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ROYAL ANGLIAN NEWS

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SALAMANCA REUNION 2013: SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2013 AT AREA HQ WARLEY, ESSEX

1. The Royal Anglian Regiment will be holding a Salamanca Reunion Gathering in Essex at Area HQ Warley on Sunday 30th June 2013. This is a new initiative which will commemorate the Battle of Salamanca and, if successful, become an annual Regimental event, similar to Minden Day in Bury St Edmunds. All members of the Regimental Association (serving or former members of The Regiment or former regiments) and their families are therefore invited to attend.

An outline programme for the Salamanca Reunion is as follows:

- 1030hrs: Site opens.
- 1045hrs: Regimental Chapel opens.
- 1120hrs: All seated.
- 1125hrs: Principal guest arrives.
- 1130hrs: Chapel service.
- 1215hrs: Chapel service ends.
- 1230hrs: March past.
- 1300hrs: Reunion commences. Bar and stalls open.
- 1645hrs: Bar and stalls close.
- 1700hrs: Beating Retreat.
- 1730hrs: Event closed.

No tickets will be issued for the day but those planning to attend should bring their blue Regimental Association Membership Card or MOD ID Card. They should also bring their own picnic for lunch/tea in Blenheim House Gardens where a marquee with tables and chairs will be available. Alternatively they can make use of the cash food / drink outlets (burgers / hotdogs / tea / coffee / alcohol) that will be operating on site. Parking will be in Fords Car Park (opposite the TA Centre) and entry to the event is via the main TA Centre gate.

Should further information be required, then please contact Maj Tony Jones on: 01277 213051; or email: ahgroyalanglian1@btconnect.com

MINDEN DAY REUNION, BURY ST EDMUNDS: SUNDAY 4 AUG 2013

2. The Regiment will celebrate the 254th Anniversary of the Battle of Minden in the grounds behind The Keep in Bury St Edmunds on Sunday 4th Aug 2013. The day will start at 1115 hours with a Drumhead Service followed by a March Past by the Old Comrades; it will conclude with Beating Retreat at 1630 hrs and lunch is a picnic (bring your own or buy snacks on site). The Suffolk Regiment Museum will be open and there will be a Parade Ground Programme throughout the afternoon. The day has become a reunion for all generations from every part of The Regiment and is very much a family occasion. It is an excellent opportunity to meet old friends and comrades. All members of the Regimental Family are warmly invited to attend and tickets are not required. Further details can be obtained from the Area Office (Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire); Tel: 01284 752394; E Mail: e1ahqbse@rhgroyalanglian.org.uk)

REGIMENTAL DAY, IWM DUXFORD, SUNDAY 1 SEP 2013

3. The Regimental Day will be held at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford, on Sunday 1st

September. The programme for the Day will be as follows:

- 0930 hrs Gates open (entry via Gate 1)
- 1130 hrs Drumhead Service at Regimental Memorial to include March Past
- 1230 hrs Bars, kiosks and stalls open
- 1300 hrs Band Concert
- 1500 hrs Beating Retreat at Regimental Memorial
- 1700 hrs Bars, kiosks and stalls close

All serving and ex-members of The Regiment and former Regiments are warmly invited to attend this enjoyable event and can gain free access on the production of a British Army ID Card or a Regimental Association Membership Card. Further details can be obtained from the Assistant Regimental Secretary, Maj Dick Gould (Tel: 01284 752394; Email: rhqranглиan-asstregsec@mod.uk)

1ST BATTALION

4. The month began with the end of some well-earned Easter leave. All ranks returned to work refreshed and ready to take on the four month stretch to summer leave. Contingency operations study provided the focus for Battalion Headquarters while the companies settled into new training programs. Each company now seeks to rebuild robust fitness and qualify their soldiers to ply their trades. The race is also on to complete annual tests and maximise deployability with a view to attending overseas exercises in Canada and Kenya, all within the next 12 months.

The most entertaining episode of the month was the Battalion Skill-at-Arms Meet (SAAM) which occurred in Warminster. All companies put forward teams which competed over a series of challenging static and tactical shoots, the result of which count towards the yearlong Inter-Company Competition. A (Norfolk) Company were the overall winners at the SAAM and were presented with the trophy by the Commanding Officer in front of the Battalion.

2ND BATTALION

5. The Battalion's efforts over April continued to focus on Mission Specific Training (MST) for HERRICK 19 and all that it entails. For our soldiers, April will be remembered for the significant amount of live firing that took place, with a week of Urgent Operational Requirements weapons ranges followed by a comprehensive range package, Ex PASHTUN HAWK. The G4 elements within the Battalion were also tested fully by providing support to the ranges and preparing for an inspection by our higher formation. The ranges were the first opportunity to get 'hands on' with a number of new weapon systems which we will find ourselves using on HERRICK.

Ex PASHTUN HAWK saw the Battalion, plus members of our Reserve forces, deploy en masse to the Lydd range facility on the Kent coast. Over a seven day period, nearly 500 soldiers conducted a range package that included enhanced marksmanship training as well as defensive and offensive shoots at both Fire Team and Section level. The soldiers who joined us from the Reserves included our sister Battalion, 3 R ANGLIAN, and members from both 3 R WELSH and 6 SCOTS, with both sides very complementary of each other's attitudes and ability; so it was a pleasure to work alongside these individuals. The event was well resourced by the MST programme and the skills developed in Lydd will place the Battalion in a good position when we go forwards to complete the Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise later in our MST progression.

In the final week of April, we were also able to host our colleagues from HMS St Albans. Supported by B (Leicestershire) Coy, the eight sailors were able to try their hand at firing both the Combat Shotgun and GLOCK 17 pistol on our 25m range, before taking part in a training serial using marker rounds. The visit was concluded with CO's PT (the Operational Fitness Test-2 miler) and B Coy's BBQ; it was the second visit in recent months between the two affiliated units and, with both sides having enjoyed their respective visits, it is hoped that this trend will continue in the future.

3RD BATTALION

6. April saw the majority of the Battalion enjoying some well earned Easter leave following a busy start to the year. Some of our soldiers, who are mobilising with the Poachers for their forthcoming tour of Afghanistan, took part in their first training exercise with their regular counterparts – a week long live firing package at Lydd and Hythe ranges. During this exercise a professional film company spent several days shooting new footage that will form the core of the new Regimental recruitment video that will be featuring on our newly styled online presence in the coming months. Expect plenty of action packed footage showcasing the abilities of The Regiment, as well as honest interviews with serving officers and soldiers.

While the mobilised personnel were live firing, the rifle companies also held their own live firing training weekends. This was the beginning of a series of shooting events that will set the groundwork for more demanding exercises later this year.

Finally we must say good bye to the Adjutant, Capt James Quince, who has moved on to take up his new post at 7 (Armoured) Brigade in Germany. The whole Battalion wishes him well and congratulates him on the birth (finally!) of his second child. He is replaced, albeit in a temporary capacity, by the Regimental Careers Officer, Capt Dan Tomlinson, who will attempt to 'fly the desk' until the arrival of the new Adjutant, Capt Tim Hearne, later this summer.