



Regimental Matters

Promotions

The Regiment congratulates the following members of the Regiment on their selection for promotion;

Pink List 2019

Maj G J Goodey MBE

CSgt to WO2

CSgt G Dixon

CSgt A R P Kerin

CSgt D D Miller

CSgt P P Stow

Sgt G Watts

London Gazette January 2019

Retirements

Brig N F C Nottingham retires Jan 2019

Reg C

Maj J M Walters from IRC Nov 2018 to be Maj Jul 2018

Capt C M Winterman from IRC Nov 2018 to be Capt Jun 2013

Diary Dates

2019

March

- 3 Chapel Sunday - Warley
- 4 Suffolk Regt Film launch - BSE
- 13 Beds and Herts County Meeting
- 13 Regt Museum Trustees Meeting IWM
- 20 County Colonels Meeting RHQ

April

- 7 Chapel Sunday - Warley
- 10 Mobbs Memorial Match - Bedford
- 25 Almanza Day

Reg C (LE)

Maj K Main from IRC to be Maj Jul 2018

Sgt S R Field

SSC

OCdt J C A Heal to be 2Lt Dec 2018

Cpl P J Howell

OCdt D A Kitchen to be 2Lt Dec 2018

2nd Clasp to VRSM

Cpl M N Stone

Transfer

Maj A PT Wilde transferred to PWRR Nov 2018

2nd Clasp to LSGCM

LSGCM

CSgt C A Brooks

CSgt B I Page

Sgt U M Silva

Commemoration of 2ND Essex D-Day Landing 6TH June 1944

There will be a Commemorative Service at the Royal Anglian Regiment & Essex Regiment Chapel, Warley, Brentwood on Sunday 2 June 2019. The Service will commence at 1100hrs and will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the landing of 2 ESSEX on GOLD Beach on 6 June 1944. This event will also serve as the annual Essex Gathering of the Regimental Associations.

Following the Service, there will be a Curry Lunch in the adjoining Army Reserve Centre (ARC), Brentwood home of 124 Tpt Sqn, 151 Regt RLC. Our thanks to the PSAO 124 Sqn, Capt Nick Allston for supporting this event and allowing his facilities to be used for the Curry Lunch. The address of the ARC is Clive Road, Warley, Essex, CM13 3UJ.

In order to make the appropriate catering arrangements, please inform Mick Chapman, Regimental Chapel Warden, **by 30 April**, of your attendance. He may be contacted via his email which is: rcw232chapman@btinternet.com

1st Battalion (The Vikings)

A (Norfolk) Company South Sudan

Vikings from A (Norfolk) Company deployed in South Sudan have supported the UN “Day Against Child Soldiers” this week, providing security, a referee and match officials for a match between local children and children displaced by conflict. A few players even stepped-up to play alongside the kids when requested. [#premierleague](#) next?!



B (Suffolk) Company Kabul

B (Suffolk) Company provide Force Protection to Advisors, enabling them to safely move around Kabul and Train, Advise and Assist our Afghan partners



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

Exercise Turbulent

Since moving to Cyprus 18 months ago the Poachers have trained with the Spanish armed forces and have plans to train in Egypt in March, it is part of a strategy to acclimatise to working in hotter environments in case they are deployed to the Middle East or northern Africa.

Before Exercise Turbulent began, troops were required to check in at RAF Akrotiri, as if they were flying out to a foreign country.

They were then driven to nearby Episkopi.

For 24 hours, parts of the base become 'Etropia', an imaginary state under attack by an imaginary insurgency force.

The Poachers task is to help the local security forces and subdue the enemy. Over several hours, C (Northamptonshire and Rutland) Company pressed on, attacking each enemy position in turn, all with the help of riflemen, reconnaissance troops, snipers, mortar teams, anti-tank units and a team of assault pioneers.



Article courtesy of Forces News.

3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Steelbacks Exercise Dawn

The 3rd Battalion "The Steelbacks" deployed on Exercise Dawn on Salisbury plain. A successful Urban Exercise completed, next exercise is this weekend, Exercise Thunder.



Steelback Exercise

With the sun shining outside, who would think this was taken 2 weeks ago when the 3rd Battalion "The Steelbacks" were out on exercise in Thetford.



Museum News

At the end of January I had a meeting with the EMMA network, and had a tour of the reserve collection of the NAM. We decided to invite some other military museums which weren't Regimental or Corps museums into the network, and I went to one on the following weekend to invite them to the network and have a look around. We also decided to put together a grant for the network to have some software to better edit photos for MODES, which someone else in the network is submitting on our behalf.

This month I have also put in an application with the Army Museums Ogilby Trust for a grant to purchase a designated medals case. There is a good location we have found in the museum and I think it is needed as our history and collections grow, and we get more medals in our collection.

This month we had a group of about 100 cadets! We did break the group down into smaller sections, and myself, the Regimental Support Team as well as volunteers and Cambridgeshires volunteers hosted a series of talks around the Land Warfare Hall.



We also had our three days of cleaning and conservation with the IWM conservators in the Royal Anglian Regiment Museum. It was a useful couple of days which we cleaned areas that hadn't been cleaned in a while, re-displayed items in a way to better preserve them, and made a plan for future work in the event that we will be there for a while and some cases need more than a clean.

Along with an assistant that I have recruited for a three month period, we also have a work place student for the week in the office. It has been quite busy but helpful and between us we are getting a couple of jobs done that otherwise would have been more time consuming.

With it being the new year, we need to start planning what we are going to do for airshows, so the emails have gone out to the trustees and volunteers. I have been told that the IWM are not putting much on in the Land Warfare Hall itself, so we will have full use of space in there. I am hoping to make our offer this year bigger than before, but the coordination needs to start now.

Finally I would like to add, that besides my small part in these newsletters, we are going to make sure to catalogue each one onto our computer at the museum for future archiving and research. Even though they are current now, it has been brought to my attention that in the coming years they, like all things Royal Anglian Regiment, will become part of history.

Private Nick Peacock 30 Years On

Thirty years to the day since Pte Nick Peacock succumbed to an IRA bomb in West Belfast during the early stages of the Poacher's 1989 Tour most of his old platoon gathered by his graveside in Grantham Cemetery to pay their respects to Nick, and members of his family including his Father also attended. Thirty six former colleagues, friends and family stood by the graveside on a bright frosty morning to remember Nick Peacock who gave his life at just 20 years of age. Brigadier Roger Brunt, who at the time was commanding B Company, gave the following moving tribute;



"We have come here today to honour the memory of our comrade-in-arms, Nick Peacock, who died following an IRA Bomb attack in West Belfast on this night, 30 years ago. The fact that so many of you have responded at short notice to the Regimental Bulletin proposing this commemoration says everything about a very popular and respected young man who was taken from us in his prime. Thank you all for coming; it means a lot to see so many of Nick Peacock's friends and comrades here today, and I know that his family will draw strength and comfort from this massive and spontaneous demonstration of support for the memory of their son, brother and nephew.

I know that you will all wish to join me in acknowledging that the grief at his loss has been bravely borne by his family whose presence with us today we warmly welcome. We are also aware that over the years, his memory has been nurtured by many initiatives, not least the Memorial Bench on St Peter's Hill here in Grantham, the commemorative window at his old school, a tree planted in his name at the National Memorial Arboretum, and his inclusion on the Royal Anglian Regiment Memorial to the Fallen at Duxford.

Yet such were the circumstances at the time of his death that we were not able to commemorate him as he so richly deserved in early 1989. I am not making excuses, but the Belfast Tour had another 5 months to run and many challenges to endure; and on our return to Celle in late June 1989, B Company – some 280 strong for its role in West Belfast – quickly dispersed. Nick Peacock was most definitely not forgotten, but unsurprisingly with the Army, other priorities emerged and seemed to take over.

Poachers who served on the '89 Tour have since said how much they regretted not being able to do more to commemorate Nick Peacock at the time, and I hope that today's gathering can in some small way ease that sense of regret.

Thirty years after the events which have directly brought us back together today, we are here to remember and honour a fellow Poacher who, in the service of his country, made the ultimate sacrifice and was denied a full life. We hold firm to the belief that as a friend and fellow soldier, Nick Peacock

Film Launch of 1 SUFFOLK Battle for Chateau de La Londe - Normandy 1944

CHATEAU DE LA LONDE
June 28th
~1944~
Scale

La Londe

Chateau de la Londe

La Bijade

Xroads on high ground

Xroads on table



Viking Wessex Officers' Lunch 'Almanza 312'

To mark the 312th anniversary of the Battle of Almanza (of 9th Foot/Norfolk infame), on Thursday 25 April 2019 there will be a lunch near Shaftesbury in North Dorset for current and former Viking Officers who live in Wessex – or who may wish to attend from wherever! Anyone who wishes to attend should contact send their details to Colonel Michael Goldschmidt at goldschmidt1717@gmail.com tel: 01963 370688, detailing full name, years when a Viking, email/postal address, and tel no. Further details will be disseminated to those attending nearer the time.

The Poachers Veterans Summer Ball

This highly popular event takes place at the Navigation Bar - Hangar 1, Sywell Aerodrome, Sywell, Northampton on 15th June 2019 at 18:00hrs with Carriages at 0100hrs.

Any Poacher veterans or serving 2nd Bn personnel are warmly invited to attend this outstanding event.

A limited number of tickets are still available but are selling fast. If you wish to attend please do not delay. Apply now to:

D J Gardiner

6 Pytchley Road

Kettering

Northants

NN15 6HX

Mobile Number

07789 690692

Tickets are £30 per head plus £1 for postage.



FEPOW Memorial Service

Wymondham, Norfolk – Sunday 12th May 2019

During WW2, Captain (4th CI) Fr Malcolm Leon Cowin was commissioned into 196 Field Ambulance as an RC Chaplain. He was posted, with his unit, as part of 18th Division which was diverted from its original destination in the Middle East. Parts of the Division arrived in Singapore on 29th January 1941 but much of their support weapons and transport had been sent to Java and Sumatra by mistake. On 8th February the Japanese had started their attack on Singapore. After much hard fighting, in which about 7,000 troops were killed and 2,000 wounded or missing, about 80,000 troops surrendered to the



Japanese on 15th February 1941. Captain Cowen somehow survived the horrors of the internment by the Japanese and was released from captivity in December 1945. He returned to his former Diocese of Northampton and was sent to be the resident priest in Wymondham, Norfolk on 31st December 1945. He decided to build a "Living Memorial" to all those who died in prison and internment, both soldiers and civilians, including local people. With the Bishop of Northampton's support, Fr Cowen launched a national, and later international, appeal for support. Through this appeal a church was built and opened in 1952. There are several Memorial Books in which over 24,000 victims are recorded, with more being added annually as they become known. It is hoped that eventually all 56,000 + names will be recorded.

Fr Cowin practised as to say Mass for the War Dead daily during his incumbency, supporting his solemn vow to remember all those lost. There is an annual service on the Sunday closest to the 14th May – the anniversary of the Relief of Rangoon in 1945. Members of the Regimental Family are strongly encouraged to attend this year's Service which will take place on Sunday 12th May 2019.

Should Regimental Family members wish to check if their relatives are amongst those remembered in the Memorial Books, then please contact Peter Wiseman, the honorary archivist at Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury FEPOW Memorial Church, Wymondham. He can be contacted at: phandtmwiseman@gmail.com Additionally, if you believe your family members name should be in the Memorial Book please contact Peter.