



Regimental Matters

Appointments

The Regiment warmly congratulates The Colonel of the Regiment on his appointment as Assistant Chief of the General Staff in November 2018.

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Promotions

- D S J Biddick Brig Jun 18
- P M Birch Lt Col Jun 18
- A G Grinonneau Lt Col Jun 18
- T B Mellar Lt Col Jun 18

IRC

- Capt J S D Pugh SSC 2 Nov 17 Capt Dec 15
- WO1 D J Spray Capt May 18

SSC

- Lt J R Tracey Capt Apr 18

Welcome to the Regimental Family

Colonel Brown (Late CO Poachers) attended the Sovereign's Parade at RMAS to congratulate 2Lts Langley, 1st Bn, Talkington 1st Bn, and Darby 2nd Bn on joining the Regiment.

Diary Dates

2018

September

- 1 Regt Rugby - Rochford
- 2 Regt Day - IWM Duxford
- 2 Chapel Sunday - Warley

October

- 7 Chapel Sunday - Warley
- 14 Cambs Association AGM



1st Battalion (The Vikings)

Minden Day

Minden Day celebrates the participation of the forerunners of various Regiments including the Royal Anglian Regiment, Rifles, RA, PWRR and Royal Regiment of Scotland, RRF and R WELSH in the Battle of Minden during the Seven Years' War on that date in 1759.



Our antecedent Regiment, the 12th Regiment of Foot were the senior unit at the Battle and 'stood right of the line'.

The celebration was overseen by Major General John Sutherell CB CBE DL, involves the wearing of 'Minden Roses', the red and yellow blooms on the head-dress you can see in the photos.

This recalls that the regiments wore wild roses at the battle that they had plucked from the hedgerows as they advanced to engage the enemy. This is represented today in the Tactical Recognition Flash worn by 1st Battalion Soldiers.



Amiens 100 Viking Guard of Honour

Almost exactly 100 years ago the men of 1st Cambridgeshire Regiment and Suffolk Regiment faced the enemy in Amiens.

Honouring their Regimental ancestors, D (Cambridgeshire) Company of the 1st Battalion, mounted the Guard of Honour for this huge international state event, which saw His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridgeshire attend.

As you can see in the photos, the Battalion, known as 'The Vikings', have worked incredibly hard in a period of operational mobilisation to Afghanistan to represent the British Army here.



There can be no more poignant experience to these young soldiers than to stand in this place and remember their forebears as they prepare for operations.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

Poacher Swim



Well done to the Poachers Swim Team who completed the channel in 11 hours and 43 minutes! Gleaming effort and all for a great cause: if you've not yet donated then please please do here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/poachers-swim>

UPDATE: The time they set beat the previous regimental record of 13 hours and 12 minutes in 2004 set by the Vikings (with a team of 6).

Visit of Chief of Staff US Army to the Poachers

General Mark Milley, Chief of Staff, United States Army, visited the Poachers at Alexander Barracks,



Cyprus on Monday 20 Aug 18. General Milley, in his capacity as honorary Colonel of the Poachers, took the time to visit the officers and soldiers of the Battalion following visits to US troops in the Middle East. General Milley has worked with the Royal Anglian Regiment on several operational tours and training exercises. The visit primarily focussed on the soldiers and capabilities of D (Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire) Company. General Milley particularly enjoyed attempting to compromise a Reconnaissance Platoon Observation Post and a sniper team who were concealed on the beach. When addressing the



Left to right, WO1 (RSM) S Mactavish, Chief of Staff US Army General M Milley, Lt Col B D Weston, The Poacher, LCpl Brittany Recce Platoon.

Battalion, General Milley reflected on a “Great visit to Second Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment (The Poachers) in Cyprus where they are doing outstanding work. I’m very proud to be their Honorary Colonel, having seen them in action on operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Proven infantry warriors and absolute professionals.” Lt Col BD Weston, Commanding Officer of the Poachers spoke of the continued bond being forged between the CSA and the Battalion. “It is a great honour for General Milley to be able to visit the Poachers out here in Cyprus and mark his continued friendship to the Regiment. It is also a chance to highlight our role as the Regional Standby Battalion. A light role Infantry Battalion which is operationally ready and capable of rapid deployment across the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) into several directed tasks.” It is safe to say that the special relationship is further secured by the Poachers!



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Ex Steelback Typhoon

The Steelbacks, supported by Cambridge UOTC and Cambridgeshire ACF have been fighting through Stanford Training Area in the blistering heat.



With a free thinking enemy that wouldn't let up, using wearable technology to demonstrate realistic personal battle damage to the reserve soldiers wearing it and against soaring temperatures, the team came together fast, showing that no matter the challenge, when the Royal Anglian Family comes together, they achieve great things. The Deputy Commander of the Field Army, Major General Bill O'Leary visited the Steelbacks as they assaulted into a complex built-up area. Addressing them afterwards he stated '3 Royal Anglian are one of the best in class', a huge compliment from the most senior Reservist in the Country.



Museum News

This month I have been gearing up for my first Regimental Day. I have organised two people to come and display items as well as setting up a table with recent acquisitions and a disposals table as well. I really want to make sure the museum is well presented and I'm hoping to expand our offer and have more dress up and face-painting for kids to add more of a family element. Looking forward to seeing all the people who attend and spending the day representing the museum.

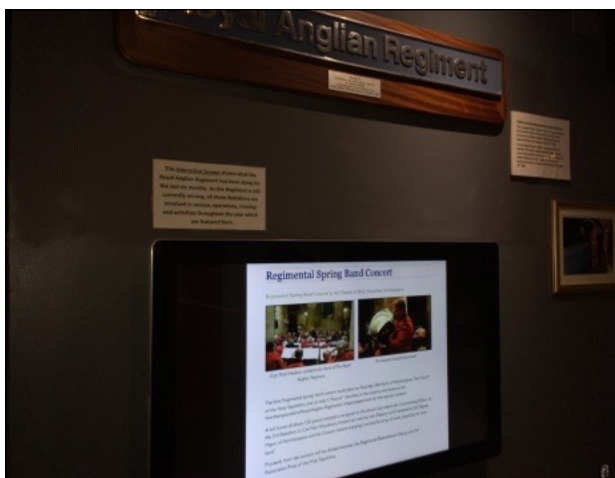
It is once again also the time to start preparations for the air show. This has taken me less time than the last air show but a lot of the volunteers we had in May aren't available for this one so I have had to spend some time recruiting new volunteers which will hopefully pay off for this air show as well as the future. I'm hoping to expand the offer for airshows with more activities such as crafts but it directly depends on how many volunteers I can get.

This month we have been given a collection of photographs with descriptions from the 5th Battalion as well as some shooting trophies, a calendar and booklet on the 5th Battalion. The gentleman who donated them all kindly wrote me out some stories about all the pictures and I hope to use it in the 'Regimental Families' case for its next change over.

As the air show season is winding down the recording memories project will be picked up and more time spent. I have spent some time this month going through the camera equipment and having a go at trying to use it. I have also had Nick in the office who brought some more lighting and paraphernalia for it and is also going to up skill himself in it so he can give a small session on how to light people and shoot a video.

I was lucky enough to go to Minden Day this month and see the Vikings parade, as well as talk to some of the guests and families. I think this was beneficial for me to get out and meet people and let them get to know the museum better. Some of the wives also asked me about doing any events or tables for their families at events in the future.

All the things we set out to do on the gallery redevelopment are done. This month we have put up all the signage and vinyl's to finish off what we had planned. Here are some pictures of some of the redevelopment:



Regimental Association (Suffolk) Minden Day

Minden Day

This year's Minden Day reunion took place at the former Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St Edmunds on Sunday 29 July 2018. Despite adverse weather, a large contingent of veterans and families attended. The day began with a Drum Head Service, conducted by the Honorary Regimental Chaplain, Father Ken Reeve, at 11.15am. Following the service there was a parade during which veterans of both The Royal Anglian Regiment and The Suffolk Regiment marched onto the former Depot Square (now the car park of West Suffolk College). The parade formed and marched under the eagle eye of KC Jones. The parade was ably supported by The Band of The Royal Anglian Regiment who struck up the Regimental March whilst the Colours of 3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks) were marched on. The salute was taken by the Mayor of St Edmundsbury, Cllr Margaret Marks and the President of The Suffolk Regiment Association Brigadier Tony Calder OBE DL.



Veterans on Parade, courtesy of the Bury Free Press.



The Steelback Colours on Parade, courtesy of the Bury Free Press

There was the usual stands and displays including some historic vehicles and additional musical accompaniment by The Ely city Military Band. The Suffolk Regiment Museum was open for the day, and Minden Roses were on sale, as were Suffolk Regimental Souvenirs in the Museum shop tent. As usual, the refreshment area became a focus of many reunions.

Northern Ireland Legacy

Legacy Consultation Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland

Members of the Regimental Family are likely to be aware of the Public Consultation being conducted as part of "Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland." For your information, the NIO's Information Pack is attached. The first line in the Q&A is "It is important to stress that this is a consultation not a policy decision." Some of the recent public debate has been about the prosecution of veterans. The proposed new institutions are covered in some detail in the Information Pack, and they include:

- Historical Investigations Unit
- Independent Commission on Information Retrieval
- Oral History Archive
- Implementation and Reconciliation Group

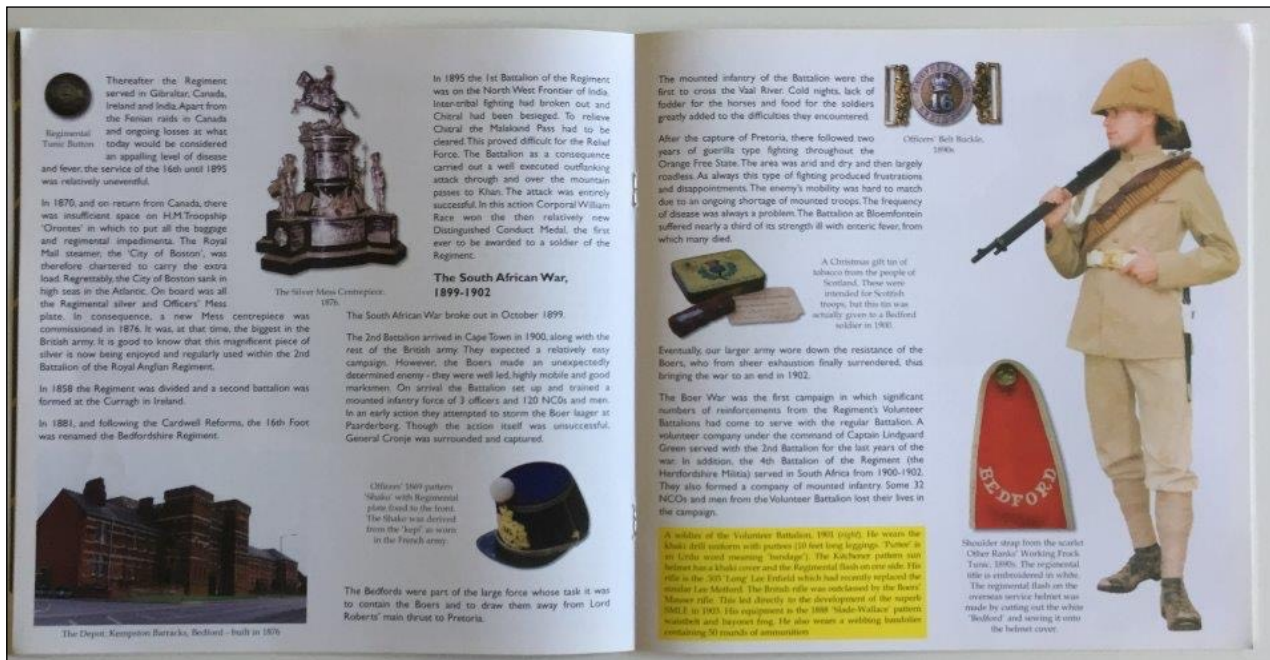
Those wishing to contribute to the Public Consultation may do so via: WWW.GOV.UK/NIO <<http://WWW.GOV.UK/NIO>> where there is a link for responses, or by email to legacyconsultation@nio.gov.uk <<mailto:legacyconsultation@nio.gov.uk>> or in writing to: Legacy Policy Team, Northern Ireland Office, Stormont House, Stormont Estate, Belfast, BT4 3SH

Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment History

Regiment As a result of the closure of Area HQ at Warley a number of booklets summarising the history of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment have become available. These are large (10 in x 10 in) coloured 18-page softback publications giving a comprehensive account of the Regiment's history from 1688 to 1958 with many photographs. They were produced in 1999 and are in excellent condition. Two photographs are enclosed.

Copies are available from Major Peter Williamson in return for a suitable donation to the Regimental Museum. They could be collected on Regimental Day or posted out (but please take into account when making your donation that the postage cost would be £1.26).



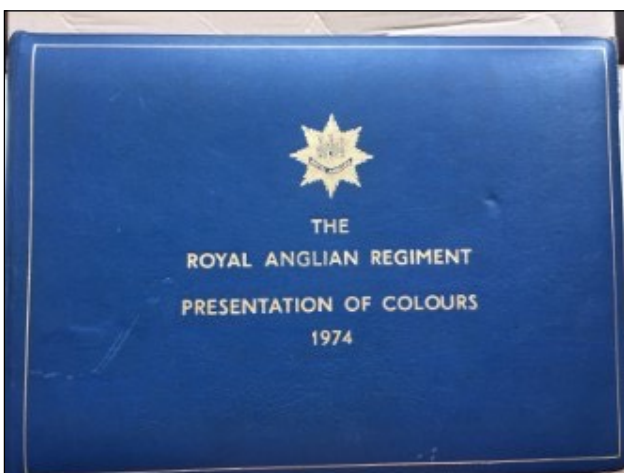


Please contact Peter at peter.williamson4@talktalk.net or on 07979 531741 for advice on how to pay, and thank you for your support of our Museum.

Photograph Album - Presentation of Colours 1974

As a result of the closure of Area HQ at Warley an album of photographs of the Presentation of Colours by HM The Queen Mother at Tidworth in 1974 has become available. This is a large (15 in x 10 in) album with padded covers, crest to front, containing 24 large (10 in x 8 in) good colour photos of the event, in a box, one of a number produced at the time.

Unfortunately this copy, which is thought to have come from the Officers' Mess of the Pompadours, is not in the best condition: the base of the box is damp-stained and mouldy, and the outside of the back cover of the album is in a similar state; the box is also generally grubby and 2 corners are split; and there very slight damp stains on the inside of the back cover. That having been said, the photos inside are absolutely



fine, the back cover could possibly be cleaned to an adequate standard, and the box isn't important anyway. Photographs of the front and back covers are enclosed.

The Regimental Museum already holds two copies of this album which is why this one is up for disposal with proceeds benefitting Museum funds. If you would like to make a bid, or want any further detail, please contact Major Peter Williamson at peter.williamson4@talktalk.net or on 07979 531741 by Wednesday 29 August.

Victoria Cross Centenary Commemorations

Forthcoming VC Commemorations

September 2018

Sunday 09 September

Time to be confirmed, Great Limber Nr Grimsby - Pte Samuel Needham VC Bedfords - Palestine

Sunday 16 September

Time to be confirmed, St Mary's Church & War Memorial Hitchin - Lt Frank Young VC Herts - Havrincourt

Friday 21 September

Time 1000hrs - Hereford Cathedral, then Market Place Cpl Allan Lewis VC Northamptons

Sunday 23 September

1100hrs Royal Leamington Spa War Memorial Lt John Barrett VC Leicesters - Pontruet, St Quentin Canal

Royal Anglian Association (Essex)

Major Bob Filby MC Essex Regiment

The Memorial Service for the life of Major Bob Filby MC took place on Monday 20th August 2018 at St Christopher's Church, Claygate Lane, Hinchley Wood, Surrey.

Attendance included, Field Marshal Walker, Baron Walker of Aldringham, GCB, CMG, CBE, DL and Lady Walker, Lady Walker's father then Major (later General Holme) Holme was Bob Filby's Company Commander when he was awarded the MC. Colonel Dick Shervington TD DL, previous Colonel of the Essex Regiment Association and the current serving Colonel, Colonel Charles Thomas TD, Regimental representation included Major Rhett Corcoran, Major Tony Jones and Major Bob Potter.

Bob Filby had a remarkable wartime career with 2nd Battalion The Essex Regiment. The Regimental history records Lt R G Filby on three particular occasions: knocking out tanks with a PIAT, later hanging on in defensive positions under heavy attack, and later still taking over A Company at Zetten from a wounded Commander "and led it with great dash for the rest of the battle, showing leadership and personal gallantry which earned him the Military Cross". He was a great supporter of the Regiment, notably taking part in Regimental Battlefield tours - most recently in 2017 when on the 73rd anniversary, he briefed the Regimental family on the action at Essex Wood.

A full obituary will appear in the next edition of the Regimental Journal, 'Castle'.



The late Major Bob Filby MC at the 2014 Colours Parade chatting with our Colonel-in-Chief - HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO.

Regimental Association Subscription

Updated May 18.

All retired members of the Regiment are encouraged to become subscribing members of the the Regimental Association.

The cost of subscription is:

- Officers - £25
- Soldiers - £20

| Benefits | Officers | Soldiers | Remarks |
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| An association Membership Card | 😊 | 😊 | Entry to all Regt Events. |
| Copy of the Castle Magazine | 😊 | 😊 | Entry to all Regt Events. |
| Receive Monthly Newsletter. | 😊 | 😊 | Entry to all Regt Events. |
| Receive Regimental Bulletins | 😊 | 😊 | Entry to all Regt Events. |
| Small donation to Benevolence | 😊 | 😊 | |
| Membership of the Officers Club | 😊 | | |

Benefits in doing so are:

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I wish to subscribe to the Regimental Association with all benefits above.

In doing so you agree to your information being held, which will not be passed on to a third party without your permission, and will only be used for Regimental matters. Please:

- Complete and return the membership information form.
- Please instruct your bank to provide a Standing Order for the required amount payable on the **1st day of next month and thereon each year after. *On receipt of your first payment your association card will be dispatched.***

Association Bank details:

Bank: **Barclays.**

Account No: **30657336.**

Sort Code: **20 16 12.**

Reference as follows: **Surname, Ints, Last four of Regiment No. (i.e. Bonnalack KR 1234)**

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