



Regimental Matters

Minden Day 256th Celebration 2nd August 2015 RHQ Bury St Edmunds

Minden Day will take place at RHQ on 2nd August at RHQ. Minden Day was always strongly commemorated by the Suffolk Regiment, and this tradition was handed down to the 1st East Anglian Regiment then to the 1st Battalion of the Royal Anglian Regiment who today ensure that, wherever they are, it is a day of great celebration and this years event will be an excellent family day for everyone to enjoy.



The day starts with a Church call at 1100 hours followed by a Drumhead Service and Association March past. The parade ground programme includes the Southwold and Reydon Corps of Drums, Glenmoriston Pipe Band and a Military Vehicle display, the event closes at 1645 hours.

Diary Dates

August

- 2 Association Minden Day
- 7 CC7 Sovereign's Parade
- 15 2 Royal Norfolk Lunch
- 15 FEPOW VJ 60th

September

- 6 Regimental Reunion
- 20 Regimental Chapel Sunday
- 25 Regimental Golf Society Autumn Meeting
- 26 Royal Norfolk Regimental Association Dinner
- 27 Regimental Association Service



Austin Champ at RHQ

Ex Viking Eddie Smith called into RHQ with his recently restored Austin Champ which has taken him 18 months to restore.

The Regiment warmly the following Officers on being selected for command:

- 2 Royal Anglian. Maj (for Lt Col I6) B D Weston RRF Feb 17
- 3 Royal Anglian. Maj (for Lt Col) M S Woodeson Aug 17
- 2 Med Regt. Lt Col P C Worthington RAMC (Paul was in the 1st Bn and was Adjt 3rd Bn before transferring to the RAMC)

Extract from London Gazette not previously included in the Royal Anglian News:

Promotions

- Lt Col M P Aston DSO MC to be Col wef 30 June 2015
- Maj G B Foden to be Lt Col wef 30 June 2015
- Maj M A Nicholas to be Lt Col wef 30 June 2015

Retirement

Lt Col M H Wenham wef 18 April 2015

IRC

WO2 D A Grice to be Capt wef 2 April 2015

1st Battalion (The Vikings)

A 'Norfolk' Company



A 'Norfolk' Company tested its' soldiers to determine the best Fire Team through a challenging competition. Set over two days, the troops were tested in a multitude of Infantry skills including Battlefield Casualty Drills, Observation, Leadership and Communications. The culminating event saw the men partake in a gruelling March and Shoot – carrying a stretcher through the Afghan heat to the range where they engaged in a Fire Team Marksmanship test.



3 Platoon who are based out of the Kabul International Airport are tasked with providing static FP for the UK Aviation Detachment. As well as this the platoon performs regular patrols around the city allowing the men to experience a bit more of Kabul. Sharing a base with the RAF has proved testing at times but has allowed regular inter-service sport. Needless to say the Vikings are current football and volleyball champions. The company are thriving in this environment and their performance to this stage has been of the highest standard.



B 'Suffolk' Company



B (Suffolk) Coy provide a Quick Reaction Force who are tasked with providing Incident Response within Kabul. The Afghan Security Forces are in control of the city and provide an effective response to whatever situation may arise. However, we will assist them if there is an incident involving NATO forces. At the end of June there was a Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device which damaged a NATO Tactical Vehicle. Although the Afghan Security Forces controlled the scene our QRF responded to assist with the recovery of the damaged vehicle. This is what we have trained for and all the soldiers went about their task in a highly professional and efficient manner.



C (Essex) Company Op Newcombe

C (Essex) Company have taken on a new training task: conducting training for 136 Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO's) from the NCO school in Segou. We are conducting a training package for the NCO's that are in their first year of training. The package that we are delivering focuses on the basics of infantry soldiering, from how to patrol up to section attacks, as well as covering the basics of command and leadership. This will be the last period of training that we deliver to the Malian Armed Forces before our return.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

2nd Battalion Put Lincoln City Footballers Through a 3 Day Boot Camp



Lincoln City Footballers were put through a 3 day boot camp by the Poachers by Colour Sergeant Davison, by all accounts the footballers conducted themselves well and had a challenging introduction to Poacher training.

Poachers Conduct First Person on the Scene Training

Soldiers and Officers across the Battalion have recently conducted their First Person On Scene training course at Kendrew Barracks. This course was run by East Midlands Ambulance Service and will see Poachers responding to 999 emergency calls within our recruiting area.



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Re-Dedication Service

The Commanding Officer along with members of 3 (Essex and Hertfordshire) Coy took part in the re-dedication of the grave of Pte Arnold as part of the Waterloo 200 celebration. A Peninsular War and Waterloo veteran Pte Arnold served in the Army for 24 years having joined in 1800 and saw action at Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Funetes D'Onoro and countless other skirmishes in the 5 year campaign. Pte Arnold died in 1869 aged 90 years old.



1 Company Survival Day

For their training day, 1 Company held a 24 hour Fieldcraft and Survival Exercise at Northwold, Norfolk. After a short 4 k navigation phase, lessons included Shelter Construction, Water Collection, Fire Lighting, Traps and Snares. This was followed by food preparation and an overnight test phase.

