



Regimental Matters

Regimental Carol Service

Members of the Regimental family gathered for our second annual Regimental Carol Service on Saturday 8th 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 Benevolent Charity and was supported by local dignitaries, which included the Mayors of Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and Sudbury. The service was led by the Padre of the 3rd Battalion, Reverend Paul Whitehead, 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 a 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 2019 Carol Service is planned for Saturday 7th December in St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds. Please put this in your diaries.



Royal Hospital Chelsea - Christmas Visit

On 7th December Major Bob and Barbara Grenfell visited the Royal Hospital Chelsea (RHC) on behalf of the Regiment to extend Christmas wishes and deliver cards and presents to our In-Pensioners. All three are in good spirits and take an active part in their community. In the centre is Cyril Worrall who joined the RHC in late summer and has settled in very well. Cyril served with 1st Battalion of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment and hails from Nottinghamshire. He has attended a Victoria Cross commemoration for a member of one of our forebear Regiments in Leamington Spa and is looking forward to participating in more Regimental events.

Promotions

The Regiment congratulates the following Officers and Warrant Officers on their selection for promotion in 2019:

To Major - Direct Entry

- Capt J R P Heugh
- Capt W R Hoy
- Capt C M Winterman

To Major - Reserves

- Capt R D Hind
- Capt R A B Little

To Warrant Officer Class 1

- WO2 A S Austin
- WO2 J E Owen
- WO2 S Thorne

Appointments

- Lt Col B D Weston - DDC MOD Sep 19
- Lt Col B M Allen - SOI Trg RMAS Jul 19



From the left, Barbara Grenfell, Dougie May, Cyril Worrall, Michael Riley and Major Bob Grenfell

Diary Dates

2018

December

14 RHQ Christmas Standown

2019

January

3 RHQ Return to duty

6 Chapel Sunday - Warley

- Maj (for Lt Col 19) M C Melia- Masters Degree - Kings College London Sep 19

London Gazette Extracts November 2018

SSC

- Lt S R King to be Capt Aug 18
- Lt T Reid to be Capt Aug 18
- Lt J Taylor to be Capt Aug 18

LSGCM

- Sgt D W Evans
- Cpl D A Jones

2nd Clasp to VRSM

- Maj T J Irwin-Parker

1st Clasp to VRSM

- CSgt D M Nash
- Sgt S E Walker

1st Battalion (The Vikings)

D (Cambridge) Company Op TORAL

D (Cambridgeshire) Company, The Vikings are deployed to provide force protection in support of training the next generation of Afghan Army Officers.

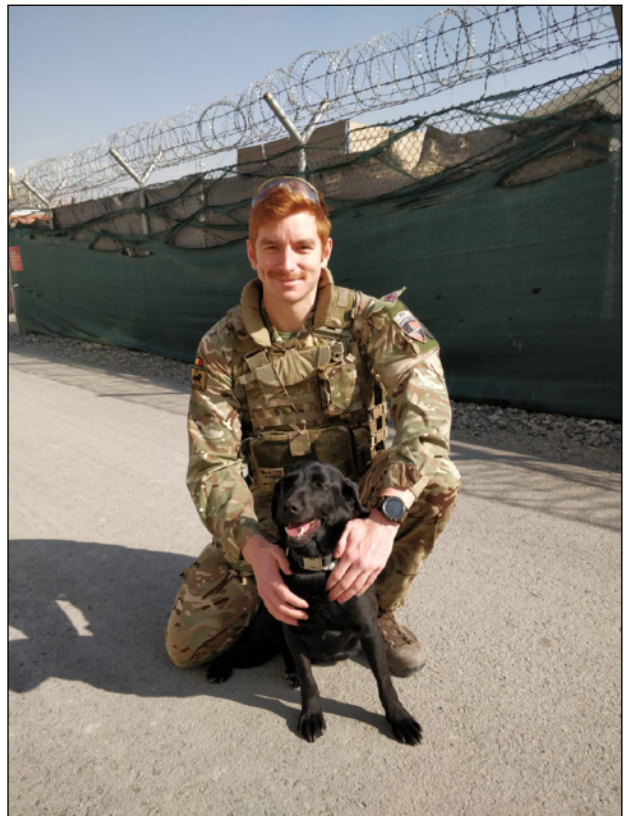


Fjallraven Polar Expedition

Capt Matt Tovey is currently serving in Kabul with the 1st Battalion. Already looking for another adventure when he gets back he's signed up for the Fjallraven Polar Expedition but he needs your support!

With limited places available he needs enough votes that he's considered for one of the places. Please head to the link below and vote, it only takes 3 clicks and a minute of your time!

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2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

Iron Poacher 24 Hour

On Thursday 6th December eight members of the 2nd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment took part in a charity fitness challenge in aid of the Regimental Benevolent Fund. Find out more on this page, 'justgiving.com/fundraising/ironpoacher24hr'. They will complete a crossfit workout or PFA every hour for a 24 hour period. The aim of these gruelling challenges is to raise vital funds to help Royal Anglians past and present who are in need, hardship or distress.



Poacher Inter-Company Boxing



The 2018 Inter Company Boxing finals proved to be an outstanding week of boxing. All the boxers had received approx. 6-8 weeks training in a variety of locations throughout Cyprus due to Ops commitments. The coaches delivered first class training to the boxers, which came apparent by the level of boxing we would witness. Post weigh in and medical checks, the week started with some excellent preliminary bouts. Tuesday gave the second strings a run out before a highly competitive round of Semi Final bouts on the Wednesday. The final was held outside as the previous bouts had been, and was streamed live on Facebook. It proved to be a gripping, tense and atmospheric night, with thunder, lightning and torrential rain unfortunately putting a premature end to an excellent evening's boxing.

Not to be outdone by the weather, the final 2 bouts were decided in the Lions gym on Tuesday evening. A (Lincolnshire) Coy came out as eventual winners and were crowned the 2018 Champions.

Cpl Baxter B (Leicestershire) Coy was awarded Best Boxer.

Pte Hill A (Lincolnshire) Coy was awarded the most Gallant Boxer.

Special mention must be made to Capt Danny Spray (Boxing Officer) for organising such a fine competition, and the RQMS(M) WO2 Johnny Rawdon and the QM's for setting up the arena in such a spectacular fashion.

3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Steelback Merry Christmas

As the year comes to an end and Christmas trees are going up, the 3rd Battalion celebrate Christmas on Ex. Steelback Spirit with an Obstacle course, Team sports and a meal served by the Officers.

And always some time for a CO'S coin Presentation to the Cambrian Patrol team

Merry Christmas!



Steelback To RMAS



We would like to wish Officer Cadet Gurney good luck at Sandhurst as he departs from the 3rd Battalion a Private Soldier to return to the Regiment in a year as a young Platoon Commander. He was presented the CO's Coin by Colonel Simon Browne, Deputy Colonel of the Regiment. Good luck

Museum News

As Christmas draws near the Museum has chosen to display some Christmas cards for the Object of the Month for December!

I wanted to give the visitors who may not know as much about the Regiment a unique view of the Regimental family during the festive period.



We have also received our first Christmas cards here at the museum! This card was from the Royal Irish Fusiliers Regimental Museum. A while back we did some research for a gentleman regarding our time in Ireland, and it is always nice to receive a card!

The Royal Anglian Regiment Museum will be open until the 23rd of December, so come have a look around if you have time but if not we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



Royal Anglian Officer Represents the Infantry

Maj Will Hoy is based in Warminster with the Land Warfare Centre. He has played as a junior and adult for his county, Essex, in Division I.

Will has also played for the Army, and Combined Services U25 whilst at Sandhurst. He was sucked into Battalion life after Sandhurst and returned to squash in 2018 as a Major. Will is now the Secretary of Infantry squash and Capt of the Inf A team. In the Recent Inter Corps Championships he played six hard fought matches winning five of them. Will has now established himself within the Army team and plays regularly in the Wiltshire League.



Regimental History

The November issue of the Regimental Newsletter included a report about a violin which was owned by an Essex Regiment soldier who joined up in 1914, and which was carried by him throughout the war, being played at a remembrance concert in Chelmsford.

You may be interested to know that the violin was also played at a service in the Regimental Chapel at Warley, held on 4 November to mark the Centenary of the Armistice. After the service the piece of music played was recorded in the Chapel, and may be accessed at <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=MmZkruuQrEE>.