



Regimental Matters

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- Maj M R Garner from IRC Nov 2018 to be Maj Jul 2018

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- Capt M J Brunsdon from SSC Nov 2018 to be Capt Dec 2016
- Capt N T B Watkins from SSC Nov 2018 to be Capt Dec 2017
- T M Duncalfe reinstated in rank of Capt (on probation) Mar 2017

Retirements

- Maj A J Buxton retired May 2018

LSGCM

- Maj D J Haggart
- CSgt T Mann

VRSM

- Cpl D P McLatchey

Diary Dates

2019

May

- 2 FEPOW - Wymondham
- 3 Regt Council Meeting
- 5 Chapel Sunday - Warley
- 17 2nd Bn Talavera Day Celebration - Cyprus
- 26 - 30 Regt Battlefield Tour

June

- 2 Chapel Sunday - Warley
- 2 Essex Regt - Gold Beach Commemoration
- 6 Queens Div Gathering ITC Catterick
- 7 Royal Norfolk and Royal Anglian Regiment Association Officers Dinner Club
- 13 Queens Div Manning Meeting
- 14 Regt Rep Event Grimsthorpe Castle
- 25 Hindoostan Day
- 25 Royal Tigers Association Day
- 29 Armed Forces Day

1st Battalion (The Vikings)

Team Rubicon UK

The Vikings deployed in South Sudan are conducting their own Boat Race by the River Nile to coincide with Oxford and Cambridge's annual race in London. Check out the video below.

They are continuing to raise money for [Team Rubicon UK](#) and their veteran-led disaster relief work worldwide. We're half way to our first target - please show your support for the teams and learn more at this link:

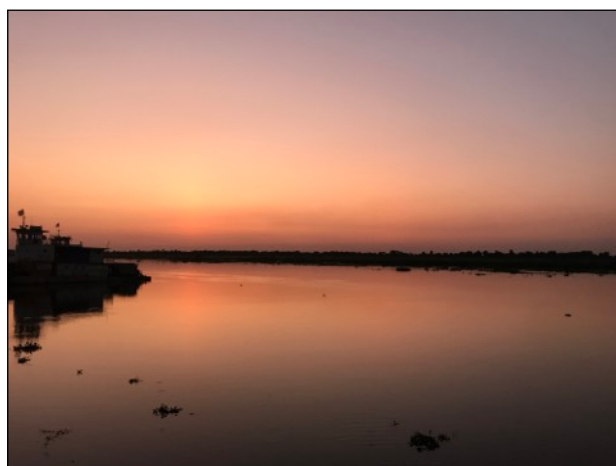
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/t6tr>



Op Trenton

A (Norfolk) Company have deployed as the force protection element of the UK Engineering Task Force with 39 Engineer Regiment. As a Company they have been separated to two locations, one in Bentiu Protection of Civilians (PoC) camp in Unity State, and Malakal PoC camp some 150km away in Upper Nile State. Both locations saw heavy fighting during the South Sudanese Civil War. Bentiu is home to 110,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Malakal 30,000 IDPs, therefore vital to the UN mandate of protecting civilians.

The main role on Op Trenton is providing force protection and the backbone of soldiering for the engineers. They are responsible for the safety of all personnel and the security of our camps, which involves the men on guard in temperatures of over 110°F / 45°C. South Sudan has been ranked as the most dangerous place on earth for aid workers for the last three years, with more dying here than Syria or Afghanistan. However our role has seen us deploy to remote villages such as Kodok and Leer for several weeks, protecting and supporting as the Task Force construct bridges which are critical to facilitating the UN mission in South Sudan. As infantrymen they have to ensure the engineers are able to operate in areas of raised threat in a country where 14 UN peacekeepers and over 100 humanitarian workers have been killed since 2013. In addition we patrol into Malakal town each week to directly help the local population by teaching skills such as carpentry and bricklaying which will enable them to rebuild their destroyed homes.



South Sudan. Nile sunset.

2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

Exercise Amhose

The first bilateral exercise for thirty years between Egypt and the UK has successfully come to its conclusion. Exercise AMHOSE I saw the participation of 165 UK military personnel from Cyprus based 2nd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment "The Poachers", in a joint exercise with members of the Egyptian 112 Infantry Brigade.



Discussion between an Egyptian officer and a mortar team of The Poachers.

Battalion Tactics Refresh Cadre

Cpl Watts exercising as Platoon Commander on the Battalion Tactics Refresh Cadre. Cpl Watts will attend the joint Platoon Commander/Platoon Sergeant Battle Course (trial) in Brecon next month.



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Marathon Des Sables – Cpl Heneage

Cpl Heneage, (32) of 4 (Lincolnshire) Company, finished 237th out of 800, and more importantly the team were running in support of the East Midlands branch of ABF – The Soldiers' Charity. The team fundraising to date stands at £16,661.21 and they anticipate that the total will climb to over £17,000 before they close the fundraising account (way beyond their wildest expectations). The ABF are very excited about the whole thing and are looking to conduct a formal cheque presentation with the Band of the Household Cavalry at a concert in Lincoln Cathedral later in the year.



Cpl Heneage also lugged the heaviest Royal Anglian flag in the world around all 140 miles of the course just for the photo at the finish!

Exercise Eagle Arras

3 Company completes the ACMT and Fire Team Close Combat in preparation for the Battalion shooting competition later in the year.



Exercise Anglian Ski

In March, Officers and Soldiers from all three Battalions arrived in Austria to take part in Ex Anglian Ski, a week's Skiing Adventure Training ski on the Stubai Glacier. Under instruction for Padre Paul Whitehead, Maj Chris Charnock, WO2 Mark Smith (RE) and WO2 Pat McCormack (RY). 16 Skiers passed Ski Foundation One with 4 Completing the higher Ski Foundation Two.

The team was ably assisted by WO2s Mark Lappin and Steve Woolcott from the Steelbacks and LCpl Ale (Chef) from the Vikings.



Museum News

This month the regimental Museum attended the National Army Museum Open day, which is one of the two yearly conferences that all Regimental and Corps are invited to. I was a great day full of speakers and topic that effect Military Museums, and a great chance to get opinions from fellow museum professionals.

We also received a lovely photo album this month. It was from 1960 and features the privates of the 1/3rd East Anglian Regiment. It is amazingly candid and although it only has first names of soldiers, we are working to find out as much as we can as some people named in it are known and can hopefully fill in others.



Regimental Association (Suffolk)

On Monday the 2nd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment hosted three former members of antecedent regiments of the R ANGLIANS and PWRR: Martin Bell, Bill Peat (both former I SUFFOLKS) and Ken Lewis (former I MIDDLESEX). They all saw service in Cyprus during the Emergency and Ken was with the Middlesex Regt when they marched into the newly built Alexander Barracks in 1958 (behind the Battalion Band apparently!).



L to R: WO I (RSM) MacTavish, (LCpl) Ken Lewis, (LCpl) Martin Bell, (Lt) Bill Peat, Mrs Sabrina Peat, Lt Col Bruce Weston

Regimental Cricket Match

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Lt Col Matt Woodeson and Henry Blofeld cooking up a return match. Royal Anglian Regiment XI v Cambridge University Captains' XI. Sunday 7 July at the Bury cricket ground. Blowers to 'orchestrate' again so KEEP THE DATE! Booking details to follow. In aid of the Regimental Benevolent Charity.



Mobbs Memorial Match

A beautiful bright day greeted those who assembled on the Embankment in Bedford for the annual wreath laying ceremony to remember The Fallen as the precursor to the Mobbs Memorial Rugby Match which took place later between Bedford Blues and the Army XV at Goldington Road. With the roads closed the Band of the Parachute Regiment played at the War memorial after which wreaths were laid and two minutes silence was observed. The band then played as the gathering moved to Goldington Road for the Mobbs Match between a Bedford Blues XV and the Army XV.

The Regiment hosted a table for the Match Dinner and were delighted to welcome the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, David Laing and his wife, along with the Northamptonshire County Colonel, Lt Col Robert Blomfield and his wife as our principle guests. The Northampton Branch Chairman, Richard York, a passionate Saints fan also joined us with his wife Ann, and it was a great delight to see Major John Bull, OC HQ Coy and CSgt Farrell, the Poachers' Captain of Rugby take the time out to join us from Cyprus. In addition, the Regimental Support Team did an excellent job promoting the Regiment from the sidelines.



Cadets from Bedford Modern School CCF attended the parade.



Action from the game which saw the Blues come out on top.



Enjoying the pre-match hospitality.