



Royal Anglian News

January 2020

Regimental Matters

New Year Honours

The Regiment warmly congratulates the following on their awards:

- Maj Ben Hawes MBE
- Maj David Robinson MBE
- Maj David Crosbie CGS Commendation
- Maj David Granfield CGS Commendation

Appointments

The Regiment warmly congratulates WO1 (RSM) Alan Johnson as he takes over from WO1 (RSM) Stew Hume as RSM of the 3rd Bn.

London Gazette Nov and Dec 2019

- Brigadier D S J Biddick MBE MC 544876 is appointed Deputy Colonel The Royal Anglian Regiment 4 October 2019 in succession to Brigadier J M Woodham CBE MC 524400 tenure expired.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONS

- Lieutenant J V Ellen Royal Anglian Regiment 30079828 to be Captain 13 August 2019
- Lieutenant D B Parker Royal Anglian Regiment 30161422 to be Captain 13 August 2019
- Lieutenant A J Clancy Royal Anglian Regiment 30185765 to be Captain 13 August 2019

QUEEN'S DIVISION ARMY RESERVE

- Officer Cadet Jordan Alexander Wain Royal Anglian Regiment 30141448 to be Second Lieutenant 5 August 2017 (Belated Entry)
- Second Lieutenant Nicholas Charles Bromley Royal Anglian Regiment 30216349 is promoted to the substantive rank of Lieutenant 7 October 2019 with seniority of the same date
- Second Lieutenant Sam Ted Fulford Royal Anglian Regiment 30254384 is promoted to the substantive rank of Lieutenant 7 October 2019 with seniority of the same date
- Second Lieutenant Fatima Islam Royal Anglian Regiment Royal Anglian Regiment 30137781 is promoted to the substantive rank of Lieutenant 7 October 2019 with seniority of the same date.

Diary Dates 2020

February

10 Sabraon Day

March

1 Regt Chapel

11 Regt Museum Trustees meeting - IWM

17 Regt Comms Steering Committee Meeting

18 County Colonels Annual Association Meeting - RHQ

24-26 Leicestershire WWI burials, France

26 Regt Benevolence meeting

28 Regt Band Concert, Chatteris, in support of RBL

April

15 Mobbs Memorial Rugby Match

18 Norway Campaign WW2 Service and unveiling in Norway

1st Battalion (The Vikings)

Exercise Frosted Blade

The Vikings' ski team joined their Poachers counterparts on the slopes of Val-d'Isère for five weeks over the Christmas period to take part in the Infantry Ski championships - Exercise FROSTED BLADE. The Vikings' 'A Team' secured a finish in the middle of the pack, whilst the 'B Team' performed particularly well and secured silver medals for the team competition.



The Poulterers' Prize

Each year the Poulterers Livery Company make an award to an individual for outstanding performance. Pte Harry Patterson of the 1st Battalion was the year's recipient and was awarded the prize by the Master of the Poulterers Livery Company Lunch at the Armourer's Hall, City of London on the 13th of January 2020.

Pte Patterson served in South Sudan with A (Norfolk) Company on Op TRENTON 6. Whilst patrolling the perimeter of the UN refugee camp Pte Patterson saw a young lady being harassed by a group of men and in danger of a sexual assault. Pte Patterson confronted the group and was able to rescue the young lady without the use of force. For his actions and exemplary performance throughout the tour he has been recognised with the annual Poulterers Prize.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

Exercise WESSEX STORM deployment

January saw the deployment of the Poachers' Light Mechanised Infantry Battlegroup onto Exercise WESSEX STORM. They will be joined by a Company from the Vikings alongside an enemy Battlegroup comprised of over 200 Steelbacks and contingents from the Vikings and the PWRR's 3rd and 4th Battalions.

Once deployed on the six week exercise the Poachers' will be trained and tested on combined-arms operations up to Battlegroup level.



The six week exercise will be a test of their skills, tactical proficiency and ability to fight from the fleet of vehicles they now operate following their conversion to a Light Mechanised Battalion from a Light Role Battalion. Once passed the Poachers will be validated to deploy on operations around the world in 2020 and into 2021.



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Exercise THUNDER and Exercise WESSEX STORM build up training.

It is the start of a new decade for the men and women of the 3rd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment (The Steelbacks). The year has kicked off with Exercise Thunder and over 200 army reserve infantry soldiers developing their urban warfighting skills in preparation for a much larger scale exercise in February - Exercise Wessex Storm. Exercise Wessex Storm will see regular and army reserve soldiers exercising at scale as 7 Infantry Brigade prepare units for operations in Afghanistan and contingency missions in Europe.



The Steelbacks will combine with soldiers from the 3rd and 4th Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment to play a realistic opposition to the 2nd Battalion (The Poachers), the Queens Dragoon Guards and 6 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps. Making this deployment work will involve bringing together around 400 army reserve soldiers from across the east of England. The Steelbacks' contingent will assemble in army reserve centres in Norwich and Lowestoft, Leicester and Corby, Chelmsford and Hertford, Lincoln and Grimsby, Bury St Edmunds and Peterborough. Then they mass on the tough terrain of Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire, the UK's largest training area and the home of warfighting excellence. Next is the battle...standby.

Museum News

Gallery Improvements

This month we have been working on some gallery improvements. We have been doing some re-painting and going to add a new interactive display in place of the Northern Ireland riot scene. It is nice to see a bit of improvement here and there is making all the difference!



We have also spent a lot of time finding some new videos we hope to get edited of various accounts of Northern Ireland to add to the museum. I am applying for a grant to get this professionally done and hope I am successful and we can really make the most of this new area!

There are also two important anniversaries this year which I have been working on displays for. It is the 60th anniversary of the end of the Malayan emergency and 50 years since the start of the Royal Anglian Regiment being involved in Northern Ireland. I am developing a new temporary anniversaries case to commemorate these.

That's it from the Museum this month!

The Curator.

Association News

Gold Standard Accreditation for Herts County Council

Hertfordshire County Council were recently recognised for their efforts and duly awarded the Gold Standard Accreditation for the Armed Forces Covenant. This is a major achievement and recognises all that they do for the Armed Forces community which includes serving personnel, reservists, and their families. There are approximately 36,000 veterans living and working in Hertfordshire. The 3rd Battalion has a Platoon based in Hertford and over 1500 service personnel are based at Northwood, near Watford. The Armed Forces Covenant has enjoyed recent recognition by the Government in its Manifesto and will continue to raise its profile which is built upon four main pillars being Health, Housing, Education and Employment.



On Thursday 30th January, Major Tim Brown, Area 2 Secretary, attended a meeting of the Herts AFC with Councillor Terry Douris, and afterwards with Colette Wyatt-Lowe, Chair Lady of the Council at the Celebration Tea held to mark the occasion.

Regimental Bulletins

RHQ has circulated eight Regimental Bulletins, which are also on the Regimental Website:

- Bulletin 120/20 - Death of Mr Malcolm Dawe
- Bulletin 1.220/20 - Death of Mr Malcolm Dawe Amendment
- Bulletin 220/20 - Death of Mr Leonard Oliver
- Bulletin 320/20 - Death of Mr Bernard Whitwell
- Bulletin 420/20 - Death of Mr Clive Rook
- Bulletin 520/20 - Death of Mr Charlie Shropshire
- Bulletin 620/20 - Death of Rev Thomas Hiney MC
- Bulletin 720/20 - Job Opportunity - SSI Burnt Mill School Harlow

Front Cover

The Vikings' and Poachers' ski teams on Ex FROSTED BLADE.