



## Regimental Matters

### PLEA FROM THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

As we approach our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and review the records of our Regimental Association, we find we have incomplete records. Every member and anyone who ever served with any of our Battalions, regular or reserve ACF and CCF officers and senior NCO's and Bereaved families are considered as members of the Regimental Association. There is no cost for membership and if we have an email address we can send out links to relevant info on the Regimental website.

We will be grateful if you and anyone you know could send these minimal records to the Records Officer at RHQ.

This information is held in RHQ and under no circumstances would be given out to any third party. The relevant information required for anyone who would like to join the Association:

Name  
Regimental Number  
Battalion  
Years served  
Address  
Email address

The Regiment warmly congratulates the following on their forthcoming promotions;

To Lt Col  
Maj G B Foden  
Maj M A Nicholas

To WO2  
CSgt M James  
CSgt T R Fawcett  
CSgt P M Kearney  
CSgt M J Seymour

A Memorial Service for the late Lt Col (Retd) Peter Raven will be held on Thursday 27th March at 1130 at All Saints Church, Stanton, Suffolk to be followed by refreshments in the village. Peter Raven served with 1st Royal Norfolk in Korea and Cyprus, with 1st EAR/R ANGLIAN in BAOR and Berlin; with 1 R ANGLIAN in British Guiana and on secondment to The Sultan of Oman's Armed Forces. After leaving the Army he worked in a senior capacity in the Region's Army Cadet Force.

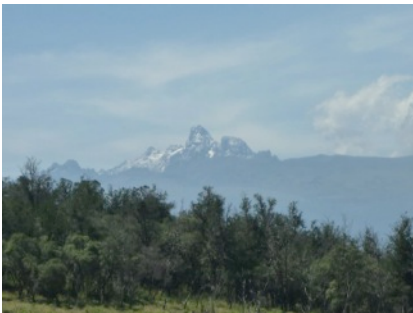
It is with great sadness that Neil and Monika Richardson announce the passing of their beloved daughter Jacqueline who died on Saturday the 11th January 2014 at home aged 37. Jacqueline died after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Letters/cards of condolence can be sent to Neil and Monika C/O 7 Crabtree Fold Runcorn Cheshire WA7 6UD. Our thoughts are with Neil and Monika at this sad time.

Role	Battalion	Outgoing	Regiment	Incoming
OC B COY	1 R ANGLIAN - Bulford	MAJ WILSON 552521	RRF	MAJ MEDDINGS 558766
OC SP COY	1 R ANGLIAN - Bulford	MAJ MELIA 550739	R ANGLIAN	MAJ RIDGWAY 557543
OC A COY	2 R ANGLIAN - Cottesmore	MAJ MACLAY 554166	R ANGLIAN	MAJ FALCONER 557432

# 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (The Vikings)



The Vikings continue their arduous training in Kenya on Ex ASKARI THUNDER 5



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (The Poachers)



For the Poachers in Afghanistan, the start of 2014 signaled the beginning of the end of their tour. However, for many of those in the UK it was cause for excitement with their imminent deployment. The Battalion will remain flexible with possible future tasks and finalised end of tour dates. We are confident the majority of soldiers will have deployed in some form by the end of Op HERRICK 19.

### **A (Lincolnshire) Company (MOB LKG)**

After recovering from the celebrations of Christmas and New Year, attentions have been focussed towards closing down MOB LKG. The Company still patrols and conducts guard, but it is set against a backdrop of a rapidly changing environment within the MOB.

We have had the first movements of the churn, which sees members of Recce PI and C Company arrive as some of A Company depart.

At the time of writing, those in the MOB still enjoy such pleasantries as fresh food, hot water and comfortable beds. With the close down imminent, these luxuries are all due to be removed very shortly. Packages and letters will become more in demand than ever.

### **B (Leicestershire) Company (OCCP)**

January has flown by at the OCCP. Some of the original team have rotated back to the UK having completed a 4 month tour. We said goodbye to Cpl England and would like to congratulate him on his promotion although he did not get to celebrate with a cold beer and had to make do with Afghan tea!

We also said goodbye to Lt James Harrison (3 MERCIAN) who was one of the watchkeepers in the OCCP. We have been joined by Cpl Chapman and Pte Hooper who have settled into their new surroundings.

As to the rest of us, every day remains completely different with new challenges and issues to overcome.

### **C (Northamptonshire) Company**

The main aim for C Company during January has been maintaining the edge developed during MST. Our training has focused on existing skills (e.g. marksmanship) rather than introducing any new concepts. We have upped the number of Team Medic Cadres and hope to have 100% of the Company qualified by the time we deploy. PT has also been at the forefront of our training programme.

By the time this update is published we will have deployed a number of soldiers to MOB Lashkar Gah. We wish them good luck and look forward to meeting them when the remainder of the Company deploys.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion (The Steelbacks)



January saw the first exercise conducted under the Battalion's training programme, specifically geared towards preparing for A-FORM. This year the Battalion will progress through Combined Training, including a Support Weapons Cadre and Live Firing Exercise in Wales, to culminate with joint exercises with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion from October 2014.

Ex STEELBACK DAWN was based around fire team and section level tactics and individual skills aimed to provide the rock solid foundation for future training and integration. This was HQ Company's first opportunity to start training its new Rifle Platoon (which will eventually become a Javelin anti-tank platoon), and B and C Company trained as a merged, formed body as No 2 Company.

January also saw Future Reserve 2020 implementation changes as the Rifle Companies realigned and renamed, most notably with the agreed closure of Northampton and Grimsby outstations and the amalgamation of Lincoln and Leicester Army Reserve Centres as 2 Company. Revised Company nomenclature has been approved by PS12(A) as follows:

- A Company is now **1 (Norfolk and Suffolk) Company**
- B & C Companies have merged and are now **2 (Leicestershire and Lincolnshire) Company**
- E Company is now **3 (Essex and Hertfordshire) Company**
- HQ Company remains **HQ (Suffolk and Cambridgeshire) Company**