naval Barracks, we were taken round, in the afternoon, various submarines attached to *H.M.S. Vernon*. Major

Dyer was able to take some excellent photographs, one of which is published in this number.

The C.O., Col. Humbert, was not designed for the Submarine Service and we nearly sent for the Fire Brigade, when he decided to enter a Conning Tower through a hatch, the diameter of which was about half his own.

It was a most successful and interesting visit and we were treated to hospitality which normally you only read about. Our thanks to our hosts for this insight into the Senior Service are very heartfelt indeed.

Our Annual Permanent Staff Dinner was held on December 12, and at it we realised very fully what the amalgamation of the 16th, 44th and 56th Foot mean to us. We now have a Training Major and all our P.S.I.s, except one, from "The Pompadours," and a great credit to their Regiment, they are too. Sgt. Wilson, our M.M.G. Sergeant from Watford, has decided to become a regular soldier and has joined the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) and, at present, is undergoing training at The Regimental Depot at Warley.

As we understand that this is the last issue of *The Wasp* in its present form, may we take this opportunity of congratulating the Editor on an excellent publication and we look forward to the first issue of *The Wasp and The Eagle*, to carry on a fine tradition.



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Exercise "Black Swan." A patrol sets out.



[*Photograph by Major I. C. Dyer*

*Visit to the Royal Navy, Sunday, December 7. H.M.S. "Vanguard."*



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*Exercise "Black Swan." The "Ops" Room.*

*Left to right: Sgt. Fairclough, Lt.-Col. R. A. Humbert, Major I. C. Dyer, Major C. Simmons.*



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Exercise "Black Swan." Cadets in a Bren gun  
position.

#### STOP PRESS

On Sunday, December 21, the Battalion beat the 4th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment (T.A.) in the final of the 54th Division (T.A.) Football Competition, score 6—0. We now play the 44th (Para) Field Regiment (R.A.), (T.A.) in the Inter-Divisional Football Competition Final.

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

The Battalion has lost valued friends. R.S.M. Mann, who served with us for many years as P.S.I. and R.S.M., has been posted to the 4th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T.A.). His tremendous enthusiasm, his example and his sterling service endeared him to all members of the Battalion by whom he will be long remembered. All good wishes go to him in his new appointment, but we hope he will always be a "Bedford." He has been replaced by R.S.M. Wilcott, who joined us from the Depot of the Essex Regiment. Having done one tour with the Territorial Army, he knows the form. We welcome him to the Battalion and hope he enjoys his tour with us. It is just as well he is a shooting "fiend," plays cricket and hockey. It will not be long before he is a fully-fledged member of the Battalion. A great blow to us was the sad news of the death of Sgt. Kaye. Almost a founder-member of the Battalion, he typified all that was best in the T.A. soldier. His keenness and enthusiasm and cheerful personality will be missed particularly as regards the Corps of Drums. It will

### 5th BATTALION THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.



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The Band — Annual Camp, 1958.



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*5th Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.  
The Officers — Annual Camp, 1958.*

not be easy to replace him. Another "old timer," who is retiring to his country retreat, is Mr. "Buck" West, our civilian chief clerk. He has been a tower of strength in the office for many years and he will be missed. It is nice to know that he will be continuing as a T.A. soldier for at least another year.

The Territorial Association have decided to re-introduce the award of Lord Lieutenant's Certificates. These were awarded to volunteers for devoted and outstanding service over a period of years. The first presentation was made by the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Major Simon Whitbread, J.P., on December 11. We congratulate the following on being awarded certificates: Sgt. F. S. Burgess, W.O.II D.C.B. Cowley, W.O.II W. G. Harley, W.O.II H. J. West, Sgt. R. Fuller, Sgt. C. Bligh-Bingham, M.M., Cpl. F. J. Strange, Cpl. H. J. Gower, W.O.II F. H. Gurney, Sgt. J. E. Taylor, C/Sgt. F. R. A. Jay, L/Cpl. R. Pill, L/Cpl. J. W. Roe, L/Cpl. W. G. Mead, Sgt. R. W. Roberts, C/Sgt. M. P. Reeves, Sgt. E. H. Johnson, Sgt. P. C. Smith (A.C.C.).

The winter routine is in full swing. The newly-inaugurated Company monthly training days have proved most successful. Attendance has been most remarkable and proved the success of this experiment. Another innovation is

a mobile demonstration team, consisting of an Infantry section, two lecturers, instructors, specialist personnel and the weapons. This team goes out to areas nominated by the County Cadet Commandant and gives demonstrations, lectures and trains the assembled cadets. It has proved to be most successful and will undoubtedly prove beneficial to the Battalion. Some 70 volunteers and 20 cadets, under the Command of Major J. Darville, took part in exercise "Deer Trek"—an R.A.F. survival exercise. It took place in Norfolk. The Battalion detachment was responsible for a large slice of Norfolk and were successful in capturing six aircrew. A great time and a lot of fun was the opinion after the exercise. No doubt next year the whole lot will want to go out.

The Regimental Band has eased up on its programmes after a most hectic spring and summer. They played for the Battle of Britain parade in Bedford, and were hard pushed to meet all demands on Remembrance Sunday. The Corps of Drums were most unfortunate to lose the Brigade Corps of Drums Competition to the 5th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment by two points. The standard was very high again and the competition keener than ever. As the Cup is considered to be ours by



## 5th BATTALION THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.



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The Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess — Annual Camp, 1958.

right of many wins, it must be brought back into our keeping next time. The Drums seemed to be all over the County on November 9; how they managed to cope with the engagements and requests will never be known.

The big event for us was the Regimental Remembrance Sunday. It was entirely our responsibility this year to organise the Church, the parade, and cater for the past and serving members of the Regiment afterwards. It is sufficient to say that the events went off smoothly. The standard was up to that of previous years. We are satisfied. Having done it once, we can take it on again and improve on our efforts. As the Remembrance Sunday will be reported elsewhere, no further mention will be made in these notes.

The Battalion took part in a display at Messrs. Bagshaw's at Dunstable, and at the Odeon Cinema, Luton. They were both successful and have produced some recruits. Talking of recruits, the faster we bring them in the greater the loss—to the Regular Army. This last year, 14 members of the Battalion have enlisted into the Regular Army, six from the Band and eight from Companies. The greater proportion of these are ex-cadets. It is quite obvious that they have liked the soldiering they have done in the Battalion and decided to make it a career. It seems to be a far better and more efficient way than National Service, and says a lot for the Battalion itself.

## EXTRACTS FROM

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## REGULAR ARMY

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

Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., retires on retired pay, September 28, 1958 (Reserve liability).

Capt. A. G. R. Makepeace retires receiving a gratuity, October 1, 1958, and is granted the non. rank of Major. (Reserve liability).

Capt. D. G. Hillyard retires receiving a gratuity, October 31, 1958. (Reserve liability).

## REGULAR ARMY SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Major D. R. Holmes (Employed List 4), relinquishes his commission on completion of service, September 1, 1958, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

## REGULAR ARMY NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

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

The undermentioned Cadets to be 2/Lieutenants, July 5, 1958:—

Daniel David Lawrence.

John Francis Longhurst.

Rex Edwin Merry.

## REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

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

Lt.-Col. (Hon. Col.) R. W. Littlehales, O.B.E., having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, September 17, 1958.

*Class III*

Lt. P. Sheridan-Patterson from Reserve of Officers, Class I, to be Lieutenant, May 18, 1958, retaining his present seniority.

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) W. A. Whittaker having exceeded the age limit, relinquishes his commission, October 15, 1958, retaining the hon. rank of Lt.-Colonel.

*Class III*

Lt. A. J. Scotcher from Reserve of Officers National Service List, to be Lieutenant, June 4, 1958, retaining his present seniority.

Michael Ernest Holmes, late Bedfs. Herts. Short Service Commission, to be 2/Lieutenant, September 24, 1958.

Lt.-Col. C. A. Southey having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, November 15, 1958.

Lt.-Col. P. O. B. Sherwood (Employed List), having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, November 29, 1958.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS  
NATIONAL SERVICE LIST*3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot)*

Lt. B. J. Montague, Bedfs. Herts. from T.A. National Service List to be Lieutenant, July 29, 1958, with seniority January 15, 1956.

## TERRITORIAL ARMY

*Bedfs. and Herts. Regiment*

Lt. R. C. Tomkins is granted the acting rank of Captain, June 25, 1958.

## HERTFORDSHIRE A.C.F. OFFICERS, 1958.



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*Back row : Lts. P. C. Proctor, K. J. Reed, A. P. Garwood, T. W. C. Gray, H. G. Day, J. S. Crossland, W. R. Davis, 2/Lt. D. J. G. Andrews, Lt. D. Huckle, 2/Lt. W. J. H. Bambrick, U/O. E. A. J. Cowling. Third row : Lt. C. J. Drury, Capts. G. E. Knott, E. J. Treeves, R. F. Davis, G. T. Berry, 2/Lt. H. Clow, Capt. T. H. Caldwell, Lts. P. F. Burgess, J. Cousins, P. W. Gilks.*

*Second row : Capts. R. N. Gunning, P. R. C. Stephens, M.M., T. R. Davis, F. Holt, E. J. Francis, Majors A. J. Smith, A. J. Vigus, M.B.E., Capts. R. Ainslie, K. F. Ashwell, Rev. C. J. O. Bradley, A. P. Culver, H. C. Everest.*

*Front row : Majors J. H. Harrison (County Medical Officer), L. J. Fiddaman, F. C. Ravenscroft, D. A. F. Wood (C.O., 4th Cadet Regiment (Herts. Yeo.), R.A.), Lt.-Col. L. W. Giles, O.B.E., M.C. (County Cadet Secretary), Col. S. R. W. Burr, T.D. (County Cadet Commandant), Lt.-Col. R. A. Payne (Deputy County Cadet Commandant), Majors L. A. Wilton (C.O., 1st Cadet Battalion, Herts. Regiment), D. Marshall, R. W. Coates, Rev. A. B. Speed (County Chaplain).*

Capt. George Michael Thompson from Reserve of Officers, Class III, Wilts, to be Lieutenant, July 7, 1958, with seniority June 11, 1954.

Lt. J. C. Crowson relinquishes his commission, August 19, 1958.

Major C. J. Corkerton retires, October 11, 1958, retaining the rank of Major.

Lt. G. M. Thompson to be Captain, September 17, 1958.

Capt. W. J. Sidey retires September 12, 1958, and is regranted the hon. rank of Captain.

Lt. P. W. G. Dyer to be Captain, August 1, 1958.

Lt. James Harry Ellis from Emergency Commission, Camerons, to be Captain, October 21, 1958.

#### *Essex Regiment*

Cpl. Duncan Maclachlan Stewart to be 2/Lieutenant (on probation), August 22, 1958.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

##### *Bedfs. and Herts. Regiment*

2/Lt. J. R. G. Watson from Regular Army, National Service List, 3rd East Anglian Regiment, to be 2/Lieutenant, September 2, 1958, with seniority March 16, 1957.

2/Lt. D. D. Lawrence from Regular Army, National Service List, 3rd East Anglian Regiment, to be 2/Lieutenant, September 25, 1958, with seniority July 5, 1958.

2/Lt. D. M. W. Simpson from Regular Army, National Service List, 3rd East Anglian Regiment, to be 2/Lieutenant, October 14, 1958, with seniority May 4, 1957.

2/Lt. R. T. Godber from Regular Army, National Service List, R. Lincolns, to be 2/Lieutenant, October 13, 1958, with seniority June 29, 1957.

2/Lt. J. R. G. Watson to be Lieutenant, November 27, 1958.

#### *Essex Regiment*

2/Lt. S. J. Hawkins from Regular Army, National Service List, 3rd East Anglian Regiment, to be 2/Lieutenant, September 16, 1958, with seniority March 16, 1957.

2/Lt. P. J. Tindale from Regular Army, National Service List, 3rd East Anglian Regiment, to be 2/Lieutenant, September 29, 1958, with seniority February 22, 1958.

2/Lt. D. Herbert from Regular Army, National Service List, 3rd East Anglian Regiment, to be 2/Lieutenant, October 8, 1958, with seniority June 1, 1957.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

##### *Hertfordshire Regiment*

Major (Hon. Brigadier) M. R. L. Robinson, O.B.E., T.D., having exceeded the age limit, ceases

to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, September 20, 1958, retaining the hon. rank of Brigadier.

Major A. M. Burnett-Stuart resigns his commission, October 29, 1958, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

##### *Essex Regiment*

Capt. (Q.-Mr.) G. Litt having attained the age limit ceases to belong to T.A. Reserve of Officers, October 3, 1958.

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) E. J. Sheldrake, T.D., having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, October 18, 1958, retaining the hon. rank of Lt.-Colonel.

#### NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

##### *Hertfordshire Regiment*

2/Lt. P. J. Hosking to be Lieutenant, April 30, 1957, with seniority September 20, 1956.

Lt. P. J. Hosking relinquishes his commission, November 8, 1958.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY GENERAL LIST

##### ARMY CADET FORCE

##### *Bedford*

Arthur William Everitt to be 2/Lieutenant, September 5, 1958.

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) Douglas Rhys Thomas, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., (late Bedfs. Herts. retired) to be Lieutenant, August 22, 1958, with seniority February 1, 1950.

Lt. L. J. W. Seekings, T.D. (Hon. Major, late Camb. T.A.), resigns his commission, June 23, 1958.

Lt. H. Jakeman relinquishes his commission, October 11, 1958.

Herbert Victor Speed to be Lieutenant, March 10, 1958.

2/Lt. P. Fairhurst to be Lieutenant, September 10, 1958.

Peter Alexander Gregory to be 2/Lieutenant, September 18, 1958.

The following Officer is awarded the Cadet Forces Medal:—

A/Capt A. Harvey.

##### *Hertford*

Lt. A. A. Lamb resigns his commission, March 31, 1958.

The following officers are awarded the Cadet Forces Medal:—

A/Capt. A. P. Culver.

A/Capt. T. R. Davis.

Lt. B. A. Coates.

Lt. A. J. Scotcher (Reserve of Officers, Bedfs. Herts.) resigns his commission, June 30, 1958.



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Rev. H. H. Hoskins, September 1, 1958.

E. H. Grimmer, May 30, 1958.

F. J. Wilson, May 30, 1958.

2/Lt. T. C. Dennis resigns his commission, May 30, 1958.

Lt. K. M. Clarke from Old Swinford Hospital School Contingent, Combined Cadet Force, to be Lieutenant, August 19, 1958.

2/Lt. V. Cockburn resigns his commission, August 22, 1958.

The following officer is awarded the Efficiency Medal (Territorial):—

A/Major R. W. Coates.

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#### THE REUNION DINNER

The annual Reunion Dinner took place at the Queen's Hotel, Chapel Street, Luton, on Saturday, November 15. It was well attended and the chair was taken by Mr. F. Clements. After an excellent dinner, Mr. C. W. Gilder rose to propose the toast of "The Regimental Association." He spoke of the recent amalgamation of the Regiment with The Essex Regiment and appealed to all members to attend the Regimental Remembrance Day, to be held at Kempston Barracks, Bedford, on November 16. The President, Mr. A. Pakes, proposed the toast of "The Yellow Devils" O.C.A. In doing so he mentioned that two comrades had passed on to higher service since the last dinner. He appealed to all members to rally round the Branch and give it the support it deserved. He stated the finances of the Branch had never been better and this was due to the good work done by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Swales, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Ward. He had noticed that the title of the autumn issue of the *Regimental Journal* had been altered to "The Wasp" and "The Eagle"—a reminder of the amalgamation of the Regiment with The Essex Regiment. The future was uncertain but he was confident that the "Yellow Devils" O.C.A. would maintain its strength and prestige and carry out its good work of distributing benevolence among those members who fell on hard times. Mr. J. Ward, the Hon. Secretary, responded and appealed to all members to attend the monthly meetings.

The toast to "The Chairman" was proposed by Mr. H. Swales, the Hon. Treasurer, who said it was a privilege and a pleasure to do so. In Mr. F. Clements they had a comrade who was sincere in his work and under his chairmanship the Branch had made further strides. He hoped that Mr. Clements's health would permit him to hold the office for a long time. Mr. Clements, in reply, said it was an honour to preside over such a live Branch and promised the members that he would serve them to the best of his ability. Mr. G. Davis, with due reverence, proposed the toast of "Absent Comrades." The remainder of the evening was spent quite informally and a very happy night ended just before midnight. Mr. C. W. Gilder was the Toastmaster for the evening.

As in past years, the Regimental Secretary planted a Cross in the Regimental Plot at the Empire Field of Remembrance in memory of those "Yellow Devils" who had made the great sacrifice.

A very good representative number of comrades attended the Regimental Remembrance Day at Kempston Barracks, Bedford. Mr. B. Plummer laid the wreath on the Regimental Memorial on behalf of the "Yellow Devils" O.C.A., and Mr. J. Ward laid the wreath in memory of the late Pte. Needham, v.c., on behalf of his sister, Mrs. Baron.

What the future holds for further ceremonial parades at Kempston Barracks is not known but we hope they will continue. We were informed by Col. Young that the Regimental Week-end, 1959, would take place at Warley and that an attractive programme was being arranged. This is an outing the "Yellow Devils" will look forward to.

Arrangements will be made at the December meeting for the distribution of Christmas parcels, grants, etc. Names have already been sent to the local authorities for deserving cases to receive the Mayor's Christmas parcels.

With this issue of *The Wasp*, as we have all known it and revered it, ends an historic career. We shall all miss it and credit is due to the officials responsible for running *The Journal* at such a very high level—particular praise must be given to our late Regimental Secretary—Lt.-Col. A. C. Young. We were all very pleased to hear of his new appointment.

The new *Journal* will be looked forward to with great interest.

#### LONDON

The great event of the last quarter was our annual dinner and dance, which was held at "The Deacons," Walbrook, London, E.C.4, on Saturday, November 22, 1958. "The Deacons" is an inn in the City of London which has been redecorated in contemporary style and is very attractive. It presented an



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The London Branch Annual Reunion Dinner, November 22, 1958.]

animated scene on the evening of November 22 as members of the London Branch, their wives, friends and guests assembled for the annual dinner. Among the guests were General Sir Reginald Denning, the Colonel of the Regiment, Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, the Regimental Secretary, Major D. T. Tewkesbury, Secretary, the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, and members from other Branches of the Regimental Association. Also members of the Essex Regiment.

Soon after 7.15 p.m. the assembled company sat down in the attractive dining room to a very good dinner which had a Christmas flavour to it. After dinner the Toast to Her Majesty The Queen was proposed by the Colonel of The Regiment and was followed by the Toast to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, which was proposed by Brigadier C. A. Dixon, President the London Branch. "The Regiment" was then proposed by Mr. T. J. Smith, Chairman, the London Branch. General Sir Reginald Denning replied, and gave news of the Regiment, the progress of the amalgamation, and stressed the importance of the part played by old comrades and their branches in the life of The Regiment. He expressed his delight at the presence of members of The Essex Regiment Association at the Dinner, and congratulated Mr. Aldridge, the Hon. Secretary and his Committee on the excel-

lent arrangements they had made for the evening.

Mr. T. J. Smith, Chairman, then proposed the Toast of "The Branch," which was received enthusiastically by all present. The final Toast of the evening was that of "Fallen Comrades," which was proposed by Mr. J. Drinkwater, Vice-President of the Branch.

The Company then broke up to exchange greetings and reminiscences, but, after a short interval, the Staff had prepared the Dining Room for dancing and the rest of the evening sped by only too quickly as such enjoyable functions tend to do. When at about 11 p.m. the party broke up, all agreed they had had a most enjoyable time and expressed their thanks to Mr. Aldridge and the Committee for the good work they had put in to ensure the evening went so well.

#### HERTFORD

The 23rd Annual General Meeting was held at the Drill Hall, St. Andrew Street, Hertford, on Friday, October 24, 1958. It was well attended and our President, Major R. P. Connell, took the chair. All members were very sorry that our Chairman, Capt. W. F. Sandys, M.B.E., T.D., did not seek re-election. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. Mansfield.

expressed the appreciation of all members of the Branch for the good work Capt. Sandys had done during his twelve years of office as Chairman. Major J. S. Townsend was then elected Chairman and Lt. W. A. Moody Vice-Chairman.

On Friday, November 14, the Branch was challenged to a .22 rifle shoot by the T.A. Ladies' Club. After an interesting shoot the Branch won by a narrow margin. The best shot of the ladies' team was Mrs. Woolard with a score of 92, and for the Branch Mr. G. S. Stephen and Mr. A. Mansfield with scores of 92 each. After the match both teams adjourned to the T.A. Club, where refreshments were provided by the ladies.

On Friday, November 21, a darts match was played against a team from "The Gladstone Arms." After a very interesting game the Branch won by 300. The Branch Committee was very pleased to see so many members of the Branch turn up.

At Regimental Remembrance Day, on November 16, at Kempston Barracks, we were represented by twelve members, which, in view of the fog, which was very thick in places, was quite good. Two of our members from Cheshunt, who missed the coach at Hertford, were determined to get to Bedford and by various means of transport arrived just after the wreath laying ceremony. Well done—Bob Woods and Arthur Hasler.

#### WATFORD

Our 21st Anniversary Dinner was held on Friday, October 17, at our Headquarters, The United Ex-Servicemen's Club, Watford. One hundred and fifty members, wives and guests sat down to a very good meal and enjoyed an excellent and entertaining evening.

Among those present were: Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning, Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier Hanbury Pawle, Capt. J. S. Payne, President of the Branch, Col. G. A. Anstee, Col. I. W. S. Grey, Major A. E. French, Capt. E. B. Spicer, Vice-Presidents of the Branch, Lt.-Col. E. G. Fanning, President, Bedford Branch, Lt.-Col. R. A. Humbert, O.C. 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment, Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, Regimental Secretary, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), Major M. R. C. Brightman, Major D. T. Tewkesbury, Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, Major E. E. Ashby, Major C. Simmons, The Hertfordshire Regiment, Major I. C. Dyer, Hertfordshire Regiment, Major J. S. Townsend, Hertford Branch, Capt. G. Harrowell, Watford Branch, Capt. W. G. Cann, President, St. Albans Branch, Capt. F. W. Boutwood, Chair-

man, Bedford Branch, Lt. W. A. Moody, Hertfordshire Regiment, R.S.M. L. C. McKean, Hertfordshire Regiment. Also representatives from the Hertford Branch, Mr. C. Mansfield, London Branch, Mr. J. Allen, the Old Contemptibles' Association, the Royal Artillery Association, the British Legion and the Watford United Ex-Servicemen's Club.

Capt. J. S. Payne, President of the Branch, read the gracious replies received from Her Majesty The Queen and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother in response to messages of loyal greetings which had been sent by the Branch. He also read a message of greetings received from Lt.-Col. T. J. Barrow, O.C. 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).

Proposing the toast of "The Regiment," General Sir Reginald Denning said we could not get away from the fact that The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment would have preferred to remain on their own, but since it was decreed that they must amalgamate they could not have been more happy with the arrangements which culminated in the amalgamation which took place last June. He went on to say that a close bond had already grown up between the two Regiments. It was hoped that it would be possible for the Battalion to return to England in the Spring of 1959, for a short stay, before going overseas again. During this period it was also hoped that it would be possible to arrange for the presentation of new Colours to the Battalion.

The Colonel of the Regiment concluded by saying that the Regiment was indebted to the Branches of the Regimental Association, such as Watford, for the help and encouragement they give to the activities of the Regiment. He thanked Mr. Spiers, the Chairman, Mr. Packer, the Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. Timms, the Hon. Secretary, for their work in making the Branch the success it was.

Col. Anstee proposed the toast to "The Branch." He said that as the Branch had attained its 21st birthday, it should have a latch key. He, then, presented Capt. Payne, the President, with a carved oak key, which, he said, stood for freedom, power and trust, and would, he hoped, unlock the door to a radiant future.

Replying to the toast, Mr. Timms, Hon. Secretary of the Branch for nearly 20 years, gave a brief outline of the early history of the Branch. He stated it was formed on February 22, 1937, and that present that night were Mr. Warner, a member of the Foundation Committee, and Mr. Gillingham, a member of the original Executive Committee.

Mr. Spiers, Chairman, thanked Capt. Payne for coming all the way from Bournemouth for



the dinner. He also thanked the officers and Committee of the Branch for the loyal support he had received during the past year.

At the end of dinner, General Sir Reginald Denning presented the trophies to the winners for 1958 of the Games Tournament. Mrs. Doggett, of the Ladies' Section of the Branch, presented a cheque for £30 to the Branch, on behalf of the ladies.

Dancing then followed to the music provided by the Mayfair Dance Orchestra, under the M.C. for the evening, Mr. T. W. G. Thornton.

Among the many members present were the following veterans: Mr. W. Littlechild (86), Mr. C. T. Trussler (81), an In-Pensioner of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, Mr. C. Waterman (82), and Mr. A. Parish.

When, as was inevitable, the party came to an end, all those present agreed that it had been an evening worthy of the 21st anniversary of the Watford Branch and one they would long remember.

#### ST. ALBANS

Since our last report, the Branch meetings have been held on the first Wednesday of each month at our Headquarters in the Harpenden Road Drill Hall. They have been well attended and everything possible is done to ensure that all members attending have a pleasant evening, including refreshments.

It is with regret that we have to record the passing on of two of our Comrades, both of whom we shall miss very much. Ex-No. 1688 Pte. John Clarke died at the great age of 91. He joined The Bedfordshire Regiment in 1885 and served in India and in South Africa. He served again in the 1914/1918 War on Home Service. He was a fine type of the old British Regular Soldier and very proud that his regimental number was 1688. A wreath in regimental colours was sent by the Branch. Ex-Pte. Henry Thomas Shadbolt served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914/1918 War, when he was wounded twice and won the Military Medal. In the 1939/45 War he served in the Harpenden Section of The Hertfordshire Home Guard. Unfortunately the Branch was not informed of his death until after the funeral and was thus unable to be represented or send a wreath.

Capt. W. G. Cann represented us at the Watford Branch 21st Anniversary Dinner, which we hear was a great success.

Unfortunately our visit to Bedford for Regimental Remembrance Day was much hampered by fog and many of our members who had intended to go were unable to do so. We found, on our arrival at Bedford that other Branches had suffered in attendance for the same reason. However, the fog lifted to give us a little sun-

shine during the service. We take this opportunity to thank the 5th Battalion and Major Tewkesbury for all they did to ensure our comfort and wish the latter every success as Secretary of the Regimental Association.

#### BEDFORD

We were very pleased to meet so many ex-members of the Regiment at the Remembrance Service on Sunday, November 16.

Mr. Bob Thurley was able to attend and do his last duty as Escort to our Standard, before sailing to Australia to join his family, on November 25. I am sure we all wish him well in that much warmer country. He is one of our oldest members, in age, and in membership, and I am sure we shall all miss him. We have started recruiting amongst known ex-members of the Essex Regiment, and have signed on our first. Our thanks must go to Charlie Kentish who is always on the look out for new members and tackles all and sundry in the United Services Club in the same way: "What Regiment was you in?" We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. W. G. Evans, who was one of the first to join the Branch on its formation. We are pleased to report that Mr. Cannon has now recovered from his illness and is back again doing a lot of visiting, on our behalf, in connection with Benevolence.

We have started the Inter-Mess and Club League for this year, but very much regret that the Depot Mess is not able to compete. Our contestants for this season are the 5th Battalion Sergeants' Mess, the 5th Battalion Social Club and ourselves. At the moment the Social Club are well out in front on points. Our team in the United Services' Games League continue to turn up in force for each game, and at the moment we are lying fourth in the league. In this connection we are missing Doug Hammond, who has been ill for some weeks and unable to turn out for us. We wish him a speedy recovery to good health.

At long last Charlie Kentish has been informed that he is entitled to wear the Combined Services' blazer badge for his prowess as a boxer.

He won the Bantamweight Championship of All India, the Imperial Services' Boxing Association Championship and the Territorial Army Individual Championship. He is very pleased with his new badge and it is thought that these three titles to have been won by one individual may constitute a record and investigations into this are being carried out.

#### LUTON

Since our last notes the Branch has suffered a severe loss in the deaths of two of its



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members. Mr. F. Bennett passed away in St. Mary's Hospital, Luton, on October 5, and Mr. C. E. Dagley died in a London hospital on November 7. Mr. Fred Bennett served with the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment in the 1914/1918 War and was, at one time, in ex-C.S.M. "Lackery" Wood's Company. His cremation took place at Bedford on October 8.

Mr. Charley Dagley was a very popular member of the Branch and was a former Chairman. Until illness prevented him from carrying out the duties he was Standard Bearer and as such carried the Standard at its dedication and also on the Victory Parade.

He joined the Regiment in 1921 and served with the 2nd Battalion in India and Iraq, being discharged to the Reserve in 1928, at Dover. On the outbreak of the 1939/1945 War he was recalled and served with the Military Provost Staff Corps, reaching the rank of Sergeant. He was discharged in 1945 and returned to his old job at Vauxhall Motors, for whom he worked for almost thirty years, the latter part of the time as a foreman. He was taken ill in October, 1957, and spent nearly all the time until his death in hospital. During this period he was visited regularly by members of the Branch and his dependants were looked after by both the Regimental and Branch Benevolent Funds. We take this opportunity of thanking the Regimental Secretary and the Benevolent Fund Committee for the help given to both of these Old Comrades during their illnesses.

Mr. Dagley was cremated at Golders Green on November 15, 1958, and the Branch was represented by the Chairman, C.S.M. J. Leech, M.M., Mr. C. Everitt and Mr. H. Brown.

We are also sorry to have to report that on Friday, November 14, Mr. F. (Bowie) Rae collapsed while at work and had to be taken to hospital. It is understood, however, that he has recovered slightly and we hope it will not be long before he is back at home.

The Branch was represented by a contingent at The Regimental Remembrance Day at Kempton on November 16, and the Standard was on parade. We were glad to have some of our Dunstable comrades on parade with us.

The Branch was also represented by a contingent and the Standard at the Luton Memorial Service on November 9.

#### 6th BATTALION, 1914-1918, O.C.A.

The Annual Reunion Dinner was held at the Bath House Hotel, Dean Street, London, on Saturday, April 26, 1958, and some 30 members attended.

Lt.-Col. A. T. Hitch was in the chair and was supported by the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning, who served with the 6th Battalion in the 1914-1918 War. The guests were Lt.-Col. A. C. Young,

the Regimental Secretary, Lt.-Col. E. G. Fanning and Mr. L. Butler from the Bedford Branch.

The toasts to Her Majesty The Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief and to Absent Comrades were proposed by the President, Col. Hitch.

General Sir Reginald Denning then proposed the toast to the President and in doing so spoke of the forthcoming amalgamation of the Regiment and the splendid manner in which it had been taken by both Regiments. He also spoke of the invaluable co-operation the Regiment had received from its Old Comrades and how their loyalty and support meant so much to those who were serving. Col. Hitch, in reply, thanked the Colonel of the Regiment for his remarks and assured him of the loyal support and co-operation of the members of the 6th Battalion, 1914-1918, O.C.A.

The toast to the Visitors was proposed by Mr. Harold Tong, M.M.

Lt.-Col. A. C. Young replied and in doing so spoke of Regimental affairs and events to come. Lt.-Col. Fanning also spoke and made a brief but witty speech.

Finally, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Johnny Day, spoke of the affairs of the Branch in his humorous and inimitable way. He paid tribute to the late Mr. R. G. Game, who passed away on December 3, 1957, and also to Mr. Cyril Bliss, who was, at the time, very ill in Harefield Hospital. He spoke also of Mr. D. A. Odell, who was 81 and owing to ill-health unable to be with them that night.

The party then broke up to exchange greetings and reminiscences and finally when about 11 p.m. the party ended all agreed it had been a great evening and one to be remembered.

#### DUNSTABLE HOME GUARD (1944) ASSOCIATION

We held our Fourteenth Annual Dinner at The Sugar Loaf Hotel, Dunstable, on Friday, November 7, and the attendance of members and friends was well up to average. There were toasts to the Association and the Regimental Association and then it was "party time" with dancing and games to bring all into the picture. Capt. Frank Mead, D.C.M., our President, was with us and we also had the pleasure of meeting as our guests, Major and Mrs. Tewkesbury.

We had been looking forward to attending the Annual Regimental Remembrance Sunday at Kempton Barracks, but an intense fog in the Dunstable district shook our confidence, more so as the Secretary had to definitely abandon the idea of attending as the result of being troubled with a severe chest cold. Further disappointment came with the knowledge that our

President was also indisposed and unable to lay the wreath on the Memorial. Our thanks are due to the Branch representative who carried out this duty for us.

Our social activities for the year are now concluded, and we concentrate on the activities of our Rifle Club Section, who are still finding the "bull" and are nicely positioned in the Winter League.

With this last issue of *The Wasp* the passing of an era is brought even more closely home. We congratulate the Editor on having provided us with such interesting numbers, and wish him every success with the new Journal.

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 Mr. S. H. Thomas ... 37, Wyatt Road, Kempston, Beds.  
 Major R. J. Voser ... "Carnobello," Horsell Rise, Woking, Surrey.  
 Capt. J. A. Ward-Booth ... 107, King's Ride, Camberley, Surrey.  
 Lt.-Col. G. E. J. Warland ... c/o National Overseas and Grindlays Bank, 54, Parliament Street, London, S.W.1.  
 M. D. Wilson, Esq. ... 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), "Roker," Troutstream Wav, Loudwater, Rickmansworth, Herts.  
 Mrs. M. Unthank ... 11, Lancaster Road, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.  
 Lt.-Col. A. C. Young ... Regimental Headquarters, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), Warley Barracks, Brentwood, Essex.



## Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

20	SUNDRY CREDITORS	46	11	9	1956	CASH AND POSTAGES IN HAND	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.													
8	PROVISIONS FOR ACCRUED EXPENSES ...	15	15	0		8						16	7												
	ACCUMULATED FUND:					45	CASH AT BANK:																		
	Balance 1st July, 1956	12169	2	7			Westminster Bank Ltd.	3	0	1															
	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	78	12	0		82	Glyn Mills and Co. (Holts Branch)	152	9	6															
12169					12247	14	Ditto Capital Cash Account	4	6	0															
						632	Ditto Deposit Account in respect of repayment of 3% Defence Bonds and Premium thereon	505	0	0			664	15	7										
							SUNDRY DEBTORS:																		
							Sundries	12	0	0															
							Loans	39	10	0															
						64	Cottage Homes A/c. Regiment Assoc.	25	0	0															
								53	10	0					130	0	0								
						97	INCOME TAX REPAYMENT DUE										120	9	0						
						6	STOCK OF WREATHS AND FLOWERS												3	12	6				
							INVESTMENTS AT COST:																		
							£1000 3% War Loan 1955/59	1034	1	0															
							£200 2½% Defence Bonds	200	0	0															
							£1729 3% British Transport Guaranteed Stock 1978/88	1575	19	0															
						4353	£1804/7/8 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70	1543	2	11											4353	2	11		
							(Market Value at 30th June, 1957: £3670/11/2).																		
							INVESTMENTS AT NOMINAL VALUE:																		
							3½% Conversion Loan	516	5	3															
							3½% Defence Bonds Conversion Issue	655	0	0															
							3% London County Council Consolidated Stock 1962/67	689	6	9															
						7037	3½% Savings Bonds	2298	3	8															
							3½% War Loan	2878	9	1													7037	4	9
							(Market Value at 30th June, 1957: £5346/16/11).																		
£12197					£12310	1	4	£12197					£12310	1	4										

I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association Benevolent Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1957, and have received all the information and explanations I have required. I certify that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet shows the correct position of the affairs of this Fund according to the books and the information and explanations I have received.

100, Midland Road,  
Bedford.

(Signed) HAROLD H. HARPER,  
Certified Accountant.

16th January, 1958.

- (c) 30/45—Most cases in this group base their appeal for assistance on an emergency, such as illness, reasonable unemployment, an accident at work, etc.

2. All cases are carefully investigated and much help and advice has been received from Branches of the Regimental Association, S.S. & A.F.A., The Forces Help Society, The British Legion, etc.

3. The average grant was £4/4/-

4. The average age of applicants was 54.

5. We received grants from The Army Benevolent Fund totalling £1,000 during the year.

6. The following table shows the number of applications made and the number of grants made and amount disbursed during the past nine years:—

Year	Applications	Grants	Amount disbursed
1948/49	257	172	£685
1949/50	290	214	£842
1950/51	280	280	£1047
1951/52	344	293	£1136
1952/53	307	284	£1217



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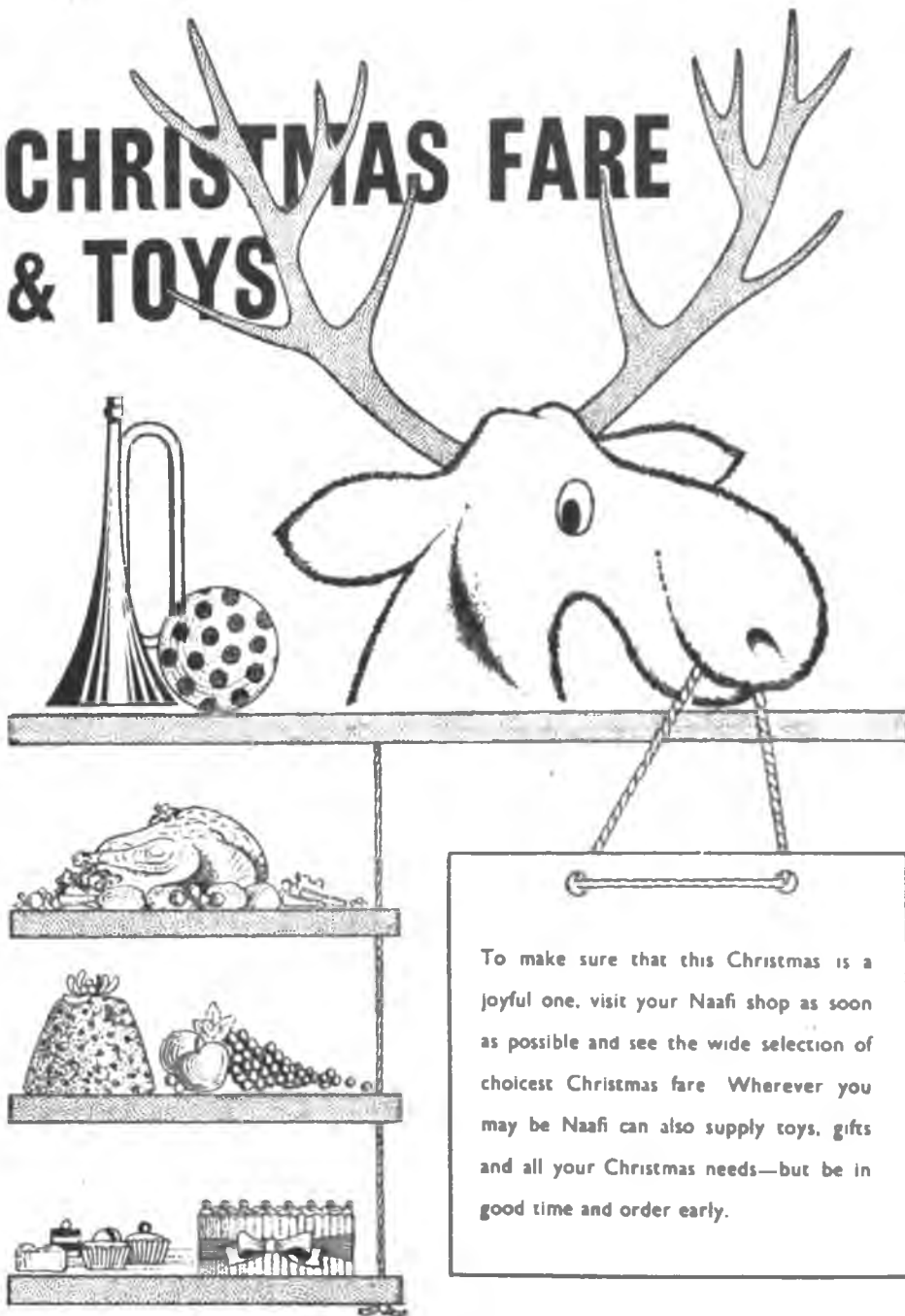
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1953/54	277	263	£1073
1954/55	241	235	£978
1955/56	230	229	£1026
1956/57	243	237	£1075

7. The breakdown of the applicants for 1956/57 is as follows:—

Ex-Regular Soldiers	...	...	108
Ex-T.A. and Volunteers	...	...	57
Ex-National Servicemen of both Wars	...	...	42
Widows and Dependents	...	...	36
			243

21 only were members of The Regimental Association.

9 applicants served in The Hertfordshire Regiment.

3 applicants were serving soldiers.

8. The Regiment made its customary donation to The Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home and eleven ex-members of The Regiment spent a fortnight's holiday at the Home during the year.

9. The excess of Income and Expenditure for the year amounted to £78/12/-.

#### REPORT FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 1957, TO JUNE 30, 1958

1. The number of applications received showed a decrease on those of the previous year, and the amount disbursed on grants was much smaller.

2. The reasons for applying appeared to be in all cases similar to those described in the Annual Report for 1956/1957.

3. The average age of applicants was 56, which showed a tendency to rise.

4. The average grant was £4.

5. Again the Regimental Fund Committee is grateful for the help and advice they received from Branches of The Regimental Association, S.S. & A.F.A., The Forces Help Society, The British Legion, etc.

6. The Committee is also grateful to the Trustees of The Army Benevolent Fund Committee for their generous grant of £950 received during the year.

7. The following composite Table shows the number of applications made and the grants disbursed during the last ten years:—

Year	Applications	Grants	Amount disbursed
1948/49	257	172	£685
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1953/54	277	263	£1073
1954/55	241	235	£978
1955/56	230	229	£1026
1956/57	243	237	£1075
1957/58	231	208	£794

8. The break-down of the applications for 1957/58 is:—

Ex-Regular Soldiers	...	...	95
Ex-T.A. and Volunteers	...	...	72
Ex-National Servicemen both Wars	...	...	36
Widows and Dependents	...	...	28
			231

Three were serving soldiers.

Twenty-four were members of the Regimental Association.

Six had served in the Hertfordshire Regiment.

9. The excess of income over expenditure for the year was £348/14/7.

10. Eight ex-members of the Regiment enjoyed a holiday at the Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home at Lowestoft, to which the Regiment made its usual donation of £25.

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION  
BENEVOLENT FUND**

**Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 30th June, 1958**

1957		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1957		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1075	To Grants (less refunds)				794	12	4	1000	By Grant from Army Benevolent Fund				950	0	0
	" Annual Subscriptions							6	" Donations						
24	N.A.E.R.S.S.A. ...	25	0	0				20	Sundry Persons ...	5	15	6			
	Soldiers' & Sailors' Help Society ...	2	2	0					1st Bn. Malplaquet	20	0	0			
2	National Institute for the Deaf ...	1	1	0					" Proportion of Subscriptions of Regimental Association				25	15	6
11	R.U.K.B. Association 1957 & 1958	16	16	0				31	31/12/57 Estimated				26	0	0
25	Lord Kitcheener's Holiday Homes .	22	10	0				9	" Subscriptions						
2	A.C.F. Association (see contra)	—	—	—					Officers ...				6	10	0
5	King Edward VII Hospital (Provision)	5	5	0				4	" Premium on Conversion of £55 3% Defence Bonds				—	—	—
	" Donations				72	14	0	23	" Refund of Income Tax due for the year				23	0	2
	Bedfordshire Discharged Prisoners Aid Society	—	—	—					" Grant from 2nd Bn. for travelling expenses for Medjez el Bab Memorial				50	0	0
2	The Royal Alexandra and Albert School	—	—	—					" Remembrance Sunday Receipts ...	27	8	0			
2	Far East P.O.W. Association War Memorial in Elstow Church	—	—	—				25	Less Expenses ...	18	19	4			
7	S.S.A.F.A. ...	10	0	0				17	" Interest on Deposit Account ...				1	10	8
	" General Expenses				10	0	0		" Proceeds of Raffle				19	7	6
	Memorial Wreaths (including £3/5/- Medjez el Bab Memorial not recovered from the 2nd Bn.) (less Sales) ...	24	8	0					" Provision for Subscription to A.C.F. in 1956-57 written back				2	2	0
23	Travelling Expenses	56	9	3					" Interest on Investments						
16	Postage ...	17	14	7				24	3½% Defence Bonds (to 21/1/58) ...	3	19	10			
3	Cheques ...	2	0	6					3½% Conver. Loan	18	1	4			
18	Printing and Stat. Provision for Auditor's Fees for 1957-58 ...	8	8	0					3% London County Council ...	20	13	6			
29	Honorarium for Clerical Assist. ...	24	0	0					3% Savings Bonds (less Tax) ...	31	2	6			
8	Regimental Association for free issues of <i>The Wasp</i> (provision) ...	8	10	0					3½% War Loan ...	100	14	10			
	Headstone, Richmond Cemetery for two ex-members World War I	—	—	—					3% War Loan ...	30	0	0			
18	Expenses relating to the unveiling of:								2½% Savings Bonds	57	9	0			
28	Singapore Mem.	—	—	—					3% British Trans.	51	17	4			
38	Cassino Mem. ...	—	—	—					3½% Defence Bonds (Conversion issue)	22	18	6			
15	Dunkirk Mem. ...	—	—	—					4½% Defence Bonds from 19/7/57 ...	17	17	11			
	Medjez el Bab Mem. Travelling Expenses ...	50	13	8				328	" Grant from 1st Bn. for laying up of Colours				354	14	9
	Rangoon Mem. Empire Field of Remembrance	11	2	5									—	—	—
	Travelling Expenses and Wreaths ...	12	11	0											
2	Sundry Expenses ...	2	0	1											
	" Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year				244	8	4								
79					348	14	7								

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## ENGAGEMENTS

**TAYLOR—PARRY.**—The engagement is announced between Lt. David Taylor, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. F. Taylor, of Friern Barnet, and Aubrey, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Parry, of Sidcup, Kent.

## BIRTHS

**YOUNG.**—On October 26, 1958, at Aldershot, to Helen (née Wells), wife of Capt. M. G. A. Young, Royal Military Police, a daughter.

**BUSHELL.**—On November 2, 1958, at Bedford, to Juliet (née Markham), wife of Capt. J. F. Bushell, the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), a daughter.

## OBITUARY

### BRIGADIER-GENERAL VISCOUNT HAMPDEN

We regret to report the death of which occurred on Thursday, September 4, 1958, at the age of 89.

The late Viscount Hampden was a professional soldier who served with distinction in the South African War. On the outbreak of the 1914-1918 War he was in command of the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.F.) and went to France with the Battalion. He was soon appointed to the command of a Brigade which he held for three and-a-half years. For his service he was Mentioned in Despatches no less than eight times.

On the reorganisation of the Territorial Army after the war, in 1920, Viscount Hampden was appointed Honorary Colonel of The Hertfordshire Regiment, an appointment he held for 27 years, during which his interest in the Regiment remained always very keen and his wise and able counsel was always available when required. His tall, soldierly figure, his charming manner, his wisdom and experience were always a source of inspiration to those who served under him.

He was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire in 1915 and held this office until 1952. From 1924 to 1936 Lord Hampden was a Lord-in-Waiting to His Majesty King George V, and he was created a G.C.V.O. in 1935.

He was most active in his work for the British Legion and it was his inspira-

tion which sponsored an investigation of the methods of curing rheumatism among ex-Servicemen and the opening of a special hospital ward for that purpose.

Those who were his friends, or who worked or served with him will miss him much, but they will be consoled by the thought that the world was richer for his life and the example he set.

Lady Hampden (who was formerly Lady Katherine Montagu-Douglas-Scott, daughter of the 6th Earl of Buccleuch), died some six years ago.

The late Viscount Hampden, who was the third Viscount, was also the 25th Baron Dacre (a title created in 1307), lived at The Hoo, Kimpton, which had been in the possession of his family for many generations. In 1938 he sold it to the Nuffield Fund for Oxford University, and then lived for several years at Codicote Mill. For the past six years he had lived with his eldest son, the Hon. Thomas Henry Brand, who succeeded him, at Mill Court, Alton, Hampshire.

The funeral took place on Monday, September 8th, at Kimpton; it was attended by a large gathering which included Brigadier Longmore (Hon. Colonel, The Hertfordshire Regiment), Lt.-Col. A. C. Young (representing General Sir Reginald Denning and the Regiment) and Major I. C. Dyer (representing Lt.-Col. R. A. Humbert and The Hertfordshire Regiment).

On September 29, a Memorial Service to the late Viscount Hampden was held at St. Alban's Abbey, at which Her Majesty The Queen was represented by the Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, H.M. Lieutenant of Hertfordshire; Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother by Sir Arthur Penn. General Sir Reginald Denning represented The Regiment and Lt.-Col. E. G. Fanning, the Regimental Association.

Lt.-Col. R. A. Humbert represented 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment.

### COLONEL HENRY STEUART WINDHAM

We regret to announce the death of Colonel H. S. Windham, which occurred on October 20, 1958, at Chicksands Priory, at the age of 85. Colonel Windham was the last surviving son of the late Major G. J. Windham, The Rifle Brigade.

His mother was a daughter of Lord Charles Russell, and he was born at Woburn Park. He served throughout the

South African War with Strathcona's Horse and later transferred to The Bedfordshire Regiment. During the 1914-1918 War he commanded the 3rd Battalion. He retired after the war and continued to live in Bedfordshire. He took a keen interest in The Regimental Association and *The Wasp*.

The funeral took place at Woburn on October 23.

#### CAPTAIN HORACE MATTHEW HUMPHREY

It is with regret we announce the death of Captain H. M. Humphrey, M.B.E., M.M., M.S.M., who died suddenly on October 10, 1958, at his home at 24, Diddington, Huntingdonshire. Captain Humphrey joined The Regiment during the 1914-1918 War and served with the 8th Battalion. After the war he continued to serve, mainly with the 1st Battalion, reaching Warrant Rank and later being awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. During the 1914-18 War he was awarded the M.M. On leaving the Army he continued his interest in The Regiment and was a keen member of The Regimental Association. He and Mr. Arthur Newton, of St. Neots, were familiar figures at the annual reunion dinners, which they rarely missed. A good member of The Regiment, both present and past, who will be

badly missed at Regimental gatherings in the future.

On return to civil life, he became interested in the Army Cadet Force and The British Legion, and many tributes have been paid to his invaluable work for them. Eventually his sterling work with the Army Cadet Force was recognised officially by the award of the M.B.E.

The funeral was held at St. Laurence Church, Diddington, on Wednesday, October 15, 1958. So large was the congregation that many of the mourners had to stand outside the church. The coffin was borne by six Army Cadets, who also provided a guard of honour and a firing party. The Buckden British Legion was also represented, with their Standards, from both Men's and the Women's Sections. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Diddington, assisted by the Vicar of Buckden. The Regiment was represented by Lt.-Col. A. C. Young and Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., and a wreath was laid.

The service was impressive, and the large numbers from every walk of life attending bore tribute to a member of The Regiment who served his country and Regiment well and had deserved their esteem.

## DEATHS

**KAY.**—At Bedford, on September 9, 1958, Mr. H. H. Kay, of 33, Collic Road, Bedford. Mr. Kay joined The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment as a boy and served with The Regiment in India and elsewhere for many years. On his return to civil life, he joined the 5th Battalion, and at the time of his death was a Sergeant in the Drums. His funeral was attended by Officers and O.R.s of the Battalion, who also provided a Guard of Honour at the Crematorium. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" was sounded by Sgt. Weston.

**JOLLY.**—In October, at 87, Oliver Street, Amptill, Mr. F. Jolly, who served in The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment during the 1939-1945 War.

**BENNETT.**—On October 5, 1958, in St. Mary's Hospital, Luton, Mr. F. Bennett, who served in the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914-1918 War. He was a keen mem-



*The late Capt. H. M. Humphrey*

ber of the Luton Branch of the Regimental Association.

**TIBBLES.**—On October 29, 1958, in St. Mary's Hospital, Luton, Mr. C. A. Tibbles, of 40, Stanley Street, Luton, aged 84. Mr. Tibbles was born at Rickmansworth on January 6, 1874, and enlisted in The Bedfordshire Regiment on June 10, 1893. He joined the 2nd Battalion, but after two years was posted to the 1st Battalion, with whom he served in Rawalpindi, Umballa, Mooltan and Jhansi. He returned to England in 1908, and after serving a year in Colchester, became a Staff Instructor at Bedford. After 18 years' service, he left the Army in 1911 to become a postman. On the outbreak of the 1914-1918 War he rejoined the Regiment and will be remembered by many who served with the 2/5th Battalion The Bedfordshire Regiment, with whom he was a Sergeant Instructor. After service in France, he was finally demobilised on February 20, 1919, and resumed his postal duties. Mr. Tibbles held the Chitral Relief Force Medal of 1895, the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and two medals for the 1914-1918 War. He was cremated at Bedford on October 31.

**CLARKE.**—On October 26, 1958, in St. Albans City Hospital, Mr. John Clarke, aged 91, of 11, Queen Street, St. Albans. Mr. Clarke joined The Bedfordshire Regiment in 1885 and served in India and South Africa. He rejoined for the 1914-1918 War and was employed on Home Service. He was a very keen member of The Regimental Association and attended all the Regimental functions. He was also a member of the St. Albans Branch, which will miss him very much. Mr. Clarke was very proud of his Regimental Number, which was 1688, and also of the fact that at the Regimental Weekend of 1957 he was commended by the Colonel of the Regiment for his never-failing interest in Regimental affairs. After his service in The Regiment, Mr. Clarke was Yard Foreman for Messrs. Harry Arnold & Co., Timber Merchants, St. Albans, for over 50 years.

**DAGLEY.**—On November 7, 1958, in a hospital in London, Mr. C. E. Dagley, of 14, Hawthorn Avenue, Luton. Mr.

Dagley joined The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in 1921 and served with the 2nd Battalion in India and Iraq. He was discharged to the reserve in 1928. On the outbreak of the 1939-1945 War he rejoined the Army and served with the Military Provost Staff Corps, reaching the rank of Sergeant. He worked for the Vauxhall Motors at Luton for some 30 years. He was a very popular member of the Luton Branch of The Regimental Association and carried the Branch Standard in the Victory Parade in Hyde Park in 1953.

**SHADBOLT.**—On November 7, 1958, in Harpenden Memorial Hospital, Mr. H. T. Shadbolt, of 170, Station Road, Harpenden, aged 67. Mr. Shadbolt served with the 1st Battalion The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914-1918 War, when he was twice wounded and won the Military Medal. During the 1939-1945 War he served as a Sergeant with the Hertfordshire Home Guard. He was born at Batford and worked for the Electric Hose and Rubber Co. Ltd., Harpenden, for some 40 years. He was a keen member of the Regimental Association and also of the St. Albans Branch.

**EVANS.**—On November 12, 1958, at Clapham Hospital, Bedford, Mr. William Griffith Evans, aged 92, of 339, Goldington Road, Bedford. Mr. Evans enlisted as a boy in The Bedfordshire Regiment in 1880 and was discharged in 1909. He re-enlisted in 1914 and served until 1918, when he was discharged on account of a disability. He was Drum Major in 1897 and Colour Sergeant on his discharge. During the 1914-1918 War he served with the 8th Battalion, The Bedfordshire Regiment and was promoted W.O.II. Up to the last, he preserved a very upright carriage and soldierly bearing, and was a well-known personality in Goldington and Bedford. He was a very faithful member of the congregation of Goldington Church. He was a very keen member of The Regimental Association and attended every Regimental occasion. He was also a member of the Bedford Branch and the 8th Battalion (1914-1918) O.C.A. His funeral service took place at Goldington Church on Saturday, November 15, and was attended by Lt.-Cols. A. C.

Young and E. G. Fanning, representatives of the Bedford Branch of the 8th Battalion (1914-1918) O.C.A., among them being Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Armstrong who had been great friends with Mr. Evans.

**THOROGOOD.** — On November 23, 1958, at 9, Dean Street, Bedford, Mr. C. F. Thorogood, aged 72 years. Mr. Thorogood was an active member of the 5th Battalion up to 1933, and had some 30 years service. His funeral took place at Bedford on November 27, and was attended by representatives of the 5th Battalion.

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2. The Editor will be glad to receive any contributions, such as short stories, articles, photographs, letters, etc., from past and present members of the Regiment, for the first issue of the new *Regimental Journal*.

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