



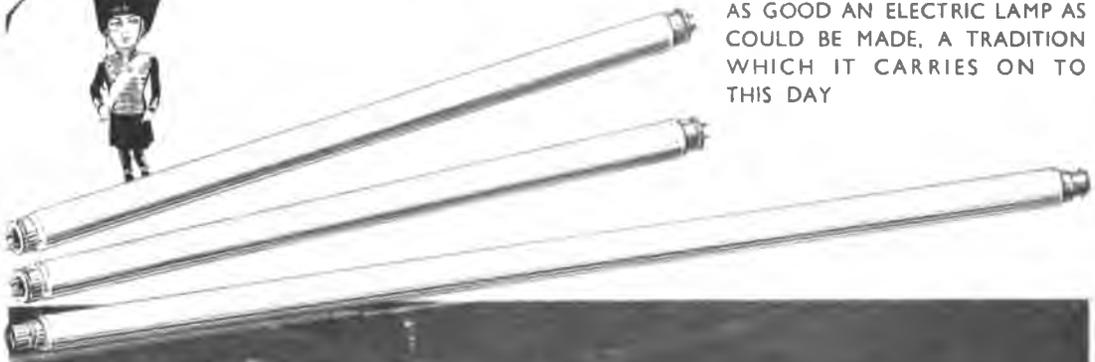
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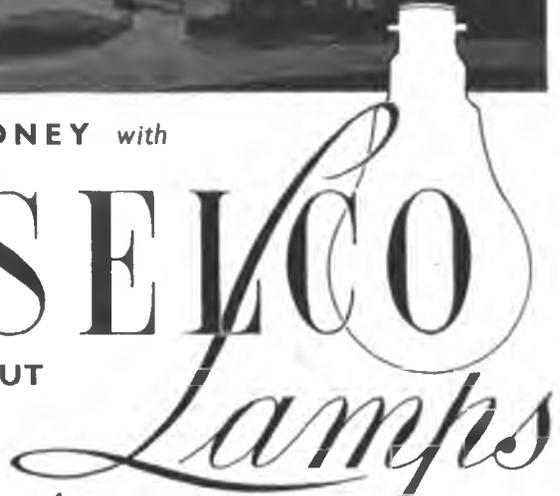


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[Photograph by "Southend Standard"]

*The Old Colours of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (16th Foot) and the 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment (The Pompadours) draped on the Altar of the Regimental Chapel after they had been delivered into the hands of the Venerable W. N. Welch, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend, for Laying Up on Sunday, October 18, 1959.*

## EDITORIAL

The warm welcome given to the new Journal has been very gratifying to *The Journal* Committee and the Editorial Staff. Again in this number of *The Journal* we have the privilege of telling the story of several important events in Regimental History.

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The caption to the top right hand picture on page 6 of the June number of *The Wasp and The Eagle* stated that it was the Mayor of Romford, Alderman Mrs. Mary Clark-Lewis, presenting the Scroll to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

The caption should have read "The Mayor of East Ham, Councillor Mrs. Lily Sutton, presents the Scroll conferring the extension of the Freedom of the County Borough of East Ham on The Regiment."

The error is much regretted and we extend our sincere apologies to the Mayors of both Boroughs.

\* \* \*

The Royal Norfolk Regiment and The Suffolk Regiment amalgamated on August 29, 1959, to form the 1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk). Telegrams of good wishes were sent to them by the Colonel of The Regiment, the 1st Battalion and the Regimental Depot.

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Regimental Journals today are costly productions, and charges for their printing, etc., show no signs of decreasing, but the reverse. Rather than lower the standard of the Regimental Magazine and yet at the same time keep its cost within bounds, *The Journal* Committee have decided that it should not, in size, normally exceed forty-eight pages. They have done this reluctantly, realising that on occasions this will mean not publishing notes sent in. They hope contributors will appreciate this and not be disheartened if on occasions their notes are not printed. The Editorial Staff will always do their best to ensure notes, articles, etc., sent in are published.

All articles and notes for reproduction in *The Wasp and The Eagle* should, if possible, be typed on one side of the paper only, with double spacing. When photographs are sent for reproduction in the *Regimental Journal*, it should be stated whether permission has been given by the owner of the copyright of the photograph and what caption is required.

## THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

On the occasion of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief's Birthday on August 4, the following telegram of greetings was sent to Her Majesty by The Colonel of the Regiment and the Associate Colonel:—

The Private Secretary

to

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth

The Queen Mother,

Colonel-in-Chief

All Ranks past and present of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) and their families beg to express their loyal and warmest greetings to their Colonel-in-Chief on the occasion of Her Majesty's Birthday. They recall with pride and affection Her Majesty's gracious presence among them on the occasion of the Presentation of Colours at Warley.

REGINALD DENNING, Lt.-General  
C. M. PATON, Brigadier.

The following gracious reply was received:—

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning,  
3rd East Anglian Regiment,  
Warley Barracks, Brentwood.

I deeply appreciate your loyal greetings today and I send my very sincere thanks to you, to Brigadier Paton and All Ranks past and present of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).

ELIZABETH R., Colonel-in-Chief.

## REGIMENTAL NOTES

The Regimental Depot at Warley will cease to be responsible for the training of recruits with effect from March 31, 1960, when the Training Staff will move to the East Anglian Brigade Depot at Bury St. Edmunds. It is expected that the Depot will finally close about the end of June, 1960. Regimental Headquarters will be implemented as a separate unit at Warley with effect from April 1, 1960.

Further details will be given in the June number of *The Journal*.

## REGIMENTAL DIARY, 1960

January 23

The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association — Luton Branch Annual Dinner.

January 30

The Essex Regiment Association — Brentwood and Warley Branch Invitation Dance.

February 27

The Hertfordshire Regiment Association — Ware Branch Annual Dinner.

- March 20*  
5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.)  
—Centenary Celebrations.
- March 26*  
6th Bn. The Essex Regiment ("Cedars"  
O.C.A.) Annual Reunion Dinner.
- March 27*  
4th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.)—  
"Gaza and Cassino" Day.
- April 29*  
The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th  
Foot) Dinner Club—Annual Dinner.
- April 30*  
6th Bn. (1914/1918) The Bedfordshire  
Regiment O.C.A. 25th (Silver Jubilee)  
Annual Reunion Dinner.
- May 7*  
Regimental Association Annual Dinner.
- May 29*  
Regimental Association Summer Reunion  
—Kempston Barracks, Bedford.
- June 18—July 2*  
T.A. Camp.
- June 18*  
The Essex Regiment Association—Saffron  
Walden Branch Summer Reunion.
- September 11*  
Civic Sunday—Regimental Chapel, Warley.
- September 18*  
Remembrance Service—Regimental Chapel  
Warley.
- November 20*  
Regimental Remembrance Day—Kempston  
Barracks, Bedford.

## MEDALS

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It was felt that, in view of the good services rendered to the 16th Foot by the late C.Q.M.S. and his brothers, every effort should be made to purchase these and subscriptions to this end should be invited. So far the following donations have been received:

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

The Annual Dinner of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) Dinner Club will be held at The United Service Club, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1, on Friday, April 29, 1960.

Notices will be sent to members in due course.

## REGIMENTAL HISTORY

### THE ESSEX REGIMENT, 1929—1950

BY COL. T. A. MARTIN, M.B.E.

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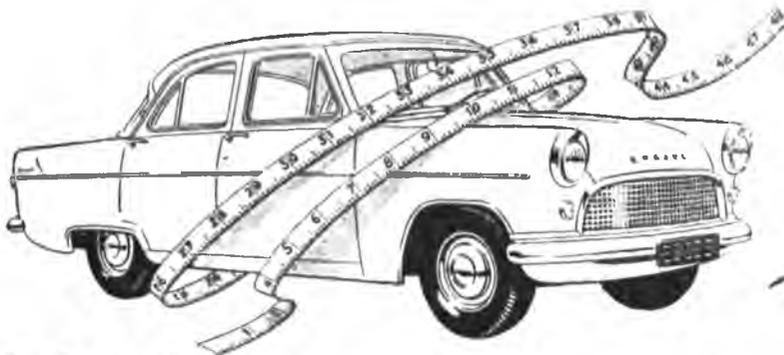


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## The Presentation of the Freedom of Entry to the Borough of Watford

As announced in the June issue the Council of the Borough of Watford passed a formal resolution to grant to The Regiment the Freedom of Entry to the Borough with its accompanying privileges.

It was agreed that the 1st Battalion should visit Watford on Sunday, July 5, to receive this honour, and preparations to this end were made by the Battalion, among the many other activities which occupied those crowded summer months. By the morning of July 5, which dawned a bright sunny day, all was ready. The Battalion moved to Watford by M.T. and were followed by many officers and friends of The Regiment, and the families, whom the Borough had kindly invited to witness the ceremony.

Soon after 3.30 p.m. a large crowd of spectators were assembled in the beautiful setting of Cassiobury Park, Watford, where the ceremony was to take place. Shortly afterwards the strains of martial music were heard and the Battalion appeared on the rise in the foreground to take up its position in line opposite the dais. Keen observers noted two significant points, one, that the Colours were cased and bayonets were not fixed; two, the Battalion were armed with the new rifle, which meant the "Shoulder Arms" instead of the "Slope."

At 4 p.m. The Worshipful The Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Harris, J.P., the Colonel of The Regiment, Lieut-General Sir Reginald Denning, K.B.E., C.B., the Mace-Bearer, the Town Clerk, Mr. Gordon H. Hall, with Aldermen and Councillors in procession, proceeded to the dais where they were received with a General Salute.

The Colonel of The Regiment then invited the Mayor to inspect the Parade, which was carried out while the Band played. On return of the Mayor and the Colonel of The Regiment to the dais a Fanfare was sounded, and the Colours were posted.

The Town Clerk, Mr. Gordon H. Hall, read the Scroll and then handed it to the Mayor, who addressed the Parade. In his address the Mayor spoke of the pride Watford had in The Regiment and went on to say "Knowing as we do the great tradition of the then Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment we rejoice in our first public acquaintance with their proud and gallant successors, the 3rd East Anglian Regiment. Many of the burgesses will already have occasion to feel a deep personal pride on this day having either served in The Regiment or its predecessors or whose sons have had the honour to serve, and there would be many who would remember with pride and affection dear ones who laid down their lives

while serving with one of the Regiments." The Mayor went on to say "It is with extreme pleasure therefore that I speak on behalf of the whole of the burgesses of Watford, expressing our delight that henceforward the Regiment may enter our town of Watford, in the traditional way assured of the welcome they so richly deserve and which we are proud to give." In conclusion, the Mayor, Alderman Harris, said he hoped this was the first of many occasions they would have of receiving the Regiment into the Borough.

The Mayor then handed the Scroll to the Colonel of The Regiment.

General Sir Reginald Denning replied to the Mayor's Address.

He began by giving a message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Colonel-in-Chief. Her Majesty had asked him to express Her Majesty's high appreciation of the honour which the Borough had conferred on The Regiment. Her Majesty The Colonel-in-Chief was pleased that the close ties which had existed for so many years with The Regiment and would now exist with The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, were symbolised in this way.

General Sir Reginald Denning continued by saying "Speaking for the Officers and Men of The Regiment they were proud of the large number of men from Watford who had served in The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment during its long existence and they paid tribute to the close and loyal support which had been given to The Regiment by the members of the Watford Branch of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association throughout the years of their existence as a branch." The Colonel of The Regiment then went on to say "The marriage of the two Regiments was a happy one, it was a change in title only." With them that day they had on parade The Mons Drum and The Salamanca Eagle and these were representative of the pride of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) and in the traditions which they were entrusted to follow. He thanked the Borough of Watford for the honour which they had bestowed upon The Regiment and for their warm welcome and generous hospitality. He assured the burgesses that The Regiment would be ever faithful to the trust put with them as a Regiment of the British Infantry of the Line.

The second fanfare was then sounded, the Battalion came to attention, the Colours were uncased and bayonets fixed.

The Battalion then saluted the inhabitants of Watford by advancing in Review Order. They





[Photograph by "The West Herts. Post," Watford.]

1. The Mayor of Watford inspects the Battalion in line. 2. The Mayor presents the scroll of The Freedom of Entry to the Colonel of the Regiment. 3. The Battalion exercises its newly-awarded privileges.—The Colours and Escort march past. 4. The Mayor and the Colonel of the Regiment with Comrades of the Watford Branch of the 16th Foot Regiment Association.

entertained to tea and other refreshments by the town.

Officers and their wives including many from The Hertfordshire Regiment and other guests were entertained to tea in the Town Hall Committee Rooms, after which they attended a reception in the Town Hall, where the guests were greeted by the Mayor and Mayoress and General Sir Reginald and Lady Denning.

Thus ended a memorable day and all who were privileged to attend are grateful to the Mayor, Corporation and Burgesses of Watford for the honour they bestowed on The Regiment and their generous hospitality.

## ESSEX TERRITORIALS CELEBRATE CENTENARY

A Gunner Regiment of the Territorial Army which sprang from The Essex Regiment, is this year celebrating its centenary. It is The 459 (Essex) Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment R.A. (T.A.) with Headquarters and "P" Battery at East Ham, "Q" Battery at Chingford, "R" Battery at Barking, and Basildon New Town and R.E.M.E. Workshop Company at Newbury Park.

The story begins in May, 1859, at West Ham, when The Essex Rifle Volunteers were formed at a time when a French invasion seemed imminent and Lords Lieutenant were asked by the War Office to raise volunteer corps "which must bear the entire expense of their equipment and maintenance." The Volunteers continued as green-clad riflemen until 1883 when they became red-coated infantry of the line as Volunteer Battalions of The Essex Regiment. They fought in the Boer War and then converted to Territorials in 1913 on the formation of the new Territorial Force by Lord Haldane. The two battalions were designated as the 6th and 7th Battalions of The Essex Regiment (T.F.) and earned the privilege of carrying colours like Regular Battalions. The 6th Battalion received its Colours from King Edward VII at Windsor in 1909 and the 7th Battalion its Colours from F.M. Lord Roberts at Hackney. During the Great War of 1914-18 the Battalions fought against the Turks in the Middle East and earned the battle honour "Gaza" for The Essex Regiment. They continued as infantry right up to 1935 and 1938 when they were converted to the guns and searchlights of Britain's new A.A. defences.

The 6th Battalion provided the 64th and 65th Searchlight Regiments while from the 7th sprang, first, the 59th and later, the 82nd H.A.A. Brigades R.A. (T.A.) (subsequently renamed regiments), all stationed at drill halls in the East London area. In their new role as A.A. artillerymen the men of the four Regiments fought the



*It was a proud ceremony for this Colour Party of the 6th Bn. The Essex Regiment, just fifty years ago, when they received their Colours from H.M. King Edward VII at Windsor Castle. The photograph was taken on the steps of "The Cedars," Portway, West Ham, on their return. The Subaltern on the left is Lt. P. D. Castle (later Lieut.-Colonel). His son, Major J. D. Castle, is the present Chairman of the Cedars Old Comrades' Association.*

Nazi Luftwaffe throughout World War II from A.A. sites in Britain, Norway, Gibraltar, North Africa and Belgium and some ended the war on garrison duties in Belgium and Germany.

After the war when the T.A. was reformed in 1947, the regiments were reconstituted—all as Heavy A.A. units of the R.A. The 59th became 459 Regiment at Whipps Cross, the 82nd became 482 Regiment at Barking, the 64th became 599 Regiment at Chingford and the 65th became 600 Regiment at East Ham. In 1955 on the disbandment of A.A. Command the four regiments survived this new "axe" and were amalgamated into the present 459 (Essex) H.A.A. Regiment R.A. (T.A.). They have never looked back and are carrying on the fine traditions of voluntary service started at West Ham a century ago.

In the past two years 459 Regiment has increased its numbers by 25 per cent due largely to the establishment of a new troop at Basildon New Town and the formation of a regimental band which proudly carries the drums of the old 6th Battalion. The Regiment is commanded

by Lt.-Col. H. L. Clarke, T.D., J.P., R.A. (T.A.), who was commissioned early in 1939 into the 6th Battalion. The Honorary Colonel is the Lord Lieutenant of Essex (Col. Sir John Ruggles Brise, BT., C.B.E., T.D., J.P.), who was the first commanding officer of the old 599 H.A.A. Regiment when it was reformed at Chingford in 1947.

The Regiment is celebrating its centenary in several ways. Batteries have taken part in local carnivals and the Regimental Band made its first public appearance at East Ham on Friday, August 28, when it carried out the ceremony of Beating Retreat before the Mayor and Mayoress at the Town Hall. On October 16 the officers, warrant officers and sergeants held a Centenary Ball at the East Ham Drill Hall and in December there will be an All Ranks Centenary Dinner at the Regiment's week-end training centre at Vange in Basildon New Town and, it is hoped, a regimental church parade in the New Town on the Sunday morning.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—We are indebted to Major A. L. Harris, Adjutant of the 459 (Essex) H.A.A. Regiment R.A., T.A., for this interesting article on the Centenary of The Regiment and its origins in The Essex Rifle Volunteers and later the 6th and 7th Battalions of The Essex Regiment.

## CIVIC SUNDAY

It was the custom of the former Essex Regiment to hold each year a Service in the Regimental Chapel at which the Lieutenancy, the Mayors, Chairmen of the Urban and Rural District Councils and other civic dignitaries were invited to attend. These services were always well attended and the Essex Regiment, after the service, entertained their guests to tea on the Officers' Mess lawn, thus providing an opportunity for the civic side to meet and get to know the Officers of the Regiment.

It was decided that in spite of the very crowded summer programme this traditional Civic Sunday must be maintained and the service held, but the field to be widened to include the Counties of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

Sunday, July 12, was selected for the service and the response to the many invitations sent out gratifying. Among those accepted were H.M. Lieutenant for Essex, Col. Sir John A. Ruggles-Brise, Bt., C.B., O.B.E., T.D., J.P., and a number of Deputy Lieutenants, most of whom had served in the Essex Regiment, the High Sheriff of Essex and Mrs. Hoare, the Chairman of Essex County Council and Mrs. Bennett, the Chief Constable of Essex and Lady Peel, General A. E. Percival and Miss Percival, Group Captain L. S. Snaith, Deputy Chairman of Bedfordshire T.A. Association, Lt.-Col.

M. F. T. Baines, Secretary of the Bedfordshire T.A. Association, and Mayors and Mayoresses of twenty-two County Boroughs and Boroughs including five from Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. The Mayor of Chingford brought with him the Deputy Mayors of Saint-Mande, their sister town in France. The Chairmen and their wives of twenty-two Urban and Rural District Councils including seven from Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. The Colonel of the Regiment, the Associate Colonel with Lady Denning and Mrs. Paton were present, Lt.-Col. Barrow and Officers of the 1st Battalion, Major Palmer and Officers of the Regimental Depot, Lt.-Col. Pepys and Officers from 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.) with Officers from other T.A. Units, serving and retired Officers of the Regiment were also present.

The service, which took place at 3 p.m., was conducted by the Rev. F. A. Preston, the then Chaplain to the Regimental Depot, assisted by the Rev. J. F. O. Bown, Senior Chaplain, East Anglian District. The Address, which was a stirring one based on the theme of service, was given by the Bishop of Bedford, the Right Rev. Basil Guy. A special feature of the service was the dedication of a pew in the memory of Lt.-Col. R. N. Thompson, who commanded the Regimental Depot, The Essex Regiment, when the Chapel became the Regimental Chapel of that Regiment. His nephew, Brigadier W. F. K. Thompson, was present at the service.

The music for the service was provided by the Regimental Band, conducted by Band Sergeant-Major Eldon, and the organ was played by Mr. Davidson.

After the service the Officers entertained the civic guests to tea on the Officers' Mess lawn, while the Band played a selection of music.

Thus ended a very happy Regimental occasion and one which we all were agreed must continue in the future.

## THE EMPIRE FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE, 1959

Both the former Regiments reserved their usual plots in The Empire Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey this year.

Earlier in the year the British Legion, the organisers of The Empire Field of Remembrance, were approached with a view to the two regimental plots being adjacent to each other. We are grateful to the British Legion for their kindness and courtesy in arranging for this to be done.

The opening service for The Empire Field of Remembrance was held, as usual, outside the North Door of Westminster Abbey and was attended by The Colonel of The Regiment, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Denning, the Associate Colonel, Brigadier C. M. Paton, the Regi-

mental Adjutant, Major B. J. Palmer, and the Secretaries of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association and The Essex Regiment Association, Majors D. T. Tewkesbury and T. R. Stead. There were also present a number of ex-officers and comrades from the 16th and 44th/56th Regiments of Foot.

Among the many crosses planted in both Regimental Plots was a Badge Cross from the 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot).

### THE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND LAYING UP OF COLOURS

October 18th, 1959

In the past The Essex Regiment held each year a Remembrance Service in the Regimental Chapel and The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment a Remembrance Service and a Wreath Laying ceremony at The Regimental Memorial at Kempston Barracks on the Sunday after the National Remembrance Sunday. On amalgamation it was decided that these services must continue and the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Service and Ceremony was arranged for Sunday, November 15; an account of the Service and Ceremony will appear in the next issue of *The Journal*. In the case of The Essex Regiment Service, it was more difficult to arrange the date in view of the many events which took place this summer. In the end it was decided to hold it on Sunday, October 18. This meant the 1st Battalion would have sailed for Malaya but that had to be accepted.

It was also decided that the occasion of the Service would be a suitable opportunity on which to Lay Up the Old Colours of the 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment, The Pompadours. The question of the Laying Up of the Old Colours of the 1st and 2nd Battalions the 16th Foot was then raised. In the case of the 2nd Bn. 16th Foot Old Colours it was considered that as they had been laid up at The Regimental Depot the 16th Foot since 1950 and had not been carried since the amalgamation of The Regiments it was only right and proper that they should, in due course, be laid up in either Bedfordshire or Hertfordshire and the Colonel of The Regiment gave instructions that arrangements for this to be done should be put in hand. Further details will be notified in due course.

The question of the Laying Up of the Old Colours of the 1st Bn. The 16th Foot presented a different problem and so that the matter could be properly considered the Colonel of The Regiment called a special meeting of the Executive Committee. At the meeting the C.O. of the 1st Battalion pointed out that the Colours had been carried by the 1st Battalion the 16th Foot since they were presented at Tidworth in 1955, by

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, to the time of the amalgamation of The Regiments. After the amalgamation they had been carried with the Colours of the 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment, The Pompadours, until May 30 of this year, when, with the Colours of The Pompadours they were marched off parade prior to the Presentation of New Colours by Her Majesty The Colonel-in-Chief. In these circumstances he felt it was only fitting that they should be laid to rest with the Colours of The Pompadours in the Regimental Chapel. After discussion the Colonel of The Regiment pointed out that the Colours were the symbols of the spirit of devotion and loyalty which had even been present in the two former Regiments. At the Amalgamation these Colours had been brought together when the new Regiment was formed and remained with it until they were marched on when the new Colours were presented. Thus they symbolised the spirit of the amalgamation which had been carried out by the former Regiments with unswerving loyalty and devotion to their Queen and Country. It was thus only fitting that they should be laid to rest together and he ruled that the Old Colours of the 1st Bn. The 16th Foot and 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment should be laid up together in the Regimental Chapel on October 18.

It was also decided that the Stained Glass Window to commemorate the Amalgamation should be dedicated on this occasion. The window, as will be seen in the illustration, consists of two panels, in the one is the figure of John Bunyan, and in the other that of Edward the Confessor who has traditional connections with Barking and Havering in Essex. Below the figures are the Collar Badge of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) and the cap badge of The East Anglian Brigade. Below the badges is the following inscription: "To the Glory of God and to commemorate the amalgamation on June 2, 1958, of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment with The Essex Regiment forming The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot)." The cost of the window was subscribed by the Regular and T.A. Units of The Regiment.

The demand for tickets for the Service proved to be enormous and after placing extra chairs in every available place in the Chapel it was found necessary to erect a marquee at the West Door to accommodate an additional hundred persons. Many other arrangements had to be made but at last all was ready and Sunday, October 18, dawned. From an early hour past and present members of both the former Regiments began to arrive and by 10.45 a.m. the Chapel was full and the overflow accommodation filling up also. Just before 11 a.m. the Colonel of The Regiment and the Associate Colonel took their places to be followed as the

## Regimental Chapel



[Photograph by Larry Morgan, King's Road, Brentwood.

*The new stained glass south-west window in the Regimental Chapel which is in commemoration of the amalgamation of the Regiments. All the Regular and Territorial Units of the Regiment subscribed towards it.*

hour struck by the Choir and Clergy in procession, singing the hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past."

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. L. Parsonage, C.F., Garrison Chaplain, Warley. The Venerable W. N. Welch, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend, who had been invited by the Colonel of The Regiment to do so, preached the sermon. He was supported by the Rev. J. F. O. Bown, T.D., C.F., Senior Chaplain, East Anglian District, and the Rev. F. A. Preston, M.B.E., C.F., who was until recently Garrison Chaplain, Warley and is now Chaplain at The Mons Officer Cadet School, Aldershot.

After the Processional Hymn the Service proceeded with The Prayer of Bidding: "Brethren, we are met together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven for another REMEMBRANCE, in JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, of comrades and friends we see no longer; to Dedicate the South-West Window as a symbol of new associations and to Lay Up within this Holy Place the Colours of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and the 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment.

But that we may better do these things let us first make confession of our sins that those who truly repent may receive God's forgiveness and be raised to newness of life through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Wherefore, brethren, I pray and beseech you to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice to the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me . . . ." Then followed the General Confession and Absolution, the Lord's Prayer, the Versicles and Responses and the Venite.

The lesson, taken from the Revelation of St. John the Divine, chapter 21, vv. 1-7, was read by the Colonel of The Regiment, and was followed by the Benedictus, the Apostles' Creed and the Collects.

The Remembrance then took place and was conducted by the Rev. F. A. Preston and included the Last Post, the Silence and the Reveille.

After the Remembrance while the Choir and congregation sung two verses of the hymn, "Angel voices, ever singing," the Archdeacon and the Clergy led by the Cross Bearer, the Colonel of The Regiment and the Associate Colonel moved in procession to the South West Window, The Colonel of The Regiment then said, "Venerable Sir, I pray you dedicate this Window." The Archdeacon replied, "I am ready so to do."

Then followed the Dedication: "In the faith of Jesus Christ and to the Glory of God, we dedicate this Window to commemorate the amalgamation of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment The Essex Regiment forming the 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th

Foot). In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

The Regimental Prayer followed: "O God, Our Father, who hast ever been a strong tower of defence against all our enemies, renew Thy Blessing upon us Thy Family of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment. Grant us strength and courage to overcome all that is evil and unworthy and unite us in a common devotion to Thee and to the Service of our fellow men, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

During the singing of the hymn, "Who would true valour see," the Regimental Hymn of the 16th Foot, the procession returned to their places.

The Archdeacon of Southend then preached the Sermon and in a very inspiring address gave those present much food for thought.

After the Sermon the Ceremony of the Laying Up of the Colours took place. The Archdeacon moved to the Altar and facing the congregation said, "We are gathered here to Lay Up the Colours of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, and the 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment.

No more fitting place could be found wherein to deposit these emblems of Duty and Service than this House of God, where prayer and praise have been wont to be made."

While a Slow March was played the Colour Parties consisting Officers, W.O.s and N.C.O.s of The Regiment's three Territorial Battalions moved from the West Door and halted at the Chancel Step; in the meanwhile the Colonel of The Regiment and the Associate Colonel had moved to the Steps.

The Colonel of The Regiment then took The Queen's Colour of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment from the Colour Officer and moved to the Altar Rail and said, "This Consecrated Queen's Colour, formerly carried by the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, in the service of their Sovereign and Empire, I now deliver into your hands for safe custody within these walls."

The Archdeacon replied, "I receive this Queen's Colour for safe custody within this Chapel" and placed the Queen's Colour upon the Altar.

The same procedure was then carried out with The Regimental Colour of the 1st Bn. The 16th Foot, and The Queen's and Regimental Colours of The Pompadours, except that in the case of the latter they were handed to the Archdeacon by the Associate Colonel, Brigadier Paton.

When all the Colours had been placed on the Altar the Archdeacon said the following prayer: "Almighty God and Lord of Hosts, we now lay up within this House of Prayer these emblems of Thy Grace and Blessing: may all who look



[Photograph: "Southend Standard"]

**THE LAYING-UP OF COLOURS, OCTOBER 18, 1959.**

The Colours and Escort outside the Regimental Chapel before the ceremony. The Colour Officers and Escort were as follows:

**1st Battalion, 16th Foot:**

<i>Queen's Colour</i>	<i>Lt. N. H. Ayrton</i>	<i>5th Battalion The Bedfordshire Regiment</i>
<i>Regimental Colour</i>	<i>Lt. H. M. Brown</i>	<i>1st Battalion The Hertfordshire Regiment</i>
<i>Escort</i>	<i>C.S.M. Jackman</i>	<i>5th Battalion The Bedfordshire Regiment</i>
	<i>Sgt. Phillips</i>	<i>5th Battalion The Bedfordshire Regiment</i>
	<i>Sgt. Howard</i>	<i>1st Battalion The Hertfordshire Regiment</i>

**2nd Battalion The Essex Regiment (The Pompadours)**

<i>Queen's Colour</i>	<i>Lt. R. A. Shervington</i>	<i>4th Battalion The Essex Regiment</i>
<i>Regimental Colour</i>	<i>2/Lt. D. M. Stewart</i>	<i>4th Battalion The Essex Regiment</i>
<i>Escort</i>	<i>C.S.M. Stokes</i>	<i>4th Battalion The Essex Regiment</i>
	<i>C/Sgt. Dowler</i>	<i>4th Battalion The Essex Regiment</i>
	<i>C/Sgt. Carmichael</i>	<i>4th Battalion The Essex Regiment</i>

upon them be reminded of their duty to their God, their Queen, and their Country, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

Then followed the National Anthem.

The last hymn of the Service was "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven," at the end of which the Archdeacon gave The Blessing.

Thus ended a most impressive service, the

memories of which will linger long with those who were privileged to be present.

The Colours of the 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment were presented at Tidworth by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, in April, 1959.

The Colours of the 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment were presented in India in 1864 by General Sir Charles T. van Straubenzee.

After the service the comrades of the two former Regiments formed up in threes on the road outside the Chapel and led by the Band of the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) marched to the Depot Square where the Salute was taken by the Colonel of The Regiment and the Associate Colonel.

They then formed up in line opposite the dais when they were inspected by the Colonel of The Regiment and the Associate Colonel accompanied by the Archdeacon of Southend and General Sir Geoffrey Howard. The inspection over the parade dismissed.

Buffets and other refreshments had been arranged on the Officers' Mess Lawn and in the Gymnasium and were soon well patronised.

Thus ended another memorable regimental occasion. But we cannot end this account without thanking the Clergy, Organist and Choir, the Depot, the T.A. Battalions, the Band of the 5th Battalion and others, whose hard work and careful preparations contributed so much to the success of the day.

We also thank the Venerable W. N. Welch, Archdeacon of Southend, for his presence with us and his moving address.

## PERSONALIA

Lt.-Col. T. J. Barrow flew out to Malaya a few days after the Battalion had embarked in the *Oxfordshire*. He completes his tour of command of the 1st Battalion at the end of the year, when he will be succeeded by Lt.-Col. M. W. Holme, who is, at present, a GI with an Infantry Division at home. Col. Barrow will take up a staff appointment in Hong Kong early in the new year.

Lt.-Col. S. W. B. Phipps has relinquished command of the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment and has retired to civil life. So far we have not heard what he is doing but hope to publish later news of how he is getting on in his new environment. He has been succeeded in command by Lt.-Col. D. Milman, whose previous appointment was at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Lt.-Col. (Q.M.) Tommy Gagen has finally terminated his service after 35 years with the Essex Regiment. Both before and since his retirement he has been very actively engaged as President of the Brentwood Branch of the Regimental Association and though he has said that he will be able to continue in this capacity for only a short time we sincerely hope that he can be persuaded to carry on the good work for a while yet.

We do in any case thank him for his endeavours and wish both him and Mrs. Gagen our very best wishes for the future.

One of the many stories told of Sgt. Jack Brady whose sad death is reported elsewhere in this Journal, relates to the period when he and his son Percy were serving in Gallipoli in 1915. At the time both Sgt. Brady and Percy were suffering from dysentery and it was suggested to Percy that he should see the M.O. "Not while the old man is here," he said. A similar approach to Sgt. Brady brought the reply "Not while my boy is sticking it."

Mr. J. T. Smith, Chairman of the London Branch of the 16th Foot Regimental Association for the past 16 years, has retired and is to be succeeded by Lt.-Col. A. C. Clarke, O.B.E. Mr. Smith is a founder member of the Branch and with Mr. Peake, one of the only two left.

He served in the Bedfordshire Regiment from 1900-1906 and served in both the 1st and 2nd Battalions. He was recalled in 1914 and served throughout the First World War.

Mr. Smith is now living at 64, Stanley Road, Hornchurch, but hopes to move soon to a new home near Southend-on-Sea.

We very much regret to record the death of Mr. R. H. Sell, which occurred on August 3, 1959. For some years Mr. Sell had been Hon. Secretary of the Hitchin Branch of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association. His cheerful disposition, his great interest in Regimental and Branch affairs and his conscientious application to his duties as Secretary caused him to be very popular and he will be much missed. Our sincere sympathy goes to his wife.

We are very sorry indeed to learn, as these notes were going to the printers, of the sudden death of Major R. T. Oldfield, M.C., which occurred on November 5. Our sincere sympathy goes to Mrs. Oldfield and her two daughters and to the son, Capt. John Oldfield, who is serving in the Regiment. An obituary notice will appear in our next issue.

Major B. J. Palmer relinquishes the command of the Regimental Depot and the appointment of Regimental Adjutant in December when he is to take up a staff appointment at the Ministry of Defence. His tour of command has been a particularly strenuous one which has included the Amalgamation, the home-coming of the Battalion, the Presentation of Colours, etc.

We are all very grateful to him for the efficient and energetic manner in which he has undertaken all these tasks and for the excellent results he has always produced. Major and Mrs. Palmer will be moving to Colchester to live in their house there and we wish them both good luck and happiness in their new sphere.

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# The 3rd EAST ANGLIAN REGIMENT

## (16th/44th FOOT)

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F. H. Crouchman ...	Adjutant, 4 Essex (T.A.).

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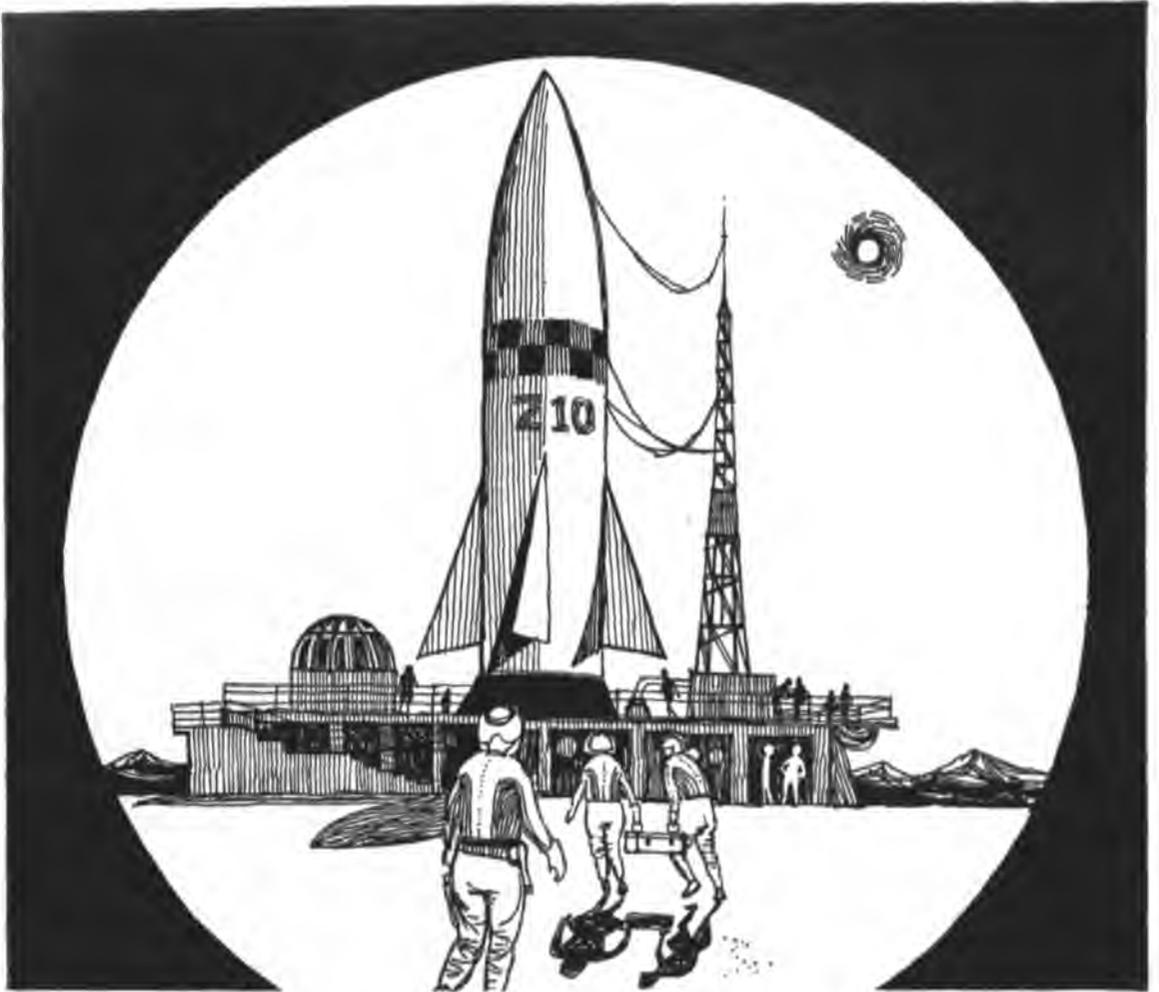
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W.O.I R. Luscombe ...	4 Essex (T.A.)
W.O.I R. Baldry ...	1/3 East Anglian
W.O.II D. Driscoll (A/W.O.I)	5 Northampton (T.A.)
W.O.II J. Jackman ...	5 Bedfords (T.A.)
W.O.II F. Palmer ...	Depot, 1 East Anglian
W.O.II M. Hogarty ...	1/3 East Anglian
W.O.II V. Herd ...	1/3 East Anglian
W.O.II F. Brinkley ...	5 Bedfords (T.A.)
W.O.II W. Hutchings ...	1 Herts. (T.A.)
W.O.II D. Bailey ...	1/3 East Anglian
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W.O.II R. Jenks ...	1/3 East Anglian
W.O.II A. Charlesworth ...	1 Herts. (T.A.)
W.O.II T. Archer ...	Depot, 3 East Anglian
W.O.II W. Bedford ...	A.A.S., Aborfield
W.O.II L. Cotter ...	1/3 East Anglian
W.O.II M. Franks ...	4 Essex (T.A.)
W.O.II J. Parrott ...	1/3 East Anglian
W.O.II J. Vince ...	4 Nigeria Regiment
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C/Sgt. W. Belcher ...	Depot, 3 East Anglian
C/Sgt. H. Hodgson ...	1/3 East Anglian (attached M.C.T.C.)
C/Sgt. G. Balkham ...	Infantry Junior Leaders' Bn.
C/Sgt. P. King ...	A.A.S., Chepstow
C/Sgt. R. Simmonds ...	1/3 East Anglian
C/Sgt. H. Parsons ...	Depot, Northampton
W.O.II J. Bowman ...	H.Q., East Anglian Brigade
C/Sgt. L. Williams ...	5 K.A.R.
C/Sgt. A. Jerrom ...	1/3 East Anglian
C/Sgt. T. Taylor ...	Infantry Clerks Trg. Centre
C/Sgt. L. Milne ...	Division, B.A.O.R.
C/Sgt. T. Herring (A/W.O.II)	4 Essex (T.A.)
C/Sgt. D. Gregg ...	3 Nigeria Regiment
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Sgt. L. Nicholls (A/C/Sgt.)	1/3 East Anglian
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## DESTINATION—VENUS!

*Extract from the log book of Space Ship 'Explorer', January 16th, 1998*

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could move about and take some nourishment—so out came the squeeze-bottles of Bovril and we all had a heartening drink. As we drank we watched Earth dwindling rapidly on the rear tele-viewer screen, and I for one thought about the last time I had drunk Bovril—sitting in front of my own fire...

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 Sgt. P. Watson ... 1/3 East Anglian  
 Sgt. E. Newitt ... 1/1 East Anglian  
 Sgt. J. Rochester ... M.C.T.C., Colchester  
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 Sgt. N. Roberts ... 1/3 East Anglian  
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## The British Legion

### *The British Legion Overseas Wreath Laying and Photographic Service*

From many letters received at British Legion Headquarters, it would appear that their Overseas Wreath Laying and Photographic Service is still not widely known. The service enables relatives of the fallen to obtain photographs of individual headstones, memorials and cemeteries, and to have Poppy Wreaths placed on graves or at memorials when desired. At present more than 3,000 wreaths are placed each year at the request of relatives, and a similar number of photographs is obtained annually.

If you know of a relative to whom this service could render some comfort, he or she may obtain full information regarding the service by writing to British Legion Headquarters, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.

## Royal Victoria Patriotic School

(64, VICTORIA STREET, LONDON, S.W.1)

The Regimental Secretary,  
Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to inform you that an important change has been made in the conditions of eligibility for the Royal Victoria Patriotic School.

Hitherto this School has been exclusively for the daughters of deceased sailors, soldiers,

marines and airmen. With the passing of the "bulge," following on the Second World War, and furthermore with the greatly improved living conditions of the country as a whole, there have recently been insufficient applications to fill all the available places.

The Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, which administers the School, has therefore decided to *extend the eligibility to the daughters of sailors, soldiers, marines and airmen who are living*, whether or not they are still serving in the Forces or have been discharged into civil life.

From its foundation the School has aimed at providing a sound boarding school education, especially for children whose home conditions are difficult. There must be many cases in the extended field of eligibility in which home conditions are far from easy, for example, as the result of frequent postings of men in the Forces with all the attendant difficulties of changes in the education of the children.

I am enclosing a pamphlet relating to the Royal Victoria Patriotic School, which I would ask you to be good enough to bring to the notice of any Service families which might benefit. I will, of course, send further copies of the pamphlet on application.

Yours faithfully,

B. H. NALDER,

Secretary.

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# 1st Battalion

## GENERAL

At the time of writing these notes, the Battalion is en route for Malaya, advancing at a steady rate of knots for some 400 miles each day with the barometer steadily rising and the troops visibly melting. Within seven months of its return from Germany to the United Kingdom, it has quitted once again, this time for hotter parts of the world, where it will spend its time "mopping-up" in Malaya.

In retrospect, although the patchwork of events following the Presentation of Colours, on May 30 caused the Battalion to be somewhat split up for various reasons, the period between then and our embarkation has been at once a successful and happy one, due to a large extent to the eagerly awaited tour in FARELF. Fortunately, the several outside engagements brought the Battalion together which helped to preserve the sense of unity that is so essential to an efficient and a cheerful Unit.

The Presentation of Colours once over, all thoughts were turned towards the preparation for Malaya. Copies of "The Conduct of Anti-Terrorist Operations in Malaya" lay open on

every desk and became the Battalion's bible; files on the subject mounted prodigiously on every shelf: the whole Battalion launched itself wholeheartedly in equipping itself as well as possible for its forthcoming tour. Companies and detachments disappeared one by one into the depths of East Anglia where in the heart of the English countryside they became engaged in jungle training, desperately endeavouring to simulate jungle warfare. In Warley Barracks things were comparatively quiet apart from the "to-ing" and "fro-ing" of the Companies. The training, which took place at Lydd, Stanford P.T.A. and Fingringhoe proved fairly successful, although back in barracks we were occasionally reminded of their exploits—"A complaint has been received that troops in this Unit have recently exercised over Copped Hall Estate, near Epping (GR432015). . . ." Game reserves suffered heavy losses.

On Sunday, July 5, the Regiment was honoured by the Presentation of the Freedom of Entry to the Borough of Watford. An account of this ceremony and of the enjoyable day the Battalion spent in Watford appears elsewhere in this number of *The Journal*.

In addition on August 12 the Battalion exercised the privileges accorded by having the



[Photograph by "Southend Standard"]

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA — AUGUST 12, 1959

THE BATTALION MARCHES PAST

The photograph shows "B" Company, commanded by Major J. C. Salazar, M.C., passing the Dais. Supporting the Mayor are the Associate Colonel, Brigadier C. M. Paton, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.L., the Regimental Adjutant, Major B. J. Palmer and the Town Clerk.



[Photograph : My Photo Studio, Singapore.]

#### THE ADVANCE PARTY IN SINGAPORE

*Left to right: Lt. G. R. Barnett, Capt. W. J. G. Hancock, Major C. C. Norbury, M.B.E., M.C., Lt. D. W. F. Taylor, Major H. N. Stenning, Lt. J. E. Hutchings, 2/Lt. R. G. Bates, 2/Lt. A. R. A. Veitch.*

Freedom of the County Borough of Southend-on-Sea. This took the form of a parade in Warrior Square where the Colonel formally asked the Mayor for permission to exercise the right of marching through the Borough with bayonets fixed, colours flying and drums beating. On this being granted the four guards led by the Band marched down the High Street and along the front and passed the dais where the salute was taken by the Mayor, accompanied by the Associate Colonel. The Band and Drums then Beat Retreat before a large crowd and the day finished with the Freedom of the Borough being continued in excellent hospitality and entertainment.

It was a day which will be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to take part.

The day following the exercise of our privileges of Freedom of Entry to the County Borough of Southend-on-Sea, was Blenheim Day. The 255th anniversary of the Battle, at which the 16th Foot played a prominent part, and which is one of the earliest battle honours, was celebrated as a Regimental Day—a memorable day indeed. Many worked particularly hard for this day and were amply rewarded by its unqualified success. A separate report of the celebrations appears elsewhere.

On August 21, the Training Advance Party left by Troopship for Malaya, the Administrative Advance Party having left by air a few days previously. They will have been in Singapore

for well over a month now and we look forward to meeting them on November 5.

Apart from the Southend show on September 8 which receives a separate notice, little of import occurred after Blenheim Day, apart from the increase in the general crescendo of activity in preparation for the move. The Battalion, split in two, began its block leave in July which continued until the middle of September. For the week following, the whole Unit was together at Warley—the first time for some months. Packing then began in earnest, inoculations were completed, scores of things happened during those few days before the whole Battalion dispersed once again for embarkation leave. The hand-over to 1st Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, who are fortunate to take over these "delightful" barracks, was almost complete by the end of the month. The Battalion, packed and ready, finally left Warley at dawn on October 13.

At Southampton the Colonel of The Regiment, General Sir Reginald Denning, the Associate Colonel, Brigadier C. M. Paton, the Regimental Adjutant, Major B. J. Palmer, and a number of other officers from The Regiment were present to bid farewell to us. We were very glad to see them and appreciated their being there very much.

Many telegrams and messages of good wishes were received including a gracious message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen

Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, and one from His Excellency Y. T. M. Tunku Ya'Acob, P.M.N., C.M.G., High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya.

During lunch the Colonel of The Regiment read Her Majesty The Colonel-in-Chief's gracious message to the Battalion over the ship's "Tannoy" system and in a short address following the message, General Sir Reginald Denning congratulated the Battalion on the fine way in which it has conducted itself during its short stay in England and gave all ranks his very best wishes for the forthcoming tour in Malaya. He was confident that the Battalion would uphold the good name of the Regiment wherever it went.

Thus must these notes close, on the high seas, a day from Aden. *S.S. Oxfordshire* is perhaps the finest and best equipped troopship there is at present—she is only two and a half years old—and in that we have been particularly fortunate. Although style is somewhat cramped, training continues in odd available corners of the ship, and spirits are high, there being plenty of sport, tombola and films. It is with much eagerness and confidence that we await our tour of Malaya.

#### BLENHEIM DAY

August 13 this year was observed by the Battalion as a Regimental Day in honour of the anniversary of the Battle of Blenheim, in which the 16th Foot took part.

The programme was a full one beginning with a Service in the Regimental Chapel in the morning, followed by sports and fun fair in the afternoon, which went on to well into the evening. They were followed by a Tattoo on the Square, after which the Officers held a cocktail party in the Mess and an All Ranks' dance took place in the Gymnasium.

Preparations for the occasion began many weeks before and it was largely due to this and the feverish activity on the day itself that it was such a marked success in every way.

For the sports and fun fair the Depot Square was transformed into a fun fair, gambling dens and restaurant, all in one. The Sergeants' Mess tent, as usual, made its fortune at Tombola, an ever popular way of losing one's security. But perhaps the most original and amusing of all the side-shows was that of "A" Company, "Tip the lady out of bed," which speaks for itself and needs no explanation. This was well supported. The sports and games were a great success and much enjoyed by all, especially the greasy pole and tug-of-war, both of which attracted large crowds.

The Tattoo consisted of a demonstration of drill and the weapons of Support Company, put on for the benefit of our visitors, which included many from Warley and Brentwood.

The Parade was most realistic and our visitors went away suitably impressed with the Battalion's ability to give a good account of itself.

The All Ranks' dance soon got well under way and most of the Officers and their guests came over from the Mess to join in the dancing. The excellent programme of music provided by the Band was much appreciated by all.

Thus ended another Blenheim Day, marked by success in every way, a gratifying day for all those who worked so hard to make it so enjoyable and memorable.

#### THE SOUTHEND SHOW

The County Borough of Southend ran an inaugural town show in September this year and the Regiment was asked to play the main part in a military tattoo which was run in conjunction with it. In the event the Battalion and Depot were also made responsible for organising the whole of the Tattoo programme, in accommodating and administering most of the performers from outside Units. This inevitably led to the commitment of most of the available strength of the Battalion and Depot, either in the arena, behind the scenes, or back in barracks in one way or another.

Planning for the Tattoo started in January, but it was not until March when Major L. W. Allan was able to give it most of his time that the cast and programme began to take shape and the very many requirements of lights, loudspeakers, props, etc., could be assessed. The Battalion were faced with the difficult problem of producing the main item and this could not be a straightforward drill display as a demonstration squad from the Guards Depot had already been earmarked to fill this part of the programme.

The question of doing an old battle scene was considered but the paucity of true action and the cost of costumes made this impossible. After much consideration the item became a mixture of old and new and attempted, successfully we think, to highlight the most important spots of Regimental history and finish with the amalgamation of the Regiment.

Into the spotlights strung on to the entrance gates came the Band and Drums, followed by two guards escorting replicas of the Colours of 1st Bn, 16th Foot and the Pompadours. These halted in line across the end of the arena and in front of them three scenes in costume dress were enacted. The first, ably supported by three Officers' wives and the Adjutant, Capt. Randall, on a police horse, depicted the raising of the 16th Foot in Reading Market Square. In the second scene Capt. P. H. Gill, as Lt. Pearce, captured the French Eagle at Salamanca. The final scene showed Dmr.

Cooper handing the Mons Drum over to the Belgian civilian. This was followed by the entrance of replicas of the new Colours to "La Mandolinatta," and the whole parade advanced to the head of the arena and gave a general salute.

This was the final item of the Tattoo except for the finale, when all performers joined up round the Regimental contingent. A photograph on this page shows the troops assembled for the finale with Regiment's contingent in its No. 1 Dress.

Lt. S. A. Green was the producer and the brains behind the Battalion turn and Capt. B. M. Parsons did the announcing. A large number of others of all ranks worked very hard and well to achieve a really first-class Tattoo which has brought a great deal of credit on the Regiment, not only in Southend, where it was much appreciated by the 10,000 who saw it, but elsewhere as well.

#### "A" COMPANY

On Blenheim Day we were most successful in the Inter-Company Sports, in which we were the overall winners. This was, in some respect, due to the speed in which the Sergeant-Major drank a bottle of beer! We also won the prize for the most original side-

show—"Tip the lady out of bed." In fact we had to stop the side-show to allow prize-giving to take place. (This was much to the disgust of Cpl. Wylie, until he discovered he had won a barrel of beer!).

The Company spent a fortnight at Fingringhoe, learning to fire the new rifle and finished by everyone firing their classification. In this we found that training pays, for we produced very good results. Whilst at Fingringhoe we held a Company concert and discovered a wealth of talent in some very unexpected places. During this period C/Sgt. Nicholls was promoted C.S.M., which unfortunately meant he left the Company. L/Cpls. Woolf, Walker and Crook were promoted to Corporal.

After leave we went to Stanford for a period of preliminary "Jungle Training." This was enjoyed by all, as we had perfect weather and found time for swimming and football as well as training.

Pte. Allen proved his worth as a cook but others were less fortunate when we tried to cook for ourselves on an Exercise we held.

Congratulations to Sgt. and Mrs. Baggardige on the birth of a daughter, and to Ptes. Ashby and Hudson on their marriages.

#### "B" COMPANY

The Company has now 44 Regulars.



[Photograph by "Southend Standard"]

#### THE SOUTHEND SHOW—MILITARY TATTOO

*The Troops and Massed Bands taking part drawn up in the arena for the Finale at the performance held on Saturday afternoon, September 5, 1919.*

Our training has been interspersed with several Ceremonial Parades, but we were all able to classify with our new rifles and our congratulations go to the following, who qualified as Marksmen—Sgt. Hammerton, Cpls. Green and Meyrick, L/Cpl. Ward, Ptes. Ely, Mower, Titchmarsh, Scarfe, Tench, Welham, Shortland, and the L.M.G. Marksmen—Cpl. Green, L/Cpl. Ward, Ptes. Broom, Manwaring, A. Read, Scarfe and Shortland.

We had ten enjoyable days at Stanford, practising basic jungle drills, navigation and load carrying. We compliment the C.S.M. on his bush cooking but are not so sure of his ability to traverse bogs under a heavy load. We have to thank Sgt. Burchell, Cpl. Meyrick, Ptes. Tench, Francis, Titchmarsh, Wagg, Scarfe and others for their very life-like uniformed Communist terrorist gang, which did much to make our training realistic. The whole paraphernalia and jargon of "Ops" in Malaya, including C.T. letter boxes, resting places and even the aroma of a bandits' curry-scented cooking fire was transferred to the pheasant-full forests of Norfolk

#### "C" COMPANY

The Company made two visits to the Stanford P.T.A., once to act as enemy to the T.A. and the other to carry out preliminary training for anti-terrorist warfare in the jungle. Both visits were successful and on the latter occasion all enjoyed learning about a completely different type of warfare, even though the final Exercise involved wading through a chest-deep river, which was decidedly chilly despite the warm weather.

We had a change of command in August, when Major Randall left us to take up a Staff appointment and handed over to Capt. Robertson. We wish Major Randall and his family the best of luck in their new station and welcome Capt. Robertson, whom we also congratulate on his promotion to Major.

Congratulations also to Cpl. Madlin on his promotion to Sergeant and to our other new junior N.C.O.s. We wish Sgts. McNamee and East good luck in their new posts.

#### SUPPORT COMPANY

The enjoyment of six months' service in England, close to home and friends has been marred for Support Company by two unhappy events. Major Alden has had to relinquish command of the Company through illness which prevents him serving in Malaya. At the time of writing he is still confined to his bed at the University College Hospital, London, where his wide interests and ready sense of

humour we are sure are successfully quelling his disappointment and the boredom of hospital routine. It is difficult to judge where we shall miss his presence most. He is a skilled hockey player—captain and bulwark of the Battalion team. He is actively interested in Battalion and Regimental life and his knowledge and love of Malaya and its people will prove to be a loss to Support Company during the coming months. However, it is perhaps in his concern for the welfare of those under his command, together with his relationship, that our loss will be most felt. All members of the Company wish him a speedy recovery and send their best wishes to Mrs. Alden during this difficult time.

On arrival in Malaya, Support Company will lose its identity. In the jungle M.M.G.s and anti-tank guns can play little part, so these two Platoons will revert to Rifle Platoons on the formation of the new "Delta" Company. The Mortar Platoon will remain a reminder of the greatness that once was. But after six months we hope Support Company will re-form and settle down once again to soldiering, as we understand it.

#### MORTAR PLATOON

Congratulations to Lt. Barnett on his wedding and good wishes to him and his wife for the very best of happiness. Also to Ptes. Boyer and Hilson on their recent marriages. We hope it will not be too long before they are all reunited with their wives. We welcome Ptes. Boyer and Green to the Platoon.

During our stay in England we got in some useful training with the 4.2m. mortar and enjoyed a good and interesting week's course arranged by Lt. Barnett. Having sorted out the difference between "gun fire" and "mortar fire" we eventually got bombs in the right place at the right time.

Now we are all looking forward to our tour of service in Malaya.

#### M.M.G. PLATOON

During the latter part of our tour in Germany the Platoon was practically non-existent, so on our arrival in England we started off afresh with a new Platoon.

During our stay at Warley we have learned much of what the Vickers is about. We have also been involved in various other side-lines from the Blenheim Day demonstration, when we succeeded for the first time in getting two guns to fire blank simultaneously, to people trying to burn their hair off with trip flares.

We fired on the ranges at Lydd and Fingrinhoe, where a comparison of the cross-country performance of the "Champ" and the

"Land Rover" proved that neither of them can climb a sea wall.

Our Platoon Commander, Lt. H. D. Lucas, has left us on promotion (best wishes to him) and he has been succeeded by Lt. P. W. King, who left shortly afterwards for Malaya to try and find out what it was all about.

### ANTI-TANK PLATOON

During our stay in England nothing occurred on the same scale as it did in Germany but the Platoon enjoyed a very successful week-end at Lydd and fired an unusual amount of ammunition from its two guns, which were commanded by Cpls. Lowe and Robinson. Cpl. Ball carried out the duties of Medical Orderly but we are happy to report his services were not needed, much to his disappointment.

There has been a number of changes in the personnel of the Platoon. Lt. Dodd has left us for "B" Company and in his place we welcome Lt. Scott.

We have also said goodbye to our old crew, Ptes. Tibbett, Flack, Pennent and Pert; the latter was the most unlucky man the Platoon has ever known. Our last big loss was "Excused Boots" Cpl. Robinson, who will not be with us in Malaya.

We are all looking forward to our service there, where Sgt. Dallimore and Cpl. Lowe are waiting for us and we hope to get some guns on arrival to mother again.

### THE DRUMS

This summer has been a very busy one for the Drums, including playing on the occasion of the Presentation of the Freedom of Entry to the Borough of Watford, and when the Battalion exercised its privilege of marching through the County Borough of Southend-on-Sea, with bayonets fixed, Colours flying and Drums beating.

There has been a 50 per cent turn-over in the personnel of the Drums and while we wish good luck to all those who have gone to civil life we also take this opportunity of welcoming our new members.

### BAND

Here we are on the move again, for these notes are being written at sea. We have had the best of a beautiful English summer and are now chasing the sun instead of enduring an English winter. Just think, in two months time we shall probably be in "bare buff," eating our Christmas dinner in the boiling heat.

June was a very hectic month for the Band, with various carnivals to play at, the Essex County Show, and most notable of all a week's

engagement at Edinburgh. This was so successful that we were offered an extended tour for the 1960 season, which could not be accepted owing to our overseas tour in Malaya. After one week at Edinburgh we came "home" to Warley to a further spate of carnivals and our final appearance in public was at the Southend Tattoo in September.

Before embarking for the Far East we had the sad task of saying farewell to our Band Sergeant-Major, Bert Ealden, who is to take up a new post with the 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment. We all wish him the best of good fortune in his new post and hope we shall see something of him when we return home. We also left behind L/Cpl. Stephens, Bandsmen Clark, Keech, Stevens and Eden, who were due to leave the Service on release, Bandsmen Brown and Webb, who were medically unfit for service overseas, Bandsmen Coker, Harris and Wallis, who are to go to the Royal Military School of Music on a pupils' course. We shall welcome back very soon now Bandsmen Cook and Hall, who have recently completed a pupils' course and are now "on leave."

We are all looking forward to our sojourn in the Far East and hope it will be a happy one.

### "H.Q." COMPANY

Since our last notes we have had many arrivals and departures, among which the most notable was the departure of our long-standing Company Commander, Major Allan, M.B.E., for Civilian Life and the arrival of Major Stenning to take his place after a long absence from the Battalion. We did not have the services of Major Stenning for long before he departed for Malaya with the Advance Party to arrange families' accommodation. On his departure, Capt. Jackson took over and we offer him our heartiest congratulations on his recent promotion to Major.

During the last few weeks, feverish preparations have been going on for the move to Malaya, and many strange sights have been seen; amongst them the strange spectacle of Company Office and Company Stores personnel (who are never usually observed until the hours of darkness), running around in P.T. Kit and firing on the ranges, forever being chased by "Uncle Vic."

Congratulations to Pte. Bland, our Company Storeman, who was recently married, and to Pte. Ross whose wife presented him with a daughter, Susan, in August.

The Company Shooting Team, under the able guidance of C.S.M. Herd, took part in a competition shoot in September and did extremely well.

Cpl. Keane, who has been our Company Orderly Sergeant for so long that we considered him a permanent fixture, was spirited

away by the Q.M. to do the duties of Ration Storeman, but was returned to the fold again on the handover to 1 D.W.R. He takes over from Cpl. Gilsenan, who has now been posted to the M.C.T.C., Colchester.

Another arrival is Pte. Wheeler, who came to us after being the Adjutant's Batman. He is now well established in the Company Office. We lost Pte. Tacon, our company runner, to the Depot, for release when the Battalion moved on October 13. He has now been with us since April and has carried out his duties so well that it will be difficult to replace him. Congratulations to L/Cpl. Brighton on his recent promotion.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

We welcome to the Mess the following, who have recently joined us:

Capt. L. A. Lunn (R.A.P.C.).

Lt. (Q.M.) S. A. Burrage.

After the Presentation of Colours, Major Bestley, M.C., retired in July and Major Allen, M.B.E., in September. We are also losing Capt. MacFadden in November, who is also retiring, and Major "Jock" Worne, who left in September. Capt. Lucas left in September for a tour with the Nigerian Military Forces, where he joins his brother, who left last year. Also, Lt. Peter Morton has gone for a tour with the Airborne Forces. Capt. "Mike" Green joined for a brief period on his way to F.T.C. Kota Tinggi. Lt. Stuart Green will join the 5th Bedfords as Adjutant in October, after the Battalion leaves for Malaya. 2/Lt. Craddock and 2/Lt. R. G. Bass finished their National Service and we were very sorry to see them leave.

On Blenheim Day, August 13, in the evening the Mess gave a cocktail party. Many guests were able to come and the evening was thoroughly enjoyable.

Before the Battalion left on embarkation leave, we had a Guest Night on September 17. This happened to coincide with the Regimental Committee and Records meeting. Unfortunately, there were already 12 Officers away on the Advance Party in Malaya, but we managed to have a very pleasant evening. Unfortunately, Jock Worne was not able to be with us, as he had been posted to the East Surreys on September 15, but our new Paymaster, Capt. Lunn, had quite a good introduction to the Mess.

Prior to our embarkation, Major Palmer and the Officers of the Depot gave us a wonderful farewell party which we all appreciated very much indeed—the last time in the old Depot Mess, a very sad thought.

We were all very sorry to have to leave Major Hugh Alden behind in hospital and wish him a speedy recovery.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

"Have Gun, Will Travel" could quite well be inscribed on the visiting cards of all members these days, though with Malaya looming ahead, "Paladrine" not "Paladin" is a more appropriate Knight Errant.

Unfortunately, during the last few months we have said farewell to the following members: R.S.M. Hellicar, Band Sgt.-Major "Bert" Eldon, C.S.M. "Jack" Jenner, C/Sgt. "Harry" Hodgson, Sgt. "Jim" Fletcher and S/Sgt. "Jock" Carron. We wish them every success in their new employment and look forward to happy reunions in the future. In a brighter vein we welcome home R.S.M. Baldry, Sgts. "Tich" Watson and "Chick" Fowler, and also our new "Credits," C.S.M. Catherwood. Our congratulations go to C.S.M.s "Nick" Nichols and "Nobby" Russell on rising to the honoured rank of men with "crown upon sleeve," and C/Sgts. "Ginger" George and "Alf" Pettitt, who join the wealthier sect. We also congratulate and welcome our new members, Sgts. Austin, Grange, East, Hammerton, Madlin, Mundie and Perry, hoping their stay will be a long and happy one. We offer a warm welcome to our new lady members, Mesdames Law, Linnett and Tucker, hoping they and their husbands will enjoy every happiness in the future. Last, but not least, we welcome yet another potential military genius to our midst and congratulate C.S.M. and Mrs. "Bill" Bailey on their latest increase in family allowance.

Due to the very heavy commitments in training and a very generous allowance of leave, Mess functions have been rarer during the last period than "Outstandings" on members' Confidential Reports. The Mess has, however, enjoyed one Dinner Night, attended by the Commanding Officer, Adjutant, Quartermaster and M.T.O., which was a great success. Also a darts match at Basildon when, with the aid of C.S.M. Nichols's relatives, we managed to retain our away defeats' record. Our last official function before embarkation was a very generous invitation from R.S.M. Hellicar and members of the Depot Sergeants' Mess to a farewell social. This was greatly appreciated by our own members, and a very enjoyable time was had by all. (But we are all right now).

So with Lyndoe forecasting "A long journey" and "Q" satellites orbiting overhead, we prepare for the boarding of San Pan *Oxfordshire* at Southampton.

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### CORPORALS' MESS

The Corporals' Mess has seen many changes in consequence of the move to Malaya and releases to civil life. We wish to bid farewell to R.S.M. Hellicar and welcome to R.S.M. Baldry, who is no stranger to many of us. Congratulations to Cpls. Lowe and Arter and L/Cpl. Sutcliffe on their marriages and also to Cpls. Perry, Madlin, Mundie, Hammerton, Grange and East on their promotions.

During the period the Battalion has been at home, owing to the nearness of most members' homes and the many other functions which have taken place, we have not held any Mess social functions, but we hope to remedy this in Malaya.

## Regimental Depot

The last Summer in the life of the Depot has indeed been one that we shall never forget. The brilliant weather, coupled with the presence of the Battalion, has made these last six months a most memorable and enjoyable period. One event after another has taken place and although this has entailed a lot of extra work, everybody has pulled their weight willingly and thereby ensured that the occasion was a success. Such events as the Civic Sunday, the Freedom of Watford, and the South-end Tattoo are mentioned in more detail elsewhere. Account should be given here though of the Annual Reunion on June 27, when we were all delighted to meet again such a large number of old friends from the two former Regiments.

Much work has been done throughout the Summer by Lt. Rider and his recruiting staff. They attended no less than twelve shows throughout our three countries. They received great assistance at the Essex Show from the Regimental Band and at the Harwich Carnival on July 9 a really excellent drill display was given by the recruits under the command of R.S.M. Baldry. An average of 12 new Regulars have joined the Depot each month and much credit must go to the late Major Eric French for all his efforts in helping to attain this figure. By his sudden death, we have lost not only a great friend but also an Officer whose recruiting work on behalf of the Regiment has always been of the highest order. The work goes on however, and Sgt. Bennett and his team are at present manning a display at various cinemas in Essex in connection with the film "North West Frontier." The National Service intakes have continued to arrive and we have received over 200 men since May. Passing Out Parades have taken place on the following dates and we should like to express again our thanks to the



(Photograph by Larry Morgan, Brentwood.

Passing-Out Parade, July 18, 1959.—The Inspecting Officer, Major C. J. Gardiner, presents the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to R.Q.M.S. Strudwick.

inspecting Officers who have spared the time to take the salute:

June 6—His Worship the Mayor of Watford.

July 18—Major C. J. Gardiner, D.A.A.G., H.Q. East Anglian Brigade.

September 11—Lt.-Col. D. Milman, M.C., C.O. 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.).

October 24—His Worship the Mayor of Dagenham.

Over the August Bank Holiday period, we ran a 10-day C.C.F. Camp for over 200 cadets. This presented quite an administrative problem, for we had to continue training our recruits at the same time. The boys came from Brighton College, Watford Grammar School, Royal Grammar School, Guildford and Langdon School. The Camp was obviously successful but it emphasised the lack of nearby areas for Field Day training exercises.

We have had reasonable success with our Shooting. At the Essex County Rifle Meeting it was good to see R.S.M. Baldry back on form and he is to be congratulated on being the runner-up in the County Championship. We had high hopes of winning the County Shield, but in the end just lost by 6 points to our old rivals the M.C.T.C. We had our revenge in the L.M.G. pairs though, taking the first three places in this event. Cpl. Smith and Cpl. Loftin are to be congratulated on winning the Young Soldiers' L.M.G. pairs event in the District Rifle Meeting.

We played eleven cricket matches during the



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PASSING-OUT PARADE, JULY 18, 1959.

The "Tobruk" Platoon Marches Past.

Summer and managed to win six of them. We had a great deal of enjoyment out of these games and the team benefited from the all-round ability of Pte. Hunt and the steady batting of Lt. Pike and Pte. Parker. Nearly all of us tried out our bowling arm from time to time—often with fantastic if not sensational results! Now football and hockey are in full swung. Early results are good and it is hoped that they augur well for the competitions ahead. We have entered for the Command Minor Units (Football and Hockey) and for the District Major Units (Hockey).

Two prominent changes have taken place so far as the Depot staff is concerned. We said goodbye to the Rev. F. A. Preston, M.B.E., on his being posted to Mons O.C.S. and wish him every success. In his place we extend a very special welcome to our new Padre, the Rev. R. L. Parsonage. R.S.M. Baldry has changed places with R.S.M. Hellicar whom we are very pleased to have with us. To R.S.M. Baldry we send our thanks for all his work while at the Depot and very best wishes for the future.

In the Sergeants' Mess our congratulations go to Sgt. Cracknell on his recent departure from the bachelors' ranks and to Sgt. Walker on his well deserved promotion. Sgt. South is shortly to leave us for a tour at the Brigade Depot. We shall especially miss his excellent work as M.C. at our monthly Socials which are more popular than ever. We entertained the Battalion Warrant Officers and Sergeants prior to their leaving Warley and needless to say did

not allow the sadness of the occasion to spoil the evening! We have already made our number with The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and look forward to our games evening at the end of November, when we are organising a triangular tournament with them and the 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment.

By the time our next notes appear we shall have weathered our last administration inspection (on November 26) and will be in the process of closing down. Already our last National Service Intake has arrived and our training commitment ends in February. The Depot will start to close down on March 1 and the Officers' Mess will cease to function from approximately April 1 in order to make room for the Regimental Headquarters. It is expected that the closure will be complete by June 1. This will be a sad time for many of us, but until that time comes we have a busy programme ahead and can truthfully say "Business As Usual."

#### THE WASP AND THE EAGLE

The Editor will be glad to receive any contributions, such as short stories, articles, photographs, letters, etc., from past and present members of The Regiment.

All articles, and notes for the Winter Number should be sent to the Editor by not later than May 2, 1960.

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

Members of the Regiment who attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at Kempston Barracks will know that the Battalion is in the process of moving into the "Keep." At one time this was a very forlorn hope, but due to the untiring efforts of Lt.-Col. S. W. B. Phipps the Regiment's home is now secure. By the end of January 1960, Battalion H.Q.s, H.Q. Company, "A" Company, Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess and Social Club will have moved in together with the Regimental Secretary 16th Foot, Major Tewkesbury, who incidentally is to occupy his old office when he was Depot Commander. It is our intention to make this a home for all members of the Regiment where they will always be very welcome.

Lt.-Col. Phipps handed over Command of the Battalion to Lt.-Col. D. Milman on August 1, 1959. Col. "Walter" had a long innings with us from 1954. We wish him good fortune in his civilian appointment in Bedford. Capt. Horace Parker has also left for Mons. Officer Cadet School. We wish him every success and a continued rapid recovery to full health. His place is taken by Capt. Stuart Green from the 1st Battalion. It is difficult at times to keep track of all the officers' varied interests and activities. For this reason we failed to

mention in our last notes the excellent results obtained by Lts. Putnam and Pugh in the T.A. Ski-ing Championship at Glencoe. They came second and seventh respectively.

The Battalion has had its full share of ceremonial parades this summer. On May 20 the Battalion was privileged to provide a Guard of Honour for H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent at the tattoo staged by the Luton Spastics Society at Luton Hoo. "C" Company also featured in the programme. They staged a "Fighting Patrol." In September, the Battalion organised and paraded at drumhead services in Luton and Bedford. These were annual services of thanksgiving for all Bedfordshire County T.A. Units.

Annual Camp this year was at Sennybridge, Wales, from June 20 to July 4. A delightful setting had the weather been good all the time. The highlight this year was the Brigade Exercise, "The Princess and the Volunteers," "Princess Glam"—a starlet—was the cause of conflict within the Brigade. We were privileged to succumb to a spirited frontal assault by the 4th Essex, who joined the Brigade this year. We wish them a happy future with us. Among the visitors to the Battalion in Camp were the Lord Lieutenant for Bedfordshire, Colonel The



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5th BATTALION THE BEDFORDSHIRE REGIMENT (T.A.)

Members of the Sergeants' Mess at annual camp, Sennybridge, 1959.

Rt. Hon. Lord Luke, Our Honorary Colonel, Major-General Moore and Lt.-Col. M. F. Baines.

Once again we sent teams to Bisley and the District Rifle Meeting. The results were as follows:

#### BISLEY

Hamilton Leigh	3rd	65	teams	entered
L.M.G. Match	17th	"	"	"
L.M.G. Pairs	5th	"	"	"

#### 54TH (E.A.) DIVISION/DISTRICT RIFLE

##### MEETING

China Cup	...	...	2nd
Young Soldiers	...	...	3rd

#### STEN INDIVIDUAL

1st	...	(Capt. W. D. Folds)
2nd	...	(Pte. Burston)

#### STEN TEAM

Battalion	...	...	5th and 6th
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#### L.M.G. PAIRS

2nd

#### OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP RIFLE

1st	...	(C.S.M. Jackman)
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"Sp." Company did very well in the Annual Brigade Competition in winning the Mortars Competition and coming second in the M.M.G.

The following honours and awards have been made to members of the Battalion:

W.O.II E. H. Johnson, British Empire Medal (Birthday Honours List).

W.O.II H. J. West, Second Clasp, Territorial Efficiency Medal.

W.O.I (Bandmaster) F. W. O. Battle, M.B.E., Lord Lieutenant's Certificate.

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

Annual Camp this year was spent with other Units of 162 Infantry Brigade at Sennybridge, in South Wales. Though we went to Camp comparatively small in number, those present agreed that it was a Camp well up to standard. Some of the more hardened Volunteers, the Commanding Officer included, were heard to say that they preferred tents to huts, but the majority were well satisfied!

Immediately after Camp two important events took place. Firstly, on the occasion of the Presentation of the Freedom of Watford to The 3rd East Anglian Regiment, we provided a detachment to line the Saluting Base outside the Town Hall, and later in the day we were pleased to be able to assist in looking after the Regular Battalion at a meal provided by the Borough of Watford.

On July 14 one of the most important events in the Regiment's history took place. Our

Honorary Colonel, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, came to Hertford to unveil a plaque commemorating the Laying-Up of our Old Colours in the Church of All Saints, Hertford. The church was packed, many having to remain outside. During a simple service Her Majesty was invited by Lt.-Col. R. A. Humbert to unveil the plaque. After Her Majesty had graciously done this the Drummers sounded the General Salute and the service was concluded. Following the service Her Majesty went to the County Hall, where she met Officers and their ladies from other T.A. Units in Hertfordshire. This done, Her Majesty proceeded to a room in which were assembled the Serving and Retired Officers and their ladies of the Regiment. All Serving and many Retired Officers were presented to Her Majesty. Before Her Majesty's departure she met members of the Sergeants' Mess and a bouquet on behalf of the Regiment was presented to her by Mrs. McKean, the wife of the R.S.M. So ended a memorable day, which was marked by Her Majesty's obvious enjoyment of the arrangements and of her very personal interest in the affairs of the Regiment.

Training continued during the summer and a week-end's field firing at Fingringhoe took place in September. The Battalion rifle team did well at the Divisional Rifle Meeting, Sgt. C. Thrussell in particular, who was second in the Individual Championship.

To mark the Centenary Year of the Regiment a Ball was held at Ashridge College on October 9, 1959. Over 350 persons danced until dawn to Tommy Kinsman's Orchestra; the Corps of Drums Beat Retreat at midnight. The Ball was a huge success and we were pleased to see so many friends of the Regiment, both young and old, enjoying themselves.

In the Corps of Drums Competition sponsored by Brigade H.Q., we were runners-up to the Northamptons. The winners were only  $\frac{1}{2}$  marks ahead. Both judges said that, musically, the Regiment's Corps of Drums was better than many Regular Regiments.

On November 15 Lt.-Col. Robert Humbert hands over command to Major C. Simmons. Having commanded us for four years we shall be sorry to see Col. Humbert go, but fortunately he has been promoted and is to assume the duties of Deputy Commander, 162 Infantry Brigade, so we shall see him from time to time.

Other departures this year have been Major Ian Dyer, the Training Officer, who has gone to be a civilian in Birmingham, and Sgt. Potton, who has rejoined the 1st Battalion in Malaya. Both will be missed and good wishes are extended to them. They have been replaced by Capt. W. D. Page and Sgt. Coplev respectively.

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

With our fingers crossed and our vehicles loaded to the limit, we set off for our Annual Camp at Sennybridge in South Wales. The Camp was a good one, indeed, it was voted best ever by many old hands; the training area gave plenty of scope, and it may be said that the Battalion acquitted itself well in its Company training, as well as the Brigade Exercise, which took place during the second week. Of course, it rained hard most of the second week, in spite of the wonderful weather persisting over the remainder of the British Isles, but the Battalion did not seem unduly disturbed. It was encouraging to note that we had a high proportion of our volunteer strength at Camp, something over 90 per cent. The Officers' and Sergeants' Messes flourished and many enjoyable evenings were experienced in both, also being new to the Brigade, we took the opportunity of getting to know as many people as possible. We were pleased to welcome our Honorary Colonel, Colonel A. Noble, when he visited us during the first week; during the second week the G.O.C. visited the Battalion in the training area.

### THE REST OF THE NEWS

Camp over, we returned to our less eventful life at home, with the main effort directed towards recruiting; the strength of the Battalion now stands at 242 all ranks, and recruits are still coming in steady numbers.

We have not been quite so successful in the shooting field as we should have liked, but managed to win the Holness Cup and East Anglian District L.M.G. Pairs Cup; it is hoped to improve the collection this coming season.

A dinner was held at Ilford on September 8, 1959, to commemorate the raising of the Ilford Company of Volunteers in 1859. The guests included Colonel A. Noble, Major-General D. E. B. Talbot, and the Mayor of Ilford, Councillor H. G. Root. With hard work and a few more recruits, our Corps of Drums, which has re-formed, should begin to progress; any ex-drummers of the Regiment will be most welcome.

It is regrettable that the year has been marked by the death of Pte. Carter, as reported elsewhere in these notes. Pte. Carter had served with the 1st Battalion The Essex Regiment in Korea, and had been a member of the 4th Battalion for nearly two years. To Pte. Lucas, who was seriously injured in the crash, we wish a speedy recovery, and are pleased to

note that Cpl. and L/Cpl. McNally are both now fit and well.

### "A" COMPANY

"A" Company spent their usual enjoyable camp. This year things were slightly different in that nobody could speak Gaelic, however, most of the locals understood sign language, and L/Cpl. Wheeler was able to get his pint as usual. For the first time, we took part in the Dagenham Town Show; not a big part, but already plans are being made for a larger, and possibly noisier, part next year. A very interesting and reasonably tough scheme was held at Childerditch during the summer, finishing up on the Depot Assault Course—one or two characters found they weren't as fit as they thought they were. The Company was well represented at the East Anglian District Rifle Meeting, C.S.M. Stokes being runner-up in the Veterans' Competition, and our young soldiers did a very good first shoot indeed.

We said a spirited farewell to Sgt. Watson, who, for some odd reason, was called "Titch," who left us to enjoy the delights of Malaya. One thing about it, if he can't get through the jungle, he can walk under it! In his place we welcome Sgt. Hutchinson, who only joined us a few weeks ago. It is already rumoured that he is painting a plaque for his office which says "You don't *have* to be mad to work here, but it helps"—this rumour may not be strictly accurate . . . Our heartiest congratulations go to two stalwarts who have reached the dizzy heights of being called "Daddy"; to both L/Cpl. Mason and L/Cpl. Purkiss, each had a son. Our congratulations and good wishes also go to Pte. Day on his marriage—long life and happiness to you both. We also congratulate L/Cpl. Wallace on his promotion and his appointment as Company Clerk; his "Concerto in Four Flats" on the typewriter has to be heard to be believed. One item of news we are very proud of is the award of the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate of Merit for Meritorious Service in the Territorial Army in Essex to C/Sgt. Womack, our C.Q.M.S. If we may say so, a well-earned distinction.

Now we are looking forward to our usual round of activities of Christmas, New Year, and any other excuse for a party.

### "B" COMPANY

The first event of note since the last issue was the Battalion Rifle Meeting. One we are very pleased to record, for, by the narrowest of margins, our "A" team managed to gain first place. Major Clibborn was third in the individual competition with a score which easily won him the Officers' Cup; Capt. Purves was third in this event. Sgt. Wright and C.S.M. Bretton gained second and third places in the Sergeants' and Warrant Officers' Cup, while



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Pte. Purnell was runner-up in the Privates' Competition. At our Annual Camp, our two A.C.C. recruits put in sterling work and soon became Cpl. (Hanford) and L/Cpl. (Harris). On a Battalion parade, the C.O. presented C.S.M. Bretton with a well-deserved Lord Lieutenant's Certificate. Cpl. Bridge received his second stripe shortly after our return.

We are very pleased to welcome Capt. Critten from the R.A.S.C. Now that he has attended Warminster, with Capt. Purves, he can consider himself a full member of the "P.B.I." Another recruit is Sgt. Ellis (R.E.M.E.); a fully-qualified engineer who will be most useful on the transport side. An ex-Gunner, Pte. Hart, has also joined us, and we are encouraged to see several lads about to take the plunge. Our efforts are going to be concentrated on recruiting this winter. The club room at Maldon should be an asset in this respect as we now have a TV set, and Mr. Prior (W.O.II A.E.R.) has taken over and is running our bar for us in a most efficient manner.

After 25 years of service to the T.A., Major Clibborn has decided that it was time he exchanged his "cheese-cutter" for a yachting cap. His experience and pleasant personality will be missed throughout the Battalion. Capt. Purves has been promoted in his place.

#### "C" COMPANY

In a few sentences, it is almost impossible to record all the events of the past six months. The most important event, of course, was our Annual Camp. Having a large number of recruits with little previous military training, all our efforts in the first week were concentrated on section tactics, which were to play an important part in the exercise in the second week. The Company acquitted itself well in this Brigade Exercise, and what was lacking in experience was certainly made up for by enthusiasm. In view of all the other activities at camp, it was decided to hold the usual camp party after we had returned to Epping. This proved to be a very enjoyable evening, and from the short film shown, the wives and fairies were able to see how hard their menfolk had worked at camp.

In September the Company achieved notable success at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, with Sgt. Ward winning the Battalion Championship, the Sergeants' and Warrant Officers' Cup, and with C.Q.M.S. Dowler winning the L.M.G. Pairs. Our other winners were Cpl. Pallant, the Corporals' Cup; Pte. Jefferies the Privates' Cup, and Pte. Ward the Recruits' Cup. Major Brewer was runner-up for the Officers' Cup, and the Company team won the falling plate competition.

L/Cpl. Jefferies left us in September for a couple of months, and on his return we see that he has traded in his stripe for a brand new

pip. Our congratulations also go to Sgt. Percy on his recent promotion, and to W.O.II and Mrs. Franks on the birth of their daughter.

#### "D" COMPANY

Taking "D" Company to Wales is something akin to taking coal to Newcastle, though, if it be possible, the Welsh Indians have even quainter tribal customs, such as closing pubs on Sundays. Sennybridge, the luckless hamlet upon which the Essex Brothers descended, has not been the same since, though all things taken into account, this is probably an improvement. The mixed cavalcade set out in the early dawn of June 21, and, following a circular tour of London, to impress a Battalion check point, and another of Slough, because Mr. Stewart was reading his map upside down, made the Welsh mountains by tea-time. Though Military Camps, in general, are never places about which one can wax too lyrical, that of Sennybridge wasn't a bad effort for the Regular Army, particularly the Artillery. All reasonable mod. con., theatres, cinemas, playing fields, canteens, and even a shop where one could purchase Welsh Dolls made in Japan. The training area, again as far as training areas go, was excellent, with plenty of wide open spaces in which to roam. Nearby Brecon represented a town for more worldly pursuits. Company training kept the Company busy the first week, interspersed with a couple of excellent concerts, some football matches and an outing to Barry Island—which was not a success. All this culminated in a two-day exercise involving wet feet, some highly original feats of cookery and a doubtful Princess. In brilliant and remarkably warm sunshine, the Company, tired, but in high fettle, hit the trail for home, and Wales returned to normal.

Back on the Home Front, after suitable recuperation from the rigours of camp, training was resumed within the Company area, shrunken by the loss of Halstead. By an ingenious system of transferring Company H.Q. and anyone who had even heard of the place, on to the Halstead rolls, during War Office inspections, we managed to hold on to the Drill Hall for a year, but eventually the ruse was discovered, and at a moving ceremony, in conjunction with the Town Council, the flag was lowered. On the brighter side, recruiting has been going ahead by leaps and bounds at Dunmow and Braintree, and we welcome many new faces into the fold. Since the last issue of *The Wasp and The Eagle*, two promotions earn our congratulations—Sgt. Halls and Cpl. Snow, whilst the Company Commander, Major M. C. Portway, sports a bright new T.I.D.

#### "SUPPORT COMPANY"

Support Company have had a very instructive

and enjoyable time since the last issue of *The Wasp and The Eagle*. Camp went with a swing, and we think we did well in the Specialist Weapons competitions. Congratulations to the M.M.G. Platoon for winning the Brigade Machine Gun Cup, and a "very well done" for the Mortar Platoon for coming second in the Mortar competition. The highlight of camp for this company was the three-day scheme; we were so loaded with suitcases and dixies of potatoes that the enemy took us for the raggle-taggle gypsies and invited us to breakfast.

Since the last issue we have had to bid farewell to C/Sgt. "Sam" Jackson, M.M. He has served with the Regiment as a Regular and Territorial since 1923. "Sam" has certainly been an asset to the Regiment and has also left behind a very high standard for other Colour-Sergeants to reach. We have also said goodbye to L/Cpl. Line, who has left to do his National Service with the 1st East Anglian Regiment; our loss their gain. A hearty welcome to our new recruits, Pte. Littlewood (ex-Royal Navy), Pte. Clarke (ex-Royal Marines), also to the others pending enlistment.

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

Just prior to going to camp this year, at Sennybridge, in South Wales, we said goodbye to our P.S.I. over the last three years, C.S.M. Strudwick, who has now taken up an appointment in Cyprus, having received his L.S. & G.C. Medal while with "H.Q." Company, and we welcome in his place, C.S.M. Herring. In common with all other Companies of the Battalion, we had an excellent camp, although collecting on the final exercise a fair proportion of the rain that has fallen this summer.

Once we had got over the holiday period, the Company spent a sunny and successful week-end at Fingeringhoe Camp, carrying out elementary signal and driving training, and we were glad to welcome the Training Officer and Adjutant, who paid us a visit for lunch on the Sunday. It is particularly gratifying to be able to record a considerable increase in our volunteer strength during the past three months, and the present strength of the Company totals over 60 all ranks. As a direct consequence of our increase in numbers, we have been able to undertake increased social activities, and a number of Thursday evenings have been devoted to this end. By arrangement with the Officer-in-Charge, a social visit was paid to No. 314 Squadron, Royal Engineers, T.A., in Prittlewell on September 28, where we were unfortunately defeated in both the .22 shoot and the darts match. However, a return visit has been arranged for November 28, and we are confident of beating them on our own ground, in one way or another. Our most ambitious social programme was an All Ranks' Dance on October 24, at the Drill Hall, Ilford,

which, thanks to support from the whole Battalion, enabled us to claim some 250 people in attendance during the height of the evening. This was generally acknowledged as being a success, and is tempting us to put up a repeat performance shortly.

Unfortunately, we cannot close without mentioning the motor accident which occurred in September, and resulted in the death of Pte. Carter of our M.T. Section, to whose next of kin we wish to record our deepest sympathy. Also Pte. Lucas, who was travelling in the same private vehicle, sustained grave injury, and is still in hospital at the time of writing, but we have every reason to believe he will make a good recovery, and our sympathy goes out to his wife at this time. Cpl. and L/Cpl. McNally, who were in hospital for a short time after the same accident are now, we are pleased to say, fully recovered.

PROMOTIONS since the last issue are: Sgt. Bolt to be Colour-Sergeant; L/Cpl. McNally to be Corporal; Ptes. McNally, Whiteside and Oliver to be Lance-Corporals; Sgt. Doe, R.A.P.C., to be Staff-Sergeant.

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

On the occasion of the departure of the 1st Battalion from Southampton for their tour of service in Malaya the following telegram of good wishes was sent on behalf of The Regimental Associations:—

Commanding 1st Bn. 3rd East Anglian  
Regiment,  
c/o H.M.T. Oxfordshire,  
Southampton Docks.

All members 3rd East Anglian Regiment Association, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association and Essex Regiment Association bid you God-speed and wish you bon voyage and a happy tour overseas.

Regimental Secretary.

The following reply was received:—

Regimental Headquarters,  
3rd East Anglian Regiment,  
Warley Barracks, Brentwood.

From all ranks 1/3rd East Anglian many thanks for kind wishes.

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#### ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Regimental Association Dinner will be held at the Drill Hall, Offord Road, Barnbury, London, N.1, on Saturday, May 7, 1960 (Cup Final night). Full details will be sent to members of the Regimental Associations in due course.

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## ANNUAL REUNION

The Reunion this year was held at Warley on Saturday, June 27. During the early part of the year, when the summer programme of events was in course of preparation it was, at one time, almost decided that the Reunion should be postponed in view of the many other activities scheduled during the Battalion's stay at Warley, and the absence of the T.A. Battalions at their annual camp. In the event, however, it was decided that instead of a Reunion week-end, the normal custom at Warley, a one-day function should be held and this proved to be a great success. The day started as in former years with The Regiment welcoming the Gentlemen of Essex to the cricket field. After winning the toss, The Regiment batted first and declared with a total of 181 for 8 wickets. Col. Peter Hinde skippered the side again and made an invaluable 46 and Lt.-Col. Mike Holme played a stalwart innings of 33. The Gentlemen were unable to make much headway against the steady bowling of Hunt and Roger Bass, and after an hour and a half they had lost 6 wickets for 62. In an attempt to avoid a dull draw, we saw Capt. Vernon French and Lt. Bob Pike tempting the batsmen with their varied bowling! When time ran out, the Gentlemen had made 130 for 6 and a moral victory had been won.

At 4.30 p.m. the Annual General Meeting was held in the large marquee on the Sports Field. This was presided over by Brigadier Paton, the Associate Colonel, in the unavoidable absence of General Sir Reginald Denning, Colonel of The Regiment, and the attendance of over 100 members included a fair representation of the 16th, 44th and 56th.

At the close of the meeting a general move was made towards the Mess Lawn to sample the wares in the Bar and Buffet. Many more members and their wives and friends were now arriving and the Depot N.C.O.s officiating behind the bar experienced a hectic period in satisfying the many demands. By 7.30 p.m. it was estimated that some 450 members and friends were present and at 8.30 p.m. the music of the dance section of The Regimental Band could be heard from the Gymnasium. Here were further refreshments, and dancers young and old were quickly into their stride. The assembly in the Gymnasium and the adjoining bar appeared to be even greater than that on the Mess Lawn despite the fact that the Mess Lawn Bar remained open until 10 p.m., for the benefit of a number of worthy gentlemen who seemed quite content with their present location. The festivities ended at midnight, but it was some little time before all was quiet at Warley.

Our thanks are due to R.S.M. Baldry and Mr. H. W. Purser for their preparatory work, to

C/Sgts. Belcher and Leach with their cheerful teams of N.C.O.s behind the bars, and to Sgt. South who not only organised the evening dance, but who, acting as Master of Ceremonies, ensued that we had one of the most enjoyable dances for many years. Thanks are also due to many others of the Depot Staff and intakes who work so hard to make the day a success.

## The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association

### Remembrance

The following message was received on Remembrance Sunday from the 1st Battalion:

*From: 1/3rd East Anglian Regiment.*

*To: The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association.*

*Commanding Officer and All Ranks 1st Bn. The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) remember all members of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment who made the supreme sacrifice in two World Wars.*

### NOTES FROM BRANCHES

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

The highlights of our summer season have been the Annual Memorial Service and the outing to Southwold. On Sunday, August 16, the Branch once again paid homage to their Comrades who fell at Gallipoli on Sunday, August 15, 1915, and elsewhere in the First World War. Some 25 members paraded at the town's War Memorial, where Mr. E. Dodds laid a wreath, and then marched to Luton Parish Church for the Annual Memorial Service. Waiting at the church were more members, Miss G. Cumberland, sister of the late Capt. Brian Cumberland, who fell at Gallipoli, Canon W. Davison, Rural Dean, who conducted the service, and our President, Councillor A. Pakes, who was given a very warm welcome, at this his first appearance at a Branch function since his illness.

On Sunday, June 14, a coachload of members and their wives went to Southwold to visit Mr. Brookes, mine host of the Lord Nelson. It was a lovely day and Mr. Brookes's hospitality was as generous as ever. It was a tired but happy party which left Southwold at tea-time and after stops at Newmarket and Hitchin arrived safely back at Luton at 10.30 p.m.

We very much appreciate the grant of £10 by the Bedfordshire County Council from the Sunday Cinema Fund. This will be put in the Benevolent Fund.

Our Annual Reunion Dinner was held on Saturday, October 31, at the Queens Hotel, Luton, when Mr. Clements, the Chairman, presided over a good gathering.

Mr. Pakes proposed the Toast to the Branch. He mentioned he noticed that several old faces were missing and suggested that the Committee might consider holding the Dinner in the Spring. Mr. Pakes then summarised the activities of the Branch during the year and said he was pleased to see the finances in such a sound position. He was glad to note also that the Branch had been able to assist several members during the year.

Mr. C. W. Gilder, who acted as Toastmaster, responded and endorsed Mr. Parke's remarks regarding the benevolent work of the Branch.

A message was received from Col. A. J. Mander regretting his inability to be present and also from the Regimental Secretary, Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, sending his good wishes to the Branch for the occasion.

The Toast of Absent Friends was proposed by Mr. G. Davies who referred to the passing of Major A. Milton, M.C., D.C.M., J.P., and Mr. Gatward. Mr. F. King gave the toast of the Chairman, to which Mr. Clements responded.

The evening concluded with music and singing.

On Sunday, November 8, a strong contingent from the Branch paraded with other ex-Service associations to take part in Luton's Annual Memorial Service.

## LONDON

Since we last wrote for *The Journal* there has been normal activity in the Branch; attendances at our monthly meetings have been up to the average and the influx of new members has kept pace with the normal wastage. During this period we have been pleased to welcome members of the Essex Regiment, but there is still plenty of room for all those living in the London area. Our meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month at 7.30 p.m. at "The Bedford Head," Maiden Lane, just behind The Strand. To the Essex Regiment Association Branches we say "We have been well received at Warley, why not pay us a visit?"

On May 30 many of us with our families travelled to Warley to witness the Presentation of Colours to our new Regiment by Her Majesty The Queen Mother, our Colonel-in-Chief. The ceremony was most impressive and the behaviour of the young soldiers on parade has assured us that the good names of our two Regiments are in safe keeping. This was the first visit that many of us had paid to Warley and we were all most gratified at the welcome we received. Our sincere thanks are

extended to all those who must have worked so hard to make this a not-to-be-forgotten occasion. Later, on October 18, some of us were able to attend the closing stages of our Regiment's history, when the Old Colours of the 1st Bn. The 16th Foot, with the Old Colours of the 2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment, The Pompadours, were laid-up in the Regimental Chapel. We are sorry our Branch was not more strongly represented.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on October 17, when the accounts, which were presented by the Hon. Secretary, showed a most welcome balance on the right side, which we hope will be repeated in future years. In his report of the year's activities our Secretary spoke of our visits to Warley, where we had been most generously received. The Branch cottage at Pitsea has been thoroughly re-decorated and is now occupied by one of our members and his family, who were in difficult circumstances owing to the prevailing housing shortage.

During the year a number of our older members have passed on, notably Arthur Dubery, one of our original members and for a number of years Branch Standard Bearer. He was one of those stalwarts who could be relied on to be present on every possible occasion, although his health had been poor for a long time. On account of his health Mr. Jim Smith, our Chairman for 16 years and an indefatigable behind-the-scenes worker, did not seek re-election. Brigadier Dixon was re-elected as President and Col. Clarke was elected as the new Chairman. Mr. Bill Aldridge was re-elected as Hon. Secretary. The Committee has been increased by the election of Mr. Coulter, a former member of the Essex Regiment.

On November 8, Remembrance Sunday, we made our annual pilgrimage to the Church of St. Peter-upon-Cornhill, the City of London, the church which is so closely connected with our Branch and the Regiment, to remember our Comrades of the two World Wars. The Rector, the Rev. Douglas Owen, gave a stirring address on the friendships founded in the difficult times of war and new friendships brought about by the amalgamation of our two Regiments. At the end of the service wreaths were laid at the foot of the Regimental Memorial Window. Earlier our Vice-Chairman had placed Crosses in the Regimental Plot in the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey.

## HERTFORD

The highlight of our social activities over the past six months was the visit to Warley in May, on the occasion of the Presentation of New Colours by our Colonel-in-Chief, H.M. Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. Forty-two of

our members made the trip, and all were greatly impressed by the solemnity of the occasion. The absolute steadiness of the Battalion on parade, and precision of the arms drill was indeed a sight to see. Our thanks go to those responsible for the magnificent reception accorded us and for the refreshments and amenities that followed. It was thrilling to meet so many of our Old Comrades, some who we have not seen for such a long time; too long for our liking. It was nice also to meet many new friends of The Essex Regiment; we hope we will see much more of them.

Our annual social and dance was held at the Shire Hall, Hertford, on Saturday evening, October 17, 1959, when well over 100 members, their wives and friends met for a most enjoyable evening. Our thanks to our Secretary and his committee for laying on such a magnificent "do." We were extremely sorry that several of the other branches were unable to make the trip, but we fully appreciate their transport difficulties and other commitments, and look forward to seeing them on future occasions. Our congratulations to Ware Branch for winning the darts cup competition after a thrilling and exciting tussle with Hertford Branch. Look after that cup, Ware, we'll be back for it next year.

Our annual general meeting was held at Hertford on Friday, October 30, 1959. Our President, Major R. P. Connell, presided, and the meeting was exceptionally well attended. It was pleasing to note that seven new members had been enrolled during the past year, bringing our total membership to 179. We are extremely sorry to hear that our oldest member, Mr. Harry Drew, aged 84, has been admitted to hospital, and we wish him a quick and complete recovery, and hope he will soon be back with us.

#### WATFORD

One hundred and forty guests and members sat down to our Annual Dinner, which was held at our Headquarters on October 16. We were honoured by the presence of the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B. We were also delighted to see our President, Capt. J. S. Payne, who had travelled up from Bourne-mouth, where he now lives, to be with us on this occasion. Also present were the following: Vice-Presidents of the Branch, Lt.-Col. G. L. Sprunt, M.B.E., the late Major A. E. French, Capt. J. Harrowell and Capt. E. B. Spicer, M.C., M.M. We were very glad to welcome Lt.-Col. E. G. Fanning, M.C., D.L., President of the Bedford Branch, Major M. R. C. Brightman, Watford Branch, Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., Secretary, the Bed-

fordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association, Major B. J. Palmer, Regimental Adjutant, Lt.-Col. R. A. Humbert, O.B.E., T.D., C.O. 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), Major C. Simmons, C.O. designate 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), Capt. W. D. Page, Adjutant, 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), Major J. S. Townsend, Chairman, Hertford Branch, Capt. F. W. Bourwood, M.B.E., Chairman, Bedford Branch, R.S.M. E. Hellicar, Regimental Depot, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), R.S.M. L. C. McKean and C.S.M. A. Charlesworth, 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.), representatives from the London, Hertford and St. Albans Branches, the Watford Old Contemptibles' Association, British Legion and United Ex-Servicemen's Club.

Messages regretting their inability to be present were received from Col. G. A. Anstee, O.B.E., M.C., J.P., D.L., who was away in Devonshire, Col. I. W. S. Grey, T.D., D.L., who was unable to be present owing to pressure of business, and Lt.-Col. A. C. Young, the Regimental Secretary, who was on the sick list, Mr. S. Eggleton, a member of the Branch who lives in Ayr, Scotland, sent a message of good wishes.

Messages of loyal greetings were sent to Their Majesties The Queen and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, and the very gracious replies from Their Majesties were read out during the evening.

The toast to Her Majesty The Queen was proposed by Mr. C. W. Spiers, our Chairman. Capt. Payne, our President, proposed the toast to Her Majesty The Colonel-in-Chief, and also the toast to Absent Comrades.

General Sir Reginald Denning, in proposing the toast to "The Regiment," recalled the occasion of the Presentation of the Freedom of the Borough of Watford and the Presentation of New Colours to the Regiment on May 30 at Warley. He thanked the ladies for their work on behalf of the Branch and paid tribute to the immense amount of work done by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. H. Timms, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. C. Packer.

The toast to the Branch was proposed by Lt.-Col. R. A. Humbert, who spoke of the spirit of the Regiment maintained by its Serving Officers and men, then the Cadets who would follow on, and thirdly by the Comrades' Branches, who maintained that spirit of comradeship for ever more. Capt. Payne replied for the Branch.

Mr. C. W. Spiers, our Chairman, in his address, thanked his Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. A. Saunders, for carrying on when he was absent; his Committee for their support during the past year; and the Social Secretary, Mr. T. L. Armstrong, for his work in the raising of the

funds for the Branch. Mrs. Doggett, on behalf of the ladies of the Branch, presented the Branch with a cheque for £30 for the Benevolent Fund.

The Colonel of The Regiment then presented the prizes won in the 1959 Games Tournament. The recipients were:—

Davenport Shooting Trophy—Winner: Mr. G. C. Dean; Runner-up: Mr. J. V. Hackman.

Anstee Darts Shield—Winner: Mr. J. W. Gentle; Runner-up: Mr. J. L. Livesey.

Cribbage—Winner: Mr. G. C. F. Moore; Runner-up: Mr. W. C. Packer.

Nunn Domino Cup—Winner: Mr. J. W. Gentle; Runner-up: Mr. G. C. F. Moore.

Ladies' Dart Cup—Winner: Mrs. S. M. Rees; Runner-up: Mrs. F. Gower.

After dinner dancing took place for which the M.C. was Mr. T. W. G. Thornton. Thus concluded one of the most successful reunions we have had.

Since our last notes were published we have lost two members, Mr. A. Rolls, who died on March 26, and Mr. G. Armstrong on June 1. The latter was our Social Secretary for some years and was responsible for raising quite large sums for the Branch.

As these notes were being written we were shocked to hear of the sudden death of one of our Vice-Presidents, Major A. E. French, on October 19. He attended our Annual Dinner and was in great spirits. He took a great interest in our activities and we shall miss his cheery spirit very much. Our condolences go to the St. Albans Branch, whose popular President he was.

#### ST. ALBANS

The sudden death of our President, Major A. E. French, is the uppermost thought in our minds at this time; we are all shocked and deeply grieved at his untimely passing and offer his family our sincere sympathy. Major French had been President of the Branch for the past ten months, succeeding Capt. W. G. Cann on his retirement as such. His support had been a great help to us and we shall miss him very much at our meetings, for his main interest (outside his family) was The Regiment and the Branch. Meanwhile until the Annual General Meeting, Capt. Cann will preside for us. The Branch (also the Watford Branch) were represented by Capt. Cann at the funeral service, which took place at St. Luke's Church, Cambridge, on Saturday, October 24.

We are now preparing for our annual visit to Bedford for the Regimental Remembrance Service on Sunday, November 15, when we hope

to meet many old friends. Meetings at our Headquarters, Harpenden Road, have been well attended and we are glad to have support from comrades from Hemel Hempstead and Harpenden. We were very glad to see Mr. Starkins back with us after his long illness. Messrs. Salter, Hale, Starkins and Windmill all report feeling very much better for their stay at The Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home at Lowestoft, and are grateful to the Regimental Association and the Branch for the help given to them.

The Vice-Chairman of the Branch (that old stalwart) Mr. G. Windmill, has now retired and we all wish him a very happy retirement; it has been well earned.

#### BEDFORD

Our 21st Anniversary Dinner, which took place at The Dujon Restaurant, Bedford, on June 5, was a great success. We were very sorry that owing to other engagements General Sir Reginald Denning, the Colonel of The Regiment, could not be with us on this occasion. Lt.-Col A. C. Young, the Regimental Secretary, was present and brought us up-to-date with regimental news. We were very glad to welcome a large number of guests. Every ex-Service Association in the Bedford area sent a representative. A particularly warm welcome was given to Commander Newton of the Bedford Branch of The Royal Naval Association and President of The Bedford United Services Association. He always takes a keen interest in regimental affairs.

The Band of the 5th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (T.A.) played throughout the evening and their programme of music during the dinner and at the dance afterwards was much enjoyed by all those present.

R.S.M. Willmott, of the 5th Battalion, has very kindly allowed the Branch to use his Mess for our monthly meetings and also for games evenings. We are most grateful to him for this kindness.

In the Games League we are, at present, doing very well. A good number of members turn up so we always have reserves on hand.

Some of our members were able to attend the Service of Remembrance and Laying-up of Colours held in the Regimental Chapel at Warley on Sunday, October 18. They found the service most impressive. They also took part in the well attended parade of Comrades after the service and enjoyed meeting old friends and acquaintances at the bar after the parade.

Now all members are looking forward to our own Remembrance Service and Parade to be held in Kempston Barracks, Bedford, on Sunday, November 15.

## BEDFORD BRANCH



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## THE 21st ANNIVERSARY DINNER, JUNE 5, 1959

L. to R.: Capt. F. W. Boutwood, M.B.E. (Vice-President), Mr. L. Butler (Chairman), Lt.-Col. S. W. B. Phipps, Lt.-Col. E. G. Fanning, M.C. D.L. (President), Lt.-Col. A. C. Young (Regimental Secretary), Mr. C. C. Wells (Hon. Secretary), Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E. (Secretary, The 16th Foot Regimental Association).

Mr. Dawkes, one of our older members, has recently returned from The Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home at Lowestoft, much refreshed after his long illness. We were also delighted to hear that Mr. G. Stringer, another of our older members, has been allotted one of the Regimental Cottages at Oakley. We hope he will be spared to enjoy a long and happy retirement there.

We must end on a very sad note and tell St. Albans Branch how sorry we are to hear of the death of their President, Major A. E. French; and Hitchin Branch how sorry we are to know that their well known and popular Secretary, Dick Sell, has passed on.

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

The 25th Reunion Dinner, the "Silver Jubilee" will be held at the Bath House Hotel, Dean Street, London, on April 30, 1960. Members will receive full details in due course.

Mr. Johnny Day, the Hon. Secretary, regrets to report the deaths of the following ex-

members of the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment (1914/1918):

Mr. Percy Holmes.  
Mr. H. Parsons.  
Mr. G. Allen.

Messrs. Parsons and Allen were also members of the Watford Branch.

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ASSOCIATION

This has been a very quiet year, with our Rifle Club being the most active. They put up some very good results and finished third in the table of the Summer League. With dwindling numbers and in accordance with the expressed opinion of a majority of our members it was decided to run a theatre outing in place of the Annual Dinner this year. The outing took place on Saturday, October 24, when just over 40 members made a coach trip to London to visit the Ambassador's Theatre, where an excellent performance of

Agatha Christie's "Mousetrap" was very much enjoyed.

With our Rifle Club Section embarking on their Winter League programme we settle down to what should be a quiet season for the Association. At the time of writing we hope to be represented at the Regimental Remembrance Service at Bedford, when we look forward to renewing old acquaintances. Interest in the Regiment is quickened as we peruse the pages of *The Wasp and The Eagle*, with its excellent photographs and articles of interest.

## The Essex Regiment Association

### Remembrance

The following signal was received from the 1st Battalion on Remembrance Day:

*From: 1/3 East Anglian Regiment.*

*To: The Essex Regiment Association,  
Warley Barracks, Brentwood.*

*Commanding Officer and All Ranks 1st Bn.  
The 3rd East Anglian Regiment remember all  
members of the Essex Regiment who made  
the supreme sacrifice in two World Wars.*

### Notes from Branches

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

The 30th Annual Reunion Dinner of the Association took place in the Sergeants' Mess of the Depot, 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), Warley Barracks (by kind permission of Major B. J. Palmer), on Saturday, September 26, 1959, at 8.00 p.m.

Lieut.-General Sir Reginald F. S. Denning, K.B.E., C.B., Colonel of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment, Lt.-Col. S. G. L. Pepys, O.C. 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment (T.A.), Major B. J. Palmer, O.C. Depot, 3rd East Anglian Regiment, and twenty-eight members of the Association and five members' guests were present. After the Loyal Toast had been drunk, Mr. P. C. Munn (Secretary), proposed the toast "The Regiment." During the course of his speech Mr. Munn read letters from members unable to attend and added that 28 new members had joined since the 1959 A.G.M.; and that donations amounting to £15 for the Association Benevolent Fund had been received from members during the year. Replying to the toast to the Regiment, General Sir Reginald Denning said how pleased he was that, at its last General Meeting, the Association had extended its mem-

bership to the W.O.s and Sergeants of the 1st Battalion and Depot of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment. He said also that the amalgamation of The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and The Essex Regiment had proceeded smoothly and well, and pointed out that the amalgamated Regiment was carrying on the traditions of both regiments and their predecessors, the 16th, 44th and 56th Foot. He hoped that the Association would carry on its record of comradeship and goodwill and go from strength to strength.

The President, Major F. W. Waddell, M.B.E., then read a telegram which had been sent to Her Majesty The Queen and the gracious reply from Her Majesty.

Major Waddell went on to thank General Sir Reginald Denning on behalf of all present, for kindly attending the dinner and for addressing the members present.

The President also welcomed the visitors and new members, and paid special tribute to Sgt. F. J. Barrett, the oldest serving soldier in the Regiment, who had 42 years' service, was still going strong and was indeed accompanying the 1st Battalion to Malaya.

Sgt. Barrett has been awarded the British Empire Medal

#### SAFFRON WALDEN AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Just seven years ago (October, 1952) this Branch was formed with the enrolment at our initial meeting of twenty-two members. Now our strength is in excess of 250 and from small beginnings in Saffron Walden and the neighbouring villages we now boast members in eight different counties. For this fine result the Regiment and its Association owes much to the magnificent *esprit-de-corps* and comradeship of members of the 5th Essex (1938-1946). They have been, and are, the mainspring which makes the Branch work so splendid.

At this late date in the year one might expect the Branch to have completed most of its work, but despite all that has already been done there is still more to do before New Year's Eve—the presentation of the Branch Standard, the Children's Christmas Party and the Grand Christmas Whist Drive. But before we look forward let us first look back over the period since these Notes were last sent to *The Wasp and The Eagle*. It has been a period of continued progress.

Our expenses have been heavy but the income from the weekly whist drive and from the half-yearly sweepstake has, together with subscriptions, grants and donations enabled us to finance our expanding programme of social and welfare effort. At the initial meeting our object was laid down as being the advancement of the

contacts and friendships made between all ranks during their service with the Regiment, and the welfare of all old comrades, their wives and families and other dependents. This we have done and will continue to do. During the first nine months of 1959 the Branch has donated more than £60 as "grants-in-aid." In addition we have been instrumental in referring cases to and receiving aid from the Regimental Association, Warley, and from other Corps and Regimental Associations where Essex men, by the fortunes of war, served with those other regiments and Corps. Our thanks are due to Messrs. A Norman, S. Carter, C. King, W. Gilbey and the many others who, winter and summer have devoted each Wednesday evening to the preparation and organisation of the weekly whist drive, a principal source of income. Our thanks are due, too, to Lt-Col. S. G. L. Pepys and all ranks of the 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment for giving us, often perhaps to their inconvenience, "The Freedom of the Drill Hall."

Our Summer Social, attended by about 200 members and their wives, was an outstanding success. This was a "Whitbread's Night," for through the kindness of Mr. H. Douglas Thomson, of Little Chesterford, who made the introductions and arrangements, our entertainment and at least some of "the wallop" was provided by the great and generous firm of Whitbread's. What the firm did—and it was a great deal—was so obviously appreciated that we can hope that that appreciation was some return for all the trouble they had taken to ensure the "Essex Social Evening" was the great occasion it turned out to be. The Branch was pleased to welcome Lt.-Col. Tom Gagan and a coach-load of friends, old and new, including R.S.M. and Mrs. E. H. Hellicar from the Warley Branch of the Association. Some of us were glad to have the opportunity to congratulate R.S.M. Hellicar on the success of the then recent Presentation of Colours by Her Majesty The Queen Mother, a proud Ceremony founded, as the old know well, on the dust and sweat of many R.S.M.'s parades

Perhaps our most ambitious effort this summer, despite the small number engaged, was the Branch participation in the Grand Procession which was the finishing event in Saffron Walden Carnival Week. The thousands of spectators saw a finely decorated vehicle, covered in Regimental colours and bearing the Standard of the Regimental Association, which carried a most impressive tableau entitled "The Essex Regiment at Waterloo"—at least it would have been a Tableau if the bearded and side-whiskered warriors in full Waterloo uniform had kept still, and had not so often stooped to take another from the cases of "Brown" or "Dagger," with which the vehicle was loaded (these cases were presumably on the unit AFG. 1098 in those good old days). Alas! a monetary

award did not come our way to reimburse Branch funds for the heavy costs incurred, but it wasn't for the want of trying. The Association received a great deal of favourable comment for its effort, and as the proverbial "good time was had by all," honour was satisfied. Among those who gave up so much time and effort in preparation for this event were Messrs. C. King, W. Gilbey, S. Carter, K. C. Clayden, G. Meakins and E. Elsom. If the writer has left anyone unnamed he is sorry: they must blame those beards and whiskers if they passed unrecognised!

Now, before we stop looking back and turn to the future, one last word about the Whist Drives. Not only the Committee's energy meant money in the funds, but by making a special effort one evening the Branch was able to donate ten guineas to the fund for the Restoration of Saffron Walden Parish Church, a cause dear to all who live in or know North-West Essex.

And now eyes forward to Saturday, November 7 when the Branch hopes to welcome Brigadier C. M. Paton and receive from his hands its Branch Standard

#### 6th BATTALION "CEDARS" O.C.A.

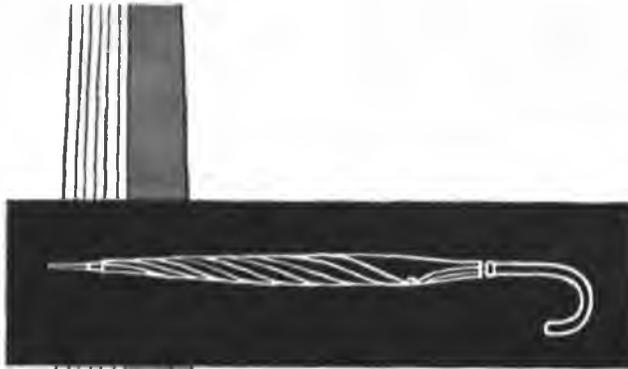
This Association is still flourishing and gaining new members, the latest being Capt. J. L. Sheldon, M.C., of Taunton, and Mr. C. L. Dalton of Southend, both 1914-1919. We are now anxious to hear from personnel who served in the Battalion from 1919 onwards, and shall be pleased if they will contact B.S.M. Frank Edwards, M.B.E., at the T.A. Centre, Vicarage Lane, East Ham, E.6.

The Annual Reunion Dinner will be held on March 26, 1960, at the T.A. Centre. Price to be arranged.

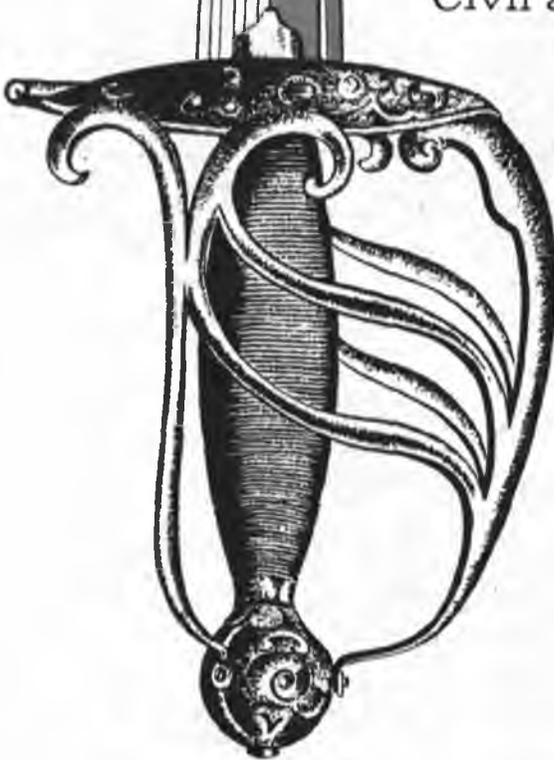
We regret to have to announce, on October 7, the passing of an old and faithful comrade, 85-year-old ex-Sgt. Jack Brady, whose death is reported elsewhere in *The Journal*. The "Cedars" Old Comrades' Association were represented at the funeral at Manor Park Cemetery and The Essex Regiment Association sent a wreath

#### THE EAGLE AND GUN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

This Association (formerly the 7th Battalion O.C.A.) has just concluded another year's work. Through the kindness of Col. G. C. Chatfield-Roberts of the "Rough Riders," the members are at all times welcome at Whipps Cross and able to enjoy many recreational facilities. The Church Parade which had been held for many years to commemorate the first Battle of Gaza had to be abandoned for lack of support.



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THE ESSEX REGIMENT MEMORIAL PEW  
IN THE  
KING'S CHAPEL, GIBRALTAR

The above photograph was kindly sent by Rev.  
J. R. YOUENS, O.B.E., M.C., C.F.

but a report of the part taken by the 7th Essex was sent to the local Press as a reminder of the part played by the Battalion.

The Annual Parade on Remembrance Sunday is always well attended, not only by the members of the Association but by representatives of The Old Contemptibles, The British Legion, The Cadets, 3rd East Anglian Field Ambulance and St. John Ambulance Brigade.

With the passing of the years it has been difficult to maintain the membership as people who served in more recent years seem reluctant to join. Fortunately the financial side has main-

tained its strength and it has been possible to help those who have encountered difficult times. One annual event is the Dinner attended by the original 1st/7th Battalion members who went to Gallipoli. In spite of the passing years, nearly 40 manage to attend, many travelling long distances to see once again their old comrades. The Dinner is always held on the Saturday preceding Remembrance Sunday. All enquiries to W. F. Marr, 64, Highlands Heath, Putney, S.W.15.

#### 10th BATTALION, 1914—1919

The 10th (Service) Battalion of The Essex Regiment, a battalion which flourished and fought during the period 1914-1919 had its first September Reunion Dinner on September 26. Quite a few came whom inclement December weather had kept away for years and in spite of recent casualties 50 dined together on this occasion. Forty-three years before to the day this "K/2" unit took a prominent part in the successful storming of Thiepval—that forbidding bastion at the western end of the German line in the Somme country. The first attack on this formidable position had been made on the very first day of the Somme battle—July 1—and the Germans persisted in boasting that it could never be taken. The 18th (Eastern) Division managed it at its first attempt—with a midday zero hour (12.35 p.m.)—and the rubble remains were ours by about 3.0 p.m. The 10th Essex and 8th Suffolk were in the leading lines that day and it was then that for the very first time they followed a "creeping" barrage. So on Saturday the old 10th men and guests who dined together at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, specially remembered those of their comrades who fell at Thiepval. Two of them, others in the County may recall: Lt. A. C. Pochin, of Chelmsford, and Sgt.-Major F. Mercer, M.C., D.C.M., of Chingford. One of the diners—H. P. Hodges of Thorpe-le-Soken—who never misses this reunion is now over 80 years old. It is hoped that he may be joined by some other over-80s next September 24.

#### BRENTWOOD

Since our last notes went to press, we have gone from strength to strength and our membership now is close on one hundred. There are still many more Essex Old Comrades living in the district, including several retired officers, who have not yet appeared at any of our functions. How nice it would be if only a few of the latter would come along, just to say "hail fellow, well met," stay for an hour and have a glass of beer with the ex-O.R.s. This I feel

sure would be appreciated by all and would help to maintain that spirit of comradeship which exists amongst the "Old Comrades."

The following functions either have or are being arranged for the future entertainment of the Branch: Social Evenings on Saturday, November 7, 1959, December 5, 1959, and a Christmas Draw on December 19, 1959. These will all be held in the Sergeants' Mess, Depot 3rd East Anglian Regiment, commencing at 1930 hours. On Saturday, January 30, 1960, there will be a Branch Invitation Dance in the Depot Gymnasium, dancing from 1930 hours to midnight to a dance band from The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, refreshments, both solid and liquid, will be available and the invitations will be 3/- for a single and 5/- for a double card. Application for invitations, together with the money, should be made to The Secretary, Brentwood Branch, Essex O.C.A., Warley Barracks, Brentwood, Essex.

### SOUTHEND

Formed in December of last year, the Southend and District Branch, while "making haste slowly" since its inception, hopes to increase membership during the next twelve months. The reason? It now has a permanent home of its own. After a great deal of hard work and many disappointments, we made friends with Southend's Old Collegians, who kindly consented to the Branch using their club headquarters in Southend High Street. Consequently, the Branch now meets there on the first Thursday of every month, with the annual meeting in December. Once the new routine has been established it is hoped to organise social evenings and invite members and friends along from other Branches. In the meantime, visitors from other Branches will be welcome at Southend any time they can come along. The club is above Rossi's, next to Woolworths, at the bottom of the High Street.

More than a dozen members and friends made the journey to Warley for the Remembrance Service. All agreed it was most impressive and many old friendships were renewed at the bar afterwards. One result is that the Southend and Saffron Walden Branches hope to exchange visits in the near future.

Owing to business commitments forcing him to move away from the town, Founder-Chairman, Capt. Gordon Chinnery, had to resign from his position. Thanks were expressed for all his work on behalf of the Branch. Capt. Len Hammond now holds the seat at the top.

Active committee member A. F. Fiddes is recently returned from a trip to Canada, and the Branch hope to hear him give a talk on his experiences. They also hope to see at an early date Major A. W. Saunders, at present serving with the R.A.S.C.



[Photograph by Kodak Ltd.]

### THE ESSEX REGIMENT BADGE AT THE KHYBER PASS

The above photograph as kindly sent to us by C. J. M. Alport, Esq., Member of Parliament for the Colchester Division.

### METROPOLITAN ESSEX BRANCH

The Branch was formed in December last, under the chairmanship of Col. H. Craig, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., with Capt. W. B. Faint as Secretary. At the inaugural meeting, there were fourteen members. Membership has now reached 53 members with several contacts still to come in. Headquarters are established at the T.A. Centre, Whipps Cross, E.17, where the Commanding Officer has very generously placed full facilities at our disposal.

The Branch has been represented at all of the Regimental functions during the year. We had a party at the Presentation of Colours Ceremony in May. Several members attended the Annual Reunion, and the Service of Remembrance.

Our membership is fully representative of the Regiment, most Battalions having members in the Branch. Our oldest members joined the Regiment in 1911. We have begun publication of a periodical newsletter, and the first issue went out in the summer. Having successfully negotiated our teething troubles in our first year, we are looking forward to going ahead with a full programme next year. We would like to say that our successes have been due, in no small part, to the help and encouragement we have received from Major Stead, the Secretary of The Essex Regiment Association, at Warley.

### SAFFRON WALDEN BRANCH SUMMER REUNION

Notice is given that the Saffron Walden Branch of The Essex Regiment Association will be holding a large scale Summer Reunion and Social Evening at Saffron Walden on Saturday, June 18, 1960. All Old Comrades will be welcome. Further details will be given later.

### MILITARY ESSAY COMPETITION

THE GEORGE KNIGHT CLOWES MEMORIAL  
PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION, 1960

Prizes: First prize, £35; second prize, £15.  
Closing date: March 31, 1960.

Subject:

"Since 1945 drastic changes have taken place in Britain's military commitments and in the likely pattern of a future war.

"What, in your opinion, should be the future rôle of the Territorial Army in these new conditions?"

"Give your views on how it should be organised, equipped and trained to fulfil the rôle, or rôles, you suggest."

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1959 competition and can be found in A.C.I. 350 of 1958.

### ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced between Barry Charles, only son of Lt.-Col. A. C. Newman, V.C., O.B.E., T.D., D.L., and Mrs. Newman, of The Chestnuts, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, and Shirley Ann, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Coverdale, of 62, Burges Road, Thorpe Bay, Essex.

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The engagement is announced between Major Henry Nelson Stenning, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), younger son of the late Mr. H. G. Stenning and Mrs. Stenning, of Fontmell Magna, Dorset, and Ruth Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr. P. W. Abbott and Mrs. Abbott, of 24, Sydenham Villas Road, Cheltenham.

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The engagement is announced between Lord Dunleath, Ballywater Park, Co. Down, and Dorinda Margery, daughter of Lieut.-General

A. E. Percival, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Bullards, Widford, Ware, Hertfordshire, and the late Mrs. Percival.

### BIRTHS

ROBERTSON.—At the end of August to Gillian, wife of Major A. F. F. H. Robertson, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), a daughter.

PARKER.—On September 5, 1959, at Bedford General Hospital to Clelia, wife of Capt. H. O. Parker, 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), a son, Hamish Owen.

WARD-BOOTH.—On November 6, 1959, at the Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, to Margaret, wife of Capt. J. A. Ward-Booth, The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), a son, Peter John.

### MARRIAGES

MALLET—LISTER.—On June 13, 1959, at St. Mary's Church, Cottingham, Flt./Lt. Maurice Henry, only son of Major and Mrs. H. H. Mallet, of Bedford, to Christine Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Lister of Hull.

LAWSON JOHNSON—ROIGT.—On August 6, 1959, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, the Hon. Arthur Charles St. John Lawson Johnston, eldest son of Lord and Lady Luke, to Senorita Silvia Maria Roigt, younger daughter of His Excellency Don Honorio Roigt, the Argentine Ambassador to Jugoslavia, and Dona Dorothy Goodall de Roigt.

JOHNSTON—DENNING. — On August 15, 1959, at St. George's Church, Hanover Square, Mr. Ian Benjamin Murray Johnston, second son of the late Mr. Francis Johnston and Mrs. Johnston of Shamley Green, Surrey, and Miss Diana Anne Denning, only daughter of Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald and Lady Denning, of Delmonden Grange, Hawkhurst, Kent.

BARNETT—FINCH. — In August, at St. Andrew's Church, Ham Common, Surrey, Lt. G. R. Barnett, 1st Battalion The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16/44th Foot) only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rhys Barnett, of Harvey Road, Bedford, to Elizabeth Ann, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Finch, of Priory Lane, Roehampton.

MORTON—KNIGHT.—On April 18, 1959, at the Parish Church of Sunninghill, Berkshire, Lt. P. S. Morton, 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot) to Katherine Patricia Knight.

## Obituaries

**TURNEY.**—On January 11, 1959, at St. Clare Hall Hospital, South Mimms, Herts, Mr. A. Turney, of 36, Tower Road, Luton, Beds., who served in the 2nd Battalion 16th Foot from 1918 to 1926—(Ex. No. 594379). He was a member of The Luton Branch of The Old Comrades' Association, and also a Regimental footballer for some years.

**WHITE.**—On February 1, 1959, Mr. E. White (Ex. Sgt.). Served with the 1st and 2nd Battalions The Essex Regiment during the period 1919-27.

**WILSON.**—In February, 1959, Mr. J. R. Wilson, who served in the 1st and 2nd Battalions The Essex Regiment. Mr. Wilson, who formerly lived at Colchester, died at Richmond, Surrey.

**DUBERY.**—On March 25, 1959, Ex-Sgt. Joseph Arthur Dubery, (Ex. Nos. 9741 and 5942208). Mr. Dubery was born in 1894 and enlisted in the 16th Foot at Bedford on March 28, 1911. He served for eight years with The Colours. Mr. Dubery was in possession of the 1914 Star and Clasp, British War Medal and The Victory Medal. During World War I, he was a prisoner-of-war. From June 1919 until December 1945, Mr. Dubery served in the Metropolitan Police Force. The cremation was on April 1, and was attended by members of The London Branch of The Old Comrades' Association and also representatives of The Old Contemptibles' Association. He was the Standard Bearer for many years for their Duchy of Cornwall Branch.

**HOCKING.**—On April 25, 1959. Mr. H. Hocking (Ex. W.O.II 7318) The Essex Regiment.

**CAVES.**—On May 24, 1959, as a result of a motor cycle accident the evening before, Cadet L/Cpl. Bryan Caves, aged 18 years. He had been a member of the Bedfordshire Army Cadet Force since December, 1956, and was a member of the County football team and most of the Unit's sports teams. Admired and respected by all who knew him. A Memorial Service was held in his village church on May 31.

**BOON.**—At 70, Lyneham Road, Luton, Mr. F. H. Boon, aged 74. Mr. Boon served in the Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914-1918 War and was invalided out in 1917.

**HOLMES.**—On May 30, 1959, at Bed-

ford General Hospital, Mr. Percy Holmes, of 44A, Chapel Road, Flitwick. Mr. Holmes, who was aged 66 at the date of his death, served in the 6th Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment during the 1914-1918 War. He was wounded in 1916 and, as a result, lost his sight. He entered St. Dunstan's in 1916 where he trained as a poultry farmer. After his training he took up residence at Woburn, where he ran a successful poultry farm for some forty years. He retired about a year ago and moved to Flitwick. He took an active part in walking races and rowing events in connection with St. Dunstan's. He was Vice-Chairman of the Woburn British Legion and an active member of the 6th Bn. (1914-1918) O.C.A., whose annual dinners he used to attend. He is survived by his wife and son and will always be remembered for his loyalty to The Regiment, his cheerful comradeship and the wonderful manner in which he overcome the blindness, which afflicted him as a result of his wounds. A good soldier and comrade.

**HUNT.**—On May 15, 1959, at Burton-on-Trent, Mr. W. J. Hunt, formerly No. 8603, Sergeant "A" Company, 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment, a member of the Old Contemptibles' Association.

**ARMSTRONG.**—On June 1, 1959, in the Watford Peace Memorial Hospital, Mr. George Ypres Armstrong, of 52, Leavesden Road, Watford. Mr. Armstrong enlisted in The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment on June 13, 1940, and eventually served in the 30th Battalion. While with this Battalion he was commended for an excellent piece of Police work on January 26, 1944. He became suspicious of a soldier dressed in British Battle Dress. Not being satisfied with his replies he escorted him to the Garrison Guardroom where it was ascertained that he was a Private in the United States Army and wanted by U.S. Military Police at Algiers, on charges of murder and rape.

Mr. Armstrong was an active member of the Watford Branch and Social Secretary of the Branch for some years.

**APPLETON.**—On June 3, 1959, Mr. S. C. Appleton (W.O.II 8272), an Old Contemptible who served with the 2nd

Bn. The Essex Regiment. Mr. Appleton was living at Braintree at the time of his death.

**BREEN.**—At Gravesend on June 3, 1959, Albert Breen, aged 44. He enlisted into The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in December, 1933, and served until November, 1945. He was a member of the Gravesend Branch of the Old Comrades' Association. He leaves a widow and two young daughters.

**TYSOME.**—On June 6, 1959, at 14, Bedford Road, Clophill, Mr. Frederick Tysome, after a long illness. Mr. Tysome served in the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire Regiment in the 1914-1918 War.

**APPLETON.**—At Bedford on June 9, 1959, after a long illness, Mr. Ernest Charles Appleton, aged 55. He served with the 2nd Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment from 1921 to 1928.

**DANN.**—On June 15, 1959. Mr. F. G. Dann who enlisted in the Essex Regiment in 1885 and served with The Regiment until 1908. At the time of his death Mr. Dann was 92 years old and had been living quite close to Warley Barracks for a number of years. He was buried at Woodman Road Cemetery, Warley.

**MARCKS.**—In June, 1959. Mr. F. B. Marcks who served with The Pompadours during the First World War and later transferred to Royal Army Pay Corps. His brother and brother-in-law also served with The Regiment.

**TIDIMAN.**—On July 12, 1959. Mr. A. G. Tidiman (Ex. Sgt. 6026006) who was living at Canvey Island at the time of his death. Previously resided in Romford. Served with The Essex Regiment 1940-45.

**BRIGADIER J. P. TREDENNICK,  
D.S.O., O.B.E.**

We very much regret to announce the death of Brigadier Tredennick which occurred on July 27, 1959. Brigadier Tredennick was born on October 14, 1879, and after serving in the Militia he was appointed to a commission in The Royal Dublin Fusiliers on April 18, 1900.

Joining the 2nd Battalion of his Regiment he saw service in South Africa and took part in the Aden Hinterland Expedition of 1903. In 1905 Brigadier Tredennick was seconded to the West African

Frontier Force and served in Lagos and Southern Nigeria. On returning to the U.K. he served with his Regiment in Ireland until 1912 when he was appointed Adjutant of the 22nd London Regiment, with whom he proceeded to France on the outbreak of war in 1914. During the 1914-1918 War, Brigadier Tredennick served in France and at home; after being invalided back to U.K. At the end of the war he held a staff appointment with a Division on the Rhine.

He then rejoined the Royal Dublin Fusiliers at Bordon and remained with his Regiment until August 1922, when with the other Irish Regiments it was disbanded. Brigadier Tredennick was then transferred to The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and posted to the 1st Battalion at Colchester. In 1923 he was appointed D.A.A.G. Western Command at Chester. He rejoined the 1st Battalion at Aldershot on October 16, 1925, when he was promoted Lt.-Colonel and to the command of the Battalion.

For his services in World War I, Brigadier Tredennick was twice mentioned in despatches and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and Order of the British Empire.

Immediately after he had assumed command of the 1st Battalion came the move to Malta. No sooner had the Battalion settled down in Malta orders for the move to China to join the Shanghai Relief Force came, and for the next two years Brigadier Tredennick did not command a Battalion but a collection of Regimental detachments scattered all over China's seaboard and even amongst H.M. Fleet, while Mrs. Tredennick remained in Malta doing all that was possible to look after an equally scattered flood of married families.

Eventually in 1929, the Battalion and families came together again at Mhow, in India. In the first six months the Battalion was there it gained praise from the Commander-in-Chief for its state of efficiency and won a number of competitions.

These excellent results were all due to Brigadier Tredennick's leadership and skill in keeping the Battalion up to standard in the preceding very difficult years. On October 16, 1929, Brigadier Tredennick handed over command of the Battalion to Lt.-Col. J. McMilling and returned home where he was placed on half pay. On April 16, 1930, he was promoted Colonel with seniority October



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Mr. Dick Sell.

16, 1929. He retired on December 1, 1934, and went to live at Cookham, Berkshire.

During the last few years his health became very poor and his friends saw little of him. Those who served with him or under his command will treasure his memory for his skill and efficiency as a soldier and leader and for his friendliness and loyalty as a companion.

**SELL.**—On August 3, 1959, suddenly, after only a few days in Hill End Hospital, Mr. Richard Henry Sell, of 5, Charlton, Hitchin, Herts. He enlisted for seven years' Colour Service with the 16th Foot in February 1923, and saw service in Malta, China and India. After leaving the Army, Mr. Sell maintained an active interest in Regimental affairs and until his death was Honorary Secretary of Hitchin and District Branch of The Regimental Association. He was presented to the Colonel-in-Chief during Her Majesty's visit to Warley to present New Colours on May 30. The funeral took place at St. Mary's Parish Church, Hitchin, on August 7 and was attended by members of the Hitchin Branch. Major D. T. Tewkesbury represented The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Association.

**GALLOWAY.**—On August 7, 1959. Mr. T. Galloway (Ex. 15155) who served during the 1914-18 War with The Essex Regiment, until he was discharged with

wounds in 1916. He had resided at Dagenham for the past 23 years.  
**BLACKSHAW.**—In August, 1959. Mr. W. A. Blackshaw, who was living at Langport, Somerset, at the time of his death. He served during the First World War with 10th Bn. The Essex Regiment.

**MANNING.**—On August 23, 1959. Mr. W. E. Manning served with The Essex Regiment during the Second World War. He will be remembered from No. 1 I.T.C. days.



Mr. H. W. Cox

**COX.**—We regret to announce the death of Mr. H. W. Cox who died on August 24, 1959. Mr. Cox enlisted in 1916 and served during World War I with both the 2nd and 1/4th Bns. The Essex Regiment. He was wounded at the Battle of Arras in 1917 and later transferred to Middle East where he obtained the rank of R.S.M. before demobilisation.

His funeral was attended by representatives of the Saffron Walden Branch of The Essex Regiment Association.

**COCKS.**—On September 3, 1959, Mr. J. F. Cocks, who served with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) in the First World War. He was a mem-

ber of The Old Contemptibles' Association.

**BUTLER.**—On September 12, 1959, Mr. W. G. Butler, who served with the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) in the First World War and was awarded the Military Cross. He was a member of The Old Contemptibles' Association.

**GANT.**—On September 13, 1959, Mr. G. W. Gant (Ex. 5998388). Served with the Pompadours between the two world wars (1921-36), he was living at Colchester at the time of his death.

**HARRISON.**—On September 26, 1959, at Truro Hospital, Major H. H. Harrison, of The Old Malt House, Lostwithiel, and formerly of Hitchin. Major H. H. Harrison served with The Hertfordshire Regiment.

**MONTIER.**—At Clacton-on-Sea, suddenly, while on holiday, in September, Mr. Eric William Montier, of 254, Ampthill Road, Bedford. Mr. Montier served for many years with The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, mostly abroad. He was a very good athlete and excelled at sprinting. Since his discharge from the Army, about thirteen years ago, he had been employed by Messrs. J. Hobkirk and Sons, of Bedford.

The funeral service was held at Elstow Parish Church.



Mr. E. T. Lee

**MR. ERNEST THOMAS LEE**

We very much regret to report the death of Mr. Ernest Lee, on October 7,

1959, at the age of 82, having been born on March 28, 1877.

"Topsy" Lee joined The Essex Regiment on March 4, 1895, and was discharged at the end of his engagement on May 10, 1919.

During his twenty-four years' service, "Topsy" steadily climbed the promotion ladder and on retirement had reached the rank of Warrant Officer Class I.

He served in both the South African War and World War I, gaining the Queen's South Africa Medal and three clasps, the King's South Africa Medal 1901-1902, together with the British War Medal and Victory Medal for World War I. The Good Conduct Medal followed in due course and finally the Meritorious Service Medal.

Most of his service was with the 1st Battalion but he also served for a period with the 3rd Battalion.

For a number of years, Mr. Lee occupied one of the Regiments Memorial Homes. He was always an active member of local society and did much good work as Secretary of one of the Old People's Clubs organising outings and arranging many other activities for the members.

After the loss of his wife, "Topsy" naturally found life more difficult and in January 1954 was admitted to the Royal Hospital as an In Pensioner. Having donned the traditional Red Coat and Cockeyed Hat he once again took on a new lease of life. He rapidly gained promotion and entered fully into the many activities, including Bowls and Billiards. He also carried out extra duties connected with the Hospital's fine Wren Chapel.

Unfortunately Mr. Lee had to undergo a major operation and in the last two years of his life was greatly handicapped. In spite of his disability he was always cheerful and still took the greatest interest in all that went on, and in particular with the activities of his old Regiment.

He was buried in the Woodman Road Cemetery, a service first having been held in the Regimental Chapel at Warley. His funeral was attended by many Serving and Retired members of the Regiment, together with representatives from the Royal Hospital and local friends from Warley and Brentwood.

Our sincere condolences are offered to his family.

**MR. JOHN BRADY**

We much regret to report the death on October 7, 1959, of Mr. John Phillip



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Mr. J. P. H. Brady

Howard Brady (Sgt. John Brady), at the age of 85 years.

Mr. Brady enlisted in the Volunteers in 1894 and served with the 5th Bn. The Essex Regiment throughout the First World War. He was demobilised in 1919 after serving in Gallipoli and Egypt.

In 1955, when he was 80 years of age, it was found necessary to amputate his right leg, but despite this he attended the Laying up of the Colours of the 6th and 7th Battalions at Warley the following year, where, as many readers will remember, he insisted on joining the March Past. Without his sticks, Mr. Brady was unable to keep pace with the column but steadily made progress to the Saluting Base, and achieved what was virtually a "one man" march past, much to the admiration of the whole assembly.

During his service Mr. Brady was an excellent shot and a keen sportsman and during his retirement he maintained his close association with The Regiment through the Association and also The Association of Sergeants (Past and Present).

His spirit and determination will always

be remembered by those who were privileged to know him.

**ISON.**—At his home, 6, Great Northern Street, Huddersfield, on October 11, 1959, Mr. Robert George Ison. He joined the 16th Foot in 1907 and served with the 1st Battalion throughout World War I.

**FOWLER.**—At his home at 54, Kings Road, Flitwick, Beds., on Sunday, October 18, 1959, after a long illness, Ex-R.S.M. G. E. Fowler, aged 72. He was born at Cardington, Bedfordshire, in 1886 and after joining The Bedford Militia in 1907, he enlisted into the Regular Army in 1909. He joined the 1st Bn. 16th Foot at Colchester during the same year and in 1912 was posted to the 2nd Battalion and served in South Africa. He landed with the Battalion at Zeebrugge in October, 1914, and served continuously in France until wounded and taken prisoner on March 28, 1918.

After the war he saw service in India, Malta and China, being appointed R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion in 1923. He left the Battalion on discharge in November 1930, having served twenty-two and a half years.

Mr. Fowler was awarded the D.C.M., 1914 Star, British War and Victory Medals, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and was mentioned in dispatches.

The funeral took place at Flitwick Parish Church on October 22 and was attended by Major D. T. Tewkesbury, M.B.E., representing The Regimental Association.

#### MAJOR A. E. FRENCH

It was with very deep regret that we received the news of the death of Major Eric French which occurred suddenly on October 19. He had been to his office as usual that morning but became ill on arriving home that evening and died shortly after being admitted to hospital.

Major French was born in Cambridge in 1913 and was educated at Perse School, Cambridge, and afterwards at The Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He was commissioned into The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment on August 24, 1933. After a short period at home with the 2nd Battalion he sailed for India to join the 1st Battalion at Dacca, Bengal. He remained with the Battalion at Chakrata and when it moved to Egypt and Palestine. On March 6, 1939, at St. Luke's



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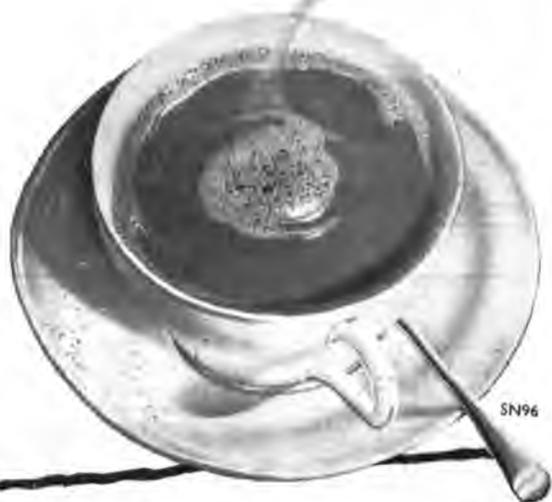
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Major Eric French.*

Church, Haifa, Palestine, he married Grace, daughter of Captain and Mrs. W. C. J. Suther.

In December 1939, Major and Mrs. French returned to England and he was given an appointment in Northern Ireland. This was not of a long duration and he was soon on his way back to India where he remained until 1947.

His next appointment was Brigade Major to 162 Infantry Brigade (T.A.) whose headquarters are at Kempston Barracks. Two years later he was given a staff appointment at The War Office, which he held until 1952 when he took over command of The Regimental Depot 16th Foot when Regimental Depots were re-formed. Here he spent three strenuous years during which he built up the Regimental Depot to a high state of efficiency and to a home worthy of The Regiment, in which task he received the very loyal support of his wife.

On relinquishing command in 1955 he spent a period in hospital as his health had deteriorated and was away from duty for some time. On his recovery he was given a staff appointment at a Training Establishment in Wales where he stayed until his retirement in 1957.

He was then given the appointment of Recruiting Officer for South Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire and in charge of the Recruiting Centre at St. Albans. Here Mrs. French and he settled down and bought a house. But he was soon involved in regimental affairs again and was appointed President of the St. Albans Branch of the 16th Foot Regiment Association and Vice-President of the Watford Branch. He was also a member of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment Church and Memorials Committee.

The flow of regular recruits to the Regiment over the past year or so was also due to his unceasing loyalty and interest in The Regiment.

The funeral service was held at St. Luke's Church, Cambridge, on Saturday, October 24. Among the large congregation present at the Service were many of his friends from The Regiment and the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, the Colonel of The Regiment, the Hon. Colonel and the 5th Battalion, the Hon. Colonel and the 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment, the Depot of The 3rd East Anglian Regiment (16th/44th Foot), The Bedfordshire T.A. Association, The Bedfordshire A.C.F., the Chief Recruiting Officer Eastern Command, the Watford, St. Albans and Bedford Branches of the 16th Foot Association were represented.

Among the many wreaths sent were a large number from The Regiment and his many friends in it.

Major Eric French with Mrs. French was with us on Sunday, October 18, at Warley, for the Remembrance Service and Laying up of Colours and it is a comforting thought that he spent what were to be some of his last hours, as he would have liked to, with his Regiment and among his comrades and friends to whom he was always so loyal.

He served his Regiment well and is a great loss. His memory will be treasured for his loyal and cheerful comradeship.

To Mrs. French and their daughters go our very sincere sympathy.

**COUSINS.**—At the Clare Hall Hospital, South Mimms, on October 24, 1959, Mr. A. J. Cousins. Ex Sgt. Cousins was born at Toddington. He enlisted into the Regular Army in 1907 and served up to and during the 1914-1918 War when he was invalided out of The 16th Foot through war wounds. Mr. Cousins was a member of the Luton Branch of the Regimental Association.



*Ex-Drum Major C. H. Coombs.*

COOMBS.—The death of ex-Drum Major Coombs, 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment, occurred at his home on October 26, 1959. He was 71 years of age. Mr. Coombs enlisted in the Royal Artillery Mounted Band as a boy in 1904. He completed his 21 years' service and was discharged in 1925 in the rank of Sergeant. He took a job playing in Cinema orchestras in the silent days, and re-enlisted in The Hertfordshire Regiment in 1930 as the Drum Major. On the outbreak of War he was posted to the Regimental Depot and remained there until his discharge in 1943. In 1951 The Regiment, being without a Drum Major, once again called on Mr. Coombs, who without hesitation stepped into the breach and continued to serve until 1955. At this time he had 37 years' service to his credit. From 1943 to 1959 he was employed as Caretaker by the Hertfordshire Territorial and Auxiliary Forces' Association.

The funeral took place at Ware on Friday, October 30, where The Regiment was represented by Captain (Q.M.) W. A. Moody, R.S.M. L. C. V. McKean, and Sgt. L. Shorter. A wreath was laid on behalf of Brigadier J. A. Longmore and All Ranks. Cpls. Muncer and Adams sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

By his death The Regiment has suffered a great loss and our sympathy is extended to his widow, sons and daughters. One of his son's, Sgt. C. H. Coombs, is the present Drum Major of The Hertfordshire Regiment.

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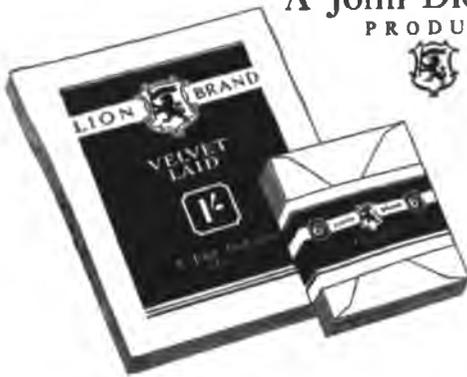
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