



Regimental Matters

Honours and Awards

The Regiment warmly congratulates the following members of the Regiment on their award announced in the New Years Honours List;

MBE

- Maj G Goodey

CGS's Commendation

- WO2 J A Limb

MSM

- WO2 L J Pearce

Promotions

- Maj F J R Grounds to be Lt Col Jun 16

SSC

- Lt SA C Forse to be Capt Aug 16

Appointments

- WO1 N S Reeder - Command Sergeant Major Nov 17

New Area Secretary Appointed

Lt Col (Retd) Philip Cox OBE enlisted into the Royal Green Jackets in 1979, and was commissioned at Sandhurst in 1981 into The Royal Corps of Transport. During the 1980's he

deployed on multiple tours to Northern Ireland in a variety of roles, as well as serving supporting 5 Ab Bde. He served on the Army Plans staff at JHQ High Wycombe during Op GRANBY, then as a Roulement Squadron Commander in Northern Ireland in 1991. In 1992 deployed to Bosnia as part of the first UK deployment, and a further 4 times during the 1990's. In 1998 he deployed to Macedonia as DCOS of CJSOTAF before stepping forward into Kosovo leading a Liaison Team with the Kosovo Liberation Army guerrillas for 8 months. Following another tour in Sarajevo in 2000 leading a PIFWIC team, he was selected for secondment to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office for 7 years working in a number of Diplomatic posts in the Balkans. His last post was leading the Global Intelligence Watch in Defence Intelligence in Whitehall supporting the Cabinet Office.

Since retiring in 2012 he has worked as a Senior Security Advisor supporting the oil industry in Ethiopia, Somalia and Northern Iraq (Kurdistan).

He is married to Elda and has two small children (5 & 2).



Diary Dates

February 2017

5 Chapel Sunday - Warley

10 Sobraon Day

March 2017

5 Chapel Sunday - Warley

15 Regimental Museum Trustees Meeting

17-18 Centenary of Pte Cox VC - France

18 6 (V) R Anglian Officers Reunion BSE

1st Battalion (The Vikings)

Vikings Ski Team

Members of the Vikings Ski Team are now half way through the Infantry Alpine Championships - Exercise FROSTED BLADE, in Val D'Isere, France.

The team have been undertaking an intensive training programme that introduces racing technique and teaches the tactical aspects of alpine racing. With the rules stating that two team members must have never skied before, and with no racing experience amongst the remainder of the team, it has proved to be a real challenge.



Army Expeditionary Warrior Experiment (AEWE)

Vikings conduct missions during Collective Practice as part of AEWE 2017 at Fort Benning, USA.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

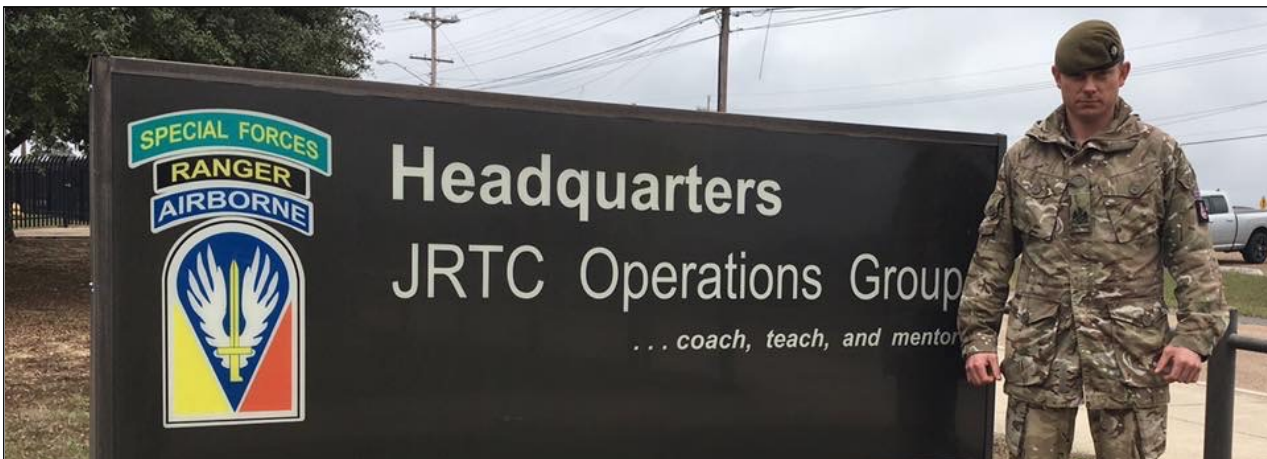
A (Lincolnshire) Company

A (Lincolnshire) Company are busy settling in to Louisiana and getting ready for Exercise RATTLESNAKE, where they will work with the US Army's 2-14 Infantry Battalion.



Poachers on Ex Rattlesnake

A (Lincolnshire) Company are currently deployed on Exercise at Fort Polk, Louisiana, USA. They have been embedded into a US Battalion, 2-14 Inf, as part of the Ex RATTLESNAKE series of exercises to test and adjust our interoperability with our #1 partner of choice.



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Steelback Spirit

An Annual Event in the 3 R ANGLIAN calendar is STEELBACK SPIRIT, which encompasses the Battalions annual Christmas festivities as well as events towards the Champion Company competition. The weekend culminated in the Officers –v- WO/Sgts Football match which was won by the Officers' Mess.



Op MOONWALKER

With the Brigade enacting OP JERBOA, a small Steelback team deployed to Norfolk Police Headquarters to fulfil the Military Liaison Officer role for Op MOONWALKER. Great Yarmouth was predicted to be one of the likely worst affected areas. With 4 Severe Flood Warnings in place for Great Yarmouth alone, the Norfolk Strategic Co-ordination Group (SCG) decided a Military Aid to the Civil Authorities (MACA) request needed to be made. Overnight the SJC mobilised soldiers from King's Royal Hussars to assist who were augmented by RAF personnel from RAF Honington to provide evacuation warning to 6000 homes.



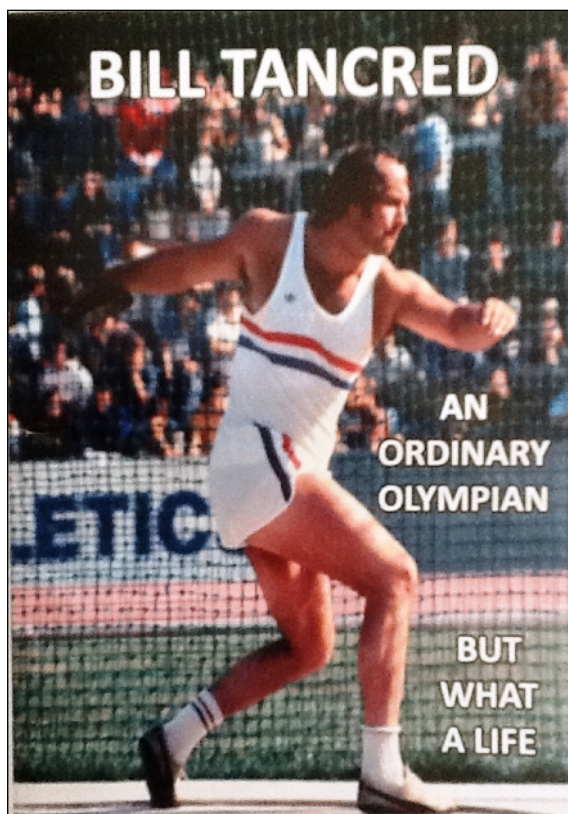
Book Review

Bill Tancred is a leading sports administrator , academic and former international athlete and coach. He competed at the 1968 and 1972 Summer Olympics in the discus and won bronze and silver medals in successive Commonwealth Games from 1970 to 1974.

He was the British National discus champion on ten occasions and broke the British discus record 19 times; the last stood for 25 years with his personal best being 64.96m in 1974.

A former regular soldier with the 1st East Anglian Regiment and the Royal Army Physical Training Corps. After military service in Aden and at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, he attended Loughborough University and West Virginia University in the USA on a NATO Fellowship. As an academic he has taught in schools, sports academies and Universities and held the position of Professor of Sport and Exercise science.

BILL TANCREED "AN ORDINARY OLYMPIAN BUT WHAT A LIFE" ISBN: 978-1-911311-13-3 (Leiston Press, Masterlord Ind Estate, Leiston, IP16 4JD)



Poulters Prize

Presentation of the Poulters' Prize 2016 to LCpl Lawrence Kayser MC by Mr Rory Kemp, Master of the Worshipful Company of Poulters on 11th January 2017

The Worshipful Company of Poulters are long-standing friends and supporters of the Regiment. The annual Poulters' Prize is awarded to 'the individual who has best promoted the ethos of The Royal Anglian Regiment in a significant way.' The Poulters kindly entertained the winner for 2016, Lance Corporal Lawrence Kayser MC and the Colonel of the Regiment's representative, Lt Col Bruce Weston, Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion to their Christmas Court Lunch at Armourers' Hall. On this special occasion, The Master Mr Rory Kemp presented the Poulters Prize to Lance Corporal Lawrence Kayser MC, and Lt Col Bruce Weston spoke in reply after lunch, thanking the Poulters for their continuing friendship and support, and updating the Poulters on the Regiment's news.

Lance Corporal Lawrence Kayser MC was recommended for the Poulters' Prize for his outstanding work, caring for the Regiment's recruits at the Infantry Training Centre (ITC), where he has been the Regimental Shepherd. This is an increasingly important job, requiring huge effort to support our recruits on the Combat Infantryman's course. Lance Corporal Kayser has been

outstanding and he has quietly worked for many more hours, evenings and weekends of his own time. His hard work and dedication has led to the Regiment having one of the lowest number of soldiers, across the Infantry, leaving training. He has set an example of caring professionalism to our young trainees, and is a living embodiment of the ethos of the Regiment. Our young soldiers are at their most vulnerable in those early stages at ITC and LCpl Kayser has shown empathy, compassion, and understanding. Many Regiments use more senior NCOs in this role but LCpl Kayser has demonstrated that it is friendly continuous reassurance which supports and builds confidence in recruits, enabling them to really enjoy their training. LCpl Kayser MC is a worthy winner of the Poulters' Prize.



Mr Rory Kemp, The Master presents the Poulters' Prize for 2016 to Lance Corporal Lawrence Kayser MC.

Association News

On Friday 6th January representing the Royal Tigers' Association, Roger Jones and Association Standard Bearer Robbie Allen, are shown standing beside former Pte Francis Mellor, who had just been presented with la Legion d' Honneur at Chesterfield Town Hall by the French Consulate, Monsieur Jean-Claude Lafontaine. Francis (Chuck) Mellor served with the 1st Battalion The Leicestershire Regiment, landing in France in 1944 where after many bruising encounters with the German army he was wounded in the hip, thigh and arm. He was eventually repatriated to the UK, where on recovery he was demobbed in 1946 and has lived and worked in Chesterfield ever since. Sgt Daly of B (Leicestershire) Company, 2nd Battalion also attended on behalf of the Regiment.



The Kohima Educational Trust

We are delighted to work with Gresham's School in Holt to present a screening of the Trust's film *Kohima: An Exploration of War, Memory and Gratitude*, with its original footage of the battle and insights from some of the veterans who founded the Trust, at 6.30 pm on Friday April 28th, exactly 73 years after these brave men battled on those faraway hillsides. The film will be shown at The Auden Theatre within the senior school, a well-known hub of the North Norfolk Arts Circuit.

Tickets will be £25 each, which will include drinks and canapes after the film showing. All profits will go to the Kohima Educational Trust to help in educational projects for today's Naga children. Please bring as many friends as you wish, to learn more about this little-known chapter of Norfolk's history and, by attending, help in supporting the education of Naga children. There is a booking form below with links to the theatre booking office and to KET.

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With very best wishes,

How to book your tickets

Friday 28 April

Auden Theatre, Greshams School,
Cromer Road, Holt, Norfolk NR25
6EA

Parking will be in the Main Car Park

You can book your tickets online directly with the Auden Theatre at www.audentheatre.co.uk Or call the Auden Theatre box office on 01263 713444

Alternatively, you can book your tickets through

www.kohimaeducationaltrust.net or

print and return this form to the Kohima Educational Trust, enclosing a cheque.

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Dear Friend and Supporter,

KOHIMA: An Exploration of War, Memory and Gratitude

On a monument stone at the entrance to the Second World War cemetery at Kohima, high in the hills of North-East India, are engraved the poignant words of the Kohima Epitaph:

When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
We gave our today

Yet few people know of the incredibly hard fought Battle of Kohima which stopped a Japanese Invasion of India in its tracks, just at the time when the Allies were preparing for the Normandy Landings. Defeat at Kohima would have been catastrophic for the Allies as the way would have been laid open for a Japanese advance on Delhi and with it a major prolongation of the war in Asia.

Instead, the ferocious Japanese attacks were held back through weeks of hand-to-hand fighting, most notably across what had been the tennis court of the District Commissioner's bungalow where the cemetery now lies. The Royal Norfolk Regiment played a major role in the successful outcome of the battle. After an exhausting approach over steep mountains covered in thick jungle, the Norfolks engaged in extremely hard fighting, capturing what was to become known as "Norfolk Ridge". The Regiment suffered over 250 casualties in under a month, including the death of Captain Jack Randle who received a posthumous Victoria Cross for his final assault on a Japanese bunker.

Sixty years later, some of the veterans of the battle wanted to create a living memorial to all those who died in the battle and to give something back to the descendants of those Naga tribespeople who had helped them achieve the victory. The Nagas acted not just as combatants but as porters and stretcher bearers and helped save the lives of countless British soldiers. Many Norfolk veterans remembered with clarity how indispensable the Nagas proved, helping carry their heavy loads over the harsh terrain. Even young girls helped carry ammunition and water.

The veterans founded The Kohima Educational Trust in gratitude, primarily to provide educational scholarships to Naga children, which provide them with a vital step up in life from their very modest backgrounds. Thirteen years later the Trust has set up over 500 scholarships, built a hostel, created a reference library and completed many other projects.

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The Trust was founded in 2003 by veterans of the Battle of Kohima in 1944. It is devoted to honouring the people of Nagaland through educational activities. A Registered Charity: No 1120045

BOOKING FORM

Please send metickets for the film showing of *Kohima: An Exploration of War, Memory and Gratitude*.

Cheques should be made payable to The Kohima Educational Trust and sent to:

Sylvia May, The Kohima Educational Trust, The Thatched Cottage, Newbury Road East Hendred, Oxon OX12 8LG

Tickets are £25 each which will include drinks and canapés.

JIB Shornecliffe Reunion

JIB Sir John Moore Barracks Shornecliffe Kent opened in September 1967.

I have been asked by three veterans from the Duke of Wellingtons Regiment (DWR), to see if there is an appetite for a reunion this September 2017. 50 years ago the camp opened its gates to 1000, 15 year olds. The gathering would be for anyone that started out in JIB. All three of the DWR lads started their army careers off as junior soldiers in Sir John Moore Barracks. I did myself.

I have had permission to host some kind of reunion from the Commanding officer 2RGR who are in the camp and presently in Afghanistan.

No work has taken place for this event as it would only go ahead if there was sufficient interest.

I am very aware of a successful association in existence that represents all past junior soldiers from all the old junior camps.

My contacts are E: yorksahqrichmond@btconnect.com T: 01748822133

I work for the Yorkshire Regiment in an office, in the Green Howard Museum Richmond.

We could be looking at a really big response or nothing at all, big things can come from small ideas over a pint in a pub, lets see.

Major (Retired) Ralph MM

Regimental Museum

Recording Memories Project

The latest instalment of the Record Memories Project saw us visit John Lincoln, in order to capture his memories of serving with the Royal Norfolk Regiment during the Second World War. His book 'Thank God and the Infantry' is a fascinating and emotive insight into individual soldiers and their experiences during the liberation of Europe. John was awarded the MC for continued exemplary leadership of his men during their time in France, Holland and Germany. He credited his award to the exploits of the men of his Platoon. His interview is in the process of being edited and uploaded to the Regimental archives. Snippets will be available on the Museum Facebook page. As part of the Museum's ongoing partnership with Cambridgeshire Museums Network, we provided technical assistance regarding the capturing of memories of elderly people. We also helped in the creation of this short film below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PT2leFI9bZs>



As part of our contribution to this partnership, the Museum has been allocated a small amount of funds to spend on its archives.

Acquisitions & Loans

The Museum has acquired some photographs from the IWM of various battalions within the Regiment. They were marked for disposal, and the Curator will need to sift through and identify original prints that we may not already have. Hopefully if we find some originals, we will be able to make them publicly available.

Personal letters of Oliver Hopkin (KIA in Arras April 1917)

For the centenary of the Battle of Arras, Gwyn Thomas from the Suffolk Regiment Museum has generously loaned us original letters from Private Oliver Hopkin, of the 11th Cambs Suffolks Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment. We plan to digitise the letters and put them on display for the centenary of his death. The letters home tell an emotional tale of life in the trenches.