



## Regimental Matters

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### LSGCM

- Sgt C A Davitt
- Maj B T Hawes

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Clasp to VRSM

- WO2 K J Chambers

## Diary Dates

2019

### September

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| 1  | Regt Day - IWM Duxford          |
| 3  | Regt Comms Meeting              |
| 18 | Regt Museum Trustees Meeting    |
| 25 | Regt Heritage Committee Meeting |
| 29 | RHC Sponsored Service           |
| 29 | Chapel Sunday - Warley          |

### October

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| 6 | Chapel Sunday - Warley |
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## New Regimental Shop

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# 1st Battalion (The Vikings)

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## Happy Minden Day

The 1st August was the 260th anniversary of the Battle of Minden, the 1st Battalion (The Vikings) were presented with their medals for their deployments this year to South Sudan and Afghanistan.



## Viking Support Weapons Cadre

On the recent Support Weapons cadres the Machine Gunners of the 1st Battalion (The Vikings) honed their skills on the General Purpose Machine Gun, capable of firing at 200 rounds per minute at targets up to 2500m away.



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## 2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

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### Poachers Depart Cyprus

In mid August saw the handover of Regional Standby Battalion and Dhekelia Station in Cyprus from the 2nd Battalion (The Poachers) to 1 PWRR, as the Battalion makes its move back the UK.

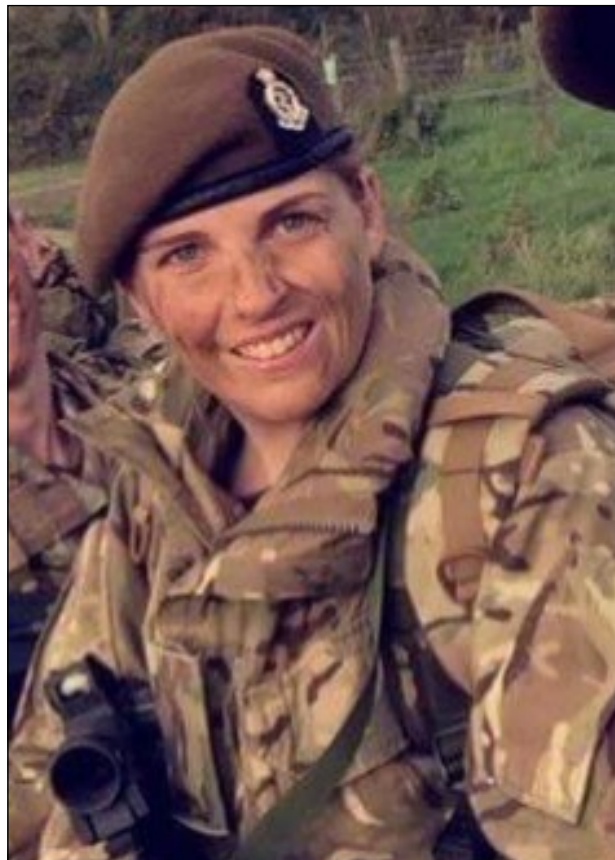




## 3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

### Lincolnshire's Lionesses

Private Rachael Jones, 26, who has been with 4 Company for over 3 years, has been playing for Cleethorpes Town Ladies for just over a season. Grimsby born, but currently working in a civilian role for Lincolnshire Police, she previously played for Grimsby Borough and Grimsby Town and prior to that was a goalkeeping coach for Doncaster Rovers youth team. Since joining 4 Company, Rachael is a regular player in the Army Reserves team. Back in 2016 and due to the occasion and location, she was given the privilege of captaining the Army team in celebration of the National Armed Forces Day event held in Cleethorpes. After playing in that match, she then took part in the parade watched by many thousands of spectators. Rachael said, 'Both of these events so close together were an honour to take part in and were occasions that I will never forget'. Rachael joined 3 R ANGLIAN as a trainee Combat Medical Technician. After passing her Class 3 course she decided that she wanted a change and transferred to be a Chef. She has now passed her Class 3 Chef course but has now set her sights on becoming a female in the infantry and hopes to complete the Combat Infantry Course soon.



*Private Rachael Jones*



*Private Chloe Wilkinson*

Private Chloe Wilkinson, 19 and born in Grimsby, was attested into 4 Company in February this year and has recently passed out having completed her Phase I Training. She has joined to be a Combat Medical Technician and must now find time to attend her trade training course in between playing football for Grimsby Town Women's Football Club and her civilian employment. This is the first season of the reformed Grimsby Town Ladies' team and Chloe is very excited to be one of the team members having recently signed for the Club on Armed Forces Day. She previously played for Cleethorpes Town Ladies and Grimsby Borough. Chloe is keen to complete her football coaching qualifications soon and is

considering her options in taking part in the Army trials. She said, 'I am keen to play football at whatever level I can but I am conscious that I still have to complete my medical trade training and fully immerse myself in the unit. I may, therefore, put off the Army trials until next year.' Chloe featured in the Grimsby Telegraph in May 2019 under the headline 'Army Reserve trainee medic puts lessons into practice to save man's life when he collapses in street'. Despite her modesty and, despite having done little first aid training at the time, she came to the aid of a collapsed man in Grimsby and was successful in summoning an ambulance and keeping him alive until it arrived. She puts her confidence down to her Army training and says, 'My training with the Army gave me the confidence to actually help in the first place'.

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## Op Banner 50 – Commemoration

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The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Op Banner commemoration took place at the National Arboretum, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Members and attached members of the Regiment attended this poignant ceremony and it did not go unnoticed that it rained, sparking the comment "well it wouldn't be a Northern Ireland Event, if it wasn't raining".



*L-R. Kev Cuthbert, Gerry Gamble, Peter Payne, Mac McGowan, Martin Hall, Nigel Benner.*

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## Eagle and Garter Dinner Club

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The annual Eagle and Garter Dinner Club met at the Marks Tay Hotel 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019 with an excellent attendance of 98 diners. The guest speaker, Bill Burford, gave an informative presentation about the Pompadours in the 1970s with a focus on Berlin. Next year's dinner will take place 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020.



*Diners enjoying the evening.*



*Bill Burford in full flow.*

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## Museum News

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We started off the month with a visit to both the Minden day celebrations in Woolwich and Bury St. Edmunds, and both were great. It was nice to meet both the serving soldiers and some retired soldiers. I think I forged some new connections and learned about different characters in the Regiment.



We had also put out a hopeful note for some more respirators for the handling collection as the visitors always seems to like trying them on and they get worn over time. I was astounded by the offers I received from people to donate respirators and I now have some that we didn't have in the reserve collection along with more for handling!



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## Association News (Essex)

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### Major Pat Barrass's 100th Birthday

The County Colonel writes...It was a pleasant surprise to receive an invitation to the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party of Major Pat Barrass, veteran of Dunkirk, D-Day and beyond. The invitation was from Christopher, one of Pat's sons. Christopher was keen to see Regimental representation as he knew that Pat's military service meant a great deal to him. The Essex military community had been in touch in the first instance earlier this year through Colonel Roland Wreford, who had invited Pat to the 3 (Essex) Company Officers Dinner Club. The second invitation was to the monthly Service at the Regimental Chapel, Warley on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, which Service commemorated 2 ESSEX landing on GOLD Beach on 6<sup>th</sup> June. Travel to Essex on both occasions was not to be, so it was a welcome opportunity to visit Pat on his birthday.



*Col Charles Tomas TD, County Colonel of Essex, Col Roland Wreford TD, Pat and his son Christopher*

### Charles Benfords' Funeral

Charles Benford who served from January 1940 to May 1946 with 2nd Battalion the Essex Regiment (The Pompadours) funeral was held on 20th August, Charles had recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday the previous month, which July's edition of the Regimental Newsletter covered. The service was well attended with over 120 attendees. A full obituary will appear in the next edition of Castle.



*Charles Benford*



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## Roland Ladley's New Book

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This is a book about greed. And fear. It's a book about tenacity. And mental health. In the end it's a book that sees Sam Green, the unwitting star of four previous encounters with global antagonists, taken to the point from where she might never recover. It is more than a spy-thriller. It's a story of PTSD. Of OCD and autism. It's the story of a woman who has nothing left to live for, who finds herself where even that is taken from her.

Many of you may already be aware, but for those who aren't, please note that ex-Poacher Roland Ladley's latest Sam Green thriller is now available on Amazon.



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## Northamptonshire Talavera Day

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On Saturday 27th July almost 100 members attended the Northampton Branch Talavera Dinner at the Freemason's Hall, Northampton. Following a Parade inspected by David "Lofty" Knight an Act of Homage took place at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where Richard York laid a wreath on behalf of the Branch, and the County Colonel read the Lesson.



Guests congregated for dinner in the presence of Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant and his wife, David and Mary Laing. Serving members of the Poachers included Major and Mrs Ben Hawes, RSM Steve Mactavish and the RQMS John Rawdon and his wife, along with WO2 Mick Seymour.

The Northampton ACF Cadet Band played superbly prior to dinner, and the Northampton Concert Band played throughout the evening finishing with some stirring tunes including the Regimental March, the Poacher, and some favourites from the last night of the Proms!

The County Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Blomfield MBE TD, read out HRH the Duke of Gloucester's greetings and good wishes for the evening to all present, and later proposed the toasts. It was an outstanding success and one which will only grow as the 2nd Battalion return to Rutland shortly.

A huge debt of thanks is owed to the organising Committee who year after year put on this excellent event embracing the true spirit of Northamptonshire in the heart of our recruiting area.

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## Association (Suffolk) Minden Day

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### Association Minden Day - Bury St Edmunds



On Sunday 4th August a good turnout of people watched the parade and march past by 58 veterans from the Suffolk and Royal Anglian Regiment.



There was a display of a range of military vehicles including an armoured personnel carrier and Bren Gun carrier used by the Suffolks after D Day.

Taking the salute was Brigadier Tony Calder, chairman of the Suffolk Regimental Museum Trustees. The museum is housed in the Gibraltar Barracks and opens every day. Around 320 people visited the museum and a further 150 enjoyed the grounds and music from marching bands. Next years event will be on Sunday 2nd August 2020.



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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 67/19 - Special Order of the Day  
Talavera Day
- Bulletin 68/19 - Death of Charles H Benford
- Bulletin 69/19 - Veteran Search - Bill Henderson
- Bulletin 70/19 - Special Order of the Day -  
Minden Day
- Bulletin 71/19 - Death of Daren Woods
- Bulletin 72/19 - Death of Adrian Forde
- Bulletin 73/19 - Death of Maj R H H Dinnin
- Bulletin 80/19 - General The Lord Dannatt at  
the Cambridge Union 20 Oct 19
- Bulletin 74/19 - Job Vacancy - Regt Area Sec I  
RHQ BSE
- Bulletin 75/19 - Calling Notice - Regt Sponsored  
RHC Chapel Service
- Bulletin 76/19 - Special Order of the Day -  
Blenheim Day
- Bulletin 77/19 - Public Consultation - Legal  
Protection for Armed Forces
- Bulletin 78/19 - Regt Day - IWM Duxford
- Bulletin 79/19 - Death of Allen Ivory