



## Regimental Matters

### Invictus Games

The Regimental family warmly congratulates former Viking Wayne Harrod on winning a Bronze medal for Team UK in the Invictus Games men's road cycling IRB2 time trial and Alex Tate for winning Gold in the men's long jump, Silver in the 4x100m mixed relay and Bronze in the men's ITI at the Invictus Games.



Wayne Harrod on the podium, far right.



Alex Tate and David Beckham at the Invictus Games.



Alex Tate competing in the men's 4x100m relay race.

## Appointments

- Dep Asst Chief of Staff Cts - HQ Fd Army - Lt Col (Col 19) G B Foden - Dec 19
- SOI Op Toral USA - Maj (Lt Col 19) A Biggs - Mar 19
- SOI Plans HQ RC Aldershot - Maj (Lt Col 19) T J Irwin-Parker - May 19

## AGC ASB

- CSgt S Mercer 1st Bn for AGC (ETS) 2019

## London Gazette Extracts - September 2018

### Short Service Commission

- OCdt P Darby to be 2Lt Aug 18
- OCdt A P Langley to be 2Lt Aug 18
- OCdt L R G Talkington to be 2Lt Aug 18

### Intermediate Regular Commission (Late Entry)

- WO2 A J Kirk to be Capt Jul 18

### Volunteer Reserve Service Medal

- Private B C Medlar

## Diary Dates

### November 2018

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| 4  | Regt Chapel Warley - Remembrance Service                   |
| 2  | Regt Council Meeting - London                              |
| 2  | Regt Officers' Club Dinner - London                        |
| 8  | Field of Remembrance - Westminster Abbey                   |
| 10 | Trinity College - Poppy Dinner                             |
| 11 | Regt Remembrance Service - Regt Memorial - IWM Duxford     |
| 18 | Final Parade of the Bedford Branch of the Regt Association |

### December 2018

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| 8 | Regt Carol Service St Mary's Church BSE |
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## Women in Ground Close Combat (WGCC).

On 08 July 2016, the Prime Minister announced that the Government was to lift the exclusion on women serving in Ground Close Combat (GCC) roles. Royal Armoured Corps units were opened to women in 2016, followed by the RAF Regiment in September 2017.

Since November 2016, the British Army has around 35 women either serving in the Royal Armoured Corps or being trained to join. Some of these women have deployed in role overseas to Estonia and Oman.

Infantry units will be open to serving female personnel who wish to transfer from other parts of the Army. New recruits will be able to join in early 2019. Further details will be subject to a formal announcement.

About Women in Ground Close Combat roles:

- All roles in the Army are now open to women, including the Infantry.
- The opportunities available to women in the Army are the same as the opportunities to men.
- It's about the opportunity, not about the numbers.
- Women have been in combat facing roles for decades, opening the Infantry to women is a natural progression.
- In an age of constant global competition, it is the quality and diversity of our people that gives the British Army its unique edge.
- The British Army is a fine example of an equal opportunities employer.



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# 1st Battalion (The Vikings)

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## Vikings in Kabul

WO1 (RSM) Holmes flying the Royal Anglian Regiment flag and providing overwatch in Kabul, Afghanistan. This is The Vikings' 6th tour of Afghanistan since 2002. [#vikings](#) [#flytheflag](#) [#seethechange](#) [#overwatch](#) [#yourcountyonoperations](#)



## Vikings in Uganda

Vikings from A (Norfolk) Company have just returned after a few weeks in Uganda where they've helped to train new Ugandan Defence Force instructors. Great preparation for their deployment to South Sudan in 2019.





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## 2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

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### Exercise Brave Warrior - Hungary

B (Leicestershire) Company Group have been deployed on Exercise Brave Warrior in Hungary - a NATO assurance exercise with the Hungarian Defence Force and 2-4 CAV (4th Squadron, 2nd Regiment Cavalry).



### Mortar Platoon Live Firing Salisbury Plain

The Poacher Mortar Platoon has deployed to Salisbury Plain to carry out an intensive period of live firing.





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## 3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

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### Steelback Success on the Cambrian Patrol

Congratulations to the 3 R ANGLIAN Team for being awarded a Silver Medal in the 2018 Cambrian Patrol. Thanks to WO2 Knight for arranging the training and managing the team.



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# Museum News

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## Regimental Museum

This month I have taken in LCpl Alex Hawkins' mess kit and some photographs. Alex was killed in Afghanistan in 2007, and his mother Jan brought his items to be donated. I am hoping to add this to display soon. I would like to slightly change the permanent display for Afghanistan. The photo screen in the case had broken, but instead of replacing it I was hoping to put in a new set of objects and stories. At the moment Oliver Reukers helmet is in the case with an R.I.P. to Alex Hawkins on it, I have sent Olli a letter asking him if he will talk to me about his friendship with Alex, as well as asking on social media for any other stories which has brought more interesting stories and I am able to acquire objects to support this. I hope to honour Alex's memory in the case soon.

I have also received about 9 pairs of jackets and trousers in No 2 dress from the army cadets which are all in small sizes. These will be great for teenagers and children for the dress up education collection.

I have spent some time this month changing light bulbs in the gallery, and with Jo Saunders starting as the liaison with the partners in Alicia's stead, she has authorised more cleaning days with the IWM conservation team to start next year and quarterly.

I have been talking to an on site technician, Nick Cheek, about getting some donation boxes made out of some shell casings or ammunition boxes to hopefully attract more donations. However, I have just emptied the boxes and there was over 130 pounds inside, which again is higher than average.

We have also been looking into getting a small wall mounted case to permanently display medals that have been donated.

There have been a lot of research questions this month from various places such as the U.K., Germany and Northern Ireland. It has been very rewarding to learn some new things and even reunite old friends.

This month has also been the annual Army Museums conference, in which all the Army Museums (about 142) come to London. The day was very helpful with many good lectures, as well as vendors. It was also good to catch up with what some of the other Curators have been doing and compare experiences.



We seem to have had some success with new volunteers! I have been asked by two men who served with the 1st and 2nd Battalions if they could help out at the museum, which I was very happy for. I have also put out an advert for an unpaid assistant so that I can help someone trying to get into the museum sector but also have someone with a good knowledge base of museums. In addition I have had two girls who want to do work placements here. I am happy to do this so I am going to draw up a schedule that allows them to do things which would help such as transcribing oral histories and creating some social media posts.

We have now driven to Leicester to talk in person to Heritage Interactive who are making our website. After spending the day with them we are ready to proceed and the website should be up and running by the end of this year. Sometimes it is just easier to do things in person than on a conference call.

For recording memories, a volunteer is working on a master sheet of the recorded memories, which will include all relevant information, even names and dates mentioned so we can search them as well. I will be hosting a 'how to' session here and have somehow become an organiser of the Eastern Military Museum Association (EMMA) for all of us to have recording memories project training. Other museums are also lending a hand so we can be trained, the Military Intelligence museum is bringing a trainer and the National Army Museum have offered to give me a one on one day of training on our editing software. Hopefully will just be finishing the master sheet then we can be out interviewing people as needed very soon.

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## Regimental Carol Service 2018

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### St Mary's Church Bury St Edmunds

The 2018 Regimental Carol Service, in aid of The Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolence Charity, will be held in St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds at 1100am on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018. With the kind support of the Commanding Officer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Lt Col M S Woodeson, the Service will have musical accompaniment from The Royal Anglian Regiment Band as well as the excellent choir of St Mary's Church. Seasonal light refreshments will be served, after the Service, at the back of the church.

All members of the Regimental Family are warmly invited to attend, and encouraged to bring their family and friends. It is likely to be a popular occasion and act as a focus for pre-Christmas reunions. Should you know you plan attend the Service, and in order to get the catering correct, would you kindly email the RHQ Chief Clerk, Teresa Lyell : [Teresa.Lyell530@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Teresa.Lyell530@mod.gov.uk); or call: 01284 752394.



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## Regimental Bulletins

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This month RHQ has sent the Regimental family 14 Regimental bulletins, which will also be available on the Regimental Website:

- Bulletin - 81/18 - Regt Officers Dinner Club
- Bulletin - 82/18 - Jeremy Paxman talk - Great Britain and the Great War - Cambridge
- Bulletin - 83/18 - Job Opportunity Suffolk
- Bulletin - 84/18 - Job Opportunity Retired Officers
- Bulletin - 85/18 - Memorial Service for Patricia (Trish) Beaumont
- Bulletin - 86/18 - Death of Dave Brewin
- Bulletin - 87/18 - Armistice Anniversary Dinner
- Bulletin - 88/18 - Regt Battlefield Tour Italy 2019
- Bulletin - 89/18 - Vacancy - Comdt - Beds and Herts ACF
- Bulletin - 90/18 - Regt Newsletter
- Bulletin - 91/18 - Field of Remembrance - Westminster Abbey
- Bulletin - 92/18 - Regt Carol Service - St Mary's Church - BSE
- Bulletin - 93/18 - Wayne Harrod - Team UK Invictus Games
- Bulletin - 94/18 - Alex Tate - Team UK Invictus Games

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## Poppy Tribute

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Makers of some of the 4000 plus poppies are joined by representatives from Royal British Legion, armed services, including the Regimental Adjutant and the RSM of the Steelbacks. Chief Executives of West Suffolk clinical Commissioning Group, and East of England Local Government Association, the Mayor of St Edmundsbury, the Chair of Forest Heath District Council, council Leaders and councillors, in front of the three storey high hanging.

A public building in Bury St Edmunds is marking Remembrance-tide with a display featuring over 4000 red poppies crocheted and knitted over the past nine months by staff, friends and families.



They responded to a call from colleague Sally Kelly, from Customer Services at West Suffolk House, which is home to West Suffolk councils, Suffolk County Council, East of England Local Government Association and West Suffolk Central Commissioning Group.

The outcome is a huge sheet of poppies, falling three storeys into the light filled reception area.