



Regimental Matters

Royal Hospital Chelsea Visit

Major Bob Grenfell the Assistant Regimental Secretary visited the Regiment's 'In Pensioners' at the Royal Hospital Chelsea to extend seasons greetings and deliver Christmas presents on behalf of the Regiment. The picture (left to right) is of Michael Riley, Bob Grenfell and Dougie May. George Bayliss who is 94 yrs old lives in the Infirmary; he is well and maintains his sense of humour.

Appointments

Maj (for Lt Col on assumption) T M B Smith SOI
Offr Pipeline Strat Policy Dec 15

Beige List Dec 2016

DE

- Capt F K Atkins, Capt D T Crosbie, Capt A K Luff, Capt A D Mackness, Capt S Thomas

LE

- Capt D T Granfield, Capt L W Jay, Capt A J Penn, Capt L A Waghorn

Reserves

- Capt A S Davies, Capt S C Hale, Capt A J Horner, Capt E A Matts



Diary Dates

December

18 Christmas Leave
1st Battalion
2nd Battalion
RHQ

January 2016

3 Chapel Sunday
4 2nd Battalion return from Christmas Leave
4 RHQ return from Christmas Leave
10 1st Battalion return from Christmas Leave

McClure Way

Aaron McClure has been remembered in a moving ceremony to commemorate him, Aaron's mother Lorraine, family members and members of the Regiment were present as work started on McClure Way, a new development of 22 flats just off Ulster Avenue on the Whitehouse Estate in Ipswich.

Now his name has been immortalised for all time with the start of work on McClure Way, Aaron's mother said, 'There are still a lot of people who knew him and remember him and this is a permanent memorial to him. We are very proud and very grateful to the council for doing this'.



Christmas Greetings

Our Colonel in Chief has sent his good wishes for Christmas and New Year.



1st Battalion (The Vikings)

Public Order Training



The soldiers of A (Norfolk) Company, have recently undergone specific training in public order events over a four week period at Lydd in Kent to prepare them to support allies in various scenarios around the world. The Company has been based at Lydd Camp for the majority of their training and have conducted Public Order exercises during day and night time. Soldiers have been put through their paces in testing circumstances. They aim to diffuse aggressive crowds, by applying controlled application of force using non-lethal methods with shields and batons. The exercise has seen them withstand petrol bombs, simulated small arms fire and the actions on a soldier being dragged into a mob. The soldiers will deploy to Bosnia for a two week exercise, to enable them to train and develop within the EU multinational Battalion permanently based in Sarajevo who they will be supporting if the Company is deployed, where they will become the British Company supporting an EU task in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the western Balkans.



Viking Cake

Chefs from I R ANGLIAN have used their skill and imagination to create a wide range of beautifully decorated Christmas cakes for the 7th Infantry Brigade and HQ East Christmas Cake Competition.

A total of 33 cakes were entered into three categories: Senior Non-Commissioned Officers, Junior Non-Commissioned Officers and Civilian Head Chefs and Private Chefs and Civilian Chefs.

The cakes in all three categories were of an incredibly high standard and ranged from the delicately traditional to movie themed cakes.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

The Poachers regret to announce the loss of Private Warren Carter who died as a result of injuries received in a road traffic incident on 9 Dec 15. Born and raised in Cambridge, Pte Carter joined the Army on 22nd January 2012 and, following recruit training, joined The Second Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment (The Poachers). A proud Poacher, he served with distinction in the UK, Kenya and Germany and his death leaves a huge void within C (Northamptonshire and Rutland) Company.

Fit, motivated and diligent, Pte Carter was a fundamental part of C Company's Headquarter Department. A dedicated soldier, his professionalism and enthusiasm for his career is best characterised by his long battle to return to full fitness following a heat injury sustained in Kenya. Where many had said recovery was impossible he succeeded. He had recently secured a place on a promotion course in January 2016, testament to his drive and ambition.

Funny, quick witted and self deprecating, Private Carter was the life and soul of the party. His quirky solo dances and funny sketches allowed many to make light of the grimmest situations. Never without a smile on his face, he had an opinion on everything.

One of C Company's more senior soldiers, he acted as a mentor for the younger men in the Company, showing significant patience and emotional intelligence. Most recently he was employed as the Company storeman where his diligence and proactive nature was respected immensely.

Pte Carter loved life and relished competition. A gifted sportsman he was a talented footballer and a keen supporter of his beloved Manchester United.

A much loved son, brother, partner to Kristi, and a committed father to Courtney, he will be dearly missed by his family and all that knew him.

Poacher Escape and Evasion Exercise

The Poachers conducted an Escape and Evasion exercise across the Yorkshire Dales. Soldiers spent 3 days evading a hunter force, which included military working dogs, whilst carrying only minimal rations and travelling long distances. Parts of the exercise included abseiling and water crossings. Initiative, cunning, physical robustness and determination were key to success. The exercise was designed to train and prepare The Poachers for any eventuality they may face whilst deployed. During 2015 The Poachers have been deployed across the world including Defence Engagement tasks in Nigeria and training in the Falklands, Bermuda, Germany and the United States.





3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Remembrance Sunday

The main event in November was the Battalion's participation on Remembrance Sunday. The 3rd Battalion took part in parades across the Regimental recruiting area including, Bury St Edmunds and Leicester as well Grimsby and Lincoln where the Battalion is re-establishing itself and growing Platoon locations.



Ex Tiger Compass

Members of 2 Coy took part in Ex TIGER COMPASS which was a used as a conceptual development exercise as well as MATTs training. The STEELBACK soldiers visited the Royal Leicestershires museum to brush up on their Regimental history and completed a number of MATTs at Kendrew Barracks



Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess Function

The STEELBACKS' Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess had their annual Christmas function at the end of November. With the RSM leading the charge, the night proved to be hugely successful for what is continuing to be a thriving mess.

