



Regimental Matters

Regimental Day

All members of our Regimental family are warmly invited to attend their Regimental Day at Duxford on Sunday 4 September 2016. We look forward to seeing you and your families for a family Regimental Day. The outline timings are below;

- 0930 hours Gates Open.
- 1100 hours Muster for Drumhead Service, please be seated by 1115 hours.
- 1120 hours Standards March On.
- 1130 hours Drumhead Service at Regimental Memorial.
- 1230 hours Bars and Stalls open. Picnic tables will have been set out for picnics.
- 1500 hours Beating Retreat at the Regimental Memorial.
- 1700 hours Bars and Stalls close.



It is regretted that the Regiment was not allocated a Marching band for this year's Regimental Day. Therefore the usual Beating of Retreat Ceremony is replaced by a simple Flag Lowering Ceremony at the Regimental Memorial; all members of the Regiment are warmly invited to attend. As usual, there will be no charge for your entry to the Regimental Day, however contributions towards the Royal Anglian Benevolent Fund will be gratefully received.

The Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Fund

There is no charge for your entry to the Regimental Day, which is funded by the Royal Anglian Benevolent Fund. It is estimated to cost in the region of £10 per person to put on this prestigious event. There will be an opportunity for the Regimental family to donate generously at various points throughout the event. All donations will be gratefully received. The Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Fund exists to provide financial assistance to the past and present members of our Regiment and it's forebear Regiments, their spouses and dependants, when they find themselves in need, hardship or distress. Further information will be available in the RHQ tent.

The Royal Anglian Regiment Museum

The Royal Anglian Regiment Museum is located in the Land Warfare Hall and has an additional display on the top spline commemorating Somme 100, and it is one to all. It also has a display set up within a marquee in the picnic area.

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Promotions

The Regiment congratulates the following Officers on their forthcoming promotions:

- Lt Col J A York to be Col Jun 2016
- Major P J Messenger to be Lt Col Jun 2016
- Major M S Woodeson to be Lt Col Jun 2016
- Lt O M Arnold to be Capt Dec 2015
- Lt A J Basey-Fisher to be Capt Mar 2016
- 2Lt J McCurley to be Lt Dec 2015
- 2Lt W G Pickering to be Lt Dec 2015
- 2Lt N T B Watkins to be Lt Dec 2015

Diary Dates

September 2016

- 3 Regimental Rugby Colchester
- 4 Regimental Day IWM Duxford
- 25 Laying up of the Regt Colour 1st Bn Norwich
- 29 Reburial of an Unknown Soldier - Leicestershire Regiment - France

October 2016

- 2 Chapel Sunday Warley
- 2 Stone Unveiling - 2Lt T Adlam VC - The Bedfordshire Regiment - Salisbury
- 15 4/5 Bn Leicester Regiment Officers Dinner

November 2016

- 4 Regt Council Meeting & Officers Club Dinner
- 6 Chapel Sunday Warley
- 10 Field of Remembrance - Westminster
- 13 Regimental Remembrance Service- IWM Duxford

1st Battalion (The Vikings)

Vikings Coastal Flooding Training

Vikings Soldiers sprang into action to practise how they would work alongside civil authorities to protect against the threat of coastal flooding, while training for its forthcoming role as UK Standby Battalion (UKSB).

Troops were alerted in the early hours to a fictional tidal surge threatening to flood parts of East Anglia, with civil authorities requesting assistance to bolster sea defences. Within hours, the unit had checked and loaded equipment and set off from its barracks in Woolwich, south London, to Shoeburyness, Essex.

On arrival, the soldiers worked with staff from Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and the Environment Agency to practise putting up a 200-metre demountable flood barrier in Gunners Park.

The snap deployment, called Exercise Proteus, was designed as a final confirmation of Viking readiness to take on the role of the (UKSB. The battalion will now be held at high readiness to support civilian authorities dealing with a natural disaster or major incident.

Captain Adam Peters, Officer Commanding A (Norfolk) Company I R ANGLIAN, said: "We were ordered to deploy with a minimum of warning to carry out a task that is totally new to us. We supplied the manpower, the Environment Agency supplied the flood barrier and their experts and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council planned and managed the whole task.

"It has been a great team effort and good practice in case our support is ever needed in the future".



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

Private Mitchell (Geordie) Bertram

The late Private Mitchell (Geordie) Bertram was 20 when he was killed by a roadside bomb near Crossmaglen in July 1986 he had been in the Army for two years and was on his second tour of Northern Ireland. It was a loss which his heartbroken mother Catherine never got over. Now almost 70, she wanted a permanent memorial to her son and Carl Davies, a second soldier killed in the attack.



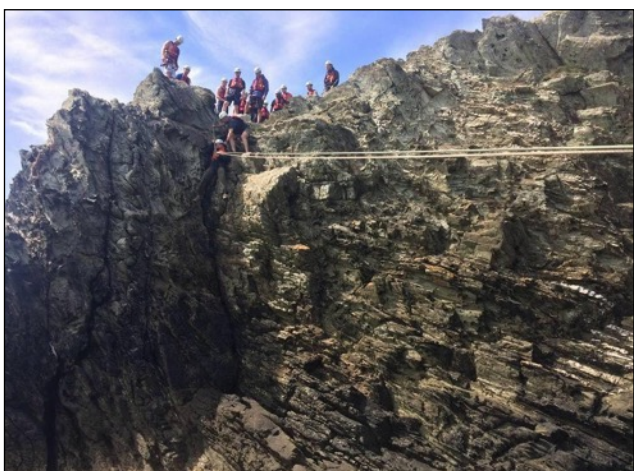
Unable to pay for it herself, Catherine launched an online campaign, and was stunned by the public's response. Family, friends and Mitchell's former comrades from the Poachers travelled to the unveiling in the Northumberland village to pay their respects. They included Kevin Clark and Danny Feve, who were caught up in the bomb.



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Exercise Tiger Adventure

2 and 4 Company, had an excellent Adventure Training weekend based in Anglesey. Sea Level Scrambling, basic rock climbing, cliff jumping and zip lining. A challenging but rewarding time was had by all.



Association News

10th Battalion The Essex Regiment

Descendants of the families of the late Privates Harry Carter and William Marmon - 10th Essex killed during WWI attended a briefing from staff of JCCC, CWGC and from DBS Media at Warley, after the briefing they visited the Regimental Chapel and viewed the 10th Essex Memorial window, Kings Colour and Roll of Honour. Archaeological by the La Boisselle Study Group discovered 2 sets of remains believed to belong to 2 soldiers of the 10th Battalion The Essex Regiment in 2013, they are believed to have died in an action at La Boisselle on 22nd November 1915. They are due to be buried this Autumn.

