



Royal Anglian *News*



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REGIMENTAL NEWS



BIG BREAKFAST 2022 - BIG SUCCESS!



Almost a hundred Royal Anglians gathered together at the Lincoln Big Breakfast!

The first ever Royal Anglian Big Breakfast took place at 39 different locations on 26 February. Originally conceived as an informal event that would have a broad appeal to the entire Royal Anglian family, the Big Breakfast was entirely dependant on the enthusiasm, and efforts of volunteer Event Leaders. The overall coordination of the BB fell to Lt Col Adam Wolfe, CO of 3rd Battalion, and Maj Ian 'Robbo' Robinson. Ably assisted by WO2 'Mole' Stevens the planning team, and RHQ managed to support 38 BB Events worldwide.

On the day, just over a thousand Royal Anglians gathered in places as far afield as Sydney and Perth in Australia, out in the the desert of the UAE, and Brecon! Lincoln hosted the largest group, close to 100 sharing the day, other events varied in size, one of the smallest consisted of just four members. Many breakfasts developed into brunch, and later six-nation lunches, and dinners. Many making the most of the opportunity of catching up with old mates and comrades after the pandemic. Suffice to say, the Big Breakfast was a huge success.

RHQ thanks everybody for their hard work in organising the events, and to those who attended. It is intended to stage another Breakfast in 2023. RHQ is also looking at organising similar events that will be open to veterans, and their families.

Mobbs Memorial Rugby Match – Wed 13th April 2022

RHQ is delighted that after a two year interval the Mobbs Memorial Rugby Match will take place on the evening of Wednesday 13th April 2022 at Franklin's Garden, home of Northampton Saints for whom Edgar Mobbs played prior to the Great War. This year's match will feature the British Army XV vs East Midlands XV. C (Northamptonshire) Company will be sending a contingent of serving personnel along with vehicles and weapons with which they deployed to Mali last year, which will form a static stand in the "Village" prior to the match. All serving and retired personnel enjoy concessionary rates for entry to the ground on production of an ID Card/Veterans card/Regimental Association card.

RHQ has reserved two tables in the Sponsors' Lounge, where a three course meal will be provided as well as your Match Ticket. Cost is likely to be in the region of £40 per head. Anyone interested in joining on this basis should send notification to the Area 2 Regimental Secretary, Major Tim Brown, timothy.brown133@mod.gov.uk

If anyone wishes to put together their own table please let Tim know as soon as possible.

Regimental Band Grand Charity Concert - Bury St Edmunds 14 May 2022

The Band of the Royal Anglian Regiment will perform a Grand Charity Concert on Saturday 14th May in St Mary's Church Bury St Edmunds starting at 3pm. Entrance will be FREE and open to all, with a retiring collection for charity. The concert will include a full programme of solos, a Jubilee celebration, and a selection of foot tapping music, leaving you time to go on into Bury St Edmunds for post concert dinner and a few drinks with your friends from the regiment



Captain Peter Hudson will step down from his role as Director of Music after the Concert in May

1st Battalion (The Vikings)



Live From Cyprus! Inter company Boxing



The Battalion's Boxers celebrating a successful Inter-Company Tournament

Having previously boxed for the Battalion, Capt Larry Holmes was tasked to run the Vikings' Inter Company Boxing Competition 2022. The intent was clear: it was to be an epic boxing night, unlike any the battalion had experienced before.

The planning for the event started in October 2021, and the first task was to recruit boxers from across the companies. For companies held at readiness, training hard during the cooler months of the year or deployed around the island this was a big ask, yet an initial squad of 71 soldiers signed up. An arduous six-week training progression took place under the watchful eye of LCpl Norman, the boxing head coach. The Boxing Warrant Officer, WO2 Aaron Kerin, had a difficult job synchronising the activity of six different businesses, getting the judges and the band of 3 PWRR out to the island, and mitigating the Covid-19 risk. Capt Dan Russell did an excellent job ensuring the entire event was live streamed with families and former Vikings watching the bouts back in the UK.

The evening saw some excellent and hard fought bouts with A (Norfolk) Company being crowned champions after winning six of the eight bouts. Special mentions should also be made to Pte Harley Mead A (Norfolk) Company, who was awarded Best Boxer, and Cpl Mitchell Priestly, D (Cambridgeshire) Company who won Most Gallant Boxer.

B (Suffolk) Company – Maintaining Warfighting skills



Ex SUFFOLK SOLDIER was aimed at reaffirming dismounted individual skills and preparing the next cohort of PJNCOs. The training progressed onto tactical section battle exercises but also taught a PI and Coy conceptual package. Navigation and night training were also a central focus, following lessons learnt from recent infantry career courses. The highlight of the exercise was a demanding section patrol exercise with an insertion by aviation provided by 84 Sqn RAF based at Akrotiri.

Cyprus offers a number of challenges to maintaining light role infantry skills. However, there are also some fantastic opportunities on island which support the delivery of excellent training, and the terrain across the island makes for a real challenge for dismounted infantry.

C (Essex) Company - EXERCISE EAGLE ASSAULT

This month C (Essex) Company deployed to Pyla ranges on EXERCISE EAGLE ASSAULT to build on their individual marksmanship skills on both static ranges and section level Live Fire Tactical Training.

The LFTT package started with the Company on the individual battle shooting range (IBSR) allowing members of the Company to test their individual marksmanship in more realistic combat positions, that a regular range doesn't afford. The IBSR also allowed soldier to conduct individual fire and manoeuvre, both advancing and withdrawing. The IBSR culminated with a competition which combined the skills they had refined throughout the day. Pte Norman coming out on top managing to hit all 20 targets on his attempt. The company progressed through pairs fire and manoeuvre up to section attacks and also managed to get in good time on a GPMG range.



The company then transitioned to blank firing platoon attacks in preparation for the upcoming battalion exercise ARES STORM. The week culminated with several platoon attacks which were observed by the UK defence attaché, US defence attaché and members of the Cypriot National Guard, with the hope of conducting more multinational training in the future.

Pte Dominic Godfrey engages with the GPMG

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2nd Battalion (ThePoachers)



Poachers Are Back on the Ranges

The past few weeks have seen the battalion return from leave and focus on refreshing, and honing our core Infantry skills. The battalion continues at reduced Notice To Move for various tasks. We hope to produce a full update on our recent activities in the next issue of Royal Anglian News.

The images you see show Sniper Platoon completing dry training at STANTA. Machine Gun Platoon deployed onto Salisbury Plain Training Area were they carried out some useful Live Firing.

Pictures - Trigpoint Pictures



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)



RSM's Handover Is Complete!



WOI (RSM) Alan Johnson has handed over to WOI (RSM) Gareth George, formerly of the 1st Battalion. RSM George's first day in post was 8 March 22. The 3rd Battalion held a farewell event for RSM Johnson in Bury St Edmunds, and wished him well on his retirement from the Army.



Steelbacks Open For Business

The support of Reservist employers is a vital component in maintaining the Steelbacks at full strength. The Battalion works hard to forge and maintain a close relationship with local employers. Employers' Information briefings are key to ensuring that our Reservists get the support of their respective employers.



3 Company, 3 Royal Anglian conducted an Employers Information evening at Chelmsford Army Reserve Centre on Wed, 2 March 22. 15 Employers attended watching a range of presentations from Company Second In Command, Capt Jason Murphy. The employers also visited a variety of stands presented by the Reservists that they support. A unique opportunity to highlight the value of having Reservists in the workplace.

Royal Anglian Regiment Museum



Mali Motorcycle Presented to the Museum

This month we have been working on a variety of things in the museum galleries. One of the newest additions that we have taken on is an Islamic State Motorcycle from Mali. It was gifted to the Museum by the 2nd Battalion on their return from Op NEWCOMBE. The motorcycle

Our partner site, the IWM, is as keen to get such a contemporary exhibit on display, as are we!



The Mali Motorcycle Arrives at Duxford - Museum Trustee - Tony Powell, Museum curator - Melissa Kozlenko Receive the well travelled IS Bike from the 2nd Battalion.

It should be going into the Land Warfare Hall right when you walk in the door at the start of April, where it will stay for some months. It will then go permanently on display in the museum. There will also be a mannequin dressed and equipped as a Royal Anglian Soldier from Op NEWCOMBE in Mali. The exhibition will be supported with an Audio-Visual screen showing our latest film about the Regiment today.

We are currently doing various things that are required to support our new exhibits, like preparing for the Audio Visual instillation, and making a mount for the motorcycle, so that it is stable and safe for the public to view. Thanks to Cpl Matt Bushell, and LCpl Adam Sewell from the 2nd Battalion for delivering the bike to Duxford.

You can contact our Curator, Melissa Kozlenko at:
royalanglianmuseumcurator@outlook.com

Regimental Bulletins Register

Regimental Bulletin Number 199 - Dated 1 Feb 2022 - Job Vacancy, Safe Estate Compliance Manager

Regimental Bulletin Number 200 - Dated 10 Feb 22 - Special Order of the Day - Sobraon Day

Regimental Bulletin Number 201 - Dated 10 Feb 22 - Mobbs Memorial Rugby Match Notice

Regimental Bulletin Number 202 - Dated 11 Feb 22 - Job Vacancy - School Staff Instr, Shenfield School

Regimental Bulletin Number 203 - Dated 14 Feb 22 - Notice - Royal Anglian Boxing Evening 24 Feb 22

Regimental Bulletin Number 204 - Dated 16 Feb 22 - Notice - Delay to Distribution of Castle Magazine

Regimental Bulletin Number 205 - Dated 21 Feb 22 - Notice - Death of Sean (Ginge) Fahey

Regimental Bulletin Number 206 - Dated 22 Feb 22 - Royal Anglian Newsletter - Jan-Feb 22 Issue

Regimental Bulletin Number 207 - Dated 25 Feb 22 - Notice - Death of Major Richard Kitchin

Regimental Bulletin Number 208 - Dated 2 Mar 22 - Notice - Regt Battlefield Study 2022

London Gazette

The following entry relevant to the Regiment was listed in The London Gazette dated 28 Feb 2022:

30172318 Captain ET Wynn retires 30 Nov 2021

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Assistant Regimental Secretary



Assistant Regimental Secretary, Mark Goldsmith Explains What Gift Aid is, And How You Can Assist RHQ In Getting The Most From Donations to The Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Charity Fund.

What is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid is a government initiative that allows donations given to charity to be tax-effective. As soon as you give your permission, by completing our Gift Aid declaration form, we can claim the tax back on your donation.

You qualify for Gift Aid if you meet the following criteria:

- **You are a UK taxpayer**
- **You pay enough tax***

**You pay Income Tax and/or Capital Gains tax at a rate at least equal to the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of your donations in that tax year, otherwise it is your responsibility to pay the difference.*

Does my donation qualify for Gift Aid?

Gift Aid can be claimed on both individual and sponsorship donations provided they are gifts.

Certain donations **are not eligible for Gift Aid**. If your donations fall into any of the following categories, Gift Aid should not be claimed:

- You have been charged an entry fee e.g. a ticket for performance or a sports event
- You have bought something
- You have entered a competition e.g. a raffle or sweepstake
- Your donation is on behalf of someone else or a group of people e.g. collection from work colleagues

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What if I pay the higher rate of tax?

If you pay tax at a rate of 40% or above, you can claim the difference between the higher and basic rate on the total value of your donation. If you want to receive the additional tax relief, you must:

- Include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment Tax Return
- Ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code

Do I have to make a declaration with every donation?

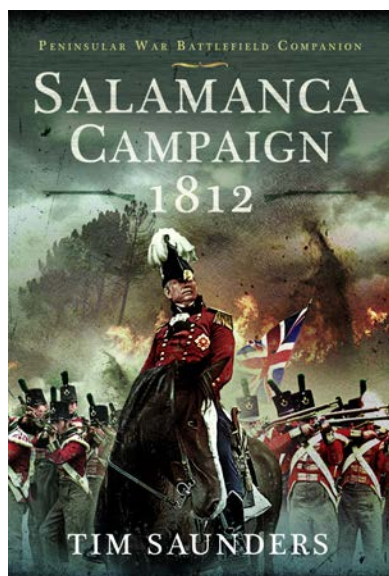
No. To make it easy for both you and The Royal Anglian Regiment, the declaration wording normally covers present, future, and past donations. We can back-claim four years and we'll continue to claim until you tell us otherwise, so long as you're eligible.

If you've changed your name, moved house or no longer qualify for Gift Aid due to a change in tax circumstance, please let us know by calling us on 01284 752394 or by emailing Mark.goldsmith101@mod.gov.uk



Machine Gun Platoon of the 2nd Battalion Live Firing - February 22 (Trigpoint Photography)

Regimental Reading



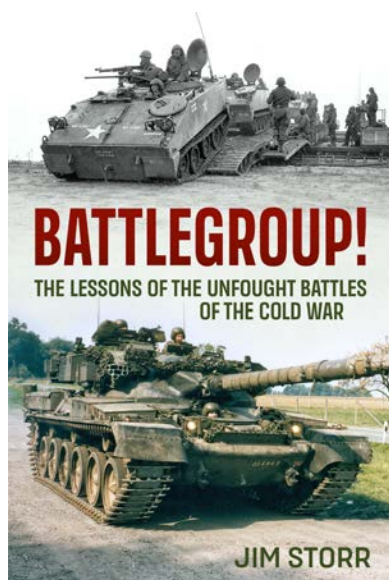
SALAMANCA CAMPAIGN 1812

By Tim Saunders

It has been some time since anything new was written on the subject of Salamanca, a battle of some interest to many in the Royal Anglian community. This new title is a well-worked composite on the campaign. The author is an ex-infantry officer who is clearly familiar with the ground, and the tactics of the day.

While not an exhaustive history of Salamanca, this is accessible in style, the narrative is easy to follow, and has a clear chronology. Maps are plentiful, as are pictures illustrating the uniforms, tactics, and weapons employed by both sides. All of which make this an ideal entry point for the Salamanca novice.

Published By Pen & Sword Ltd, Hardback, pp 262, RRP £25.00



BATTLEGROUP!

The Lessons of the Unfought Battles of the Cold War

By Jim Storr

If ever there was a timely release... Even before the current war in Ukraine erupted there was an increasing level of interest in the Cold War. This book is primarily focused on the 1980s, and examines the battles that would have been fought had Warsaw Pact forces crossed the Inner German Border.

Much of what is written about the strengths and weaknesses of both Soviet, and NATO forces is extremely relevant today. It may make for uncomfortable reading for those that remember their years in West Germany with fondness. This is however a useful examination of high intensity, conventional warfare at operational, and tactical level.

Published By Helion Ltd, Paperback, pp 312 RRP £25.00