



Royal Anglian News

June 2018

Regimental Matters

Senior Appointments and Promotion

The Regiment congratulates Col O C C Brown on his forthcoming promotion to Brigadier in 2019 and on his appointment as Comd 4 Inf Bde in Jun 2019.

London Gazette Extracts - May 2018

SSC

- OCdt M J N Andrews to be 2Lt Apr 18
- OCdt G R Liddington to be 2Lt Apr 18
- OCdt C Thompson to be 2Lt Apr 18
- OCdt J B Wright to be 2Lt Apr 18

Diary Dates

2018

July

- 1 Chapel Sunday - Warley
- 1 Royal Anglian Regt Association (Essex) Re-union - Warley
- 8 Regt Cricket Match- Fenners
- 13 Regt Reception - Euston Hall
- 21 Eagle and Garter Dinner Club Dinner
- 22 Salamanca Day
- 27 Talavera Day
- 29 Royal Anglian Regt Association (Suffolk) Minday Day - Bury St Edmunds

August

- 1 Minden Day
- 5 Chapel Sunday - Warley
- 12 Blenheim Day
- 29 Regt Marketing and Branding Meeting

1st Battalion (The Vikings)

Rece Platoon Cadre

The Rece Platoon recently finished their cadre in Thetford, working with the newly formed 3 R Anglian Rece Platoon. After a few weeks of hard work they're ready for the final phase in Salisbury Plain, a week long ISTAR Group exercise with the rest of Support Coy. Special thanks to 662 Sqn, 3 Regiment AAC for supporting us throughout the exercise.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

Poachers Mark Talavera Day



The Talavera Day celebrations are a source of pride to the battalion, commemorating victory over the French in a battle near Madrid in the Peninsular Wars in 1809. Almost 400 men and women marched onto the parade square of Alexander Barracks, part of the sprawling Dhekelia Station overlooking the Mediterranean.

Hundreds of children from the base's primary school joined watching families as the battalion paraded in perfect formation in the 27-degree heat of the morning sun, the high temperature failing to deter the precision drill on display.

VIP guest, the British High Commissioner to Cyprus, Stephen Lillie, said: "It's a day which I know is special in the history of the regiment. It's great to be here for a fantastic display of tradition and history of the regiment and I am honoured to take the salute.

"The Poachers are an excellent military regiment which also has a real family atmosphere." The event was well publicised on local county media, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook



British High Commissioner to Cyprus Stephen Lillie inspects troops of the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Anglian Regiment (The Poachers) as they celebrate Talavera Day with a parade at Alexandra Barracks, Dhekelia, Cyprus. (Image: SAC Phil Dye (RAF))

3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Steelback Recce Platoon

The newly formed Steelback Recce Platoon on exercise with the Vikings during the Recce Platoon Cadre.



A Steelback provides cover for his Viking battle partner during the exercise phase.



Lt Macintosh and LCpl Dacascos (Steelbacks) breaking contact on the live fire phase of the Cadre.

Steelbacks at the Suffolk Show

Day one of the Suffolk show for the Steelbacks, enjoying the sun.



Royal Hospital Chelsea Founder's Day

Founder's Day

Founder's Day is the highlight of the Royal Hospital Chelsea's calendar, an event attended by all Chelsea Pensioners, which celebrates the founding of the Royal Hospital by King Charles II.

The event has taken place almost every year since the founding of the Royal Hospital in 1681.



Poacher Veterans Summer Ball

Ex-Poacher Mr David Gardiner was responsible for promoting and organising the first Poacher Veterans Summer ball, held on 16th June 2018, at the Eden Centre, Kettering, Northamptonshire with 240 attendees. The guest speaker was Colonel Richard Kemp and the Corp of Drums of the Essex ACF played at the event. Dave spent a year in planning this event, securing local business sponsorship so that the event

would go ahead even if numbers were down, which they were not. There has been a great deal of social media feedback on how wonderful this event was, with many already signing up for next year's event. It is credit to David's organisation and determination in making this event the obvious success it was that ensuring the evening was enjoyed by all that attended.

Next year's event will be held 15th June 2019, at the Aviator Hotel, Sywell, Northamptonshire with a capacity of 500. Dress code is Dinner Suits and Ball Gowns.



Colonel Richard (left) and Mr Dave Gardiner the promoter and organiser.



The venue for 2019.



Poachers Summer Ball group.

Walking With The Wounded in the USA

Jonny Burns, who served with the Royal Anglian Regiment for 8 years, leads the way off the sand at Dockweiler State Beach in El Segundo and on towards the USS Iowa on Saturday, 2 June 2018. Seven wounded veterans (seven began the journey, but only six will walk the whole distance) from the United Kingdom and the United States set off on a 1,000 mile walk across the U.S. to raise money and awareness for mental health issues for veterans. Walking With The Wounded will split the money raised between the



two countries. The group of walkers and their support team will hopscotch across the country on their 1,000-mile trek and finish in New York City on September 6. The group plans to put in 18-20 miles per day on the journey.

Museum News

The air show went well, since the Imperial War Museum does not offer any handling weapons we were very popular in the Land Warfare Hall, it was also a good chance to explain to people who we are and what we do. The talks and tours which we had initially decided to do at different times worked better as impromptu talks with visitors. We had a de-brief each day and full debrief notes on the day are available if anyone would like them.

Going forward we are going to concentrate our next big effort on the Autumn air show which is themed around RAF 100, so there are plans to add to the day with more crafts, but also use the antecedent regiments to tell stories of their service in the army and transition to the RAF and really link in to the Imperial War Museum's offer for the air show.

This month I had the pleasure of meeting the Malayan veterans, who came to lay a wreath on the memorial. They are keen to do some open days here with us, which is something to think about in the future. Volunteers that used to help with air shows were back to help out for this one, and are keen to come back and volunteer for these types of events doing crafts.



As I am working my way through a cohesive cadet

programme to offer to cadet groups, I also have been doing a lot of reading on operational tours so that I can offer tours of the galleries if needed. This month I had offered a tour as a cadet raffle prize and Jimmy and I did the tour this month.

The gallery redevelopment is coming to fruition. Both the handling table, dress up and the last case are done, and after a few more small tasks are done we can then get the boards for the spine re-done as well as the signage for the museum.

Furthermore the conservator from the IWM and I have agreed upon a couple of days quarterly to get into the cases with some help from the IWM to do any work within the cases we need. This will start with a good clean but we could use it to plan small changes in the cases from the reserve collection or add larger captions to the exhibitions in situ.

After the last conference call had to be postponed, we have now picked a date for the end of June to hopefully wrap up most of the content. I have now exported parts of MODES to see if it will display on the website, and got all of the trustees pictures for their short biography except for one.

Celebrity Cricket

Cambridge War & Peace 1914-18 Celebrity Cricket Match – Saturday 8 July 2018

A Celebrity Cricket Match will be held on Sunday 8th July 2018 at Fenner’s Cricket Ground (Cambridge

University Cricket Ground) between a President’s XI and a Royal Anglian Regiment XI. The Match is part of the Cambridge War & Peace 1914-18 commemorative events. The match will start at midday and will have a commentary by the legendary Henry Blofeld. The Guest of Honour will be Majid Khan, former Cambridge and Pakistan Cricket Captain. All funds raised will go to The Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Charity which supports the needs of serving and former soldiers, their families, dependents and the bereaved of The Royal Anglian Regiment and Precursor Regiments who are in need, hardship or distress.

Tickets for this great event have just gone on sale through the Cambridge Live box office.

<https://www.cambridgelivetrust.co.uk/tickets//events/>

[charity/-cricket-match-orchestrated-henry-blofeld-my-dear-old-thing](https://www.cambridgelivetrust.co.uk/tickets//events/charity/-cricket-match-orchestrated-henry-blofeld-my-dear-old-thing)



Vanessa Burkitt who is kindly facilitating the match has set up a concession price for tickets for veterans as well as serving soldiers and the concessions are also for family members, too.

Tickets are £12. Please contact Vanessa in order to get concessionary tickets; vanessa.burkitt@gmail.com.

Big Battlefield Bike Ride

From Tim Wilkes

Dear Regimental friend,

Back in 2008 my fellow Viking Julian Pollard and I rode in the very first Help for Heroes Big Battlefield Bike Ride (BBBR), cycling some 350 miles in six days, visiting a number of WWI and WWII battlefields and cemeteries. It was a fantastic experience and we raised over £15,000 between us.

Last year Julian and I began to speculate if we could do it all again ten years on. Sadly, Julian died suddenly last summer. However, Julian's wife Sandy and I hatched a plan to ride the BBBR 2018 in Julian's memory. We persuaded our friend Nick Hyde to join us. The Three Mustardeers were formed!

On 10 June we shall spend the week cycling 350 miles through northern France and Belgium, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ending of WWI. We have already hit our self-imposed fundraising target of £12,000 for Help for Heroes, a charity that has achieved so very much in its first decade. We now ask if you would kindly help us to achieve more for this amazing organisation.

Julian and I served in the Royal Anglian Regiment during the 1970s, 80s & 90s. The Regiment saw a great deal of action in Iraq and Afghanistan over the last ten years, suffering many casualties. Help for Heroes has assisted many of our injured comrades and provides ongoing care. The need for funding continues, despite the peace we currently value.

Please forgive the round robin and somewhat impersonal nature of this message. Please help us to raise the funds that help our comrades and many other veterans and serving professionals. We'd really appreciate it as we cycle through those battlefields. You can donate, simply and swiftly, at

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thefourmustardeers>

or you can send me a cheque to the address below or make a bank transfer payment to A/C No 00501968 Sort Code 11-05-05

156 Godfrey Way, Dunmow, Essex CM6 2SQ United Kingdom

Thank you, Tim, Sandy and Nick.



Reserve Assignments Opportunity List

The Reserve Assignments Opportunity List is shown below, please follow this link:

<https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/the-army-reserve/full-time-reserve-service-job-opportunities>

to the FTRS page on the Army internet site. The jobs list can be found at the bottom of the page. Some examples of which are annotated below:

Post Ref Number	Location	Rank	Employing Unit	Post
1503033	UK	Musn	HQ Army Music	Musician
1603066	Cyprus, UK	Pte - Cpl	Queens	Inf Sldr
1604039	Rutland	Capt-Maj	MWD Sqn	Veterinary Officer
1611033	Colchester	Capt	RRU Colchester	2IC Physio
1611039	BSE	Capt	RRU Honington	2IC Physio
1805048	RAF Henlow	Maj	JACIG	SO2 Ops & Trg

Regimental Bulletins

This month RHQ has sent the Regimental family 8 Regimental bulletins, which will also be available on the Regimental Website:

- Bulletin - 47/18 Death of Mrs Louise Hamilton
- Bulletin - 48/18 Death of Maj John Tyzack MBE
- Bulletin - 49/18 Death of Maj Stan Bullock MBE
- Bulletin - 50/18 May Royal Anglian News
- Bulletin - 51/18 Wavell Talks
- Bulletin - 52/18 Eagle and Garter Dinner Club
- Bulletin - 53/18 Death of Maj Ray Pond
- Bulletin - 54/18 Special Order of the Day - Royal Tigers' Day

Regimental Rugby

Royal Anglian Regiment Rugby, formed by the late Major Julian Pollard in 1990 will play their 27th fixture on 1st September 2018 at 1245 hours vs Rochford Hundreds RFC in Southend Essex. Before the match, the Regimental Roll of honour will be read by Lt Colonel Danny Mackness. The crowd (we usually bring our own drinking group of around 75-100) will be entertained at the half by the Essex Corps of Drums. Post match, a raffle will take place as we attempt to break our £1000 record raising money for the Regimental Benevolent Fund. Caps marking player milestones will be presented by Maj Gen Tony Pollard. Players (rolling subs) are most welcome as are supporters of the Regiment to join our touch line deployment group. The TDG are similar to Cricket's barmy Army so be prepared. For more information join the FB page Royal Anglian Regimental Rugby Southend

Eagle and Garter Dinner 21 July 2018

The 26th Annual Salamanca Dinner will take place at the Marks Tey Hotel, Colchester on Saturday 21st July 2018. Serving and retired Officers and SNCO's of the the old 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment (Pompadors) are welcome to attend. Please contact Bob Potter on bobandkathleen@hotmail.com .

Subscription to the Regimental Association

Updated May 18.

All retired members of the Regiment are encouraged to become subscribing members of the the Regimental Association.

The cost of subscription is:

- Officers - £25
- Soldiers - £20

Benefits in doing so are:

Benefits	Officers	Soldiers	Remarks
An association Membership Card	😊	😊	Entry to all Regt Events.
Copy of the Castle Magazine	😊	😊	Entry to all Regt Events.
Receive Monthly Newsletter.	😊	😊	Entry to all Regt Events.
Receive Regimental Bulletins	😊	😊	Entry to all Regt Events.
Small donation to Benevolence	😊	😊	
Membership of the Officers Club	😊		

Regimental Association

Tick

I wish to subscribe to the Regimental Association with all benefits above.

In doing so you agree to your information being held, which will not be passed on to a third party without your permission, and will only be used for Regimental matters. Please:

- Complete and return the membership information form.
- Please instruct your bank to provide a Standing Order for the required amount payable on the **1st day of next month and thereon each year after. On receipt of your first payment your association card will be dispatched.**

Association Bank details:

Bank: **Barclays.**

Account No: **30657336.**

Sort Code: **20 16 12.**

Reference as follows: **Surname, Ints, Last four of Regiment No. (i.e. Bonnalack KR 1234)**

Regimental Bulletins. Gives information on Regimental matters, announcements, newsletters, notification of deaths, job opportunities and significant Regimental business.

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I wish to receive Castle Magazine. by post.

Surname Name:		Forename(s):		
Known As:		Rank on Discharge:		
Date of Birth:		Place of Birth:		
Date of Enlistment:		Place of Enlistment:		
Into which Bn:		Regimental No:		
Date Discharged:		Decorations:		
Operational Tours:				
Address:				
Email:				
Tel Home:		Mobile No:		
Date	Date	Location	Rank	Appointment - Remarks

English Channel Swim

English Channel Swim to Raise Money for The Royal Anglian Benevolent Fund

The Poachers are swimming the English Channel to raise money for the Royal Anglian Benevolent Fund, which continues to benefit serving and retired soldiers who are in need, distress or hardship;

from those who have been wounded on operations to those who have suffered a bereavement at home.

At the end of July, seven members of the Battalion will swim in a relay from England to France (21 miles), through the busiest shipping lane in the world whilst fighting the tide and the waves in the cold water. It should take us around 20 hours, depending on the weather conditions and the tide. The members of the team are:

CSgt Douglas Bergh, Sgt Pete Stocks, Cpl Callum Condon, Pte Elliot Rathbone, Pte Pete Arnold, Pte Aiden Ramscar-Fabing and Capt Chris West – who has created a Just Giving Page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/poachers-swim>.

