



Regimental Matters

Three Promotions to Colonel

The Regiment offer its warm congratulations to these richly deserved promotions:

- Col M P Aston DSO MC - confirmed promotion from previous list
- Lt Col N A Johnson
- Lt Col J A York

Royal Anglian Rugby

The Royal Anglians had representation for the first year in some time at this year's Army v Navy rugby day on 9 May. Maj Ollie Ormiston, was selected for the Army Masters (over-35) team to play the Navy equivalent in the morning of the Twickenham game next door at Kneller Hall. Having comfortably defeated the RAF the week before, the Army Masters were feeling confident. However, they were unable to capitalise and lost to a very strong Navy side 20-15 in a tough game that saw 6 yellow cards. It was Maj Ormiston's first season in the Army Masters, and he was subsequently awarded Player of the Season.



Diary Dates

June

- 5 Royal Norfolk Officers' Dinner
- 6 Royal Norfolk Officers' and Ladies Lunch
- 18 Waterloo 200
- 20-21 Royal Tigers Weekend, Leicester
- 22-27 Armed Forces Week
- 26 Regimental Golf Society Summer Meeting, Ely Golf Club
- 28 Association Salamanca day

July

- 25-26 Talavera Reunion, Northampton Branch

(1st Battalion (The Vikings))



A 'Norfolk' Company

In order to support the ANA mentoring activities outside of Qargha we regularly deploy outside of the Marshal Fahim National Defence University Training Area. There are a number of other areas outside of Kabul in which the ANA conduct training. These areas have no camp or facilities so we form a 'vehicle leaguer' (a defensive position utilising our protected vehicles) and operate from that. We are limited to only the equipment which can be carried in our vehicles so conditions can be austere. The soldiers live off Operational Rations and sleep in either 'bashas' or tents off the side of the vehicles. The days are long but the mission is popular, as infantrymen we relish this more 'outdoor' type of soldiering compared to operating from a static FOB. By the end of this tour every soldier will have had an opportunity to conduct at least one of these patrols.

B 'Suffolk' Company

B 'SUFFOLK' Coy have now approached the half way mark of the tour. We are deep into the R&R cycle with many of our soldiers having now returned from the UK fresh faced with stories to tell. Our US counterparts have been replaced by 2-15 Field Artillery Battalion, a unit that is part of the prestigious 10th Mountain Division. Over the last two weeks we have been forming strong relationships with this new and very eager Battalion. Their motto 'Allons' or 'Let's Go' certainly embodies their ethos. Six of our soldiers headed up by CSM James Owen participated in the centenary commemoration of the Gallipoli Campaign, with all belligerents involved; UK, Australia, New Zealand, France and Turkey. The ceremony itself was very moving with an outstanding speech delivered by Lt Matthew Blayney to the audience. Reports from back in the UK seem promising with Pte Stewart, Pte Finch, Pte May, Pte Granfield, Pte Lingley and Pte Nee all



attending FTCC next week. A gruelling 10 week course which providing they pass will qualify them for promotion to LCpl. We wish them the very best of luck.

C COMPANY

C (Essex) Company is continuing its task as part of the European Union Training Mission (EUTM) in Mali. The last two weeks have seen us taking a leading role in the delivery of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) lessons. Not only have we been preparing lessons to deliver to the Malian soldiers, but we have also been helping to instruct the other European Nations. More photos can be found on the EUTM home page at: <http://www.eutmmali.eu/?p=3157>



D Company and ROG

April has seen another busy period for members of the Bn's ROG and D Coy, with Vikings deploying to Italy on a NATO Patrols

Competition, earning a top third finish over challenging terrain. The Bn's success continues having been awarded the IUK Div Rhino shooting trophy for highest number of marksmen and first attempt pass rates for the ACMT. The ROG and D Coy have also qualified for the Army Operational Shooting Competition after their efforts at the Div Competition. CSgt Shropshire and Cpl Johnson became the Army Team Climbing Champions and both have selected to represent the Army in the Combined Services Champs in June.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)



7 Infantry Brigade Operational Shooting Competition

The very first 7 Inf Bde OSC was held in Catterick at Bellerby Ranges. Whilst the shoots are competitive, they are designed to replicate operational conditions and often involve moving targets or strict time limits. The Poachers entered three teams into the competition and took 1st prize, something we hope to repeat when we enter the Divisional Shooting Competition next month.

Grantham Half Marathon

Three Members of the Poachers entered the 'Newtons Fraction' Half Marathon in Grantham. They all finished with sub 1 hour 30 minute times, the fastest coming in at 1 hour 24 minutes.



Bourne VC Commemorative Stone

Members of A "Lincolnshire" Company were in Bourne for the unveiling of a commemorative stone marking the centenary of a Bourne soldier earning the the Victoria Cross (VC) during the First World War. In 1915 Corporal Charles Sharpe was awarded the VC for leading a blocking party to capture German trenches in a successful bombing operation. As part of the WWI Centenary Commemorations; a stone is being laid in the home town of each soldier who was awarded a VC.

Working with the Bermuda Regiment

Soldiers from D 'Bedfordshire' Company have been training members of the Bermuda Regiment during an exercise in the United States. This has been a great opportunity to re-familiarise the links between both Regiments. In June the Poachers will lead a Regimental cricket tour to Bermuda.



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

7 Infantry Brigade Operational Shooting Competition

The STEELBACKS shooting team has been busy this month taking part in the 7 Inf Bde Operational Shooting Competition and I UK Div Operational Shooting Competition. The team had shown a lot of commitment conducting training weekends to prepare for the competitions. Results were pleasing with the Bn team coming 3rd overall in the Bde competition and 3rd overall out of 16 teams in the Div competition. The team will now set its sights on the Army Operational Shooting Competition due to take place at the end of June.



Exercise Charge

The Battalion split in two and deployed on Exercise Charge which saw No 1 and No 3 Companies reply to Longmoor. HQ and No 2 Companies deployed to STANTA. Exercise Charge was a field exercise which allowed the Companies to focus on low level lessons and skills. The fine weather allowed the Companies to focus on quality training and served as preparation for the demanding Exercise Typhoon, a Battalion Exercise in June which will see more paired activity with the Poachers.

