

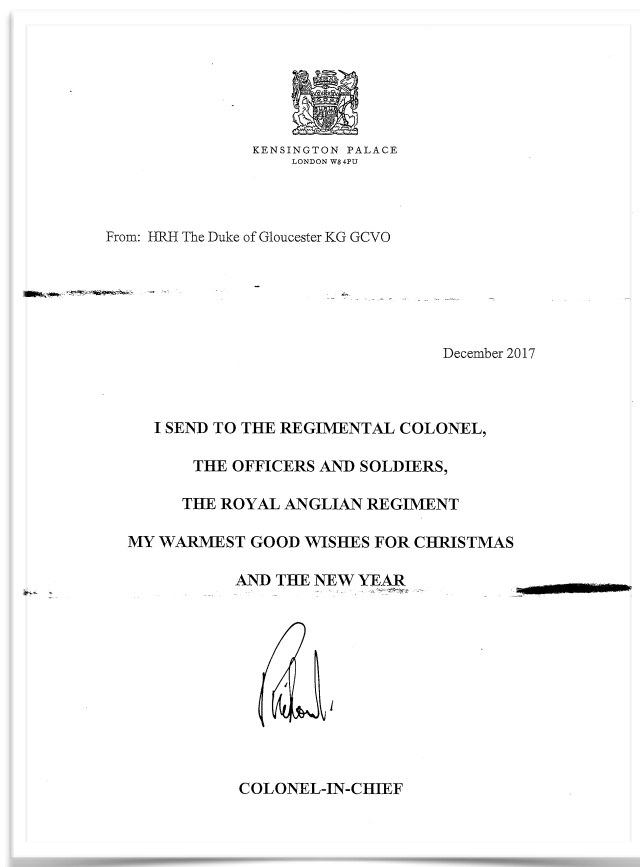


Regimental Matters

WISHING ALL READERS OF ROYAL ANGLIAN NEWS
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY, PEACEFUL 2018

Christmas Greetings

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



Royal Hospital Chelsea

Major Bob Grenfell visited the Regiment's In Pensioners at the Royal Hospital Chelsea to extend Christmas wishes on behalf of the Regiment. Michael Riley and Dougy May are both in good health and remain active, with George Bayliss residing in the Infirmary where he is really well looked after



Regimental Carol Service 2017 in aid of the Regimental Benevolent Charity

Members of the Regimental family gathered for our second annual Regimental Carol Service on Saturday 9th December held in St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds. St Mary's is home to the Chapel of The Suffolk Regiment and The Royal Anglian Regiment. The service raised funds for our Regimental Charity and was supported by local dignitaries, the Mayor of Bury St Edmunds and the Mayor of Sudbury. The service was led by the Honorary Chaplain to the Regiment, Father Ken Reeve with excellent musical accompaniment of the Band of the Royal Anglian Regiment, led by Captain Peter Hudson the Director of Music. Our particular thanks to the Commanding Officer of 3rd Battalion, Lt Col Matt Woodeson not only for the use of the Band but also for personally supporting the service and bringing other members of his Battalion Headquarters. It was wonderful service, enjoyed by all, and the Regimental family enjoyed the mulled wine and minced pies afterwards. We very much look forward to continuing this as an annual event.

The 2018 Carol Service is planned for Sunday 9th December in St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds. Please put this in your diaries.



London Gazette Extracts November 2017

Promotions

- Lt M C Durkin (SSC) to be Capt Aug 2017
- 2Lt JV Ellen (SSC) to be Lt Aug 2017

Potential Officer Visit

In December the Poachers hosted their first Potential Officer visit since moving to Cyprus in the summer. A huge success, the potential officers had an incredible opportunity to see life and meet the soldiers during an exciting time in the Poacher's calendar. They were first treated to a Mezze in the local town and introduced to the Officers' Mess. The next two days saw a visit to C Coy, who are currently protecting the Op Shader flight lines in Akrotiri, B Coy during a sailing and adventure training package, and D Coy who were on the ranges with the snipers. They were also hosted at two fantastic social events: firstly the USMC birthday ball in Nicosia, which as you can imagine was complete with all the ceremony and grandeur

of the USA. Finally, they attended the Austin Dinner, a function in the Officer's mess which combines remember a faithful friend to the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, Mr Charles Austin, with Christmas celebrations. Overall, a fantastic visit and a huge thank-you must go out to all those who helped enable it.

Diary Dates

January 2018

- 7 Chapel Sunday - Warley
- 10 Poulterers Christmas Lunch

February 2018

- 4 Chapel Sunday - Warley
- 7 Veterans Health - Northampton
- 10 Sobraon Day

March 2018

- 4 Chapel Sunday - Warley
- 14 Regt Museum Trustees Meeting -IWM Duxford



1st Battalion (The Vikings)

B (Suffolk) Company

Last week saw B (Suffolk) Company complete an intense pre-deployment training package at Longmoor camp in preparation for Exercise Ajeya Warrior. Training and lessons focused heavily on counterinsurgency and fighting in built up areas (FIBUA) which saw the Company undertake high tempo offensive actions. Additionally, Vikings participated in martial arts classes to prepare them for training with the Indian Army.

B Company were last month in Nigeria to train the Nigerian Army, few battalions in the army will give you this opportunity to travel.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

A (Lincolnshire) Company

A (Lincolnshire) Coy have been back in the UK for a week covering a wide breadth of activity. They started off with ranges in Lydd and Hythe practising individual skills in the urban environment before moving on to work with the crew of HMS Albion on an evacuation exercise. Between which, they visited Lincoln City FC's match against Port Vale (Lincoln won 3-1) and had the privilege of a lap of the stadium at half time! Now it's time for a spot of UK-based leave then back to Cyprus.



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

4 (Lincolnshire) Company

4 (Lincolnshire) Company Training in Grimsby included a brief on Offensive Support capabilities delivered by Maj Andy Heckles RA, currently on a short attachment to the Company. We were also fortunate to be able to host The Mayor of NE Lincolnshire, Councillor Ron Shepherd, and the Chief Executive of NE Lincolnshire Council, Mr Rob Walsh.



4 (Lincolnshire) Company Training

Training evenings at both Grimsby and Lincoln included team competitions in stripping and assembling rifles and pistols blindfolded. All who took part proved their ability to work with the weapons systems efficiently in the dark. Perhaps, to make it more challenging, one arm should be tied behind the back next time?



Association News - Leicestershire

Annual Luncheon for the Officers of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment

The Annual Luncheon for Officers of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment was held at the Army and Navy Club on Saturday 2 December. It was attended by forty seven officers and their ladies, and guests. We were delighted to entertain as our principal guests Sir Laurence Howard KCVO OBE JP, the Lord Lieutenant of Rutland, and Lady Christine Howard.

Sir Laurence who was made a KCVO in this year's Birthday Honours, will relinquish his Lieutenancy upon his 75th Birthday on 29 March 2018. As a token of our esteem and our gratitude to Sir

Laurence for his valued support of the Regiment, it was with great pleasure that the President of The Royal Tigers' Association, Brigadier Andrew Fisher, presented him with a Silver Tiger.

A floral bouquet was presented to Lady Christine in appreciation of her charming and constant support. As a further token of our relationship with Sir Laurence, the President invited him to become an Honorary Member of the Royal Tigers' Association, presenting him with the Association tie which bears the emblem of a Green Tiger.



Regimental Bulletins

This month RHQ has sent the Regimental family 5 Regimental bulletins, which will also be available on the Regimental Website:

- Bulletin - 127/17 - Royal Anglian News November 2017 Edition
- Bulletin 128/17 - NI Wheelbarrow TV Programme Request For Help
- Bulletin 129/17 - Extract From The Court Circular
- Bulletin 130/17 - Greetings From The Colonel in Chief
- Bulletin 131/17 - Death of John M Driver
- Bulletin 132/17 - Death of Harry Frederick Woolrich