



## Regimental Matters

### Regimental Day



The Regimental family turned out in force for another gloriously sunny Regimental Day at Duxford. The elegant Drumhead Service at our Memorial was kindly taken by Father Ken Reeve our Honorary Chaplain, and by Rev Roy Burley, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion's Chaplain. The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion provided an immaculate Colour Party and Major Bob Potter again mustered the Associations Standards. Gen Phil Jones laid a wreath on behalf of the Regt, Brig Max Marriner on behalf of the Association and Millie and Morgan Davey on behalf of the fallen. Capt Peter Hudson and the Regt Band supported the service wonderfully, entertained us in the afternoon during the Picnic, and closed the day at the Memorial.

We were delighted to welcome friends from the Worshipful Company of Poulterers, who are long standing and kind supporters of the Regt. The 2,500 members of the Regimental family enjoyed a sunny day of meeting old friends and comrades.











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## Diary Dates

### October 2016

- 2 Chapel Sunday Warley
- 15 4/5 Bn Leicester Regiment Officers Dinner
- 19 Burial of 10th ESSEX WWI soldiers, Pte Harry Carter & Pte William Marmon of 10th ESSEX by C (Essex) Coy in Albert, France

### November 2016

- 4 Regt Council Meeting & Officers Club Dinner
- 6 Chapel Sunday Warley
- 10 Opening of the Field of Remembrance - Westminster
- 13 Regimental Remembrance Service- IWM Duxford
- 20 Bedford Assoc Reunion in Kempston
- 26 Presentation of Freedom of Gibraltar in Gibraltar



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# 1st Battalion (The Vikings)

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## Vikings in Estonia

Members of Anti-Tank and Reconnaissance Platoons, D (Cambridgeshire) Company, deployed to Estonia as part of a multinational NATO exercise. The Vikings offered specialist expertise and firepower to the Battlegroup in what was a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding experience.



## Minden Day in Nigeria

Members of A (Norfolk) Coy are presented roses by Major Dave Haggar in Nigeria as part of its Minden Day celebrations last month. The small team is there providing essential pre-deployment training to the Nigerian Navy. They have been there since July and are due to return home to their loved ones in November.





## A (Norfolk) Company In Nigeria

A (Norfolk) Company continue to deliver outstanding training at the Nigerian Special Warfare Wing. This month has included a Counter-Terrorism and Trackers course delivered to selected Nigerian soldiers.



## Laying Up of the 1st Battalion's Old Regimental Colour

Following the presentation of our new Colours in 2014, our Old Colours have been laid up in our Chapels in: Warley, Ely, Lincoln, Leicester, Northampton and Hemel Hempstead. The 1st Battalion laid up their old Regimental Colour in the Regimental Chapel in Norwich Cathedral on Sunday 25th September. The Regimental Family filled the Chapel and the extra seats outside. A (Norfolk) Company provided the Colour Party and a strong uniformed contingent. Also present were COs who had commanded under these colours: Brig Roger Brunt CBE (CO when these Colours were presented), Lt Gen Phil Jones CB CBE, Lt Col Eddie Thorne MC, Brig James Woodham CBE MC, Col Mick Aston DSO MC and the current CO, Lt Col Guy Foden. Particularly moving was the reading of the names of the twenty three members of the Regt who have died on duty while these Colours were carried.





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## 2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

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### Ex Askari Storm

C (Northamptonshire) Company hard at work on the first phase of the Exercise. This is their platoon attack range. Here the Poachers are learning how to deal with the tough terrain and harsh environment whilst focusing on their war fighting skills.





## D (Bedfordshire and Herts) Company

Poacher Mortar Platoon, are put through their paces in Archer's Post.



## Poacher First Responders

More than 20 soldiers from three Rutland-based regiments are making a life-saving difference serving as Community First Responders (CFRs) to people living in the rural area around their barracks. Since they were formed last year, the 22-strong team have put in more than 2,000 hours, attending almost 1,000 call-outs to everything from cardiac arrests to falls and breathing difficulties.



The soldiers respond from a strategic standby point in a response vehicle. WO2 Lee Pearce, 45, of the Poachers, a veteran of Afghanistan, Iraq, Northern Ireland, Bosnia and Sierra Leone, got the scheme up and running after returning from his last tour of Afghanistan in 2012.



## 3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

### The Steelbacks' Annual Exercise Lydd



### 4 Company Recruiting

At a job fair in Louth, Lincolnshire, Victoria Atkins, the local MP, holds a copy of (her) Castle magazine and is standing in front of the 4 Company recruiting sign. Hugely supportive of what the Battalion is doing and looking forward to including 4 Company in the next event.





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# Association

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## Charity Rowing Challenge

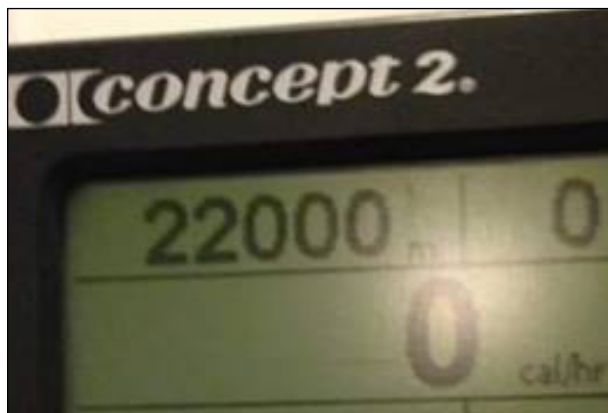
Chris Pook, a former Poacher and Viking, has just completed a 484km charity rowing challenge in Baghdad. Taking part in this challenge with a colleague from G4S in Kabul, Chris, based in Baghdad, rowed 22km a day, every day, for 22 days. Chris is looking to raise £2,200 to support the uk charity Combat Stress, which provides support to those bearing invisible wounds resulting from service in the armed Forces. If this is an charity you feel able to support you can do so here:

[justgiving.com/484](http://justgiving.com/484)

With a combined total of almost 1,000 km rowed, Chris is now hopeful that the financial target can be reached. Your support for this worthwhile cause would be most welcome.

A record of daily rowing results has been posted here: <https://flickr.com/photos/67905060@N07/sets/72157673099637281>

Chris writes that 'The worst part was rowing 44km in one day to catch up, after a day in a location without a rowing machine. The best part was the moment after completing the final metre of the 484th kilometre'.





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# Museum Report

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## September - Museum Curator's Report

### Accreditation

We successfully completed the Accreditation return in late May, and are now waiting to hear the verdict. The process highlighted a need to revisit the various procedural policies, as some haven't been updated since 2008. This will be highlighted in my report at the Trustees Meeting in September.

### Recording Memories

This project is still ongoing, with interviews currently being scheduled for the autumn. Recently we were able to send Brigadier Bill Deller's family a DVD of his interview in May of last year, thus highlighting the importance of the project. We interviewed Col Hall-Tipping about his career, and were visited by Jenner Elba-Porter - to talk about the action at Sheikh Othman Police Station.

### Somme Display

We have received some WWI items on loan from the Essex Regiment Museum, which are now on display on the Spine. The objects range from personal items, such as diaries, medals and note books; to trench maps, grenades and photographs. The display will be up until November 2016, in conjunction with the Somme Offensive ending in November 2016.





## Regimental Day

We obtained a few of the old regimental scrapbooks from the Museum stores and put them out in order for people to take a look.

## Cambridge Museum's Memories in the Community Project

We have been a partner of the Cambridgeshire Memories in the Community Project for over two years, offering logistical support in the form of our audio/visual kit. The ethos of the project is to attempt to enhance the welfare of elderly people with dementia. This is done in the form of memory boxes that have been made for them by various partners of the project. At various points over the course of the last year, I have given training to key partners of the project in how to use the equipment, and I am helping the organisers to capture the final stages. On the 15th September I am going to Ramsay Rural Museum to conduct interviews. I think it's an extremely rewarding project to have been a part of, both for its content and its networking opportunities with other local museums. The project has augmented my understanding of the Cambridgeshire Museum Network, and has allowed me to make key contacts with local museum professionals.



## ADEN DISPLAY

With some more generous input from Martin Boswell, Peter Williamson and Ian Hook, we now have a display centred around the Brian Copping GSM we procured back in the spring.

Once we know where we stand regarding the IWM Master-plan, ideas for the future include a small interactive with interviews playing on loop. Brian Copping is visiting the Museum on the 21<sup>st</sup> September, so hopefully we will be able to implement his account of the action into the gallery.

I worked very closely with Helen Close of the Beds & Herts Regiment looking at educational provisions, formal & informal learning, and outreach and online aspirations. We put together a case study for Andrew Lloyd of AMOT, looking at the qualities of the museum along with the restrictions we face as a smaller institution. A draft of the study is available should any of the Trustees want a copy.

