



# Royal Anglian News

January 2019

## Regimental Matters

### London Gazette Extracts December 2018

#### 2nd Clasp to LSGCM

Capt N S Reeder

#### LSGCM

Cpl M L Njie

#### VRSM

CSgt M A G Hope

#### Appointments

The Regiment congratulates Maj H Willis on his selection to attend the United States Command and General Staff College course.

## Diary Dates

2019

### February

3 Chapel Sunday - Warley

10 Sobroan Day

22 POP ITC Catterick

### March

3 Chapel Sunday - Warley

13 Beds and Herts County Meeting

13 Regt Museum Trustees Meeting IWM

20 County Colonels Meeting RHQ

# 1st Battalion (The Vikings)

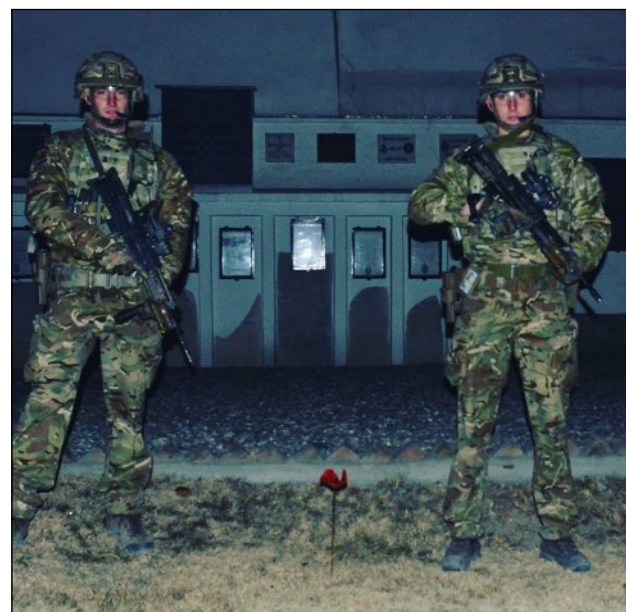
## D (Cambridgeshire) Company

D (Cambridge) Company in Qargha, Kabul, enjoy the snow on Op TORAL 7. Work continues as normal, no snow days here...Half way there!



## British Cemetery and Memorial

The Vikings 'Gold Team', the multiple assigned to Commander Kabul Security Force, visited the British Cemetery and Memorial, located in the centre of Kabul.





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# 2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

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## Regional Standby Battalion Training

The Poachers continued drumbeat of range activity and battle craft syllabus as part of continued readiness of the Regional Standby Battalion - a regionally located and acclimatised Infantry Battalion held at extremely high readiness for operations across the Middle East and North Africa region.



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# 3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

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## 2 Company Urban Training

Exercise DAWN saw the troops of 2 Company, joined by 4 and 5 Company taking part a round robin of Urban drills, including casualty evacuation, building entry and building clearance. After a short period of instruction, orders were delivered on Saturday night to prepare the troops for the upcoming attack. On Sunday at 0700 hours, the assault commenced. Putting to use everything they had been learning in the past few weeks, the soldiers displayed a good grasp of SOPs and tactics as they moved swiftly through the village. The company is looking forward to taking their skills further on Exercise THUNDER in a few weeks time.





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## Museum News

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We kick off the New Year with some new help for the office, as we interviewed for a volunteer Curatorial assistant at the end of last year, we now have someone in twice a week to take on various jobs such as programming the interactive or disseminating information gathered from Warley, and it has been very helpful. Between this and the new volunteers we added at the end of last year, we now have a volunteer in the office every day and an extra volunteer for learning sessions, two of which served with the Regiment.

We have also hosted a training session for recording oral and video histories with the network of military museums we are in and hope to do a joint project at some point in the future. The military museum network has been given a small amount of funding to undertake a project so we can now use this for travel and expenses as I have facilitated a training day here with the help of Nick Kelsey and another trainer supplied by the Military Intelligence Museum.

Tony Powell and I have had a New Year sit down to go over items to be accessioned, as well as a key to evaluate the small amount of items left at the reserve collection that had queries with the entry on the database. I have gone through the audit and compared it with the number of things that the database says we have at the reserve collection and the number are quite close. Hopefully it will not be hard to marry up the other items and continue on to items we may need.

As suggested by someone on social media, I have taken to doing a couple months of Object of the Months to showcase Operation Grapple 4, as it's the 25th anniversary this year. I think it is a worthwhile project and has given me more insight into that particular time period of the Regiment. We have also had some new acquisitions of donated some items including objects and a photo album from the Operation Grapple 4. We were also



bequeathed some items in a will from an ex-Poacher that are really interesting and I am looking forward to doing some more research into and possibly displaying in the future.

We have our second quarterly cleaning day coming up in February with the IWM Conservation team. I am planning to continue with the efforts made last time, as well as checking pest traps and perhaps having a preliminary look at what some new objects would look like in the Afghanistan case. I have some things I would like to add, but want to see how they will look in situ.

We are also having more cadet visits. In February we have a group of about 90 cadets coming, and so I am working with the Regimental Support Team, some of the Cambridgeshire trustees and some new volunteers to create a rotation around the Land Warfare Hall to break the groups up into smaller ones so we can give them a couple of topics in a more manageable size. We also have two smaller cadet groups interested in the future as well.

## 2nd Lt F Young VC The Hertfordshire Regiment

On Sunday 13th January 2019 a large group assembled for the centenary commemoration of the winning of the Victoria Cross by 2nd Lt Frank Edward Young on 18th September 1918 close to the village of Havrincourt. The Service and unveiling of the commemorative stone took place at St Mary's Church in Hitchin, Hertfordshire. The event had been postponed for a few months to allow both of Frank Young's nephews to attend.

Frank was born in India as his father was serving there at the time. For much of the First War father and son fought alongside each other in the same battalion. It can't have been easy for a young Frank to serve when his father was a Company Sergeant-Major, but he did well and soon became an expert "bomber" and reached the rank of Sergeant himself.

In September 1918, the recently commissioned 2nd Lt Frank Young was posted back to 1st/1st Hertfordshire's as a replacement for the losses during the fighting at Albert and Bapaume. Frank was put in command of No4 Company (his old Hitchin Company) who were in the line south east of Havrincourt, near a copse called Triangle Wood. His last communication home was on a standard field postcard dated 17th September, the day before an unexpected German counter-attack.

The citation published in the London Gazette No. 31067 dated 13th December 1918 reads;

"For most conspicuous bravery, determination and exceptional devotion to duty on 18th September, 1918, south-east of Havrincourt, when during an enemy counter-attack and throughout an extremely intense enemy barrage he visited all posts, warned the garrisons and encouraged the men. In the early stages of the attack he rescued two of his men who had been captured, and bombed and silenced an enemy machinegun. Although surrounded by the enemy, 2nd Lt. Young fought his way back to the main barricade and drove out a party of the enemy who were assembling there. By his further exertions the battalion was able to maintain a line of great tactical value, the loss of which would have meant serious delay to future operations. Throughout four hours of intense hand-to-hand fighting 2nd Lt. Young displayed the utmost valour and devotion to duty, and set an example to which the company gallantly responded.



2nd Lt Frank Young's place on the Hitchin War Memorial

He was last seen fighting hand to hand against a considerable number of the enemy.”



Major William O'Connor, Hertfordshire Branch Chairman and Parade Marshal



The Lady Lord Lieutenant, flanked by buglers from the local Sea Cadets.



The Commemorative Stone



# Grand Military Gold Cup

The Grand Military is a national hunt race meeting held annually at Sandown Park racecourse, this year's renewal, the 156<sup>th</sup>, will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The meeting consists of six races, which includes 4 professional races and 2 for military jockeys: The Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Memorial Amateur Handicap Hurdle Race; and the Grand Military Gold Cup. The Grand Military meeting provides a thrilling day of quality racing in a relaxed environment to meet former comrades and celebrate service in the Armed Forces. Premier tickets can be purchased at the discount price of £14, redeemable with the promotional code **GM2019** when booking in advance at [www.sandown.co.uk](http://www.sandown.co.uk) or via telephone: 0844 579 3012; this represents a saving of up to £14 per ticket as premier tickets for the fixture will cost £22.40 in advance or £28 on the day.

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