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*The late Brigadier G. H. Wilmer, D.S.O., M.C.*

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## Our Frontispiece

BRIGADIER G. H. WILMER,

D.S.O., M.C.

We very much regret to record the death of Brigadier Wilmer, late Colonel of The Essex Regiment (14/12/46 to 14/4/50).

In the latter years of a full and active life, "Sammy," as he was affectionately known throughout The Regiment was an uncomplaining sufferer from arthritis. Shortly before he retired as Colonel of The Regiment, he had undergone a major operation in an endeavour to remain sufficiently active to continue a normal life, and, to a great extent, he appeared to have achieved this object. It was therefore a great shock to his many friends to hear of his death, on September 18, 1961.

All who served with Sammy will remember him as an outstanding example of the best type of Regimental Officer. Though he did not go to the Staff College, he held a number of staff appointments during his service, both in war and peace, but his heart was always with The Regiment. He was a fine games player notably in the fields of hockey and tennis, and in his youth he frequently played hockey for the Army. After his retirement, his interest turned to small boat sailing at his home in Tenby, and in spite of his disability, he became sufficiently well-known as an expert, for the B.B.C. to ask him to talk on this type of sailing in one of their programmes this year. Sammy never allowed his love of games and sport to interfere with his work as a soldier, and as an instructor in tactics and other military subjects, he was first class. One of his staff appointments was that of Instructor at the Senior Officers' School, India (1927-1930), where he could not have been more suitably employed, and he made a great reputation.

He joined the Regiment from the Militia, as a Second-Lieutenant, in 1902, and was appointed Adjutant in 1909. He was promoted Captain in 1913. At the outbreak of the Great War he was Adjutant of the 3rd (S.R.) Battalion which, on mobilisation, was included in the Harwich Garrison, and commenced its long career as the main training unit for The Regiment. The sound foundations then laid by Sammy were of infinite value throughout the war. In September, 1915, he was posted to the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force as a D.A.A.G., and was subsequently employed as D.A.A. & Q.M.G. and Brigade Major until July,



1917, when he assumed command of the 7th Battalion, in Palestine. After a most distinguished period of command, at the end of hostilities he commanded 17th Bn. The King's (Liverpool) Regiment for a short time and then went to North Russia as D.A.A.G.

For his war services he was awarded the M.C., the D.S.O., and two Russian decorations, with three Mentions in Despatches and the brevet of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Peace service in the Mediterranean area and India followed, until he returned to the 1st Battalion in the U.K. in 1930. He commanded this Battalion from 1931 to 1935.

The Battalion were in Pembroke Dock when he took command, and he was soon to show his value as teacher and trainer. The nearest training areas were at Penally, some 10 miles away, but every available field, ditch and hedgerow in the Pembroke area was utilised. All subalterns were required to organise a T.E.W.T., and weekly lectures were held. "Tactics," a subject which had always been regarded as boring, became, under Sammy's guiding hand, a live education. Some of his ideas were of a disturbing nature, "boned boots," "whitewash," "polished bins" and the like, were no longer considered to be practical measures, and cleanliness, and not camouflage, was the order of the day. The Battalion continued to thrive. Sammy Wilmer was still a very fit man, playing tennis and golf, and it must have been almost unique to have the Commanding Officer as a member of the Battalion hockey XI. It was so like him to refuse the captaincy of the team, this was left to a subaltern. Towards the end of his period in command he began to suffer from the arthritis which was to cripple him in later years.

In 1935 he took command of 161 Infantry Brigade (T.A.), and again his impact on the Battalions was considerable. His infectious enthusiasm for training and his personal interest in all that was being done, made him a most welcome visitor to Battalion events. Officer training was of great interest to him, and his patience and understanding were proverbial. Few could match up to him in the power of leadership and as a trainer and instructor. In September, 1939, the threat of another war brought recall in a Brigadier's appointment, and, in due course, service on the L. of C. in France, and subsequently in the U.K. Gradually, however, rheumatic trouble was building up, and this brought active service to an end.

He was appointed Colonel of The Regiment in December, 1946, and was at once faced with numerous reorganisation problems. It fell to him to preside over the amalgamation of the 1st and 2nd Battalions on November 3, 1948, and this was a bitter blow indeed to one whose life centred on The Regiment. It was at this period that he accepted, on behalf of The Regiment, the Freedoms of the Boroughs of Ilford and Romford.

Early in 1950, at his own request, he resigned the appointment of Colonel of The Regiment, as he considered that he was no longer physically fit enough to carry out the duties required.

Sammy will long be remembered by all those privileged to serve with him, and The Regiment has lost one of its most inspiring leaders.

We all join in offering our most sincere condolence to the members of his family.

### THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

The following message was sent by the Colonel of The Regiment and the Associate Colonel on the occasion of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, on August 4.

*Private Secretary to*

*Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth,*

*The Queen Mother,*

*Clarence House, London, S.W.1.*

*On behalf of All Ranks of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) we send to our Colonel-in-Chief our respectful good wishes on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday.—*

*DENNING, Colonel,*

*PATON, Associate Colonel.*

The following gracious reply was received:

*The Colonel,*

*The 3rd East Anglian Regiment*

*(16th/44th Foot),*

*Warley Barracks, Brentwood, Essex.*

*I send my very sincere thanks to All Ranks of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) for their kind message of loyal greetings on my birthday which I have received with great pleasure.*

*ELIZABETH R.,*

*Colonel-in-Chief.*

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### 1ST BATTALION

Information has been received that the 1st Battalion are due to arrive in the United Kingdom, by sea, mid-February. The present arrangements are that they will be stationed at Horseshoe Barracks, Shoeburyness, with one rifle company at Laindon. Their stay there will be for some four or five months, when they will move to Northern Ireland for a normal tour.

### REGIMENTAL DAY

On the occasion of Blenheim Day, August 13, 1961, the following message was received by the 1st Battalion and R.H.Q. from the East Anglian Brigade Depot:

"Best wishes for Blenheim Day from Brigade Colonel and all members, Brigade Depot."

### TOBRUK—1941

In September a letter was received from Major-General C. E. N. Lomax, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., and the following are extracts:

"A party of the Rats of Tobruk Association of Australia made a Pilgrimage to Tobruk in April and afterwards came to the U.K. They were members of the 9th Australian Division who bore the brunt of the siege, and who were relieved in September, 1941, by the 70th Division.

They were entertained during their visit to the U.K. by Officers of the Royal Navy and the Polish Carpathian Brigade, who served in the defence and maintenance of the Fortress between April and December, 1941.

The Association is shortly opening a new Tobruk House in Melbourne and, on their behalf, I have undertaken to ask Corps and Regiments of the Tobruk Garrison if they would present shields bearing their badges. I hope that you will agree to do so, for, as you know, the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and the 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment both served in the defence of the Fortress."

General Lomax's request was sent to the two Regimental Associations, who both agreed to present Regimental Shields, which has been done.

### GARRISON CHURCH, BERLIN.

The following letter was received from Major-General R. Delacombe, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C., Berlin (British Sector):

"Whatever changes the long term future may bring, St. George's Church, which is at present the Garrison Church, will remain the Church of the British Community in Berlin.

This would appear to be the obvious place in which to establish some permanent record of those who have served here since the end of the war, and I suggest it should take the form of Regimental/Corps Shields."

In view of General Delacombe's letter, The Essex Regiment Association have sent a Regimental Shield to commemorate the service of the 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment in Berlin in 1945.

H.T. "NEVASA"

When returning from Malaya last February, with Lady Denning, in the H.T. *Nevasa*, The Colonel of The Regiment noticed that the plaque with the Regimental Badge, held by the ship, was in very poor condition, and, on arrival in England, he gave instructions for a new Regimental Plaque to be sent to the Master of the *Nevasa*. This was done and the following is an extract from a letter received from Commodore R. H. A. Bond, O.B.E., Master of H.T. *Nevasa*:

B.I. *Nevasa*,

Tobruk.

July 7, 1961.

Dear Sir Reginald,

Thank you very much indeed for the plaque, I found awaiting me on my return from leave. It is now in position on the panel surrounding the portrait of Her Majesty, and will be there to greet the Regiment when they embark in January or February. It is a great improvement on the earlier badge and I am delighted to have it.

I trust that nothing will occur to alter our future programme, though there is hardly a corner of the world that is not emanating ominous noises! I look forward to seeing you when you come to meet The Regiment, and hope you will be able to bring Lady Denning with you."

## THE

## REGIMENTAL CALENDAR

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| January 22 | Metropolitan Branch, The Essex Regiment Association, Annual General Meeting, T.A. Centre, Whipps Cross, London, E.17, 8.30 p.m.   |
| March 24   | 6th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) "Cedars" O.C.A. The Essex Regiment Association. Reunion Dinner, T.A. Centre, East Ham. For tickets and full details apply to Mr. G. W. Leaford, 75, St. Saviour's Road, West Croydon, Surrey. |
| April 28   | 6th. Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (1914/1918) O.C.A. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, Annual Reunion Dinner. For full  |

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- May 4 The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Dinner Club, Annual Dinner, United Service Club, Pall Mall, S.W.1.
- May 12-May 26 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.). Annual Camp.
- June 16-June 30 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). Annual Camp.

## Regimental Diary 1962

A Regimental Diary has been produced by The Regimental Association, in co-operation with the Army Sport Control Board, on the lines of that produced by The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association for some years past now.

The diary has the Regimental Crest on the outside, and inside there are eight pages of information about The Regiment and the Regimental Associations. In addition there are other pages containing general information, which includes dates of some principal sports fixtures, 1962, and a map of the Underground Railways of London. The day-by-day pages contain notes of the principal engagements fought by the British Army in the past and during the two World Wars.

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## Regimental March

We are asked from time to time whether it is possible to obtain a gramophone record of The Regimental March, "Mandolinata." We have been informed by the Bandmaster of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), that there is a long-playing record, "Regimental Marches of the British Army," Columbia L.P. No. 33 SX 1104, which includes "Mandolinata." The record was made in 1958 by the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, so it is referred to as the March of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

## Editorial

The Editorial Staff wish all readers of The Journal a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Hertfordshire

THE HON. DAVID BOWES LYON, K.C.V.O.

We much regret to report the death of the Hon. David Bowes Lyon, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, which occurred on September 13, while he was staying with his sister, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, at Birkhall, Aberdeenshire.

Sir David Bowes Lyon, who was 59, was the sixth son of the 14th Earl of Strathmore. Educated at Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford, he served as a Lieutenant in The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) in 1939. During 1940-41 he was with the Ministry of Economic Warfare and he was head of the Political Warfare Mission in Washington 1942-1944. He was appointed a Knight Commander of The Royal Victorian Order in 1959 and in 1957 he was awarded the Order of Leopold of Belgium.

Sir David's home was at St. Paul's Waldenbury, Hertfordshire. He was appointed a Justice of Peace in the County in 1939, Deputy Lieutenant in 1946, High Sheriff in 1950 and Lord Lieutenant in 1952. He was Managing Director of Lazard Brothers, and a director of several other companies.

His great interest was horticulture and the gardens at St. Paul's Waldenbury, bear witness to his knowledge and keenness. He was President of the Royal Horticultural Society and was awarded the Victoria Medal of Honour in 1953, when he was also appointed Chairman of the Gardens Committee of the National Trust.

The funeral was private but wreaths were sent on behalf of The Regiment, the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.).

Memorial Services were held at St. Alban's Abbey and at St. James's Church, Piccadilly. At the former The Regiment was represented by Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, Commanding 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) and at the service at St. James's, The Regiment was represented by Lt.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., Colonel of the Regiment.

A letter of sympathy on behalf of the Regiment was sent by General Denning to Lady Bowes Lyon who wrote later to thank the Colonel of the Regiment for his expression of sympathy and also for the wreaths sent by The Regiment.

The Colonel of the Regiment also wrote to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, expressing the sympathy of the Regiment at the death of Her Majesty's brother. Her Majesty's Equerry later wrote to the Colonel of the Regiment to inform him that Her Majesty, The Colonel-in-Chief, was deeply touched by the sympathy expressed.

## The U.S.S. "Essex"

Before the amalgamation of the Regiments, The Essex Regiment had maintained a liaison with the U.S.S. "Essex" and had sent the ship copies of their Regimental Journal and also a Regimental Christmas card each year. It was decided to continue this liaison and copies of *The Wasp* and *The Eagle* have been sent to the ship and also a Christmas card.

As, however, no news of the U.S.S. "Essex" had been received for some time, the U.S.S. Embassy was contacted and we were very pleased to receive news that the ship was still in commission and an address has now been received to which copies of the Journal, etc., can be sent.

This coincided with the news in the daily Press that the ship was to pay a visit to Southampton and in order to further the liaison the following messages were sent:—

To:—Officer Commanding, U.S.S. "Essex," Southampton Docks.

"Greetings and good wishes from Colonel of the Regiment and all Ranks Third East Anglian Regiment, Regimental Headquarters, Warley."

To:—Officer Commanding, U.S.S. "Essex"  
"Greetings and best wishes from Brigadier Paton and all members The Essex Regiment Association."

The following replies have been received from the C.O. of U.S.S. "Essex":—

To:—Regimental Headquarters, 3rd East Anglian Regiment.

"All hands of 'Essex' acknowledge your kind greetings and in reply wish to extend best wishes to the Colonel and all Ranks of one of Her Majesty's great Regiments."

To:—The Essex Regiment Association, Warley Barracks.

"To Brigadier Paton and all members of The Essex Regiment Association your kind greetings sincerely appreciated by all hands of the United States Ship which proudly shares the name of Essex with one of Her Majesty's great Regiments."

## Recruiting

The previous article on this subject, completed in mid-May and published in the last edition of The Journal, reported that from the beginning of the year an average of 13 men were joining the Regiment. This trend continued until the end of July, and reflected to some extent on Army recruiting as a whole. August and September, however, were bumper months, by comparison, with 22 and 18 men and juniors respectively. Happily, these numbers appear to be continuing into October, and the recruiting staff are going flat out to see



[Photograph by Major P. L. Purdy

Our Regimental kiosk at The Kempston Show, Bedfordshire, August 19, 1961.

that these figures go higher still, which they must, if the November, 1962, theoretical deficiency is to be abolished.

The Regimental Recruiting Team has been working against the background of a large national TV campaign, which has been of tremendous help. The task is to find the young man who wishes to join the Regiment in particular. To this end, the number of Special Recruiters has been increased since July, so that we have representatives in Bedford, Luton, St. Albans, Watford, Forest Gate and Romford, working from the Army Information Offices. These are the "front line" men of our campaign, and their efforts should not be judged solely by the numbers who are attested; many of those who wish to join find that they lack qualification, either in education, fitness or character, once having expressed a wish to join The Regiment.

Publicity of a favourable kind is an inevitable requirement to support the "Specials." Seventeen summer shows and carnivals were visited during the period late May to early September, entailing 26 days in the field at week-ends. The public were very interested in our display, which included the latest weapons and pictures of the 1st Battalion in Malaya. Many Old Comrades made themselves known to us, and were able to bring themselves up to date on how the "young-uns" fare today. Information booklets have been dispensed by the score, the latest one being the Brigade Depot Brochure, which helps the potential recruit to appreciate at an early stage the aspects of life at Bury St. Edmunds both on and off duty.

The Army Cadet Forces of Essex and Bedfordshire have been visited in camp. During the winter, visits are paid to detachments.

Films about the Army in local cinemas have always provided an opening and are continuing to do so. The "Guns of Navarone" is going the rounds at present, and with the co-operation of the cinema managers, we are putting on up-to-date displays in foyers, attended by a member of the team. These displays are remarkably arresting, not only in their contemporary appearance, but in the dioramas with moving parts, which they contain.

There is one project at the moment in which any car-owning member or ex-member of The Regiment may wish to participate. We have a well-designed and tasteful car label in three colours, publicising The Regiment, of which 150 have been distributed already. Please write to The Regimental Recruiting Officer at Regimental Headquarters for one. Apart from publicising The Regiment, we have found that labelled cars have been the cause of the owner meeting an ex-member of The Regiment who would have otherwise passed unknown. In one particular case it was a policeman!

By the time this article has been published, cinemas will be showing a slide advertising The Regiment. We share an advertisement with The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment on the front of the Hertford F.C. weekly programme. These are just few of our activities, all of which are controlled from Regimental Headquarters, where a full-scale "ops." map is maintained to guide the campaign.

Once more may we appeal to our readers to contact us if they think that they can help in any way, small or large. Anything may help, because no one knows the golden answer to recruiting, accepting conditions as they are at present. The conclusion is that while we have a fair chance of getting our recruits, it is not an unobtainable number, and conditions are brighter than they would sometimes appear to be in the National Press.

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 HISTORY

The History of the 16th Foot, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, written by Major-General Sir F. Maurice, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.LITT., published in 1931 and reprinted in 1936, is now out of print.

Regimental Headquarters is often asked for a copy and will be very grateful to receive any copies which members no longer require. Please send them to the Regimental Secretary.

## The Bedfordshire Militia Light Infantry

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We are indebted to the courtesy of The Editor of *The Bedfordshire Times* for permission to reproduce the following extracts which appeared in "The Bedfordian's Diary," of the February 24, 1961, issue of the paper).

"LOST, a Fawn-Coloured Scotch Terrier Dog, answers to the name of 'Pincher'; he is supposed to have followed some of the Bedfordshire Militia to Bedford on February 11.

"Whoever will bring the same to the Crier, at Bedford, or to Mr. Edward Clarke, Wootton, will receive a reward of £1."

"Pincher" must have been a dog of spirit, if of doubtful ancestry (for I have never before heard of a fawn "Scottie"). As a fighter himself, the sight of the red coats and the tuck of the drum probably set his canine heart beating proudly, and so he followed the gallant Militiamen to Bedford where there were great doings to celebrate the return of a Regiment which had been embodied from 1857 (on the departure of most of the Regular troops to take part in the quelling of the Indian Mutiny) to 1861—a period of three years and four months, during which they had won the high opinion of several General Officers for their steadiness and good conduct.

They were disembodied on February 14, 1861, and previous to this were given a public dinner at Bedford Corn Exchange. I hope "Pincher" got his bone.

### SALVO AT EATON BRAY

It is pleasant to read about the rural festivities in honour of the "Bedfordshire Light Infantry"—their full-dress title. At Eaton Bray, some forty of the returned Militiamen, so I am told, "went through several movements of company drill and fired ten rounds of ammunition, all of which afforded much gratification to the numerous spectators (they must have been easily amused) and elicited the highest encomiums from the inspecting officer . . ."

On leaving the ground the little corps, preceded by the fifes and drums, marched to headquarters at the inn kept by Volunteer Quartermaster N. Thorne and partook of a bountiful repast of good old English fare.

Altogether the warriors spent a joyous day; and who shall deny them, considering that they had soldiered, providently without bloodshed, since the day they left Bedford, with not a man absent and not one drunk, at Aldershot, Dover Castle, Weymouth, Dorchester, Portland, Southampton and Portsmouth.

Before disembodiment the Regiment received Queen Victoria's gracious approbation of the services of its officers and men. On its past

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record, since 1760, I am one of those who consider it was a thousand pities such a tough second line was ever done away with.

### "The Infantryman"

For the last couple of years "The Infantryman" has been in the fortunate position of having plenty of copy to choose from. The supply is now drying up, and there is not much left in the cupboard for future numbers.

The Infantry Directorate are quite prepared to publish all points of view in "The Infantryman," provided they are not a "belly-ache," and provided that the articles do not make statements which are not true. The commonest reason for rejecting an article is that it starts by saying that something is War Office policy (and then criticising it) whereas it is not War Office policy.

If "The Infantryman" is to be of value, it must contain interesting material. We know that there are many good writers with strong views amongst infantrymen, and the Infantry Directorate would welcome provocative, stimulating articles.

### THE ROYAL SOLDIERS' DAUGHTERS' SCHOOL, HAMPSTEAD.

The following letter from Major-General C. J. G. Dalton, C.B., C.B.E., Chairman of The Royal Soldiers Daughters' School, is re-published at his request.

The School, which was founded in 1855, is for the Maintenance, Clothing and Education of the Daughters of Soldiers whether orphans or not. Further details can be obtained from The Secretary, The Royal Soldiers Daughters' School, 65, Rosslyn Hill, London, N.W.3.

Dear Editor,

In sending you your copy of the Annual Report of the Royal Soldiers Daughters' School for 1960 may I draw your attention to a recent development which has made our School financially more attractive to the serving soldier.

Army parents with daughters at the School can now draw Service Education Allowance at boarding school rates. This amounts at present to £150 per annum for one child (rising to £186 for the third child) and the allowance is free of Income Tax to soldiers serving overseas. By setting these sums off against the school fees—for service parents these are at present £62 per term—it will be seen that continuity of education can be obtained at very low cost. Children of ex-soldiers are charged special rates.

The girls, of whom the School can take up to 100, attend as day pupils the Hampstead Parochial School (5-11 years) or Haverstock Secondary School (over 11 years).

Yours sincerely,  
**MAJOR-GENERAL C. J. G. DALTON,**  
*Chairman,*  
*Royal Soldiers Daughters' School.*

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The following ex-members of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment have obtained employment through the National Association since the publication of the June number:

The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment:—Mr. D. Gregg (ex-No. 4206704), Clerk—London; Mr. M. Keates (ex-No. 5947886), Porter—London; Mr. J. L. Sullivan (ex-No. 19145092), Postman—London.

The Essex Regiment:—Mr. A. E. Sith (ex-No. 14771420), Film Cutter—Chelmsford; Mr. L. A. Williams (ex-No. 14441648), Customs Watcher—Edinburgh; Mr. S. C. Fowkes (ex-No. 14445497), Postman—London; Mr. T. P. Maher (ex-No. 22447965), Technician G.P.O.—Chelmsford; Mr. B. A. Wood (ex-No. 23595079), Technician G.P.O.—Bow, London, E.3; Mr. J. R. N. Marlow (ex-No. 6030908), Driver—Chelmsford; Mr. A. B. Hum (ex-No. 23138057), Technician G.P.O.—Bow, London, E.3.

## Army Benevolent Fund

### FIRST RESPONSE HEARTENING

The news is beginning to come in from the first results of the Army Benevolent Fund's re-organisation to increase support for benevolent work in the Army.

From Cyprus has come a cheque for £4,000, which is the result of the first centralised drive organised with the Fund. The drive, throughout the Near East Land Forces, lasted two months, and has been established on solid and continuing foundations.

B.A.O.R. have continued the work they launched at the beginning of the year. Already more than £1,700 has been raised, as a first phase. Quite the best result has come from a group of 25 men of the Royal Engineers, who make up a Movement Control Unit in Bielefeld. They have raised over £500 during the last four months, the highest return per head of any unit in the Army. Their cheque is going to their Regimental Benevolent Fund, and they say it will be the first of many.

It is interesting to see how a unit, 25 strong, achieves such remarkable success. To begin with, a committee composed of all ranks was formed, which decided that the yearly target should be around £17, and that no direct contributions would be asked for. Then they organised a series of sweepstakes. First, one small detachment ran a football competition combined with a sweepstake. Together, with subsequent raffles, this detachment alone brought in £16.

A Grand National sweepstake was then organised, and despite its being launched rather late, that raised £17, and set in action their most successful venture—a Derby sweepstake. For this they sold no less than 6,956 tickets at 1/8—realising a profit of over £480, after giving away nearly £100 in prizes. The result of these activities was that before six months had elapsed, this small unit had collected more than 30 times its original target.

Meanwhile, the flow of money from elsewhere in B.A.O.R. has begun: sometimes from unusual sources. A petrol reserve depot in Belgium recently closed down its unit farm, and the £50 realised was sent to the Fund; a collection last month by the staff and patients of a military hospital raised £17; a raffle in Osnabruck, £134, and the welfare shop in Hanover, £50.

There has been news of contributions coming into the Fund from all over the United Kingdom. Nearly £1,000 has been raised in five months in Northern Ireland. The Wessex District's three-day Military Display, held at Taunton, took over £700 from collection boxes and the sale of programmes alone, while Southern Command's Army Sunday collections brought in £250. Western Command, with a number of activities, including a Garrison Fete at Lichfield, collections made during the 7th Worcester's annual camp, and Army Sunday collections in Garrison churches throughout the Command, have raised over £550. Eastern Command also made Army Sunday collections for the Fund which brought in £103.

The Army Benevolent Fund's headquarters in London report getting £1 recently, forwarded to them by a cliff rescue team in Lulworth, Dorset. It was gratefully given to them by a man they rescued when he found himself in difficulties on the cliffs there.

There was an encouraging response to the nation-wide B.B.C. appeal made recently by Lieut.-General Sir Brian Horrocks. This has so far realised more than £1,900. The support has been in many cases most touching. One donation was made up entirely of 50 of the old-type blue pound notes, part of a man's carefully-gathered life savings. Typical of many gifts was the 5/- postal order with an anonymous note "to the memory of the men of the 1914 to 1918 War—from the widow of one of them."

## THE REGIMENTAL CHAPEL

The support for our regular monthly Services continues to increase and the first Sunday in each month is now an established 'occasion' at Warley. Once again we have to thank our many friends among the officiating Clergy, and our loyal supporters. Our Lay Reader, Mr. T. L. Wilson, our organist, Mr. B. Davidson, and our choir of young ladies, who so willingly give of their services are also deserving of our grateful appreciation and thanks.

Special Services have included a Memorial Service for Lt.-Col. Sinclair Thomson in June and our Annual Civic and Remembrance Services in September. The Marriage Service for Mr. F. W. Vere and Miss Aubrey Davis was celebrated on July 9 and on October 27, a Funeral Service for Mr. Harry Smith, The Essex Regiment (1892-1916) was held.

We extend a cordial welcome to all members and friends of the Regiment to join us at our Services which are held at 11 a.m. on the first Sunday in each month.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

LT.-COL. A. E. M. SINCLAIR THOMSON,

D.S.O., D.L.

A Memorial Service for Lt.-Col. Sinclair Thomson, The Essex Regiment, was held in The Regimental Chapel, Warley, on Sunday, June 25. H.M. Lieutenant for Essex, Col. Sir John Ruggles Brise, Bt., C.B., O.B.E., T.D., J.P., with a representative gathering of Deputy Lieutenants attended the Service and Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., Associate Colonel, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, represented the Regiment. Many former officers and members of The Essex Regiment were also present. The family representatives were as follows:—Mr. Peter Angus Sinclair Thomson (son), Mrs. Rachel Catherine Smith and Mrs. Tessie Eve Preston (daughters), Mrs. Helen Sinclair Thomson (daughter-in-law), Mrs. Barbara Capper (niece) and Mr. N. Capper, Mr. Andrew Sinclair Thomson (grandson), Mr. David Sinclair Thomson (grandson), Mr. Alastair Sinclair Thomson (cousin) and Mr. Henry F. Ingram (nephew) and Mrs. Ingram.

The Service was conducted by the Reverend S. H. Chase, M.C., M.A., Rector of Sandon.

MISS E. M. TAYLOR

Many of our Essex Regiment readers, who served at Warley Barracks, will be sorry to learn of the death in August of Miss E. M. Taylor, who resided for many years at Thordon Corner, Warley Gap. Miss Taylor was a most loyal supporter of The Regimental Chapel and for some 16 years she supplied and arranged flowers for the Services. When eventually she herself was physically unable to do this, she allowed members of the Regiment

to come to her garden and collect them. Miss Taylor also organised the weekly meetings of the Girls' Friendly Society which were attended by many children from the Married Families'

Quarters. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

A wreath was sent to the funeral on behalf of The Essex Regiment.

## CIVIC SUNDAY 1961

The Annual Civic Sunday Service was held in the Regimental Chapel on Sunday, September 10, 1961, at 3 p.m. A warm, sunny afternoon contributed much to the success of this Regimental occasion.

Many guests had accepted the invitation to attend the service, and just before 3 o'clock, when the procession of Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Essex, who was accompanied by The Colonel of The Regiment and the Associate Colonel, entered the Chapel and took their places, practically every seat was occupied.

The Lord Lieutenant was met at the West Door by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, the Right Reverend E. M. Gresford Jones, D.D., and the Senior Chaplain, 54 (East Anglian) Division/District, the Rev. J. M. Pickering, M.B.E., C.F.

The service, which followed the same form as previously used by The Essex Regiment, was conducted by the Rev. J. M. Pickering. The Address was given by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, and those who had the privilege of being present at the service, found in it much inspiration and subject for thought. The Lord Bishop, afterwards, very kindly gave the notes of the substance of his Address to the Colonel of the Regiment, with permission to reproduce the notes in the Regimental Journal, and we reprint it here:

**Substance of a Sermon preached by the Bishop of St. Albans (The Right Reverend E. M. Gresford Jones, D.D.) in the Chapel of The Essex and The 3rd East Anglian Regiments on Civic Sunday, September 10, 1961.**

"I welcome the very special opportunity given the preacher on Civic Sunday, and I know I shall long remember my first visit to Warley. One senses as soon as one enters the Regimental Chapel that here is a treasured shrine, well loved and well cared for.

The history of the 16th Foot, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, and of the 44th and 56th Foot, The Essex Regiment, takes us marching back to many great battles and many courageous campaigns that have adorned the history of our country since 1688. Then the 16th Foot was raised by Archibald Douglas, and in 1741 the 44th Regiment of Foot was raised by Colonel James Long. A few years later Lord Charles Manners raised the Colour of the 56th Regiment.

Three years ago a further reorganisation of the Army resulted in the formation of a new Regiment, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, and it is the Officers of this Regiment who have arranged for this service to be held today.

The Battle Honours from Namur and Blenheim down to Cassino, Trasimene, Italy and the Chindits, will be a familiar record to the Regiment, a familiar and honoured story.

It is a story with a chapter on growing together; a story of growing in greatness, and it is wholly to the good that there should be this annual service to which civic dignitaries of Essex and Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire are invited.

We are here, in the words of the Regimental Prayer, "to pray for strength and courage, to overcome all that is evil and unworthy, and to unite us in a common devotion to God, and to the service of our fellow men." We are here, too, to give thanks for the heroism that has been shown, for the discipline that has been accepted, for the comradeship that has united men through the centuries, for the life of the Regiment that has enriched our counties as a river waters the land.

I ask you to cast your minds back beyond the seventeenth century for a moment, and turn to the eleventh century, to an illustration the Bayeux Tapestry gives us. On the tapestry there is woven a column of Norman soldiers marching. William the Conqueror marches behind, prodding the last man with his sword, and the caption is, "King William comforts his soldiers."

Whether we are members of The Regiment or representatives of civic authorities, as we consider our histories, we may conclude that we have been a little bit too much pushed around by the powers-that-be for our liking.

But, in fact, have we been pushed around or prodded on? The 3rd East Anglian Regiment has had to face reorganisation, and so have local authorities now that the Boundary Commission has produced its report and the report has been accepted. All of us are familiar with the pains of growing together. Few of us pause and ask ourselves how God is related to these developments. Is He in fact prodding us forward, comforting us, as King William comforted his soldiers?

If God is prodding us on, what lies ahead of us, what battle honours can we anticipate? I

am not thinking of the struggle between East and West, but of the deep spiritual issue involved, of the universal struggle to establish order, of the need to be mindful that "righteousness exalteth a nation," of the war against want, of the third of the world's population that is hungry. The growing together that we are watching in the English scene is only part of a much greater movement that needs speeding on, if the world's poor and needy people are to be cared for.

It was said of William Wilberforce that he carried the poor in his heart, and this layman has something to say to us by virtue of the battle honours he won in his war against slavery. During the French revolutionary war, when both the 16th Foot and the 44th and 56th Foot were serving in the West Indies, he wrote a book called "A Practical View," a layman's book appreciated by laymen, and with something to say to us that meets our needs of today, for the average decent Englishman changes very little in his views of religion. Wilberforce said that many men's religion is nothing more than a code of behaviour. He called them hereditary Christians and claimed that the really operative standards in their lives were so different from those of the non-Christian world around them. Pressed, they would say that a sensible man keeps his religious opinions to himself.

They failed to see Christianity as a strenuous race, as hard warfare, because they hadn't the right centre of loyalty. Wilberforce maintained that all that is good comes from looking to Jesus, in his historic work and present power, and doing this in the power of the Holy Spirit. As we read in our Lesson, the spirit we have received is not a spirit of slavery leading us back into a life of fear, but a spirit that makes us sons, enabling us to cry "Abba, Father."

Most of us today neglect the Holy Spirit. Looking ahead, we can be certain that there are individual and corporate battle honours to be won, each of us wrestling against his adversary, the devil, each of us strengthened by the spirit, each of us meeting bad patches from time to time. God, our Father, has a way of comforting his soldiers by prodding them on, and the older we get the more we need this prod. Our responsibility is to know Him and His ways.

We come to a bad patch: There is difficult personal relationship to face; we have a time of ill health; we have been disappointed and the disappointment continues to gnaw at us; lust, envy, malice attack us, and we struggle against these things, usually in our own strength, and then we fail.

What we need to do is to accept the indwelling power of the Spirit deliberately, to cease to fight our way through the bad patch, deliberately to turn to the Holy Spirit and say,

"Holy Spirit, strengthen us," deliberately to turn to Jesus, and keep saying, "Jesus, help us." As we turn away from the temptation and turn to Him, we grow like Him, and then we can deal with the temptation in the strength He gives us, and can go forward convinced that there is nothing in death or life, in the realm of spirits or super-human powers, in the world as it is, or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths, nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The service concluded with the Blessing, pronounced by the Lord Bishop.

After the service the guests moved to the lawn of the Regimental Headquarters where they were entertained to tea, while the Band of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) played a selection of music. After tea, the Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by The Colonel of The Regiment and the Associate Colonel moved among the guests, meeting the Mayors and other Civic Dignitaries. The following guests were present:

H.M. Lieutenant for Essex, Colonel Sir John Ruggles-Brise, Bt., C.B., O.B.E., T.D., J.P., and the following Deputy Lieutenants—Colonel Sir F. Carne Rasch, Bt. T.D., J.P., D.L., Colonel H. F. Kembell, T.D., D.L., and Mrs. Kembell, Brigadier G. Shenstone, C.B.E., T.D., J.P., D.L., and Mrs. Shenstone, Colonel A. G. R. Waller, J.P., D.L., Colonel C. Portway, M.C., T.D., J.P., D.L., Alderman Lt.-Col. Sir Hubert Ashton, K.B.E., M.C., D.L., M.P., Lt.-Col. W. K. E. Jameson, D.S.O., D.L., and Mrs. Jameson, Lieut.-General Sir Geoffrey Howard, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.L. (Past Colonel, The Essex Regiment), Colonel A. Noble, D.S.O., T.D., D.L. (Honorary Colonel, 4th/5th The Essex Regiment, T.A.) and Mrs. Noble, Colonel V. S. Laurie, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., and Mrs. Laurie, Major G. N. Capel-Cure, T.D., J.P., D.L. (Vice-Lieutenant) and Mrs. Capel-Cure, Major V. A. Gascoyne-Cecil, J.P., D.L., and Mrs. Gascoyne-Cecil, Colonel H. Craig, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., and Mrs. Craig, Colonel R. A. Chell, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., T.D., D.L., and Mrs. Chell, Colonel P. V. Upton, M.B.E., T.D., J.P., D.L., and Mrs. Upton, Colonel A. E. C. Alston, T.D., D.L., and Mrs. Alston, Colonel F. H. Everingham, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., and Mrs. Everingham, Capt. Sir F. R. Jonathan Peel, C.B.E., M.C., D.L. (Chief Constable of Essex) and Lady Peel, Lt.-Col. H. L. Clarke, T.D., J.P., D.L., and Mrs. Clarke, Major J. H. Burrows, J.P., D.L., and Mrs. Burrows, Lieut.-General A. E. Percival, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., D.L. (Hertfordshire), Colonel R. A. Humbert, O.B.E., T.D., D.L. (Hertfordshire).

The Chairman of the Essex County Council (Alderman G. F. Chaplin, O.B.E., J.P.) and Mrs. Chaplin, Lt.-Col. A. F. Wilcox, O.B.E. (Chief Constable of Hertfordshire) and Mrs. Wilcox

Colonel Sir Francis H. D. C. Whitmore, Bt. K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., J.P. (Past Lord Lieutenant of Essex) and Lady Whitmore, Mrs. E. M. Gresford-Jones (wife of the Lord Bishop of St. Albans), Mrs. J. M. Pickering (wife of the Rev. John Pickering, M.B.E., C.F.).

The Mayors and Mayoresses of Maldon, Harwich, West Ham, Chelmsford, East Ham, Leyton, Barking, Wanstead and Woodford, Chingford, Dagenham, Hemel Hempstead, St. Albans, Hertford, Watford, and Dunstable. The Deputy Mayors and Mayoresses of Ilford, Walthamstow, and Romford.

The Town Clerks and their wives of Chelmsford, Walthamstow, Wanstead and Woodford, St. Albans, Hertford and Watford.

The Chairmen and their wives of the Urban Districts of Leighton Buzzard, Basildon, Benfleet, Braintree and Bocking, Brentwood, Brightlingsea, Burnham-on-Crouch, Chigwell, Epping, Hornchurch, Rayleigh, Thurrock, Witham, Bishop's Stortford, Cheshunt, Letchworth, Stevenage and Baldock. The Chairmen and their wives of the Rural Districts of Braintree, Chelmsford, Epping and Ongar, Maldon, Rochford, Berkhamsted, Hatfield, and Hitchin. The Chairman and Hon. Secretary of the Essex Boroughs Association, Mrs. Pettitt, M.B.E. (S.S.A.F.A.), Councillor V. Curtis, O.B.E. (Forces Help Society) and Miss Curtis, Colonel G. V. Martin, M.C. (Brigade Colonel) and Mrs. Martin, Brigadier Stafford Campbell (Commanding 33 A.A. Brigade) and Mrs. Stafford Campbell, Mrs. de Rougemont, Mrs. W. R. Bowen, Major and Mrs. W. A. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bird, Chief Superintendent G. P. Forrow (Superintendent, Brentwood Division, The Essex Constabulary) and Mrs. Forrow, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. E. Moore.

Officers of The Regiment present included: The Colonel of The Regiment and Lady Denning, the Associate Colonel and Mrs. Paton, the Regimental Secretary and Mrs. Young, the Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association and Mrs. Tewkesbury, the Secretary, The Essex Regiment Association and Mrs. Stead, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Simmons, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Garrard, Major and Mrs. Norbury, Major and Mrs. Palmer, Major and Mrs. Carter, Major and Mrs. Gresty, Major and Mrs. Phillips, Major V. A. French, Capt. and Mrs. Duffie, Colonel and Mrs. Hose and Miss Jane Hose, Colonel and Mrs. Senior and their two sons, Colonel R. W. Littlehales, Colonel W. N. C. Waite, Lt.-Col. K. F. May, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Gregory, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Pepys, Lt.-Col. A. C. Clarke, Lt.-Col. J. S. Ross, Major and Mrs. Andrew and Miss Andrew, Major H. J. Young and Miss Young, Major and Mrs. McMillen and Officer Cadet McMillen, Major and Mrs. Lewsey, Major and Mrs. Waddell, Major Aylmer, Major

Staff, Capt. R. C. Tompkins, Major D. B. Wilson, Capt. D. V. Crosier, Capt. F. W. Kemp and Capt. B. E. Thomas.

## Annual Service of Remembrance

SEPTEMBER 17, 1961

It is not often the Regiment has anything but good weather for its Regimental functions, but Sunday, September 17, proved to be one of the occasions when the weather was unkind. However, the rain did not daunt the many retired officers and old comrades who came to The Regimental Chapel for the Annual Service of Remembrance. By 11 a.m. the Chapel was fully occupied and it was difficult to find seats for late arrivals. On the stroke of 11 the Colonel of the Regiment's procession entered the Chapel, and when they had taken their places the Clergy and Choir entered and processed to the Chancel during the singing of the hymn "O God our help in ages past." The Service was conducted by the Reverend J. M. Pickering, M.B.E., C.F., Senior Chaplain 54 (East Anglian) Division/District, and the Address was given by the Right Reverend W. F. P. Chadwick, M.A., Lord Bishop Suffragan of Barking. The Lesson was read by the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., and after the singing of the second hymn, the ceremony of dedications was carried out, when memorials to the following Officers of The Essex Regiment were dedicated by the Bishop.

### MEMORIAL PEWS

Colonel T. A. Martin, M.B.E.

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

### MEMORIAL PANELS

Lt.-Col. A. E. M. Sinclair Thomson, D.S.O., D.L.

A Memorial Panel to the Reverend A. J. Wilcox, C.B.E., M.A., who greatly helped to bring The Essex Regiment Chapel into being and was its first Chaplain was also dedicated by the Bishop.

Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., Associate Colonel, and formerly Colonel of The Essex Regiment, next read out the names of all members of The Essex Regiment who were known to have died since the Remembrance Service in 1960. Last Post and Reveille were then sounded by buglers from 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.).

After the Service the Parade consisting of a contingent of the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) and a party made up of the Retired Officers and Old Comrades present, formed up on the road opposite to the Chapel and led by the Band of the 4th/5th The Essex Regiment



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Service of Remembrance Parade at Warley. September 17, 1961.

(T.A.) marched to the old Depot Square, where the salute was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment who was accompanied on the Dais by the Associate Colonel and Col. A. Noble, D.S.O., r.D., D.L., Hon. Colonel 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.). After the Parade had been dismissed Officers and their friends adjourned to Regimental Headquarters where refreshments were available. The Old Comrades were entertained in a large marquee on the lawn where refreshments both solid and liquid were available. The Band of the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) played a selection of music while friendships were renewed and reminiscences exchanged.

Among the large congregation were relatives and friends of the late Col. T. A. Martin, Lt.-Col. A. E. Maitland, Lt.-Col. A. E. M. Sinclair-Thomson, and the Revd. A. J. Wilcox, whose Memorials were dedicated during the Service.

The arrangements for the Service and the Parade were made by the Secretary of The Essex Regiment Association, Major T. R. Stead, and valuable assistance was given by members of the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment.

## The Essex Regiment Museum

During the past few months the Curator has been grateful to receive several presentations to the Museum including several sets of medals

and other trophies. Included among the gifts were "Notes from the Crimea" written by Major W. Hart McHorg and donated by Major David Purves, 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.); and a copy of Field Marshal Alexander's "Special Order of the Day" at the end of the Italian campaign, sent by Mr. F. Christmas (ex-4th Bn.). Medals received have included those of the late Lt.-Col. A. E. M. Sinclair-Thomson, Capt. (Q.M.) F. S. Ford, R.S.M. C. Cheverton and Mr. A. Sargeant. Mr. A. G. Payne, of Chadwell Heath, has donated an old 44th Badge.

The Museum is now open to visitors from Monday to Friday of each week, and at other times by arrangement with the Curator.

## A Visit to Cassino

Major John Kitto enjoyed a holiday in Italy this September, during which he visited Cassino. He relates: "I went by train from Naples to Cassino on Wednesday, September 13, on a very hot day. At Caserta, where I immediately recognised the large palace which was A.F.H.Q. for the Italian Campaign, we branched off on a single line and reached the station, where the engine sheds, and in particular, the inspection pit, were intimately known to me in 1944, dead on time. The whole town has been rebuilt on a new site, somewhat to the east of its former location. The new Monastery, looking as impregnable as its pre-

decessor, is a magnificent example of imaginative reconstruction.

After a good, and reasonably-priced luncheon, I went by taxi to the Cemetery, which is about three kilometres to the south-west of the Monastery and is north of the Rapido River. As in the case of all Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemeteries, it is wonderfully kept. There are thousands of graves, and I was only able to note a few of the names of the men of our two former Regiments who are buried there, and among these were the following:

*The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment :*

5961398 Pte. P. J. Ashby  
5724518 Pte. E. Brown  
5950866 Pte. S. T. J. Hyde  
Major S. F. Rayner

*The Essex Regiment :*

6013213 L/Cpl. T. H. Gretton  
6021493 Cpl. G. Hudson, M.M.  
6012134 Sgt. F. C. Samuel  
Major F. J. Ketteley, M.C.

At the time of my visit there were only two other people walking round the Cemetery, a man and his wife. By a remarkable coincidence I discovered that the former had served in the same Squadron of the North Irish Horse as my late brother, who was with that Regiment for a short time before being posted to the 8th Royal Tank Regiment. Instead of a hot and tedious return journey to Naples by rail, I was given a most comfortable motor car ride by these kind people, who were on their way to Sorrento."

Major J. B. Kitto is now teaching at a Preparatory School at Nowton Court, Bury St. Edmunds.

## Unveiling of Athens Memorial

The last of the Memorials to commemorate the six hundred thousand men and women of the Commonwealth who laid down their lives during the Second World War was unveiled at Athens by His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester on May 10, 1961. The Athens Memorial commemorates more than 2,800 of the Armies of the Commonwealth who died on the mainland and in the islands of Greece and Yugoslavia during the 1939-45 War, and who have no known graves.

The Memorial, which is situated in Phaleron War Cemetery, on the shore of the Gulf of Saronikos, some seven miles south of Athens, comprises flower beds and paved terraces, on each side of which rise marble pillars, on which are engraved the names of those commemorated. Beyond the Memorial a short flight of steps leads to the great Stone of Remembrance, from where a wide avenue passes through the war cemetery to the Cross of Sacrifice, situated on a terrace high above the war cemetery. More than 2,000 of the Comrades of the men in whose honour the Memorial

has been built are marked by individual headstones over their graves in the cemetery.

There are smaller memorials in the cemetery commemorating, respectively, 74 soldiers of the Old Indian Army, who were cremated in accordance with the custom of their religion, and 38 Commonwealth soldiers and airmen whose graves in Albania cannot be located.

The unveiling ceremony itself was performed by The Duke of Gloucester, who was accompanied by The Duchess, and took place in the presence of Their Majesties The King and Queen of the Hellenes and their family and a large and distinguished gathering of persons from all parts of the Commonwealth and the Greek Community. Relatives of the fallen were given seats of honour. The weather was perfect for the ceremony, which was a moving, striking and dignified affair. The Memorial was dedicated by the Chaplain General to the Forces, who was supported by a number of chaplains from other denominations. The cemetery was a beautiful sight, with the flowers in full bloom and the grasses a bright verdant, and it was obvious that all had been tended with loving care by the officials of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, whose duty it is to preserve all the cemeteries throughout the lands to those who fell in the two world wars.

Brigadier B. A. Burke, D.S.O., who commanded the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in 1944, which was part of the British Force rescuing Athens from falling into Greek Communist hands, represented The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment at the ceremony, and laid a wreath, supplied by the British Legion, on their behalf, in memory of the five with unknown graves whose names appeared on the memorial and the eleven with graves in the cemetery.

General Sir Dudley Ward, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., was also present as Commander-in-Chief Near East.

The names of The Fallen are as follows:

*On The Memorial :*

Pte. John Davies  
" Alfred Hemus  
" John E. Marston  
" Leo. G. Rice  
" Maurice A. Stringer

*In the War Cemetery :*

Pte. William Angus Arnold  
" William Harry Brazier  
" Kenneth Edwin Cherry  
" Dennis Percy Daldry  
" Henry Evans Gibson  
" Thomas Patrick Goodacre  
" Derek Roy Lawman  
" J. Power  
" Charles Radwell  
" Geoffrey S. Rudd

(The name of the eleventh soldier cannot be traced in the book)



## THE ATHENS MEMORIAL PHALERON WAR CEMETERY, GREECE



(Photograph by The Commonwealth War Graves Commission)

Brigadier B. A. Burke, D.S.O., also represented The Essex Regiment and laid a wreath on their behalf in memory of the two whose names appear on the memorial and the eight whose graves lie in the cemetery. The names are as follows:

*On the Memorial :*

L/Cpl. Frank Edwards  
Pte. Reginald Woodley

*In the War Cemetery :*

Cpl. Albert Thomas Barnett  
Capt. Derrick George Calvert  
Pte. Ronald A. Dare  
„ Rhys L. Evans  
„ George Hennessy  
„ G. D. Pead  
„ Charles P. Rodgers  
„ David R. Williams

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We are very grateful to Brigadier Burke for representing The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment at the ceremony of unveiling, and also for the care and trouble he took to obtain the names of those members of the former Regiments, who are commemorated on the Memorial, or whose graves lie in the Cemetery.

## THE CHEQUER BOARD

*“’Tis all a chequer board of nights  
and days,  
Where destiny with men for pieces  
plays.”*

One Sunday evening, July 2 to be precise, I popped into the “Maypole” for my normal pint or two of bitter. I had hardly got my foot over the threshold when the G3 Int. sidled up in the manner so much practised by Intelligence Officers and whispered “Let’s have a quick word outside.” My thoughts immediately turned to the fact that there must at least be a Russian spy at the bar, or maybe that “mine host” had been spreading subversive literature among the clients. When we were outside he said “We are at 48 hours’ notice to move to Kenya,” as a result of 24 Brigade’s move to Kuwait. During the next few days everything was the inevitable hive of activity and rumour as to whether or not we would in fact move was rife. However, all went smoothly and the advance parties were airborne (needless to say not without one or two minor nonsenses as a result of aircraft availability) by Wednesday. The major problem, needless to say, was weight and hazardous freight. The former was my own major headache, as the “all up” weight per man was a mere 250lb. On calculation this allowed me to travel with 2 x 24-hour ration

packs and one packet of razor blades, which even to the most imaginative person is not really enough for an indefinite stay in Kenya. However, with bed rolls despatched as freight, I managed to get down to 300lb., with an additional load of 400lb. of classified documents, one box of which was marked Brigadier ———. (Here the reader should draw his own conclusions). On Friday, July 7, after the usual fond farewells the Brigade H.Q. Group left Colchester in coaches for Ogbourne St. George in Wiltshire. The trip was uneventful and morale was high until we were presented with the first inevitable nonsense. We pulled in to the Ogbourne St. George Transit Camp and debussed when the Movement Control Officer informed us that we had all been granted leave until noon Sunday. As it was 7 p.m. on Friday, the Officers held a hurried conference and decided that once the chaps were dispersed all over England it was likely that we should have a few chaps late back or absent. The administrative problem of issuing warrants and pay would also take time and finally it was agreed to decline the offer.

The transit camp was efficient and adequate for our needs and, considering the speed with which the operation was mounted, the food and the messes were excellent. With their usual adaptability everyone proceeded to kill the boredom of waiting with cards, dice, beer and books according to taste. However, the waiting was not too prolonged and the main body moved as scheduled on the Sunday. As Brigade Courier I took the Signals Squadron Cipher Corporal under my wing, but unfortunately, owing to weight, we were left behind until Monday. Monday saw the two of us at R.A.F., Lyneham, being weighed in and standing guard over the documents and cipher equipment. We were joined at 1500 hours by the remaining passengers, and after a two-hour wait for the kit to be loaded, we took off at 17.50 hours in a Comet of R.A.F. Transport Command.

The journey took us across France and down the Italian coast, giving us a good view of the Alps. At 2115 hours we fastened our safety belts and landed at El Adem, on the North African Coast. Having been fed large quantities of coffee and lemonade by a very efficient W.R.A.F. stewardess and having been provided with a nicely packed cold meat and salad evening meal on the aircraft, the more thirsty passengers retired to the bar with the crew of the aircraft. The soldiers needless to say proceeded to the transit dining hall and proceeded to dispose of the sausage, egg and chips as only soldiers can. An hour later we were airborne again with a new crew and headed towards Uganda. After a short sleep of some four hours we landed at Entebbe at 0300 hours B.S.T. (0600 hours L.M.T.) where we were met by a Beverley from Nairobi. There was just sufficient time for a very welcome wash and shave

and breakfast while the kit was transferred between aircraft and at 0700 (L.M.T.) we were once again airborne. The superior comfort of the Comet had unfortunately given away to the noise and discomfort of the Beverley but the R.A.F. provided an amusing diversion by inviting us up to the pilots' cockpit. On arrival we were met by a completely empty compartment with two lengths of mine tape attached to the joy stick and leading back to a rear cabin; there the pilot was gazing at a map and giving occasional tugs on the tapes like a professional equestrian. Cloud on this part of the trip tended to prevent any good observation, but through the breaks we had a good view of the forests of the Mau escarpment, the Rift Valley and the Aberdares. The journey ended with the touchdown at Nairobi at 0900 hours L.M.T. and the road move to Kahawa Cantonment.

It is interesting to note that we were in fact only airborne for 11 hours. In addition to moving 19 Brigade Group with one of its Infantry Battalions and all its minor administrative units to Kenya the R.A.F. had also managed to cope with moving 24 Brigade Group from Kenya to Kuwait. Thus the Strategic Reserve was not only put into operation successfully but with a speed which is probably unique in the annals of military history.

K.J.T.H.

## PERSONALIA

In a letter to Col. G. R. Steel, Major Geoffrey Gaden writes of their voyage back to Australia. They had smooth weather up to Cape Town but after there they ran into a heavy swell and things were not so comfortable. At Cape Town Major and Mrs. Gaden were met by Major and Mrs. D. M. Crowe who took them out to lunch at a seaside resort called St. James', they also saw the Airstrip, Newlands Cricket Ground and the Mowbray Golf Course (Club House # the 18th green). Major Gaden reports that Major Crowe was in excellent form. On arrival at Fremantle the Gadens were met by ex-Sgt. "Paddy" McGrath and his wife. They both served in The Connaught Rangers and the 16th Foot with Major Gaden. Mr. McGrath is now groundsman at the South Perth Zoo. Major and Mrs. Gaden eventually arrived back at their home after their stay in England on April 28, where they found everything in order. They enjoyed their stay in England very much and were delighted to meet so many of their old friends. Their address is: Elsmere, 81, Livingstone Avenue, Pymble, New South Wales, Australia.

We congratulate Brigadier and Mrs. Paton on the birth of their grandson.

Mr. Charles Gooch, who served for twenty-one years in The Essex Regiment, has been awarded the Imperial Service Medal in recognition of his twenty-five years exemplary service in the War Department. He retired in May after working as a civilian at The Command Ordnance Depot, Warley Barracks, for the whole of this period. As he joined the civilian staff the day after his discharge from The Essex Regiment he has an unbroken forty-six years' service to his credit. Mr. Gooch, who, previously lived in King's Chase, Brentwood, has now retired to Weston Zoyland, near Bridgewater, Somerset. We wish him a very happy retirement.

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The following Officers have passed the practical part of the Staff College Promotion Examination: Captains M. W. Green, D. J. Thorogood and P. H. Gill.

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Lt.-Col. J. Harrison called at R.H.Q. towards the end of September and told us he had recently had a holiday on the Continent. Having a few days to spare at the end of it he had toured the route taken by the 2nd Bn. The 16th Foot in the Retreat to Dunkirk. This he found most interesting and in some places he was able to trace the trenches occupied by the Battalion, which, now of course, are very overgrown with weeds.

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We were very pleased to receive a letter from Capt. Peter Morton, who is serving with the 2nd Bn. The Parachute Regiment, which, at the time Capt. Morton wrote were in Bahrein, having been relieved in Kuwait, where they went early on in the crisis. Capt. Morton tells us that the humidity in Bahrein is usually between 90° and 100° which with a shade temperature of 115° F. does not make for pleasant conditions. However the temperatures in Kuwait were as high as 149° in the shade! Capt. Morton has been serving with the 2nd Bn. The Parachute Regiment in Cyprus since October, 1959, during that time he has been on exercises to Libya and Malta and in December, 1960, he went again to Libya as Second-in-Command of a desert expedition to the French Equatorial African frontier, which gave him very valuable experience in desert movement and navigation. He has also taken part, while in Cyprus, in ski-ing, which is now very popular there, and he won the Middle East Forces competition and his Regiment were first in the Meeting. In June this year he was appointed T/Captain and while with the Parachute Regiment he has been Platoon Commander, Intelligence Officer, and for a month, which included the Administration Inspection, Adjutant.

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Col. R. A. Humbert has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for Hertfordshire and was

sworn in at the Quarter Sessions held at St. Albans in August. Col. Humbert served in The Hertfordshire Regiment and on the Staff during the 1939-45 War, in which he was wounded twice. In 1955 he was appointed to command the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). He relinquished command in December, 1959, and was then appointed Deputy Brigade Commander of 162 Infantry Brigade (T.A.). In April of this year, on the reorganisation of the T.A., 162 Brigade ceased to exist and Col. Humbert was transferred to the Reserve in the rank of full Colonel. He is now a member of The Hertfordshire T.A. Association. A Chartered Surveyor and Land Agent, he is also Deputy Chairman of The Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield Development Corporation. Although he is now no longer on the Active List and lives a very busy life, we hope we shall continue to see him on many Regimental occasions.

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In a recent edition of *The Hertfordshire Mercury* under the heading of "50 Years Ago," we were interested to read that in September, 1911, a Shooting Match took place at Panshanger Park, Hertfordshire, between The Hertfordshire Yeomanry and the 4th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (Hertfordshire Militia). The Yeomanry won by 702 points to 684.

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It was interesting to note in the features "Peep into the Past" which *The Hertfordshire Mercury* included in their issue of Friday, September 29, reference was made to *The Hertford Mercury* of September 28, 1861—in which the following item of news appeared:

"Prize Shooting—A Meeting of the Officers of the 1st Herts Volunteers was held on Tuesday, when there were present Lt. Horne, Ensign Cherry, Lt. Hawks, Ensign Longmore and Mr. J. W. Chesshyre. Arrangements were made for the Annual Prize Shooting at Panshanger."

Permission to reproduce this item from the *Hertfordshire Mercury* has been kindly granted by the Editor.

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Mr. E. Ficke who served with 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment in Palestine and Catterick and is now with the Wiltshire Yeomanry has recently corresponded with Mr. P. C. Munn. Mr. Ficke would like to get in touch with Mr. Len Aslin whose last known address was 11, Barnard Road, Sawbridgeworth. If any readers can help will they please contact Mr. Ficke at 13, York Buildings, Trowbridge, Wilts. We have already been able to put Mr. Ficke in touch with Mr. Bill ("Bummer") Smith.

We also learn that Mr. Allan ("Tishy") Oakman is now the British Legion Standard-bearer for the Bradford-on-Avon Branch.



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David Munn, the son of Mr. P. C. Munn, is now living at Elisabeth, near Adelaide, Australia. He has sent home a tape recording on which he states that he is now working with Mr. Len Goodey (late Bandsman-Pompadours). It is hoped that Mr. Goodey's voice will be included on the next tape.

Mr. Ernest Pyant, who served with The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment before and during the 1939-1945 War is now employed by *The Bedfordshire Times* to look after their vehicles. In the Friday, October 27, issue of the paper an interesting account is given of Mr. Pyant's experiences at Dunkirk with the 2nd Bn. The 16th Foot. It appears that Mr. Pyant was among the eye-witnesses who helped in the compilation of the book "The Sands of Dunkirk" by Richard Collier.

Mr. W. G. Kain, now residing at 7A, Cavendish Road, Bognor Regis, paid a visit to Warley in October. Mr. Kain enlisted in 1st Volunteer Bn. The Essex Regiment at Ongar in 1906 and later transferred to the Cyclist Company at Ilford. He subsequently served with the 8th (Cyclist) Battalion until 1913 and served with The Buffs throughout the First World War. He would be glad to hear from any who served with him in the 1st Volunteer or Cyclists Battalions.

Readers will be pleased to hear that Lt.-Col. John Greene, M.C., who had been suffering from the effects of an old war injury is now very much recovered and was able to take up his new appointment at Winterbourne Gunner in October.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the Editor for permission to reproduce the following which appeared in Friday, October 27, issue of *The Brentwood Gazette*:

#### 40 YEARS AGO

Extract from the *Gazette* of October 29, 1921. Considerable interest has been evoked in local military circles by the introduction of a new concert party at Warley Barracks.

The title, "Les 'Orribles,'" sounds good, and the party is composed of musical and humorous members of the Depot, The Essex Regiment. Lt. Kelly, of the Depot, is the main instigator and the musical director is Sgt.-Drummer Hill.

The party had their first performance in the Church Hut, Warley Common, last week, and there was a large audience.

Lt.-Col. A. J. M. Parry, who has been serving with the SHAPE Mission to Portugal, is to take

up a new appointment with the Central Fighter Establishment, Royal Air Force, in January. He is expected to return to England from Portugal about the middle of December.

A recent visitor to The Essex Regiment Museum at Warley was Mr. (ex-R.Q.M.S.) L. F. Harrison who now resides at Laindon. Mr. Harrison served with 1st Essex from 1919-1942.

Mr. G. E. Butcher, of 47, Loxley Road, London, S.W.18, is anxious to acquire any back numbers of *The Eagle* published during the period 1949-53. He is prepared to pay for these and any reader who can help is asked to contact him at his London address. Mr. Butcher was a Volunteer member of The 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment from 1948-53.

David G. Wells, O.B.M., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wells, of 11, Hardwick Road, Bedford, has been awarded a 2nd Class Honours in the Diploma in the Physics and Technology of Electronics (Dip. Tech.). He has also qualified for the Graduateships of the Institution of Electrical Engineers and the Institute of Physics. David, who studied at the Northern Polytechnic, London, is now employed as an Electric Development Engineer by Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd., of New Southgate.

Two former Pompadours, Mr. A. H. Pope, who enlisted in 1911, and Mr. S. P. Morgan (1904), visited the Museum in May. The Association were subsequently able to obtain a vacancy for Mr. Morgan to spend a holiday at The Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home at Lowestoft.

Mr. P. C. Munn tells us of his meeting with Mr. P. Ward who is now living at Chingford. Mr. Ward served with 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment in Ireland and Turkey and with The Pompadours in India. He sends his best wishes to all his old comrades.

Mr. L. A. Taylor has notified us of his change of address to 17, Enmore Road, Putney, S.W.15. As Sgt. "Sconic" Taylor, he will be remembered by all who served in the 1st Bn. The 16th Foot during the last war. After leaving the Service, he went into films in 1948 and also had several parts on the stage and television. He now concentrates on films and at the time of writing was leaving for Rome to play in "Cleopatra." After that he is due to go to Jordan for the filming of "Lawrence of Arabia."

Brigadier T. L. G. Charles has retired on retired pay with effect from November 13, 1961.

He is taking up a retired officer staff appointment in B.A.O.R.

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Mr. J. Howard (ex-5998634) is one of our regular correspondents, and recently called upon ex-Drum-Major E. Bailey who is now 84 years old and in very good health. Mr. Bailey served in The Essex Regiment for some 27 years and retired in 1923 at Bordon. Our older readers will remember him in France at the time when his brother, the late Major F. Bailey, D.C.M., was R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion. It was at this time that the Battalion won the Divisional Trophy for the Best Corps of Drums.

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Many of our readers will have known Mrs. E. Eady, who was such a loyal supporter of The Regimental Chapel at Warley. Mrs. Eady died in August and will be much missed by all who knew her.

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*The Brentwood Gazette*, one of the local papers, runs an interesting feature each week entitled "40 Years Ago." In its issue dated June 23, the paper records some of the events it reported as having occurred in June, 1921. One of these was the unveiling of the War Memorial at Little Burstead which *The Brentwood Gazette* tells us was carried out by Col. Bowen, Officer Commanding the Depot, The Essex Regiment, Warley Barracks.

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Mr. C. E. Thurley who has retired after almost 49 years with the Eastern Electricity Board at the former Bedford Corporation Electricity Department, was presented with an electric cooker at the Bedford Offices of The Eastern Electricity Board on June 30, to mark his long and loyal service.

During the First World War Mr. Thurley served with The Bedfordshire Regiment and took part in the Gallipoli Campaign.

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We were very pleased to see Major and Mrs. Geoffrey Morgan plus family, when they called at R.H.Q. recently on their way back to B.A.O.R. after leave in England, which they had spent mostly in Cumberland. Major and Mrs. Morgan expect to be back again in May when Major Morgan's tenure of his present Staff Appointment ends.

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A former Pompadour, Mr. (ex-L/Cpl.) J. White ("Pincher") paid a visit to Warley recently. He served during the period 1905-1919 and wished to be remembered to any of our readers who served with him.

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We offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Vere, of Billericay. Freddie and Audrey (Davis) were married at the Regimental Chapel on July 9 last. A number of Regimental guests

were among those who attended, and the service was conducted by the Revd. J. M. Pickering, M.B.E., C.F. The honeymoon was spent in Scotland and the happy couple are now settled in Billericay.

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Visitors to Warley have included Mr. and Mrs. A. C. R. Taylor. Mr. Taylor is the son of the late Col. Rimington Taylor in whose memory a Panel has been placed in the Regimental Chapel.

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News of Col. E. A. Loftus has been received by Mr. Johnny Day, Hon. Secretary 6th Bedfordshire Regiment (1914/18). Col. Loftus still maintains his interest in the 6th Battalion but his work in Nyasaland has prevented him from attending Reunions.

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Mr. J. A. Jamieson (ex-6011563) who served with 1st Battalion The Essex Regiment during the period 1935-44, and who now lives at Wallisdown, Poole, paid a visit to Warley in June. He asks to be remembered to all his comrades.

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Captain K. J. T. Hoile has relinquished his staff appointment with H.Q. 19 Infantry Brigade Group is now in the Public Relations Directorate at The War Office. An interesting article by Capt. Hoile, on a recent move by his Brigade, is included in this number.

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We have heard from Major Harry Stenning that the god-father to his daughter, Anne, is Lt.-Col. J. L. de V. Martin, late 16th Foot. This is certainly maintaining the spirit of the amalgamation!

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Lt.-Col. R. H. H. Osborne umpired the match between Miss Truman and Miss Mortimer at the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon this summer. Col. Osborne is still employed as an R.O. at The War Office, Stanmore, and their home is at Tudor House, Dymchurch, Kent.

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We were very pleased to hear from Mr. Alan Evered (ex-Cpl. 22665636), The Essex Regiment, who recently settled in Victoria, Australia. Alan is the son of the late Mr. A. J. Evered, who served with the 10th Battalion during the 1914-1918 War and who was such a popular figure at all the 10th functions. In his letter Mr. Alan Evered tells us of his recent engagement to Margaret Nicol, daughter of Mrs. H. Rutherford, and the late Mr. J. Rutherford, of Lochhailort, Inverness-shire. We are sure that our readers will join us in forwarding our congratulations to Alan and Margaret.

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Among the very welcome visitors to one of our recent services at the Regimental Chapel were Col. R. J. H. Harding-Newman, O.B.E.,

and Mrs. Harding-Newman. The Colonel, who has recently taken up a staff appointment at Colchester, is the nephew of the late Major-General J. C. Harding-Newman, C.B., C.M.G., who was Colonel of The Essex Regiment from 1929-1935.

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On the occasion of the centenary meeting of The Essex County Rifle Association at Colchester, Major H. J. Young, T.D., was presented with a gold replica of the Centenary Medal in recognition of his many years of service to the Association. The presentation was made by H.M. Lieutenant for Essex, Col. Sir John Ruggles Brise, Bt., C.B., O.B.E., T.D., J.P.

Our congratulations to Major Young.

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Richard Tewkesbury, son of Major and Mrs. Derek Tewkesbury, now in his last year at Bedford School, goes to Sandhurst in January on one of the Army's new scholarships.

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We were glad to see at R.H.Q., J. R. Elder and J. E. Bowers, who were commissioned into the Regiment from Sandhurst in July and paid us a visit before they flew out to Malaya.

A short while ago we were visited by T. B. Thomas who has been appointed to a Short Service Commission in the Regiment. He will serve at the Brigade Depot until the return of the Battalion to the U.K.

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Mr. R. G. Green, who served in The Bedfordshire Regiment from November, 1915, to April, 1920 (ex-No. 204628), has been admitted as a permanent resident of Halsey House, Norwich Road, Cromer. He would very much like to hear from his old friends in the Regiment.

## THE INFANTRY JUNIOR LEADERS' BATTALION

The Brigade Colonel, Colonel G. V. Martin, M.C., has written to tell us that the Brigade have presented a R.S.M.'s pace stick, suitably inscribed, to the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion at Oswestry. The Brigade has a good number of Juniors with the Battalion and their morale is very high.

The Brigade Colonel received the following letter from the Commanding Officer:

From: Lt.-Col. F. H. Coutts, M.B.E.

Dear Colonel,

I am writing to say how very much we appreciate the great generosity of the East Anglian Brigade in presenting us with that magnificent R.S.M.'s pace stick.

It is terribly good of you to show your active interest in your Junior Leaders here in this very practical manner, and we are all most indebted to you.

I do hope that an East Anglian Junior will have the privilege of carrying it before very long.

Many thanks and warmest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) FRANK COUTTS.

Colonel G. V. Martin, M.C.,  
Headquarters, East Anglian Brigade,  
Bury St. Edmunds,  
Suffolk.

At the beginning of the Summer Term, Capt. B. W. Cridland arrived from West Africa to take over the duties of Second-in-Command of "C" Company, Sports Secretary and East Anglian Brigade Representative. He was quickly brought up-to-date in Regimental and Brigade matters by C.S.M. Franks, who is still a most prominent member of the Staff as C.S.M. "B" Company. Our third member is Pte. Leggett who also arrived last term, and is at present doing duty as "B" Company Clerk. C.S.M. Franks has already persuaded him to sign on for three years!

The success of our eight Juniors here has been more evident in the sporting world of late than the academic. Sgt. Missenden was chosen as one of four Juniors to represent the Battalion at Bisley and was the only one to reach Stage II of the Army Championship. He misjudged the wind in the "Roberts" however, and failed to make the Army "100"; he also represented the Battalion at the Western Command Rifle Meeting. L/Cpl. Thomas, L/Cpl. Blackwell and Pte. MacDonnell were all members of the Unit Athletic team which won the Army Junior Championship at Aldershot last term. L/Cpl. Thomas distinguished himself by winning the 880 (Youths) at this meeting and L/Cpl. Blackwell was fourth in the same race. McDonnell represented the Battalion in the High Jump and Javelin. L/Cpl. Thomas was also a member of a most successful Swimming team which last term won the Army Junior Championships, the Western Command Men's Championships and was placed fifth in the Army Championships at Aldershot.

Mention must be made also of Pte. Copsey who became one of the first batch of Junior soldiers to gain his parachute badge during the Summer holidays. He was also fortunate enough to be a member of a ski-ing party to Norway during the Easter holidays.

This term we are again well represented in Battalion teams. McDonnell is a prominent member of the Soccer and Basketball teams and last term's new arrival, Pte. Doyle, who comes from Southend-on-Sea, is boxing for the Battalion. Blackwell and Missenden have places in the Rugby and Hockey teams respectively. Copsey, McDonnell, Bragg and Tunstill are at present working for their Senior Education Certificate, the equivalent here of the Army



"First." We wish them every success and hope they will join the 1st Battalion with this valuable qualification.

We look forward very much now to the return of the 1st Battalion from their successful tour of duty in Malaya.

## THE ALL ARMS JUNIOR LEADERS' REGIMENT

The following Junior Leaders are serving with the All Arms Junior Leaders' Regiment at Tonfanau Camp, Towyn, and will be joining 1st Battalion on completion of training:

J/Pte. F. Maidment—whose home is at 71, Rosemary Avenue, Braintree, Essex. Maidment was unfortunate enough to break his leg just before the present term began and in consequence arrived some four weeks late. He is a member of the Corps of Drums and plays for his Platoon at soccer and hockey. J/Pte. D. Sweeney—whose home is at 12, Cloverland, Hatfield, Herts. He is a member of the Regimental Canoe Club, and plays soccer (goal-keeper) for his Platoon.

J/Pte. R. J. Stock—whose home is at 19, Danebury Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. He is very keen on all sport, especially Rugby.

## OUR CONTEMPORARIES

We acknowledge with thanks:—

- St. George's Gazette*—A Regimental Paper for the Fifth Fusiliers.
- The Poacher*—Regimental Journal of The 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Royal Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire).
- Mars and Minerva*—The Journal of The Special Air Service Regiment.
- The Covenanters*—The Regimental Journal of The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).
- The Men of Harlech*—The Journal of The Welch Regiment.
- The Ranger*—A Journal for the Connaught Rangers.
- The Waggoner*—The Journal of The Royal Army Service Corps.
- The Red Hackle*—The Chronicle of The Black Watch, The Royal Highland Regiment.
- Invicta*—The Journal of The Queen's Own Buffs, The Royal Kent Regiment.
- The Britannia and Castle*—The Journal of The 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk).
- The Roussillon Gazette*—A Journal of The Royal Sussex Regiment.
- The Royal Army Pay Corps Journal*.
- The Lion and The Dragon*—Journal of The King's Own Royal Border Regiment.
- The Light Bob*—The Regimental Journal of The Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry.

## EXTRACTS FROM

# THE LONDON GAZETTE

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

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

*Badjs.*

Major S. G. Philpott.

*Essex*

Major E. H. Conridge.

The Queen has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of the celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday, 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 (Now Lt.-Col. (temporary)) Douglas Jeffrey Cairns, 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot); on loan to the Government of Ghana.

## COMMANDS AND STAFF

The undermentioned Colonel to be Brigadier on the date shown:

P. C. Hinde, D.S.O., late Infantry, January 1, 1961.

Brigadier G. V. Britten, C.B.E., late Infantry, retires on retired pay, June 11, 1961. (Reserve liability).

## REGULAR ARMY

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

Lt.-Col. H. C. Gregory, M.C., T.D. (Emp. List (1)) (late 3 East Anglian), having exceeded retiring age is placed on retired pay, June 8, 1961.

Major R. H. A. Painter having exceeded retiring age is placed on retired pay, July 14, 1961.

The undermentioned Captains to be Majors, July 15, 1961:

E. W. Fox and with precedence in the East Anglian Brigade, next above P. D. Blyth, 3 East Anglian.

P. D. Blyth and with precedence in the East Anglian Brigade, next below E. W. Fox, 3 East Anglian.

W. D. Page and with precedence in the East Anglian Brigade, next below J. A. Garnett, 2 East Anglian.

A. F. F. H. Robertson and with precedence in the East Anglian Brigade, next below W. D. Page, 3 East Anglian.

Capt. J. A. Ward-Booth to be Major, July 18, 1961.

2/Lt. R. S. Cross to be Lieutenant, June 1, 1961.

Lt. R. J. Sibley to be Captain, July 29, 1961.  
W.O. Cl. I Leslie Cyril Victor McKean to be Lieutenant (Q.M.), June 16, 1961, with an ante-date for seniority purposes only to April 1, 1961.

Capt. (Q.M.) V. A. French to be Major (Q.M.), August 28th, 1961.

Lt.-Col. (Staff Q.M.) P. Hale from Emp. List (2) to be Lieut.-Colonel (Staff Q.M.) (Emp. List (2)), September 1, 1961, retaining his present seniority.

Lt.-Col. C. D. J. A. Tempest from Emp. List (1) to be Lieut.-Colonel (Emp. List (1)), September 15, 1961, retaining his present seniority.

2/Lt. Victor James Gee from Regular Army National Service List, to be 2/Lieutenant, May 11, 1961, with seniority August 14th, 1959.

2/Lt. V. J. Gee to be Lieutenant, August 4, 1961.

2/Lt. Kerry Woodrow from Short Service Commission, to be 2/Lieutenant, July 13, 1961, with seniority March 11, 1960.

The undermentioned Officer Cadets from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to be 2/Lieutenants, July 29, 1961 :

John Randolph Elder.  
John Edwin Bowers.

Capt. P. L. Purdy to be Major, October 21, 1961, and with precedence in the East Anglian Brigade, next below B. H. C. Emsden, 1 East Anglian.

#### *Royal Army Pay Corps*

Major H. M. Lloyd from 3 East Anglian to be Major, May 22, 1961, with precedence next below A. Menzies.

#### *Corps of Royal Military Police*

Major E. W. Fox from 3 East Anglian to be Major, September 30, 1961, with seniority July 15, 1961, and with precedence next above D. A. M. Phipps.

#### REGULAR ARMY — SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

##### *The 3rd East Anglian Regiment*

(16th/44th Foot)

2/Lt. R. W. Hurles to be Lieutenant, June 30, 1961.

Capt. J. V. Danks (Emp. List 3) relinquishes his commission on completion of service, August 8, 1961, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

Major M. W. C. Phillips relinquishes his commission on completion of service, September 26, 1961, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

Major E. G. Knight relinquishes commission on completion of service, October 5, 1961, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

#### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

##### *The 3rd East Anglian Regiment*

(16th/44th Foot)

Capt. (Hon. Major) L. C. Young having exceeded the age limit, relinquishes his com-

mission, May 17, 1961, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

Capt. V. H. Mills, having exceeded the age limit, relinquishes his commission, May 17, 1961, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

#### *Short Service Commission*

Lt. R. J. Foulkes from Active List, to be Lieutenant, May 1, 1961, retaining his present seniority.

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) W. D. Shaw having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to Reserve of Officers, June 14, 1961.

Major (Hon. Lt.-Col.) J. L. De V. Martin having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, July 1, 1961.

Capt. (Hon. Major) G. L. Dickinson, T.D., relinquishes his commission, July 1, 1959, retaining the hon. rank of Major.

Capt. A. S. W. Wedlock relinquishes his commission, July 1, 1959, and is granted the hon. rank of Captain.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY

##### *The Bedfordshire Regiment*

Placed on the Unattached List, April 1, 1961 :

Major D. V. Monico.

Capt. D. Wood.

Capt. P. W. G. Dyer.

Lt. M. de C. Dashwood.

Lt. G. M. Gadd (Reserve of Officers, R.A.O.C.) resigns his commission, April 1, 1961.

Major E. P. Davis retires January 3, 1961, retaining the rank of Major.

2/Lt. The Hon. I. H. C. Lawson Johnston (on probation) is confirmed in his appointment as 2/Lieutenant, June 18, 1959. To be Lieutenant, June 18, 1961, with seniority June 18, 1960.

Lt. D. W. Taylor is placed on the Unattached List, April 1, 1961.

Lt. G. H. Dunn from T.A. National Service List, Cheshire, to be Lieutenant, June 6, 1961, with seniority December 11, 1958.

2/Lt. P. J. Source (on probation) is confirmed in his appointment as 2/Lieutenant, September 30, 1959. To be Lieutenant, September 30, 1961.

2/Lt. I. R. Haywood (on probation) is confirmed in his appointment as 2/Lieutenant, September 30, 1959. To be Lieutenant, September 30, 1961.

##### *The Hertfordshire Regiment*

Lt. T. W. Morkill from Green Howards to be Lieutenant, April 1, 1961, with seniority January 17, 1960.

Capt. A. J. Adams is placed on the Unattached List, April 1, 1961.

*The Essex Regiment*

2/Lt. D. M. Stewart (on probation) is confirmed in his appointment as 2/Lieutenant, August 22, 1958. To be Lieutenant, April 23, 1961, with seniority April 23, 1960.

2/Lt. P. J. Wilson from R.A., to be 2/Lieutenant (on probation), March 10, 1961, with seniority October 15, 1958.

Lt. (Acting Capt.) M. J. Arney to be Captain, June 30, 1961, with seniority February 1, 1960.

2/Lt. J. Dentith, from Manchester, to be 2/Lieutenant (on probation), May 1, 1961, with seniority August 29, 1960.

Lt. D. W. F. Bullen from Army Emergency Reserve of Officers, National Service List, 3 East Anglian, to be Lieutenant, July 20, 1961, with seniority March 22, 1959.

2/Lt. P. M. Jefferis (on probation) is confirmed in his appointment as 2/Lieutenant, September 30, 1959. To be Lieutenant, September 30, 1961, with seniority November 23, 1950.

## TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

*The Bedfordshire Regiment*

Capt. A. J. Pargeter from Active List, to be Captain, March 8, 1961.

Lt. R. C. Putnam from Active List, to be Lieutenant, January 3, 1961.

Lt. C. D. Hutton from Active List, to be Lieutenant, April 14, 1961.

Major S. G. Philpott, T.D., from Active List, to be Major, March 29, 1961.

Lt. S. C. Whitbread from Active List, to be Lieutenant, March 29, 1961.

*The Hertfordshire Regiment*

Lt. W. P. Martineau from Active List, to be Lieutenant, February 24, 1961, retaining his present seniority.

Lt. J. O. Murray-Clarke from Active List, to be Lieutenant, February 24, 1961, retaining his present seniority.

Major D. B. Waterhouse from Active List, to be Major, February 24, 1961.

Major J. P. Devine, T.D., from Active List, to be Major, March 1, 1961.

Capt. M. D. Snoxall from Active List, to be Captain, February 24, 1961.

Lt. G. L. Blacktop from Active List, to be Lieutenant, May 23, 1961.

*The Essex Regiment*

Lt. B. C. Osgood from Active List, to be Lieutenant, March 16, 1961, retaining his present seniority.

Capt. C. J. Portway, T.D., from Active List, to be Captain, March 21, 1961, retaining present seniority.

Major E. H. Conridge, T.D., from Active List, to be Major, May 16, 1961.

Capt. R. Thomas, D.F.C., having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, September 20, 1961.

Lt. G. T. Janes from Active List, to be Lieutenant, August 14, 1961.

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

### Nominal Roll of Officers

Colonel of the Regiment ... .. Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L.

Associate Colonel ... .. Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L.

## REGULAR OFFICERS

## Brigadiers

G. W. H. Peters, C.B.E.,  
D.S.O., M.C. G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.  
P. C. Hinde, D.S.O. ... .. Asst. Comd. School of Land  
Air Warfare.

## Colonels

J. G. Milham, B.A. ... U.K. Liaison Staff, Ghana

## Lieutenant-Colonels

T. J. Barrow, D.S.O. ... H.Q. Land Forces, Hong  
Kong  
C. D. J. A. Tempest ... .. Inspectorate of Fighting  
Vehicles, Ministry of Supply  
D. Milman, M.C. ... .. G.S.O.1., A.O.R.G.  
M. W. Holme, O.B.E., M.C. Comd. 1st Battalion

## Majors

G. A. Lucas ... .. Staff Capt., War Office  
M. V. McArthur ... .. Army Apprentice School,  
Carlisle  
H. F. Rawkins ... .. D.O.P.T., H.Q., Singapore  
Base District  
A. J. M. Parry, M.C. To be G.S.O.1 H.Q., Cen-  
(T/Lt.-Col.) tral Fighter Est., Jan. '62.  
D. J. Cairns, M.B.E. ... .. Ghana Army West Africa  
(for retirement)  
J. S. Greene, M.C. (T/Lt.- Chief Inst. Nuclear and  
Col.) Chemical Ground Defence  
School  
I. J. D. Stevenson - G.S.O.1 (M.A.), Addis Ababa  
Hamilton, D.S.O. (T/Lt.-  
Col.)  
D. S. Farr, T.D. ... .. D.A.Q.M.G., H.Q. Western  
Command  
B. I. Palmer, M.B.E. ... .. G.S.O.2, Ministry of Defence  
D. W. Browne, M.C. ... .. G.S.O.2, G.H.Q., FARELF  
R. H. Medley ... .. Training Major, 4/5 Essex  
(T.A.)  
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  
 C. A. Stahellin ... Aden Protectorate Levies  
 J. V. Miserooy ... G.S.O.2, U.K. Liaison Staff, Malaysia

D. R. C. Carter ... B.M. Infantry Bde (T.A.)  
 D. G. M. Anstec ... Ghana Army, West Africa  
 R. J. Greesty ... Training Major 1 Bedfs. Herts (T.A.)

J. A. Bacon ... 1st Battalion  
 G. C. P. Morgan ... B.M. Infantry Bde. Group, B.A.O.R.

P. D. Blyth ... S.O.2, Federation Armed Forces School of Instruction, Malaysia

W. D. Page ... Staff Capt., Infantry Bde. Group, B.A.O.R.

A. F. F. H. Robertson ... R.N. Staff College Course  
 J. A. Ward-Booth ... G.S.O.2, Infantry Bde., Royal Nigerian Army, West Africa

P. L. Purdy ... Regimental Recruiting Officer

**Captains**

K. J. T. Hoile ... P.R., Near East.  
 P. L. Philcox, M.C. 1st Battalion

R. L. Jackson (T/Major) Brigade Depot (Holdee) (for Staff College course Jan. '62)

A. F. Mackain-Bremner ... Staff College, Camberley (Student) (Awaiting appt.)  
 J. F. Bushell ... Aden Protectorate Levies  
 H. O. Parker ... Adjt./Q.M., Leeds University

J. W. Scragg (T/Major) 1st Battalion  
 M. L. A. Dume ... Staff Captain, The War Office  
 G. C. Lucas ... 1st Battalion  
 W. J. G. Hancock ... 1st Battalion  
 K. Burch ... Staff College, Camberley (Student) (awaiting appt.)

J. R. Oldfield (T/Major) ... Canadian Joint Air Trg Centre, Canada  
 G. N. Dean (T/Major) ... Royal Nigerian Army, 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 ... 1st Battalion  
 A. F. Rogers ... 2 B. Anglian  
 M. D. Wilson ... Royal Nigerian Army, West Africa

P. J. R. Alderton ... 1st Battalion  
 H. D. Lucas ... Royal Nigerian Army, West Africa

B. W. Cridland ... Infantry Junior Leaders Bn., Owerury

M. Jones ... 1st Battalion  
 P. F. Chapman ... 1st Battalion  
 D. J. Thorogood ... 1st Battalion  
 S. A. Green ... Awaiting appointment.  
 W. K. W. Pike ... 1st Battalion  
 D. G. Wells ... H.O. Cornwel. Inf. Bde., Malaysia

I. E. Hutchings ... 1st Battalion  
 R. J. Sibley ... Brigade Depot (Holdee) (for 1st Battalion Jan. '62)

**Lieutenants**

C. B. Scott ... Staff, Far East Training Centre, Malaysia  
 P. S. Morton (T/Captain) 2nd Bn. Parachute Regiment  
 G. R. Barnett ... Trg. Offr. Inf., 26 Signal Regt., Catterick

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. J. Lewis ... 1st Battalion  
 A. R. A. Veitch ... 1st Battalion  
 R. S. Cross ... Pl. Comd. Brigade Depot  
 V. J. Gee ... 1st Battalion

**Second-Lieutenants**

R. Woodrow ... 1st Battalion  
 C. A. Styles ... 1st Battalion  
 I. E. Bowers ... 1st Battalion  
 J. R. Elder ... 1st Battalion

**Quartermasters**

P. Hale (Lt.-Col.) ... Army Apprentices School, Arborfield  
 R. H. Brooks (Major) ... Coy. Comd., Military Prison and Detention Bks., Shepton Mallett

L. B. Day (Major) ... M.Q. Staff, Trippli  
 V. A. French (Major) ... 1 Bedfs. Herts. (T.A.)  
 E. T. Stevart (Capt.) ... Q.M. Command Pay Office, B.A.O.R.

W. A. Moody (Capt.) ... Army Camp Comdt., Aden  
 D. J. Bebbington (Capt.) ... 1st Battalion  
 D. V. Cronier (Capt.) ... 4/5 Essex (T.A.)  
 S. A. Burrage (Lt.) ... 1st Battalion  
 L. C. V. McKean (Lt.) ... Adm. & Tpt. Offr., Infantry Brigade Group

**EXTENDED SERVICE OFFICERS**

**Majors**

S. A. Chandler ... C.M.P.E., Malta

**Captains**

G. A. Chilton ... Staff Capt., 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

H. C. Clark ... Staff Capt., Mid-West District  
 N. W. Nichols ... Staff Capt., H.Q. M.B.L.F.  
 D. B. Riches ... Range Officer, Sennelager, B.A.O.R.

F. H. Crouchman (T/Major) O.C., H.Q. Coy., Brigade Depot

**Quartermasters**

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

**SHORT SERVICE OFFICERS**

**Lieutenants**

B. E. J. White ... 1 B. Anglian  
 M. F. J. Dutton ... Holdee, B.A. Bde. Depot.  
 P. F. Bye ... 1st Battalion  
 R. W. Hurles ... Ghana Army, West Africa

**Second-Lieutenants**

T. B. Thomas ... E.A. Bde. Depot (for 1st Battalion, Jan., '62).

**Quartermasters**

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

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## 1st BATTALION NOTES



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L/Cpl. B. Piper

It is convenient to order our lives in step with the editions of *The Wasp and the Eagle*, and this period can be labelled as "Training and Reorganisation," or "Variations on Batu Arang," but there were other things, of course.

We had been looking forward to, and preparing for, six weeks' training in North Borneo, but this was cancelled at the last minute. A rapid adjustment was made to the programme, and it was clear that we would be far from idle. Each Company went off for 10 days at a time to train at Batu Arang; a name engraved on our hearts in laterite, and on the heart of O.C. "A" Company in particular! With little respite, the whole Battalion moved out there in mid-June to exercise ourselves in all phases of war. This was the first Battalion exercise since Germany days in 1958. As this area will shortly no longer be available to the military, a description of it would not be out of place here. It is a "Lost World" of quite untypical Malayan countryside, with an element of Dante's *Inferno* about it, provided by the haze of sulphurous smoke emanating from smoking and steaming slag heaps. Once a prosperous little town based on opencast coal mining, the mines are now undisturbed deep lakes of bright blue and green, with the colliery buildings derelict. Rolling hills, covered in long grass, with tangled and boggy valleys between, constitutes the rest of the area. Typicality returns on the perimeter, where rubber estates stretch to the horizon.

With a swirl of red laterite dust, Exercise "Slag Heap I" began as we "landed" on the

airstrip in our simulated aircraft (3-tonners, "piloted" erratically by novice Gurkha drivers). The airhead was held, and as the situation developed, a proper defensive position was taken up. A night withdrawal rounded off this phase and a welcome stand-down took place while the "politicians" talked. The "negotiations" having failed, we advanced to contact, established ourselves in a strong position, and in a silent attack at night forced the enemy off his positions. The exercise finished with a final thrust over the River Selangor (depicted by a 300ft. deep mining lake) at first light. The attacking troops paddled across in assault boats without incident, though the wash from the "safety boat" proved to be the greatest danger! All the vehicles then crossed on a raft built and manned by the Assault Pioneers. Once the hang of steering this ungainly craft had been solved, a matter of slowing and speeding-up any of the four outboard engines at the right time, "Admiral" Linnett and his versatile crew could have left the Woolwich Ferry standing!



[Photograph by Capt. C. M. F. Randall]  
Exercise "Slag Heap I." Bird's-eye view of Batu Arang.





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

*Exercise "Slag Heap I" driving on to Sgt. (Acting Admiral) Linnett's Ferry.*

The exercise being over, we had but a short time to lay on the Battalion Rifle Meeting, before we dashed off on the next exercise—a Brigade one. As a sideline, three Companies went off to Singapore to take part in a large-scale internal security exercise there—Exercise "Last Lap," which involved all the forces and police in Singapore. We had the novel task of being the "mob" and five enjoyable days were spent being a menace to the security forces and the civilian population. The "mob" rioted in a convincing manner, and their vivid, imaginative and thoroughly disreputable dress would have been a credit to any subversive organisation! Their activities covered curfew breaking, holding up traffic, being chased over the hangar roofs of the airport by police, "blowing up" a Boeing 707 and generally taunting and being broken up by police and military riot squads. The grand finale was worthy of Hollywood at its most extravagant. All the "mobs" were gathered together to make one mass demonstration of 2,000 strong, which the police and troops combined in force to disperse.

On July 11 and 12, the rifle meeting was held at Port Dickson, resulting in "A" Company winning, with "C" Company as runners-up. Capt. Pike, the Battalion Team Captain, was the champion shot, and Pte. Beardsmore, "Support" Company, was the best young soldier.

At 08.00 hours on Saturday, July 15, the codeword was given and the first large-scale airportability exercise held in the Far East started,

and the Brigade Group, as a part of a fictitious task force, stepped into the headlines. Terendak Camp became the assembly area for the whole Brigade Group, prior to "flying" out to "Southland." In a very short time we were ready to move. We "emplaned" on Malacca Airfield in the early hours of July 20 into taped-off aircraft shapes. A great deal of imagination was required—and used. One soldier, on being



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

*Exercise "Last Lap." Singapore Police, from a rioter's view point.*

reprimanded for walking through the side of the "aircraft," pointed out he was walking under the fuselage, so it was alright! The "flight" to Taiping, in the North of Malaya, was a difficult one, as anyone who has tried entraining a Battalion in aircraft loads will know! The task was not made any easier by the fact that the stationmaster kept shunting the train. After "landing" at the airhead at Taiping, we defended it, and took on any I.S. commitment. These proved to be many, ranging from escorting the Governor, putting down riots and attacking terrorist camps in the jungle, to driving off a herd of buffalos which crashed through the command post, nearly taking it and the Adjutant with it. It was never proved whether the stampede was caused deliberately by a "dissident" herdsman or O.C. "Support" Company, trying to safeguard his "basha." During this period Companies were flown off in Pioneers to deal with situations in other towns.

The political situation in "Southland" continued to worsen, and when the "Vandals" entered the struggle, the Commander of Untasfor decided to make a defensive stand just north of Kuala Lumpur, so we withdrew and secured the main bridge over the River Perak until the Brigade had passed through. Two hundred soldiers were flown in Twin and Single Pioneers to our old battlefield, Batu Arang, where the Battalion reformed and moved up into the hills as part of the defensive system. By this time the rain was pouring down and the familiar red dust rapidly became glutinous mud in which, by nightfall, were embedded nearly all the vehicles and anti-tank guns,



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

*Exercise "Last Lap." A small mob of ours is dispersed by the Police in Singapore.*



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*Loading a Land Rover and Mobat into a Beverley aircraft mock-up.*

scattered round the hills. Digging, camouflage and track repair kept us busy, and getting supplies of water forward was a constant problem. The enemy, of course, did not leave us alone to get on with it—nor did the rain! As we went over to the offensive, the Battalion counterattacked one of the other Battalion positions which had been overrun after a night approach march. Poised on the brink of victory, the three-week Exercise, "Trinity Angel" ended with the thought of a bath and a change from Mars bars for lunch uppermost in our minds. It should be recorded that a grateful "Southland Government" awarded the Battalion "Southland Swastika" and the "Taiping Cross," but "A" Branch never answered our request that they could be accepted.

We had now reached August, and we first had to fight our way through the accumulated paper, but did so in time to prepare for the Regimental Day, which commemorated the Battles of Blenheim and Salamanca. Despite so little time, we celebrated on a wider scale than usual over the week-end of August 13—Blenheim Day. We got off in fine style, with a concert party, held on the Friday evening. The show, which Capt. Alderton and Sgt. South expertly produced, was quite one of the best evening's entertainment we have had for many years. A great deal of work went into it by the cast, including wives, and all the people behind the scenes. The result was so appreciated, a second performance was given on the Sunday night. The big day was the Saturday, which we were to begin with a Drumhead Service. The weather was unkind to us and a much smaller service had to be held in the Church with-



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

Battalion Concert. "The Kaye Sisters," represented by Sgt. Harris, C/Sgt. Watson and Major Bacon.

out the splendour of the silver drums and Colours. The weather soon cleared, and for the fete, in the afternoon, it was clear and sunny. The stalls were varied and imaginative, and a brisk trade was done. The Band played, children's races were run, and an excellent tea was provided, as usual, by the Wives' Club. Evening saw the Junior Ranks' Club change from the concert hall of the previous day into a fine dance floor. The Regimental Dance Band and the "Beatnicks'" Skiffle Group kept the music going with hardly a pause. Drinks at reduced prices added to the success of the evening.

It was appropriate that Mr. Brian Potter, of *The Romford Recorder*, should pay us a visit during the Regimental week-end. He arrived from England on Saturday afternoon to be faced with, in his own words, "a very English-type tea party." He seemed to enjoy his seven days very much, and entered into a number of Regimental activities, including being stung by a jelly fish, whilst being initiated into water skiing! He joined a party making a recce for a Company expedition of Mount Ophir, a local mountain of 4,000-odd feet. His impressions of jungle and leeches were fully expressed in his paper on return.

We rounded off the month with the Battalion Shooting Team coming second in the Brigade Rifle Meeting, after very little practice. The Gurkhas, who beat us, only did so by six points.

"The Pompadour" made a long trip in May with six soldiers of "A" Company, who went about 60 miles up the Sungei Muar, a wide,

muddy, tidal river. It took ten days, and proved to be very interesting. A crocodile was seen at close quarters, and monkeys abounded in the thick jungle bordering the river. Europeans are few and far apart, and at a rubber estate well upstream, an Australian planter told them they were the first white men to come up the river since 1936! The party were taken round the plantation and hospitably entertained. On the return voyage, from the estuary along the coast back to camp, the engine gave trouble, and after rowing ineffectively against the current, an improvised sail, from a poncho, did the trick. The faithful old boat has been used for many fishing trips and the like, but at the time of writing, has finally given up the ghost, and lies sadly battered on the beach, as a result of a recent storm.

In August, a party of four private soldiers from "D" and "A" Companies, with their feet firmly on the ground, set out to cover the 100 miles from Kuala Lumpur to the camp in the shortest time they could. Wearing battle order and carrying weapons, they set off at dusk and marched right through the night and had covered 42 miles by first light. It was harder going during the day, but they did 30 miles. The pace slowed, but at 09.00 hours the following morning they marched smartly into camp, having done the distance in the creditable time of 38 hours. They had slept only about an hour during this time. Who knows how history might have been written had Marlborough completed his famous march to the Danube and Blenheim at this cracking pace!



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

Battalion Concert. "The Drinking Song." Sgt. South, in the absence of Mario Lanza.



*[Photograph by Army Public Relations, FARLEF*

*Exercise "Trinity Angel" party from "A" Company doubling away from a Twin Pioneer, having landed at a trouble spot.*

"The Long Walk" was an adventure training expedition, whose aim was to cross Malaya from West to East. Some of the country had never been surveyed or properly mapped, which made it more interesting. It was an ambitious and successful venture, which was completed in mid-October. A first-hand account follows. The ethnological, scientific and geographic knowledge obtained by the expedition has yet to be assessed, but from the report would appear to be limited. Their knowledge of, and "love" for, the jungle is, however, clearly apparent!

One aspect of training which we do all the time, and is built into all our training, is the loading and lashing of vehicles into aircraft. We have mock-ups of aircraft (not readily identified as such, but the dimensions are said to be correct) which are frequently used.

Now to turn to sport. In May, the Football Team were not able to pull off the double of last year, in that they lost in the Far East Championship in Hong Kong, having won the Divisional Cup for the second time. It has been a season of near misses, for in the Malacca League they ended up equal winners on points, but just went down on goal average. Also, in the Divisional Minor Units Cup, "Support Company" lost in the final. Nevertheless, it was a very good effort. In Hong Kong, the Fencing

Team, as Divisional Champions, redressed the balance by winning the Far East Cup by beating Hong Kong and Singapore in close contest. C/Sgt. (now W.O.II) Day was also runner-up in the overall Assault at Arms. Back in Malaya, the Motor Cycle Teams were chalking up successes by coming first and second in the Brigade Meeting and so retaining the Cup for the second year in succession. Sgt. Edwards, A.P.T.C., and Pte. Cooper kept our name high in the golfing world by coming first and third, respectively, in the Brigade Individual Match, and Sgt. Edwards also won the Divisional Competition.

The Cricket Team, too, has had a most successful season, easily winning the Doshi Shield, the trophy of the Malacca League. They did not lose a match and finished by defeating the Malacca State Side. We have not had the time to train properly in athletics, but a most enjoyable and successful Battalion Meeting was held at the beginning of June. There were no outstanding performances, as was expected, although the races were hard fought. The Tug-of-War was won by "Support" Company, who pulled very well indeed. They went forward to the Brigade Meeting, but after a long and hard pull, lost in the semi-final. "B" Company won the Inter-Company Shield, with "C" Company not far



*From what I can make out of it Finigan, you were raked with remorse upon hearing about the death of your favourite pet, "Chit-Chat," and that you did go out down town and wilfully place, one, "Abdul Arry Up's" tri shaw over his head after drinking 7 pints of beer in the "Capitol" dance hall.*

behind. In the recreational sporting line, water ski-ing and sailing have continued, though the former eased off during the height of the jelly-fish season! Some racing bicycles have been received from the Nuffield Trust and are regularly used.

During the period the Director of Infantry, Major-General Darling, and the new Commander-in-Chief, Lieut.-General Nigel Poett, paid us a visit.

The reorganisation phase can be briefly mentioned, though it was not a brief matter achieving the "General Post" it caused. "Support" Company disappeared and "Support" Platoons sprang up in Rifle Companies. Many other changes were made, too. We have now straightened up from that, and look ahead to a future far from clear, though it will be clearer by the time this is in print. The choice of destination rumours is wide.—The current ones are Worcester (the present incumbents think we are taking over from them); Felixstowe (someone's sister heard it mentioned on TV); Shoeburyness (someone has moved out

from there); Salford (a Corporals' Mess special, source unknown); Hong Kong (a red hot tip from our ex-contractor living in Karachi), and the North of Scotland (the Commanding Officer was heard to say that we could be going to John O'Groats for all he knew!).

To finish on a basis of fact, and not fantasy, the Battalion sent a contingent to take part in the "Farewell to Perak" parade in Taiping on October 14. This marked the farewell of the Brigade to the State, after several years' operational service against the terrorists there. They move down to join us at Malacca shortly. Mr. Brown, the Bandmaster, trained the massed bands up to a very high standard, and the Commonwealth Parade, which was inspected by the Sultan, went off well, despite rain cancelling half the rehearsals. Our Band played later in the day at a demonstration, and again with the Drums at the official cocktail party in the evening, where their performance was highly praised. The dance band continued at the dance which followed, bringing more credit to the Band and Regiment.

1st BATTALION



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*The Regimental Band on TV in Bangkok*



[Photograph by Beauty Studio, Malacca, Malaya

*Battalion Athletic Meeting "B" Company team, winners Inter-Company Athletics Shield 1961*

## PERSONALIA

The following promotions have taken place:

Capt. G. C. Lucas	to	T/Major
2/Lt. R. S. Cross	to	Lieut.
2/Lt. V. J. Gee	to	Lieut.
C/Sgt. R. Hewitt, B.E.M.	to	W.O.II
C/Sgt. W. Phillips	to	W.O.II
C/Sgt. B. Day	to	W.O.II
C/Sgt. A. Pettitt	to	A/W.O.II
Cpl. R. Lowe	to	Sgt.
Cpl. R. Hammerton	to	Sgt.

The following have left the Battalion:

Major A. F. F. H. Robertson to the R.N. Staff College.  
 Major R. L. Jackson to Staff College, Camberley.  
 Lt. G. R. Barnett to 26 Signal Regiment, Catterick.  
 Lt. R. S. Cross to Depot, East Anglian Brigade.  
 2/Lt. M. P. R. O'Meara (retirement).  
 W.O.II R. Russell to 4th/5th Essex (T.A.).  
 W.O.II J. Parrott to 1 Bedfs./Herts. (T.A.).  
 W.O.II R. Simmonds to Brigade Depot.  
 Sgt. D. Tucker to 1 Bedfs./Herts. (T.A.).  
 Sgt. W. Keily for release.



[Photograph by Army Public Relations, G.H.Q., F.A.R.E.L.F.]

Members of the Band outside the Marble Temple, Bangkok.



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

Water Ski-ing. "Pte. Spry getting up."

The following have arrived in the Battalion: Capt. P. H. Gill, from a year's attachment in Australia.

2/Lt. C. A. Styles, from R.M.A., Sandhurst.  
 2/Lt. J. E. Bowers, from R.M.A., Sandhurst.  
 2/Lt. J. R. Elder, from R.M.A., Sandhurst.  
 W.O.II E. Bedford, from A.A.S., Aborfield.

The following officers have been granted Regular Commissions from N.S. in the Regiment:

2/Lt. V. J. Gee  
 2/Lt. K. Woodrow

### "BY JUNGLE BOOT ACROSS MALAYA"

We have a strong national habit of going up, through and across things "because they are there." Captain Cook, Livingstone, Scott, Hillary, are all men whose exploits come easily to mind. Who can know, then, what honours posterity has in store for the eleven Pompadours who recently walked one hundred and twenty sweat-stained miles through Malaya's deepest "ulu" in nineteen days, whilst carrying on this illustrious tradition? What laurels will be heaped upon their brows? What stories told of their endeavours?

The plain facts do not look over-exciting. Others have travelled further, faster, higher, and for longer periods. But they did not have to contend with the changeable temperament of Malayan Jungle, which has a strongly hostile reaction to anything wearing Olive Green. The jungle is *not* neutral. 2/Lt. Woodrow and

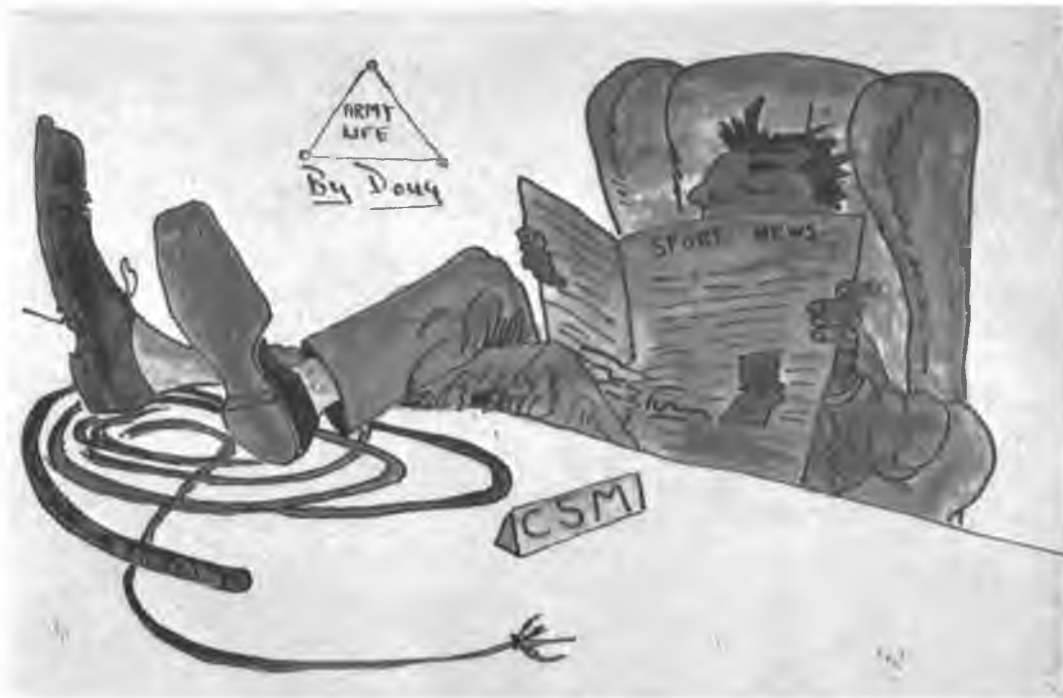
# By Jungle Boot across Malaya



1. *An Abo Cox.*
2. *Rest and be thankful.*
3. *An Aborigine dwelling.*
4. *Abos building the rafts for the expedition.*

[Photographs by Lt. P. F. Bye.]





*There are of course some people with better jobs than other's.*

his party from "C" Company will vouch for this in very strong terms. Each and every day the party fought a tooth and nail battle with this "neutrality." Considering the odds, they came off quite well; multiple abrasions and bruising, and a near neurotic "will to survive" being the most obvious results. To prove their point, they mentioned one or two particular "hates."

1. The wait-a-while bush, whose barbed tendrils can rip a suit of O.G.s to shreds and reduce a strong man to gibbering resignation. There are few more delightful experiences than to be pulled to a dead halt, attached by the earlobe. The joy of removing your hat from its grasp every 15 yards can hardly be described. The expedition's leader was particularly attached to this plant.

2. The ever-recurring fallen tree, over which it is impossible to climb. There is, however, always a small space between ground and log. The jungle often re-echoed to the anguished scream of a would-be adventurer as he was slowly crushed into the mud by his trapped pack.

3. The hill that only goes up. Members of the expedition have completely abandoned the old idea of a round world. They maintain that it is a one-in-one slope vanishing in infinity. How else could they keep going up for four consecutive days and arrive in a valley without going down?

Despite these "hates" there were many lighter moments. There was the delightful scene as the party crossed a large river at a supposed aborigine fording place. Starting off with grim determination at ankle depth, they waded on doggedly until only a few floating jungle hats and a stream of bubbles betrayed their position. It must have been a tall tribe of abos!

There was the adventurer who offered an aborigine girl a cigarette, thus contravening very ancient custom. He was marched away at blow-pipe point by father and big brother for a quick marriage ceremony. Only last-minute negotiation saved him.

Then there are affectionate memories of two days spent on half-submerged bamboo rafts, travelling down the Sungei Brok. There can be nothing more incongruous than the sight of four London boys, ankle deep in water, poling down a large river in the middle of the deepest jungle singing "Maybe it's Because I'm a Londoner," in glorious disharmony. The aborigines of the Kelantan have definite ideas about the mental health of British soldiers.

And lastly, the aborigine answer to TV, the siwang or tribal dance. It would be wrong to suppose that the men of the expedition are the most accomplished European exponents of the art of Abo dancing, but they are certainly most enthusiastic. To the rhythmic beating of bamboo drums, the gallant party disported itself in

what it imagined was fair imitation of the locals' complicated steps. Apart from a brief pause whilst "Sunray Minor" extracted his foot from between the slats of a bamboo floor, the jollifications went on into the late hours. Everyone voted it better entertainment than "Wagon Train."

These and many other memories are cherished by the party. It is easy to forget the sweat and daily grind, permanently wet to the skin, from one location to another. When the party finally reached Gua Musang, on the East Coast, after marching 28,000 yards in eight hours, and saw the disbelief and amazement on the faces of the local population, it all seemed worthwhile.

## THE EAST ANGLIAN BRIGADE DEPOT GENERAL

In the April, 1961, notes was inserted the following: "The more regular recruits who come through the gate the better." It is with considerable satisfaction that we can report that they are coming through in greater numbers, indeed a good bit faster than was expected. In fact we, the Depot, have reached our saturation point, not only with recruits, but with junior soldiers as well, and our excess numbers are being passed to the 1st Bn. The 1st East Anglian Regiment for their recruit training. In Training Company there are four platoons under training, of forty recruits each, and a further platoon building up awaiting training. In "H.Q." Company there are now some eighty junior soldiers. It is difficult to put a finger on any one reason for this increase, but undoubtedly, the efforts of Special and Regimental Recruiters, and the 1st Bn. 1st East Anglian Regiment, at Harwich, are bearing fruit. Long may it continue, and numbers increase. This, of course, produces the inevitable pressure of staff, let alone accommodation, and trying to get excess issue on AFG 1198, when authority exists for extra training staff only. However, the Quartermaster, Major Joanny, never seems to "bat an eyelid."

We are all delighted that Major Joanny was awarded the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Many congratulations.

During this month we lose a founder member of the Depot, Major Lywood, 1 East Anglian, who has commanded Training Company since its inception. During the 19 months, the Company has never been less than 200 strong, and up to over 300 on two occasions. We wish him luck in his new job at the School of Infantry as Demonstration Officer. We welcome Major Morgan, 1 East Anglian, as the

stand-in until March, when Major Philcox, 3 East Anglian, comes home from Malaya to take over.

One of the highlights of the past six months was Her Majesty The Queen's visit to Bury St. Edmunds on July 21; during the visit the Brigade Colonel was presented to Her Majesty. Then there was the visit, on July 5, of the Headmasters and Careers Masters of schools in the nine counties. The aim was to make them aware of the Junior Soldiers Wing and to encourage recruiting of potential Bandsmen/Drummers. Our visitors just could not believe that it was not a "put-up-job" for their benefit; they were most impressed, and it can be said that the visit was a great success, if measured only in contacts that have since been made and letters of appreciation from those who visited.

Passing-Out Parades and Parents' Days have continued. That they bear fruit is quite certain. The old idea of the Army is rapidly being abolished, and it is by showing the mothers and fathers what life really is like in the Army, that is helping to abolish this misconception. On August 4 we held the first-ever Parents' Day for the Junior Soldiers' Wing. The day was organised on the lines of a school's annual "Speech Day," without many speeches, ending with the Junior Band and Drums beating Retreat, wearing Blues for the Bandsmen and Scarlet for the Drummers. The parade was filmed in colour and was most impressive. The "Free Weekend," for civilians, on April 29/30, was real good value, though one would have wished that there were more than 27 young men present, however, five have since joined and finished their training.

The Garden Party, on July 22, was larger than last year's, and it went off very satisfactorily. The Junior Soldiers' Band played during the party and the Depot Cricket Side played the Gentlemen of Suffolk. It is hoped next year to combine it with a Ball, in addition to the Brigade Golf Meeting. Ten Officers came for the golf meeting, which was held on Friday, July 21, at nearby Flempton Golf Course. No one could win more than one prize, and the winners were:

Medal Scratch	Lieut.-Colonel Noble
Medal Handicap	Colonel Carroll
Bogey	Brigadier Oulton
Foursomes	Colonels Freeman Taylor and Floyd.
Inter-Regimental	Winners: 2nd East Anglian Regiment
	Runners-up: 1st East Anglian Regiment

Next morning we had an 18-hole match v. Flempton Golf Club in which we played "Rye

Greensomes." The Brigade side consisted of Major-General Freeland, Brigadier Oulton, Colonel Carroll, Lieut.-Colonel Chamberlain, Lieut.-Colonel Hayman, Lieut.-Colonel Noble, Capt. Paul and Lieut. Rowsell. The match was great fun.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

There are a lot of new faces in the Mess now. Major Colin Gardiner, 2 East Anglian, left us in June to return to his Regiment in Germany, and Major Frank Fleming, of 1 East Anglian, arrived to take his place as D.A.A.G. In July we welcomed Major Joe Starling, of 1 East Anglian, who is the present Brigade Recruiting Officer. Major Morris Phillips, of 3 East Anglian, who has been our P.S.O. for some time, left on retirement in August.

Social activities tend to ease off during the summer months, although there has been a pretty steady flow of visitors in the Mess nevertheless. Amongst them the Mayor and Mayoress of Bury St. Edmunds, the Mayor and Mayoress of Lincoln, the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Ganges*, and Air Vice-Marshal Dwyer, who commands No. 3 (Bomber) Group, Royal Air Force. In September we gave lunch to the Director of Infantry, Major-General Darling, when he visited the Depot, and a few days later to the G.O.C., 54 East Anglian Division-District, Major-General Freeland. The annual Garden Party, held this year in July, went very well. Some 260 guests came from all parts of the Brigade Area and watched a good game of cricket on a typical English summer's day, although it didn't actually rain. Last year our caterers were rather disorganised, but made amends this time by providing an excellent tea. Also in July, we entertained 27 headmasters to lunch and tea. Certainly while they were lunching with us, they showed their appreciation in the best possible way. Finally, on October 13, we had a luncheon for the Mayor and Mayoress of Bedford. We are very glad to say that Mrs. Watts, who does such sterling work for us in the kitchen, and who has been unfit for some time, is back at the helm.

As we are likely to be in Blenheim Camp for another two years, we managed to get nearly all the Mess redecorated this summer, a vast improvement. Although numbers in the Mess have risen in sympathy with the growing success of the recruiting campaign, we still have a few spare rooms, and if anyone happens to want a bed, we shall be delighted to put them up for a night or two, but please give us as much warning as possible.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

Since last going to press, the "comings and goings" have been too numerous to record

them all here, but special mention must be made of the following: Sgt. Curson (1 East Anglian), Sgt. Millhouse (2 East Anglian), Sgt. Knight (2 East Anglian), Sgt. Cracknell (3 East Anglian) and Sgt. Thompson (1 East Anglian), who did such sterling work as Training Platoon Sergeants, and have left us to join their respective Regiments; Sgt. Cracknell going to Special Recruiting for his Regiment. We were sorry to see them go, but welcome in their place Sgts. Gooch (2 East Anglian), Horne (1 East Anglian), Hazelwood (3 East Anglian), also Sgt. Bullock (1 East Anglian), who is here temporarily, looking after the newly-joined recruits.

During the summer months the social side of the Mess took a well-earned rest. We did, however, have a cocktail party after the Junior Soldiers had given a most excellent "Beating of Retreat." The cocktail party was a big success, the local Police Force being well represented among the guests.

On October 7, the Sergeants' Mess Shoot was held at Thetford Ranges, although the day started in pouring rain, and despite Met forecasts, it turned out a real summer's day.

In conclusion, we extend an invitation to all East Anglian Brigade Mess members to come and see us, and a letter or card giving warning of arrival, will ensure a bunk being ready.

#### TRAINING COMPANY

At the end of March, when our last notes were written, Training Company was 130 strong. We finished these notes with a speculation as to whether the current drive on recruiting would send our numbers up again to somewhere near the all-time high of 300, when the last National Service Intakes were being trained here in December, 1960.

It is very pleasant to be able to report that our present strength is well over 200, including 170 recruits under training. The number of recruits coming through the gates really started to show a significant increase in June, and the upward trend has continued during the last three months. During the last six months there has been a lot of coming and going. Sgt. Curson (1 East Anglian), has left us to join the 1st Battalion at Harwich; he has been relieved by Sgt. Horne, also of 1 East Anglian, who came to us from Mons O.C.S. Sgt. Cracknell, of 3 East Anglian, has become a Special Recruiter, and his place has been taken by Sgt. Law, of 3 East Anglian. Sgt. Knight, of 2 East Anglian, has now joined the 2nd East Anglian at Osna-bruck, his place being taken by Sgt. Gooch, of 2 East Anglian. Sgt. Hazelwood, of 3 East Anglian has come to us from being a P.S.I. with 4 Essex, and Sgt. Smith has just arrived from 1 East Anglian, but was only with us briefly before going off on a month's leave to get married. Congratulations. Sgt. Bullock has come up from Harwich to hold the fort.



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**DEPOT THE EAST ANGLIAN BRIGADE ATHLETIC TEAM 1961/62 SEASON**

*Back row: Pte. Dawson (1 E. Anglian), L/Cpl. Berry (3 E. Anglian), Pte. Tancred (1 E. Anglian), L/Cpl. Balls (3 E. Anglian), Pte. Wright (2 E. Anglian).  
Front row: Sgt. Horne (1 E. Anglian), C.S.M.I. Talkington (APCT), Lt. Rowsell (1 E. Anglian), Team Captain, S/Sgt. Cooper, (APTC), Cpl. Davies (1 E. Anglian)*  
Winners of East Anglian District Minor Unit Championship; winners of Eastern Command Minor Unit Championship; third in the Army Minor Unit Championship

**JUNIOR SOLDIERS' WING**

The summer term has been an eventful one for the Junior Soldiers' Wing, and undoubtedly, the high spot was the week in which 27 selected Junior Soldiers went to Wales to play games against other Junior Soldiers' Establishments, and culminating in two days' canoeing and rock climbing, under the guidance of our very excellent hosts, the All Arms Junior Leaders' Regiment, at Towyn. The memories that come to mind out of these two days are of Mr. Prosser up to his neck in black mud, and J/L/Cpl. Eastham deciding there was more room in the sea than in his canoe. The Band had one outside engagement this term, at Dr. Barnardo's, of Harlow, where they were very well received. They were competing with the 3rd American Air Force Band—chrome helmets and soft shoe shuffle.

On July 5, a party of 28 headmasters and careers masters from schools all over the Brigade Recruiting Area visited the Junior Soldiers' Wing. They had come just to see what went on in the Junior Soldiers' Wing. They were entertained to lunch and tea, and during the day toured the Wing and saw all the aspects of training and recreation. There is no doubt that they were suitably impressed by all they saw and will be able to give potential entrants a good idea of life in the Junior Soldiers' Wing. They all remarked on the great difference between the standard of meals of their own schools and what they saw here.

At the end of the present term the Band are playing for a Carol Service for the whole of the Depot, and we hope to play for the Recruits' Passing-Out Parade in November. We will also be taking part in the Bury St. Edmunds Armistice Parade.

## CRICKET

During the season the Depot XI played a total of 20 games. The first match was played on May 16 and the season was concluded on September 7. For the record books the summary of the match results is:

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Rained-off
20	5	12	2	1

## ATHLETICS

This has been a very successful year for athletics in the Depot. In early May, a Depot athletics team was formed and training started for the East Anglian District Minor Units Championships. These Championships were held at Colchester on June 28, and a very fit and confident team took part. Five teams participated in this competition and the Depot team won quite easily by eight points. The team managed to win six out of the ten events. As a result of winning the East Anglian District Championships, the team went forward to the Eastern Command Championships, which were held at Chatham on July 21. Four teams took part and after a very close contest, the Depot again emerged as winners, by 6½ points. This time the overall standard was much higher and the Depot only managed to win three out of the ten events. As a result of this win, the Depot was nominated to compete in the Army Minor Units Championships at Aldershot on July 26 and 27. This is the first time that we have been represented at any Army Finals. As expected, the standard was extremely high, in fact most results compared favourably with the Major Units' times and distances. Six teams took part who were the winners of their respective Commands, in this competition the Depot finished third, but were by no means disgraced, considering the high standard. Finally, but not least, one must remember the men who trained, mainly in their own time, and produced a first class team spirit. Sgt. Curson, Sgt. Horne, Sgt. Knight, Cpls. Davis, Read, Townsley, L/Cpls. Steele, Berry, and Ptes. Dawson, Tancred, Balls and Wright; however, one must not forget C.S.M.I. Talkington, who spent many hours training the team, without his effort the team would not have won the District, let alone reached the Army Championships; and to Lt. Rowsell, for getting almost everything he wanted out of the Commanding Officer, except N.C.O.s and men on training.

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

It was announced in August that the title of the new Battalion would be 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), and recommendations for the new badges and other items of dress have been submitted to the War Office. It is hoped that they will be approved in time for full details to appear in the next copy of *The Wasp and the Eagle*.

Colonel The Right Hon. Lord Luke, T.D., D.L., M.A., Honorary Colonel of the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.), has assumed the appointment of Honorary Colonel of the new Regiment and Brigadier J. A. Longmore, C.B., C.B.E., T.D., D.L., who was Honorary Colonel of the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), has retired.

The new Regiment covers both counties, and is located as follows:

Battalion Headquarters & "H.Q." Company	Hertford
Reconnaissance Platoon & Corps of Drums	Ware
No. 1 Company	Hemel Hempstead
No. 2 Company and Assault Pioneer Platoon	Watford
No. 3 Company (less two platoons)	Luton
One Platoon	Hitchin
One Platoon	Dunstable
No. 4 Company (less one Platoon) and Sections of Signals and M.T.	Bedford
One Platoon	Biggleswade
Regimental Band	Bedford

Annual camp was spent at Castlemartin, in Pembrokeshire, and 294 all ranks attended. The Regiment enjoyed excellent weather conditions and a great deal of useful training was accomplished on the very excellent field firing ranges available. The training culminated in a 24-hour Battalion amphibious landing exercise, which was carried out with the assistance of 18 Company (Amphibious) R.A.S.C., from Fremington. The crossing of the Milford Haven was made after dark and a six-mile march was made into the final defensive position. No vehicles were used and all the Battalion's heavy equipment was manpacked. The Battalion was finally dug-in on its new position before dawn. During camp, the Battalion was visited by the Army Commander, General Sir Gerald Lathbury, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.B.E., the G.O.C., 54 East Anglian Division (Major-General I. H. Freeland, D.S.O.), the Deputy Brigade Commander (Colonel Dicker), and the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire

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1st BN. THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT (T.A.)—  
 CASTLEMARTIN, JULY 1, 1961  
 The Colonel of the Regiment's Parade

(Major Simon Whitbread, J.P.). The Colonel of the Regiment (Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L.), also visited the Battalion and inspected a Battalion parade and took the salute at a march past.

The first Annual Rifle Meeting of the new Battalion was held at Grafham in September. Capt. P. J. Simmons, O.C. "H.Q." Company, won the Individual Championship, and the Champion Company was No. 4 Company (Bedford). The Old Comrades' Championship was won by the Hertford Branch, and the Individual Championship by Mr. Pearce of the London Branch.

In October, the 161 Infantry Brigade competitions were held at Stanford P.T.A. The results were disappointing to the Battalion, but we were particularly unfortunate in that three members of the Support Weapons Team were taken seriously ill during the week before the competitions. The Battalion gained first place in the Cookery Competition, when the cooks, under S/Sgt. P. C. Smith, of Bedford, achieved their usual high standard. On the same day, the Band, under Mr. M. P. Reeves, and the Drums, under Drum-Major C. H. Coombs, both took first place in the 54 East Anglian Divisional Band and Drums Competitions, held in London, in which bands from London and East Anglia competed. The competition

was judged by the Director of Music of Kneller Hall, and the standard was extremely high. In particular, the Drums were complimented on an outstanding turnout in No. 1 Dress.

The new training year, which has now started, is Civil Defence Year, and all ranks are looking forward to working with their local Civil Defence Corps Units, the Police Force and the Fire Brigade, so that they may be of real assistance, should the need arise.

Despite amalgamation, we still need a good number of volunteers, particularly the younger ones. Amalgamation has meant that many senior ranks, who have spent many years as soldiers, in war and peace, have retired to make room for the younger men, and we need a constant flow of recruits to enable the Regiment to stay at an effective average age. It is pleasing to note that 26 recruits have joined the Battalion since camp, and that they come from towns spread evenly throughout the two counties.

Annual camp in 1962 is to be held at Millom, in Cumberland, from June 16-30. Although this is a long way from our home counties, we hope to see many old friends, and particularly those from the Regular Battalion, who we hope will be happily settled in their new station in the U.K. by that time.



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**OFFICERS—1st BN. THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT (T.A.)—  
CASTLEMARTIN, JULY, 1961.**

Back row: Lt. B. J. Townsend, 2/Lt. I. R. Haywood, Capt. J. H. Ellis, Lt. G. H. Dunn, M.B.E., Lt. M. G. Craddock, Capt. D. A. Farrow, Capt. C. J. N. Longmore. Centre row: Capt. R. B. Kentley, Capt. J. E. S. Bretherton, Capt. D. J. Caswell, R.A.P.C., 2/Lt. P. J. Source, Lt. J. C. McMullen, Lt. H. M. Brown, Capt. E. J. Lancaster, Capt. P. J. Simmons, Capt. P. W. G. Dyer. Front row: Major D. V. Monico, Major W. J. Darville, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., Colonel, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), Lt.-Col. C. Simmons (Commanding Officer), Capt. S. A. Green (Adjutant), Major G. H. Hickinbottom, T.D., Capt. (Q.M.) V. A. French.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

At camp the Mess held a very successful guest night at which 14 guests were entertained. Unfortunately, both Lord Luke and Brigadier Longmore, the Honorary Colonels of the two former Battalions, were unable to attend. On the middle Sunday, a cocktail party was held to entertain local civic dignitaries and the members of the camp staff, who had worked so hard to make our camp a success.

Since our last notes, Capt. North, from Hemel Hempstead, has rejoined 1 E. Anglian as a Regular Officer, and Lt. Blacktop, of Watford, has transferred to T.A.R.O. Major (Q.M.) Bill Moody has left us for Aden, and Major (Q.M.) Vernon French, already well-known to the T.A., has taken his place. Capt. Green, the Adjutant, left us for a very short tour in Ghana, to be replaced by Major Gresty, as Training Major. In the near future

we shall be losing Major Derek Monico, who is transferring to the 54 East Anglian Divisional Signal Regiment as their R.A.P.C. Officer.

The next event is the officers' cocktail party, to be held at Luton Town Hall on November 25.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

The Sergeants' Mess during camp period at Castlemartin proved to be very successful. Although during the day the members were fully occupied by a strenuous training programme, the evenings were spent trying to replace their lost energy in the Mess. (Even the local brewery could not keep up with the beer orders!). The highlight of our social activities at camp were a dinner night, on Thursday, June 29, the guest of honour being Major (Q.M.) V. A. French, and Saturday, July 1, after the Colonel of the Regiment's parade, when



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**WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS — 1st BN. THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT (T.A.)—CASTLEMARTIN, JULY, 1961.**

Sgt. Murray, Sgt. Higgs, Sgt. Turner, A.P.T.C., Sgt. Selby, Sgt. Brown, Sgt. French, Sgt. Duvall, Sgt. North, Sgt. Jones, Sgt. Golby, Sgt. Wright, Sgt. Huckle, Sgt. Burrows, Sgt. Archard, R.A.M.C., Sgt. Rogers, Sgt. South, Sgt. Wassell, Sgt. Gatehouse, Sgt. Dean, Sgt. Cavell, Sgt. Kennedy, Sgt. Baggard, Sgt. Taylor, Sgt. James, Sgt. Craddock-Jones, Sgt. Bryant, Sgt. Gregory, S/Sgt. Foster, D/M. Coombs, Sgt. Fuller, Sgt. Goldsmith, C/Sgt. Lawrence, C/Sgt. Ross, C/Sgt. Dearman, C/Sgt. Varney, C/Sgt. Fairclough, S/Sgt. Waters, R.E.M.E., Sgt. Barker, Sgt. Hills, Sgt. Mansell, Sgt. Dalimore, Sgt. Kelly, Sgt. Copley, C/Sgt. Milligan, W.O.II Harle, M.M., W.O.II Crook-Rumsey, W.O.II Cotter, W.O.II Reeves (Bandmaster), Capt. S. A. Green (Adjutant), Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., Colonel, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th 44th Foot), R.S.M. Herd, Lt.-Col. C. Simmons (Commanding Officer), W.O.II Hutchings, W.O.II Carr, W.O.II Sharpe, C/Sgt. Baines, C/Sgt. Jay.

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., D.L., the Commanding Officer, and Officers of the Battalion visited the Sergeants' Mess. On this occasion, presentations were made to Lt. McKean for his service with the Battalion as R.S.M., and W.O.I Battle, who has now left the Battalion after many years' service as Bandmaster with the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment.

We congratulate Sgt. Kelly, P.S.I., "H.Q." Company on winning the Sergeants' Mess Rifle Championship and Sgt. Dean, No. 2 Company, for winning the T.A. Warrant Officers/Sergeants Championship. Sgt. Murray, unfortunately, had a bad day and was presented with the wooden spoon; it seems a little more "pokey drill" is needed.

Since the last issue of the Journal we have had a few departures and promotions. Sgts. Dean, Rogers, Butcher and Francis have left us and we welcome into the Mess Sgts. Duvall, Papper, Hills, Cavell and Gatehouse. Congratulations to C/Sgt. Varney and Sgt. Harle, M.M., on their promotion to C.S.M. and Sgt.

Smith (ACC) on his promotion to Staff Sergeant. C.S.M. Hutchings, former PSI of No. 3 Company, is now trying his hand in "civvy street," but we are glad to say he has not left us completely as he has rejoined us as a member of the Battalion with the appointment of R.Q.M.S. Recently joined us from the 1st Battalion, in Malaya, is Sgt. Tucker and we hope his stay with us will be an enjoyable one.

## The Hertfordshire Regiment Dinner Club

The Annual Dinner of The Hertfordshire Regiment, which had been arranged before the amalgamation, was held at Whitehall Court on October 13. Brigadier J. A. Longmore presided and the guests were Mr. R. H. Melville, C.B., Deputy Under Secretary of State at the War Office, Brigadier J. Sykes-Wright, D.S.O., O.B.E., Secretary of the Hertfordshire T. & A.F. Association, Brigadier A. E. Harding,



O.B.E., M.C., E.R.D., Commanding 161 Infantry Brigade, and the Officers of the former 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) who are now serving with the new T.A. Battalion. The following officers attended: Brigadiers J. A. Longmore, C.B., C.B.E., T.D., D.L., and Hanbury Pawle, C.B.E., T.D., D.L. Cols. S. R. W. Burr, T.D., I. W. S. Grey, T.D., D.L., R. A. Humbert, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., G. V. Kenyon, C.B.E., T.D., R. H. Senior, E. B. S. Scott-Clarke, O.B.E., T.D., D.L. Capt. J. G. Watson, Royal Navy, Lt.-Cols. J. H. Bevan, C.B., M.C., G. C. W. Glossop, T.D., R. P. McMullen, D.S.O., M.B.E., T.D., D.L., J. S. Ross, M.C., C. Simmons. Majors S. Carrington-Smith, G. D. Chalk, W. J. Darville, I. C. Dyer, M.B.E., V. A. French, R. J. Gresty, G. F. C. Gudgeon, M.C., G. H. Hickinbottom, F. J. L. Lang, M.B.E., T.D., J. C. Lindsell, D. V. Monico, D. C. Slemeck, T.D., J. S. Townsend, J. D. Trustram-Eve, D. B. Waterhouse and H. T. Wright. Capts. J. R. Beevor, J. E. S. Bretherton, D. J. Caswell, C. M. Down, P. G. Dyer, J. H. Ellis, D. A. Farrow, N. P. Gold, W. G. Handford, R. B. Keatley, C. J. N. Longmore, P. L. R. Ransom, P. J. Simmons, and Lts. H. M. Brown, I. R. Haywood and J. A. Streeter.

At the dinner a presentation was made to Brigadier Longmore in appreciation of his outstanding services to The Hertfordshire Regiment. Brigadier Longmore joined the Regiment in 1919 and was Commanding Officer from 1937 to 1941. He became Honorary Colonel in 1952 and held this appointment until the amalgamation on April 1 when the Senior Honorary Colonel, Lord Luke, became Honorary Colonel of the new Battalion.

## 4th/5th Battalion The Essex Regiment (T.A.)

### GENERAL

Camp this year provided variable weather and introduced a number of young soldiers to "Gunfire." As Millom Camp was sited on a disused airfield, the maximum use was made of runways to improve our standards of drill. Each morning, before breakfast, the officers paraded under the Second-in-Command, whilst the remainder of the Battalion were with the R.S.M. The change in bearing at the end of camp was most noticeable, and a Commanding Officer's parade was held on the middle Saturday, when Major Jim Coker presented the Gaza Cup to "A" Company for their recruiting efforts. Each morning the Civil Defence Squads marched to work to the strains of martial music, provided by the Band and Drums. The Band and Drums, meeting each other for the

first time, knitted in very well, and showed us all the enjoyment that can be given to a unit from these two "music-making" organisations. Messing was good, and the cookhouse staff, augmented by volunteers really provided a selection of dishes, which lived up to the title of the "Snowbolt Grill." Training was interesting and made more enjoyable by our friendship with the London-Scottish, who camped with us. Our recruits spent the first week on a special cadre, where they worked very hard and learnt a lot.

### OFFICERS' MESS

There have been some changes since the last issue of *The Journal*. Major Conridge, Capt. Chris Portway, Lts. Osgood and Danes have left us on transfer to T.A.R.O. We wish them all well in the future. We welcome Lt. Bullen and 2/Lts. Wilson and Ward. The last named has graduated from the Potential Officer Cadre after much hard work. As we go to press, we are sorry to hear Mike Amey is leaving us to become a jumper with 10th Parachute Battalion.

### PERMANENT STAFF

Congratulations to C.S.M. and Mrs. Ealden, and Sgt. and Mrs. Hutchinson on their recent increases to their families. The departures and arrivals are recorded in the Sergeants' Mess notes.

### WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

Since the last publication of *The Wasp and The Eagle*, the members of the Mess appear to have settled down to normal routine after having spent 15 days' annual camp at Millom. During camp it was most noticeable the amount of liquor some members consumed, in comparison with the sales back at Ilford. It must be due to no loving wife to greet members on leaving the Mess at camp. Our off-duty hours were unquestionably spent in the most enjoyable manner with the neighbouring Mess, 1st London Scottish Regiment (T.A.), with whom we made extremely good friends. We look forward to the time in the future when we will have the privilege of sharing a camp with them again. Maximum points for the Mess Corps of Drums for their efforts of sounding Reveille, admirably led by the R.S.M. and assisted by the Second-in-Command and Major Ashton.

On the training side of life, we are assured by the results obtained, that most members of the Mess are now brimming full with knowledge of Civil Defence. Our special congratulations go to Sgt. Smith, "A" Company, on obtaining the only "A" in the Mess, also to C/Sgts. Carmichael, Withrington and Sgt. Halls on obtaining "B" results, and we must not forget those with "near misses."

During the past few months we have said cheerio to the following Permanent Staff: W.O.II Herring, Sgts. Hazelwood and Hutchinson, and we wish them all the very best of luck for the future, and thank them for all their hard work. We take this opportunity of giving a good welcome to the new P.S.I.s, W.O.II Russell, C/Sgt. Richardson and Sgt. Appleton. We also welcome Sgt. Culliton to the Mess on his promotion to Sergeant.

We now look forward to our Christmas Ball, in December, when we are sure to meet some old friends whom we hope will enjoy the evening with us.

#### "A" COMPANY

Before camp this year, "A" Company was generally pessimistic about what our first Civil Defence camp might bring, but whilst at camp, and since our return, it is fair to say that even the most sceptical diehards have had to admit that their pessimism was unjustified, and they did have a good time after all. Indeed the only complaint to be heard was that it was a pity it was not a month's camp!

Since the last notes for "A" Company were written, we have lost our Company Commander, Major E. Conridge, who retired owing to the pressure of his work, so it would hardly seem appropriate to wish him peace and quiet in his retirement. The Company would, however, like to thank Major Conridge sincerely for all the hard work and good humour he gave us during his long time with the Company. We are happy to welcome in his place Major G. Ashton.

With our strength decreases must also be added the name of our P.S.I., W.O.II Herring, who will be missed, because while he was with us he did most of the work, and he is to be commended for the diligence with which he carried out his various duties and instructed us. The Company would like to thank him for all his efforts and wish him a happy retirement from the Army after 22 years' service. Our new P.S.I., Sgt. Appleton, seems to be handling the Company typewriter quite well now, and in time will get used to our non-return of pre-paid answer letters system, which is an unfortunate habit of certain members of the Company.

Our congratulations go firstly to C.S.M. Womack, who received his Territorial Army Efficiency Medal at camp; and secondly, but by no means less, to Cpl. Bartlem, who has recently received the third clasp to his Efficiency Medal, and that record, together with the C.S.M.'s, must give these two gentlemen more service than a lot of the rest of the Company put together.

Since the last *Journal*, we have taken possession of our new Drill Hall at Wood Lane, and

it should be added that it comes well up to expectation, especially when compared for size with our old centre at Halbert Street. The only disadvantage the move brought was that there now seems a lot fewer of us, but this is really only due to the fact that we are now further apart! This unhappy state of affairs can be remedied, however, if only we can entice some more new recruits like those who have joined us in the last couple of months. We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming our new recruits, namely, L/Cpls. Tuite and Welch and Ptes. Croon, Brinsley, Harrington, J. A. Lober, Perkins, Rigwell, Scrivens and Tidy. The members of the Company who were responsible for introducing the above must also be thanked at this stage, and with their efforts, we were enabled to win the Battalion Gaza Recruiting Cup this year. We have just launched a new No. 3 Platoon at Brentwood, under 2/Lt. P. Wilson, who has recently joined us, and Sgt. Smith; between them they are now fishing hard for recruits in our new "waters."

#### "B" COMPANY

It is very gratifying to record that, including attached personnel, we now number over 50. Recruiting at Chelmsford is slow, but proceeding in the right direction, and we now have the nucleus of a promising platoon.

Our marksmen gained the Inter-Company Cup, L.M.G. Pairs, and the Falling Plate trophies at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, also, L/Cpl. Purnell gained the Individual Prize as Champion shot. We were also successful in the Battalion Drill Competition.

The best was made of the rather austere surroundings at camp, and our Civil Defence Squad gained a creditable pass mark. Due to a lack of regular staff, we had to provide permanent cookhouse fatigue men. They tackled their duties with enthusiasm and we now have four qualified cooks. Our week-ends have been busy and have included field training at Thetford and Burnham, where we helped to provide the "enemy" against a Parachute Unit's river-crossing.

The social side has not been neglected, and several innovations have been introduced; some 60 members and friends witnessed a performance at the Royal Tournament. We also raised a cricket team to play a local village (Wickham Bishops), the score cards of which have been conveniently lost. Major Purves and Capt. Doyle played for a T.A. side against the Gentlemen of Essex. A Company dinner was held in Witham in October, and the 65 members and their ladies voted it a good evening, worthy of repetition.

S/Sgt. Gilder (ex-5th Essex) who dropped rank to transfer from the R.A., is running an M.T. Course, and a new recruit, Pte. Dickens



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*Sgt. Snow and L/Cpl. Purnell serving out steak and onions.*

(ex-Royal Signals) is attending a Battalion H.Q. Signal Course, prior to running a Signal Cadre within the Company.

C/Sgt. Richardson has joined us from 1 East Anglian as P.S.I. (our fourth this year) and we hope that he and Mrs. Richardson will have a pleasant stay with us, and of longer duration than their predecessor.

#### "C" COMPANY

Just prior to our annual camp this year, the Company was asked to provide a guard of honour for the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Bernard Waley Cohen, on the occasion of his visit to Epping. As this was the first time the Company had paraded in public, with the new rifle, a lot of effort was needed to reach the high standard required for such an occasion. Our thanks in this respect must go to C.S.M. F. Lawrence, who, having recently attended a course of instruction under The Guards, was able to lick us into shape in time, for on the day all went without a hitch, and Sir Bernard afterwards complimented Major G. H. Brewer on the turn-out and drill.

It was with some trepidation that the Company moved north for our annual camp, which

this year was to teach us the rudiments of Civil Defence. The fortnight was well spent in learning and trying to understand the many facets of Civil Defence and, generally, the period was enjoyed by most members. We returned to military training in September, when we held an exercise in conjunction with 3 Company, 10th Bn. The Parachute Regiment. This exercise was framed around a night assault river-crossing at Burnham-on-Crouch. Whilst the University boat crews will have nothing to fear from our crews, the exercise was of excellent value and was thoroughly enjoyed by all, despite one or two small mishaps, such as an encounter between one assault boat and the local Customs and Excise launch.

Turning now to domestic news within the Company, our congratulations are extended to Lt. Jeffries on his recent promotion. Sgt. Percy and Pte. Selves are also to be congratulated on becoming proud fathers, and from reports elsewhere in the Company, more congratulations will be due by the time the next issue of this Journal goes to press.

#### "D" COMPANY

"D" Company survived their first "Civil Defence" Camp, and with the remainder of the



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*Sgt. Simmons instructing members of "B" and "D" Companies in the use of an assault boat*

Battalion, earned a very good mark with the permanent staff. This "Aid to the Civil Power" (as it is referred to) training was received with considerable doubt, but after serious training in First Aid and Rescue, a fortnight at the Army School, in Millom, convinced most people that whether or not the training was ever put into practise, an awful lot was learned that was not only interesting, but of use in civilian life. Most people think they can cope in an accident, but the teaching at Millom made it very clear that really one did not have more than vague ideas, and these were just as likely to be quite wrong as right. We all enjoyed camp very much, and our knowledge of knots and ropes has already been put to good use in some practice river-crossings.

In personnel, we have had some gains and losses. Just before camp we were joined by Ptes. Cook, Thorogood, Poulter, Bain, Cobden, Felton, from Braintree, and at Dunmow we have Ptes. Reeve and Scott-Sandy. None of the Braintree contingent have been in the Army and are all learning from scratch. We are very sorry to have lost C/Sgt. Stock, after much long service, and he will be very much missed in the Company. Sgt. McDowell has taken over as

"Colours," and we look forward to having his promotion confirmed.

Since camp, we have reverted to Infantry Training and started to knock the rust off our drill. Recently, we have spent most of our training in practising for the Brigade Competition. In this, "D" Company took on the Fighting Patrol to capture a prisoner. The exercise went off very well, with Regulars from The Staffords as Umpires. Although we were fourth, out of four, in the result, we were consoled by the Brigade Commander, stating that the standard of patrols was very high. The week-end was enjoyed very much, and was a very good start to the new year's training—once more Infantrymen!

**"H.Q." COMPANY**

Since our last notes we have certainly increased in numbers, largely as a result of absorbing Support Company personnel under the new establishment. We feel sure we will make a happy and efficient team. We recently entered specialist teams in the Brigade Competitions, who all acquitted themselves well. We particularly congratulate the Machine Gun Section, under Capt. Tovey, who emerged as

winners of their competition. We have now started our winter programme and look forward to some interesting indoor training.

We congratulate Sgt. Garrett on the award of the Territorial Efficiency Medal. We welcome C.S.M. Russell as our new P.S.I., and hope his stay with us will be a happy one.

Recruiting is going well, but we extend a welcome to all who would like to pay us a visit on any Monday or Thursday evening. We can recommend both the beer and the "Company."

#### THE LADIES' SOCIAL CLUB

Ladies never like to be left out of things! So we feel that we would like to mention our existence. Just a year ago we formed ourselves into a Club to be run for the wives, relations and lady-friends of the T.A. members of "H.Q.," "A" and "Support" Companies. Distances and transport difficulties prevent us from including others, but we welcome any wife who cares to come along. A small committee was formed under the Presidency of Mrs. D. F. Garrard. Mesdames Medley, Luscombe, Stokes, Anderson, Stoddart, Mildren and later Herring found themselves on the Committee, and we were launched with a £10 donation from the C.O.'s fund.

Meeting every fortnight presents quite a problem in finding amusements varied and entertaining enough to encourage new membership, but we have had quite a full programme. Shooting has been the high-light of the summer meetings. Thanks to the Regiment we have been allowed to use the .22 Range and rifles, and under able instructors we have come along quite well—securing a number of possibles. We even found ourselves mentioned in the local Press under an article entitled "Leave the Dishes in the Sink and get out the Guns"! Mrs. Withrington is in charge and hopes shortly to form a team.

On September 23 we ran our first Social, and from all accounts it was a great success. One of our most riotous evenings was spent Scottish Country Dancing. No one having done it before, it was quite a feat to remember whether you were dancing 'man' or 'woman.' However, soon we hope to invite the husbands to come and dance their own parts!

By the time that this is in print we will have had a "Bring and Buy" Sale, a talk by a member of the British Red Cross on First Aid and Home Nursing, a Flower Arrangement Demonstration and a talk with colour slides on Assisi and Oberammergau by Padre Restall. In the New Year we hope to have our annual outing—a families' visit to the Ice Show at Wembley.

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## The Essex Army Cadet Force

The Essex Army Cadet Force Athletic Meeting was held at the Melbourne Park Ground, Chelmsford, on June 11, 1961. There were large entries and six records were broken. In the Inter-Regiment Competition, the 1st Regiment (H.Q., Ilford) won the County Trophy by one point from the 6th Regiment (H.Q., Chelmsford). The latter won the Field Events Cup by the handsome margin of six points.

The annual camp was held on Dartmoor, at the Southern Command Battle Camp at Okehampton. Although the weather was at times very bad, with typical Dartmoor fog, rain and cold, the morale remained high and the majority opted to stay on for the second week.

For the first time for many years the camp was a hutted one, and not tented. This meant that after their endurance tests on the moor, the boys could return to hot showers, and there were facilities for drying their wet clothes and equipment.

The Guard-Mounting Competition for the Waller Cup was won by the 2nd Regiment (H.Q., Dagenham), who also won the Unit Lines Competition. The Tetrathlon Competition proved as popular as ever and was won by the 7th Regiment (H.Q., Southend). This competition embraces a two-mile cross-country run, a .22 shoot, 100ft. swim and an obstacle course.

Thirteen Cadets of the 5th Cadet Regiment, led by Sgt. Clayden, of Saffron Walden, achieved an endurance test by climbing ten tors in 54 hours, during which time they covered some 30 miles.

At the National Inter-Service Cadet Rifle Meeting at Bisley on Sunday, October 1, the Essex team were placed second to Somerset in the Inter-County Canada Trophy.

In the Cadet Hundred, the County Cadet Force had the record number of nine cadets in the Cadet Hundred. Of these, seven were from the 1st Essex Cadet Regiment, out of their total of eight firers; the eighth only missing it by one point.

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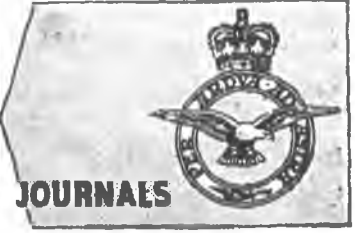
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### CONSTITUTION AND RULES

On the advice of the Hon. Regimental Solicitor and the Regimental Custodian Trustees the Constitution and Rules of the Regimental Association are being reconsidered. As soon as the revised Constitution and Rules are completed they will be circulated to members for comment.

In the meantime The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association and The Essex Regiment Association, in co-operation with the Hon. Regimental Solicitor, and their respective Custodian Trustees, have taken steps to place the management of their affairs and the administration of their accounts on a proper footing, after the changes caused by the amalgamation of the former Regiments. Details of the changes necessitated to their Constitutions and Rules are given in this number of *The Journal*.

### THE ANNUAL SUMMER REUNION

The Annual Summer Reunion of The Regiment which, since the amalgamation, has been held at Bedford and Warley on alternate years, was this year held at Gordon Fields, Ilford, by kind permission of The Officer Commanding 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.).

The Reunion was scheduled to open at 3 p.m. starting with a cricket match between 4th/5th Essex and 5th Bedfordshire/1st Hertfordshire, but a violent storm broke at that precise time and the match was not able to be started until 4 p.m. A somewhat lighthearted but nevertheless enjoyable contest then ensued, which resulted in a rather handsome win for 4th/5th Essex. Having dismissed the Bedfordshire/Hertfordshire for 46, they managed to pass this total for the loss of only one wicket. It would appear that the Essex bowlers who shared the wickets had made a very careful reconnaissance of the wicket before the game commenced. At 4 p.m. the Annual General Meeting of The Essex Regiment Association was held, with Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., in the Chair. (A precis of the minutes of this meeting are shown elsewhere in this Journal).

After the tea interval detachments from 4th/5th Essex, consisting of the Band and Drums, a Drill Squad and Combat Teams, were scheduled to give displays and demonstrations, but immediately following the inspection of the parade by the Colonel and Associate Colonel of The Regiment and the presentation of medals, a second torrential downpour brought a halt to the proceedings, much to the disappointment of all present and especially to the members of the Parade who had spent so much time on rehearsal. General Sir Reginald Denning, Colonel of The Regiment, presented medals to

the following members of 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.):

LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL  
Acting W.O.II A. W. Ealden.

TERRITORIAL EFFICIENCY MEDAL

R.Q.M.S. A. E. Beeton, C/Sgt. R. R. Dowler,  
C/Sgt. S. W. G. Bolt, Sgt. H. J. Bushell.

THIRD CLASP TO TERRITORIAL EFFICIENCY  
MEDAL

Cpl. R. E. Bartlam.

### THE FESTIVITIES

Immediately following the presentations a hurried dash for shelter from the storm resulted in the buffets and bars being besieged by large numbers of somewhat damp but nevertheless cheerful comrades and their ladies. Fortunately the hard-working staffs were able to cope with the situation and after a short breather the evening dance commenced.

Following a rather subdued start the festivities were soon under way and remained in full swing until the close down at 11.45 p.m. As always many old friendships were renewed and reminiscences exchanged. All branches of The Essex Regiment Association were represented, and also many of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association. Although the unkind weather undoubtedly kept a number of comrades away, some 200 were present during the afternoon, and by mid-evening these numbers had swelled to over 400. We were very pleased to see the Mayor and Mayoress of Ilford and the Mayor and Mayoress of Barking during the day, and a great number of officers of the former Regiments and the new Regiment were present.

Our thanks are due to the officers and many members of 4th/5th Essex who worked so hard to make this, the first Reunion of The Regiment to be held at their H.Q., the success it undoubtedly was.

## The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting, held at The Victory Ex-Services Club, London, W.2, at 6.45 p.m. on Friday, June 30, 1961.

I. Before issuing the agenda, Major D. T. Tewkesbury, Secretary The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, explained that the main object in convening the General Meeting was to approve such amendments to the Rules of The Association as were considered necessary for the management of its affairs. Under these Rules, published in 1948, this management and control was vested in a Regimental Council assisted by seven Regimental Committees. Due to the amalgamation with the Essex Regiment, this was no longer applicable



and had led to difficulty in the control of our responsibilities, particularly with regard to Trust Funds. It was therefore necessary to legalise the position by appointing a properly constituted authority to control and manage the affairs of the Association.

2. Major Tewkesbury stated that the Colonel of The Regiment had approved the following titles for the committees to be constituted at the meeting :

- (a) Committee of Management to take the place of the former Regimental Council.
- (b) General Purposes Committee to take the place of the present Memorial, Benevolent and Cottage Homes Sub-Committee.

3. The Colonel of The Regiment had invited Col. G. A. Anstee, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P., to be Chairman of the Committee of Management and Col. Anstee had accepted nomination. At Major Tewkesbury's request, Col. Anstee took the chair for the General Meeting which followed.

4. The Chairman welcomed the 32 members present and the agenda was then issued, together with draft amendments to the Rules of The Regimental Association prepared by the Secretary.

#### AMENDMENTS

##### 5. *Para 3 of The Rules—Constitution.*

The following amendment was proposed and carried:

- "The Association shall consist of:
- (a) The Committee of Management.
  - (b) The General Purposes Committee.
  - (c) Members."

##### 6. *Para 7 of The Rules — Control and Management.*

The following amendment was proposed and carried:

"The control and management of the Association is vested in the Committee of Management."

##### 7. *Para 8 of The Rules — Committee of Management.*

(a) In considering the composition of this committee as given in the draft amendment, it was proposed by Major D. Fitz-Gibbon and seconded by Mr. G. H. Windmill that the number of members should be increased to eight, including the Chairman. This was carried.

(b) Mr. C. Mansfield proposed that members of the T.A. should be eligible to serve on the Committee and that this would be made clear if paragraph (a) (iv) of the draft amendment read "The Corps of The Bedfordshire and

Hertfordshire Regiment." This was seconded by Mr. L. A. Butler and carried.

(c) The following amendment to paragraph 8 of The Rules was then put before the meeting and carried:

"*Committee of Management.*

##### (a) *Composition*

- (i) Eight members of The Association to be nominated by the Colonel of The Regiment.
- (ii) The Secretary of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association will be an ex-officio member.
- (iii) Three shall form a quorum.
- (iv) All members must have served in The Corps of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. If possible one member will also be a member of the Finance Committee of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Association.

##### (b) *Duties*

The control and policy of The Association and its Trust Funds in conjunction with The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Association with which it is incorporated."

##### 8. *Para 9 of The Rules — General Purposes Committee.*

(a) It was proposed by Lt.-Col. J. H. Busby and seconded by Capt. J. D. Ross that paragraph (a) (i) of the draft amendment should read "The Chairman should if possible be a member of The Committee of Management." This was carried.

(b) The following amendment to paragraph 9 of The Rules was then proposed and carried: "*General Purposes Committee.*

##### (a) *Composition*

- (i) The Chairman should if possible be a member of The Committee of Management.
- (ii) Four members to be nominated by the Colonel of The Regiment.
- (iii) The Secretary of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association will be an ex-officio member.
- (iv) Three shall form a quorum.

##### (b) *Duties*

To carry out those duties formerly assigned to the various committees of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association and to make recommendations to the Committee of Management in conjunction with The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Association."

##### 9. *Nominations.*

(a) The Chairman announced that the following had been nominated by the Colonel of The Regiment and had expressed their willingness to serve on the committees:

##### (i) *Committee of Management.*

Col. G. A. Anstee, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P.,  
Chairman.



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*London Branch—Annual Dinner—September, 16, 1961*

Col. R. H. Senior.  
Lt.-Col. J. H. Busby, M.B.E.  
Mr. C. C. Wells.  
Mr. W. G. Aldridge.

(ii) *General Purposes Committee.*

Col. G. A. Anstee, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P.  
Major W. Berridge.  
Capt. F. W. Boutwood, M.B.E.  
Mr. V. Dilley.  
Mr. C. C. Wells.

(b) It was noted that there were three further nominations to be made for the Committee of Management and suggested names will be submitted to the Colonel of The Regiment.

10. *Further amendment to The Rules.*

The Secretary proposed that any further necessary amendment to The Rules and Constitution of The Association should be approved by the Committee of Management. Mr. S. R. Smith considered that such amendments should also be agreed at a General Meeting and therefore proposed that any re-drafting of The Rules should be submitted to such a meeting after being approved by the Committee of Management. This was carried.

11. *List of Members.*

The Chairman asked for views regarding the issue of a List of Members on the lines of those previously published by the Regimental Association. After general discussion, it was unanimously agreed that there was a requirement for such a List and that the Secretary

should be empowered to arrange for its publication at a cost of approximately £30.

12. There being no further business, Lt.-Col. J. H. Busby proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was carried unanimously.

(Note: The Committee of Management remained for a short meeting).

## Notes From Branches

### LONDON

Once again London Branch has had to seek a new Headquarters. Earlier this year it was decided to rebuild the "Bedford Head" and consequently we, in common with a number of other organisations, had to find somewhere else to hold our meetings. Our association with the "Bedford Head" is as long as our existence as a Branch, for, except for the period 1953 to 1955, our meetings have been held there since January, 1915. We now meet at the "Peacock," also in Maiden Lane, and we shall always be pleased to see members of other Branches on the third Saturday of every month.

We regret having to report the passing away during the year of Major Wagstaff, Branch Chairman for many years, until continuing ill-health caused his withdrawal from most activities. More recently we have lost our good friend and comrade Don Smith. We all knew that Don had not been in the best of health for a long time but his passing came as a great shock.

We offer our most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Smith and family. Charlie Winhall has had a severe accident at home and we understand that it will be a long time before he will be able to get about or attend meetings again. The last time Charlie earned a mention in *The Wasp and The Eagle* was in December, 1960, when the wedding of one of his daughters was reported. We would advise all members seeking a mention to stick to births and marriages, these being less painful than a fall down the stairs.

This year we had a complete change of venue for our Annual Dinner. About one hundred members and guests sat down at the Chatham Room Restaurant, Victoria, where we had the pleasure of the company of the Colonel of the Regiment, the Associate Colonel and Mrs. Paton, together with guests from other Branches. Also among our guests were Col. Nikolai Sovetnikov, Assistant Military Attaché at the Soviet Embassy, and Col. A. T. Murray, M.C., late Indian Army. The toast to Her Majesty the Queen was given by our Chairman, Lt.-Col. A. C. Clarke, and to Her Majesty the Queen Mother by our President, Brigadier C. A. Dixon. General Denning, who had recently visited the Far East, reported on the activities of the Battalion, with whom he had spent a short time in Malaya.

The evening continued with music and dancing until 11.30 p.m. and we hope all our guests had as enjoyable an evening as did the members of our Branch. It is expected that the next Regimental Dinner will be held in April next and if Chatham Room Restaurant is chosen we can be sure that members of all Branches attending will have a happy evening.

On the day after our dinner, London Branch sent a team to Graffham Ranges at the invitation of the 5th Bedfordshire/1st Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) to take part in their Rifle Meeting. To show that there were no "hang-overs" from the night before, one of our members, Bert Pearce, brought away the Individual Trophy. This we intend to keep, and having got our eye in, will do our best to bring home the Team Trophy next year.

#### HERTFORD

Since our last notes there has not been much activity on which to report. Branch meetings have been held regularly, all of which have been extremely well attended and a lot of useful work has been got through. We have now formed a Branch Small Bore Rifle Club under the leadership of our old stalwart "Charlie" Mansfield. In our first match against the Royal Naval O.C.A. Hertford Branch we won after a very close and exciting finish. Scores were as follows: Hertford Branch O.C.A. 642, Royal Naval O.C.A. 629. We would welcome challenges from any other Branch who are interested and can promise them a good social evening afterwards.

On Sunday, September 17, we sent a team to Graffham Ranges to compete for the O.C.A. Trophy organised by the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), as part of their Annual Rifle Meeting. The opposition proved to be much stiffer than in previous years but we are pleased to report that we were successful in retaining the trophy for the fifth year in succession by just pipping Bedford Branch by one point. Our congratulations to London Branch on winning the Individual Trophy at their first attempt. Our thanks to Lt.-Col. C. Simmons and his staff for inviting us and making us so welcome.

We are extremely sorry to report the death of one of our oldest comrades, Sgt. W. F. Charville, M.M., who was an active member of the Branch and served on our committee for 14 years.

No more news this time; our Annual General Meeting is taking place in the very near future, and with the coming of winter months and their many social activities, we hope to have lots to report in the next issue.

#### WATFORD

We regret to report the death of one of our Vice-Presidents, Capt. A. E. Iliffe, M.C., who passed away in July. He was one of the Branch's first Vice-Presidents and although we did not meet him often he always took a great interest in our activities. Several of our more elderly members have been in hospital during the last few months. Mr. W. Littlechild, the oldest member of the Branch, Mr. H. Aston, Mr. J. Hester, Mr. H. Miles, they are now all home we are pleased to say and at time of writing only Mr. E. Hackman is still in hospital.

We have just had another very successful Dinner, this year, for the first time, we held it at the Drill Hall in Watford, where we received much help from the local Territorial Club, especially in the decoration of the hall. 106 persons sat down to a very enjoyable meal, and among our guests were the Mayor and Mayoress of Watford, Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, Col. I. W. S. Grey, Lt.-Col. C. Simmons, Lt.-Col. J. Allason, M.P., Lt.-Col. G. L. Sprunt, Major D. T. Tewkesbury, Major H. Wright, Major V. French, Major J. S. Townsend, Capt. E. Spicer, Capt. J. Harrowell. We were very pleased, again, to see our President, Capt. J. S. Payne and Mrs. Payne, who made a long journey to be with us, also we had great pleasure in the presence of our new Padre, the Rev. A. A. G. Richards and Mrs. Richards.

Col. Young, who proposed the toast of "The Regiment," gave us a very interesting speech on all the activities of the Regiment. Major V. French proposed the toast to the Branch and in a very witty speech drew chuckles of merriment from those present. The evening ended with dancing and we think everybody went home happy after a very good evening.

Our social activities are still going strong and we are now getting ready for the Annual Bottle Draw.

### ST. ALBANS

Since the last *Regimental Journal*, the Branch meetings have been well attended. On September 10 we had our summer outing to Southend, which was a great success, all the comrades with their wives and children enjoyed themselves and best of all, the weather was perfect. At the October Branch meeting we were shocked to hear of the death of our steward at our Headquarters, the Drill Hall, Harpenden Road, St. Alban. We shall miss him greatly; he was a good friend to us all.

By the time this *Regimental Journal* is issued, Comrades G. Windmill and P. Howe will have attended the ceremony at the Field of Remembrance at Westminster. Members of our Branch are very grateful for their loyal support. It is this kind of thing that keeps the Branch very much alive. Also in November, 16 members will be at Bedford for the Regimental Remembrance Sunday, meeting our friends and Comrades from other Branches.

Arrangements are being made for the Branch Dinner in the New Year.

On behalf of the St. Albans Branch, I wish all members of all Regimental Associations and all Branches a prosperous New Year—Good Luck for 1962.

### BEDFORD

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of three of our members since the last issue of the journal: Harry Degenhard, a Vice-President and a founder member of our Branch; Capt. George Sharpin, M.C., and Mr. Sid Spavins. (Obituaries will be found elsewhere.)

Our President, Lt.-Col. E. G. Fanning, M.C., D.L., has been in hospital again but has now returned home, and although he is still not the same energetic person that we all know we are very glad to know he is much better than he was. We all send Col. Fanning our best wishes and shall be pleased when he can take his place at our meetings again.

We entered a team to shoot for the Old Comrades' Cup at the T.A. Battalion's rifle meeting. We were beaten by Hertford by one point, congratulations Hertford but the keenness shown is evidenced by a team coming from London to compete. The Branch has again entered the Bedford United Services Games League, and has met with fair success. Of the four games we have played we have won three and lost one. We were runners-up for the main trophy last season and that team has lost only one member, R.S.M. V. Herd, now resident in Hertford. We hope that they have that extra bit of luck this season.

### HITCHIN

The Branch is holding a social evening at The Railway Junction Hotel, Nightingale Road, Hitchin, on Saturday, November 25, which it is hoped will be well attended.

### LUTON

The monthly meetings are held at the Drill Hall, Old Bedford Road, Luton, on the second Sunday of each month. The committee hope that attendance will improve during the winter and will welcome any member of the Regiment living in Luton or district who cares to join them.

### 6th BATTALION THE BEDFORDSHIRE REGIMENT (1914/1918)

The Annual Reunion Dinner will be held on April 28, 1962. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Day, "The Mount," 48, Westbrook Road, Weston-super-Mare, will be glad to hear from any member of the Battalion.

## The Essex Regiment Association

### GENERAL MEETING

#### Summary of the Minutes

The General Meeting was held at Gordon Fields, Ilford, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, 1961. A total of 52 members attended.

Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., took the chair and after welcoming all present explained that the main purpose of the meeting was to seek approval for some alterations to the Rules of the Association. After reference to the Hon. Legal Advisor and the Custodian Trustees these alterations had been found to be necessary in order properly to control and administer the various Trusts of the Association. The Committees which had previously carried out these duties had, from a strictly legal point of view, ceased to function when the amalgamation of the Regiment with The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment took place in 1958.

The Secretary, Major T. R. Stead, then gave details of the proposed changes and explained that two new committees were now required.

1. Committee of Management, to replace the former General Committee;
2. General Purposes Committee, to replace all former sub-committees.

Full details of the proposed alterations were given in a 'hand-out' circulated to all present, and were agreed by the meeting. It was also agreed that the Committees be composed in the first instance as follows:—

*Committee of Management*:—Chairman: Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L.

Members: Col. W. N. C. Waite, O.B.E., Lt.-Col. C. L. Wilson, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Major S. H. Andrew, M.B.E., Major B. J. Palmer, M.B.E., Major T. R. Stead, ex-officio.

*The General Purposes Committee:*—Chairman: Lt.-Col. C. L. Wilson, O.B.E., M.C., D.L. Members: Major H. G. Aylmer, Major H. J. Staff, Major F. W. Waddell, M.B.E., Mr. P. C. Munn, Major T. R. Stead, ex-officio.

The necessary changes in the Rules of the Association were also agreed, and a proposal that the Committee of Management be empowered to make further amendments/alterations to the Rules as might become necessary was carried unanimously.

The Chairman spoke in appreciation of the work of the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Reginald Denning, and a proposal that General Denning be informed of the meeting's appreciation was warmly received. A message of congratulation to the Battalion in Malaya was unanimously approved.

The meeting closed at 4.40 p.m. after a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Brigadier C. M. Paton, had been very warmly endorsed by all present.

## Notes From Branches

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

The 32nd Annual General Meeting was held at the T.A. Centre, Gordon Road, Ilford, on Saturday, May 13, at 7 p.m. and those present included the Chairman, Major F. W. Waddell, M.B.E., the Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. C. Munn, and eighteen members. A further twenty members had written expressing their regret at their inability to be present. The Minutes, which had been circulated, and the audited accounts were passed, and on the proposal of Mr. J. Bathurst, the Officers and Committee, having expressed their willingness to continue to serve, were unanimously re-elected. In his report the Hon. Secretary stated that four new Life Members had been enrolled during the period 1959-60, and two further names had been enrolled this year—W.O.II Ealdon and Sgt. Hutchings. He regretted to inform members that Mr. T. Priddy died in January, 1961.

The Chairman referred to the disappointment felt at the necessity to cancel the 1960 dinner and after discussion it was agreed that the dinner for this year should be held on Saturday, October 21, at The Lion and Lamb Hotel, Brentwood. Before closing the meeting the Chairman thanked all those who had attended, and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the O.C. 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) for kindly allowing the use of the T.A. Centre and to R.S.M. Luscombe for the supply of refreshments.

## 4th BATTALION COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

Since last writing for these pages the Association has continued to gain new members, among them being Cpl. A. A. Lever, ex-"B" Company, and Pte. C. Lotte, ex-"C" Company (4 Essex 1939-45). Our Association strength is now 500 and we hope to gain further new members at our Reunion on October 28.

All readers of this Journal will be glad to have news of R.S.M. A. J. Mobbs, M.B.E., and Mrs. Mobbs. Our Secretary, whilst on holiday at Folkestone, spent many happy hours with them. They are both very well and wish to be remembered to old friends. It is with deep regret that we have to report the passing of Mr. E. G. Gobell, for many years Hon. Auditor to the Association, and Mr. A. H. Silcocks. The Association was represented at the funerals.

News of other comrades came from the Alamein Reunion which our Secretary attended with several members. John Pitter, at one time driver to the Battalion Padre, was there from Yorkshire and gave good news of his brother, Sgt. Wally Pitter, also living in Yorkshire. We hope that one day we shall see them at our Annual Reunion.

## 5th BATTALION COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

The Annual Reunion was held at Manningtree in July, when some 200 Comrades and their friends attended. After the Parade had formed up by the Waterside at Mistley, a wreath was laid on the Village Memorial. A march past then took place, the salute being taken by Col. C. Portway, M.C., T.D., D.L., and the column proceeded to the Parish Church where the Service was conducted by the Rector, the Revd. A. J. Morley, M.A. Tea was provided in the School at Manningtree, the principal guests being the Chairman of the local Council and his lady, and Lt.-Col. L. J. Digby, T.D., R.A. (T.A.). The Band of 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) played selections during the interval.

The Annual General Meeting was then held and the President spoke of the great regret all had felt at the recent sad loss of Col. Thomas Gibbons, D.S.O., who had done so much for the 5th Battalion. (An obituary to Col. Gibbons is given elsewhere in this Journal). During the formal business of the meeting the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Col. C. Portway, M.C., T.D., D.L.; Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. E. Childs, 6, Henry Road, Chelmsford; Hon. Treasurer, Capt. A. L. Ostler, M.B.E., T.D.; Executive Committee: Capt. E. Ainsworth, Capt. A. T. Bradridge, Major C. A. Brooks, Col. P. V. Upton, Mr. C. A. Walker and Mr. F. W. Wilson.

The 1962 Reunion will be held at Maldon on a date to be announced later.

6th BATTALION COMRADES' (T.A.)  
"CEDARS" O.C.A. ANNUAL DINNER

As stated in the previous issue of the Regimental Journal, the Reunion Dinner this year was a great success. It has been decided that members from other Branches shall be invited to come to the Dinner next year, which will be held at the T.A. Centre, East Ham (by kind permission of the O.C. 300 L.A.A. Regiment R.A. (T.A.)), on Saturday, March 24, 1962.

Members wishing to attend should please apply to the Secretary, Mr. G. W. Leaford, 75, St. Saviours Road, West Croydon, Surrey.

"THE EAGLE AND GUN"  
REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

This Association has just concluded another good year's work and many thanks are due to our Management Committee who have seen that all things have worked out so smoothly. We have lost by death during the past year six of our members, all of whom were over 70 years of age. Our most recent member being Brigadier G. H. Wilmer. Others were J. E. Burland, P. W. Bartrip, H. Harniman, G. Hunt, W. Cass.

On the social side, the members have enjoyed four outings to the seaside, whilst at home dart matches and indoor games have been well supported and a few concerts have been held at the Canteen, resulting in a number of enjoyable evenings. The Commanding Officer of the Unit which is located at Whipps Cross, T.A. Centre, The Inns of Court and City Yeomanry has allowed our Association all the facilities which we enjoyed over the previous years, a much appreciated privilege which ensures a happy atmosphere for all our gatherings.

On Saturday, October 7, we held the Annual Reunion Dinner of the 1/7th Battalion at the "Mitre," Chancery Lane, London. Forty-three members turned up and it was a wonderful evening. Our oldest member, Mr. T. Williams, now turned 87 "made it." What a nice thing to have such good health at that age.

Mr. W. F. Marr, our Chairman, has since the end of World War I always arranged this Reunion, and after all these years it is still well supported; we hope that this support will continue for many years to come. It is rumoured that in the near future Mr. Marr will retire from the "Chair," but he has intimated that he will still run this 1/7th Reunion whilst he is still able to breathe. After serving on the Committee and being a founder member for over 41 years he probably feels that he is responsible to see that it carries on. Preparations are now in full swing for Remembrance Day Service and Parade which is being held on Sunday, November 12, 1961. Many old friends

meet this day and renew old acquaintances over the usual refreshments.

If this should catch the eye of any member who has served at any time in the Essex Regiment, we would like them to come along and see what we have to offer them at our Headquarters, and welcome them to our Metropolitan Branch of The Essex Regiment Association. All enquiries to Major H. J. Staff, 3, Knebworth Avenue, Walthamstow, E.17. Phone Larkswood 7168.

10th ESSEX (1914-18) REUNION DINNER

The raid on the Battalion took place on January 31, 1916, just south of La Boisselle. The Colonel was killed and ten or eleven men taken prisoner. On Saturday, September 30, 1961, one of the four men attending the reunion dinner at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, for the first time, was also returning to his unit for the first time since the evening of that raid. He was given a great welcome, and with 55 sitting down to dinner, one of the very best 10th Essex reunions ever, was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The old 10th is fast becoming a county legend. The Chairman spoke gratefully of the great help given to him by the Press in finding members of the Battalion who are out of touch with their Old Comrades' Association.

SAFFRON WALDEN

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held on Saturday, April 29, when some 40 members attended. The meeting received reports from the various officers of the branch, and the dates of future events decided. Mr. E. W. Elsom confirmed that he regretted that he was unable to continue as Treasurer, and Mr. K. C. Clayden kindly offered to undertake these duties. Our thanks are due to Mr. Elsom for his help, and to the new Treasurer for his willing response. Major Peter Purdy, the Regimental Recruiting Officer, gave a short talk after the meeting, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to social activities.

The Branch was very strongly represented at the Service of Remembrance at Warley on September 17, when a Memorial Pew was dedicated to the late Colonel T. A. Martin, M.B.E., the Founder and former President of the Branch.

On October 21, a most successful reunion social and dance was held at the Town Hall, Saffron Walden, when some 150 members and their wives attended. Mr. K. C. Clayden was, as always, in great form as M.C., and organised a number of amusing competitions. Among those who kindly donated prizes for the raffle were Messrs. Cramphorn Ltd., of Chelmsford, Messrs. Lake and Elliot Ltd., of Braintree and



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#### SAFFRON WALDEN BRANCH REUNION SOCIAL

*One of the guests, Mrs. E. I. Elliott (centre), being presented with a gift by Mrs. V. Butcher. Others in the group are: Left to right—Mrs. T. R. Stead, Mrs. H. Martin, Mr. G. Start, Mr. K. C. Clayden, Mr. S. A. Carter and Mr. C. Meekins.*

Messrs. Ilford Ltd., of Brentwood. We were very pleased to have with us Mrs. Martin, the widow of our former President, and both Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Stead, who jointly presented the prizes, were each presented with a bouquet of flowers. Other guests who we were very glad to welcome were Wing-Commander and Mrs. Elliott. Our thanks are due to all the members of the Committee who worked so hard to make the evening such a success.

The Branch continues to give assistance to cases of distress of former members of The Regiment, and will once again be organising a children's Christmas party.

#### BRENTWOOD

Our midsummer social was rather poorly attended, but that was mainly due to the holidays preventing some members from attending. Charlie Willis entertained us with his accordion and a pleasant evening was spent by those attending. An invitation to attend Saffron Walden Branch annual social and dance was circulated to 86 Old Comrades residing in the Brentwood district, but unfortunately, only to replies were received, which resulted in three members, with their wives, making the trip.

Several were unable to attend owing to prior engagements (The Association of Sergeants annual dinner) but in spite of the small number, we enjoyed a splendid evening at the Town Hall, Saffron Walden. Our thanks are due to their hardworking Secretary, Charlie King, for the invitation, and also the generous gesture in paying the main part of the cost of the coach.

We are sorry to report that Bill Scott has been admitted to hospital, and we wish him a very speedy recovery to health.

#### METROPOLITAN ESSEX

Membership of the Branch is now 67; we have lost one member by decease, and your Executive Committee have authorised the removal from the roll of the names of three members for non-payment of subscriptions; we have gained one member. There are still a few members who are in arrears with subscriptions. All members are reminded that subscriptions become due on January 1, and prompt payment saves the Branch postage in sending out reminders.

Any members interesting in shooting (.22 or .303) are invited to contact Mr. H. W.

Harverson, of 6, The Glade, Woodford Green, who is a member of the Branch and also Secretary of a rifle club. He would welcome any member who would like to take part in a shoot and will be happy to send details.

It is with great regret that we announce the sudden and tragic death of Lt.-Col. P. R. Bawden. After service in the First World War, Colonel Bawden served with the 51st Home Guard Battalion in the Second World War. He rejoined the Home Guard when it was reformed, and became Second-in-Command of the 31st Battalion. When the Home Guard was partially stood down, he succeeded to the command of the Battalion. In 1950 he suffered a severe illness, and was concerned over the fact that this illness made it impossible for him to carry on with his profession of Estate Agent and Valuer. Several members of the Branch served with Colonel Bawden and will remember him. The Branch sent a letter of condolence to Mrs. Bawden, and, in reply, she asked the Secretary to thank all members for their expressions of sympathy.

We should like to give advance notice that our next Annual General Meeting will be held at the T.A. Centre, Whipps Cross, E.17, on Thursday, January 22, 1962, commencing at 8.30 p.m.; further notices, together with copies of the agenda will be sent to all members at a later date. Members are reminded that Branch Rules lay down that motions for inclusion on the agenda must reach the Secretary by December 31. The Secretary would also like to receive nominations for the positions of Branch Officers and Executive Committee members.

### SOUTHEND

The second annual dinner and dance of the Southend and District Branch of The Essex Regiment Association was held on Saturday, May 6, at the Bell Hotel, Prittlewell, when over 60 members and friends had a very pleasant evening. Major T. R. Stead (Vice-President of the Branch) presided in the unavoidable absence of the President, Brigadier Shenstone, and responded to the toast of the Regiment, proposed by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Alf Smirk. Capt. Len Hammond (Chairman) proposed a toast to the guests and welcomed Capt. Gordon Chinnery (the Branch's Founder Chairman) and Mrs. Chinnery, also members of the Saffron Walden Branch. Mr. C. Harrod and Mr. Doug Deer were thanked for their efforts to make the evening a success. Music for dancing was provided by Wally Sanderson and the New Grosvenor Dance Band, and Mr. Jack Barlow proved a very efficient M.C.

We are very pleased to report the affairs of the Branch are running smoothly, and attend-

ance at monthly meetings is encouraging, and our quarterly supper nights are a popular feature.

### 7/59/459 DINNER CLUB

The annual cocktail party of the 7/59/459 Dinner Club was held at the T.A. Centre, Whipps Cross, E.17, on Saturday, January 14, 1961. Sixty-three members and their wives and friends attended, and we were very pleased to have as guests Colonel and Mrs. H. L. Clarke, Major and Mrs. T. R. Stead, and Major and Mrs. L. Harris. Once again this function proved to be most successful, and has now become a definite part of the Christmas festivities. Brigadier G. Shenstone, in a short speech, thanked Major and Mrs. Maddocks for all they had done to make the evening such a success, and presented Mrs. Maddocks with a box of chocolates as a gesture of appreciation from all those present.

The Officers' annual reunion dinner was held at the United Service Club, Pall Mall, on Saturday March 25, 1961. Thirty-five members attended, an increase of one over last year, and the best we have had for some long time. Mr. W. F. Marr presided, and in an amusing and witty speech, took us back through the years to the dim and distant past. As guests, we were very pleased to have with us Colonel H. L. Clarke, who had only recently handed over command of 459 Regiment on its amalgamation, its title now being 300 L.A.A. Regiment, and Colonel Digby Thompson, the C.O. of the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry. We were particularly glad to have Colonel Digby Thompson with us, as it gave the Chairman the opportunity of thanking him personally for his kindly interest in our activities, and in particular, for allowing us the use of the Whipps Cross T.A. Centre for our various Old Comrades' meetings. We were also particularly pleased to have with us one of our old members, now a Brigadier, commanding the 33rd Artillery Brigade, Brigadier S. F. Campbell. We look forward to seeing more of him, despite his many commitments, and the fact that his Brigade seems to cover the whole of England.

Although on both the above occasions, the numbers of those attending show an increase on previous years, there is still a large number of ex-officers of the old 7th Battalion, 59th and 459 Regiment who we would like to see, and who, we trust, will make a special effort to try and attend on future occasions.

### OLD POMPADOURS

#### TOUR OF THE BATTLEFIELDS

Early in June of this year, a party consisting of the former 2nd Battalion (1914-1918) The Essex Regiment and some of their wives, visited





A group of the "Pompadours" party in the garden of Talbot House, Popperinghe. Standing (left to right): W. Rush, G. French, H. Tucker, J. Finn, J. Carnall, A. Baker, E. Bright, H. Mitchell, P. Page. Seated: F. Bright, Mrs. Norman, Mrs. Carnall, Mrs. Baker, Miss Baker, Mrs. Mitchell, K. Page. In front: A. Norman.

the French and Belgian Battlefields. The first two days were spent in France. Starting from Arras, coach tours were arranged, and among the places visited were the Fampoux and Rouex areas, over which the Regiment and the County Yeomanry fought bitter and bloody battles in 1917 and 1918; Vimy Ridge, with its preserved trenches; Newfoundland Park, where the Memorial to 29th Division stands; Thiepval Ridge, Albert and Bapaume. The next visits were to the Bethune-Lillers Sector, in which the Battalion occupied positions for over three months in 1918. On the third day, the party crossed the frontier into Belgium, the route being via Hazebrouck, Poperinghe, Ypres, the Menin Gate Cemetery, thence to Passchendaele area and south to Wytscheate, Messines, and the frontier again at La Bizet. Finally to Armentieres, where one veteran declared that he saw Mademoiselle herself taking the air with her grandchildren.

The arrangements for this tour were made by Mr. Jack Finn, and the party, totalling 17 in all, included as its oldest member, Mr. (ex-C.S.M.) Jack Carnall, D.C.M., who is now 80 years of age. All were full of praise for the War Graves Commission and the attendants for their work in keeping the many cemeteries and memorials in such excellent condition.

Join Your Old Comrades Association and keep in touch with the Regiment and Old Friends.

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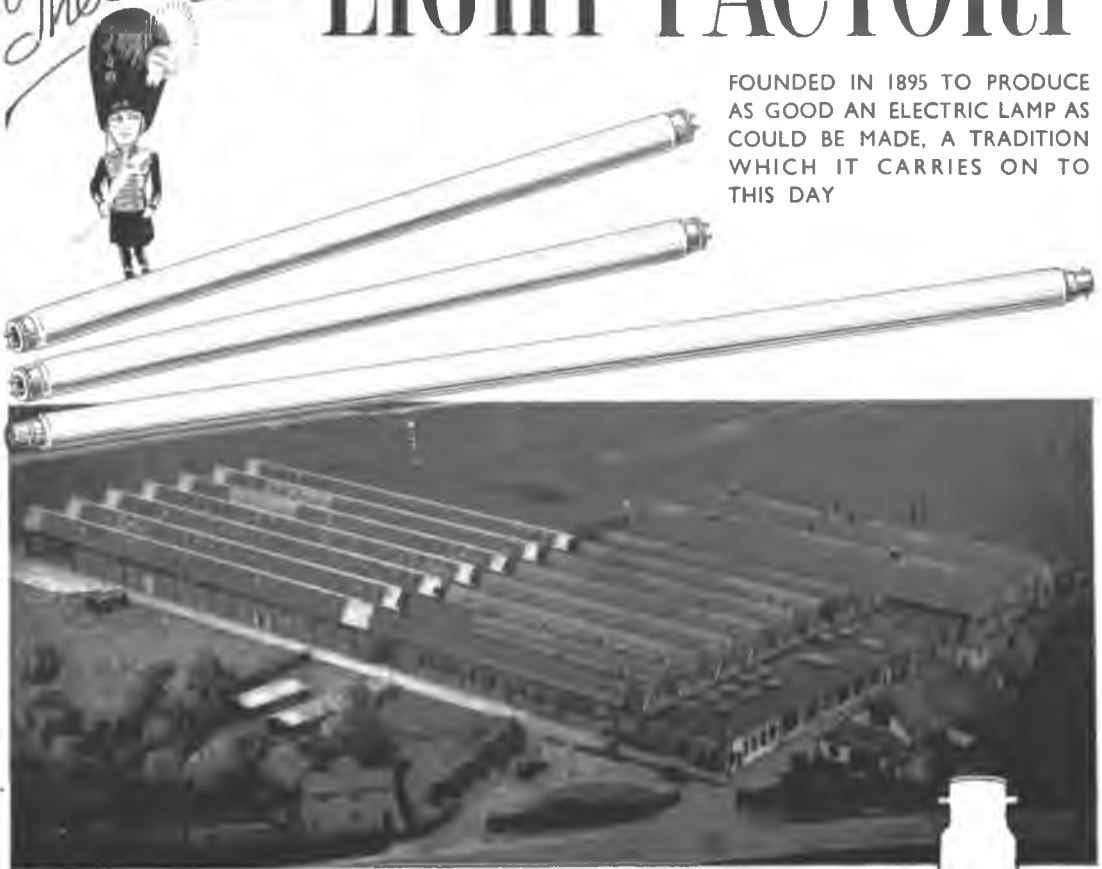
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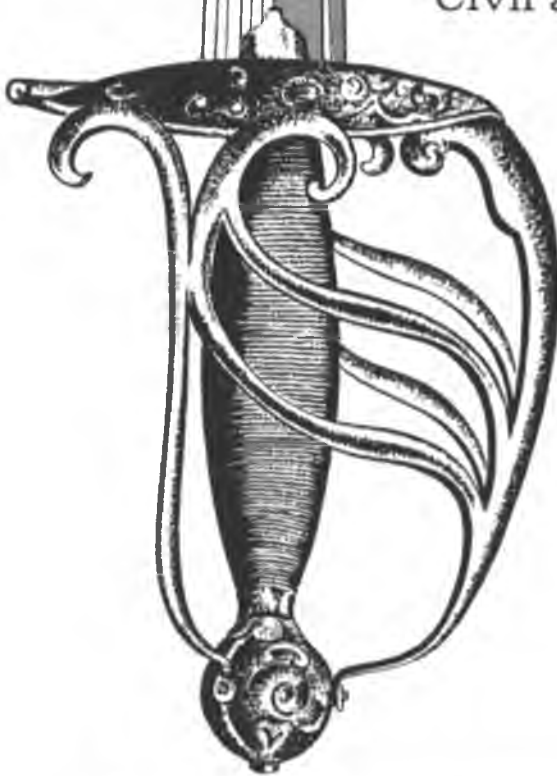
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### MAJOR A. J. SHAW AND MISS G. BEST

The engagement is announced between Anthony John Shaw, R.A.M.C., son of Lt.-Col. W. A. Shaw, M.C., late The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, and Mrs. Shaw, of St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex, and Gillian, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Best, of Ripley, Yorkshire.

### MR. J. R. EYTON-JONES AND MISS J. B. HOSE

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Dr. and Mrs. F. M. M. Eyton-Jones, of Brighton, Sussex, and Jillian, elder daughter of Colonel and Mrs. H. C. R. Hose, of 36, Tongdean Road, Hove 4, Sussex.

## BIRTHS

**STENNING.**—On July 20, 1961, at Cheltenham, to Major and Mrs. Harry Stenning, a daughter, Anne.

**PAGE.**—On August 13, 1961, at The British Military Hospital, Rinteln, B.F.P.O. 29, to Susan (née Dean) and Major David Page, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, The Pompadours, a son.

**PARSONS.**—On October 16, 1961, at The Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, to Diana (née Griffith) and Capt. Brian Parsons, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, The Pompadours, a son, Jeremy Paul Martin, a brother for Sarah Jane.

**ROBERTSON.**—On November 17, 1961, at the Military Families Hospital, Woolwich, to Gillian, wife of Major Angus Robertson, 16th/44th Foot, a daughter, Susan Anne Hope.

**SIBLEY.**—On November 20, 1961, at Bradford-on-Avon, to Patricia (née Rourke) and Capt. R. J. Sibley, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, The Pompadours, a son, Richard Jeremy Bernard.

served with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) in France in 1914-18, and on re-formation of the T.A. in 1920, became Company Commander at Berkhamsted. During the tenure of command of Colonel E. C. M. Phillips, he was Battalion Second-in-Command.

### CAPTAIN H. J. MAIDMENT, M.M.

On October 29, 1960, at 25, Rutland Road, Bedford, Capt. Henry James Maidment, aged 72. Capt. Maidment enlisted in The Bedfordshire Regiment in 1907, he served with the 2nd Bn. of The Regiment in Gibraltar, Bermuda and South Africa. He returned to U.K. with the Battalion in September, 1914, and proceeded to France in October, 1914. Except for short periods of leave, he served continuously with the 2nd Battalion in France until its return to U.K. in January, 1919. He was Mentioned in Despatches and awarded the Military Medal during operations in France, and was promoted Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant.

After the 2nd Battalion was re-formed, he proceeded with it to India in October, 1919, and served there and in Iraq until 1926. He was posted to The Regimental Depot, Kempston Barracks, in 1927, and served there as Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant, until he was discharged, on completion of service, in 1934. At the outbreak of the 1939-45 War he was recalled to service, and served at the Regimental Depot for a period. He was later commissioned and served with The Northamptonshire Regiment Home Guard, and with H.Q., London District; he was posted to Germany in 1946 and returned to the U.K. in 1947. He finally retired from the service in 1948. He gave long and good service to his Regiment.

**STAFFERTON.**—On April 23, 1961, at Bournemouth, Mr. T. Stafferton, who served with the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment, (ex-Drummer, Regimental No. 7399). He was a member of the Old Contemptibles' Association.

**DEGENHARD.**—The sudden death of Mr. Harry Degenhard, on May 8, 1961, at the age of 66 years, was a great blow to all members of the Bedford Branch of The Association. He was a founder member of the Branch and was its first secretary, a post which he held for 10 years. He was instrumental in getting the Bedford Branch Standard so quickly. He was a great

## Obituaries

**GOULDTHORPE.**—On June 24, 1959, aged 39 years, Mr. Charles Gouldthorpe (ex-No. 6018984) who served throughout the 1939-45 War with 1st/4th Battalion The Essex Regiment. As a result of his service, he was a very sick man when discharged, and suffered very poor health until the time of his death.

**WHITFIELD.**—We have recently heard that Major Geoffrey Whitfield, M.C., died on May 9, 1960. Major Whitfield

worker amongst ex-Service associations and a founder member of the Bedford United Services Association and was, at the time of his death, still a member of the Committee. Appreciation of his work was borne out at his funeral, on May 12, 1961, when no less than seven Standard Bearers with their Branch Standards, paid homage to him. The Regimental Association was represented by Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E.

Many ex-members of the Regiment will remember him as a Bandsman with the 2nd Battalion 16th Foot. He originally enlisted in 1960 (Regimental No. 9614), at the age of 15, and saw service with the 2nd Battalion in Bermuda and later in Africa, returning home with the Battalion in 1914. He saw service in France where he was gassed and invalided to England. After going again to France and Italy he was once again invalided home. He went to India with the 2nd Battalion in 1919 and was at Secunderabad and Kemptee. After 3½ years he was posted to the Regimental Depot at Kempston where he served for four years before rejoining the 2nd Battalion, serving at Dover, Bordon and Colchester. He was eventually discharged in 1935 with the rank of Sergeant.

Before leaving the Service he took a course with the Veterinary Corps and his great love of animals soon saw him installed as Superintendent of the Blue Cross Animal Home in Bedford, which post he held for 26 years until his death, which occurred one week before retirement.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Degenhard, who was with the Regiment for many years.

SMITH.—We very much regret to report the death of Mr. D. L. R. Smith, of 93, Grange Road, Sanderstead, Surrey, who died suddenly on May 13, 1961. Mr. Smith took an active part in Regimental affairs and he will be sadly missed, particularly by his many friends of London Branch for whom he did so much. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and three young children.

SALE.—On May 17, 1961, at his home, 11, Margetts Road, Kempston. Mr. Arthur William Sale, who served with the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment in the 1914-18 War and was wounded at Ypres.

HOWELL.—We have received notification of the death of Mr. J. J. Howell which occurred on May 17, 1961. He enlisted in 1912 and proceeded to France with the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment in August, 1914. After the First World War he settled in Carlton, Nottingham, where he lived for 40 years.

LT.-COL. A. E. M. SINCLAIR-THOMSON,  
D.S.O., D.L.

Angus Eric Methven Sinclair-Thomson was born on May 24, 1880, and joined The Essex Regiment from the Militia on November 15, 1899. He died on May 23, 1961.

On the outbreak of the South African War he went overseas with the 1st Battalion and was wounded at Paardeburg. During this action he carried a wounded N.C.O. to safety under heavy fire. After a period in England, he returned to South Africa where he commanded a Blockhouse line across the Veldt from Brakfontein to Ermelo. While in this line he went out to meet the Boer Commander (Louis Botha) and guide him to a peace conference with the British Commander-in-Chief. He went to India with the Battalion in 1902 and later returned to duty at the Regimental Depot. From then on until 1914 he served with the 1st Battalion and was Adjutant from 1909 to 1912. In the early days of the First World War he was Staff Captain in the War Office and then in the Home Forces. He went to Gallipoli as Brigade Major and landed from s.s. *River Clyde*. Following the withdrawal from Gallipoli, he was G.S.O. II and then G.S.O. I (Lieutenant-Colonel) 1st E.E.F. A few months before the war ended he was posted to Scottish Command as G.S.O. I, but within a year he was out in Berlin with the Military Inter-Allied Commission of Control where he remained until 1923. During the war, Sinclair-Thomson was awarded the D.S.O. and the Legion of Honour. He was four times Mentioned in Despatches and was promoted Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel in 1917. He returned to the 1st Battalion in Bordon as Second-in-Command in 1923. While in this appointment he was often, as a result of his Brevet, to command the Brigade in the absence of the Brigade Commander. He took command of the 1st Battalion from Lt.-Col. A. B. Incedon-Webber in 1927 and his period of command extended over the Battalion's stay at Colchester and Pembroke Dock.



*The late Lt.-Col. A. E. M. Sinclair-Thomson,  
D.S.O., D.L.*

He retired in 1931 and was appointed Secretary to the Essex Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association. When he handed over this appointment in 1945 he had completed a longer term of office than any of his predecessors. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of the County in 1932 and was Clerk to the Lieutenantcy from 1933 to 1952. This brief resumé of his distinguished services gives little idea of Colonel "Sinclair" as he was affectionately known to his contemporaries.

In his early days, his great interest was horses, and when the Battalion concentrated in Standerton at the end of the South African War his horse won a race at the Peace Celebration Races. Richard Neave was the "jockey" and as he could not make the weight he had to carry three bandoleers of ammunition in place of weight cloths which were not available! In India he played polo, and while at the Regimental Depot he was often out with the Essex Union Hunt. The success of the Battalion hockey and athletic teams in Colchester was due in no small way to the encouragement he gave as PRI of the Battalion.

There can have been few, if any, officers who were as well turned out as Colonel "Sinclair." He set a high standard and demanded the same from everyone. At the end of a long night "in the field" (and with the help of Pte. Nice), he would

appear at first light as if he was about to go out on a Commanding Officers' Parade. Those of us who were serving under him at this time will remember the agony of shaving and the toil of cleaning buttons at the end of a tiring night, but this was the order before the Battalion "fell in" for the often long march back to Barracks.

Behind a somewhat stern appearance, Colonel "Sinclair" was friendly in manner and full of human understanding. There was nothing petty about him and he would always look for the good points without stressing the bad. The courage which he had shown at Paardeburg and in Gallipoli was again evident in the last years of his life, when he was confined to his room by an illness from which he knew he could never recover. His interest in and love for the Regiment remained to the end. He spent many happy hours with his visitors in talking about the past, picking out names on the photographs of Officers and Sergeants and discussing present activities.

This obituary could not be complete without a reference to Mrs. Sinclair-Thomson. They were a devoted couple with a gay and happy family. During the last four years the strain of nursing told on Mrs. Sinclair-Thomson and after a few days in hospital she died suddenly on May 17, 1961, and peacefully. Just a week later, Colonel "Sinclair" died on the eve of his 81st birthday.

To Peter and Helen, Rachael and Eve, we offer our sincere sympathy.

**CLAMP.**—On May 24, 1961, at Southgate, London, Mr. G. A. C. Clamp, after a short illness. Ex-Sgt. Clamp, R.A.S.C., formerly of the Army Fire Service, was posted to Kempston Barracks, Bedford, in 1942. He will be remembered by those members of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment serving there at the time and also by many Old Comrades who attended the wartime gatherings. After the war, George Clamp took the Civil Service Examination and became a Clerical Officer in the War Office, where he was very well liked by all who knew him. His early demise will be as much regretted by his war-time comrades of the Regiment as it was by his Civil Service colleagues.

**MANNING.**—On May 24, 1961, at Brentwood, aged 73 years, Mr. E. J. (Ted) Manning (ex-Sgt. Pompadours) who was a member of the Special Reserve at the outbreak of the First

World War and served with great distinction throughout the war with 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment. He was awarded the D.C.M. for his bravery in France and after his discharge he settled in business in Brentwood.

**SPAVINS.** — The death of Mr. S. Spavins, at the age of 67, occurred on May 31, 1961. He enlisted in 1910 and served for nine years in the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment. He was a keen member of The Regimental Association and also of The Old Contemptibles' Association, but ill-health in recent months curtailed his activities.

The funeral took place on June 3, 1961, at Bedford Crematorium and was attended by Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association. We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow.

**HARRIS.**—On June 2, 1961, Mr. A. Harris, who served with the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment, Regimental number 6705. He was a member of the Luton Branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association.

**PAWSEY.**—On June 3, 1961, at West Ham, Police Inspector Philip Pawsey (ex-6016396), aged 40 years. Inspector Pawsey enlisted with 2/4th Bn. The Essex Regiment in August, 1939, he was taken prisoner early in his service and was a prisoner of war for almost four years. Shortly after his discharge in August, 1946, Philip Pawsey joined the Police Force, and in the succeeding years he made rapid strides in his chosen career. Readers will recall the tragic circumstances of his death when both he and Police Sergeant Hutchins were shot down while in performance of their duty in endeavouring to apprehend a suspected person.

**COLONEL THOMAS GIBBONS,**  
D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P.

Thomas Gibbons was born at Dunmow in 1873 and died on June 9, 1961.

He joined the 2nd Volunteer Bn. The Essex Regiment in 1893, obtaining commissioned rank in 1904. The formation of the T.A. in 1908, when the title of the Battalion was changed to the 5th Bn. The Essex Regiment, found him in command of "F" Company, and in this capacity he served until the outbreak of war in 1914, when, towards the latter part of that year, he became Battalion Second-in-Command.



*The late Colonel T. Gibbons,  
D.S.O., T.D., D.L.*

Proceeding with the Battalion to Gallipoli, he assumed command at Suvla Bay in August, 1915, thence in the Libyan Desert, in defence of the Suez Canal, taking part in the whole of the Palestine campaign to the final victory at Megiddo—in all over four years of command on Active Service, a notable achievement—until his demobilisation in 1919. Wounded three times, at Anzac and in the first and third battles of Gaza, he was twice Mentioned in Despatches, and was deservedly awarded the D.S.O. in 1916, and later The Order of The Nile. On his return home he re-formed the Battalion, continuing in command until 1922, when he retired with the rank of Brevet Colonel, after 30 years of service.

Besides soldiering, Colonel Gibbons' interests were many and varied. Following his father in the family business, he took an active part in the fortunes of Dunmow Brewery, Ltd., until a week or so of his death. Throughout his life he interested himself in public work, and the affairs of his native town. Among but a few of his many activities, he was a past County President of the British Legion and President of the Dunmow Branch. A talented actor, he founded the Dunmow Players, and his performances in Gilbert and Sullivan Operas were some-



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thing to be remembered. For many years he took a leading part in the Dunmow Flicht Trials, which gave great scope for his delightful humour.

On the outbreak of the Second World War he was active in organising Civil Defence, until the formation of the Home Guard when he was appointed a Group Commander.

He married in 1898 Annie Sotham, of Holton, Oxfordshire, who predeceased him by many years.

The funeral service at St. Mary's, Dunmow, on June 13, at which Church Colonel Gibbons worshipped throughout his life, was attended by the Lord Lieutenant of the County and by a large gathering of friends and Old Comrades.

It is in the nature of things that with the passage of time, memories fade, but to all who had the honour to serve with him, Thomas Gibbons will be remembered with esteem and affection, and his name must always be linked with the Battalion which he loved and which he led with such distinction and success.

**STAFFERTON.**—On June 19, 1961, at Kempston, aged 63 years. Mr. William Stafferton served with The Essex Regiment during the First World War, and with the Home Guard during 1939-45.

**CASS.**—On June 20, 1961, at Hornchurch. Mr. W. Cass (ex-5998077) enlisted in 7th Bn. The Essex Regiment in 1907 and served for 22 years with the Regiment. After his discharge Mr. Cass joined the Postal Service and finally retired in 1950. He suffered from a heart disease and during the latter months of his life he spent many weeks in hospital.

#### MAJOR F. H. OSBORNE, M.C.

We much regret to announce the death of Major F. H. Osborne, "Ozzie," which occurred on June 20, 1961. The cremation took place at Hastings on June 23, 1961, when the Regiment was represented by Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Secretary, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association.

"Ozzie" enlisted in the 3rd Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (The Bedfordshire Militia) in November, 1899, he spent about ten months as a red-coated Militiaman under the command of Colonel The Duke of Bedford. He transferred to a regular enlistment in January, 1901, and served with the 2nd. Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment in South Africa, 1902-3,



*The late Major F. H. Osborne, M.C., with Mrs. Osborne.*

also at Gibraltar, Bermuda, and South Africa 1907-1914. He went to France with the 2nd Battalion in September, 1914, and served with the Battalion in France and Belgium for the whole of the war, 1914-1918. In 1915 he was promoted W.O.II and on February 1, 1919, he was commissioned as Lieutenant and Quartermaster. He continued to serve with the 2nd Bn. The 16th Foot, in India and Iraq and, on the Battalion's return home in 1926, at Dover. He was promoted Captain and Quartermaster in 1927 and in the same year he was posted to the Regimental Depot at Kempston Barracks, Bedford, where he was to remain until his retirement in November, 1937, after thirty-six years' service.

His promotion to Major and Quartermaster came in 1924, and his decorations and awards included the Military Cross, awarded in the 1914-1918 War, the Queen's South Africa Medal and three clasps, the 1914 Star, British War Medal, the Victory Medal, King's Jubilee Medal, 1936, the Coronation Medal 1937. He was Mentioned in Despatches, August 19, 1916.

After his retirement "Ozzie" gave much of his time to his great hobby of gardening, but on the outbreak of the Second World War, only some two years after he had retired, he returned voluntarily to the Services and did some very

good work with Headquarters, South Eastern Command, at East Grinstead until the ill health of his wife caused him to finally retire to devote his time looking after her and their home in Bexhill. He was an Air Warden at Bexhill when the first "doodle-bugs" came over the South Coast. His wife's health did not improve and "Ozzie" spent much of his time in devoted care of her until her death came on August 14, 1948.

In February, 1952, "Ozzie" married Miss Dorothy Birchall, whom he had met in 1949 and who appears with him in the photograph at the head of this column. They continued to live at Bexhill. A few years ago "Ozzie" became the local representative at "The Officers' Association," and dealt in his usual kind and helpful manner with a number of cases.

This bare recital of his service cannot convey what "Ozzie" gave to the Regiment during his long and valuable service with it. His greatest interest was work and during his service he was not associated with many outside organisations. He had two hobbies, one helping others, at which he had more failures than successes, but he felt for the sake of one success it was always worth while. Though his opinion of his help was so modest, there are many with whom he came in contact who realised how invaluable his help and wide experience was. He was always unselfish to a degree. His other hobby was gardening, and the roses at the Depot during his tour of service there were a sight to be seen.

To one who served with him in India, Iraq, Dover and Bedford happy memories will be retained of his cheerfulness. A good bridge player he was an excellent host and an evening spent in his company was a pleasure to be enjoyed and sought after.

That the feelings written here were shared by all who knew him there is no better witness than the send-off he was given when he and his wife left the Depot in September, 1937, to retire. Their car was towed out of Barracks by the Warrant Officers and Sergeants while the rest of the Depot Staff and recruits formed a guard of honour through the arch and out on to the road. Then to the cheers of all they drove away.

To Mrs. Osborne, who is still residing at "Acorn," Broadoak Lane, Bexhill-on-Sea, we have extended the sincere sympathy of the Regiment.

Those of us who served with him will miss him but we know that the 16th Foot

and ourselves are the richer for his service.

**CHEVERTON.**—On July 1, 1961, at Hornchurch, aged 79 years. Ex-R.S.M. Charles Cheverton served for 21 years with The Essex Regiment from 1898-1919 and was R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion. He came from a family with a long and splendid record of military service; his father served throughout the Crimean War with the 50th Foot and finally completed 21 years' service, and his brothers served with distinction in many Regiments. Between them the family have some 25 medals and numerous clasps.



*The late R.S.M. C. Cheverton*

**II. IFFE.**—On July 15, 1961, Capt. A. E. Iliffe, M.C., Vice-President of the Watford Branch of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association since 1939.

**CLARKE.**—In July, 1961, at The Red House Nursing Home, Apsley Guise, Mr. W. Clarke, who, previously, resided at 31, Whitcroft Road, Luton. Mr. Clarke served with the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment in the 1914-1918 War in the Middle East. He was invalided home in 1917.

**ROLPH.**—The death of Mr. R. Rolph, of 34, Shirley Road, St. Albans, occurred on August 4, 1961. A volunteer of the 4th Battalion and of the 1st Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), Mr. Rolph was on active service throughout the First World War. He maintained his interest in Regimental affairs and was an active supporter of the Regimental Association since its inception. We extend our sincere sympathy to his widow.

**CHARVILLE.**—At Hertford on August 22, 1961, Mr. W. J. Charville, aged 74 years. Mr. Charville enlisted in The 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) in 1914 and served continuously with that Battalion throughout the First World War. At Havincourt Wood on September 18, 1918, after all his Company Officers had been killed or wounded, he personally took over the leadership of the leading Platoon of his Company and showed great courage and leadership under heavy fire. For this act he was awarded the Military Medal and promoted to Sergeant on the field. He served a total of eight years with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment T.A. He re-enlisted into The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in 1939, and was later transferred to The Suffolk Regiment before being discharged in 1942.

A good soldier and comrade. He was an active member of the Regimental Association and served on the committee of the Hertford Branch for 14 years. He was buried at Holy Trinity Church, Bengoe, Hertford. Several members of the Hertford Branch were present at the internment to pay their last respects to a gallant comrade.

**SHARPIN.**—Mr. George Colby Sharpin, M.C., died at the Middlesex Hospital on August 23, 1961, after a long illness. He was 72. He served as Transport Officer of The Bedfordshire Regiment during the First World War during which he was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in the field. Mr. Sharpin was a member of the 16th Foot Association and was a Vice-President of Bedford Branch. The funeral service was held at Holy Trinity Church, Bedford, on Friday, August 25. The Regimental Association was represented by Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his widow.

**CUTTS.**—On August 28, 1961, at Hertford, Mr. H. Cutts, who served with

the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). He was a member of the Hertford Branch of The Old Contemptibles' Association.

**WALKER.**—In August, 1961, at Sandgate, at the age of 92. Major John Arthur Walker was commissioned into the Volunteer Forces in 1906 and served during the early period of the First World War with 6th Bn. The Essex Regiment. He took part in the Middle East and Gallipoli campaigns and was Mentioned in Despatches in 1917. Major Walker subsequently joined the Army Educational Corps in which he spent many happy years until his retirement.



*The late O.R.Q.M.S. F. J. Prior*

**PRIOR.**—On September 4, 1961, at Whipps Cross Hospital, Mr. Frederick Joseph Prior (ex-5999041-O.R.Q.M.S.). Affectionately known by his many comrades and friends as "Pip," Mr. Prior enlisted in the Essex Regiment on July 15, 1915, and served during World War I with the 7th, 4th, 10th and 11th Battalions, he joined the 1st Battalion in 1919 in Ireland on his return from France, and was then posted to the Regimental Depot. He rejoined the 1st Battalion in Ireland in 1921 and by 1933 had risen to the rank of W.O.II (O.R.Q.M.S.). "Pip" Prior remained with the 1st Battalion until 1938 when he left Egypt to come home for his discharge, but because of the existing international situation his discharge was postponed and after the outbreak of hostilities he was first posted to The Royal Warwickshire Regiment and then to War Office Selection Centre as Chief

Clerk, where he remained until he joined the Reserve in 1948.

Since his discharge from the Army, Mr. Prior has resided at Leytonstone and had been employed by British Railways.

He will be greatly missed by his very many friends in the Regiment.

**POWELL.**—On September 8, 1961, at St. Mary's Hospital, Luton, Mr. George Powell whose home was at 4, Granville Road, Luton. Mr. Powell served with the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment during the First World War. He was employed as a rope-maker and had his rope-walk in Stanton Road. At the time of his retirement in 1949 he was regarded as Luton's oldest rope-maker.

**HALL.**—Mr. Ernest Alfred Hall died on September 17, 1961, aged 76.

Mr. Hall served during the First World War with 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) on the Somme and Ypres. He became a Company Quartermaster-Sergeant in the Regiment. For 40 years he was a member of The Hertfordshire Lodge and five years ago he retired from Longmores, the Hertford Solicitors.

The funeral took place at Holy Trinity Church, Bengeo. The Regiment being represented by R.S.M. V. Herd.

**BRANT.**—On September 17, 1961, Mr. Alfred Arthur Brant, of 93, West Street, Hertford, at the age of 68. Mr. Brant served with the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) in the First World War. He was a member of the Hertford Branches of the British Legion and Old Contemptibles' Association. During the later part of his life he was employed by *The Hertfordshire Mercury and County Press*, Hertford.

**GOBELL.**—On September 18, 1961, at Basildon, aged 69 years. Mr. E. G. Gobell served with 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment throughout the First World War and was present at the Gallipoli landings. He was a regular correspondent and supporter of the Association, and was for many years Hon. Auditor of 4th Bn. Comrades' Association.

**BURKE.**—In September, 1961. Mr. C. R. Burke (ex-Cpl. 6007140) was a Regular soldier in The Essex Regiment and took his discharge in December, 1945. During part of the war years he was stationed at Warley and was a

strong supporter of the Regimental Chapel.

**BURNAGE.**—On October 1, 1961, suddenly at his home, 18, Rectory Road, Campton, Shefford, Bedfordshire, Mr. Frank Burnage, aged 68. Mr. Burnage served in the 1914-1918 War with the 1st/5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (The Yellow Devils) in the Middle East. He was the uncle of Mr. A. G. Burnage who served in the Regiment and is a member of The Regimental Association.

**LANDON.**—On October 12, 1961, at Trinity College, Oxford, Mr. Philip Landon, M.C., Emeritus Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, and formerly University Reader in Criminal Law and the Law of Evidence. He was Bursar of Trinity from 1921-1951. During the 1914-1918 War he joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. and was commissioned in The Essex Regiment. Later he served on the Staff. He was Mentioned in Despatches in 1916 and awarded the M.C. in 1917.

**TUNNAH.**—On October 16, 1961. Sgt. Alfred Tunnah, aged 59 years. Sgt. Tunnah was a serving member of the Regimental Band of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.). He joined the Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) in 1950, having previously served for many years as a regular Bandsman in the Royal Air Force. The funeral took place at Hitchin on October 20, and The Regiment was represented by Major R. J. Gresty, R.S.M. Herd and members of the Regimental Band.

**SMITH.**— On October 24, 1961, at Brentwood, aged 87 years, after a very long illness. Mr. Harry Smith enlisted in The Essex Regiment at Warley Barracks in 1892, and served in India, Burma and South Africa. He completed 21 years with The Regiment and was then employed as a civilian clerk at the Barracks. He re-enlisted in 1915 and served in France and Italy, and after his final discharge, Mr. Smith joined the Civil Service and was employed in the Records Office at Warley Barracks. Always a keen supporter of The Regiment and Association, Mr. Smith was buried at Woodman Road, Brentwood, after a service in The Regimental Chapel.

**SILCOCKS.**—In October, 1961, aged 83 years. Mr. A. H. Silcocks served with 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment throughout the First World War. He was a keen supporter of 4th Battalion Comrades' Association.

**FORD, A. G.**—It is regretted that in our last issue the date of the death of Mr. A. G. Ford, M.M., was given as September 20, 1960. This should have read February 20, 1961.

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4. ALL ARTICLES AND NOTES FOR THE JUNE NUMBER OF THE JOURNAL SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDITOR BY NOT LATER THAN APRIL 25, 1962.

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