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Presentation of Elizabeth Cross

RHQ hosted Mrs. Jean Brennard, along with 6 members of her family. The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, The Lord Tollemarche presented the Elizabeth Cross. Private Derek Wilson was killed while serving with the Suffolk Regiment in Malaya.

Maj Bill O'Driscoll organized a memorable day, which included Brig Calder, president of the Suffolk Regiment and old comrades, including some who had served with Derek Wilson

Royal Anglians in the News

[Poppy appeal launched at Lincolnshire Aviation Centre](http://www.granthamjournal.co.uk/news/local/poppy-appeal-launched-at-lincolnshire-aviation-centre-1-5630361)

<http://www.granthamjournal.co.uk/news/local/poppy-appeal-launched-at-lincolnshire-aviation-centre-1-5630361>

[Calls to help former Royal Anglian soldier](http://www.eveningnews24.co.uk/news/calls_to_help_former_royal_anglian_soldier_1_2909199)

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[Capt Nick Barron opens the annual poppy appeal ceremony](http://www.thisislincolnshire.co.uk/Jane-helps-Lincolnshire-Poppy-Appeal-launch/story-20006380-detail/story.html#axzz2jrVSQjAV)

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[Soldiers to train Afghan police from new base](http://www.itv.com/news/central/update/2013-11-03/soldiers-to-train-afghan-police-from-new-base/)

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[2nd Battalion move into MoB Lashkar-Gah](http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/Afghanistan-mission-2nd-Battalion-Royal-Anglian/story-20033539-detail/story.html)

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A big thank you to Jan Hawkins, one of the Regiment's most stalwart supporters, who again raised money, this time with the All The 4s Big Drop, including the magnificent single donation of £5000 from the Red Socks Charity.



Diary Dates

- 17 Nov – Beds & Herts Association Remembrance and Reunion
- 24 Nov – Royal Norfolk Regiment Branch Lunch, TA Centre, Norwich
- 28 Nov – Regimental Selection Board RMA Sandhurst
- 1 Dec – Chapel Sunday, Warley
- 6 Dec – Royal Tigers' Association Reunion, Braunstone WMC

1st Battalion (The Vikings)



The Commanding Officer would like to congratulate the VIKINGS Boxing Team for an outstanding performance at the 43 WESSEX Brigade Boxing Competition.

This competition was held at the Aliwal Gymnasium in Tidworth Garrison over an intense three day period, which saw the VIKING boxers participate in 29 fights. The first day's draw saw 14 VIKING boxers competing, and resulted in 14 wins. The second day saw 5 bouts; the VIKINGS again, won all 5.



The final which was held on Wednesday evening had 10 VIKINGS boxing in all 10 male weight categories. After some closely contested bouts the VIKINGS won 5 of the 10 finals.

It should be noted that for 8 of the preliminary bouts, VIKINGS fought against VIKINGS, and in the final, the Featherweight bout was an all VIKING bout, testament to the strength in depth and standard of the Battalion team.

As a result of this performance, the VIKINGS are now officially the 43 WESSEX Brigade Boxing Champions 2013.

2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

October has seen A Company deploy and on completion of RSOI assume command of the Force Protection for MOB Lashkar Gah. They join other elements of the Battalion who are already deployed to other locations including the Lashkar Gah Training Centre, Operational Coordination Centre Provincial and Kabul. In the UK C Company continues to prepare for future tasks whilst the ROG has focused on managing the deployment of personnel.



A Company in their own words:

Pte Leach: "In Bastion we completed Reception, Staging and Onward Integration Training. Even though I had just completed the MST some of the drills had already changed so it was a useful phase."

Lt Smith: "The MOB is comfortable, the food is excellent and the facilities far surpass everything that I expected. There is a good gym and volleyball court to keep us entertained when we have a period of respite between patrols and guard shifts."

Cpl Ward: "I was fortunate enough to be involved in the very first patrol. We went into the District Centre in Foxhounds. It was fascinating to get out into the streets and a lot busier than I was expecting."

Lt Marsden: "We have been rehearsing our response to a number of different incidents to ensure we are well prepared. In the first few days at the MOB it has been fairly quiet. However, it feels quite surreal that we are defending against a real enemy instead of being on exercise on Salisbury Plain."



OCCP (B Company) in their own words:

Cpl Stocks: "This tour is a world apart from any other tour I have served on. Living within an Afghan Police Headquarters with a small tight-knit team has its challenges but is easily one of the most interesting locations to be based."



10 Platoon (Kabul) in their own words:

Pte Brereton "The Kabul Support Unit ran a 'Kabul's Fittest Man' competition. This tri-service event consisted of 14 events over 8 hours. It started with a run, followed by a bike ride, row, tyre drags, body weight exercises and pulling a Toyota Hilux truck. I came 8th overall, which I was pretty happy with."

LCpl Sunman "I was promoted to LCpl whilst on tour. I have been working hard to understand the bigger picture as I'm now taking on more responsibilities. It is a much more demanding job than I have previously experienced."



Lashkar Gah Training Centre (D Company) in their own words:

Capt Roden: "We will be the last to ISAF soldiers to mentor in this location. There is a high quality of tuition delivered by the Afghans instructors."

Lt Snoddon: "During Eid al Adha we were able to use the respite to focus on our own skills and drills. We've spent a lot of time on the pistol range conducting close quarters marksmanship shoots."

3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)



The Battalion also invited Army Cadet Forces from around East Anglia to attend Ex ANGLIAN CADET; a look at life weekend, sponsored by E (Essex) Company, involving a number of stands and military skills.

The BHQ Team also enjoyed a Battlefield Study in Normandy, following the post D-Day Campaign of 49 Division, the predecessor to 49(E) Brigade. The picture (right) shows the new Training Major, Paul Muncey.

The Battalion would like to congratulate the Cambrian Patrol Team for it's success at completing the Exercise and being awarded a Silver medal.

The Team led by 2Lt David Morgan started training in Croatia during the Battalion ADX. Instructed by WO2 Browning from the 1st Battalion the team came together and prepared for the challenge learning patrol skills, first aid, mine and IED awareness and improving their fitness to a high standard ready for the demanding 48hr exercise in Mid Wales and Sennybridge training area.

In a year with a record number of Regular units participating and with limited additional training, the team can be proud of their determination, effort and end result.

