



Regimental Matters

The Royal Anglian Regiment Remembers the Fallen

The Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Harry have paid tribute to Britain's fallen soldiers as they opened Westminster Abbey's Field of Remembrance.

The pair spoke to veterans and their families beside the annual display of more than 100,000 small wooden crosses, each with a poppy and personal message.

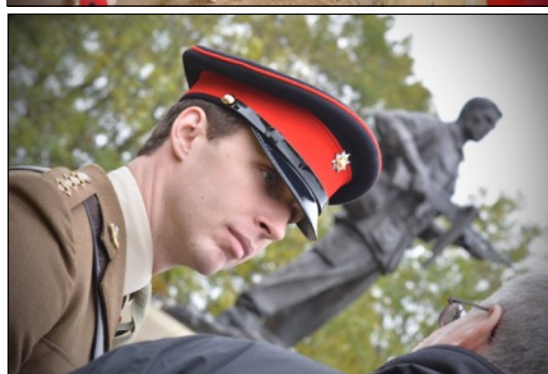
They honour service personnel who have lost their life since World War One. A small group of Royal Anglians and antecedent Regiments were honoured to be present, followed by a small lunch in the Farmers Club.

The Last Post was played before a two-minute silence and the duke and his grandson planted their own crosses.



Regimental Service of Remembrance at the Regimental Memorial

The Regimental Memorial was the very moving setting for the annual Regimental Service of Remembrance, about 350 members of the Regiment, serving, veterans and the bereaved families attended the service, wreaths were laid on behalf the Regiment and those of the fallen.



Poppy Dinner

The Poppy Dinner was held in Queens College Cambridge on 11th November, in aid of the Regimental Benevolence fund, 47 members of the Regiment attended the event, including the guest of honour, Field Marshal the Lord Walker of Aldringham GCB CMG CBE DL and Lady Walker, the event which was organised by Vanessa Burkitt of Catherine Jones of Cambridge and it was an outstanding success, each guest purchased a ticket which included a ticket for a member of the Regiment. The dinner also included an auction of Regimental items including a Shako helmet and a campaign medal box, displaying a medal for each campaign that the Regiment has served in, the medal box was purchased by the Corporals Mess of the 2nd Battalion much to the relief of the Regimental Secretary!

The Poppy Dinner also brought together two ex Suffolk Regiment soldiers who hadn't seen each other for 40 years, Bonny Parkes and Herbie Bright, both 90 met up again at the Poppy Dinner, both soldiers thoroughly enjoyed the dinner and were very pleased to meet up again after all these years.



Bonny Parkes, in hat and Herbie Bright, second from the right



Appointments

Maj T G B P Coleman MND DComd Exec Offr
May 16

Maj M Brazier CUOTC Sep 15

Extract from London Gazette Oct 15

Retirement

- Capt J E Quince Jul 15

SSC

- Lt ST Payne to be Capt Apr 15
- Lt W N Harris to be Capt Aug 15
- 2Lt M C Durkin to be Lt Aug 15
- 2Lt S J Durrant to be Lt Aug 15

VRSM

- Capt A G Speechly

Diary Dates

December

- 5 Austin Dinner
- 6 Chapel Sunday
- 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

1st Battalion (The Vikings)

Viking Activity

The Vikings are currently immersed in a hive of activity as it commences all the prerequisite training for two separate overseas missions next year. A Coy deployed to Thetford and then transferred to Lydd to conduct marksmanship, public order and live firing tactical training. The bill for instructors, safety staff and civilian population to provide a realistic public order environment has been covered by B Coy and HQ Coy. This allows A Coy to meet its start state and take over as the readiness company to deploy to Bosnia as part of the EU mission there if required. B Coy additionally deployed its OC and a platoon to Kenya in support of 2 MERCIAN. C Coy HQ has conducted its recce of the Falkland Islands while the platoons have taken their first step towards build up training also on the ranges conducting the annual combat marksmanship test. D Coy welcomes the return of Snipers and Recce Pl post-Afghanistan. Members of sniper platoon, recce platoon and mortar platoon then deployed to Kenya as observer mentors and range staff again in support of 2 MERCIAN. The bulk of the company is now focussing on core infantry skills – map reading, fitness, casualty drills and dismounted close combat training as it re-roles to a rifle company prior to its Falkland Islands deployment.





As you can read the battalion is not short of activity and nor does it want to be. Special mention goes to Lt Tovey and CSgt Willan who led two teams to come 1st and 2nd in the Brigade Patrols Competition followed by 2 silver medals in the Cambrian Patrol.

WO2 Kierney deserves a special mention for his recent award, he is the first infantryman to ever have been awarded the Churchill Medal; for achievement in engineering and technical advancement in support of military operations.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

Poachers use 'GoPro' during Urban Warfare Training



The Poachers have just returned from a two week exercise focused on Urban Warfare. The Poachers spent a week practicing fighting in built up areas using blank ammunition and Tactical Effects Simulation (TES) kit. The TES kit is similar to Laser Quest and increases realism by informing soldiers when they have been shot.

During the second week they conducted training with live rounds and were able to practice their room clearance drills in specially constructed wooden compounds.



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Ex TRIGLAV STAR - Cambrian Patrol Team in Slovenia

The Steelbacks Cambrian Patrol Team conquer Mount Triglav in Slovenia (2864m).



Employers Breakfast

2 (Leicestershire and Lincolnshire) Company conducted an Employers Breakfast this week in conjunction with East Midlands RFCA (Reserve Forces and Cadets Association). Martin Gibbons, IT Director for a Leicestershire based food manufacturing company said, "This was a great opportunity to understand more about what my Reservist does when he's away with the military".

