



Royal Anglian News

July 2017

Regimental Matters

Senior Appointments and Promotion

The Regiment congratulates Col D S J Biddick MBE MC on his forthcoming promotion to Brigadier in 2018 and on his appointment as Comd 20 Armd Bde in Jul 18.

Col R F L Lynne has been selected to attend RCDS in Sep 17.

Diary Dates

August 2017

- 2 Chapel Sunday - Warley
- 6 Talavera Day Celebration- Kendrew Bks
- 16 Cambs Assoc Reunion - Ely
- 22 Salamanca Day
- 27 Talavera Day
- 30 Royal Anglian Regt Assoc Minden Day - Bury St Edmunds
- 31 Hertfordshire Regiment WWI Memorial Unveiling - France

September 2017

- 1 Royal Anglian Regt Foundation Day
- 2 Regt Rugby Match - Corby
- 3 Regt Day - IWM Duxford
- 9 Naming of the Royla Norfolk Regt Locomotive - Sherrington
- 20 Regt Trustees Meeting - RHQ
- 21 Regt Heritage Steering Committee Meeting - Norwich

1st Battalion (The Vikings)

Ex Wessex Storm

The Vikings have just finished the tactical phase of Ex Wessex Storm and their performance was excellent throughout. The final Battlegroup attack was wrapped up in 3hrs 30 mins; a really exceptional performance. There is a small way to go now cleaning up the training area but the Vikings will soon be home ready to enjoy some well deserved leave.



Royal Anglian Regimental Association (Cambridgeshire) and Cambridgeshire Regiment Annual Reunion

The mark of professionalism is to move seamlessly from one thing to another. D (Cambridgeshire) Company moved from a successful exercise in the field to flawlessly executed drill with only a few days notice. Today marked the annual reunion of the Royal Anglian Regimental Association in Cambridgeshire. The Battalion Colours were present and the Dean of Ely Cathedral the Revd Mark Bonney led the drum head service. Mr Freddie Grounds MBE and OC D Coy laid wreaths in memorial and Mrs Julie Spence (former Chief of Cambridgeshire Police) conducted an inspection of the company.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

Talavera Day

Soldiers from the The Poachers conducted their final parade at Kendrew Barracks before they deploy to Cyprus in the autumn. The Poachers were born out of the Northamptonshire Regiment who fought the Battle of Talavera in July 1809 and this was commemorated on Talavera Day, the Colonel of the Regiment inspected the parade. .



Commanding Officer's PT

Soldiers from The Poachers underwent assault course training on Thursday for Commanding Officer's PT. Demanding fitness, teamwork and leadership, assault courses are a great way to maintain our basic infantry skills and a classic part of Army life.



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Grimsby Open Day

MP for Grimsby, Melanie Onn and MP for Cleethorpes, Martin Vickers showing their interest, physical skill and support for 4 Coy, the Bn and Regiment



Great War Cenotaph at the Victoria Falls Zambia

Lieutenant Herbert Gough Davis Norfolk Regiment

On 1st August 1923, HRH Prince Arthur of Connaught unveiled the Cenotaph at the Eastern Cataract of The Victoria Falls near Livingstone to commemorate those from all races from Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) who died in the service during World War One. Livingstone was at the time the capital of the British Protectorate.

You will see from the map that it is situated at a major tourist attraction, and is viewed each day by many from all over the world.



The main dedication reads: "IN MEMORY OF NORTHERN RHODESIANS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THE EMPIRE IN THE GREAT WAR 1914 – 1918"

This Cenotaph, like many early Great War memorials,

was funded by private subscription with the British South Africa Company being a major donor. It therefore falls outside the responsibility of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.



The memorial bears the names of seventy-five Europeans who gave their lives in all theatres of the War together with their service or regiment,



including Lieutenant Herbert Gough Davis of the Norfolk Regiment. The work to restore and maintain the memorial is being led by Brigadier David Williams (late RTR), a friend of the Regiment and onetime Chief of Staff to Maj Gen Sir David Thorne. Major General Patrick Stone is a patron. Those Regiments whose fallen veterans are recorded on the Cenotaph have been politely requested to consider making a modest donation, and members of the Regimental family may like to know that their Regiment has made a donation.

JIB SHORNECLIFFE REUNION

15 - 17 September 2107 JIB Reunion

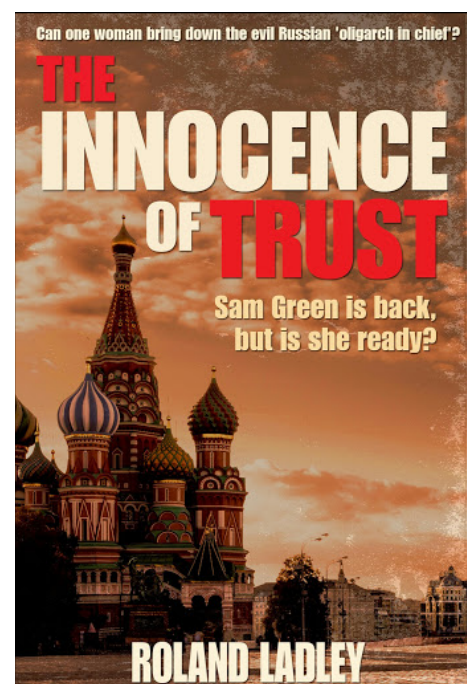
Veterans who did their Junior Training at JIB/IJLB Shorncliffe may be interested in this reunion. Further details are available from the organiser: Maj (Retd) Pat Ralph MM, Area Headquarters (North) | The Yorkshire Regiment | Trinity Church Square | Richmond | DL10 4QN INFHQ-KINGS-YORKS-Rmond-C2@mod.uk; Civ: 01748822133 Fax: 01748821924 Mob: 07970014044

Literary News

Roland Ladley, who served in all three Battalions, has just published his third novel, *The Innocence of Trust*. It's the 3rd in the Sam Green spy thriller series, but can be read out of sequence. You can order it here: [Innocence of Trust](#). Roland left the Army in 2006, after 25 years, to become a maths teacher. Eight years later he embarked on his third career, and now has three published novels. We wish him well!

Sam Green's been promoted. She's now working out of Moscow as an SIS 'case officer' and hates it. She loathes her boss, feels out-of-place among SIS's elite and loses her only Russian informant to a bomb that also had her name on it.

On the verge of jacking it all in, Sam promises a beautiful stranger that she will find her boyfriend's murderer. That promise propels her into a web of top-level industrial crime and savage international terrorism. With reliable friends and colleagues in very short supply, Sam starts something she cannot stop. And this time, she's going to need more than an expert analyst's eye and a complete disregard for her own safety to prevent the most lethal terror plot since 9/11.



In praise of the Sam Green Series

'I feel we have a new author who will make Fleming and Le Carre shift uneasily; Roland Ladley has mastered the art of blending convincing narrative and engaging characters into a read that satisfies and leaves you wanting another dose.'

'Unique, compelling, surprising.'

'Sam Green is an intriguing and relatable protagonist and her portrayal as the female lead is refreshingly different from anything I've encountered to date.'

'I have been converted to a raging Sam Green fan!'

Museum News

My Work Experience at the Royal Anglian Regiment Museum, Duxford – 10 - 11 July 2017

I am a Lance Corporal with the Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force (3rd Company 'Ironside') and I spent two days of my work experience in the Royal Anglian Regimental Museum at IWM Duxford with Joe, the Curator. I wanted to learn about the Poachers because this is what my detachment group is called. Firstly, why is the 2nd Battalion called The Poachers? The name of the Poachers goes back to the First World War and incorporates the Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Rutland, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire regiments and the battalion is nicknamed after the song called The Lincolnshire Poacher.

A group of about 15 cadets were visiting the museum from Bermuda. There is a historical connection that goes back to WWI linking the Poachers with a Bermudan Volunteer Force who fought alongside the Lincolnshire Regiment on the Western Front .

There were some good stories about the Poachers . There was a watch on display that had been worn by a Royal Anglian in the 2nd Iraq War that had stopped the moment that Iraqi artillery started hitting the Palace in Basra. The watch had stopped at 12.58. It was awesome but a bit alarming as well!

Here is a picture of it and you can see the watch stuck at just before 1 pm.

There was also a shell that had landed at Basra Palace but it was a dud . It was detonated in a controlled explosion and the soldiers brought back some shrapnel from it as a war trophy.

In the cabinet in the office there was also a collection of deactivated weapons. Amongst them there was a Belgian made FAL 308 rifle but this was probably not a military version because there was no bayonet lug (editor, well spotted Matthew). They also had an ArmaLite AR180 chambered in 5.56mm and 2 captured Taliban RPGs, a Beretta 9mm compact pistol and a Smith & Wesson revolver. I loved looking at those.

I also noticed that there seemed to be a lot of sportsmen who had played for the army from the Poachers.

Thanks Joe for a great couple of days!!

Matthew Parker – aged 15, Cottenham Village College



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