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## THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

On January 6 the Colonel of the Regiment and Lady Denning sailed from Southampton in the S.S. "Canton" for Singapore, where they arrived at the end of January. The General and Lady Denning spent the first days of February with the 1st Battalion at Fort George, Malacca, where they had a most enjoyable and interesting time. They found the 1st Battalion in great heart and cannot speak too enthusiastically of the welcome they received and the spirit of all ranks and the families of the Battalion. After their visit to Malacca the General and Lady Denning spent the next few weeks in a very interesting but somewhat strenuous tour of service units and S.S.A.F.A. organisations in Malaya. This included a short visit to Hong Kong, where they met members of the Regiment serving with the Garrison there.

The Colonel of the Regiment and Lady Denning left Singapore on February 23 in H.M.T. "Nevasa" and after a pleasant voyage arrived back in this country on March 16.

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On the occasion of the amalgamation of the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), which occurred on April 1, the Colonel of the Regiment and the Associate Colonel sent the following message to Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, the Commanding Officer:

"On the occasion of the amalgamation of Fifth Bedfordshire Regiment and First Hertfordshire Regiment all ranks Third East Anglian Regiment send you their greetings and welcome the new Battalion into the Regiment of which it will form an integral part. Brigadier Paton and I are fully confident that the Battalion under your command will most worthily uphold the fine traditions of the former Regiments.

DENNING, Colonel.  
PATON, Associate Colonel."

\* \* \*

We are sorry to hear of Mrs. Paton's accident. She fell and dislocated a shoulder, which has been very painful. We were glad to hear from the Associate Colonel that she is making good progress and we hope she will soon be quite well again.

## Regimental Notes

The address of the 1st Battalion has been slightly amended and now reads:—

1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment  
(16th/44th Foot),  
Terendak Camp,  
c/o G.P.O., Malacca, Malaya.

## Regimental Christmas Cards

Regimental Christmas Cards will be available again this year and can be obtained from:

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

or The Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, or The Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association.

While the inset has not yet been decided, the card will follow the pattern of previous years, with the Regimental crest on the front and tied with ribbon in the Regimental colours. It is hoped the cost will remain the same as last year, 10/- per dozen, post free.

## Regimental Diary, 1962

A Regimental Diary, on the lines of that produced by The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association for some years past, is being organised and printed in co-operation with the Army Sport Control Board by the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Association for 1962.

The diary will have the Regimental crest on the outside and inside there will be 12 Regimental pages containing information about The Regiment and the Regimental Association.

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## THE REGIMENTAL CALENDAR

- June 10-June 24 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) Camp — Millom, Cumberland.
- June 25-July 7 5th Bedfordshire / 1st Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) Camp — Castlemartin, Wales.
- July 15 Regimental Summer Reunion at H.Q., 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.), Gordon Fields, Ilford, Essex. (For full details see Regimental Association Notes).
- July 21-July 23 East Anglian Brigade Depot Weekend:  
Friday, All day golf meeting.  
Saturday, a.m., golf match; p.m., Garden Party. Two-day cricket match, East Anglian Brigade versus The Suffolk Gentlemen. Further details can be obtained from R.H.Q.
- August 13 Regimental Day—Anniversary of the Battle of Blenheim, 1704.
- September 16 London Branch, Annual Reunion Dinner—The Chatham Restaurant, Victoria Station, London.
- September 17 Annual Remembrance Service—Regimental Chapel, Warley. Admission by ticket, apply to The Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association, Regimental Headquarters, Warley Barracks, Brentwood, Essex.
- September 30 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (1939-1945) O.C.A. Dinner and Dance — The Euston Tavern, Euston Road, London, W.C.
- October 21 Annual Reunion Dinner, Watford Branch, Watford. Reunion and Social, Saffron Walden Branch—The Town Hall, Saffron Walden.
- November 19 Annual Remembrance Service, Bedford. — Admission by ticket. Apply to The Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, Kempston Barracks, Bedford.

## THE REGIMENTAL CHAPEL

The regular services, which are held on the first Sunday in each month, have continued and are well supported. In addition to the support given by the congregations we have been much encouraged by the assistance given by the officiating Clergy. In October the service was taken by the Rev. F. A. Preston, M.B.E., M.A., and in February by the Rev. R. L. Parsonage, C.F., both of whom were former Garrison Chaplains at Warley. The Chaplain's Department has continued its valuable help by providing Chaplains for the monthly services. Others to whom we owe our thanks are Padre K. A. Vine, who has officiated on several occasions and Padre G. A. W. Gold, G. Johnson and R. R. Lewis.

On November 27, 1960, a special Thanksgiving Service to commemorate the Centenary of the Army Cadet Force was arranged for the 3rd Essex Cadet Regiment. Major-General D. E. B. Talbot, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., the District Commander, attended the service and inspected the parade commanded by Major D. G. Mullis.

On February 5, 1961, the monthly service took the form of a Service of Remembrance for the Royal Army Service Corps (T.A.) in Essex. It was organised by Major W. A. Matthews of the 54th East Anglian Infantry Divisional Column R.A.S.C. (T.A.). The service on March 5, 1961, was a "Gaza" Day Remembrance Service arranged by the C.O. of 459 (Essex) H.A.A. Regiment R.A. (T.A.) for members of that Regiment and former members of the 6th and 7th Battalions The Essex Regiment. On this occasion Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Essex, Col. Sir John Ruggles-Brise, BT., C.B., O.B.E., T.D., J.P., attended in his capacity as Honorary Colonel of 459 Regiment R.A. (T.A.) and took the salute at the march past which was held after the service. The Associate Colonel, Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., accompanied the Lord Lieutenant on his inspection of the parade and at the saluting base during the March Past. Some seventy serving members and about the same number of Old Comrades attended the service and parade.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE LT.-COL. A. E. MAITLAND, D.S.O., M.C.

On Sunday, February 19, a Memorial Service for Lt.-Col. Maitland was held in the Regimental Chapel, and was attended by Mrs. Dorothy Maitland, his widow, and several members of his family. Many former officers and members of The Essex Regiment were also present, including two former Colonels of The Regiment, Lieut.-General Sir Geoffrey W. Howard, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.L., and Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. M. Pickering, M.B.E., Senior Chaplain to the Forces, East Anglian District. Lt.-Col. Maitland had expressed his wish that his ashes should be scattered in the garden of the former Depot Officers' Mess and this was carried out by the Rev. Pickering in a simple but moving ceremony during the service.

## THE (16th FOOT) REGIMENT MUSEUM

The Museum of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment is still situated in Kempston Barracks, Bedford. During the absence of Lt.-Col. Fanning, the Hon. Curator, owing to illness, it is being looked after by Major Tewkesbury, Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association.

Negotiations for its future housing are still in progress and will be announced as soon as they are finalised.

## THE ESSEX REGIMENT MUSEUM

With the move of Regimental Headquarters to the former Depot Officers' Mess, the Regimental Museum has also been moved and is arranged in three rooms on the upper floor of the R.H.Q. building. It is now open to visitors.

Since the last number of the Journal several presentations have been gratefully received by the Curator, Major Stead, Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association. These include the medals of the late Brigadiers L. O. W. Jones, D.S.O., and R. J. Tuchway, C.B., D.S.O., and also the medals of Mr. A. J. Long, M.M., who lives at Manor Park, Essex. Lt.-Col. A. C. Halahan, O.B.E., has kindly given a 44th Foot Belt Buckle, which was worn by his father.

A map of the Battle of Preston Pans 1745, the first action in which the 44th Foot took part, has been purchased for the Museum.

## RECRUITING

The situation in regard to the recruiting of regulars for the Armed Forces of the Crown has been discussed in Parliament, on TV and B.B.C. programmes and has also received much publicity in the Press. Those who have read or listened to the discussions and reports will realise that the situation is serious, in fact very serious. The Secretary of State for War has stated that as far as the Army is concerned he is optimistic that the required number of recruits will be obtained by the end of 1962,



RECRUITING

*Sgt. Bennett and L/Cpl. Carter making part of the Mobile Recruiting Stand which is to be used this summer.*

when the last National Servicemen leave and it is to be hoped he is right.

Regimental Recruiting is now one of the responsibilities of Regimental Headquarters and the position we have to report is not a happy one. In order that the 1st Battalion shall be at a proper strength at the end of 1962 and be able to find sufficient men for extra-regimental employment it is necessary that an average of twenty-three regular recruits be enlisted for the Regiment each month. During the first three months of this year the average has been thirteen, a long way short.

It will be asked what is being done to correct this position. Since the early part of last year an officer from the Battalion has been attached to R.H.Q. as Regimental Recruiting Officer. His job is to supervise, in co-operation with the Regimental Secretary, all regimental recruiting activities and to maintain liaison with the Army Information Officers and Recruiting Organisation within the Regimental area. To assist him, the 1st Battalion have lent two Sergeants, known as Special Recruiters. Their job is to provide a link with the Army Recruiting Organisation, and normally they work with the Army Information Offices at Southend and St. Albans respectively. In addition, this year, the C.O. of the 1st Battalion has sent home three Corporals to work with the Regimental Recruiting Officer.

A Regimental display, consisting of photographs, objects of Regimental interest, etc., has been formed, and this will appear at various county shows, fetes, carnivals, throughout the three counties this summer. In addition, Regimental recruiting posters have been prepared and printed, and the Regimental Recruiting Team see that these are displayed wherever a site can be obtained. That their efforts are successful is exemplified by the fact that recently there were over 60 Regimental recruiting posters displayed in central Essex alone.

A Regimental brochure has been printed, and also a special Regimental reply-paid enquiry card. These are distributed in the attractive Army brochure, "The Soldiers of The Queen" and in "Soldier Magazine," and in all kinds of places such as post offices, barbers' shops, labour exchanges, etc. One magazine was left in a telephone booth at Maldon and evoked an enquiry from Dagenham!

The Regimental Recruiting Team seize every opportunity of addressing members of the Army Cadet Force, schools, scouts, etc. Both the T.A. Battalions, in spite of their own recruiting problems, have proved most helpful and co-operative.

Since the beginning of 1960, our best recruiting areas have been Watford, St. Albans area, Luton and district, Metropolitan Essex. It is comforting to know that the East Anglian Brigade Depot has one of the lowest "buying-out" rates in the Army. In spite of all our difficulties, we have not lowered our standard, and it is not every applicant who is accepted for "The Pompadours."

It is hoped that this has given you a picture of the Regimental Recruiting position today, and it may well now be asked "Can I help?" Yes, please spread the word in any way you can. Should you meet anyone who is interested in joining The Regiment, please send us his name and address, and we will, at once, contact him. For those who live in the Regimental counties and would be prepared to display a Regimental recruiting poster, we shall be delighted to send you one, small or large. Reply-paid enquiry cards are also available if you would like a supply.

But, above all, may we have your help and interest. If all members of The Regiment, past and present, do their best, we feel that when the end of 1962 comes, the Battalion will have received the necessary number of regular recruits to enable it to continue to play its proper role in the Army and to maintain the splendid reputation it has gained since it was formed in 1958. With such splendid forebears as The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment, we feel, with the right encouragement, the young men of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex

will not be backwards in coming forth to serve in "The Pompadours."

All enquiries should be addressed to:

The Regimental Secretary or  
The Regimental Recruiting Officer,  
Regimental Headquarters,  
The 3rd East Anglian Regiment  
(16th/44th Foot),

Warley Barracks,  
Brentwood, Essex.

Telephone: Brentwood 3051, 3052.

## REGIMENTAL EXHIBITION

By arrangement with the Chief Recruiting Officer for London District, the brothers Lungley and Leslie Powe, joint managing directors of Hector Powe, have been showing collections of Regimental treasures in the windows of their Regent Street and Queen Victoria Street branches since May 2, 1960. The exhibitions were confined to Regiments recruiting from the London area and among those Regiments taking part were The Household Cavalry, The Household Brigade, The Royal Regiment of Artillery, The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment, The Green Jackets Brigade, The Middlesex Regiment, etc.

The Regiment held an exhibition in the Regent Street branch from November 21, 1960, to December 3, 1960.

The object of these displays was to give Londoners an opportunity to see many rare and interesting regimental treasures normally held at Regimental Depots and Museums and which are only brought out on special occasions. At the same time they have provided an opportunity for the Regiments concerned to get across to the public a glimpse of their glorious histories, and it is hoped that recruiting will benefit.

It was decided, in view of the great interest shown in these displays, to invite the Regiments to bring their exhibits to the Victory Hall of the Victory Ex-Services Club, Seymour Street, London, W.2., on May 3, 1961, for a combined display. This provided a unique opportunity for members of the Regiments, with their families, and senior officers from the War Office, to view the who's collection under one roof. It is believed this is the first time that an exhibition of this nature has ever been held.

The exhibition was opened by the Rt Hon. John Profumo, M.P., Secretary of State for War, at 12 noon on Wednesday, May 3. The opening ceremony was attended by Brigadier and Mrs C. M. Paxon, the Regimental Secretary, Lt.-Col A. C. Young, and Lt.-Col and Mrs. A. G. R. Noble, from the East Anglian Brigade Depot. Sgt. Bennett and Cpl. Johnson, of the Regimental Recruiting Staff were in charge of the Regiment's display.

Among the objects exhibited by The Regiment were full dress tunics, pre-1914, of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment, the 56th Foot Centre-piece, shakos of the period circa 1860, V.C. and medals of the late Brigadier C. C. Foss, 16th Foot, and of Sgt. McWheaney, 44th Foot, replica of the Keyes of Gibraltar, 56th Foot, the Coconut, 16th Foot, etc.

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

The third dinner of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Dinner Club took place at the United Service Club, Pall Mall, London, on Friday, April 28, 1961. Seventy-five Officers and guests attended.

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., Colonel of The Regiment, presided and the guests of honour were Col. Sir John A. Ruggles-Brise, BT., C.B., O.B.E., T.D., J.P., H.M. Lieutenant for Essex, Major S. Whitbread, J.P., H.M. Lieutenant for Bedfordshire, the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, M.A., The Provost of Chelmsford, Col. G. V. Martin, M.C., The East Anglian Brigade Colonel, and Dr. A. W. Hagger who for twelve years was Medical Officer of The Depot, The Essex Regiment and later Depot, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment until the latter's disbandment, on April 1, 1960.

Gracious messages were received from Her Majesty The Queen and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, in reply to messages of loyal greetings which had been sent by the Colonel of the Regiment on behalf of those dining. These were read out at the dinner and were as follows:

*"From Her Majesty The Queen, Windsor Castle.*

*Please convey my warm thanks to all members of The Third East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Dinner Club for their warm and loyal greetings which I have received with great pleasure.*

ELIZABETH R"

*"From Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, H.M. Yacht "Britannia."*

*Please convey to the members of the Third East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Dinner Club my sincere thanks for their loyal message on the occasion of their Annual Dinner.*

ELIZABETH R., Colonel-in-Chief."

The following message was received from the Officers of the 1st Battalion:—

*"From Commanding Officer and Officers The Pompadours. Best wishes to General Denning and Officers dining on Friday. Look forward to being with you next year."*

During the Dinner a reply, as follows, was sent by the Colonel and Associate Colonel:—

*"All at Regimental Dinner thank you for your message and have been greatly pleased to hear of all the splendid achievements of the Battalion. With all good wishes.*

DENNING/PATON"

After proposing the loyal toasts, General Sir Reginald Denning welcomed the guests and thanked them for the help they had given and were giving to the Regiment. He then gave a most satisfactory account of the achievements of the Battalion in Malacca which he had very recently visited, and spoke of the progress made in the T.A. Regiments. Before proposing the toast of The Regiment he called upon Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., Associate Colonel of The Regiment, who spoke on the need for everyone to encourage the recruiting of regular soldiers to keep the Battalion up to strength, and finally thanked the Colonel of The Regiment on behalf of all present for all he had done and was doing for the Regiment.

The rest of the evening was spent informally renewing old acquaintances, making new ones and exchanging reminiscences from the past.

In addition to the Colonel of The Regiment and the Associate Colonel, the following Officers attended the dinner:—

General Sir Henry Jackson, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Brigadiers T. G. L. Charles, C.B.E., D.S.O., J. A. Longmore, C.B., C.B.E., T.D., D.L., Hanbury Pawle, C.B., T.D., D.L., E. C. Pepper, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.L., Colonels G. A. Anstee, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P., R. A. Humbert, O.B.E., T.D., H. F. Kembell, T.D., D.L., R. W. Littlehales, O.B.E., Rt. Hon. Lord Luke, T.D., D.L., S. C. W. W. Rea, O.B.E., N. R. Salew, O.B.E., D.L., R. H. Senior, G. R. Steel, M.B.E.; Lt.-Cols. H. L. H. Boustead, A. C. Clarke, O.B.E., P. H. A. L. Franklin, D. F. Garrard, T.D., L. W. W. Marriott, J. L. de V. Martin, D. Millman, M.C., S. G. L. Pepys, J. C. Preston, M.B.E., C. Simmons, C. A. Southey, G. L. Sprunt, M.B.E., W. Mc. B. Stephen, C. D. J. A. Tempest, G. E. J. Warland, C. L. Wilson, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., A. C. Young; Majors D. G. M. Anstee, H. C. Aylmer, W. Berridge, M. R. C. Brightman, D. R. C. Carter, J. D. Castle, T.D., R. G. Chillingworth, F. H. Crouchman, R. S. P. Dux, S. L. Edwards, J. B. Kitto, C. J. S. McMillen, R. H. Medley, H. E. Mudford, C. C. Norbury, M.B.E., M.C., B. J. Palmer, M.B.E., M. W. C. Phillips, J. C. Richardson, E.R.D., T. E. Robinson, T. R. Stead, H. N. Stenning, D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., F. W. Waddell, M.B.E.; Capt. K. Burch, M. L. A. Duffie, K. J. T. Hoile, A. F. Mackain-Bremner, H. O. Parker, B. M. Parsons, J. R. Paxman, H. N. M. Paxton, P. L. Purdy, W. L. Simons, W. A. C. Smelt, O.B.E., M. S. Smyth, R. W. Start and 2/Lt. V. J. Gee.

## THE ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND

This year sees the launching of its first public appeal by The Army Benevolent Fund. The reason for this is a change of policy regarding the administration of the Fund.

Set up in 1945 The Army Benevolent Fund began with a capital of £7 million, money accumulated from the profits of Service Clubs, overseas and similar sources. The directive to the original Trustees was that the capital should be run down by 1970, by which date it was thought the purposes of the Fund would have been fulfilled. In 1958 a committee set up to consider the future of the Fund pointed out that cases of hardship were still occurring among survivors and the dependants of those who fought in the Boer War.

The Trustees are now working on the assumption that the Fund will be required at least until 2000. Therefore, in future, reliance is to be placed upon the interest of the Fund's invested capital, about £100,000 per annum, augmented by public subscriptions. Until public subscriptions have been built up this policy will mean a sharp drop in the support given by the Fund to Regimental and Corps Benevolent Funds, which in the past have received grants up to £300,000 per annum.

Since its inception The Army Benevolent Fund has distributed £4½ million, of which £1,600,000 has been given to Regimental and Corps Benevolent Funds.

The appeal is to be spread over two years, 1961 and 1962.

The aims in 1961 are:—

- (a) To replace the ignorance which, understandably, exists in the Army of the purposes of the Fund.
- (b) To get the Army itself interested, enthusiastic and geared to money raising.
- (c) To get the T.A. actively co-operative.
- (d) To get the co-operation and backing of Regimental and Corps Associations.

The aims in 1962 are:—

- (a) To get the support of the general public and industry.

- (b) To consolidate the position in the Army.

The Appeal was launched during the week June 4-11, 1961, with the following activities:—

A Service of Dedication at the Chapel of The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, Sunday, June 4, 1961, at which the Colonel of The Regiment was represented by the Regimental Secretary. The Service was televised by the B.B.C.

The Service was followed by a "D" Day Anniversary Concert in the Royal Festival Theatre by the Band of The Royal Military College of Music. On June 11 the subject of the B.B.C.'s "Week's Good Cause" was The Army Benevolent Fund and the appeal was made by Lt.-General Sir Brian Horrocks.

The Regiment is supporting the appeal and will be sending a donation and it is hoped that all members, when the opportunity occurs, will support this very worthy appeal.

The Benevolent Funds of both the former Regiments' Benevolent Funds have received grants from The Army Benevolent Fund this year, as they have done in the years gone by.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF REGULAR SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN

During 1960 the number of men and women from the Regular Armed Forces of the Crown placed in employment by the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen was 18,411, which was 86½% of those who registered at one or other of the Association's 52 Branches covering the whole of the United Kingdom. It is of interest that of this number, 7,639 were from the Army, and of these 17 were from The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and 15 from The Essex Regiment.

If, when you get home, you have forgotten, lost or have never been told the address of your Area Jobfinder, apply at any big Post Office or to your Regimental Association. They'll be able to give it to you.

Both the Regimental Associations make an annual subscription to the Regular Forces Employment Association. Further information regarding the N.A.E.R.S.S.A. can be obtained from the Regimental Secretary and/or the Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, Kempston Barracks, Bedford; The Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association, Warley Barracks, Brentwood, Essex.

The Annual General Meeting of the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen held at Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall, on May 5, was attended by the Regimental Secretary and the Secretaries of The Regimental Associations.

The following ex-members of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment have obtained employment through the National Association since the last publication of The Regimental Journal.

### *The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment*

Mr. W. C. Tomlin (ex No. 5948054), Clerk, Salisbury.

Mr. P. G. Field (ex No. 23530281), Driver, Chelmsford.

Mr. G. Lawrence (ex No. 265201), Billiard Hall Attendant, Catford.

Mr. J. H. Harvey (ex No. 5773133), School Caretaker, Bury St Edmunds

Mr G. Morrell (ex No. 5949549), Postal Department, G.P.O., Preston

Mr D. J. W. Jones (ex No. 5891327), Night watchman, Coventry.

Mr B. Gooch (ex No. 23426288), Fitter, London

Mr J. C. Grummet (ex No. 22549377), Driver, Chelmsford

#### *The Essex Regiment*

Mr R. P. Sanders (ex No. 48332), Fitter, London District

Mr E. Spilling (ex No. 6013188), Messenger, London District.

Mr B. T. Kierman (ex No. 14440235), Process Worker, Chester.

Mr P. J. Wells (ex No. 23139069), Postman, G.P.O., Bow

Mr T. E. Buxton (ex No. 23227209), Trainee Fitter, Chelmsford

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Nearly £122,000,000 has been shared by Unit and Welfare Funds of the three Services and individual customers as a result of buying from N.A.A.F.I. which, this year, celebrates its 40th anniversary. This is the amount of hard cash which has been paid out in rebates, discounts and dividends.

N.A.A.F.I. began operations on January 1, 1921, on the recommendation of two Government Committees set up to consider the administration of Service canteens and shops, based on the lessons learned in the First World War. The profit sharing principle was introduced whereby N.A.A.F.I. distributed its trading surpluses for the benefit of the Services—and this has continued ever since.

Although its scale of operations has fallen since the peak years of the Second World War, N.A.A.F.I. is still in business in a big way, with an annual trade of some £57,000,000, a staff of 23,000 and 2,000 establishments situated throughout the world, wherever British Forces are serving.

To mark the anniversary a new long service award has been inaugurated for N.A.A.F.I. staff completing 40 years' service. Nearly 100 men and women who were members of the staff on the day N.A.A.F.I. was "born," were still serving the Corporation on its 40th birthday.

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Naafi's largest foodhall was opened recently at Terendak Camp, Malaya. It offers a comprehensive range of groceries, provisions, fresh meats, fruit and vegetables, household and hardware goods, wines and spirits, cigarettes and tobacco, cosmetics and toys. A temporary gift department will eventually be transferred to the new Central Showroom, due to be completed this summer. Inside the shop, is a 36ft. run of refrigerated equipment for milk products, provisions, pies and meats, and a separate island site for a wide range of frozen foods.

Other facilities to be provided at Terendak Camp include a restaurant, bar, a central showroom for gifts and durable goods and the services of a draper and haberdasher, dressmaker, hairdresser, dry cleaner, tailor, photographer supplier, greengrocer, florist, watchmaker, footwear service, and a service for radio and electrical repairs.

## OPERATION "PAY CHEQUE"

The amounts due to officers in the pay of Holt's Branch of Glyn, Mills and Co. are now calculated at the LEO Computer Centre. From

such data as rate of pay, allowances, changes in rank and status, the computer prints the correct figure on the monthly credit advice in less time than it takes to say "Capt. Jack Robinson's Pay." The computer is even programmed to detect possible clerical errors and to draw the operator's attention to them before the slip leaves the machine.

Outwardly there is little to distinguish the completed slip from one prepared by conventional means. However, officers looking carefully at their monthly "cheque" and finding that the figures have been produced by making thousands of tiny dots with a stylus, instead of by typewriter, will know that they are involved in one of the latest advances in automation by British banks.

Apart from the main operation to produce monthly credit slips, LEO does three runs each week to ensure that officers get immediate benefit from promotions and other changes. An interesting link with the past is retained by keeping the old name of "Casualty Runs" for these interim calculations, although nowadays they are more likely to deal with a tax refund for a new addition to the family.

## DUNKIRK VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

Members of the Regiment who took part in the evacuation of Dunkirk may not be aware of the existence of the 1940 Dunkirk Veterans' Association. Each Whitsun week-end an annual pilgrimage is organised to the beaches, where Memorial Services are held. Arrangements are made for wives and families of members to accompany them on the pilgrimage.

The Headquarters of the Association is in Leeds, but there are many Branches throughout the country. Representatives from both Bedford and Luton Branches were present at last year's ceremonies. The annual subscription is 3/- and anyone who is interested should get in touch with the Honorary General Secretary, 35, Spring Bank Crescent, Leeds 6.

## THE ARMY ART SOCIETY

*Patron:*

*Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent*

The Society, which exists to encourage art in the Army and sister Services, is holding its 30th exhibition during October, 1961, at the Commonwealth Institute, South Kensington, S.W.7.

All ranks of the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, past or present, permanent or temporary, may submit works for consideration.

The Society is an entirely unofficial organisation and for several years very successful exhibitions have been held in London each autumn. Service artists can derive more interest from their hobby by aiming at submitting works for the Exhibitions, which also give them an opportunity to compare their standard and style with others.

As the Society is non-profit making, the entrance and hanging fees are kept as low as possible.

Intending exhibitors are invited to apply after May 1 for particulars. Applications should be addressed to: The Honorary Secretary, The Army Arts Society, Capt. A. J. Daldy, 16, King Edward's Grove, Teddington, Middlesex

## IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

### ZEEBRUGGE AND OSTEND SPECIAL EXHIBITION

This exhibition commemorates the famous actions carried out on April 23 and May 10, 1918, by the Royal Navy and Royal Marines under the command of Admiral Keyes.

Among the original exhibits shown are a specially designed flame thrower, which was mounted in the "Vindictive," grappling irons which were used to keep the ships in contact with the mole at Zeebrugge, a portion of the damaged bridge of "Iris II" and a gong used by the Germans as a fog alarm at Zeebrugge.

There are models of the "Warwick," in which Admiral Keyes flew his flag at both actions, and of the "Vindictive," from which the landing parties operated at Zeebrugge and which was the blockship at Ostend.

Also in the exhibition are a number of paintings, contemporary German and British photographs and a series of diagrams to explain the object, execution and result of the two actions, which are also more fully described in a leaflet which is available in the gallery or on request.

#### OPENING DATE APRIL 21st 1961

The exhibition, which will be inaugurated by Mr. C. I. Orr-Ewing, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, on April 21, 1961, and open to the public from Monday, April 24, is the first in a series of special exhibitions now being planned by the Imperial War Museum. The object is to demonstrate particular aspects of the two World Wars or, as in this case, to commemorate special anniversaries.

Simultaneously with the opening of the Zeebrugge and Ostend Special Exhibition, a new permanent gallery displaying the military uniforms of Britain, her allies and her enemies in both World Wars will also be opened.

Further information will gladly be supplied by the Museum.

## THE INFANTRY JUNIOR LEADERS' BATTALION

The Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion, which was previously stationed at Plymouth, is now accommodated at Park Hall Camp, Oswestry, Salop.

The aim of the Battalion is to train and prepare youths as potential Warrant Officers and N.C.O.s for the Brigade of Guards and the Infantry of the Line. To achieve this the Battalion is organised into four Training Companies—"Guards" "A," "B" and "C" and a Recruit Company "Z." It is hoped to form a further Training Company shortly. The strength at present is 500, but it is intended to build it up to 800 as soon as possible.

Training is organised and supervised by Wings, which are as follows: Education, Weapon Training, Tactics, Drill, Adventure Training, Recreation and Physical Training.

Approximately one-third of a boy's time in the Battalion is spent on education and the object is to have as many Juniors as possible with the complete Senior Standard Certificate, which is equivalent to the Army Certificate of Education First Class. About one-third of the boys pass out having gained their First Class Army Certificate of Education, thus making them educationally qualified for promotion to Warrant rank.

During Weapon Training the object is to train the boy to handle those weapons which he would meet in a Platoon of Infantry.

The Tactics Wing teach minor tactics and signals. All boys attend a passing-out cadre which includes operating radio sets.

The Drill Wing is in charge of R.S.M. R. W. Smith, M.B.E., D.C.M., of the Coldstream Guards.

The Adventure Wing is run on "Outward Bound" lines and plays an important part in the development of the boy's character. Each term every boy is sent on an expedition lasting two or three days. On these expeditions they are taught rock climbing, canoeing, the art of descending sheer rock faces on a rope, pot-holing and in general the art of living hard under adverse conditions. The boys are encouraged to enter the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and several have been successful in gaining certificates in various standards.

Recreation and Physical Training is carried out under the supervision of an Instructor from the Army Physical Training Corps. The boys are taught to play most games played today in the Regular Army and the Battalion has a very high standard of successful records in Inter-Unit and Army competitions. Each boy is taught how to swim. The Battalion is fortunate in having an Olympic indoor swimming pool, which is one of the finest in the country.



THE INFANTRY JUNIOR LEADERS BATTALION

Standing (left to right)—1/Cpl. Alexander (Barnsley), 1/Pte. Bestman (Luton), L/Cpl. White, The 3d  
 Bn. Argyll Bn. (Post Corporal), 1/Pte. Perkins (who has since left the Battalion), 1/Pte. McDonald  
 (Hendon). Seated (left to right)—1/Pte. Thomas (Lough-on-Sea), 1/Pte. Capron (Loughragh), C.S.M.  
 Franks, The 3d Bn. Argyll Bn. (Charleston), 1/Pte. Bragg (Bristol), 1/Pte. Funnell (Chelmsford)

It is hoped that as members of the Regiment who are considering their own career will get valuable insight as to the advantages to be obtained by entering their corps at the Battalion. Prospective parents are always welcome to visit and anyone seeking to do so should write to

The Commanding Officer,  
 The Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion,  
 Weymouth Lines,  
 Port Hill Camp,  
 Osprey, Southampton.

Our photograph shows the boys coming with the Battalion who are expected to join the Regiment on completion of their training. With them are C.S.M. Franks, who is working with the Drill Wing and L/Cpl. White, who is working with the Battalion as Post NCO. They will also have with them as new Capt. B. W. Chelmsford, who was due to join the Battalion as a Company Second-in-Command in May.

We were very glad to see C.S.M. Franks at B.M.Q. recently when he gave us a first-hand

account of the activities of the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion, with special reference to the boys who are due to join the Regiment on the completion of their training.

## THE MONS OFFICER CADET SCHOOL, ALDERSHOT

A plaque of the Regimental Crest has been presented by the Regiment to the Sergeant-Major of the Mons Officer Cadet School, Aldershot.

In a letter acknowledging the receipt of the plaque, B.S.M. Desmond Lynch, M.B. B.C.M., Unit Commandant, writes: "It is most grateful of you to present the Mons with the Plaque and I can assure you that it will have a place of honour with the other Plaques of the amalgamated Regiment."

"In closing I would like to thank you on behalf of all the members of my Mons for this most generous gift."

## PERSONALIA

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the 1st Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon the following officer:—

## EAST ANGLIAN BRIGADE

*Essex*

Lt.-Col. D. F. Garrard, T.D.

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The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication in *The London Gazette* of the name shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for brave conduct:—

## QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Corporal (Acting Sergeant) Anthony William Walker, 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot). For his courageous and determined conduct in rescuing two children who had fallen into the river Chelmer, which was in spate, on September 18, 1960.

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The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned in recognition of distinguished service in Malaya for the period January 1 to July 31, 1960:—

Colour Sergeant Raymond Henry John Hewitt, 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk).

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The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve that the following be Mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Malaya for the period January 1 to July 31, 1960:—

## 3 EAST ANGLIAN

Sgt. V. C. Collison

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The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

To be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Major Edwin Corner, T.D., The Bedfordshire Regiment, Territorial Army (now T.A.R.O.).

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The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon the following Officers:—

## EAST ANGLIAN

*Bedfordshire*

Major G. H. Hickinbottom.

*Essex*

Major G. V. Lovelace, D.C.M.

Capt. C. J. Portway.

## 3 EAST ANGLIAN

R.S.M. H. F. Wilmott (now discharged) has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

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The following retirements have taken place: Major J. P. P. Crawford, October 20, 1960; Major G. B. Whitworth, November 7, 1960; Col. J. A. Hunter, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. (granted the Hon. Rank of Brigadier), November 16, 1960; Col. W. N. C. Waite, O.B.E., April 1, 1961.

The following promotions have been Gazetted:

Captains to be Majors: J. A. Bacon, December 26, 1960; G. C. P. Morgan, March 15, 1961.

Lieutenants to be Captains: S. A. Green, November 26, 1960; W. R. W. Pike, February 4, 1961; D. G. Wells, February 4, 1961; J. E. Hunchings, February 4, 1961; Lts. (Q.M.) D. J. Bebbington and D. V. Crosier to be Captains (Q.M.), April 5 and April 25, 1961, respectively.

2/Lt. A. R. A. Veith to be Lt., December 19, 1960.

2/Lt. R. J. Foulkes (S.S.C.) promoted Lt. on November 13, 1960, and 2/Lt. P. F. Bye (S.S.C.) promoted Lieutenant, February 6, 1961.

Officer Cadet Charles Andrew Sryles from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to be 2/Lieutenant, December 16, 1960.

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The following have relinquished their Short Service Commissions on completion of service: Major E. C. Hill (granted Hon. Rank of Major), January 6, 1961; Major A. W. Moody (granted Hon. Rank of Lt.-Col.), April 1, 1961.

The following have relinquished their Commission in the Regular Army Reserve of Officers on completion of service: Capt. (Hon. Major) J. R. Wood-Hill, November 26, 1960; Capt. (Hon. Major) T. McGarry, December 7, 1960.

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*The Hertfordshire Regiment*

Lt. (Acting Capt.) W. G. Handford to be Capt., November 15, 1960, with seniority August 1, 1959.

Capt. J. G. M. North from Reserve of Officers, Class III, 1 E. Anglian, to be Capt., February 1, 1961, with seniority June 30, 1960.

Lt. (Acting Capt.) D. A. Farrow to be Capt., March 16, 1961, with seniority August 1, 1960.

*The Essex Regiment*

2/Lt. T. H. R. Milbank to be Lt., October 23, 1960.

Lt. (Acting Capt.) D. P. M. Doyle to be Capt., October 30, 1960, with seniority August 17, 1959.

Major J. H. Harries from Para, to be Major, January 1, 1961, with seniority March 5, 1957.

The following have been transferred to the T.A. Reserve of Officers:

*The Bedfordshire Regiment*

Major E. Carver, O.B.E., T.D.; Lt. (Q.M.) D. C. B. Cowley.

*The Hertfordshire Regiment*

Colonel R. A. Humbert, O.B.E., T.D.; Capt. W. S. Chaplin.

*The Essex Regiment*

Capt. B. H. Critten, Lt. I. R. P. Doyle, Major G. V. Lovelace, D.C.M., T.D., Capt. J. E. Hollis.

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Colonel The Right Hon. Lord Luke, accepted, in March, an invitation from the Archbishop of Canterbury to become Chairman of the Church of England Council for Commonwealth Settlement. The Council advises and assists intending migrants going to all parts of the Commonwealth, and is also the Church's instrument for conferring with the Government and overseas churches and governments on points of policy.

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We were very pleased to see ex-Colour-Sergeant Boreham when he called at R.H.Q. recently. He told us his business was making good progress, although it was hard work. He had been having some trouble with his leg again but it was getting better. He and Mrs. Boreham will always be pleased to see any old friends who are passing through Forest Gate.

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Capt. M. L. A. Duffie has been posted from the 1st Battalion to the War Office for duty. He and his wife have been successful in obtaining a flat at No. 4 The Embankment, Putney, London, S.W.15, where they have a delightful view of the river.

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When the obituary notice for the late Lt.-Col. E. S. C. Grune, was published in the December Number, the details of his service during the Second World War were, unfortunately, not available. Mrs. Grune has now kindly supplied these. In August, 1937, Col. Grune was recalled from the South of France to take up an appointment with The Royal Air Force. He was posted to Kidbrooke, Middlesex, on a course of instruction for six months, on the completion of the course he was given the rank of Squadron-Leader and early in 1938 was posted to Acklington, Northumberland, to open a new R.A.F. Station there. Early in 1939 he was promoted to Wing Commander and went to Cardington for a short course on balloons. On completion of the course he was appointed O.C. of the Balloon Centre at Glasgow. During his appointment there he was commended for the speed in which he transferred many balloons from Glasgow to Edinburgh when the Forth Bridge was heavily attacked. In May, 1940, Wing Commander

Grune was transferred to Halton, Buckinghamshire to take up an appointment as No. 1 Administrative Officer. He remained there until the end of the War in 1945.

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Col. Waite relinquished his appointment in the office of the Master-General of the Ordnance, The War Office, in March, and has since retired from the Army. We hear he has not been well and hope he will soon be quite fit again.

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Relics of the Hertfordshire Militia are among the items which have been transferred from Headquarters, The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) to the Hertford Borough Museum at Bull Plain. These have been arranged most attractively by the Borough Librarian and Museum Superintendent, Mr. S. W. Davey.

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Among those who had the honour of attending Her Majesty The Queen's Garden Party held at Buckingham Palace on May 11, were Brigadier and Mrs. C. M. Paton, Brigadier and Mrs. J. A. Longmore, Colonel and Mrs. A. Noble, Colonel and Mrs. Norman Salew, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. C. Young, and Major and Mrs. H. Mudford.

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We very much regret to report the death of Lt.-Col. Sir Dealtry Part which occurred on February 9, 1961. From 1943 to 1957 Sir Dealtry Part was Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Bedfordshire. During the period of his Lieutenancy he never ceased to take the most keen interest in the activities of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. His friendliness, encouragement and attendance at regimental functions was much appreciated by all who knew him and who served with The Regiment. On the amalgamation, although he had retired from the Lieutenancy he continued his interest in The Regiment and it was a matter of great satisfaction to him that the amalgamation went so well. His last appearance at a regimental function was at the Presentation of Colours to the 1st Battalion at Warley in May, 1959. An obituary notice will be found elsewhere in this number.

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Mr. W. E. Fisher has retired after 49 years in the printing trade. He served with The Sun Printers of Watford for over 40 years and in recognition of his long and loyal service he was presented with a gold watch. During the 1914/1918 War he joined The Bedfordshire Regiment and served in France. His home is at 36. Leyland Avenue, St. Albans.

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An informal dinner for officers who served with the 2/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment was held at Williamson's Tavern, Bow Lane,

London, E.C., on Friday, January 20. Those present were Brigadier C. M. Paton, the Associate Colonel, Lt.-Cols. K. F. May, V. C. Magill-Cuerden, C. A. Brooks, Majors D. A. C. Wilkinson, A. L. Cullen, Capt. D. N. Ardley, F. G. Coe, E. B. Cooper, P. B. Lake, P. P. Oexle, P. P. Perfect, M. B. Purry, W. B. Thompson, H. J. L. Wright, Lts. R. D. Barnslake, A. D. Lieper, J. P. Potts. Brigadier Paton proposed the Loyal Toast also the Toast to The Regiment coupled with the name of the Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. The Brigadier also gave an interesting account of the affairs of The Regiment both past and present. The arrangements were made by Capt. P. B. Lake of High Garrett, Braintree, who is always anxious to hear from or of old members of the 2/5th Battalion.

Capt. Horace Parker writes from the Mons Officer Cadet School, Aldershot, where his tour of duty ends in July. He has been Weapon Training Officer since last September and has enjoyed his duties as such very much. When he wrote they were busy with arrangements for the Aldershot Tattoo and Exhibition.

Recent visitors to Warley have included Mr. L. J. Staples, ex 5999383, who served with The Essex Regiment from 1914 to 1937. Mr. Staples served with 1st, 2nd, 9th and 10th Battalions, and after his discharge he was employed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. He retired in 1959 and is now living at Forest Gate.

Readers will be sorry to learn that Lt.-Col. H. E. Crocker, C.M.G., D.S.O., The Essex Regiment, has been for some time in D'Arcy Nursing Home, at 6, Walsingham Road, Hove, 3, Sussex. Among the officers who have recently visited him are Lt.-Cols. L. W. W. Marriott and G. H. Walker.

Col. Crocker, who is now partially crippled with arthritis, would be delighted to hear from any of his friends in The Regiment at any time.

Mr. E. W. Staunton (ex 9855) The Essex Regiment, who is now living at 179, High Street, Canvey Island, has been endeavouring to trace Mr. (Liza) Luck who served with 1st Battalion in India. If any reader knows of Mr. Luck's whereabouts would he be good enough to write to Mr. Staunton?

Another officer of the former Essex Regiment who has been seriously ill is Brigadier F. A. S. Clarke, D.S.O., who has spent a considerable time in hospital.

We are sure our readers will join with us in wishing him a speedy recovery to good health.

We were glad to hear from Lt.-Col. G. L. Sprunt. He and Mrs. Sprunt are still living at 45, Mecklenburgh Square, London, W.C.1. Their daughter is now working in the office of the Commissioner General for South-East Asia, Singapore, after having spent five months in the British Embassy in Java. We understand she is enjoying it very much.

Our readers will be interested to learn that plans are going ahead for the disposal of Warley Barracks. A public enquiry was held on May 16, by the Minister of Housing and Local Government into the proposal of the Brentwood Urban District Council to develop part of the Barracks Area for housing and also the proposal by Messrs. Fords to develop some twenty acres of the site for administrative offices. On June 1, a public auction was held for the sale of the huts situated in the Barracks area.

Capt. W. D. Page has relinquished the Adjutancy of 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment and has been posted to a Staff Appointment in B.A.O.R. His address now is H.Q., 11th Infantry Brigade Group, B.F.P.O. 29.

Mr. Don Wilmot of 108, Acacia Road, Bedford, retired recently from Meltis Ltd., Bedford, after 27 years' service. He was presented with a travelling clock by the firm and a cheque by his colleagues. During the 1914-18 War Mr. Wilmot served with The Bedfordshire Regiment, and was wounded in the leg. He was captured and was a prisoner of war in Germany for two years.

Lt.-Col. D. Milman relinquished the command of 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) on the amalgamation of that Battalion with 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). He has been posted to a Staff appointment with the Army Operational Research Group. He and his wife have obtained a house near Guildford and their address is now East Heatherside, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, Surrey.

Major Harry Stenning has obtained a post in the Foreign Office and expects to be stationed in Cheltenham for some time. He and his wife are now living at 24, Sydenham Villas Road, Cheltenham, Glos.

The Regiment has sent the annual subscription to The Bedfordshire County Cricket Club. Any member wishing to watch any of the County's cricket matches this season can obtain the admission ticket on application to The Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Association, Kempston Barracks, Bedford.

On relinquishing the command of the Lidlington Company of The Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force, Lt.-Col. D. Rhys-Thomas was presented with a silver cigarette box suitably engraved, and a lighter from the cadets, ex-cadets and friends. Col. Thomas retired from the Secretaryship of The Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force some little time ago and is now living with his sister in Ipswich.

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Mr. B. Jefferies has been appointed a member of the executive committee of management of Messrs. Boots Pure Drug Co. Ltd., after having been the firm's photographic buyer for the past eleven years. Mr. Jefferies was born in Bedford and educated at Bedford Modern School. He joined Messrs. Boots Ltd. as a trainee in 1937, but being a Territorial, he was embodied on the outbreak of war and joined the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) with whom he went to Singapore. He spent some three and a half years as a Prisoner of War in the hands of the Japanese, returning home and to his post with Messrs. Boots in 1946. Mr. Jefferies has been living at Biddenham, just outside Bedford, where he is a member of the local council. He will, now, shortly be moving to Notting-ham.

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General Sir Frank Simpson has been appointed Chief Royal Engineer with effect from March 5, 1961, in succession to the late General Sir Kenneth Crawford. General Sir Frank and Lady Simpson have lived in Great Warley for some years. They have always taken a great interest in the activities of the Depot and their kindly hospitality has been much appreciated by officers and their wives serving at the Depot. Since the disbandment of the Regimental Depot, General Sir Frank and Lady Simpson have continued their interest in the activities of Regimental Headquarters and have been very active supporters of the monthly services in the Regimental Chapel.

On June 1, General Sir Frank Simpson took up the appointment as Governor of The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and he and Lady Simpson will be leaving Great Warley where they will be much missed.

We wish them success and happiness in General Sir Frank's new appointment.

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We were all very sorry to hear of the serious illness of Lt.-Col. Eric Fanning which necessitated his admission to the Bedford General Hospital. He was suffering from pleurisy and pneumonia. The latest news is that he is making progress. We are glad to hear that Mrs. Fanning, whose illness was reported in the December Number, is still making good progress.

The following notice appeared in *The Times* on April 25, the anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing 1915:—

"1st Bn. The Essex Regiment—In glorious memory of the Officers, N.C.O.s and Men of the 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment (44th Foot), 29th Division, who fell at Gallipoli and afterwards in the 1914-1918 War."

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Congratulations to the following who qualified at the recent Staff College Examination: T/Major G. N. Dean, Capt. W. J. G. Hancock, H. O. Parker and B. M. Parsons.

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We are very sorry to have to report the death of Mr. H. H. Degenhard of 90, Newnham Avenue, Bedford, which occurred suddenly on May 8, 1961. He served in The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment for some twenty-five years and he will be much missed by his many friends. The funeral took place at Goldington Church, Bedfordshire, on May 12. Major D. T. Tewkesbury represented The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association.

An obituary notice will be published in the December Number.

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Major and Mrs. Tewkesbury recently spent a week-end with Major and Mrs. Brightman at their home just outside Oakham. It was the Tewkesburys' first visit to Rutlandshire and they found the countryside delightful. Major Morris Brightman is very happily settled in his new job as Bursar to the School.

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R.S.M. Hellicar writes to tell us that he has had a very happy time with the Singapore Guard Regiment. On May 5 he took up his new appointment as Garrison Sergeant-Major of Penang Garrison, and his address is now: H.Q. Penang Garrison, Minden Barracks, Penang, Malaya.

Notices of the marriages of his son and daughter both appear in this number. His son's wife was a Corporal in the W.R.A.C. and was a member of the W.R.A.C. Trampoline Team. His daughter's husband is a leading Naval Air Mechanic and is serving with the Air Liaison Squadron in Singapore.

Both R.S.M. Hellicar and Mrs. Hellicar are well and send their best wishes to all their friends whom they look forward to seeing at the Summer Reunion of 1963.

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The Southend Branch of The Essex Regiment Association has been very glad to welcome among its new members three members of 1/4th Bn. The Essex Regiment who served during the last war. They are Major Arthur Saunders and Capt. Eric Deason and Ronnie Turnidge.



*Mr. A. E. Hollingsworth on his 101st birthday. Mr. Hollingsworth served with 5th Volunteer Battalion The Essex Regiment in 1897 and died on December 31, 1960. Others in the group are Mr. F. W. Vere, Mr. P. C. Munn and Major T. R. Stead.*

[Photograph by  
Elizabeth Wall, Wickford

We were very glad to see Capt. (Q.M.) Barney O'Hagan and Mrs. O'Hagan at Warley in February last. They are now living at Tilthams Green, Godalming.

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Mr. A. J. Mobbs, M.B.E., who now resides at Folkestone, was visited recently by Mr. Percy Munn. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mobbs are well and send their good wishes to all Old Comrades of The Essex Regiment. They would welcome a call from any friends who may be in Folkestone. Their address is 84 Downs Road.

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Mr. A. E. Hollingsworth whose photograph appears in this number and who died shortly after his 101st birthday, was visited on his birthday by members of The Essex Regiment Association. He recalled his days at Walthamstow with The Volunteer Battalion, and although he was not able to remember clearly the details of his service with The Regiment, he distinctly remembered the long marches and the never ending manoeuvres. His grandfather served under Lord Nelson on the *Victory*.

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Ex Corporal 4/6884 F. J. O'Farrell who is 79 years of age, was admitted to The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, as an In-Pensioner in July last year. On one of our rare fine Spring days earlier this year Mr. O'Farrell decided to visit his old Regimental Depot at Kempston Barracks. After making him welcome, we discovered that he had made the journey from Chelsea alone in spite of the handicap of an artificial leg and partial blindness.

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Saffron Walden Branch, which is in general composed of younger "soldiers," has neverthe-

less a number of the more senior comrades on its books, including the following who served with The Essex Regiment: W. Rushforth, 1st Battalion, 1897-1905; B. C. Dickeson, 1st Battalion, 1900-08; T. Worrell, 1st and 2nd Battalions, 1906-32; T. Swan, 2nd Battalion, 1910-18; F. Hammond, Cycle Battalion, 1910-13; G. T. Leroy, 8th Battalion, 1913-18; and J. Drage, 4th Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, 1912-17.

Readers who may wish to contact any of these members should write to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. C. H. King, 1, Prospect Place, Saffron Walden.

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As a result of the circular informatory letter sent out to members of The Essex Regiment Association, we have learned with regret of the deaths of the following: Mr. J. T. Buglass, Mr. C. W. Hills and Mr. W. A. Nash. Mr. Hills and Mr. Nash were members of The Corps of Commissioners.

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A letter from Sir Robert Napier, Bart., who has been for many years connected with The Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society, informs us that the following who served with The Essex Regiment are now at Claybury Hospital, South Woodford: Henry Stafford (600753) Boy service 1927, Dunkirk and Palestine; and George Muir, 1st Battalion 1914-18. They would welcome a visit from any member of The Regiment.

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Mr. C. H. King, Secretary, Saffron Walden Branch, would be most interested to hear if any member knows of the whereabouts of Mr. G. C. May (Lieutenant), who was badly wounded when serving with 1/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment at the crossing of the Trigno in November, 1943.



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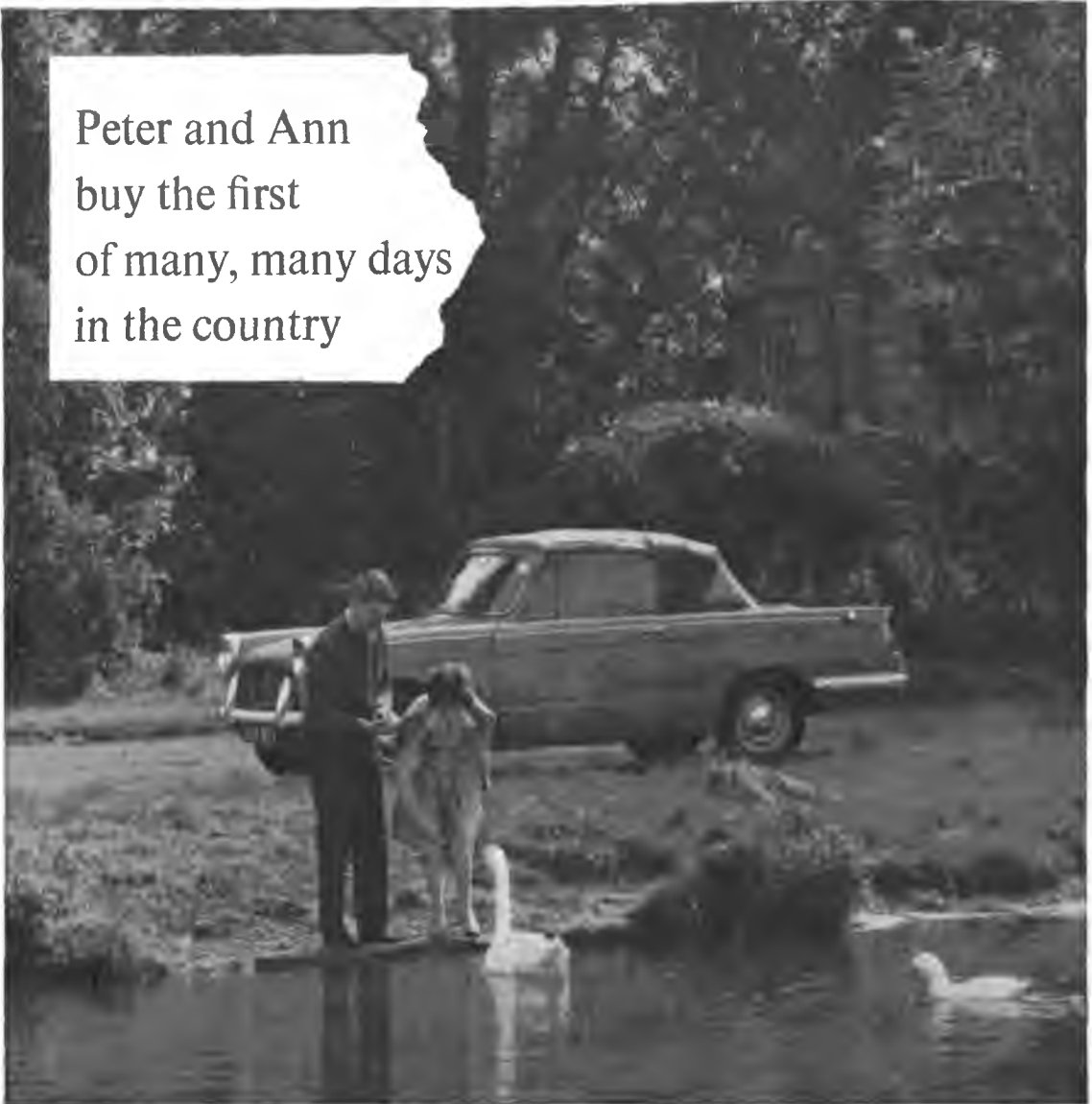
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A recently joined member of The 16th Foot Association is Mr. C. Chapman of 256, Papanui Road, Christchurch, New Zealand. Formerly of the 2nd Battalion and later of the 9th Battalion (ex-No. 5958666), Mr. Chapman has been in New Zealand for eight years and has been following his trade as a butcher. He writes that he would like to send us some of New Zealand's ideal climate—particularly to his old friends of the Mortar's!

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Mr. Percy Munn, Secretary, Sergeants' (P. and P.) Association, has recently corresponded with the following Old Comrades of The Essex Regiment Association: Mr. W. (Bill) Cass, Mr. C. A. Webb, Mr. L. A. (Spoo) Platts and Mr. B. Oliver, M.B.E.

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Mr. H. D. Southgate who served with The Essex Regiment during the First World War, has been with the G.P.O. since 1921 and retires in July of this year. He was awarded the Imperial Service Medal in 1958 and on his retirement will have completed 47 years' uniformed service.

Mr. Southgate was in Holland in 1958 and visited the cemetery at Bergen Op Zoom where several Essex men are buried. He reports that the cemetery was, as always, beautifully maintained.

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Ex-Sgt. 6000001 Arthur B. Smith (Piastre) has written asking for news of some of his old friends of "B" Company, 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment. He would be glad to hear from any of them and mentions especially the following: Sgts. Malyon, Bowyer (Pengy), Bob Smith, Barnes, Humphries and Pudney.

Mr. Smith is now living at 482, Bramford Road, Ipswich.

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Col. N. A. Croft, D.S.O., M.A., late of The Essex Regiment, has now retired from the Army. He spent his last period of service as Commandant of The Army Apprentices School, Harrogate, and has now been appointed as the first Commandant of the Metropolitan Police Cadet School at Hendon.

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Mr. T. Fewster, ex-O.R.Q.M.S. Depot 16th Foot, writes to say that he has now settled in West Hartlepool, where he is an Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. He and his family will be very glad to see any member of The Regiment who finds himself in his part of the country. His address is 28, Stanhope Avenue, West Hartlepool, County Durham.

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We were very pleased to hear from Francis Warne who served with The Pompadours in India from 1922-1928. He went out to New

Zealand in 1942 and has recently retired. We have been able to help him in re-establishing contacts with some of his Service friends.

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Readers will be sorry to hear that Mr. C. Button who served with The Essex Regiment during the First World War has had a long spell in hospital. He is now living at Uppminster and we wish him a speedy recovery to good health.

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Among our recent visitors to Warley we were delighted to see Major and Mrs. Paul Painter and Major and Mrs. Cliff Norbury. Major Painter is shortly due to retire from the Army and is taking up a business appointment in London. Major Norbury who has recently returned from Malaya, is now at the War Office, and was enjoying a few days' leave at the time of his visit.

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Another recent visitor whom we were glad to see at Warley was Wing Commander E. J. Elliott, O.B.E., who served with the 5th Bn. The Essex Regiment during the last war. He is now living at Hutton and is a member of the staff of Messrs. Ilford Limited.

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Mr. C. H. King, the energetic Secretary (Honorary) of Saffron Walden Branch of The Essex Regiment Association, recently visited Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, to see his brother. Another visitor, sporting an Essex Badge on his blazer proved to be Mr. R. F. Watts, ex-6th and 11 Battalions, 1914-25. As may be expected, Mr. Watts is now a member of The Saffron Walden and District Branch.

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Mr. King also informs us that Mr. N. D. Hickling, 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment 1947-49, who is now a writer in the Royal Navy, has recently been posted to the Persian Gulf.

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Major J. E. N. Scaife informs us that his son-in-law, Major C. H. Bavin (formerly 2nd Battalion 16th Foot) is now commanding a Company of the Junior Leaders Battalion, R.A.S.C., at Bordon. When visiting him recently, Major and Mrs. Scaife found very little change in the village of Bordon since the time they spent there with the 2nd Battalion 16th Foot from 1929 to 1933.

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Mr. E. Reynolds, of Bradwell-on-Sea, writes to tell us that reading his newspaper the other day he noted the following letter which the paper had received from Mr. W. Thomas, of Station Road, Winslow, Bucks.:—

"I was particularly interested in the recent letter about the oldest survivor of the Dardan-

elles action in 1916—as I reckon I must be the youngest survivor of that campaign.

“Having made a false statement about my age when I enlisted, I was only just fifteen when I went into action in the Dardanelles. I was present at both evacuations—at Suvla Bay and later at Cape Helles—after six months of action in the 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment. I am now sixty years old.”

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Major J. C. Salazar has relinquished his appointment as Second-in-Command of the 1st Battalion and after leave in England, flew out to Tanganyika, where he is to serve with the 6th Bn. The King's African Rifles. We have heard from him recently and he had a good journey out, less than 24 hours from London. He is settling down but misses the 1st Battalion. His address is:

6th Bn. The King's African Rifles,  
Colito Barracks,  
P.O. Box 2000,  
Dar-es-Salaam,  
Tanganyika, East Africa.

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Major Dick Randall, who was serving in a Staff appointment at H.Q., North Midland Area, has relinquished his appointment and joined the 1st Battalion, where he has taken over the duties of Second-in-Command.

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On pages 186 and 187 of the December Number an account was published of the extremely gallant act of Sgt. Walker in saving two young boys from drowning on Sunday, September 18, of last year.

For this act of gallantry Sgt. Walker has been awarded Her Majesty The Queen's Commendation, which is recorded in this number. On this occasion the Colonel of the Regiment sent the following letter to Sgt. Walker:

23, Queen Anne's Gate,  
Westminster, S.W.1.  
December 16, 1960.

I am writing to you on behalf of myself and the whole Regiment to congratulate you very sincerely on the award to you of the Queen's Commendation for brave conduct. We are all indeed proud that one of the Regiment should have displayed such outstanding bravery.

It is indeed a credit to you personally and it rebounds on the Regiment to which you belong.

In case you have not seen the official notification, I enclose for your retention a copy of the “London Gazette” of Friday, December 2, 1960.

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In this number we record the award of the British Empire Medal, in recognition of distinguished service in Malaya for the period

January 1 to July 31, 1960, to C/Sgt. Hewitt, who is serving as Orderly Room Sergeant with the 1st Battalion, also the Mention in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Malaya during the same period, of Sgt. V. C. Collison. Upon the publication of the “London Gazette” the Colonel of the Regiment sent the following message to the C.O. of the 1st Battalion.

“Please convey to C/Sgt. Hewitt and Sgt. Collison the congratulations of Brigadier Paton and myself and the Regiment on the recognition of their distinguished services.”

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Mr. Peter Brett, who was commissioned as a National Service Officer in The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and served with the 1st Battalion at Goslar, was ordained deacon on Trinity Sunday at Gloucester Cathedral. Since leaving the Regiment Mr. Brett has read theology at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he rowed in his college boat and was Vice-President of the College Debating Society. Since 1959 Mr. Brett has been at Cuddesdon Theological College. He is taking a curacy at Tewkesbury Abbey and hopes to marry in August.

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Mr. A. B. Smith, who writes to us from Braintree, informs us that his father-in-law, Mr. A. Baker, who served with The Essex Regiment throughout the South African Campaign, is now 83 years old and is living at Rayne, near Braintree. Also at Rayne is Mr. D. H. Smith, brother of the writer, who served in the 1939-45 War with 2/5th and 1/4th Battalions of The Essex Regiment.

## MILITARY ESSAY COMPETITION

### 1. BERTRAND STEWART Prize Essay Competition, 1962.

Prize £80.

Closing date—June 22, 1962.

Subject:—

N.A.T.O. requires a strong military force to protect Western Europe against outside aggression. This force is provided by one large and many small nations each attempting to maintain its own balanced army. U.N. require, from time to time, forces for “police” type actions. These forces are found from small detachments provided by many nations of the world.

Discuss how the armies of nations within N.A.T.O. could best be integrated and equipped to meet

(a) the full defensive requirement of N.A.T.O.;

(b) calls from the U.N. for assistance in “police” type actions anywhere in the world;

- (c) national commitments outside the area of N.A.T.O. command.

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1961 competition and can be found in ACI 414 of 1960.

2. GEORGE KNIGHT CLOWES Memorial Prize Essay Competition, 1962.  
Prizes—First Prize £35; second prize £15.  
Closing date—March 31, 1962.  
Subject:—

Napoleon expressed the opinion that in war the importance of morale in relation to physical considerations was as 3 is to 1. Today, in the nuclear age, the employment of new and revolutionary weapons tends to obscure the importance of morale as a war winning factor. Moreover, many modern writers almost entirely neglect the human aspect.

Discuss this, and give your views on how the morale of the Fighting Services can best be sustained in peace and war.

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1961 competition and can be found in ACI 288 of 1960.

3. GOLD MEDAL AND TRENCH GAS-COIGNE Prize Essay Competition, 1961.  
Prize—Thirty Guineas and Gold Medal.  
Closing date—October 16, 1961.

The subject of the essay may be chosen from either of the following which rank equally in adjudication:—

- (a) "It has been said that the object of studying military history is not to acquire information about the past but to improve our judgment as to what ought to be done under conditions of actual war.

The introduction of nuclear weapons both strategic and tactical would seem to have altered the conditions of any future war completely.

Discuss the extent to which the study of past campaigns is still of any value in the training of future commanders of all three Services or could help in the formulation of tactical or strategic concepts for use in such a war."

OR

- (b) "The cost and complexity of training officers in the Services is steadily increasing. Discuss what inter-service action could be taken to ensure that the most efficient use is made of funds and facilities, e.g. integration of courses and joint use of facilities."

General conditions for this essay competition are contained in ACI 62 of 1961.

## OUR CONTEMPORARIES

We acknowledge with thanks:

The Men of Harlech, The Journal of The Welch Regiment.

The Royal Army Pay Corps Journal.

The Waggoner, The Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps.

Britannia and Castle, The Journal of The 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk)

The Queen's Own Gazette, The Regimental Journal of The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

St. George's Gazette, A Regimental Paper for The Fifth Fusiliers.

The Wish Stream, Journal of The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

The Thistle, Journal of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment).

Mars and Minerva, The Journal of the Special Air Service Regiment.

The Poacher, Regimental Journal of The 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).

The Covenanter, The Regimental Journal of the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

The Light Bob, The Regimental Journal of The Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry.

The Red Hackle, The Chronicle of the Black Watch, The Royal Highland Regiment.

The Roussillon Gazette, A Journal of The Royal Sussex Regiment.

The Lion and the Dragon, Journal of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment.

Invicta, The Journal of The Queen's Own Buffs, The Royal Kent Regiment.

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## (16th/44th FOOT)

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J. C. Salazar, M.C. ... .. King's African Rifles, East  
Africa.  
C. C. Norbury, M.B.E., M.C. ... .. D.A.Q.M.G., The War Office.  
P. E. Edwards ... .. H.Q., Land Forces, Hong  
Kong.  
R. J. Randall ... .. 1st Battalion.  
H. M. Lloyd ... .. Brigade Depot (Holdee) att.  
R.A.P.C.  
C. A. Stahelin ... .. Aden Protectorate Levies.  
J. V. Miserooy ... .. G.S.O.2, U.K. Liaison Staff,  
Malaya.  
D. R. C. Carter ... .. B.M., Infantry Bde. (T.A.).  
D. G. M. Anstee ... .. Brigade Depot (Holdee) att.  
R.A.P.C.  
R. J. Greasy ... .. Brigade Depot (Holdee).  
J. A. Bacon ... .. 1st Battalion.  
G. C. P. Morgan ... .. B.M., Infantry Bde. Group,  
B.A.O.R.

##### Captains

E. W. Fox ... .. Brigade Depot (Holdee) att.  
Div. Prov. Unit, B.A.O.R.  
P. D. Blyth (T/Major) ... .. S.O.2, Federation Armed  
Forces School of Instruc-  
tion, Malaya.  
W. D. Page ... .. Staff Capt., Infantry Bde.  
Group, B.A.O.R.

A. F. F. H. Robertson  
(T/Major) ... .. 1st Battalion.  
J. A. Ward-Booth (T/Major) ... .. G.S.O.2, H.Q. District,  
Nigeria.  
P. L. Purdy ... .. Regimental Recruiting Officer.  
K. T. L. Hole ... .. Brigade Int. Platoon, U.K.  
P. L. Philcox, M.C.  
(T/Major) ... .. 1st Battalion.  
R. L. Jackson (T/Major) ... .. 1st Battalion.  
A. F. Mackain-Brcmner ... .. Staff College, Camberley  
(Student).  
I. F. Bushell ... .. Aden Protectorate Levies.  
H. O. Parker ... .. Instructor, Mons O.C.S. (for  
Language Course).  
J. W. Scragg ... .. 1st Battalion.  
M. L. A. Duffie ... .. Staff Captain, War Office.  
G. C. Lucas ... .. 1st Battalion.  
W. J. G. Hancock ... .. 1st Battalion.  
K. Burch ... .. Staff College, Camberley  
(Student).  
J. R. Oldfield (T/Major) ... .. British Liaison Staff, Canada.  
G. N. Dean (T/Major) ... .. Nigeria Military Forces, West  
Africa.  
R. H. H. Dinnin ... .. King's African Rifles, East  
Africa.  
B. M. Parsons ... .. G.S.O.3, H.Q., Aldershot  
District.  
C. M. F. Randall ... .. 1st Battalion.  
P. H. Gill ... .. 1st Battalion.  
M. W. Green ... .. Adjutant, Jungle Warfare  
School, Malaya.  
A. F. Rogers ... .. 2 E. Anglian.  
M. D. Wilson ... .. Nigeria Military Forces, West  
Africa.  
P. J. R. Alderton ... .. 1st Battalion.  
H. D. Lucas ... .. Nigeria Military Forces, West  
Africa.  
B. W. Cridland ... .. Junior Leaders Bn., Oswestry.  
M. Jones ... .. 1st Battalion.  
P. F. Chapman ... .. 1st Battalion.  
D. J. Thorogood ... .. 1st Bn. (course in Australia).  
S. A. Green ... .. Adjutant, 5 Bedfs. / 1 Herts.  
(T.A.).  
W. R. W. Pike ... .. 1st Battalion.  
D. G. Wells ... .. 1st Battalion.  
J. E. Hutchings ... .. 1st Battalion.

##### Lieutenants

R. I. Sibley ... .. Brigade Depot (Holdee).  
C. B. Scott ... .. Staff, Far East Training  
Centre, Malaya.  
P. S. Morton ... .. 2nd Bn. Parachute Regiment.  
G. R. Barnett ... .. 1st Battalion.  
D. R. Palmer ... .. Sarawak Rangers.  
P. J. Sincock ... .. 1st Battalion.  
M. Adkin ... .. 1st Battalion.  
D. W. F. Taylor ... .. Parachute Regiment.  
P. W. King ... .. 1st Battalion.  
W. T. Dodd ... .. 22 S.A.S. Regiment  
R. G. Bates ... .. Trg. Sub. Brigade Depot.  
M. I. Lewis ... .. 1st Battalion.  
A. R. A. Veitch ... .. 1st Battalion.

##### Second-Lieutenants

R. S. Cross ... .. 1st Battalion.  
C. A. Styles ... .. 1st Battalion.

##### Quartermasters

P. Hale (Lt.-Col.) ... .. Army Apprentices' School,  
A:borfield.

R. H. Brooks (Major) ... R.A.P.C. Training Centre.  
 L. B. Day (Major) ... M.Q. Staff, Tripoli.  
 V. A. French (Capt.) ... 5 Bedfs. / 1 Herts. (T.A.).  
 E. T. Stevart (Capt.) ... Q.M., Command Pay Office,  
 B.A.O.R.  
 W. A. Moody (Capt.) ... For E.R.E., Aden.  
 D. J. Bebbington (Capt.) ... 1st Battalion.  
 D. V. Cromier (Capt.) ... 4 Essex (T.A.)  
 S. A. Burrage (Lt.) ... 1st Battalion

**EXTENDED SERVICE OFFICERS**

**Majors**

S. A. Chandler ... C.M.P.E., Malta.  
 M. W. C. Phillips ... P.S.O., East Anglian Brigade  
 Team.  
 E. G. Knight ... Staff Captain, The War  
 Office.

**Captains**

G. A. Chilton ... Staff Captain, H.Q., Scottish  
 Command.  
 W. H. S. Thomas, M.B.E. ... S.S.O., H.Q., Iserlohn.  
 A. W. Milbourn ... P.S.O., Airborne Forces  
 Depot.  
 J. V. Danks (T/Major) ... D.A.A.Q.M.G., H.Q.,  
 B.A.O.R.  
 H. C. Clark ... Staff Captain, Mid - West  
 District.  
 N. W. Nichols ... Staff Captain, H.Q., M.E.L.F.  
 D. B. Riches ... Range Officer, Sennelager,  
 B.A.O.R.  
 F. H. Crouchman (T/Major) ... O.C. H.Q. Company, Brigade  
 Depot.

**Quartermasters**

H. J. Hardwidge (Major) ... H.Q., Land Forces, Hong  
 Kong.

**SHORT SERVICE OFFICERS**

**Lieutenants**

B. E. J. White ... 1 E. Anglian.  
 M. R. J. Dutton ... Ghana Military Forces, West  
 Africa.  
 P. F. Bye ... 1st Battalion.

**Second-Lieutenants**

K. Woodrow ... 1st Battalion.

**Quartermasters**

A. J. Nudds (Major) ... Staff Captain, H.Q., B.A.O.R.

**NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS**

**Second-Lieutenants**

R. W. Hurles ... Ghana Military Forces, West  
 Africa.  
 V. J. Gee ... 1st Battalion.  
 M. A. Philcox ... 1 E. Anglian.  
 D. W. Shaw ... 1st Battalion

**NOMINAL ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS**

(Including Warrant Officers and Sergeants of Other Regiments serving with 3 East Anglian)

W.O.I L. McKean ... Bedfs./Herts. (T.A.).  
 W.O.I R. Luscombe ... 4 Essex (T.A.).  
 W.O.I R. Baldry ... 1st Battalion.  
 W.O.I D. Driscoll ... 4/5 Northhamptons.  
 W.O.I J. Pearson ... British Mil. Mission, Libya.  
 (B.M.)  
 W.O.I R. Brown ... 1st Battalion.  
 (B.M.)  
 W.O.II M. Hogarty ... 1st Battalion.  
 W.O.II V. Herd ... Bedfs./Herts. (T.A.).  
 (A/W.O.II)  
 W.O.II W. Hutchings ... Bedfs./Herts. (T.A.).  
 W.O.II D. Bailey ... 1st Bn. (G.H.Q., FARELF).  
 W.O.II H. Ingham ... Brigade Depot.  
 W.O.II R. Jenrs ... 1st Battalion.  
 W.O.II A. Charlesworth ... 1st Battalion.  
 W.O.II W. Bedford ... A.A.S., Aborfield.  
 W.O.II L. Cotter ... Bedfs./Herts. (T.A.).  
 W.O.II M. Franks ... Inf. Junior Leaders Battalion.  
 W.O.II J. Parrott ... 1st Battalion.  
 W.O.II I. Bowman ... Brigade Depot.  
 W.O.II R. Simmonds ... 1st Battalion.  
 C/Sgt. A. Ealden ... 4 Essex (T.A.).  
 (A/W.O.II)  
 C/Sgt. A. Jerrom ... Brigade Depot.  
 C/Sgt. T. Herring ... 4 Essex (T.A.).  
 (A/W.O.II)  
 C/Sgt. R. Russell ... 1st Battalion.  
 (A/W.O.II)  
 C/Sgt. I. Kochanek ... H.Q., Infantry Division.  
 C/Sgt. R. Hewitt, M.B.M. ... 1st Battalion.  
 C/Sgt. L. Nicholls ... 1st Battalion.  
 (A/W.O.II)  
 C/Sgt. A. Pettitt ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. J. Marlow ... M.C.T.C., Colchester.  
 Sgt. O. Smith ... 2 E. Anglian.  
 Sgt. W. Kiel ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. I. Burchell ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. H. George ... H.Q., Malacca Garrison.  
 (A/C/Sgt.)  
 Sgt. J. Vaughan ... School of Inf. (Clerks Wing).  
 (A/C/Sgt.)  
 Sgt. W. Phillips ... 1st Battalion.  
 (A/C/Sgt.)  
 Sgt. P. Watson ... 1st Battalion.  
 (A/C/Sgt.)  
 Sgt. E. Newitt ... 1 E. Anglian.  
 Sgt. A. Halev ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. W. Braybrook ... 1st Battalion.

Sgt. N. Roberts ... Jungle Warfare School,  
 FARELF  
 Sgt. I. Maslen ... Brigade Depot.  
 Sgt. B. Day ... 1st Battalion.  
 (A/C/Sgt.)  
 Sgt. J. DeBretton - Gordon ... 1st Battalion.  
 (A/C/Sgt.)  
 Sgt. L. Child ... 1 E. Anglian.  
 (A/C/Sgt.)  
 Sgt. E. Hiscock ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. A. Appleton ... 4 Essex (T.A.).  
 Sgt. T. Kelly ... Bedfs./Herts. (T.A.).  
 Sgt. A. Herron ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. D. Jones ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. C. Ladley ... 1st Battalion.  
 (A/C/Sgt.)  
 Sgt. W. Tranham ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. R. Copley ... Bedfs./Herts. (T.A.).  
 Sgt. I. Dallimore ... Bedfs./Herts. (T.A.).  
 Sgt. P. Conboy ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. W. Potton ... Special Recruiter  
 Sgt. M. Clifton ... A.A.S., Carlisle.  
 Sgt. T. Johns ... Admin. Unit, Nicosia.  
 Sgt. T. Hardy ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. B. Philip ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. R. Templeman ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. H. Dixon ... Reinforcement Camp, Aden.  
 Sgt. D. Goodall ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. V. Collinson ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. M. Law ... Brigade Depot.  
 Sgt. Shepperd ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. V. Baggardidge ... Bedfs./Herts. (T.A.).  
 Sgt. D. Harris ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. T. Bullock ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. F. Cracknell ... Brigade Depot.  
 Sgt. G. Faint ... Bedfs./Herts. (T.A.).  
 Sgt. J. Killen ... Commonwealth Brigade,  
 FARELF.  
 Sgt. P. South ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. E. Ball ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. D. Tucker ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. G. Taylor ... 1 E. Anglian.  
 Sgt. J. Evans ... 1 E. Anglian.  
 Sgt. I. Simmons ... 4 Essex (T.A.).  
 Sgt. E. Bennett ... Special Recruiter  
 Sgt. N. Cox ... Special Recruiter  
 Sgt. C. Dunn ... Camp Kowloon, Hong Kong.  
 Sgt. A. Jennings ... 1st Battalion.  
 Sgt. H. Forster ... H.Q., Inf. Brigade Group.  
 Sgt. R. Batchelor ... 1st Battalion.

## 1st Battalion

November saw the complete move of the Battalion by companies to the new camp at Terendak Camp a few miles from Malacca town. Everyone was sorry to leave Ipoh but the excellent accommodation at the new camp and its proximity to the sea is some consolation. "C" Company were the last to leave operations and came out of the jungle on November 5. They were the first to go in on December 27, 1959, but of those that went in only six or seven came out. This is not as grim as it sounds as the rest were casualties to "civvy street" and the inevitable reshuffle within the Battalion. As we move towards an all regular Battalion it will be pleasant not to have to say farewell so often to familiar faces.



[Photograph by: British Army Public Relations Service, G.H.Q., FARELF.]

*Cpl. R. Leeks hoists the Regimental Flag at Terendak Camp.*

December was spent in settling down, getting all the clubs and sports going and enjoying Christmas. There were plenty of parties, a dance and an excellent Concert Party which was the result of a Talent Competition where there certainly was no shortage of talent. There also seemed to be no shortage of the Christmas "Spirit." One week in the month was devoted



[Photograph by: Capt. C. M. F. Randall]

### INTERNAL SECURITY EXERCISE

*O.C. operations, Major C. C. Norbury, M.B.E., examines the captured pistol with the local Police Officer represented by Capt. D. J. Thorogood.*

entirely to Internal Security Training culminating in a Battalion exercise. The "rioting mob" was easily found from within the Battalion together with our Asian Staff. In conjunction with a realistic improvised Middle East Type Police Officer and his men the "situation" was soon restored. Cars borrowed by the "terrorists" had weapons hidden in all sorts of places to test the searchers at road blocks. After being continually searched for a whole day the cars were somewhat the worse for wear and the owners suffered the indignity of having to push them to make them start as the batteries had been run absolutely flat with the frequent starting and stopping!

Thursday the 19th was January's big day when we had the Administrative Inspection. The previous fortnight had been spent in clearing the skeletons out of various cupboards and we all had to get back to parading as a Battalion again, and generally shake the jungle out of our hair. In the event the day passed off smoothly and everyone's hard work was rewarded with a





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#### VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR TO THE 1st BATTALION

*The Secretary of State for War leaves the cookhouse of the 1st Battalion at Terendak Camp, Malacca, when he visited Army Units in Malaya recently. On his left is S.Q.M.S. R. Reddish. With The Rt. Hon. John Profumo, O.B.E., M.P., is the C.O., Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C., and Capt. W. J. G. Hancock.*

good report. It is perhaps worth recording that the Inspecting Officer wrote to thank us for an enjoyable day.

That is the broad outline and now for some of the other events which took place over the period.

#### OUR CHIEF VISITORS

Our chief visitors were Field Marshal Sir Gerald and Lady Templer, the Bishop of Maidstone, the Rt. Hon. John Profumo, P.C., O.B.E., M.P., Secretary of State for War, the Rt. Hon. Duncan Sandys, M.P., Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, and our new Australian Brigade Commander, Brigadier Hassett.

On December 1 the overland party of Lts. Pike, Sincock and Cpl. Carroll arrived safely in their Austin Gypsy having driven from England to Malaya in 58 days. The Band was there to play them in and the C.O. welcomed them with a glass of champagne.

Several clubs have been started and are going well. Being close to the sea makes fishing a popular pastime and several good catches have been made. The good ship *Pompadour* has been thoroughly overhauled and some attempts at the large fish known to exist further out to sea can now be made.

Sport plays an important part in our life here and inter-Company matches in hockey and soccer go on all the time. The Battalion hockey team with very little time to train did well to reach the Divisional Finals and were only beaten in the second half of extra time. They are also doing well in the Malacca League. The football team, although minus several of its stars of last year's triumphant season, are quickly settling down and new talent has appeared. With any luck you will be reading more of them in the months ahead.

#### AIRPORTABILITY

For many soldiers whose soldiering had been spent in anti-terrorist jungle operations, training for conventional war is entirely new and the emphasis here is on airportability. Each Company has practised emplaning and deplaning and are well practiced in turning out properly loaded and equipped at short notice. Crossing rivers using improvised equipment and assault landings on the coast have added to the interest of training.

February was primarily an "Airportable" month with our work geared towards preparing the Battalion to move by air anywhere in the Far East with very little notice. Early in the

month each of the four rifle Companies flew either from Malacca to Kuala Lumpur (the capital of Malaya which is about 100 miles away) or from Kuala Lumpur to Malacca. We flew in Bristol Freighters from the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and although the flight only lasted just over half an hour, it was an interesting introduction to flying to many new members of the Battalion. One Company had a chance of looking at flying from the other end when they provided the enemy on the ground for an air attack exercise by Scimitars and Sea Vixens from the Aircraft Carrier *H.M.S. Hermes*. The Aircraft Carrier was about 300 miles away and the planes flew "dry" sorties on to us on the first day and then on the second day we watched them firing live rockets into the hillside across the valley. During the next week quite a large number of soldiers were able to go down to Singapore to see *H.M.S. Hermes* and they spent a very enjoyable day seeing, amongst many other things, the planes which had attacked them.

Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., the Colonel of the Regiment, and Lady Denning, spent a week with the Battalion and saw all sides of our work and play. During the week, among many other things, the General inspected a Battalion Parade, when he read a message to the Battalion from our Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, which is included in the special order of the day reproduced here. He also watched the Battalion football team beat the Malacca State Chinese side 4-0.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

BY  
 LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR REGINALD DENNING,  
 K.B.E., C.B., D.L.  
 Colonel, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment  
 (16th/44th Foot).  
 Terendak Camp, Malacca.

I repeat the gracious message from the Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, which Her Majesty commanded me to deliver to the Battalion and which I read out on the parade yesterday:

"I send to all ranks of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment my warmest greetings.

"The Battalion is often in my thoughts and I have followed with interest your recent activities in the Far East.

"Your varying roles in Malaya have often to be carried out in arduous and difficult conditions, and I have learned with pride that the high reputation of the Battalion has been most worthily maintained during the past year.

"I wish you all God speed and good fortune."

(signed) ELIZABETH, R.

On leaving the Battalion after my visit, I wish to express to Lt.-Col. Holme and all ranks, my entire satisfaction with the high moral, good order and efficiency of the Battalion.

It is quite apparent to me, both from what I have seen and from what the Commander-in-Chief, the Divisional Commander and other Commanders have said to me, that whatever

### INTERNAL SECURITY EXERCISE



[Photograph by: Capt. C. M. F. Randall]

"The Suspects" Caged.

**Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the 1st. Battalion Third East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot)  
 Visit of the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant General Sir Reginald Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L.  
 At Fort George, Malacca, Malaya, on February 8, 1961.**



[Photograph : Beauty Photo Co.]

Sgt. Kinly, Sgt. Philip, S/Sgt. Newstead (R.E.M.E.), C/Sgt. Ludley, Sgt. Collison, S/Sgt. Batchelor (R.A.P.C.), Sgt. White, Sgt. Fowler, Sgt. Green, Sgt. East, Sgt. Prudom (A.C.C.), Sgt. Hardy, C/Sgt. Phillips, Sgt. Linnett, Sgt. Bullock.

Drum Maj. Austin, Sgt. Haley, Sgt. Tucker, Sgt. South, Sgt. Batchelor, Sgt. Perry, C/Sgt. Watson, C/Sgt. De-Bretton-Gordon, C/Sgt. Pettitt, C/Sgt. Day, Sgt. Edwards (A.P.T.C.), O.R.C.S. Hewitt, B.E.M.

Sgt. Tranham, Sgt. Braybrook, Sgt. Bint (R.A.O.C.), Sgt. Warren (R.E.M.E.), C/Sgt. McNamee, Sgt. Herron, Sgt. Jones, Sgt. Templeman, Sgt. Conboy, Sgt. Hiscock, Sgt. Burchell, Sgt. Sheppard, Sgt. Harris.

Sgt. Ball, W.O.II Reddish, B.E.M. (A.C.C.), C.S.M. Parrott, C.S.M. Hogarty, R.Q.M.S. Jenks, Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C., R.S.M. Baldry, Lt.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., W.O.I Brown (Bandmaster), Major Salazar, M.C., C.S.M. Bailey, C.S.M. Nichols, C.S.M. Simmonds, W.O.II Catherwood (R.A.P.C.), Sgt. Goodall (Band Sgt.).



[Photograph by: British Army Public Relations Service, G.H.Q., FARELF.]

The Brigade Commander visits the Sergeants' Mess. Left to right: D/M. Austin, the Brigade Commander, R.S.M. Baldry, Sgt. Bullock, C/Sgt. Watson.

the Battalion is given to do or undertakes, it does well, whether it be on operations in the jungle, on training or on the many other duties it is given.

I could not have had a more satisfying nor happy visit and I thank you all for making it so.

I leave with a feeling of pride that the Battalion is so worthily upholding the traditions of our Regiment, and indeed, enhancing them.

Good luck to you all.

(signed) REGINALD DENNING.

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

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The "Ides of March" as described by Shakespeare in "Julius Caesar" had their counterpart with a stormy period here. The "horrors" of Sumatras, the sudden storms of gale force when nothing keeps the rain out, and the jelly fish season are not yet upon us but the local sages say they are approaching! We are, however, one up on Caesar for nowhere is it recorded that he feasted on fish and chips while we have a "mobile" in the form of a one-tonner suitably equipped which produces for 50 cents (1/2d.) fish, chips, bread, butter and tea several nights a week round the camp. Another welcome amenity is provided by the Austin Omni-

coach given to us by the Nuffield Trust. It seats 12 and can be chartered for almost any purpose. When shared by a full load the running costs are very low and it will provide people with a cheap and comfortable method of getting round and about.

The Divisional Individual Fencing Championships were held this month, in which S/Sgt. Day won the Champion at Arms Shield for the second year in succession by winning foil and sabre with a 2nd place in epee. Capt. Randall won the epee. The Battalion Team was already through to the FARELF Final which will be held in Hong Kong in May, so we will be well represented there.

In lighter vein, the following report from our "roving correspondent" of a march to Port Dickson show that the infantry in this nuclear age have not lost the use of their feet. A glossary of terms used was found necessary for those not fluent in local parlance.

#### 10 PLATOON MARCH TO PORT DICKSON

"We intend to march 40 miles to Port Dickson." Thus one momentous morning in February Ten Platoon Commander, held in an arm-lock by Platoon Sgt. Philip, shattered the



[Photograph by Pte. Difalco

10 Platoon resting on the padang on their march to Port Dickson

customary calm of "D" Company office. It was reported that the Company clerk even stopped typing.

So it was that, one very early morning, our gallant band began its Hannibal-like trek. Only the elephants were missing—although after a few miles some of the weaker brethren appeared to be carrying them in their packs. Slowly the sparkling wit changed to a more cynical type of comment as the sweat began to run more freely. Pace by pace the distance was covered and at 1300 hrs. we fell into the sea at Kampong Tengah, thirteen miles from camp. This was not a navigational error. The Platoon Commander chose this beautiful spot as the overnight base. An afternoon's bathing was followed by a good meal. Soon, lulled by the gentle lapping of the waves and the whining of a thousand mosquitos, the Platoon slept. Tuesday morning and the night stop was just a pleasant memory. Placing one foot in front of the other soon became automatic again. So automatic that one rest was brightened by the sight of a rifleman vanishing over the horizon in a trance-like state after disregarding the order to halt. He was recaptured and switched off soon afterwards.

The main task on Tuesday was the crossing of the Linggi estuary. That splendid maid of all work, "The Pompadour," came to our aid punctually and this obstacle was soon surmounted. With 15 miles of slogging behind us, we arrived in the middle of a cloudburst at Lubok Cinra and 'bashared up' on the local padang. During the afternoon the platoon com-

mander conducted a sparkling Malay conversation with a local youth. Forty-five minutes later the local football team arrived immaculately clad. Apparently "Tuan" in a moment of incoherence had accepted a game. We lost 3—1. That evening we prepared our meals in what is usually termed "a welter of publicity." Our solid fuel cookers were too much for the local natives who were still rubbing sticks together. Consequently a soldier only had to brew up and he was deified by a reverent crowd. No joss-sticks were seen but it was a close thing. The platoon was lulled to sleep this night by the Chinese version of Baa Baa Black Sheep, with English sub-titles, sung in superb cacophony by a crowd of school children.

Wednesday—and the last stage. Even the cynical comments stopped coming now. The only sound apart from the unsteady shuffle of blistered feet was the nashing of teeth determinedly set. The miles ground past very slowly and the halts became longer. At last at approximately 1500 hours the platoon crawled over the last imaginary sand dune to their oasis. As we wiped the sweat from our eyes we found it was none other than Major "Billy Butdin" Philcox's holiday camp. The journey was over. (Thinks: "Thanks to HoxLxxxKs!")

#### GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Port Dickson: Town and bathing resort on West Coast of Malaya—famous for sunsets.

Kampong: Prefix to village names to show it is a Kampong (village).

"The Pompadour": Battalion boat bought for \$47.00 (£6) and renovated. Famous for the voyage from Lumut to Fort George (see last edition *Wasp and Eagle*).

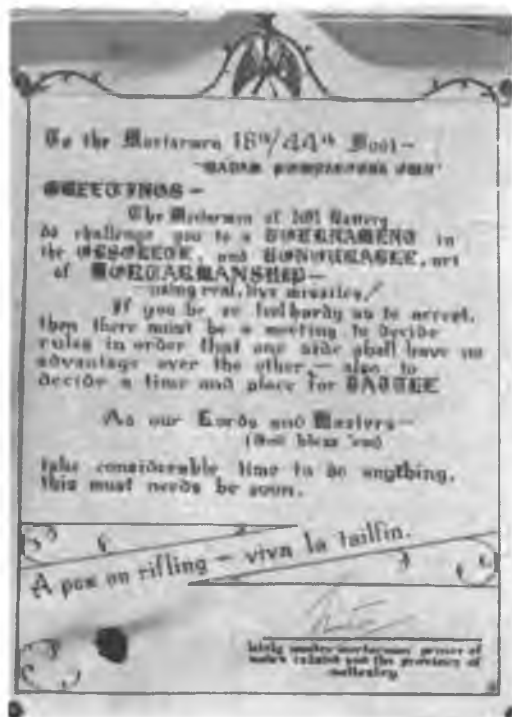
Lubok: Another prefix to denote village, possibly smaller than a kampong, very confusing.

'Bashared up': From noun basha; a rough shelter manufactured on the spot from any available resources. Intended to keep the rain out. Verb to basha up requires no further explanation.

Tuan: Malay for sahib, effendi and literally 'lord,' but that is going a bit too far.

Joss stick: Sticks of incense to be found burning everywhere. Gods like the smell. Devils apparently do not.

An exercise on moving the Battalion rapidly was put on without any warning at the beginning of April. Companies out on training miles away and soldiers on leave returned at speed and by dint of much effort and little sleep we were concentrated, loaded and equipped in under sixteen hours of getting the warning. We were stood down just before we were about to move and gradually things resumed their normal tempo with companies returning to their training areas, etc.



[Photo: Capt. Rand:ll.]

Training for Borneo has again been the priority and another Parachute Course has been successfully completed by a party of 20. The square has been well used lately while the Commander-in-Chief's Guard rehearsed. In Bangkok too the Regiment is well represented as the Band went up there in a destroyer to play at the British Ambassador's Reception on The Queen's birthday. They beat Retreat by flood-light at the Embassy. They also made several public performances including one on television. The Thai's gave them a great reception and the trip, though packed with engagements, was much enjoyed. They were fortunately able to fit in a sight-seeing tour and saw the magnificent palace and temples.

It has been a great month for sport both in golf and football. Sgt. Edwards, A.P.T.C., won the FARELF Golf Championship and with Pte. Cooper won the FARELF Inter-Regimental Shield.

Earlier it was mentioned that more might be heard of this year's Battalion football team and this has been borne out. In rapid succession this month we have beaten The Field Regiment, R.A., 3-1, The Gurkha Rifles 7-1, The Field Regiment, R.A., 1-0, and The L.A.A. Regiment, R.A., 5-0 to win the Divisional Cup for the second year in succession. The team is now on its way to Hong Kong for the FARELF semi-



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Two of the many yachts available to all ranks getting under sail

final, and if successful still, the final. It will be asking a lot of the team to pull off the FARELF Cup for a second time too but it will not be for lack of trying.

The following promotions have taken place:—  
2/Lts. A. R. A. Veitch and P. F. Bye to Lieutenant.

Lts. J. E. Hutchings and W. R. W. Pike to Captain.

The following have left the Battalion:—

Major C. C. Norbury and Capt. M. L. A. Duffie for duty at The War Office; Major J. C. Salazar for duty with the King's African Rifles; 2/Lt. D. W. Westcott to Brigade Depot for a course, and 2/Lt. P. B. Light to Brigade Depot for N.S. Release.

The following have arrived:—

Major R. J. Randall for duty as Second-in-Command; Major R. C. C. Greener, Lt. M. J. Lewis and 2/Lt. P. W. Wright from East Anglian Brigade Depot for duty with the Battalion.

R.Q.M.S. R. Jenns has been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

## Overland to join the 1st Battalion in Malaya

In the December number, 1960, on pages 192 and 193, an account was given of the adventurous journey of Lt. (now Capt.) W. Pike, Lt. P. Sincock and Cpl. Carroll to join the 1st Battalion in Malaya by overland route.

All went well with the team and they arrived at Terendak Camp on Thursday, December 1, having made the journey in fifty-eight days.

We are indebted to The British Army Public Relations Service, 17 Gurkha Division/Overseas Commonwealth Land Forces for the following interesting report of the team's arrival at the Battalion's Camp, Malacca, and interviews which were had with them:—



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*The Battalion Football Team with the Divisional Football Cup won for the second year in succession. Back row (left to right): Sgt. Warren, King, Kearns, Curtis, Scott, Fairbrother, Ayers. Front row (left to right): Parrot, Slocome, the C.O., Linney, Lt. Bebbington (O i/c team), Abery, Usher*



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*Team prizes won by the 1st Battalion up to May 1, 1951, since its arrival in Malaya. Back row (left to right): The Gurkha Division Football Cup (won twice), Lower Perak Football Cup, Cald-Beck Cup (FARELF Football), The Commonwealth Brigade Group Motor Cycle Trials Cup, Singapore District Motor Cycle Trials Cup. Front row (left to right): FARELF Inter-Regimental Golf Championship Shield, The Commonwealth Brigade Group Rifle Cup, Young Soldiers' Trophy, Machine Carbine Cup, The Gurkha Division Team Fencing Shield*

A champagne welcome awaited the two young British Army officers and a Corporal when they arrived at Terendak Camp, near Malacca, in Malaya, a few days ago after driving overland from England. The trio, Lt. P. J. Sincoc, 24, Little Blakey, Danbury, Essex, Capt. W. R. W. Pike, 26, 170, Trinity Street, Gainsborough, Lincs, and Cpl. P. D. Carroll, 22, Clark Street, Ladywood, Birmingham, made the journey in fifty-eight days . . . and this may well be a world record time for the eleven thousand two hundred mile trip. Said Capt. Pike: "The funny thing about it all is that the whole thing started as a joke. Eventually, however, it became so serious that we could not back out. Still I wouldn't have missed it for anything. It was the greatest adventure of my life."

When they arrived at their unit at Fort George, near Malacca, on Thursday, December 1, in their dusk-caked vehicle, the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, was there to greet them. So, too, were eight hundred men of The Pompadours who were lined along the last hundred yards of the team's journey into camp. The Commanding Officer congratulated the three adventurers on their fine trip and said: "Well done. A fine effort. We are proud of you." Then there was champagne for the trio.

Later the adventurers spoke to reporters about their journey. They all agreed that it had been tough going and very rough at times.

Said Lt. Sincoc: "This journey taught me one thing more than anything else . . . and that is never to give up. Several times we could have thrown in the towel, but we kept plugging on. We encountered many difficulties and on one or two occasions we were told we could not go any further." "It was undoubtedly our determination to get through at all costs," said Cpl. Carroll, "that led to our success. It was a great adventure . . . something I shall remember for the rest of my life."

The target for the journey was 58 days and the team made it with three hours to spare. To achieve this, however, they had to drive night and day for the last three days of the trip.

Plans for the journey started to take shape about nine months ago when Austin Motors of Longbridge, Birmingham, decided to back the three adventurers and supply them with a new Austin Gypsy vehicle. Several other firms joined the venture, but the personal cost to the three lads was about three hundred and twenty pounds between them. Said Lt. Sincoc: "The money didn't worry us at all. It was only our wages for the period we were on leave, plus twenty pounds each which we all paid out of our own pockets."

The journey itself was interesting and pretty exciting at times. Early on they encountered little difficulty, although in Yugoslavia they were fined ten shillings for exceeding the speed limit

on an autobahn. The first really extraordinary experience they had was in the middle of the Dash-e-Lut desert in Iran. This desert is reputed to be the driest in the world, and while crossing it they came across an Englishman resting near his scooter. He was exhausted and his machine had broken down. He said he came from Coventry and had been a merchant seaman for some years. Having seen the world by sea he now wanted to see it by land. Lt. Sincoc said: "The amazing thing about this chap was that he was not the slightest bit perturbed about his predicament. He had hardly any water left and here he was stranded in the middle of the desert, miles from anywhere. We helped him to get his scooter started and filled up his water bottle before we pushed on."

In India the travellers enjoyed seeing the Taj Mahal before facing the big problem of getting across the River Ganges. Lt. Pike told us: "We were assured that we could cross by rail ferry or steamer at Bihar, but when we got there the ferry wasn't working and the steamer was for passengers only. For a time it looked as if we were stranded but luckily we were able to hire a sailing boat and so decided to ferry the vehicle down river on this. It turned out to be a dangerous operation as there was no road on the other side of the Ganges for forty-two miles. We were glad to get off."

The adventurers ran into more trouble at Shillong in Assam where they were held up for six days trying to get a pass which would take them through the Naga Hills. Every person they tried refused them permission and for a time it looked as if they would have to ship the vehicle to Calcutta. The soldiers did not give up, however, and on the sixth day they got permission to go through. The Naga Hills is a disturbed area and because of the local tribesmen—former headhunters—causing trouble the team had to go through with a heavily guarded military convoy.

"It was at Meiktila, in Burma, that it really looked as if the journey had come to an end," said Lt. Sincoc. The rear wheel came off while they were travelling at fifty miles an hour and they had a miraculous escape. The vehicle skidded for a hundred and fifty yards before stopping. Said Lt. Sincoc: "The damage to the axle looked beyond repair and it seemed as if we would have to make a 350-mile journey to Rangoon by train to see if they could get the necessary spare parts. There was an Army camp nearby, however, and we went along to see if they could do anything for us. Our luck was in for a little Burmese mechanic there said he could do the job. We breathed again. To get the spare parts the mechanic stripped down a Burmese Air Force vehicle and used them to build up our axle." The adventurers were on their way again in four hours, but their troubles were not over. At the Burmese Thai border they encountered yet another hazard. The river





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The C.O., Lt.-Col. Holme, toasts the adventurers. Left to right: Cpl. Carroll, Lt. Sincock, Capt. Pike.

which should have been low at this time of the year was a raging torrent.

They decided they should have a go and drove into the river—only to get stuck half way. Cpl. Carroll said: "Luckily there were about thirty natives on the bank of the river and they ran into the river to help us. After a great struggle we managed to haul the vehicle over to the other side." From Thailand to Malaya it was plain sailing and the first thing to strike them about Malaya, they said, was the quality of the roads. Lt. Sincock said that the roads were some of the best that they had travelled on.

All three concluded: "It was a great adventure."

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## THE EAST ANGLIAN BRIGADE DEPOT

### GENERAL

Since our last notes in September we have been more than three times our designed strength by taking as many National Servicemen as possible to help fill the Regular Battalions. We can now begin to breathe more freely as the last National Service intakes passed out on February 3, 1961. However, the more Regular recruits who come through the gate the better and we hope they will flood in. At present we have three Platoons, of 30 men each, under training, and some 20 recruits waiting to start. We would be happier if these numbers were doubled!

The main highlights during the last six months have been our first Annual Administration Inspection, Christmas festivities and the passing out of the last National Service intake. The District Commander, Major-General Talbot was the Inspecting Officer for this first annual inspection and as there was no question of impeding the training of recruits and the Junior Soldiers' Wing we were very hard put to

get everything as we would like it. All went well, particularly in the Q.M.'s spheres of influence, and we can be more than satisfied with the report. However, the unannounced practice fire alarm, which went off smoothly, was somewhat marred as the Staff Officer, who announced that the hut he was standing in was on fire, was surprised to see three eager soldiers promptly take the fire buckets, etc., outside on parade, instead, we presume, of the water being tipped out there and then on the hut floor!

The essence of a successful Christmas is the help shown by all and sundry in making the festivities go; this was there in force, particularly from C.S.M.I. Talkington and the Physical Training staff, and the Sergeants' Mess, who carried out the decorations for the Permanent Staff dance and decorated the cinema for the children's party and the Junior Ranks Club. 2/Lt. Cole, R.A.E.C., who is a Magic Circle civilian conjuror in his own right, bemused the children with an admirable show, and Sgt. Curzon was a splendid Father Christmas. These activities were a great success and enjoyed by all and sundry. A Service of Seven Carols and Seven Lessons was also held in the Gymnasium; the Band of Junior Soldiers playing and the Lessons read by various ranks included one read by Junior L/Cpl. Steeples.

The next highlight was the visit of General Sir Gerald Lathbury, G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command, who took the last National Service Passing Out Parade. The parade comprised 80 recruits of "Burma" and "Almanza" Platoons, assisted by the Band of the Junior Soldiers' Wing. We had this parade filmed in colour to be shown on Parents' Day and to recruits. The parade went off extremely well, the C.-in-C. complimenting all who took part on a very high standard. Prior to the parade ITV interviewed the Commanding Officer, C.S.M. Denny and Pte. Powley, 1 East Anglian, one of the last to join of the National Servicemen, and during the parade the Press and television were very active. That evening all appeared on television. Early in January we were visited by a team from ITV, who made a film record of life in the Depot. This was shown on Anglia Television, together with a studio interview of R.S.M. Gell, 2 East Anglian.

Much has been done to improve the camp. The conference room is completed, the new M.R.S. and temporary Gymnasium are all but ready. Both the latter being in Blenheim Camp will save a great deal of wasted time in going half-a-mile to Gibraltar Barracks. Unfortunately, the .22 range remains over the road. The mass of shrubs and wallflowers are in full bloom and the camp looks very civilised.

Col. Heal left in January; he had been Brigade Colonel since 1958 and both he and Mrs. Heal and their family will be much missed. Col. Heal's appointment is Colonel (Q Logistics)



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General Sir Gerald Lathbury, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.B.E., G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command, presenting the boxing cup to Pte. Ball, the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16/44th Foot) at the last National Service passing-out parade, on February 3rd, 1961.

Allied Land Forces Central Europe, at Fontainbleu, where we wish him the best of luck. We welcome the new Brigade Colonel, Col. Martin, and his family. Col. Martin commanded the 1st Bn. 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own) before coming here. Lt.-Col. A. S. Hanning, O.B.E., having held the appointment of R.O.III at H.Q., East Anglian Brigade for seven years, retired in November, 1960. Col. Arthur, as he was known throughout the Brigade, had commanded a Battalion of his Regiment, the Grenadier Guards, and is well remembered by many senior Officers of the Brigade as Adjutant at Sandhurst for a period between the Wars. He originally enlisted during the First World War into the Lincolnshire Regiment and was commissioned into the Norfolk Regiment. The H.Q. has also lost the services of Mr. Charles Edey. He joined the Suffolk Regiment in 1914 and served until 1935. Since 1939 he was employed as Clerical Officer at the Depot, Suffolk Regiment, and latterly at East Anglian Brigade. Mr. Edey was responsible for arranging postings and, of paramount importance, allowances for his flock of Officers. To both

Col. Hanning and Mr. Edey we offer our very best wishes in their retirement.

Daffodil Sunday was instituted by Brigadier Backhouse in 1934 when he was commanding the Depot of The Suffolk Regiment. It was not held this year, as we are now in Blenheim Camp and Gibraltar Barracks is deserted awaiting for rebuilding to start. Once we return it will be resumed, probably in 1963.

The Brigade Depot Week-end is being held on July 21, 22 and 23. The outline programme is:

- Friday, July 21 ... All-day Golf Meeting.  
 Saturday, July 22 a.m. Golf Match v. Flemp-  
 ton Golf Club.  
 p.m. Garden Party.  
 Start of two-day cricket  
 match, East Anglian  
 Brigade v. The Suffolk  
 Gentlemen.  
 Sunday, July 23 Second day of cricket  
 match.

Past and present members and their wives of all Regiments are most welcome; unfortunately only limited accommodation can be provided. Additional information will be sent and can be obtained from Regiments' Headquarters.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

The Mess is now completely settled into Blenheim Camp. Thanks to the efforts of the Mess staff we are now quite comfortable. The Christmas season saw us entertaining about 90 official guests at a Cocktail Party and entertaining our wives and girl friends at a Ladies' Guest Night, and having traditional Christmas drink with the Sergeants. The Cocktail Party was used as a means of repaying the hospitality of the many friends of the Depot and was quite a success; the success was in some measure due to the efforts put in by Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joanny and Mrs. Bailey decorating the ante-room. The Ladies' Guest Night was held on December 19 and is to be an annual event. Considerable efforts to suitably decorate the Mess were made by the Subalterns, the three wives mentioned above and the now Mrs. Ken Ford. Dinner was followed by horse racing, where Brian Bailey and Fred Turnbull proved to be experienced but honest bookies.

Among the Guest Nights held, the most notable one was that at which Col. Heal was "dined out"; he even won the Liar Dice game, which ended in a close finish between himself and his D.A.A.G.

There have, of course, been the usual "comings and goings" and we were sad to lose Ptes. Blowers, Thrower and Dann, who started the Mess off in such good order.

Amongst our visitors have been all the Colonels of Regiments, the Associate Colonels of the 1st and 2nd East Anglian Regiments, the G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command and General Talbot, the late District Commander and General Freeland, the new District Commander.

For the additional items of silver and other property received from the Regiments during the period since our last appearance in print, we extend our grateful thanks.

#### WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

During the past six months we have settled down to becoming a proper Depot Mess for the three Regiments of the Brigade; we can now say we are organised sufficiently to receive and cater for the many members who pass through and this they do with great rapidity. We send our best wishes to all those who have come and gone, who include such people as R.S.M.s Galchrist and McGeever, R.Q.M.S. "Dickie" May, C.S.M. Tony Brandreth, S/Sgt. "Bomber" Harris, Sgt. Brabrook, Sgt. Tommy Weston, Sgt. "Taffy" Jones. Congratulations to Sgt. Knight on his marriage.

As for the staff ourselves, the Mess news is of Christmas, where we commenced with a really wonderful draw, capably organised by Sgt. "Mick" Curson, assisted by C/Sgt. Bill Belcher, C/Sgt. Roberts and nearly all the Mess. This was quickly followed by a Christmas Dinner and Dance, at which the guests of honour were S.W.O. and Mrs. Ward, from the R.A.F. Mess at Honnington. The dinner was really first-rate and our grateful thanks are due to George Tattersall, our civilian cook, and the Mess staff. A couple of days later, on the 22nd, we invited the Officers' Mess to drinks prior to serving the troops' Christmas dinner. The 23rd saw us in the midst of the traditional battle with the Officers on the football field. Mud, flour and tomatoes flying, we proved once again that the Sergeants' Mess has the necessary spirit and dash, after a hectic week of social activities. We quickly recovered, however, in the Officers' Mess afterwards, when the ale flowed profusely.

Since Christmas R.A.F. Honnington has thrashed us at a Games Night in their Mess, though we intend to turn the table on April 21.

We now have a magnificent consignment of silver, the last lot coming from The Northamptonshire Regiment, which is displayed on a special dais in the ante-room. We are truly grateful to all those Regiments who have sent us such superb remembrances of former days; they will be well looked after.

We conclude with good wishes to our friends everywhere and trust that when this way, they will drop in and see us.

### THE JUNIOR SOLDIERS' WING

The Junior Soldiers' Wing, as we are now called, have been in Bury St. Edmunds for nine months. During this time there have been great improvements in our accommodation and classrooms, making life more pleasant. On Tuesday, December 20, the last day of the Winter Term, the Junior Soldiers were served their Christmas dinner by the Officers and senior N.C.O.s of the Depot.

The Inter-Hut Competition is organised every term and the winning hut is known as Champion Hut for the following term. The competition covers nearly every aspect of a Junior Soldier's life, educational attainment, musical progress, soccer, hockey, cricket, athletics, cross-country, .22 shooting, drill, hut inspections, and boys are awarded colours for any representative sport. At the end of each term the Champion Hut is given a prize. Last term Sullivan Hut won this competition and thoroughly enjoyed their prize—a trip to London to watch the Arsenal v. Burnley match. This term the competition was won by Handel Hut; the competition has been very keen all through the term. Sullivan Hut came a very close second, with Elgar and Britten behind them. The prize is a visit to the Kensington Science Museum, followed by the Crazy Gang in the evening.

On Armistice Sunday the Band and Drums of the Junior Soldiers' Wing took part in a parade attended by representatives of the three Services in Bury St. Edmunds and the Drummers sounded Reveille and the Last Post at the Cenotaph after the March Past.

In the Army Boys' Soccer Cup we were beaten by the Wessex Brigade, who were the eventual runners-up. We came seventh in the Army Boys' Cross-Country Championships; J/Dmrs. Jarvis and Drage coming 15th and 19th respectively. For this fine effort they were both awarded their Cross-Country Colours.

J/Sgt. Skayman, J/Sgt. Byrne, J/L/Cpl. McHale and Bds. Renton all go to Kneller Hall this year.

At the end of this term the Band are giving a concert in the men's dining hall at lunch-time and the Corps of Drums are beating Retreat in the evening.

Congratulations are due to Drum-Major and Mrs. Moyes on the birth of their daughter, and to L/Cpl. Patterson on his marriage.

#### ● A Special Note for Contributors.

Copy for the next issue must reach the Editor by November 1, 1961.

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

These will be the last notes contributed by the 5th Battalion because of our amalgamation with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), which took effect on April 1, 1961. It is our intention, however, to keep past members in touch with events through the notes of our new amalgamated Battalion. Since the last issue of *The Journal* the Battalion has been very busy closing down various Drill Halls and uniting Companies, "H.Q.," "A," "B" and a contingent of "SP" Companies are now called No. 4 Company and will be commanded by Major W. J. Darville, the H.Q. being at Kempston Barracks. "C" Company, "D" Company and also a small contingent of "SP" Company form No. 3 Company, commanded by Major G. H. Hickinbottom, with H.Q. at Luton.

The week-ends have been very busy ones for us, with courses and training taking place; N.C.O.s Cadre, Cooks' Course, rehearsals for the Guard of Honour for Her Majesty The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, and training the shooting team to represent the amalgamated Battalion in the Brigade and Divisional Championships. The N.C.O.s Cadre which took place in February at Kempston Barracks was well attended by N.C.O.s of the amalgamated Battalion and proved to be a great success, not only from the instructional point of view, but also in that it gave the N.C.O.s of both Regiments a chance to get to know each other, which they did in the Social Club after the conclusion of the training.

Last year the football team won the Divisional Championship, but unfortunately we did not achieve the same success this year. This was not for the want of trying. We were eliminated in the semi-final by the Suffolk Yeomanry. After a very close game we were the losers by two goals to one. Nevertheless, the team is still fighting hard under the careful guidance of C/Sgt. Baines and is at present halfway up in the Bedford Football League table.

Regimental Remembrance Day was held on Sunday, November 20, 1960, at Kempston, and was well attended by contingents of the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). Also in attendance were members of the Branches of Old Comrades' Associations of both Regiments. After the Service, which was held in the Church of the Transfiguration, Kempston, the parade formed up for a march past, the salute being taken by the Colonel of the Regiment. The parade concluded with the wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial.

During Christmas the Sergeants' Mess held a Christmas Draw and Social, which was well

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attended by members (standing room only after 9 p.m.). There were more than 100 prizes and many members left, not only "loaded" but with many prizes! In January a dance was held at Ashburnham Road Drill Hall, with the Battalion Dance Band in attendance. This was also a success, and was well supported.

We are sorry to say that there are not many newcomers to the Battalion, but we have had quite a few departures, including Majors S. G. Philpott and E. Corner, Capt. W. D. Folds, A. J. Pargeter and D. Wood, Lts. L. T. Simmonds, M. C. Dashwood, R. C. Whitbread, G. M. Gadd, R. C. Putham and Lt. (Q.M.) D. C. L. Cowley. In addition, R.Q.M.S. Harley, C.S.M. Field, C.S.M. Hill, C.S.M. Morley, Sgt. Fisher and Sgt. Bligh-Bingham are a few of the other ranks who have left. Lt.-Col. D. Milman, M.C., who has commanded the Battalion since July, 1959, has now left for his new appointment and we all wish him the very best of luck. Permanent Staff members, C.S.M. Jackman, C.S.M. Archer and C.S.M. Corner, are now trying their hand in "Civvy Street." Sgt. Weston, after a long stay with us, is now settled down at the Depot, Bury St. Edmunds, and we wish them the best of luck in the future.

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Sgt. E. H. Johnson, B.E.M. (Band). He served with the Battalion for 11 years and died suddenly while preparing to attend a parade. The Band has suffered a severe loss and he will be greatly missed. The Regiment was represented at his funeral by Lt.-Col. D. Milman, M.C., Capt. S. A. Green, R.S.M. Herd, Bandmaster F. Battie and members of the Band.

Our camp period is fast approaching (June 24-July 8) and we are looking forward to an interesting two weeks on the Pembrokeshire coast, at Castlemartin (weather permitting!).

## 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.)

Much has happened since the last issue of *The Wasp and the Eagle*. Momentous decisions have been reached affecting the future of the Territorial Army and above all the amalgamation with the 5th Bn. Bedfordshire Regiment has been foremost in the minds of us all. But transcending all this has been the great honour assigned to the Battalion by being delegated to provide a Royal Guard of Honour for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, at St. Albans on April 13, when Her Majesty received the Freedom of the Borough.

The reorganisation has naturally brought many changes in the make-up of the Permanent

Staff. The following familiar faces are no longer with us: Capt. W. D. Page has taken up a Staff appointment in Germany; C.S.M. Charlesworth has joined the 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) in Malaya; Sgt. Smith is now with the 2nd East Anglian Regiment in Somerset; whilst Sgt. Shorter has gone to the 1st East Anglian Regiment in Germany. We wish them every happiness in their new surroundings and feel sure that they carry with them happy memories of their tour of duty with The Hertfordshire Regiment. Further changes are due to take place in the near future. Capt. (Q.M.) W. A. Moody has been appointed Camp Commandant in Aden, whilst our sincere congratulations are extended to R.S.M. McKean upon his appointment to a Lieutenant (Q.M.)'s commission, in which rôle he will be posted for duty to the King's African Rifles. As successors to the above we warmly welcome Capt. S. A. Green as Adjutant, Capt. (Q.M.) V. A. French (no stranger to the Regiment) as Q.M., and R.S.M. Herd. As P.S.I.s, C.S.M. Carr, Sgt. Dallimore and Sgt. Baggaridge have joined us, and we trust that they will quickly settle in and enjoy their association with the Regiment.

In other fields of activity we are pleased to report considerable successes obtained by our Rifle team. The semi-final of the East Anglian Divisional competition was reached—an achievement which augers well for the future, bearing in mind the number of young soldiers included in the team. "H.Q." Company reached the finals of the T.A. Small Bore Rifle Match competition and represented the County of Hertfordshire—a praiseworthy effort.

Recruiting has considerably increased in recent months and the present volunteer strength is most encouraging. It is a credit to the Regiment that a large percentage of those resigning have gone to join the Regular Army.

Social events have been well to the fore in recent months. Most Companies have organised Dinners and Dances which have been exceptionally well attended. The Sergeants' Mess held a most successful Cocktail Party to mark its last social function before the amalgamation.

The reorganisation of the Battalion has inevitably meant the exodus of many old stalwarts who served the Regiment loyally and efficiently over a number of years. Among those to whom we have to say "Au Revoir" are C.S.M. North, C/Sgt. White, Sgt. Carroll and Sgt. Perry. We thank them for the invaluable work they have done for the Regiment and very much look forward to their continued support whenever possible. They will always be assured of a warm welcome at our social events. With the closing of the T.A. Centre at Cheshunt, the members of No. 3 Company have now become a Recce Platoon under "H.Q." Company and operate from the Drill Hall at Ware.

## The 5th Bedfordshire/1st Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.)



[Photograph: "The Herts. Advertiser."]

Her Majesty, The Colonel-in-Chief, inspecting the Guard of Honour, accompanied by Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, the Commanding Officer.

The Battalions amalgamated on April 1, 1961. The following message was sent to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief:

*"With humble duty to Her Majesty. On the occasion of the amalgamation of the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and the 1st Bn. Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) I convey the loyal greetings and unswerving devotion of all ranks to Her Majesty, the Colonel-in-Chief. I assure Her Majesty that it will be our earnest endeavour to be worthy of the high traditions of the two former Regiments.*

C. SIMMONS, Lt.-Col., Commanding,  
T.A. Centre, St. Andrew Street,  
Hertford."

The Battalion received the following gracious reply from Her Majesty:

*"On the formation of the Battalion I send to all ranks my warmest greetings. I am confident that the reputation for loyalty and courage which both Regiments have earned in their past history will be inherited and fully sustained in the future and I trust that the new Regiment will not only uphold but will enhance the noble traditions which are your heritage. I am indeed proud to be your Honorary Colonel and I can assure you that the interest of the Regiment will always be close to my heart.*

ELIZABETH R.  
Honorary Colonel."





## The Guard of Honour

*The Guard of Honour provided by The 5th Bedfordshire/1st Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, to St. Albans, on April 13, 1961.*

*{Photograph by "The Herts. Advertiser," St. Albans.*



The new amalgamated Battalion carried out its first parade on April 13, 1961, at St. Albans, when it was very proud to provide a Guard of Honour for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief. A lot of hard work was put into the Guard by everybody concerned. This was rewarded by a fine day and the pleasure expressed later by Her Majesty on inspecting the Guard of Honour. During her inspection, the Queen Mother spoke to many members of the Guard and afterwards complimented them on the smartness of their drill and turn-out.

The next week-end the Battalion shooting team (many of whom were on the Guard of

Honour) followed up this parade with some notable successes at the Brigade Rifle Meeting. The Battalion came second to the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment in the aggregate competition. It won the L.M.G. pairs competition, and special mention must go to Sgt. Barker and Cpl. Dean, of No. 4 Company, who won the individual L.M.G. pairs competition. Capt. Peter Simmons also came fourth in the individual Rifle competition. The Battalion also came second to the 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment in the falling plate competition. The team is now training very hard indeed for the Divisional competition at Colchester.

## 4th Battalion The Essex Regiment (T.A.)

The months which have passed since the last issue of *The Wasp and Eagle* have been very active and encouraging. Recruiting continues to progress steadily and the 400 figure is now within reach. Our recruiting figures have been helped by a number of volunteers, who have been transferred to us as a result of the T.A. re-organisation, though we have had ninety-five new recruits join us since last July, and an average of four are inspected by our M.O. every week. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Snape and his Band who have been transferred to us from 517 L.A.A. Regiment R.A. (5 Essex) T.A. as a body and look forward to hearing them perform at Regimental functions. We also welcome Major Jack Harries from 10 Para. Bn. (T.A.) who is now finally settled in the chair as O.C. H.Q. Company. A number of officers have left us on transfer to the T.A.R.O. and to Major G. V. Lovelace, Capts. Critten, Hollis and Portway, and Lt. Osgood, we wish them well for the future, and thank them for the part they played whilst serving with us.

The Band and Corps of Drums met each other for the first time on Sunday, May 7, 1961, at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, and after camp will be showing their paces at the Regimental Reunion on Saturday, July 15, 1961.

We can report success in the shooting field as our "A" team won the 54 E.A. Division District .22 Knock-out League Competition. We won the "China" Cup and Falling Plates at the Brigade Rifle Meeting at Thetford on April 15/16, 1961, and our young soldiers were well to the fore.

Our boxers are training hard for the T.A. Individual Boxing Championships and we have five men representing the Division.

Life becomes more and more hectic as we prepare for camp at Millom this June.

### WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

Our Mess at Gordon Fields is now in regular use and has acquired possession of the shooting jacket of Sgt. John Tipping, late of The Essex Regiment, who was renowned as one of this country's best shots in the era before the First World War. He represented England nine times and fired for the Commonwealth on three separate occasions.

The Officers' Mess have presented us with a lovely picture of our Colonel-in-Chief, which we are proud and honoured to own.

Some of our older members have left us, and to C.S.M. Perry and Anderson we say goodbye and extend to them our best wishes for a happy retirement from the rigours of part-time soldiering.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Womack and C.Q.M.S. Summers on their promotions, and a warm welcome to Sgt. Martin on joining the Mess. We also extend greetings on joining us on transfer to C/Sgt. Windley, R.E.M.E., Sgt. Smith and Sgt. Garrett.

Finally, we must make mention of our Falling Plate team consisting of three Mess members aided by Cpl. Cullerton, which won the Brigade Competition, and reached the semi-final in the Divisional Meeting out of 49 entries.

### "B" COMPANY

We have been encouraged by rising numbers of suitable recruits and can now boast a father and son (Sgt. and Pte. Wright) as well as an uncle (ex R.M.) and nephew. We still have vacancies for plenty more volunteers, particularly at Chelmsford, which is now our H.Q., as it was thought fitting that we should be represented in the County Town. We have made a promising start with Cpl. Cullerton (ex Parachute Regiment) whose service dates back to Arnheim and before, originating with the Irish Army, and are looking forward to rapidly acquiring a workable strength as befits our new palatial quarters.

Capt. Critten has had to resign due to business reasons and we welcome Capt. "Dicky" Doyle as our new 2 i/c with 2/Lt. Stewart from "D" Company. 2/Lts. Stoddart (Queen's) and Dentith (Manchesters) on attachment, bring us into a strong position for officers.

Having six members in the Battalion Rifle Team augers well for our chances at the forthcoming Battalion meeting. Our recruits are shaping well on the range and one (Pte. Gurteen) took his place in the Company .22 team which won the T.A.R.A. League with an undefeated record. Another soldier on the target was Pte. Jackson, a recent recruit, who was top goal scorer for the Battalion Soccer Team during the past season.

Pte. Thurkettle has discovered other marksmen and has raised a Darts Team which has "shot" against several local pubs and has emulated the riflemen's successes in a series of pleasant social evenings. Sgt. Knights, saw that our Christmas Dance was up to its usual standard and several members, including Mr. Prior, our hard working barman (honorary) put in a lot of hard work.

Major Purves was fortunate in parading with the Gurkha Brigade at the Royal Review in Buckingham Palace and was able to invite Capt. Barnes and R.S.M. Luscombe as spectators.

### "C" COMPANY

Since the beginning of 1961 the activities of the Company have gained impetus. At last the tide of recruiting—the most vital aspect of the Territorial Army—is changing and there is now a gradual flow of recruits. This cannot be attributed to any magic, but to a sustained effort over a long period and a change in public response. We have shown ourselves in local towns and villages and there are many more to come. Our great problem will now be to ensure that Territorial service is of first-class interest and worthwhile. This year's training theme has been Civil Defence and considerable interest has been engendered, including even the lowering of the O.C. strapped on a stretcher from a second-floor window to test the efficiency of the training: we are glad to say that this was proved.

The Company has just taken over a Centre at Harlow New Town and already Lt. Tim Millbank and Sgt. Ken Percy are hard at work there. We welcome to this Centre Sgt. Freemantle and Cpls. Holmes and Wellard, both from the former Unit at the Centre. They are engaged in "shock" tactics for recruiting in the area and some of their efforts could be likened unto naval recruiting of past centuries. At Epping, 2/Lts. Jefferis and Green are working on their platoons and getting to know their new men, including Ptes. Day and White who have just returned having served with us some years ago during their National Service. C/Sgt. Ron Dowler and Pte. M. Ward (who is already challenging his father, Sgt. Ward, as a Battalion Shot) are both to be congratulated as members of the Battalion Team which has won the Divisional .22 Championship. C/Sgt. Dowler has just received his Territorial Army Efficiency Medal. To our P.S.I., Sgt. B. Hutchinson, and his family, we wish them good luck in the future, and we welcome in his place Sgt. T. Culling who will soon unravel the mysteries of Territorial Service and, we hope, have an enjoyable tour. Sgt. Colin Brickstock and his wife have our good wishes on the birth of a daughter and if rumours are correct our next contribution to these Notes may well have to be devoted to this subject.

### "D" COMPANY

The usual Journal Notes missive filtering down through devious channels and Red Indian ambushes and arriving at our headquarters the day after a reply is required, sets the Company Scribe madly setting pen to paper and racking a tired brain for inspiration.

Six months is quite sufficient to delve back into and a sad item of news leaps straight to mind. The closing of Saffron Walden T.A.C., following hard on the heels of that of Halstead, struck a dismal chord as the period opened. This has resulted in the inevitable loss of a

number of our stalwarts including Cpl. Start, L/Cpl. Curtis, L/Cpl. Harris, Pte. Swan, Pte. Honeybell, Pte. Street and others. But with the dying of Saffron Walden both Dunmow and Braintree, our surviving centres of resistance, blossomed forth and many new names have been added to our roll since the last list appeared in this magazine. P.S.I.s have come and gone too since the year started. Sgt. Evans goes to Berlin, Sgt. Hazelwood takes over for a short period and now Sgt. Simmons, fresh from the warmth of Malaya, steps into the breach. We wish him luck. (who said "Jack"!).

The social front has produced the usual crop of socials which were, generally speaking, well attended. A Rummage Sale, run by the Dunmow Platoon, came as a new venture and, though not so well supported, produced 7 gns. for the always lacking Company funds. The Annual Dinner at Christmas was an enormous success and, again, much work was carried out by the Dunmowites. Still in the lighter vein mention must be made of a regular activity that takes place on Friday nights at Dunmow T.A.C. This is a Sports night, run by Cpl. Easterbrook, and most popular is this turning out to be. The Dunmow Canteen is undergoing a face lift and a most imposing room is resulting. All the work and money is being found by the Company, though we are hoping for a little assistance with the latter.

Training has evolved mainly round the theme of Civil Defence and a visitor to any drill hall runs serious risk of being lashed to a stretcher or mildly punctured to see how he bleeds. A Battalion Exercise on the Stanford P.T.A. gave us a rest from these less soldier-like activities and the Company, under the leadership of Lt. T. C. B. Swayne, spent a night with nature under the stars. Nature was obviously not impressed and produced the only snowstorm of the season in retaliation. Camp 1961 looms up before us and the "D" Company "Braves" are enthusiastically preparing their wigwams for an onslaught upon the tranquil inhabitants of the unfortunate Lake District. But more about this in the next issue.

### "S" COMPANY

Since camp last year we are proud of the fact that we have increased our numbers by one-third, and although recruiting has fallen off for the moment it is intended that we shall make a further effort before camp. Our star recruiter is Pte. Colin Dowsett, who, in his quiet way, can always sell the T.A. to his friends although it is a pity that for various reasons some of his potential recruits have not been enlisted, in some cases they were under age and so we hope to absorb them later. This reminds the writer that Mrs. Edwards, our P.S.I.'s wife, presented her husband with a

third son last month, so we have yet another potential recruit although probably for the Regular Battalion—congratulations, Sgt. and Mrs. Edwards. Whilst we are offering congratulations we should like to mention three names, Sgts. Manwaring and Bushell and Cpl. Verdon, all of whom have been recently awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Pte. Thacker was recently discharged on his entry into the Royal Air Force and we wish him good luck.

Capt. Arney, our Mortar Platoon Company, recently attended a mortar course for one week at Netheravon which we understand he found most enjoyable.

One of our current regrets is that we have not been able to take our place in the Battalion Boxing Team. Ptes. Barker and Weekes made a special effort in this direction together with other men of this Company, but the difficulty seems to be that most of the Battalion's fit young men are all the same weight.

**"H.Q." COMPANY**

Since our last report, we have been trying to acquire some knowledge of Civil Defence in preparation for our Annual Training at Millom, which promises to be interesting. At least, we are satisfied that our members can now deal with "Accidents in the Home."

We welcome ex C.S.M. Garrett and Cpl. Price from 10th Parachute Bn. (T.A.), and hope their stay with us will be happy and interesting. Recruiting is going well, but we still welcome those interested on any Monday or Thursday evening at Iford T.A. Centre, Gordon Fields. Ex-members will know that we provide a good "brew" in the canteen.

We look forward to a busy and interesting "summer season" and will no doubt have a full report for the next issue.

## The Essex Army Cadet Force

The Essex Army Cadet Force Boxing Championships were held in the Essex Yeomanry Drill Hall, Chelmsford, on November 26, 1960. There were 71 entries.

The result of the Inter-Regiment Team Trophy was:—

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5th	3rd Essex Cadet Regiment (H.Q. Brentwood) ... ..	4

In the Eastern Command A.C.F. Boxing Championships which were held at Hertford on January 7, 1961, the Essex A.C.F. retained the Inter-County Herapath Trophy with a score of 50 points. A team of eight Cadets from The Essex Army Cadet Force took part in the A.C.F. South National Boxing Championships Semi-Finals at Taunton on January 28, and gave a good account of themselves against some very strong opposition, chiefly from Glamorgan, who considered their team was their best for at least ten years. Three Cadets took part in the National A.C.F. Boxing Finals which were held at York on February 18. One of these, Cadet J. Nicklen of the Rainham Detachment of the 2nd Essex Cadet Regiment became National Champion in Class "A," 7st. 7lb. In the Inter-County Championships, Essex was placed equal fourth with four points.

The Cross Country Championships were held at Chelmsford on February 11 and the Junior Race produced a very close finish.

The final of the Inter-Detachment Soccer Competition took place at Chelmsford on April 9, 1961. It was between the Chelmsford Troop of the 6th Essex Cadet Regiment and the Becontree Platoon of the 4th Essex Cadet Regiment. The latter won by eight goals.

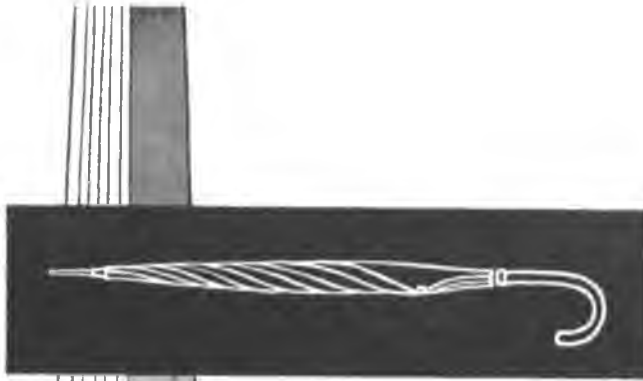
The Annual .22 Rifle Meeting was held at Warley Barracks on April 23. Despite rainy conditions there was some good shooting particularly by the 4th Essex Cadet Regiment whose H.Q.s are at Ilford.

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

REGIMENTAL REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
Bedford, November 20, 1960

Although Regimental Remembrance Sunday on November 20, 1960, followed the pattern which has now become traditional, there were several aspects of the day's ceremonies which served to make it a unique occasion. It had become obvious that, since the disbandment of the Depot of the 16th Foot, the Gymnasium was no longer a suitable venue for a Remembrance Service. It was therefore decided that this should be held in the Church of the Transfiguration at Kempston. Extra chairs were provided and the church was filled to capacity by the large congregation of Officers, Comrades and their families.

At 11 a.m. the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., entered the church accompanied by the Associate Colonel, Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., T.D. The playing of

"Valse Destiny" by the Band of the 5th Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) was the signal for the Regimental Colours of the 5th Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and the 1st Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) to be marched down the aisle and handed to the Chaplain, who draped them on the Altar. Branch Standards followed and were placed on either side. The Service then began, conducted by the Reverend H. John, M.B.E., Vicar of Kempston, who was assisted by the Reverend K. P. Lingard, curate of the church. During the Remembrance, the Colonel of the Regiment read the Roll of our Comrades who had died since the last Remembrance Service. The Service ended with the Regimental Prayer and Blessing, after which the Regimental Colours were handed back to the Colour Officers and Branch Standards to the bearers. We all felt that the Reverend John's inspiring address and the solemnity of the church had greatly enhanced the dignity of our Remembrance Service.

The weather was a little unkind as we left the church and a shower of rain delayed the start of the March Past for a few moments. However, it was an imposing and splendid column



[Photograph by "The Bedfordshire Times," Bedford.]

*The Regimental Colours of the 5th Battalion The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and the 1st Battalion The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) marching from the Regimental Memorial after the wreath-laying ceremony on Regimental Remembrance Day, November 20, 1960.*



[Photograph by "The Bedfordshire Times," Bedford.

*The Colonel of the Regiment, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., unveils the plaque on the wall surrounding the Garden of Remembrance. Standing on the right is Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association.*

which set off down the main road to Kempston Barracks. At the head was the combined Band of The 5th Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and The 1st Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) whose future amalgamation had been announced a few days earlier. Behind them came The Regimental Colours and detachments of these Regiments and then the Comrades of The Regiment proudly marching behind their Branch Standards. The Colonel of The Regiment, accompanied by The Associate Colonel, took the Salute at the entrance to the Addison Howard Park. The marching column continued down the road to form up opposite The Regimental Memorial in readiness for the Wreath Laying Ceremony. As soon as the Colours and Standards were in position, "Last Post" was sounded from the top of the Keep. After a short pause "Reveille" rang out, played by The Corps of Drums of The 5th Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.). The Colonel of The Regiment and The Associate Colonel then went forward together to lay the first of the many wreaths.

At the end of the wreath laying, the Reverend John moved into the Garden of Remembrance,

leading in procession The Colonel of The Regiment, The Associate Colonel, Col. G. A. Anstee, O.B.E., M.C., J.P., D.L., Lt.-Col. A. C. Young and Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E. Here took place the unveiling and dedication of a Plaque on the Garden Wall. This commemorates the fact that the wall was erected as a surround to our Garden of Remembrance through the generous legacy of the late Brigadier J. S. Davenport, C.B.E., M.C. It also records the names of those former Comrades whose ashes have been scattered in The Garden.

This concluded the official Remembrance ceremonies and guests dispersed to the Officers' Mess and Social Club of The 5th Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) for light refreshments. As so often in the past, many had travelled long distances to be in Bedford that day. We were particularly glad to see Major G. C. Gaden, M.C., who was on a temporary visit to this country from his home in Australia and who took the opportunity of laying a wreath at our Memorial.

During the afternoon one further solemn ceremony took place, the scattering of the Ashes of the late Mr. W. Peak whose death was re-





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ported in the last issue of this Journal. This was conducted by the Reverend John and, in addition to Mrs. Peak and her family, was attended by members of the London Branch of which Mr. Peak had been a founder member.

So ended another eventful Remembrance Sunday and as we left the Barracks later that day we saw in the flood-lighting our Regimental Memorial reflecting all its dignity and pride.

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## ANNUAL SUMMER REUNION

By the kind invitation of Lt.-Col. D. F. Garrard, T.D., commanding 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.), the Summer Reunion for 1961 will be held at the T.A. Centre, Gordon Fields, Ilford, Essex, on Saturday, July 15.

A varied programme of events is being arranged and will include the following:—

Cricket match—16th Foot v. 44th/56th Foot.  
Inter-County .22 Competition—Essex, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire.

All Ranks' Dance.

It is also hoped that it will be possible for displays to be given by the 4th Battalion and that their Band and Drums will be able to play during the afternoon and evening. At a Parade which the Battalion will hold at Retreat, it is hoped that members of the Battalion will be presented with the Territorial Efficiency Medals which they have been awarded.

The Annual General Meetings of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Association and The Essex Regiment Association will take place during the early evening, notices regarding the time and place of these meetings will be posted.

Bars and buffets will be available for refreshments.

The route to the T.A. Centre is as follows:—

*From Ilford Station.* Buses 145 and 148 (to Becontree). Alight at "The Prince of Wales" (3d. fare) and cross to Gordon Road.

*From Ilford High Road.* Via Green Lane or Connaught Road to Gordon Road.

*From City and Aldgate.* Bus No. 25 to "The Prince of Wales."

Admission tickets are not being issued for the Reunion, and Buffet and Bars will be on a cash basis. A small charge will be made for the evening dance.

Further details can be obtained from: Major T. R. Stead, Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association, Warley Barracks, Brentwood, Essex.

## The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association

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1/5 "YELLOW DEVILS," 1914-1918  
O.C.A.

The Annual General Meeting of the 1/5 Bedfordshire O.C.A. ("Yellow Devils") was held in the Drill Hall, Luton, in March, when Mr. C. W. Gilder presided over a well-attended meeting. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Ward, reported that since the last meeting, Mr. Harry Ashby, one of the oldest members of the Branch, and who recently celebrated his 81st birthday, had passed away, bringing the total number of Comrades who have died in the past twelve months, including our President, Arthur Pakes, to eight. Suitable tribute was paid to their memories. After the routine business of the previous month's meeting had been transacted, the Secretary read the minutes of the last A.G.M. He stated that the annual reunion dinner had to be cancelled owing to lack of support, but several outings had been arranged, including a visit to Vice-President Arthur Brookes, Mine Host of the Lord Nelson at Southwold. Arrangements for similar outings were to be made again for the current year. The statement of accounts for the year ending February 28, 1961, had been circulated to all members, and revealed a very healthy financial state. Mr. A. Walker, the Hon. Treasurer, in presenting the report, pointed out that exclusive of the wonderful gift of £200 from the defunct Services Welfare Comforts Fund, there was a slight increase in income over expenditure on the year's working, despite the fact that the benevolent grants to Comrades was the highest in the Branch's history. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the balance sheet and report, congratulated the Treasurer on the excellent way he had prepared and presented the accounts. There was no doubt that it was an excellent report and revealed the continued financial strength of the Branch. It was all the more credit to the members in view of the diminishing numbers, which, unfortunately, is inevitable in such an organisation as ours. He specially welcomed the increase in the amount paid out to Comrades in distress.

Mr. C. W. Gilder, who was unanimously elected President, and who, incidentally, is the youngest member of the Branch, thanked the members for their confidence and stated he would endeavour to maintain the high standard set by the late President, Arthur Pakes.

Other officers elected were as follows: Chairman, Mr. G. Brown; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Ward; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Walker; Benevolent Representative, Mr. J. King. Committee:

Messrs. F. King, J. Land, B. Cox, G. Davies and H. Smith.

Mr. Jack Land asked to be relieved of his responsibilities as Sick Visitor, owing to ill health, and his resignation was accepted with regret and tribute paid to him for his excellent services in the past. Mr. J. Ward volunteered to combine this office with his Secretarial duties, and Mr. Land agreed to help him as far as he could. Mr. C. W. Gilder agreed to continue as *Regimental Journal* Correspondent.

A collection for the Benevolent Funds raised £1/10/-.

#### HERTFORD

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Drill Hall, St. Andrew Street, Hertford, on November 11, 1960. Our President, Major R. P. Connell, presided, and the meeting was well attended. The annual report and balance sheet for the financial year was presented and passed, and showed that the Branch was flourishing and in a sound financial position. At the election of officers, resignations were submitted and accepted from our President, Major R. P. Connell, and from our most popular Secretary, Mr. Charlie Mansfield. Both these officers have done sterling work on behalf of the Branch during their term of office, and their resignations were accepted with great regret. Charlie Mansfield was a founder-member of the Branch and has been actively concerned with the running of it during the 25 years of its existence. His experience and advice will be sadly missed by all of us, but we are happy to report that he has accepted the position of Hon. General Secretary, a position which will enable him to keep in active contact with the running of Branch affairs and will give us the benefit of his vast experience and advice. He has, in fact, attended all our monthly meetings since the A.G.M., and his presence has been a source of great help and encouragement to his young successor, Mr. C. Payne. A vote of thanks was proposed and unanimously seconded to these two stalwarts who have done so much to bring the Branch to the sound and healthy position it now enjoys.

The following officers were elected to fill the vacancies caused by these retirements: President, Major J. S. Townsend; Chairman, Mr. R. A. Farnham; Vice-Chairman, Mr. O. F. Stanford; Secretary, Mr. C. Payne.

All the other members of the Committee were re-elected *en bloc*.

The children's annual Christmas party was held at the Drill Hall, St. Andrew Street, on Saturday, January 7, 1961. Despite the clash of dates with the Ware Branch, who were holding their own children's party on this day, and the fact that several of our children have now passed the age for kiddies' parties, 42 children turned up for their annual "do," and in their

own words, "a good time was had by all." The children were welcomed by members of the Committee, and after tea were entertained to a film show kindly presented and arranged by the President, Major J. S. Townsend. The party was graced by the presence of their Worships The Mayor and Mayoress of Hertford, who kindly presented a gift, plus oranges and sweets, to each child at the end of the party.

Our annual social and games tournament was held at the Shire Hall, Hertford, on Saturday, February 4, 1961, and despite a somewhat disappointing attendance, due mainly to clashing of dates, a very enjoyable evening was spent by all those present. The President's Cup was won by the Royal Naval Association and the music was provided by the Ambassadors Dance Band. Dancing and the usual "get-together" went on until midnight and all proclaimed that it was a splendid evening. Our thanks go to the work and untiring efforts of our Committee for making all these social events such a tremendous success. Monthly social evenings have been held at the Drill Hall, Hertford, on the first Saturday of each month throughout the winter. These have been well attended and enjoyed by all. We are discontinuing these during the summer months, but hope to restart them again later in the year.

The highlight of our social activities this year was the occasion of our 25th Jubilee Anniversary Dinner and Dance, which took place at the Shire Hall, Hertford, on Saturday, April 8, 1961. In the hall, magnificently decorated for the occasion, the President, Major J. S. Townsend, was in the chair and 138 members, their wives and guests sat down to dinner. Among our many guests were their Worships the Mayor and Mayoress of Hertford; Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., Colonel of the Regiment; Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, Commanding 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment, (T.A.); Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, Regimental Secretary, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment; Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association. Alderman and Councillor, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, Alderman D. Dye, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. H. Busby, Capt. G. B. Spicer, the Rev. G. C. P. H. Briggs, Major W. D. Willard. We were also especially pleased to welcome representatives from the following branches: London, Bedford, Ware, Watford, St. Albans, 8th Bn. 1939-45 War and the Royal Naval Association. A special welcome was afforded to our South African Veterans, Mr. R. Woods, aged 78, Mr. A. Merryweather aged 78, and Mr. H. Harman aged 77. The guests were welcomed on their arrival by the President and his wife.

During the evening telegrams were read out from Her Majesty The Queen and our Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, in reply to messages of loyal

greetings sent earlier. A message was also received and read out from our late President, Major R. P. Connell, who is seriously ill in Hertford County Hospital, a message of good wishes for a speedy recovery was sent to him in reply. Loyal toasts to Her Majesty the Queen, and our Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty The Queen Mother, were proposed by the President, who also proposed the toast to "Absent Comrades."

General Sir Reginald Denning in proposing the toast of The Regiment, gave us up-to-date news of the Regiment's activities overseas and of the Territorial Battalions. He congratulated the Branch on reaching its 25th anniversary, and also paid a moving tribute to our retiring Secretary, Mr. Charlie Mansfield. Lt.-Col. J. H. Busby, in a very witty speech, proposed the toast to "The Hertford Branch," and also thanked us for a wonderful evening. The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by the President, who briefly welcomed all our guests individually, and hoped that they would have an enjoyable time with us.

After dinner the President paid a short tribute to our retiring Secretary, Mr. Charlie Mansfield, in which he expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Branch for his splendid work and untiring efforts during the past 25 years. General Sir Reginald Denning then made a small presentation to Mr. Mansfield on behalf of the Branch. Mr. Mansfield, in replying, thanked the Branch for their gift, and although regretting his retirement, promised to give all in his power to further the interest and welfare of the Branch in the future. General Denning then handed over to the Branch two very fine pieces of Regimental silver, which are to be permanently held on loan. The President in accepting these, thanked General Denning and stated that they would always occupy a proud and honoured position among our other trophies. The company then broke up for the usual "get-together" and dancing to the music of the Ambassadors Band. We would like to tender our sincere thanks to the following for helping to make the evening such a huge success and one that will long be remembered by members and guests alike: The Mayflower Catering Co., for an excellent dinner and for providing such magnificent floral decorations. Lt.-Col. Simmons for the loan of many fine pieces of Regimental silver, which made our top table look like a Lord Mayor's banquet. To Mr. Raymond, of Hertingfordbury, for making and presenting to the Branch the really magnificent birthday cake; this cake, complete with Regimental Badge done in icing, was a centre of attraction and admiration. It was later raffled, and the Branch funds benefited considerably from the proceeds. Sgt. F. Fairclough, of the Watford Branch, for providing the banner with the Regimental Badge and finished with the Regimental Colours, which

made such an admirable background to our top table. To Mr. Joe Farnham, our Chairman, and his Committee for their untiring efforts and for all their excellent arrangements. To Mr. Lines, of the London Branch, for obtaining for us the presentation gifts of cigaretttes and matches. And lastly, to all our guests for coming along and gracing us with their presence; it was nice having you, and we can only hope that you enjoyed our company as much as we enjoyed yours.

#### WATFORD

Since the last issue of *The Journal*, the Branch has been carrying on in its usual manner. Our annual Christmas Bottle Draw was again very successful in helping Branch finances and many Comrades' wives went home happily with pockets bulging with bottles of "this and that." Also on the same evening, one of our members of the Ladies Section, Mrs. R. Nobbs, gave the Branch a beautifully embroidered set for a raffle. This is just one instance of the support we receive from the ladies.

The Branch A.G.M. was held at the Drill Hall in February, and we were very pleased to see our popular President, Capt. J. S. Payne, who made the long trip from Bournemouth, and also one of our Vice-Presidents, Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, who came over from the other side of the County to be with us. It was a successful meeting, and it was good to see several Comrades who had made the effort to be with us, even though they had long distances to travel, and we think this emphasises the spirit within the Branch.

In March the Branch had the honour of welcoming a new Branch Padre, the Rev. A. A. G. Richards, who we were very pleased to meet at our last meeting, and we know that he will become a great asset to the Branch. After the meeting "Dixie" Dean and company introduced him to the game of darts and the Padre showed his paces amongst the Branch "champs."

Our regular Tombola sessions are still a good source of revenue at the week-ends, and silence reigns until a member gets those 15 elusive numbers on his or her card, and while the lucky person collects their winnings, there is the scramble to the bar to replenish the empty glasses. At the time of writing, we are hoping to make another trip to Bournemouth in the near future, where many spent a grand day with Capt. J. S. Payne last year.

#### ST. ALBANS

The Branch has lost one of its oldest members, Mr. C. Hyde, who died on April 18 at the age of 80. A founder-member of the Branch, he took a great part in the activities of the Branch in its early days. His obituary notice appears elsewhere in this number.



[Photograph by Messrs. Windmill and Howe,  
St. Alban's Branch.

The 16th Foot's Regimental Plot at the Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey, November, 1960.

Messrs. Windmill and Howe represented the Branch on the occasion of the opening ceremony of The Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey in November, 1960. They took the photograph of the Regimental Plot, which appears in these columns. Twelve members went to Bedford for the annual Remembrance Service and Parade, and met many old friends.

#### ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

On December 10, 1960, the Branch held a reunion dinner, eighteen members, including the President, Lt.-Col. J. H. Busby, M.B.E., and the Vice-President, Capt. W. G. Cann, attended. All enjoyed themselves very much. The Hon. Secretary, this year, had arranged that members could begin paying into the dinner fund in January, thus, when the time for the dinner came, there was a much smaller amount to pay. All agreed it was a very sound scheme.

At the Annual General Meeting, the officers and Committee were re-elected *en bloc*.

The monthly meetings have been well attended, and after the business of the meeting has been completed, games and a social are

held. Donations, in the form of "Bun Pennies," have come in well for the Branch Benevolent Fund, the chief contributors being Messrs. Windmill, Howe, Hale and Starkins.

The Branch sends its greetings to Cpl. M. Smith and his family, now serving with the 1st Battalion; Cpl. Smith is a member of the Branch. They hope to see him soon.

#### BEDFORD

The Branch held its Annual General Meeting at Kempston Barracks, in the 5th Bn. Bedfordshire Regiment Social Club on Friday, February 3, 1961. The attendance was not up to our usual standard because quite a lot of members were absent due to sickness, including our President, Lt.-Col. E. G. Fanning, M.C., D.L. The officers were re-elected *en bloc*, which means that our indefatigable Secretary, Mr. C. C. Wells, has again undertaken to serve in his many capacities for another year. We all thank him for the help that he has given to the Regimental Association in general, and to the Bedford Branch in particular.

#### MONTHLY MEETINGS

We continue to hold our monthly meetings on the first Friday in the month at Kempston Barracks, thanks to Major W. J. Darville, whilst the Bedford Detachment, T.A., has its H.Q. there. We have an option on a room in the Bedford United Services Club on the second Friday in the month, if we have to leave our old Depot. One thing is certain, we shall continue to meet somewhere, and we extend a warm welcome to all serving and ex-serving members of The Regiment. We look forward to our next muster of ex-members of The Regiment at the annual Regimental Weekend.

We have now come to the end of this year's games season, and the Branch have acquitted themselves well in the Bedford United Services' Games League. We just failed to win the "Arnold Cup," so have to be content with the "Runners-up" Cup. At darts, we have also got the "Runners-up" Cup. At cribbage, we have to be content with third place, but we have won the Dominoes Cup. We must congratulate Jim Pithers on winning the Individual Crib Trophy, and Charlie Kentish on being runner-up in the Dominoes Individual. The team and reserves, who have turned up for all matches, must be congratulated on their efforts, these being Mr. C. C. Wells (captain), Mr. H. Willmott, "Wally" Folds, Bill Diemer, R.S.M. V. Herd, Frank Boutwood, Jim Pithers, George Shirley, Charlie Kentish, Bert Askew and Mr. D. Hammond. The presentation of prizes took place at the B.U.S.A. Club on Friday, April 28, and a very good evening was had by all.



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*The Luton Branch annual dinner at the Town Hall, Luton, Saturday, January 21, 1961.*

### HITCHIN

On November 11, 1960, a party of members with their wives and friends went to the Saffron Walden Branch of The Essex Regiment Association for a social evening, which they all very much enjoyed. The Branch was represented at the annual Remembrance Service and Parade, held at Kempston Barracks, on Sunday, November 20, 1960. Members of the Branch also attended the annual reunion dinners of the Luton and Ware Branches, and both functions were very enjoyable.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Drill Hall on Sunday, February 26. The Chairman, Colonel Cooper, gave an encouraging report on the Branch's activities. After the election of officers for the coming year, the accounts were presented by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Foster. These showed that the finances of the Branch were in a healthy state.

The monthly meetings are now held on the last Thursday in each month.

### LUTON

The Branch annual dinner was held at the Town Hall, Luton, on Saturday, January 21, 1961. Although a few old familiar faces were missing, there was a good attendance, and a very happy evening was enjoyed by all present. The guests included members from the Branches, the Regimental Secretary and Mrs. Alan Young, and the Secretary of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Associa-

tion and Mrs. Derek Tewkesbury. During the evening the Regimental Secretary handed to the President, the late Major L. Barford, the two pieces of Regimental silver of the 16th Foot, which had been selected to be placed on loan to the Branch. The President accepted them with gratitude and stated they would be held with pride by the Branch.

The sudden death of the President, Major Lance Barford, which occurred on February 3, was a great shock. The news of his death, which is reported more fully in the Obituary Column of this number, was followed by the sad report of the deaths of Mr. F. Rae, on February 4, and Mr. H. Brown on February 8. They were both stalwart members of the Branch, and they and the late President will be much missed.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Committee would like to see more members attending the monthly meetings. The new Chairman is Mr. P. Rogers, and all members wish him good luck and pledge their loyal support to make his term of office a great success.

### 6th BATTALION THE BEDFORDSHIRE REGIMENT (1914-1918) O.C.A.

#### ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

The annual reunion dinner was held on Saturday, April 29, 1961, at the Bath House Hotel, Dean Street, London, W.1. Colonel A. T. Hitch, D.S.O., the President, took the chair,

and the guests were the Regimental Secretary, Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, the Secretary, the 16th Foot Regimental Association, Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Messrs. J. V. Hackman and "Ginger" Butler. Twenty-two members were present, and a special welcome was given to Messrs. Worth and Green, who were attending the reunion dinner for the first time for many years. Mr. Vic Craddock acted as Toastmaster. The Loyal Toasts were proposed by the President, Colonel Hitch. A message of loyal greetings had been sent to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, on behalf of the members present, and Her Majesty's gracious reply was read out at the dinner and received with acclamation by all present. The toast to "Absent Comrades" was proposed by the President, and before giving the toast, Colonel Hitch referred to the death of Mr. Cyril Bliss.

Mr. Craddock proposed the toast to the President, and Colonel Hitch, in his reply, thanked the members for their good wishes and loyal support. Mr. Harold Long, M.M., then proposed the toast to "The Guests," which was responded to by the Regimental Secretary. In his reply, Colonel Young thanked the President and members of the Branch on his and the other guests' behalf for their kindly hospitality. He then gave a very interesting account of the activities of The Regiment. He stressed the importance of recruiting and asked those present whenever the opportunity occurred, to do all they could to assist in obtaining recruits for the Regiment. Mr. Johnny Day, the Hon. Secretary, to whom several well-deserved tributes had been paid during the evening, then spoke of the sad loss of Mr. Cyril Bliss, who had been a founder member of the Branch and a great Comrade. His Obituary appears elsewhere in this *Journal*. His death was a tragic loss, and he would be much missed. Mr. Day also paid tribute to the late Mr. W. Wells, who died on April 2, 1961; he was Post Corporal with the Battalion during the 1914-1918 War. Mr. Day then spoke of his gratitude for the support members gave him, which enabled the annual reunion to be held. He expressed the hope that all members who were on the sick list would make a speedy recovery and be with them next year. He concluded by stating that a suggestion had been put forward regarding the possibility of their O.C.A. amalgamating with the 7th (S) Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (1914-1918) O.C.A. and the 8th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (1914-1918) O.C.A., but so far no progress had been made with the idea.

The remainder of the evening was spent informally, and many reminiscences were exchanged.

The annual reunion dinner for 1962 will be held on Saturday, April 28.

## 6th BATTALION (1939-1945) O.C.A.

It is with the deepest regret we report the passing of our esteemed Chairman, Major L. I. Barford T.D., who died suddenly on February 3. Major Barford joined the 6th Battalion as a subaltern on its formation at Luton in September, 1939, and left the Battalion at Swarland Hall, Northumberland, for traffic-control duties with Northern Command, in March, 1941. He assumed the Chairmanship of our Association in 1949, and by his cheery nature and keen interest shown in all our activities, was a most popular figure among members.

Our reunion this year will consist of a dinner-dance at the Euston Tavern, London, on Saturday, September 30, 1961. This departure from the normal "stag" form was by popular vote at our last annual general meeting in May, 1960, and will be our first mixed venture. In choosing a date in the autumn and by including the ladies, it is hoped the attendance will show a marked improvement on that of recent years, thus making our annual event secure, both in following and interest. Whether the mixed function is repeated annually or we revert to "stag," depends entirely on the outcome of this gathering, and it is hoped members will get together on reunion night, be they "single" or "double," and make the venture a great success. Details will be dispatched in due course to our regular members, but any former Comrades who have been out of touch for some years, may enquire of the Hon. Secretary, F. G. Sugars, 5, Cowridge Crescent, Luton, Beds

## The Essex Regiment Association

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at the reunion of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) at Gordon Fields, Ilford, on Saturday, July 15, at 4.15 p.m.

The meeting will be asked to agree to certain alterations to the existing rules which have become necessary as a result of the amalgamation of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment.

### NOTES FROM BRANCHES

(ASSOCIATION OF SERGEANTS (PAST AND PRESENT) ALL BATTALIONS THE ESSEX REGIMENT (44th/56th FOOT)

The report of the Annual General Meeting will be published in the next number of *The Journal*.

#### 4th BN. COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

Since our last notes to *The Wasp and the Eagle*, the Association has had an informal reunion at the "Prince of Wales," at Buckhurst Hill, on March 24; as usual, a fair number of members reported for "duty," and it was a good night. On the following Sunday, a number of Comrades laid a wreath on the Cenotaph in memory of our Fallen Comrades of two world wars, the parade was led by our Chairman, Lt.-Col. D. F. Garrard, T.D. A telegram was sent by the younger members of the Association to the "Gaza" Officers, who held their annual dinner at the Trocadero on Monday, March 27. For the younger members it was a great honour to be joined for a brief moment with those "old sweats," whom we all respect so much.

Our congratulations on the magnificent efforts of the Battalion on its .22 Shooting and to R.S.M. Luscombe on his new Sergeants' Mess. The Annual Reunion this year will be held in October, and members will be notified when a firm date is fixed.

We are sorry to report the passing of two of our members, Mr. J. L. Douthwaite (1914-18) and Mr. H. Golding (1939-1945). Both were dear friends and known to many of us.

An obituary notice in respect of Mr. Golding appears elsewhere in this Journal. Mr. Douthwaite's notice appeared in the December, 1960 number.

#### 6th BATTALION COMRADES' ASSOCIATION, "CEDARS" O.C.A.

One O.C.A. which keeps going is Essex T.A. "Cedars"—the old 6th Essex. Their successors, 459 Regiment. H.A.A., R.A. (T.A.), always make them welcome and at their annual

dinner at Vange on December 10, 1960, a dozen old boys sat down to a good meal. The younger serving men made them feel at home and as they stayed for the week-end they had the pleasant experience of the Captain Quartermaster bringing them an early morning cup of tea. On Sunday morning they attended Church Parade and stayed to lunch. Some 1914-18 men had travelled more than 40 miles to be there.

The next meeting—at Warley on March 5—had a note of sadness. It was the last parade of the 459 Regiment before turning over to form 300 Regiment. After the Service in the Regimental Chapel, where the band played the hymns, the Regiment and Old Comrades of the 6th and 7th Battalions were inspected by Colonel Sir John Ruggles-Brise, Lord Lieutenant for Essex. A special refreshment hut was arranged for Old Comrades and their wives. Some did a round trip of 86 miles.

On March 25, the day before Gaza Day, the Annual Reunion Dinner was held at the T.A. Centre, East Ham. Our Chairman, Major J. D. Castle, was unfortunately not able to be with us as he was suffering from mumps, and our President, Col. Sir John Ruggles-Brise, was also unable to attend. We were, however, very pleased to have Brigadier C. M. Paton, Associate Colonel of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment with us, and also Major T. R. Stead, Secretary of The Essex Regiment Association. A number of old friends of 459 Regiment were present, and Old Comrades were promised that the new Regiment would continue to welcome them.

The Secretary, Mr. G. W. Leaford, made a short report and regretted the passing of George Starns only one week after retirement.



Members of 6th Battalion (Cedars) O.C.A. at the T.A. Centre, East Ham. (Left to right)—E. Middleditch, W. G. Graham, W. James, G. Coventry, J. W. Porter, G. W. Leaford.



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Colonel Sir John A. Ruggles Brise, Bart., C.B., O.B.E., T.D., J.P., Honorary Colonel of 459 (Essex) H.A.A. Regiment, R.A., T.A., inspecting Old Comrades of the former 6th and 7th Battalions The Essex Regiment after the service for 459 Regiment and the former 6th and 7th Battalions at Warley on March 5, 1961.

## "THE EAGLE AND GUN" REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

This Association has just concluded another year's work and many thanks are due to the C.O. of the "Rough Riders" at the T.A. Centre, Forest Lodge, Whipps Cross, London, E.17, for allowing us to still hold our meetings, parades and functions at his Unit Headquarters. A change is now taking place and the "Rough Riders" are being amalgamated with the "Inns of Court." The C.O., Col. D. Thompson, M.C., T.D., has already intimated that he wishes us to carry on as previously and we are certainly very pleased to hear this.

We held our usual parade on Remembrance Sunday and were supported by representatives of the Old Contemptibles, British Legion, Army Cadet Force, 3rd East Anglian Field Ambulance, 12 Squadron Air Force Cadets, and St. John Ambulance Brigade. The Rev. C. A. Fox kindly officiated at this service.

Our membership is still quite good, we have at present over 300 paid-up members, plus quite a few on our books who may come along in the near future and pay their subs. The

passing of the years inevitably calls for recording the passing of more of our Old Comrades, including Messrs. J. E. Burland, P. W. Bartrip, H. Harniman and G. Hunt, all of whom were very good comrades and who were keen and interested in our Association.

The Annual Reunion Dinner of the 1/7th Battalion took place on Saturday, October 1, 1960, at "The Mitre," Chancery Lane, London. About 40 old members turned up on this occasion. Our oldest member, now rising 87, Sergeant T. Williams, was able to travel from Westcliff and attend. This dinner is always arranged by Mr. W. F. Marr, of 64, Highlands Heath, Putney, S.W.16. Date of next Dinner has been arranged for October 7, 1961.

The Gaza Sunday Service was arranged to take place at Warley on Sunday, March 5, 1961, and some fifty or so of our members attended to join those of 6th "Cedars" O.C.A. The weather was certainly very good and attendance at the Chapel was excellent; it was really a wonderful gathering of the "Old and Bold."

## SAFFRON WALDEN

The considerable activities during the winter months have been very capably organised by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. H. King, and his enthusiastic and hard working committee. On November 12 a most successful evening was held on the occasion of the Annual Reunion and Social at the Drill Hall. Some 300 members and their wives enjoyed a grand mixture of entertainment. The M.C., Mr. K. C. Clayden, was in sparkling form, and there were more than thirty lucky winners of raffle prizes which ranged from a canteen of cutlery to boxes of fancy toilet soaps. We were very glad to welcome a coach-load of Comrades from the Hitchin Branch of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association and we hope to receive the promised invitation to visit them at Hitchin in the near future.

As most of our readers will know, much of the credit for the success of the Branch is due to the efforts of the late Col. T. A. Martin and to Mrs. Martin, and the Branch was able through voluntary subscriptions, to present to Mrs. Martin an inscribed Silver Salver as a token of their appreciation. A photograph taken at the presentation appears on this page. On behalf of the Ladies of the Branch, a bouquet of carnations was presented to Mrs. Martin by Mrs. Stead.

Saturday, December 17, was Kiddies' Day, when a total of 153 sat down to a splendid feast, followed by competitions and games. The highlight of the evening came when the spotlights focussed the arrival of Father Christmas complete with sleigh laden with toys. Fortunately Charlie Meakins was known to only a few of the kiddies and remained unrecognised. The bumper Whist Drive was held on Wednesday, January 4, and this was another big success. Forty-three tables were in play and over fifty prizes to be won. Most of the prizes were donated by local tradesmen.

The Branch has been able to give financial assistance to many Old Comrades and members, and has been instrumental in getting extra assistance from the parent Association at Warey and from other Regimental Associations.

A date to remember is Saturday, October 21, when we shall have our Annual Reunion and Social this time at the Town Hall, Saffron Walden, to which we extend a cordial invitation to all Comrades of the three Associations.

## BRENTWOOD

This Branch is still in existence although the numbers attending our social gatherings at the T.A. Centre, Chestnut Grove, Brentwood, are



[Photograph by David Campbell, Saffron Walden

Mrs. Helen Martin, widow of the late Colonel T. A. Martin, M.B.E., receiving from Mr. S. A. Carter, the silver salver, presented to her by the Saffron Walden and District Branch of The Essex Regiment Association. Others in the group are—Major T. R. Stead and Mr. C. H. King.

not increasing. However, we have been successful in obtaining two new members, and at our Annual General Meeting held in February it was decided that only two further meetings should be held this year as follows: Saturday, July 1, and Saturday, December 9. Both meetings will be at the T.A. Centre, Chestnut Grove, Brentwood, at 8 p.m.

Although the July meeting will take place only two weeks before the Annual Reunion, it is hoped that all members will attend so that some idea can be formed as to whether it will be worthwhile to hire a coach for the journey to Ilford on July 15.

### METROPOLITAN, ESSEX

Branch membership has remained constant at 69 during the past few months. The members of the Executive Committee have been doing their best to increase numbers but, like all other organisations, we find difficulty in obtaining new members, due to there being so many other calls upon people's time. We are not depressed, however, and are still aiming at a round hundred members. Our members are apparently satisfied with the efforts of the Executive Committee because the whole committee was re-elected *en bloc* at the Annual General Meeting in January. Our Chairman, Col. H. Craig, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., had decided not to stand for re-election, but was prevailed upon to reconsider.

There is great interest in the Branch in the programme of events arranged for this year. The Secretary has already received several enquiries regarding the Annual Reunion and the Remembrance Service at Warley. One of our members, Mr. H. W. Harverson, who is most energetic in the Whipps Cross Rifle Club, has arranged a programme of .303 shooting at Rainham Ranges during the year, and has invited members to take part in the various competitions.

The Branch was officially represented at the monthly service in the Regimental Chapel on May 7. Several members have been attending these services individually, but our Chairman felt that one service should be a Branch Service, and that of May 7 was chosen.

The Branch maintains contact with other Branches of the Association, and we were recently able to be of assistance to the Southend-on-Sea Branch.

### ROMFORD AND DISTRICT

This Branch held its third annual dinner on Friday, February 24, 1960. The Commanding Officer, H.Q. 54th (East Anglian) Infantry Division, Coln., R.A.S.C. (T.A.), once again

kindly gave permission for the Drill Hall, Upminster, to be used. The guest of honour was the Associate Colonel of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment, Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L. The President invited members of the Branch to take tea with him at his home during the early part of the summer.

At a meeting afterwards the previous year's officers were re-elected.

### SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT

Our Branch continues to meet on the first Friday in each month and mainly takes the form of a get-together at the bar, with a spot of darts and tombola. Through the efforts of that handful of keen, active "Pompadours" we have succeeded in signing on several new members. Our A.G.M. in December was well attended and our President, Brigadier G. Shentstone, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., J.P., said he was delighted to see such a fine muster for such a small Branch. The following Officers and Committee were elected for 1961. Capt. Len Hammond (Chairman), Capt. A. E. Cooper (Treasurer), Mr. C. L. Dalton (Secretary). Committee: Major A. Saunders, Messrs. F. Alliker, D. Deer, A. Fiddes, H. Greenwood, W. Hardange, C. Harrod and P. Laffin. Mr. C. Harrod and Mr. D. Deer were re-elected to the Entertainment's Sub-Committee, and have been joined by Major A. Saunders. At the February meeting Major T. R. Stead was elected Vice-President and we are indeed very pleased to have him.

On March 22 the Branch spent a very enjoyable evening as guests of the Ekco Social and Sports Club, and we are very grateful to them for the way they looked after us.

We are pleased to report that our first Secretary, Mr. Alf Smirk, is now holding the position of Vice-Chairman.

### THE TWENTY-NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION

A parade for all members of the Association was held on the Horse Guards on Sunday, April 23, 1961. At 11.45 a.m. the parade marched to the Cenotaph, led by the Band of The Life Guards, and our President, General Lord Fryberg, V.C., placed a wreath in memory of all ranks of the 29th Division. Wreaths were also laid by representatives of other Units who wish to remember their own comrades.

Following the parade, lunch was taken at the Drill Hall of Westminster Dragoons and among the telegrams received was one from Her Majesty The Queen. The Annual General Meeting was then held. The steady decrease

in the numbers of those attending is now very marked, but as this was our 46th Anniversary the average age of those who took part in the Gallipoli Landing must be about 70 years. On this occasion some 300 members attended the parade and 200 sat down to lunch. It is hoped that Her Majesty The Queen will be with us at our 50th Anniversary Parade in 1965.

The Essex Regiment members on parade, all of whom are most regular in their attendance, were as follows: Messrs. J. E. Tresadern, A. S. Perdeaux, A. E. Mount, A. E. Wiltshire, A. A. Poo'ey, A. H. Chapell, F. Vere, Westwood, A. E. Palmer and Major H. J. Staff.

Two members unable to be present owing to illness were Messrs. L. A. Platts, J. Saunders.

Our oldest member (a young 83) on parade was Mr. A. E. Wiltshire.

#### "ARRAS" DINNER, CHELMSFORD, APRIL 8, 1961

Continuing their series of reunion dinners a number of 1914-1918 members of "The Pompadours" met at Chelmsford on April 8. This gathering is held annually, as conveniently near as possible to the anniversary of the Arras battles of 1917 and 1918, when the 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment were in action on the ground east of the capital of the Pas-de-Calais. The Pompadours suffered heavy casualties in both battles, their fighting strength being reduced to less than 100 all ranks on each occasion.

The Reunion gatherings were started in 1928, and apart from a break during the Second World War period, have been held each year since. Unfortunately numbers attending have gradually dwindled, and only 16 members were able to be present on this occasion. Many had written to say they were unable to make the journey. The chair was taken by ex-C.S.M. J. Carnall, D.C.M., Mr. Jack Finn, M.M., the Hon. Secretary of the Reunions announced that a visit to the old battlefields was being arranged for June of this year.

### ENGAGEMENT

LT. W. T. DODD AND MISS F. V. YOUNG

The engagement is announced between W. T. (Bull) Dodd, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), son of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. D. Dodd, of Dovercourt Bay, Essex, and Frances, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Young, of Hampden Park, Eastbourne, Sussex.

### MARRIAGES

HELLICAR—HARROP.—On November 19, 1960, at All Saints' Church, Sydenham, London, S.E.26, Sgt. Terence Arthur David Hellicar, Army Physical Training Corps,

eldest son of R.S.M. and Mrs. Hellicar, to Edna, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrop, of Sheffield, Yorks.

GIBBS—NASH.—On February 18, 1961, Michael Peter Gibbs to Christine Joy Nash, second daughter of Capt. and Mrs. R. G. Nash, of "Kelsale," 25, Fitzmaurice Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.

STOKOE—HELLICAR.—On March 20, 1961, at the Church of The Holy Rosary, Nee Soon, Singapore, Ralph Brian Campbell Stokoe, eldest son of Major and Mrs. Stokoe, R.A.O.C., Burton-on-Trent, to Carol Elizabeth Ann, youngest daughter of R.S.M. and Mrs. Hellicar, Penang, Malaya.

GROVER—FALKNER.—On April 8, 1961, at St. Mary's Church, Richmond, Yorkshire. Capt. David Laurence Malcolm Grover, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry, only son of Major-General and Mrs. J. M. L. Grover, of Bovency, Fairwarp, Uckfield, Sussex, to Celia Mary, only daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. S. Falkner, of 30, Maison Dieu, Richmond, Yorkshire. Among the guests were Brigadier and Mrs. D. Rossiter and their two daughters, Susan and Sarah. Capt. and Mrs. Grover are now stationed with the 1st Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry at Munster, B.A.O.R.

### Obituaries

BALCH.—In January, 1959, at East Ham after a long and painful illness. Mr. A. G. Balch first joined the Pompadours as a boy in 1920 and served with 1st and 2nd Battalions for 12 years. Much of his Service was in India and Turkey. He was a life member of The Essex Regiment Association.

ASHBY.—The "Yellow Devils" have lost one of their oldest members through the death of Mr. Harry Ashby in his 81st year. Joining The Bedfordshire Regiment over 60 years ago, Mr. Ashby went to South Africa with them. Later he was transferred to the 1st/5th Bedfordshire Regiment with whom he fought at Gallipoli. During the last war he continued to serve his country by joining the A.R.P.

BENNETT.—The death is reported of Mr. F. J. Bennett at the age of 52. After 13 years' Regular Army service in the Cavalry before the last War, and with the R.A.S.C. during the War, Mr. Bennett became a volunteer with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). He will be remembered by many as the steward of the T.A. Club at the Drill Hall, Watford, for several years.

Mr. Bennett always did all he could to assist Watford Branch and will be sadly missed by his many friends.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his widow.

THE REV. A. J. WILCOX, C.B.E.

We much regret to record the death of the Rev. A. J. Wilcox, which took place in London on June 6, 1960.

Padre Wilcox's connection with The Essex Regiment dated from 1924 when he was appointed Garrison Chaplain at Warley Barracks. His Chaplaincy proved a memorable one for the Regiment, for the then Garrison Chapel — which had Regimental connections as far back as 1873 — was on March 1, 1925, dedicated to The Essex Regiment by the Chaplain General, Bishop Taylor Smith. The Essex Regiment thus achieved the distinction of being the only line Regiment with a Chapel of its own. The Regiment will always be grateful to Padre Wilcox for his outstanding efforts in carrying through this great project, for it was in no small measure due to his energy and enthusiasm that it was successfully achieved. From that date until 1926, when he was appointed Chaplain to the Brigade of Guards at Wellington Barracks, he was largely responsible for initiating the detailed plans for the internal redecoration of the Chapel. These plans were in later years faithfully adhered to and may rightly be said to have led to the present beauty of the Chapel.

"A.J." as he was affectionately known by a wide circle of friends both within the Regiment and outside it, will be remembered for his many fine qualities — his wisdom, his constancy in friendship, and his great courage — so conspicuously shown throughout much suffering and pain in his last years. He was a great Christian and an inspiring example to all who knew him.

**BURLAND.**—On June 15, 1960. Mr. (ex-Cpl.) J. E. Burland, joined The 7th Bn. The Essex Regiment in 1909 and served continuously until the end of the first World War. He was an active member of The Eagle & Gun Regimental Association.

**KIRK.**—On July 14, 1960, at Halesworth, Suffolk, Mr. Harry Kirk (ex No. 20490) who served with The Essex Regiment from 1914-1916.

**FORD.**—On September 20, 1960, Mr. A. G. Ford, M.M. (ex-Cpl., No. 3/3007) aged 76 years. Mr. Ford was with 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment during

the first World War and was awarded the M.M. for bravery at Rouen Wood.

CAPTAIN W. J. DIXON

On October 8, 1960, at 498, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth, Capt. William James Dixon, aged 88. Capt. Dixon enlisted in the Bedfordshire Regiment in 1889, and attained the rank of Band Sergeant in 1898 when his Battalion was stationed in Dublin. He was a clever exponent of the clarionet, the instrument to which he particularly devoted himself. In 1899 on the outbreak of the South African war, the Battalion was ordered for service in that campaign. They embarked in December, Sgt. Dixon being among them and on arriving in South Africa proceeded up country at once being part of the then 6th Division, commanded by General Kelly Kenny. Sgt. Dixon took part in the sweeping engagements in the Northern part of Cape Colony, which finally led to the surrender by General Cronje, the famous Boer leader. The Division continued on to Bloemfontein with Lord Roberts. Sgt. Dixon served throughout the campaign and in 1903 was promoted Regimental Sergeant Major in recognition of his services.



The late Captain W. J. Dixon.



He was subsequently stationed in Gibraltar, Bermuda and was again in South Africa on the outbreak of the Great War. He embarked in 1914 for Zeebrugge with the 7th Division and took part in several of the earlier operations. On October 16, 1914, he was given commissioned rank for services in the field, and at Ypres on October 31 of that year was wounded. In 1915 he embarked for Mudros in the Grecian Archipelago for service with the Gallipoli Expeditionary Force and was appointed Staff Captain the same year. Subsequently in 1916 he proceeded with the Force to Egypt. In 1917 he went to Khartoum and was then attached to the British Mission with the King of the Hedjaz at Jeddah on the Red Sea. He retired in 1920.

Capt. Dixon was awarded the Order of the Nile by the Sultan of Egypt and the Order of El Nahda by the King of the Hedjaz.

During the 1939/45 War he served with the Home Guard.

**BARTRIP.**—On November 6, 1960. Mr. (ex-C.S.M.) P. W. Bartrip, joined the Essex Volunteers in 1890 and subsequently served with the Territorial Forces until 1918. He was a very keen supporter of all Regimental functions and an active member of The Eagle & Gun Regimental Association.

**HARNIMAN.**—On November 8, 1960. Mr. (ex-C.Q.M.S.) H. Harniman, served with 1/7th Bn. The Essex Regiment from 1908-1923. A very keen Association supporter, he was a founder member of The Eagle & Gun Regimental Association and was its Hon. Auditor until the time of his death.

**LT.-COL. A. E. MAITLAND, D.S.O., M.C.**

We much regret to announce the death of Lt.-Col. A. E. Maitland, which occurred on November 17, 1960.

Lt.-Col. Maitland was born on November 21, 1890, and was appointed to a commission in The Essex Regiment on May 7, 1910. On the outbreak of the 1914-1918 War he went to France with the 2nd Battalion (Pompadors) and with the exception of a break of a few months in 1917 he served continuously in France and Belgium throughout the War. From August, 1914, he remained with the Pompadors until the latter part of 1916, and when Lt.-Col. L. O. W. Jones took over command early in 1915, he became Adjutant and then Second-in-Command. On the first day of the



*The late Lt.-Col. A. E. Maitland, D.S.O., M.C.*

Somme offensive, July 1, 1916, the Pompadors were in the Serre sector and suffered severe casualties. The C.O., Lt.-Col. Sir George Stirling, was wounded and Maitland assumed command for a short period. In October, 1916, he served for a few months with the London Regiment but rejoined the Pompadors in April, 1917. He left again in September to become Second-in-Command of 3/10th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (T.F.) and subsequently served with the York and Lancs Regiment T.F. Battalion. February, 1918, saw his return to 2nd Essex and in May of that year he took over command from Lt.-Col. Thompson and continued in command until the end of the War. He won the Military Cross during the early fighting in France and was awarded the D.S.O. for his services in command of the Battalion. He was four times mentioned in despatches and comparatively few Regular Infantry Officers could have seen more service with fighting Units than did he.

After serving as Adjutant to the 2nd Battalion in Malta and Turkey during the years immediately following the War, Maitland was posted to the Regimental Depot, and it was during his tour there that the Garrison Chapel was dedicated as "The Essex Regiment Chapel." The Regiment owes a great debt of gratitude

to him for his efforts in furthering this project. He was again at the Depot, this time in command, from October, 1929, until early in 1933, and in February, 1935, he took over command of the 1st Battalion from Lt.-Col. Wilmer in the Saar. He remained in command until the summer of 1936, when he retired owing to ill-health.

Lt.-Col. Maitland was prominent in any cause which advanced the Regiment and its welfare, and except for the last few years, when he was prevented by ill-health, he seldom missed a Regimental function.

#### MR. C. P. BLISS

It is with great regret we report the death of Cyril Price Bliss, who died suddenly in the Peace Memorial Hospital, Watford, on Friday, November 18, 1960, after a long period of suffering bravely borne. Cyril joined the Bedfordshire Regiment at Watford on August 26, 1914, and was posted to the 6th Battalion at Aldershot. He rose to the rank of Platoon Sergeant of "D" Company. He was wounded twice during the Battle of the Somme. After another spell in France he returned to England to take up a commission in the Northamptonshire Regiment on January 29, 1918. On his discharge he joined his father in his building business, which he carried on until his death. During the 1939/45 War he held a commission in the Bushey Home Guard.

The 6th Battalion O.C.A. was formed in 1929 and Cyril was one of the first members and was a very keen member



*The late Mr. Cyril Bliss.*

of that and of the Regimental Association.

The funeral was at the Bushey Parish Church on Friday, November 25, 1960. Mr. J. Day attended, representing the Regimental Association and the 6th Battalion O.C.A., 1914/1918.

Cyril Bliss will be sadly missed by all members of the Regimental Association for his cheerful and charming manner and by his death the 6th Battalion (1914/1918) O.C.A. has lost a true and devoted friend.

#### COLONEL R. W. DALE, O.B.E., D.L.

We regret to announce the death of Col. R. W. Dale, O.B.E., D.L., which occurred on November 19, 1960.

Col. Dale was one of the earlier pioneers of the Army Cadet Force in Essex. He joined a Cadet Unit at Plaistow on the day of its formation in 1906, and apart from the First World War period, when he was on active service, has always been very closely associated with the Essex A.C.F. He eventually became County Cadet Commandant and retired in 1956. After his retirement, Col. Dale maintained a close connection with the Force which he knew and loved.

**PAKES.**—Mr. Arthur Pakes died on Monday, November 21, 1960. He served with the 1st/5th Bedfordshire Regiment at Gallipoli and at the time of his death was President of the "Yellow Devils" O.C.A. He was in the hat trade all his life and rose from office boy to managing director of his firm. Mr. Pakes was President of the South of England Hat Manufacturers' Association, a County Councillor and also a member of Luton Town Council.

The "Yellow Devils" were strongly represented at the funeral at Luton Parish Church, where many tributes were paid to his life of public service.

#### MAJOR H. W. ALDEN, M.C.

Died November 25, 1960.

Hugh Alden was born at Ferzepore, India, on April 21, 1921, and was educated at Brentwood School. He joined the Royal Fusiliers on September 20, 1939, and served with them until October, 1940, when he became a Cadet at the O.C.T.U. in the Isle of Man. He was commissioned in February, 1941, and gazetted to the Indian Army (17th Dogra Regiment). In March, 1941, he sailed for India in the S.S. "Britannia,"

but it was many months later that he finally reached his destination. On March 25 the "Britannia" was attacked and sunk in the South Atlantic by a German surface raider and Hugh was one of the survivors who spent many days in an open boat before being picked up by a Spanish merchant ship. He was eventually landed in Teneriffe, where for the next six months he was interned. He escaped from internment by joining a Naval party which commandeered a foreign freighter and sailed it to Gibraltar, whence he returned to England in a corvette. He again set out for India and in February, 1942, joined his Regiment in Jullunder and was re-united with his parents, who were serving in that station with the Royal Indian Army Service Corps.

He saw action on the Arakan and Imphal fronts as a Company Commander in 1st Bn. 17th Dogra Regiment and as a result of his gallantry during the period November 16, 1943, to May 15, 1944, he was awarded the Military Cross. His courage, determination and personal skill in the Arakan were again evident in an attack he led on the Nungshigum feature east of the Imphal Plain when on April 13, 1944, he led a bayonet attack on heavily defended Japanese positions and though severely wounded continued to command his Company until carried from the battlefield in an exhausted condition.

Just after the end of the War he was granted a Regular commission and gazetted to The Essex Regiment, joining the 1st Battalion in Southern India in 1947. He became Adjutant of the Battalion in May of that year and continued in that appointment until February, 1948, when after a short spell on the holding strength of the Depot he became Adjutant of the East Anglian Brigade Training Battalion. He served with the 1st Battalion again in 1953 in Germany and finally in January, 1958, to August, 1959, during which the amalgamation took place. In between Regimental Duty he served in various Staff appointments and the excellent work he did as D.A.A.G. (M.P.) at H.Q., Federation Army in 1956/7 did much to smooth the way for the formation of the new Malayan Army.

Though not appreciated at the time, the illness from which he died commenced in Dortmund in 1958/59. The odd and occasional headache was passed off lightly, but having returned with the



*The late Major H. W. Alden, M.C.*

Battalion to Warley he suffered a severe relapse from which he never recovered to full health. It is typical of the man, that in spite of his condition at the time, he took on the duties of a Grade 2 Staff Officer in the War Office Works Study Group during the last nine months of his life, a task which demanded considerable travelling and concentration, and which he carried out in his customary conscientious and efficient manner.

Hugh will be best remembered for his unflinching sense of humour, his undoubted ability on the hockey field and indeed in most sports, and the high esteem in which this cheerful personality was held by his brother officers and the men he commanded. It seems unjust that this young life should be cut off at a time when his Army career and his family affairs were reaping the benefits of his accomplishments, and to his widow, Audrey, we offer our most sincere sympathies and can assure her that his death will be felt in the Regiment for many, many years to come.

L.W.A.

RIDDLE.—On November 27, 1960, Mr. J. Riddle, formerly No. 1823, Sergeant, 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment. He was a member of the Old Contemptibles (1914) Association.

TRUSSLER.—We regret to record the death on November 27, 1960, of Impensioner E. C. Trussler at the age of 84. Enlisting into the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in August, 1897, Mr. Trussler was in possession of the Queen's South African War Medal. He

later transferred to the Bedfordshire Regiment, with whom he was on active service in the 1914-18 War until being invalided out.

He was admitted to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in December, 1955. A member of Watford Branch for many years, he was a popular figure at Branch and Regimental functions. The funeral service was held privately.

**DAVIDGE.**—On November 29, 1960, at Chelmsford. Mr. T. Davidge (ex-Lance-Corporal, 6004902) served with 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment during the period 1924-31.

**BAKER.**—On December 25, 1960, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Mr. Arthur Baker (ex-No. 5999334) enlisted with the King's Royal Rifle Corps in 1914 and transferred to The Essex Regiment in 1919. He remained with the Regiment until 1937. After his discharge he lived at Warley for a number of years and became an In-Pensioner at the Royal Hospital in 1959.

**BRADLEY.**—On December 27, 1960, at Warley, aged 87 years, Mr. Harry James Bradley, who served with The Essex Regiment during the early period of the 1900s. Had been ill for a number of years prior to his death.

**COLWELL.**—On December 28, 1960, Mr. Percy John Colwell, in St. Mary's Hospital, Luton. Mr. Colwell was landlord of the "Carpenters Arms," Harlington, Bedfordshire. He succeeded his father as landlord and was well-known for his droll sense of humour and for his hospitality to his customers and friends. During the 1914/1918 War he served with the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment and was awarded the Military Medal for his part in the capture of a Turkish gun.

**WHITTAMORE.**— On December 29, 1960, at his home "Lynwood," Clophill Road, Maulden, Bedfordshire, Mr. H. Whittamore. A member of an old Clophill family, Mr. Whittamore was captain of Clophill Cricket Club for many years. During the First World War he served in The Bedfordshire Regiment.

**HOLLINGSWORTH.**— On December 31, 1960, at Billericay, aged 101 years. Mr. A. E. Hollingsworth, served with "E" Company, 5th Volunteer Bn. The Essex Regiment at Walthamstow in 1879. Despite his great age he enjoyed excellent health, both physical and mental up to the time of his death.

**HUNT.**—On December 31, 1960. Mr. G. Hunt, served with 7th Bn. The Essex Regiment during the First World War. He was one of the earliest members of the Eagle and Gun Regimental Association.

**STARNS.**—In January, 1961, at Dagenham. Mr. George Starns (ex-Corporal) served with 6th Bn. The Essex Regi-



*The late Mr. George Starns, ex-6th Battalion The Essex Regiment. (Photograph taken during his service in 1914).*

ment during the 1914-1918 War at Gallipoli and in Egypt, Palestine and Syria. A popular member of the Battalion and a member of their boxing team, Mr. Starns had long been an active member of 6th (Cedars) O.C.A. He was employed for many years by British Railways.

**BURNELL.**—We are sorry to report the death, at the age of 70, of Mr. Reginald Natt Burnell, which occurred at Highlands Hospital, N.21, on January 5, 1961.

Enlisting in 1914 in The Bedfordshire Regiment he experienced the first gas attack on the Somme. He was twice wounded and in spite of the loss of sight in one eye he returned to active service in France as a Sergeant. He was demobilised in April, 1919. Although his health suffered in later years, Mr. Burnell always maintained an active interest in Regimental activities.

Cremation took place privately at Enfield on January 13, 1961.

**ROBERTS.**—On January 9, 1961, at Hertford, Mr. A. Roberts, who served with 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment in the 1914/1918 War. He was a member of the Old Contemptibles' Association. Regimental No. 1919.

**LT.-COL. J. E. C. BLAKENEY**

Lt.-Col. J. E. C. Blakeney died at Milford, Surrey, on January 17, 1961, aged 94 years. The son of Canon Blakeney, Rector of Bridlington, Col. Blakeney was born at Oxton, Cheshire, and educated at St. Peter's College, Cambridge. He was first commissioned with 4th Militia Bn. The Essex Regiment in 1886 and in 1895 was appointed to the Colonial Office as Assistant Inspector, Sierra Leone Frontier Police. The following year he was promoted



*The Late Lieut.-Colonel J. E. C. Blakeney.*

Inspector and later appointed Commissioner of the Pan Gumah District. During several years' service with the Sierra Leone Frontier Police, Col. Blakeney personally led many successful sorties against the native forces which were constantly invading British Territory. He was highly commended by H.E. The Governor of Sierra Leone for his services. In 1901 he was transferred to the newly formed West African Frontier Force and continued service with them until 1904. When, in 1908, the

Militia was abolished, Blakeney transferred to the 3rd (Special Reserve) Bn. The Essex Regiment.

On mobilisation in August, 1914, he served with the 3rd Battalion in the Harwich Garrison and took a notable part in the training of the large numbers of reinforcements required for Battalions serving overseas. On January 1, 1917, he was promoted Lieut.-Colonel and appointed to command the Battalion which was then stationed at Felixstowe. In May, 1917, Col. Blakeney was selected for special employment in France as O.C. 18 Corps Troops.

Since he left the Service in 1919 Col. Blakeney spent much of his time in travelling, he excelled at golf and continued playing until he was past 80 years of age. He finally settled at Milford where he made numerous friends among whom he spent a number of happy years. He became a much loved figure and his funeral service in Milford Church was attended by many of his friends. The Regiment was represented by Major T. R. Stead.

**DREW.**—On January 17, 1961, at Hertford, Mr. Henry George Drew, at the age of 84. Mr. Drew joined The Bedfordshire Regiment on April 26, 1893, and was posted to the 1st Battalion in India. He was transferred to the 2nd Battalion and served with that Battalion throughout the South African Campaign, for which he received the Queen's and King's Medals. He was severely wounded during the campaign and was transferred to the Army Reserve in October, 1902. On the outbreak of World War I he volunteered for service and served with the Regiment until taking his discharge in 1919. A keen member of the Regimental Association, he was a founder member of the Hertford Branch and served for a number of years on the Committee. Several members of the Branch attended the funeral.

**WILSON.**—Mr. G. Wilson, M.M., ex-C/Sergeant, 16th Foot, died in Huddersfield on January 20, 1961. Born at Trumpington, Cambridgeshire, in March, 1893, he enlisted into the Regiment in 1910 at the age of 17½. An Old Contemptible, he was awarded the Military Medal whilst a Sergeant of the 2nd Battalion. He became a trench mortar expert and transferred to the Royal Artillery in 1919 for the last three years of his service. In later

years he was crippled with arthritis and was confined to an invalid chair. This did not prevent him from making the long journey from his home on several occasions to be with his old friends at Regimental Reunions.

**PRIDDY.**—On January 25, 1961, at Colchester. Mr. A. ("Darkie") Priddy (ex-C.Q.M.S., No. 6005178) joined The Essex Regiment in 1924 and served mainly with 1st Battalion and represented the Battalion at football on many occasions. He was a Life Member of The Essex Regiment Association and a member of the Association of Sergeants.

**BRAYBROOK.**—The death occurred on February 21, 1961, at the age of 77, of Mr. F. C. Braybrook, 37, Bunyan Road, Bedford. A former Sergeant of the 3rd Militia Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment, Mr. Braybrook occupied one of the Regimental Cottages at Oakley, from May, 1954, until the death of his wife in 1959.

The funeral service was held at Bedford Crematorium on February 7.

**RAE.**—Mr. F. Rae died on February 4, 1961, at the age of 60. Mr. Rae joined The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in 1919 and will be remembered by many who served with the 2nd Battalion in India. The funeral service was held at Christ Church, Luton, on February 9, and was attended by members of Luton Branch, which Mr. Rae helped to form. We extend our sympathy to his widow and family.

**BROWN.**—The death occurred on February 8, 1961, after a long period of illness, of Mr. H. Brown, aged 59. He served in both the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 16th Foot from 1920 to 1927 and in the R.A.S.C. during the last War. He was a Committee member of Luton Branch for many years. The funeral took place on February 10 and was attended by representatives of his Branch.

**LT.-COL. SIR DEALTRY PART, O.B.E., J.P.**

We regret to announce the death of Col. Sir Dealtry Part, which occurred on February 9, 1961, at the age of 78. Born on February 28, 1882, Lt.-Col. Dealtry Charles Part was the second son of C. T. Part, Esq., of Aldenham Lodge, Hertfordshire, and his mother was a daughter of the Mackintosh of Mackintosh. He

was educated at Harrow and joined the 21st Lancers in 1902. Later he became Adjutant of the Hertfordshire Yeomanry. In the First World War he was employed in the Remount Service and awarded the O.B.E. On retirement he settled in Bedfordshire and was appointed a Justice of the Peace. He was High Sheriff of the County in 1926 and appointed a Deputy Lieutenant in 1931. From 1943-1957 he was Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County and was knighted on his retirement from the Lieutenancy.

He was Joint Master of the Hertfordshire Fox Hounds from 1931-1948 and a well-known owner of racehorses. In 1938 his horse "Morse Code" won the Cheltenham Gold Cup. In 1909 he married Edith Mary, daughter of W. Christie-Miller, Esq.; she died in 1957 and in 1958 he married Mrs. Avice Long, daughter of C. J. Berry, Esq.

A great friend of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, in whose activities he took a keen interest, he will be much missed both in the county and regimental circles.

The funeral service was held at the Parish Church of Aldenham, Hertfordshire, when Her Majesty The Queen was represented by Major Simon Whitbread, Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Bedfordshire. Col. The Right Hon. Lord Luke represented the Colonel of the Regiment and the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.). A Memorial Service was held in St. Paul's Church, Bedford, on Thursday, February 23, and it was attended by many of the leading persons of Bedfordshire. Col. The Right Hon. Lord Luke represented the Colonel of the Regiment and General Sir Henry Jackson. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment was represented by the Regimental Secretary, the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) by Lt.-Col. D. Milman, M.C., and The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association by Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Sgt. R. Weston, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).

**WATKINS.**—At Hertford on February 14, 1961. Mr. Harry Watkins, at the age of 61. Mr. Watkins joined The Hertfordshire Regiment in 1914 at the age of 14. He was later transferred to the Machine Gun Corps and proceeded to France with them and served with them throughout the First World War until his discharge in 1919.

On the reorganisation of the Territorial Army he enlisted in The Hertfordshire Regiment and was still serving with them until the outbreak of World War II. He was transferred to the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and served with them until his final discharge in 1946.

A keen member of the O.C.A., he was much esteemed by his fellow Old Comrades. He served on the Committee of the Hertford Branch for the past four years. Members of the Hertford Branch and many of his Old Comrades attended his funeral.

**KIRBY.**—On February 19, 1961, at Hutton, Essex. Mr. F. R. Kirby (ex-No. 6009042) served with 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment and later with R.W.A.F.F. during the period 1930-1945. He was a Life Member of The Essex Regiment Association and had been employed by the Essex County Council for a number of years prior to his death.

**KEEBLE.**—On February 20, 1961, at Felixstowe. Mr. Arthur William Keeble (ex-No. 9086) served with The Essex Regiment during the First World War and was severely wounded in 1917.

**GODDARD.**—Mr. Ernest Goddard died in Luton on Monday, February 20, 1961, at the age of 73. The funeral took place on February 24 and was attended by the Secretary of the Regimental Association, Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E. "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded at the graveside by Sgt. Weston.

A Regular soldier for over 20 years, Mr. Goddard served with the 16th Foot in France during the First World War. The accompanying photograph shows him as so many of his friends in the Regiment will remember him, as Drum-Major of the 1st Battalion. He left the Army in 1926 and became a postman serving the whole of his time at the Luton Post Office until he retired 13 years ago. After leaving the Service, Mr. Goddard gave valuable assistance in the formation and training of both A.C.F. and A.T.C. Corps of Drums in Luton.

Mr. and Mrs. Goddard occupied the Regimental Cottage at Cheshunt in 1955, but had to relinquish their tenancy two years later owing to ill-health. Mrs. Goddard's death was



*The late Drum-Major E. Goddard.*

reported in the June, 1959, edition of "The Regimental Journal." We extend our sincere sympathy to his six daughters.

**TIBBLES.**—At Hastings on February 24, 1961, Mr. Percy Adolphus Tibbles, ex-Lance-Corporal, No. 5495, at the age of 83. Mr. Tibbles enlisted in The Bedfordshire Regiment at Watford in 1895, and took his discharge in 1907. He served in India and South Africa and held both the Queen's and the King's South African War Medals. He rejoined the Army on August 8, 1914, on the outbreak of World War I and served until January 1, 1918, when he was found medically unfit for further service. "Percy," as he was known to his comrades, will be remembered by those who served with him as a good and loyal comrade, a good sportsman and an excellent shot.

The funeral service was attended by Mr. H. J. Snashall, who represented the Regimental Association.

**GOLDING.**—On March 3, 1961, Mr. H. Golding (ex-Sergeant) died as a result of a fall. He served with "C" Company, 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment during the last War and since that time has been a regular and active member of 4th Battalion Comrades' Association.

**WILLIS.**—On March 7, 1961, at Saffron Walden, aged 64 years. Mr. Harry Willis, joined The Hertfordshire Regiment in 1915 and later transferred to 3rd Bedfordshire Regiment. He was taken prisoner at Ypres in 1917. Mr. Willis was a bachelor and a member of the Saffron Walden Branch of The Essex Regiment Association.

**DOWNHAM.**—On March 8, 1961, at Saffron Walden, aged 71 years. Mr. Sidney Downham, joined The Essex Regiment in 1915 and took part in the second Gallipoli landing. He was wounded at the Somme in 1916 and was invalided out of the Army in April, 1919.

**DUKE.**—On March 19, 1961, at Lee, North Devon, aged 80 years, Capt. William Alexander Charles Duke—was commissioned in The Essex Regiment in 1902 and after serving with the Garrison at Nova Scotia he was with The Pompadours in Malta. During the First World War Capt. Duke was posted to The Bedfordshire Regiment and was invalided out of the Army in 1918.

**MAJOR L. I. BARFORD, T.D.**

We regret to announce the death of Major Lance Barford, which occurred suddenly on February 3, 1961. Brother of Claude Barford, who died on January 23, 1960 (reported in the June Number, 1960), Lance Barford was the son of the late Ald. G. H. Barford, who created a record by being six times Mayor of Bedford. Major Barford was educated at Bedford School and Leeds University, where he took a degree in Colour Chemistry. His death occurred while he was addressing a meeting of the Society of Dyers and Colourists in London.

He served for many years with the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), in which he was appointed to a commission on June 30, 1926. In November of that year he carried the Regimental Colour when the 5th Battalion provided a Guard of Honour for the Prince of Wales, when His Royal Highness visited Luton to present new Colours to the 2nd Bn. The 16th Foot. In September, 1939, he joined the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and served with that Battalion until he was posted to H.Q., Northern Command, in March, 1941, for Traffic Control Duties. After the War he returned to Luton to rejoin his brother in the family business of



*The late Major L. I. Barford, T.D.*

dyers and colourists. He was a member of the Luton Rotary Club.

He always maintained a very keen interest in all regimental activities and was Chairman of the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (1939-45) O.C.A. and also Chairman of the Luton Branch of the Regimental Association. Always a hard worker, his chairmanship was no mere figurehead, his enthusiasm and leadership meant much to the 6th Battalion O.C.A. and the Luton Branch. His friendly disposition and his great loyalty to the Regiment which he loved endeared him to all and he will be much missed.

The funeral took place at St. Andrew's Church, Bedford, on February 8. The Colonel of the Regiment and the Regimental Association were represented by Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E. Lt.-Col. D. Milman, M.C., C.O. 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.), represented Col. The Right Hon. Lord Luke, other members of the Battalion who attended were Majors W. J. Darville, G. H. Hickinbotham, Capt. S. A. Green and R.S.M. V. Herd. Mr. A. Pinney represented the Luton Branch and Mr. F. J. Sugars the 6th Battalion (1939-45) O.C.A.

**RUMP.**—On February 15, 1961, at 36, Western Street, Bedford, Mr. Alfred Edwin Rump, at the age of 70. During the First World War he served with





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The Royal Engineers in the Middle East and the Dardanelles Campaign. After the war he joined the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and served with that Battalion for many years.

#### MAJOR W. W. WAGSTAFF

It is with sincere regret we announce the death of Major W. W. Wagstaff which took place in Surbiton Hospital on February 23, 1961.

Born at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, on June 23, 1888, Major Wagstaff was educated at Berkhamsted School and was appointed to a commission in The Bedfordshire Regiment on October 14, 1908. He joined the 1st Battalion at Colchester. Soon afterwards he qualified with distinction at The Army School of Signals and was appointed Battalion Signal Officer. He went out to France with the Battalion in August 1914 and his excellent knowledge of French proved to be a great asset. While his platoon was withdrawing during the Battle of Le Cateau on August 26, 1914, Major Wagstaff, who was the last to leave the trench, was wounded in the thigh and was only able to crawl. He refused all help as he was anxious that his men should get safely away, and sent a message by a non-commissioned officer to say that he was all-right and would make his own way back. In spite of attempts to locate him, he was not picked up, as he had crawled, not in the direction of Paris, as he supposed, but in the direction of Berlin, and was captured. He spent the rest of the war as a prisoner in various camps in Germany and eventually was transferred to Holland and repatriated with the first batch at the end of the war. He had been promoted Captain on December 15, 1914. He rejoined the 1st Battalion but after a short period left to take up a Staff appointment at The War Office. He then held various appointments until 1924 when he passed into The Staff College, Camberley. He was promoted Major on July 14, 1926. After a brief tour of regimental duty, on passing out the Staff College, he was appointed D.A.Q.M.G. Shanghai Defence Force in January 1927, G.S.O., W.T. Northern Command, York, January 1929.

In 1933, after twenty-four and a half years' service, he retired. Since his retirement he held the following appointments—with The Scottish Provident Life Assurance Co. 1933-1940; Deputy Divisional Food Officer, London 1940-



*The late Major W. W. Wagstaff.*

1945; Languages Master at Preparatory Schools, Wallington and Surbiton, from 1946 until five days before his death.

After his retirement he continued to take a great interest in The Regiment which he had served so well.

The funeral service was held at The Putney Vale Crematorium on February 28 and Major D. T. Tewkesbury represented The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association.

#### COL. RICHARD PAGE CROFT

We regret to announce the death of Col. Richard Page Croft which occurred on February 28, 1961, at the age of 88. He was the eldest son of the late Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Richard Benyon Croft of Ware. His brother was the first Lord Croft, Under Secretary of State for War from 1940 to 1945. Col. Page Croft was educated at Eton and Trinity Hall. At Cambridge he was a notable oarsman, winning the Varsity Sculls and twice rowing his college boat to the head of the river.

In the South African War he served with 4th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment which in the early part of the First World War he commanded. During the Second World War he served with The Hertfordshire Home Guard.

The funeral service took place at St. Mary's Church, Ware, on March 3. The Regimental Secretary represented the Colonel of The Regiment.

**JOHNSON.**—On March 26, 1961, at his home, 37, Queen Street, Bedford, Band Sergeant Edward Herbert Johnson, B.E.M. Born in Bedford and educated at Harper Central School, Sgt. Johnson joined the Army as a boy and was trained as a musician at Kneller Hall. On completion of his training he joined the Band of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. He served for twelve years up to 1936, four of which he spent in India and four in the Middle East. He re-enlisted on the outbreak of the 1939-45 War and served with The Royal Artillery until he was wounded when he re-joined The 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. After his release after the war Sgt. Johnson joined the 5th Battalion and in Her Majesty's Birthday Honours for 1959 he was awarded The British Empire Medal for his services. Sgt. Johnson served The Regiment well and will be much missed by his comrades in the 5th Battalion. The funeral service was held at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, on March 30. The Band of the 5th Battalion and many officers and other ranks attended the Service.

**WORSLEY.**—On March 28, 1961, at 280, Bedford Road, Kempston, Mr. Herbert Percival Robert Worsley, who served with The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in India. Since leaving the Army Mr. Worsley was employed by the Eastern Gas Board.

**PRESLAND.**—On March 28, 1961, at Bowers Green, Mr. E. F. Presland (ex-No. 3149), served with 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment in World War I.

**ROFFE.**—On April 6, 1961, at West Kensington, Mr. S. Roffe—served with The Pompadours from 1922-23. He was a Life Member of The Essex Regiment Association.

**RAVEN.**—On April 11, 1961, at Goodmayes Hospital, aged 89 years. Mr. Edward James Raven (formerly E. J. Cox) enlisted as a Bandboy in The

Pompadours in 1887 and served with them in India, Burma and throughout the South African War. He also served in the 1914-18 War with the R.F.A. until invalided out in 1917. After his service he was employed by the Gas Light and Coke Company in Brentwood, where he lived for many years.

**POWELL.**—On April 14, 1961, at his home, 149, Carlton Road, Lowestoft, Mr. Stanley George ("Midge") Powell, who served with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) during the 1914-1918 War. Mr. Powell was born at Ware, where his brother still lives. He was well-known as an entertainer and did much for charities. He was a Life Vice-President of the Ware Branch of The Hertfordshire Regiment Old Comrades' Association.

**MANTON.**—On April 16, 1961, at The Stores, Pavenham, Bedfordshire, Mr. John McLellan Manton, at the age of 63. Mr. Manton served in The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914-1918 War. He was taken prisoner-of-war at the Somme. During the 1939-45 War he served in the Home Guard. His son, Lt. P. J. Manton, M.C., was killed in action in France in 1944. From 1923-1953 Mr. Manton was village postmaster of Pavenham and for many years he was Clerk to the Parish Council.

**HYDE.**—On April 18, 1961, Mr. C. Hyde, aged 80 years. Mr. Hyde joined The Bedfordshire Regiment on January 10, 1898, his Regimental Number being 6185. He went on to the Reserve on September 2, 1903, and was finally discharged on January 9, 1910. He served in the South African War and was awarded both the Queen's and the King's South African Medals. During the 1914/1918 War he served with the Royal Engineers. He was a founder member of the St. Albans Branch and a keen supporter of all Branch activities. Mr. Windmill represented the Branch at the funeral.

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