



Regimental Matters

Veterans From the 1st Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment at the Ceremony at Norwich City Hall to Receive Legion d'Honneur.



And, as a mark of respect for the Regiment which liberated the French city of Blainville-sur-Orne more than 70 years ago, the city's mayor crossed the North Sea to present the Legion d'Honneur to the veterans. Bill Holden, Ken Mason, Victor Keech and David Johnson were presented with the medal in a moving ceremony at Norwich City Hall alongside the widow of their comrade Jim King.

The honour, an acknowledgement of extraordinary bravery and service in times of war, was created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802.

The men, who all took part in the Normandy campaign of the Second World War, continue to be a part of The Royal Norfolk Regiment D-Day Veteran's Association. The event, organised by the Association and hosted by the Lord Mayor of Norwich, was attended by families and friends as well as seven French dignitaries, the Sheriff of Norwich, the Norfolk High Sheriff and the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk.

Lord Mayor of Norwich, councillor Brenda Arthur, said: "I'm delighted to host this reception for our veterans, for their bravery and the contribution their actions have made to all our lives.

"I pay tribute to our veterans for fighting for our liberty, it's a debt we should never forget and we should always be grateful."

Royal Lincolnshire Regiment Veteran Presented With Legion d'Honneur by French President

On Saturday January 23rd 2016 a large group gathered at The Lighthouse in Spalding to witness a rare thing. Mr Thomas Fowler, who served with the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment during the War, was honoured by the French President for his contribution during the conflict.

The French Honorary Consul, Monsieur Lafontaine who travelled from Derby, made the presentation which saw Mr Fowler, aged 97, appointed to the rank of Chevalier in the Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur in recognition of his steadfast involvement in the Liberation of France.



Many members of the Association, as well as family and friends, mayors, councillors and the local MP were present at this special occasion at which Standards were paraded. The local media attention was significant with a photo shoot lasting some twenty minutes!

Afterwards everyone enjoyed a sumptuous buffet arranged by Mrs Janet Day, Branch Secretary, who with the Chairman, Ken Willows, were responsible for running a superb event. Our sincere thanks to them from all those present and RHQ for ensuring Tom Fowler was honoured in style.



Promotions Pink List 2016

The Regiment congratulates the following Officers on their selection for promotion to Lt Col:

- Maj B M Allen
- Maj P C Moxey MBE
- Maj A P Wolfe MBE

London Gazette Extracts January 2016

Retirements:

- Lt Col N D B Charlwood retires Oct 2015

SSC:

- OCdt B Humphreys to be 2Lt Dec 2015
- OCdt J A Mattin to be 2Lt Dec 2015

LS and GCM:

- Sgt S R Smit

VRSM:

- Cpl S B Woodward

Diary Dates

March 2016

6 Chapel Sunday Warley

April 2016

3 Chapel Sunday Warley

12 Freedom Parade Harpenden

13 Mobbs Memorial Rugby Match

14 Freedom Parade and 7th Bn Regt Colour

Lying Up Hemel Hempstead

22 Regt Golf Spring Meeting

1st Battalion (The Vikings)

Cinque Ports Training Area

C (Essex) Coy deployed to Cinque Ports Training Area to prepare for their upcoming deployment to the Falkland Islands.

The platoons were put through their paces training at first as individual sections, then through a gruelling platoon attack lane, and finally in true endex fashion, a dawn platoon attack.

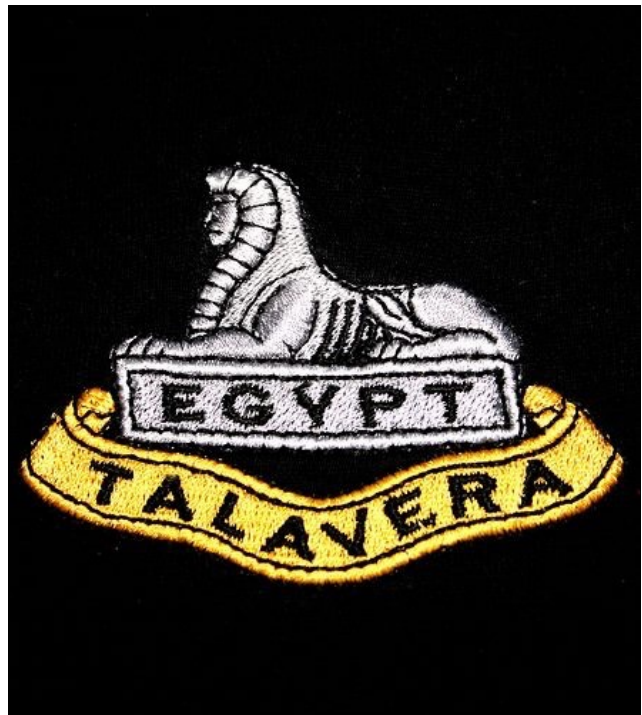
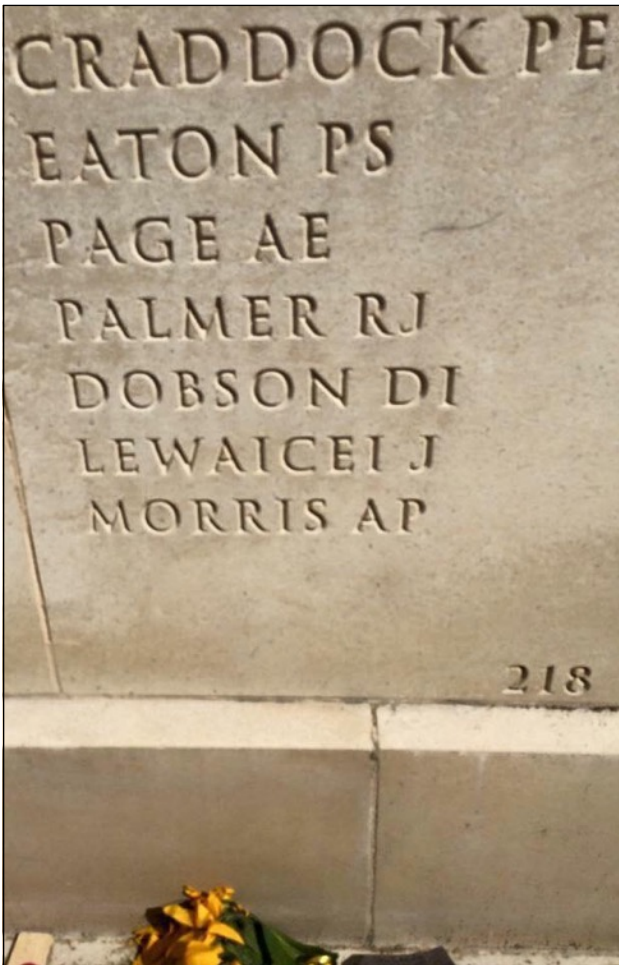
The soldiers of C (Essex) company also experienced some rather cold Kent countryside weather, reaching the lows of minus six throughout the night. All fine preparation for the harsh conditions they will find in Falklands next month.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

The Morris Lewaicei Memorial Boxing Night – Kendrew Barracks 18 Jun 16

The Memorial Boxing Night is in memory of all Royal Anglian soldiers who have fallen in the service of Queen and Country, but particularly Privates Joseva Lewaicei and Adam Morris of C Company, Second Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment, 'The Poachers'. They were the last members of the Battalion to be killed on operations when on Saturday 13 May 2006 their patrol was hit by a roadside bomb on the Qarmat Ali Bridge, Basra, Iraq. The Poachers' boxing team will take on 'all comers' in memory of our fallen brothers in arms.



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Steelbacks in STANTA

The 3rd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment deployed to STANTA to conduct an OBUA training weekend at Eastmere village. After a number of lessons Platoons went into an exercise phase involving a 2 way rotation where they took it in turns to play the role of attacker and defender in an urban environment. This was made all the more interesting by some friendly rivalry amongst the Platoon Commanders who came up with some very imaginative defensive measures!

The Officers', Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Messes have also just conducted a joint study day focusing on leadership. This is currently an important topic with the recent implementation of the 'Army Leadership Code.' The study day concluded with a joint messes Regimental Dinner Night celebrating the 'Great Siege of Gibraltar' which the Battalion wishes to take on as the Steelbacks' main Battle Honour.

