



Royal Anglian News

April 2017

Regimental Matters

London Gazette Extracts Mar 17

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- Maj DT Granfield Nov 16

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- Capt M N Tovey Nov 16

Promotions

The Regiment warmly congratulates the following Officers on their promotion:

- Lt M J Brunsdon to be Capt Dec 16
- Lt (Acting Capt) J S J Rowden to be Capt Dec 16
- Lt T M Shea to be Capt to be Dec 16
- 2Lt J A Mattin to be Lt Dec 16

Soldier to Officer

2Lt David Rawdon commissioned on 13 Apr 17 and was awarded the Queen's Medal. This prestigious award was presented by the Prime Minister, and is awarded to the Cadet who scores the highest in all physical, practical and academic tests. David was a Platoon Sgt in the Poachers before starting the commissioning course. Previously he has been awarded a distinction at both the Section Commander and Platoon Sergeant's Battle Courses (Brecon). He has two older brothers also serving within the Regiment: one (John Rawdon) is a CSM in the Poachers and the other (Eric Rawdon) a CQMS in the Poachers who previously was an instructor at RMAS.



Diary Dates

May 2017

- 5 Regt Council Meeting - London
- 7 Chapel Sunday - Warley
- 13 WOs' & Sgts' Past & Present Dinner - Thetford
- 20 Bedford Modern School CCF Inspection
- 27 Norfolk County Committee Meeting

1st Battalion (The Vikings)

Viking Short Term Training Team Nigeria

B (Suffolk) Company's Short Term Training Team (STTT) has arrived in Nigeria on a mission to train a group of Nigerian specialists prior to their deployment on operations. The Nigerian troops are being put through their paces with a demanding three week package in the testing 40 degree heat of Northern Nigeria. Both the Vikings and Nigerians are keen to do as much as possible within a short space of time.



Ex Norfolk Warrior

Last week A (Norfolk) Company completed some demanding urban training on Ex Norfolk Warrior in preparation for Ex Wessex Storm later this year.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

Ex Jebel Storm

B (Leicestershire) Company has now returned to the UK following its deployment on Ex JEBEL STORM in Oman. At the end of the exercise there was the opportunity for rest and recuperation and a total of 40 soldiers were fortunate enough to attend an adventure training exercise completing their PADI Open Water Diving qualification with Euro-Divers Oman!



Poachers in Nigeria

Elements of D (Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire) Company are deployed to the Nigerian Army Depot at Zaria. The five week Short Term Training Team (STTT) will deliver training to around 400 instructors at the Depot. These vital infantry skills will then be delivered to future recruits. The majority of the recruits move to the north east of Nigeria, following their time at the Depot. The Nigerian Army continue to conduct operations against Boko Haram in the region.



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Ex Dragon Steelback Ski 17

During 18-26 March 2017 3 Royal Anglian deployed 28 skiers on Ski Adventure Training, Exercise DRAGON STEELBACK SKI 17. The Adventurous Training took place in Stubia Glacier, Austria.



The ski group was made up of predominantly new skiers putting on skis for the first time working towards their SFI qualification. Stubia Glacier is an excellent resort for first time skiers so they quickly progressed to getting around the resorts runs under the excellent instruction of WO2 Steve Allen and WO2 Smudge Smith.

There was a few in the group with previous ski experience, SFI, who under the Padre, Maj Paul Whitehead, attained their SF2 qualification after a few days dipping into off piste and touring. Hard work but well worth the effort to get the next step up the ski qualification ladder.

The older and bolder group of SF2s on Continuation Training worked their way around the resort both on and off piste. This started with a daily run down the Wild Grubber, 12K unprepared trail, as a warm up before the first drinking chocolate of the day. A hard weeks skiing by all in the group as the average age was mid 40s to 50.

An arduous, successful and enjoyable weeks AT for all who attended bringing together skiers from all Company's across the Battalion.

Next years trip is booked - For more info contact the Bn MTWO, WO2 Mark Lappin.

Steelback Battalion Shooting Competition

An excellent weekend had by all in the battalion, congratulations to 2 (Leicestershire and Northamptonshire) Company, top shots, winning this years Battalion Shooting competition.



25th Eagle and Garter Salamanca Dinner

For those Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants who served in 3rd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment (Pompadours).

The 25th Eagle and Garter Salamanca Dinner will again be held in the Marks Tey Hotel, Colchester (CO6 1DU) on Saturday 22nd July 2017. It will be the 25th Anniversary of the demise of the Pompadours in October this year.

As usual please feel free to invite paying guests i.e. Fathers, Sons, Brothers, or indeed former and past members of the Pompadours who you feel would enjoy attending such an auspicious occasion. There are probably also a number of retired Corps personnel who served with the Pompadours at some stage and may wish to reacquaint themselves with old friends.

For further details and attendance return please contact:

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3 (UK) Division HQ Ski-Trip

The purpose of this article is to extol the benefits of conducting Adventure Training (AT) and to remind Readers of the Regimental Fund which supports such training.

3 (UK) Division HQ enjoyed a week's skiing in the French Alps in March 2017. Half a metre of snow fell on the night we arrived and the rest of the week was warm, sunny and dry – the perfect conditions. The group was accommodated in a UCPA hostel which is a non-profit French organisation that makes sports



holidays affordable. The hostel provided: a high standard of accommodation, 3 square meals, ski equipment and a bar – all within a 'stone's throw' of the slopes. The personal contribution for this activity was only £75! The Regimental HQ provided money to offset this trip and anyone organising AT must consult with the Regimental or Assistant Regimental Secretary; you will feel well supported.

We live in times of austerity and one of the first things financiers look to constrain is AT. 3 (UK) Div HQ is particularly busy (as are all HQs) but it still finds time to conduct AT. It is important to protect AT as it has significant moral and physical benefits. If you need any more convincing then the policy states: '33% of Regular Unit personnel and 15% of Reserve personnel are to conduct a minimum of 5 days AT per year' (AGAI Vol I, Ch II).

Maj N J P McGinley (posing for his crate fine)

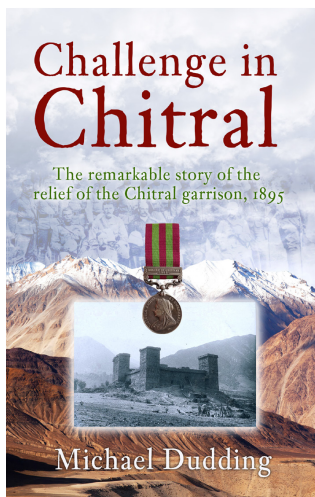
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Museum

The Museum of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in Wardown House in Luton was formally reopened on Friday 7th April 2007. Both Wardown House and the Regimental Museum have undergone a major refurbishment, and both are absolutely first class and well worth a visit. As the Royal Anglian Regiment takes an increasingly holistic view of its heritage, the Regimental Heritage Committee led by Col Dick Harrold recommended to the Regt Council that the Regiment made a contribution towards the refurbishment, partly to support our heritage and partly to help to emphasise the golden thread which runs from the 16th of Foot, from the Bedfordshire Regiment, and from The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment directly to today's Regiment - demonstrated by having D (Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire) Company in our 2nd Battalion. The refurbished Regimental Museum tells the story of the Regiment with a wonderfully conserved and presented collection, and includes the transition to today's Regiment. The museum is a great credit to the Association and to the Museum's supporters. The accompanying photograph shows Col Dick Harrold (on the right!) at the beginning of the museum gallery at the formal opening.



Literary News

Regimental historians will be well aware of the outstanding action of the 1st Bedfords as part of the leading Brigade of the Peshawar Division in Afghanistan in April 1895, resulting in the award of the Battle Honour Chitral. Colonel Michael Dudding has kindly sent RHQ a copy of a flyer for his book "Challenge in Chitral", recently published. Colonel Dudding was a Regular Officer with the RRF and a reserve officer with the QUEENS. Those interested in purchasing a copy should note that there is a typo in the payment details in the flyer, and the correct code is 56-00-33.



Challenge in Chitral

The remarkable story of the relief of the Chitral garrison, 1895

Michael Dudding

The relentless advance of Russia into Central Asia in the 19th century was considered a threat to the security of British rule in India. The passes over the mountain ranges of the North-west Frontier and Hindu Kush, however, were not under British control. Agents were appointed in key areas to monitor what was going on to the north. One such area was Chitral in what is now the far north of Pakistan.

The death, in August 1892, of a strong ruler of Chitral led to a turbulent period as various relatives sought power. In early 1895 the British Agent in Chitral, and a small escort, found themselves besieged as a result of these politics. A relief column was despatched from Gilgit to the east, and a larger relief expedition was mounted from Nowshera to the south. The rugged terrain, the weather and the logistical issues involved all presented huge problems. Treachery and intrigue also played a part. But seven weeks later the hungry and weary defenders of Chitral Fort were finally relieved.

This book sets out the background to the events in Chitral, the stories of the two relieving forces and the subsequent political ramifications in London and Calcutta.

Copies of this book can be purchased from the author for £13.50 (including packing and postage). Please complete the order form below by post or e-mail.



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