



Regimental Matters

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Long Service Good Conduct Medal

- WO2 M J Butcher
- Cpl J R Presley

Volunteer Reserve Service Medal

- Cpl MA Bird
- Musn ST Ormerod

Diary Dates

2019

April

7 Chapel Sunday - Warley

10 Mobbs Memorial Match - Bedford

25 Almanza Day

May

2 FEPOW - Wymondham

3 Regt Council Meeting

5 Chapel Sunday - Warley

17 2nd Bn Talavera Day Celebration - Cyprus

26 - 30 Regt Battlefield Tour

1st Battalion (The Vikings)

From Norfolk to the Nile!

The Vikings in South Sudan are raising money for a disaster relief charity Team Rubicon UK whilst deployed here with the UN. Next month we'll be doing a 24 hour triathlon covering the distance from the home of A Company - Norfolk -to our base here on the River Nile. 5,500 km! Running, rowing and riding in temperatures up to 45 degrees. Check out our JustGiving page below and please donate generously towards the guys hard work for a great cause. Share this post and support the team!



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/t6tr>

Or text WXFO64£5 to 70070

Viking Donation

Thank you to all the Vikings families who generously donated toys to be given to disadvantaged families and children in Kabul, Afghanistan. These were collected by C (Essex) Company who are based in Headquarters Resolute Support.



South Sudan

A Viking Section Commander briefs his team before deploying on a patrol in South Sudan.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

C (Northamptonshire and Rutland) Company in Exercise Ahmose

C Company Group end a week of live firing in the Egyptian desert with a combined company attack - including support from mortars, snipers and machine guns. Exercise Ahmose continues in Egypt for members of The Poachers who alongside members of The Rifles and Royal Gibraltar Regiment RG are carrying out joint training with members of the 112 Regiment of the Egyptian Army. The exercise takes its name 'Ahmose' from one of the Pharaohs. The Black Rat organised exercise sees these units undertake live firing and coaching packages to then deliver world class training.



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Exercise Morlancourt

Steelbacks landed at Adelaide airport after a 22 hour flight from the UK. From here they went to RAAF Edinburgh where they were issued their single man rooms and settled in for the evening. First thing was an orientation run around RAAF Edinburgh, from here the remainder of the day consisted of in country briefs to set the troops up for success for the remainder of the exercise.



First thing was a weighted circuit PT session by WO2 Boag, our Australian counterpart. The remainder of the day consist of weapon issue, vehicle familiarisation on the Bushmaster protected mobility vehicle, section and platoon SOP's, an exciting and challenging exercise for The Steelbacks.



Museum News

This month I been working on education and using the history of the Regiment to hopefully start educating school children. I had a meeting with a director of learning for the Imperial War Museum (IWM) to discuss working with the IWM on national curriculum offers, and I think the meeting was a productive one. Ideas I have thrown into the ring about how we can contribute to STEM learning (science, technology, engineering and maths) were taken very well, and I also learned a bit about other ideas and got new suggestions and ideas of how we can contribute.

Once the IWM have decided what they will do, we have decided to meet again in April, to have another chat and make sure we leave things in the cases and identify what could be used to enhance any learning activities we do in the museum. The goal is to trial run the new STEM learning sessions alongside us in September and will work with me to create our contribution.

After I started last February, we did a gallery development. As this was well received we are going to press on and do a bit more to revitalise the galleries by doing a rationalisation for all of the cases. At the moment, as we went into cases to clean, there are many items that do not have a written description of what they are, and the captions are mostly in A4 size and in one or two places. I am going to take out items if they add no value to the case and use the space to add larger captions. Also I will break up the number of captions on a board and where applicable make them shorter and easier to read.

One area in particular we are going to look at is the First Section entitled the 'Customs and Traditions' which features a lot of ties, belts, plaques and other uniform accoutrements. We are look at a way to showcase this but condense it and put more emphasis on the uniform and make the whole case easier to understand and captivate.

I also have received a grant for the costs of a medal case to be added to the wall at one end of the museum. Although we display medals in most of the permanent cases, this will be a lovely way to feature medals going forward and the stories and people behind them. As our medal collection grows and we are offered more medals as time passes I think it is important to showcase the meaning and people behind them.



Regimental Association (Lincolnshire)

Sobraon Celebrations

Sobraon Celebrations took place on 21st February at Sobraon barracks in Lincoln when 65 people attended from Branches across the County. The Lincolnshire Poacher was sung with gusto and in its entirety, and the Secretary read the history of the Battle with emphasis from the Sikh point of view. Following a buffet supper and raffle the evening ended with the Regimental toast.



Memorial service for Colonel WJ (John) Gleadall

The Memorial service took place at St Paul's Church, Morton, Gainsborough on Thursday 7th March 2019.

Colonel John Gleadall commanded 7 R Anglian in the late 1970s. He was a highly regarded businessman in the agriculture/ grain industry in Northern Lincolnshire, a very dedicated TA officer, and a very good friend of the Regiment in many ways. He was also Honorary Colonel of the Lincolnshire ACF. The attendance was in excess of 250 people as one would expect for a well regarded employer and polymath involved in many aspects of local affairs. The Regiment was well represented with something in the region of fifty ex-military in attendance. The Association delegation was led by The President, Lt Col Simon Bacon and consisted of 16 Officers and men from the 7th Battalion.

On parade were the two Standards from the Lincoln Branch carried by Sgt Metcalfe, and the Grimsby Branch carried by Cpl C Long. The Wake took place after the Service in the Hemswell Cliff Hotel, a former officers mess.



The Standard party and some of the Regimental attendees.

Regimental Association (Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire)

Welcoming the Reverend Stephen Smith- Honorary Assistant Regimental Chaplain

Following the Beds and Herts County Committee Meeting held at the Keep in Kempston on Wednesday 13th March most of those present retired to the Swan Hotel in Bedford where we formally welcomed our new Assistant Honorary Chaplain to the Regiment. The Reverend Stephen Smith has been acting as Padre to the Bedford Branch for 20 years now in an unofficial capacity so it was deemed high time that his appointment should be made more official. With the blessing of the Regimental Council Stephen was appointed as our Assistant Chaplain on 1st January 2019.

Colonel Tony Winton, President of the Bedford Branch, and Major John Whatley, Chairman, hosted the party in the library of the Swan Hotel where Stephen and his wife Susan joined with members from both Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire for a splendid lunch. In addition, Major Mark Webster, OC D (Beds & Herts) Coy, was able to be with us along with his brand new CSM fresh from the Academy, WO2 Lee Davidson, which was a huge bonus for the “old and bold” and very much appreciated.



Members of the Beds and Herts County Committee about to enjoy lunch in the Swan, Bedford.



Col Tony Winton and Major John Whatley present the Reverend Stephen with a Regimental plaque.

Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force

Project Ivy

Army cadets from the Wisbech detachment of the Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force made short work of the problem of ivy growing in Wisbech St Mary Churchyard. Kitted out with gloves and gardening tools, the cadets carried out Project Ivy as part of their community work. Reverend Ryk Parkinson, the priest in charge of the parish, who is also the cadets' senior padre, said: "Ivy had been a long standing problem in the churchyard so we are grateful for the cadets' work". The cadets also obtained permission from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to clean and tidy the headstones around seven World War One and Two war graves.



Army cadets from the Wisbech detachment of Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force kitted out with gloves and gardening tools made short work of the problem of ivy growing in Wisbech St Mary Churchyard. Picture: Mark Knight.

The Royal Norfolk Regiment and Royal Anglian Regiment Association Officers Dinner Club

Calling Notice 7th June 2019

This calling notice is aimed at all serving and retired officers of all 3 Battalions who are in East Anglia over the weekend of 7th and 8th June 2019. The annual Royal Norfolk Regiment and Royal Anglian Regiment Officers Dinner Club will be held in The Norfolk Club, Upper King Street, Norwich, commencing at 7.30pm for 8.00 pm. The dinner creates an opportunity for serving and retired officers to meet old friends and make new contacts within the County. We take over the Club for the evening and there is limited accommodation within the Club. Other hotels are close by in the City Centre and Riverside area. Dress is Mess Dress for serving officers and Black Tie and miniatures for retired officers and other guests. Lt Col Mark Nicholas MBE, Chairman of the Association will be President for the evening and Brigadier Max Marriner CBE will be PMC.

Lunch on Saturday 8th June is aimed at providing a setting for a lunch with wives and partners and is also attended by some of the local Regimental widows.

If you would like to join us, please contact Ms Liz Reeve (email: lizreeve@royalnorfolk.plus.com or phone 01603 427396) to reserve your place. The dinner is priced at £45 and the lunch the next day at £30.