



Royal Anglian News



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Cover Image: Royal Anglian Core Business 50 Yrs ago - A Pompadour Snatch Squad, Belfast 1972



REGIMENTAL NEWS

AUGUST 2022 IS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST OPERATIONAL TOURS OF NORTHERN IRELAND BY THE 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD BATTALIONS OF THE REGIMENT.



In August 1972, our three Regular Battalions had all completed their first operational tours in Northern Ireland. This short article, about our Battalions' first tours is made up of snippets taken from our Regimental History, Aden to Afghanistan, which is recommended reading, particularly at this 50th anniversary.

1972 was a monumental year in Northern Ireland. In fact, it was to be the worst year of the conflict by all measures: there were more incidents, more deaths and more injuries than in any other year. Following Bloody Sunday, the level of violence escalated alarmingly to some 1,853 bombing and 10,628 shooting incidents during the year. During the year 467 people were killed – 103 Regular Army, 26 UDR, 17 RUC and 223 civilians, 95 Republican terrorists and three Loyalist terrorists. The total number of troops and security forces in the Province almost doubled from 7,800 in 1971 to 14,300 in 1972.

1ST BN, VIKINGS IN LONDONDERRY, 1970-72

In July 1970 the 1st Battalion, under the command of Lt Col Roy Jackson took over Ebrington Barracks, Londonderry from the Royal Navy. They arrived into a situation that had deteriorated rapidly into sporadic civil violence at a level beyond which the exhausted police could control...Belfast flared up in Feb 71 and Viking Companies were deployed to the Clonard Estate working directly to the 2nd Bn – a rare event in the Regiment's history. In July 71 levels of violence escalated in Londonderry keeping the 1st Bn and reinforcing Battalions very busy. The Sunday Times report of from 21 Nov 71 described the situation:

By the night of 7 Jul 1971, rioting had been going on for four days and the Royal Anglians had been fired on 60 times by their count. It says a good deal for the firm discipline of this Regiment – the Anglians have a reputation for unusual coolness and restraint – that only three shots were fired in reply.

2ND BN, POACHERS IN BELFAST, 1970-71

The 2nd Battalion, the Poachers, undertook their first short tour in Northern Ireland from October 1970 to February 1971, in West Belfast. The Poachers were notably successful on this tour. Under command of Lieutenant Colonel Dick Gerrard-Wright, they encountered a series of serious riots as West Belfast was more violent than Londonderry at this time. These riots escalated during the tour, meaning that the Poachers had to learn how to deal with heavy riots the hard way, by actually doing it. Petrol bombers made their first wide-scale appearance, requiring the development of new tactics in response. This included the use of CS gas, baton guns, flanking manoeuvres and snatch squads.

3RD BN, POMPADOURS IN BELFAST, 1972

The 3rd Battalion deployed to central Belfast. Under the effective leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Hall-Tipping, the Pompadours were to experience a very testing time with some seven shootings, an armed robbery, three bomb hoaxes and two riots within their first 48 hours in command. The Pompadours were thrown straight in at the deep end with a violent and difficult time around the Divis Flats area in April. This was to become known as the 'Battle of the Divis Flats'. At one point the battalion had some nine companies under command from a range of other units.

Kevin Myers in his book *Watching the Door* reported:

Rioters took over control of Divis Street, hijacking and burning busses, and erecting barricades. Fresh troops were arriving just as I did. I climbed up the stairs onto one of the balconies, where I beheld a vision from hell: fifteen-year-old boys with submachine guns and semi-automatic rifles...bullets were ricocheting everywhere as these demented children emptied magazine after magazine into everything and anything.

Fifty years ago in August 1972, our 2nd Bn, the Poachers were deploying for their second Op BANNER Tour, and our Battalions went on to conduct 31 Op BANNER Tours in all, including the tour by Tiger Company. 67 pages are dedicated to these tours in our regimental history. Our regiment has an enviable operational record, based in large part on these tours. And at this anniversary we remember the 25 members of the regiment who died on duty on Op BANNER.



Cpl Isom and LCpl Firman of the Poachers during a riot.

There are legacy issues from these tours, some of which include inquests that call our veterans as witnesses. As a high priority RHQ and the Army Operational Legacy Branch ensure that our veterans receive all appropriate support if they are called as witnesses. And if any of our regimental family know of any veterans of NI or of any other military service who need support of any kind, they are warmly encouraged to reach out to RHQ via your Area Secretary & Veteran Support Officer:

Area Secretary 1 - Captain Peter Hudson - Peter.Hudson104@mod.gov.uk

Area Secretary 2 - Major Tim Brown - Timothy.Brown133@mod.gov.uk

Veteran Engagement Officer Joins the RHQ Team

Following the award of a financial grant from the Afghanistan Veterans' Fund, the Regiment is pleased to announce the appointment of our first Regimental Veterans Engagement Officer. Support for our veterans is led by our two Regimental Area Secretaries, and the Regiment's intention to reach out to, and offer more support to more of our veterans, in particular veterans from recent conflicts. A lesson learned from recent projects like the Royal Anglian Big Breakfast 2022 and the provision of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy via the Leafyard App is that there is a gap in our engagement with some veterans. It is hoped that the Regimental Veterans Engagement Officer will help to fill this gap.



Richard 'Mole' Stevens has been employed on a flexible basis for 2 days a week with the task of engaging with veterans and their families online and face to face at social events we will hold across the Regimental area. He will be active on all social media platforms and can be contacted on e-mail at: regtveteransengagement@royalanglianregiment.com



The Regiment Welcomes Two Newly Commissioned Officers

The Colonel of the Regiment has welcomed two new officers to the Regiment who commissioned on the stroke of midnight on the 12th of August 2022 from Commissioning Course 213.



The Regimental Day - 4 September 2022

All members of our Regimental family are welcome to attend their Regimental Day which will take place at The Imperial War Museum, Duxford, CB22 4QR, on 4th September 2022.

Music for the day is kindly provided by the Band of the Royal Anglian Regiment and the Corps of Drums of the Essex and Cambridgeshire ACF. The outline timings are:

- 09:30 hrs Gates Open. (regrettably no dogs allowed).
- 11:00 hrs Muster for Drumhead Service, please be seated by 11:15 hours.
- 11:20 hrs Standards March On.
- 11:30 hrs Drumhead Service at the Regimental Memorial.
- 12:00 hrs Bars and Stalls open, picnic tables will be available.
- 13:00 hrs Music by the Regimental Band in the picnic area.

- 15:30 hrs Flag Lowering Ceremony in the Marquee Area.
- 16:00 hrs Bars and Stalls close.

At the Flag Lowering ceremony in the Marquee Area all are asked stand.



In 2022 WOI (RSM) Alan Johnson particularly enjoyed the day, here seen chatting with RHC In-Pensioner Dougie May about their 1st Battalion days.

Remembrance Sunday Whitehall, London - 13 November 2022

The Royal British Legion Cenotaph Veterans Parade in Whitehall will take place on Sunday 13th November 2022. The Regiment has been allocated 40 tickets.

Eligibility

- Ex-service Military and Civilian men and women from the UK and the Commonwealth that served the Crown.
- Wives, husbands or civil partners of those who died in service in Her Majesty's Armed Forces.
- A carer of a veteran requiring wheelchair assistance.

Carers will be allowed to accompany the veteran, as long as they themselves use one ticket allocation.

Those wishing to attend are to send the following details to anne.godbolt100@mod.gov.uk at the Area 2 Regimental Secretary's Office.

- Title / Rank
- First name
- Surname
- Service Number
- Bn Served with
- Campaign Medals



Timelines:

- 25 Aug 22 - All applications close.
- 14 Sep 22 - Possible further allocation if numbers permit.
- Oct 22 - Ticket issued and instructions dispatched.
- 13 Nov 22 - Event.

The Metropolitan Police will conduct individual security checks on participants, so ticket holders will need to bring photographic ID and proof of address with them for access to Horse Guards Parade.



1st Battalion (The Vikings)

The Vikings Celebrate Minden Day Early

The 1st Battalion celebrated Minden Day slightly early this year, but with the usual festivities (albeit with a Cypriot twist!). The day was held on Saturday 16th July as parts of the Battalion needed to get away on summer leave early due to up coming operational commitments across Cyprus and in Bahrain.



The day began in usual fashion with troops being roused by officers, warrant officers and SNCOs dishing out gunfire, accompanied by the Corps of Drums. After this the battalion headed to the beach for some morning yoga before breakfast. The Battalion then paraded in front of their families. Those who had qualified for Queen's Platinum Jubilee medals were presented with them. The inspecting officer was former Commanding Officer Brigadier Guy Foden, Commander 7th Light Mechanised Brigade Combat Team.

Following the parade all ranks spectated the inaugural Minden Day raft race. B (Suffolk) Coy were crowned champions after managing to overhaul the A (Norfolk) Company raft which was fastest into the water. An all ranks day ensued with beach volleyball and tug of war being contested by the companies. The celebrations continued into the night with a beach party.

The Vikings are now back in work after a welcome spell of summer leave. Soldiers have deployed to Bahrain and more are en route to Jordan and Saudi Arabia...more on these deployments in future editions!



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)



Ex HIGHRISE Poacher

B 'Leicestershire' Company took part in Ex HIGHRISE POACHER. The exercise was supported by multiple branches of specialists across the Army. The exercise utilised a 10 storey structure in the Killingbeck district of Leeds, due for demolition and provided opportunity to conduct training within a non-sterile environment. West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service partnered with the Company to provide ladders for access to the building. The focus of the exercising troops was to conduct urban insertion and clearance skills that otherwise cannot be trained, such as; irregular breaching and subterranean insertion. The exercise was an overwhelming success and demonstrated the ability of the Company and Battalion to link in with multiple specialists to achieve mission success.

Poachers Celebrate Talavera Day



The Battalion celebrated Talavera Day with a formed Battalion parade, march past and families day, it was watched by family and friends of members of the Battalion as Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medals were presented to those eligible by; the Lord Lieutenant of Rutland, Dr Sarah Furness, Northamptonshire County Colonel, Col (Retd) Robert Blomfield, former Cottesmore Station Commander Col (Retd) Richard Chesterfield and former C 'Northamptonshire' Company Sergeant Major, Mr Richard York. The families day was then opened shortly after; theme park rides, dodgems and bouncy castles were all available as well as Inter Company football, Tug of War and British Army Warrior Fitness (BAWF).

The event also served as a warm up for the Talavera Dinner, the Warrant Officers of the Battalion were hosted in the Officers Mess to toast the 48th and their actions at Talavera. This was also an opportunity for the Commanding Officer and the Battalion's Officers and Warrant Officers to dine out Officer Commanding Headquarter Company 2 RANGLIAN, Maj Lee Waghorn and Staff Quartermaster at Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Lt Col Richard Bredin. Both have served illustrious careers within the Battalion and within the wider Army. The Battalion wishes them the best for the future.

Poachers Sport Update

At the Inter-Unit Athletics Championships the Poachers' Athletics team performed excellently, achieving two Gold medals and a further four silver; placing fifth overall. Cpl Myburgh led the team and as the only Infantry team represented at the event, earning three medals himself, competition was fierce, more so against teams that find themselves with greater capacity to select a team to train at unit level away from a busy work tempo. The overall performance was testament to the team and their will to win.



CSgt Chris Steel and LCpl Majit Mamoani both represented the British Army Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Team at the Inter Services BJJ championship; earning Gold/ Silver and Silver/ Bronze medals respectively. The Senior Service took the day, with the tour de force of Royal Marines BJJ and RAF Martial Arts taking the Silver. The Poachers' BJJ team have become regular medallists over the years and the capacity to develop strength within the squad is growing.



CSgt Steel is one of only eight serving BJJ black belts within the British Army, CSgt Antoni attached to 3 RANGLIAN is one of the other few; this is a force multiplier for the Regiment and the future of BJJ & submission grappling within the Army.



Talavera Day - The Officers' Mess met the Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Mess for the annual cricket match. The game was won by the Officers' Mess, with 2Lt Mitchell being awarded batsman of the day.

3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)



19 Light Brigade - Reformation Parade

On Saturday 23 July 22, 30 personnel from across the 3rd Battalion participated in the 19 Light Brigade Reformation Parade at Imphal Barrack, York. This marked their official transition from being 7 Light Mechanised Brigade 'Desert Rats' to 19 Light Brigade 'Panthers'.



The reformed 19 Light Brigade is solely an Army Reserve Brigade and is Commanded by a Reservist, Brigadier Owen Lyttle MBETD VR. The Brigades reformation was directed as part of the Future Reserve 2030 Review which will see Reserves more closely aligned to providing United Kingdom Standby Battalions for Homeland Resilience Task. This role involves providing individual augmentees to overseas tasks / operations and to provide reinforcement to paired regular battalions during warfighting operations.

19 Light Brigade is made up of 10 Units.

The Queens Own Yeomanry

The Scottish and Northern Irish Yeomanry

The 6th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland

The 7th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland

The 4th Battalion, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment

The 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment

The 4th Battalion, The Yorkshire Regiment

The 4th Battalion, The Yorkshire Regiment

The 2nd Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment

The 6th Battalion, The Rifles

The 8th Battalion, The Rifles

“The realignment of 3 Royal Anglian into 19 Light Brigade will bring new and enhanced opportunities for our soldiers to become involved in UK Homeland Resilience task on their home ground. It will allow us to train and learn from our Reserve counterparts whilst also providing greater opportunity for us to train with our regular paired Battalion, 2 Royal Anglian.



1 (Norfolk & Suffolk) Company Medals Parade

On Wednesday, 27 July 22 members of 1 (Norfolk and Suffolk) paraded at Norwich Army Reserve Centre to be presented with the Queens Platinum Jubilee Medals by Lady Pippa Dannatt MBE, the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk.

Major Matt Blayney, Officer Commanding, No. 1 (Norfolk & Suffolk) Company said:

'It has been a great pleasure to welcome Lady Dannatt, the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, to present the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal to soldiers of No. 1 (Norfolk & Suffolk) Company, 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, and 254 Medical Regiment.

It is an honour for us to mark 70 years of the Queen's reign by receiving this medal, presented by Lady Dannatt who is the Queen's representative in Norfolk. It is also a chance for us to recognise those soldiers who have served for over 5 years in the Army Reserve and acknowledge the spirit of commitment and sacrifice that comes with reserve service.'



Nijmegen Marches 2022

Congratulations to the six members of the Third Battalion who took part in this year's Nijmegen Marches, completing 100 miles of hard marching at this iconic annual event in the Netherlands. Although this is very much a fun event with a lively social dimension to it, the marches are a test of physical stamina. Teams are required to be physically fit, well-disciplined and capable of administering themselves (especially their feet) in the field. It is an ideal vehicle for an Infantry team to test its core fitness in a relatively relaxed environment.



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Pictured are the 3rd Battalion Nijmegen Marchers: Sergeant Mark Thurman, WO2 Michael Butcher, Cpl Lewis Dean, Pte Jack Bramford, Lieutenant Sam Mercer and 2 Lieutenant Robert Blackman



The 3rd Battalion Colour Party at Gibraltar Barracks on Minden Day - CSgt Karl Chambers, WO2 Simon Towe, CSgt Stephen Jones, CSgt Keith Hack, Capt George Liddington & Capt Karl Chambers

OUR AFFILIATED CADETS



IPSWICH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP 2022



On the 12 July 22 Cadets and 4 adult staff travelled to Beckingham Camp to take part in the 7 Brigade Annual Cadet Camp. Unlike previous years the camp was condensed down to 4 days from 8, and the cadets really had to hit the ground running.

As soon as they got off the transport they were straight into the Military skills phase, where their personal weapon drills were put to the test. They also had a lesson on the new cadet radio system, before moving to their accommodation for the night.

Day two, after an early start, the cadets moved to the Personal development phase of the training which took place at "The Mill Adventure base". Cadets spent half a day on the lake in Kayaks and Canoes. before going to the land based elements of high ropes, abseiling and Jacobs ladder. The day was designed to take the cadets out of their comfort zone and push them mentally and physically, which it did.

On return to camp, we quickly went green and packed for the overnight phase. Before they knew it they were on the area, with their weapons and overnight kit for the next phase. A night patrol and some "dry" training soon took what energy they had left and the cadets were very glad to get to their "Bashas" for a good nights sleep.

After a breakfast from their Ration pack, they moved in patrol formation to the start of the Military training, run by the Cadet Training Teams. The day could not have gone any better, the younger cadets learnt the basics of the section battle drills, whilst the more experienced cadets were able to step up in their command appointments. A great day of training, that left the cadets ready for a night off before heading to the final day on the Ranges.

The ranges, again, exceeded our expectations, with all 22 cadets taking part in the advanced shoot with the L98, all cadets fired the shotgun and the air rifle. Some cadets achieved Marksman and some were graded first class shots. Overall a great day of shooting.

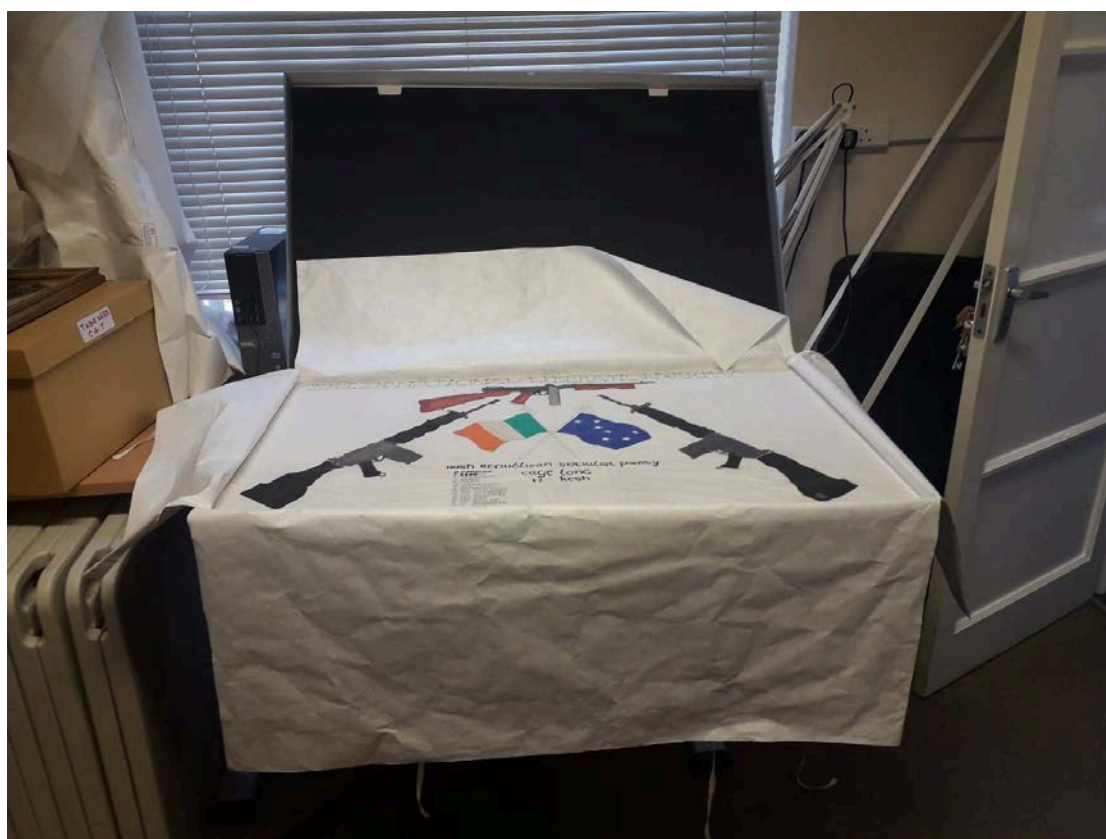
We couldn't have asked for a better week. All cadets, basic and advanced were pushed and all achieved what was set them. Our thanks to the Cadet Training teams from 7 Brigade.

ROYAL ANGLIAN REGT MUSEUM



Lots of Summer Activity at Our Regimental Museum

Throughout the Summer months we have continued to host an increasing number of Cadet visits to the Museum and the Regt Memorial here at Duxford. Over the past four years, the number of requests for visits by Cadet Detachments has risen dramatically. We are pleased to report that the rate has increased from perhaps one cadet group a year to over 1000 cadets annually! The Museum Volunteers and the Infantry Engagement teams give their valuable time to facilitate our cadet visits whenever they can. Their support is really appreciated as the museum couldn't engage with as many Cadets as it does without them.



Northern Ireland Legacy

We have also spent some time conserving and preparing an unusual artefact - an Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) banner that is about to go into a temporary exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum. This is a banner from the 1970's and is made from a bed sheet, that was confiscated in Long Kesh Prison before its completion. The exhibition at the Fitzwilliam will feature various conflicts over the years and things that have been defaced in the name of these struggles. The banner will feature in a catalogue for this exhibition and had quite a swish little photoshoot to capture it properly.

There have also been some improvements to the galleries. Our new introductory video has gone in on a larger, newer screen. The old video content ended in 1995, so it adds a lot more depth to recent

events as well as featuring serving soldiers and officers. We also added a screen behind the MILAN tableau, and this showcases events around the Cold War. There will also be new TA/Reserve boards, and these have been a long time in the making. However as they will be permanent we want to get them right.



The Mali Motorcycle exhibit, the new Regimental Film and the 21st Century Soldier Mannequin really bring our Museum visitors up to date.

The museum has also been given a motorcycle from Mali after the 2nd Battalions United Nations mission there. It has been put on display with photos, a video and also a soldier mannequin in the most current uniform and equipment. This uniform, webbing and replica SA80 A3 has been kindly provided by the Regiment as part of the 21st Century RANGLIAN Soldier project. It makes a nice display that is right inside the Land Warfare Hall and is one of the first things visitors see when they enter.

You can contact our Curator, Melissa Kozlenko at:
royalanglianmuseumcurator@outlook.com



REGIMENTAL RUGBY REPORT

The Royal Anglian Regiment vs Cleethorpes RUFC

The Regimental Rugby team defeated a strong and well organised Cleethorpes RUFC team on Saturday 9 July in a sun kissed Lincolnshire. The game started with the traditional roll of honour read by Asst Chairman Steve Wakeman and supported by a bugler provided from the 2nd Battalion Corps of Drums.



Cheered on by the travelling support and the local Regimental Association, the first 40 mins was spent testing the mixed team of veterans and regulars from the Poachers tackling and scrummaging skills through wave after wave of Cleethorpes pressure. The glimmer of light for the Regimental team was always the fast moving Fijian backline whose blue touch paper was lit by the Man of the Match Pte Clacher. The team reached half time with a narrow lead of 7-5 and then the 31 degrees of heat took their toll on the heavier home team forwards as they fell away in the second half. The ground opened up as the Fijians sped around and through their opposite numbers eventually out scoring the home team 7 tries to 3 for a comfortable 37-17 win.

The post-match presentations were led by Chairman Jim Cunningham where he called upon Lt Colonel Ben Hawes to present gifts to Cleethorpes RUFC. Colonel Ben also presented the MotM trophy to Pte Clacher and the match trophy to the team skipper, Pte Vakadewa. The presentations then centred more towards the Regimental Rugby team where award caps were presented firstly to celebrate the life of Lt Colonel Adrian Williams who passed away before COVID. His cap starts its long journey north to Scotland to his family. The next cap celebrated the award of a Club 15 match award to Pete Gasden who is still playing at his remarkable age.



Lastly the Chairman rewarded the 'QM and Paymaster' Joanne Taylor-Clancy with a merit cap in recognition for all she does in keeping our accounts straight, managing our the kit and shirts, keeping it all where it should be (in the store), and for her ability to control and corral the Chairman and committee. Well done and thanks from everybody involved in Regimental Rugby to Pete & Jo.

The day rolled into the evening and in good Regimental tradition the first and last pint consumed on the premises was by a Royal Anglian. The team and supporters gather again on 03rd September at Syston RFC in Leicestershire. Details are available on the Regimental Rugby page on Facebook or email the Secretary on wilkie332@hotmail.com Hope to see you there.



The Spirit of Rugby - Both Teams Gathered Together after a Hard-Fought Game

BLENHEIM DAY - 13 AUGUST 1704



16th Foot, the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment

Blenheim was a battle of the War of Spanish Succession. In 1702 the Duke of Marlborough was appointed to command a combined English, Dutch and Prussian force, which campaigned with some success against the French in the low countries (Belgium and the Netherlands). By 1704 Vienna was threatened, so Marlborough took his English and Prussian troops down the valley of the Danube to Munich; deciding that it was too strongly defended to capture, he pulled back and sought to engage a strong French force in a well-defended position around the village of Blenheim.



Early in the morning of 13th August, Marlborough began manoeuvring for his assault, taking the French by surprise, first attacking the flanks, the village itself being on the British left, he was able to get the French to send reinforcements, thus weakening their centre. He then launched his main assault, and after a long and very hard battle achieved a breakthrough, subsequently rolling up the flanks in turn. The French were completely routed, losing 30,000 troops. It was a very significant victory, and many historians consider that it was pivotal to the subsequent victory in Europe.

Stanley's Regiment, afterwards the 16th (Bedfordshire) Regiment of Foot, played a significant part in the assaults on the left flank, and was subsequently granted the battle honour of 'Blenheim'. In the adjacent brigade on the left flank was North's Regiment, later to become the 10th (North Lincolnshire) Regiment of Foot, and it too received the battle honour.

Blenheim Day subsequently became the main regimental day of the Bedfordshire Regiment, and is still marked by the 2nd Battalion

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NEWS



Cambridgeshire Branch Annual Reunion at Ely Cathedral

The Cambridgeshire Branch of the Regimental Association gathered at Ely Cathedral for their Annual Reunion and Service on Sunday 17 July 2022. The event was well attended with representatives from RHQ and Association Members from across the county. During the service in the Regimental Chapel wreathes were laid by the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, the Regimental Area Secretary and Veteran Support Officer, Capt Peter Hudson, the County Colonel, Lt Col David Denson, followed by the County's Branch Chairmen.



During the service in St George's Chapel special mention was made of the Cambridgeshire Regiment and the commemoration of the fall of Singapore 80 year's ago. Later during the reunion the Lord Lieutenant was presented with a copy of the newly printed guide to the Regimental Chapel by Lt Col Tony Slater.



Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Branches - Blenheim Day 2022

The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Branches of the Regimental Association met on Sunday 14th August to celebrate Blenheim Day at The Keep, Kempston. Major John Whatley DL as Chairman of the Bedford Branch conducted proceedings, and the service of commemoration was led by Honorary Assistant Regimental Chaplain, Stephen Smith, who can be seen in the photograph below blessing the St Albans Branch Standard for a final time before it is laid to rest.



Mr Eric Olley, who served with the Bedfs.Herts during the Suez crisis, was made custodian of this Branch Standard when the St Albans Branch closed, but sadly died in April this year, so his daughter Rosemary got in touch with the Area Secretary to return it. On the day Mr Olley's granddaughter, Beverley Crofts, a seasoned RBL Standard Bearer carried the Standard for its final journey to the Garden of Remembrance. After the service drinks and an excellent lunch was enjoyed by all in the Keep for the first time since 2019.





Regimental Bulletins Register

Regt Bulletins Issued Since the July Issue of Royal Anglian News:

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-48 Dated 8 Jul 22 - Royal Anglian News - July 2022

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-49 Dated 11 Jul 22 - Job Vacancy SSI Clacton Coastal CCF

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-50 Dated 11 Jul 22 - Death Notice - Robert Waller

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-51 Dated 11 Jul 22 - Notice of Regimental Day - 4 Sep 2022

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-46.2 Dated 12 July - Cancellation of Regimental Cricket Match 15 Jul 2022

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-52 Dated 12 Jul 22 - Cenotaph Instr - Remembrance Sunday 13 Nov 2022

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-53 Dated 13 Jul 22 - R ANGLIAN Chapel Service RHC - 25 Sep 2022

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-54 Dated 20 Jul 22 - Death Notice - Stephen (Harry) Meekcoms

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-55 Dated 21 Jul 22 - Special Order - Salamanca Day, 22 July 1812

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-56 Dated 26 Jul 22 - Special Order - Talavera Day, 27 July 1809

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-57 Dated 27 Jul 22 - Death Notice - Major D L Clarke - 9 Jul 2022

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-58 Dated 27 Jul 22 - Death Notice - Paul (Spike) Sykes BEM - 20 Jul 2022

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-59 Dated 27 Jul 22 - Death Notice - Eric John Coombes - 19 Jul 2022

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-60 Dated 28 Jul 22 - Death Notice - Syd Bryer

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-61 Dated 29 Jul 22 - Special Order - Minden Day, 1st August 1759

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-62 Dated 4 Aug 22 - Appointment of Regt Veterans Engagement Officer

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-63 Dated 9 Aug 22 - Death of Anthony Francis Harri





London Gazette

The undermentioned Majors to be Lieutenant Colonels 30 June 2022 with seniority 30 June 2022:

JW Bennett-Madge – Major Royal Anglian Regiment 556876

The following entries relevant to the Regiment were also listed -

Intermediate Regular Commissions:

Major A K Dart Royal Anglian Regiment 550247 retires 29 March 2022.

Short Service Commissions:

Captain B C Hopkin Royal Anglian Regiment 30202627 retires 1 April 2022.

The following entry relevant to the Regiment was listed in The London Gazette dated 11 Jul 2022

The undermentioned Lieutenant Colonels to be Colonels 30 Jun 2022 with seniority 30 Jun 2022:

M S Woodeson Royal Anglian Regiment 549055

The following entries relevant to the Regiment were listed in The London Gazette dated 25 Jul 2022:

The following have been awarded the 1st Clasp to the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military):

Capt S D Graham 25036887

Capt A J Kirk 25049407

Lt Col P J Messenger 547967

The following have been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military):

Cpl R Harris 25239143

Capt D L King 25152439

Cpl O M West 25069799

The following entries relevant to the Regiment were listed in The London Gazette dated 1 August 2022:

The undermentioned Captains to be Majors 31 July 2022 with seniority 31 July 2022:

S D Graham 25036887

M J Brunson 30114613

R O M Edwards 30101684

C L Miles 30039536

ST Payne 30042348

OFFICER POSTINGS

The No 5 Grade 2 Staff Officer's Board published the following Royal Anglian postings on 13 Jul 22:

Maj David Broomfield to SO2 J3 J5 A, HQ Standing Joint Command (UK), Aldershot

Capt, For Maj Matthew Brunson to Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Land) then: SO2 O AND C, HQ 7 INF BDE AND HQ EAST, COTTESMORE

Capt, For Maj Rhodri Edwards to Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Land) then: SO2 C OPS O and D, HQ 20 ARMD INF BDE

Capt, For Maj Craig Miles to Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Land) then: SO2 G3 ASIA, LAND OPS COMMAND - HQ FD ARMY, ANDOVER

Capt, For Maj Samuel Payne to Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Land) then: DS II, Headquarters AD - JUNIOR STAFF CENTRE - HQ - OPERATE, WARMINSTER

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