



Royal Anglian News



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Cover Image: On NATO's Flank - 1st Battalion Deployed to Finland's Eastern Border on Ex Hammer

Regimental News



Poulters Prize 2023 Awarded to Pte Christopher Webb, 1st Battalion.



The Regiment warmly congratulates Private Christopher Webb for winning the Poulters Prize for 2023.

His nomination focused on his exemplary service in the Motor Transport Platoon, in the Headquarters Company of the 1st Battalion, Royal Anglian Regiment, particularly for his support to the Battalion's recent move from Cyprus, noting that the role in which he has excelled is usually filled by a substantive Corporal.

The prize is awarded each year to "the individual who has best promoted the ethos of The Royal Anglian regiment in a significant way." All Battalions submitted excellent nomination, which were scored by the Poulters and by our Deputy Colonels of the Regiment and our Senior Late Entry Officer.

This is the 19th year of the prize, which is kindly sponsored by the Worshipful Company of Poulters, who are long-standing friends and supporters of the Regiment. The Poulters have kindly invited Private Christopher Webb and his Commanding Officer to their Christmas Court Lunch in London, where they will formally present the prize.

The Regiment Bids a Fond Farewell to the Regimental Secretary



Our many thanks to Lieutenant Colonel Robert Goodin on his retirement as Regimental Secretary after 10 years in appointment. It is quite right that the Regimental Family owes a great debt of gratitude to Colonel Robert for his service at Regimental Headquarters following 35 years of regular service in the Regiment.

Robert's first joined the Regiment (The Vikings) in 1978 and his spent formative years in the Battalion in Northern Ireland, Belize, Germany and Gibraltar. Appointments outside Battalion included an instructor role at RMA Sandhurst, studying for a Master in Defence Administration at Shrivenham and attendance at the NATO Defence College in Rome. Robert also commanded the Steelbacks from 2004 – 2006, taking our 3rd Bn from the East of England Regiment to the organisation it is today. He played a significant part in development of Security Sector Reform in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was awarded MBE in 2002 and OBE in 2007.

Colonel Robert took over as Regimental Secretary in 2013 to run RHQ and its tasks of overseeing heritage, benevolence and veterans matters. Those who served with him in the Army will remember not only a very competent officer in and out of the field, but one with an infectious enthusiasm. It is this enthusiasm that he brought to RHQ. During his tenure he was involved with the introduction of the Regimental Website which will go live later this year and is a significant piece of work. The website will improve links and connectivity to many more members of our family, provide forums for discussion and information exchange, links to the museum and other aspects of our heritage and support networks. He also redeveloped the Regimental shop, introduced the Big Breakfast campaign, and contributed much for the 'Aden to Afghanistan' history of the Regiment. Most significant however is his focus and unsung expansion of support to our veterans, this endures as a priority for RHQ and no doubt many members of our family are thankful for the assistance they have received.

We salute Col Robert's forty five years of selfless commitment to the Royal Anglian family and we are all richer and better off for it. We wish Colonel Robert and Dominique all the best for the future and no doubt we will see them at many of the Regimental family gatherings for years to come.



1st Battalion (The Vikings)

The Vikings Close Down 2023 at the Double

The year finished as it had started for the Battalion - at full pelt. Our winter activity included the deployment of BHQ as a LOCON on Ex LAND WARRIOR, Anti-Tank Platoon exercising as part of a Finnish Brigade on Ex HAMMER, and the deployment of B Company to Bosnia as part of Op ELGIN.

Battalion HQ were tested in their first experience of CAST as a Security Force assistance (SFA) Headquarters on Ex LAND WARRIOR. Staff Officers and enablers were exercised in planning and execution as part of the Allied Response Force Land Component. The three week exercise in Warminster proved to be an exceptional opportunity in shaping the warfighting capability of an SFA battalion. I R Anglian were utilised heavily by I Div HQ in the initial phases of the operation, and the concept of pre-emptive SFA deployment with partner forces to shape the operating environment was thoroughly proved.



Ex Hammer - 1st Battalion Deployed with Finnish Anti Tank Troops

A composite II Brigade Anti-Tank Platoon (led by I R ANGLIAN) was deployed in November on Ex HAMMER, a Finnish Armoured Brigade exercise on the Russian border. This exercise was designed to test Finnish mobilisation efforts to counter aggression on the Eastern border, whilst also working to integrate partner NATO forces into their order of battle. Members of Anti-Tank Platoon weathered the near arctic conditions of a Finnish Winter and navigated the large swathes of swamps and pine forests that make up most of Finland's hinterland. Despite these conditions, the Anti-Tank Platoon seamlessly integrated into the Finnish order of battle and provided a critical dismounted capability that could operate across complex terrain. Anti-Tank Platoon were also given an APC capability on Pasi 6x6 to enable large road moves and provide a reactive capability to the Finnish Brigade. Overall, the exercise was an excellent demonstration in how SFA sub-units can effectively partner with NATO forces and provide unique capabilities on the battlefield.

Back to the Balkans - B (Suffolk) Coy Proving the SFA Concept in Bosnia

B (Suffolk) Company were deployed to Bosnia and Herzegovina in November to provide a rapid capability that reinforced NATO's contribution to the region as the Strategic Reserve Force was deployed to neighbouring Kosovo. The deployment was initiated at short notice and was only made possible by reactive support from I R ANGLIAN enabling departments.



B Company were aligned to the 4th, 5th, 6th Brigades and Long Range Surveillance Group of the Bosnian Army for the duration of their deployment and delivered various types of basic fieldcraft and tactical lessons to their sub-units. There was also close cooperation with the ODA 9534, part of the 19th Special Forces Group of US SOCEUR and 4th SFAB, who were also in theatre to deliver train, advise and assist activity to Bosnian Army units. The exercise attracted Ministerial level attention and was the perfect example of rapidly deploying a tailored SFA capability to a partner nation in Europe.





2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

D (Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire) Company - Mark the 10th Anniversary of the Regiment's Freedom of Stevenage

On December 1st, 2023, I found myself getting changed in a small cupboard at Stevenage council, with CSgt Steven Presland. We were there to represent the Royal Anglian Regiment, as Stevenage council retired the old and presented the new. This was the 10th Anniversary of the Freedom of the Town for the Royal Anglian Regiment.



WO2 (CSM) Mick Freeman & CSgt Steve Presland with veterans from Stevenage Royal British Legion

Once changed into No2 Dress, CSgt Presland and I were shown into the Council's ante room to meet the guests and hosts. We were in good company! There was Simon, a veteran who served with the Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment. He was very interested on how the Regiment was doing and even more interested in D Company, 2 Royal Anglian, who maintain strong lineage back to the 'Beds and Herts'.

Next we were introduced to Baroness Taylor OBE, who herself was leader of Stevenage council in 2009. The Baroness has often spoken on Armed Forces issues in Parliament. We then had a cup of tea with Councillor Claire Parris, who is the Veterans champion, and the organiser of the event I was attending.

Introductions and brews finished, we were shown into the grand corridor where Mayor Myla Arceno was stood next to a large black frame, draped with a red cloth. Mayor Arceno made a speech and talked of the

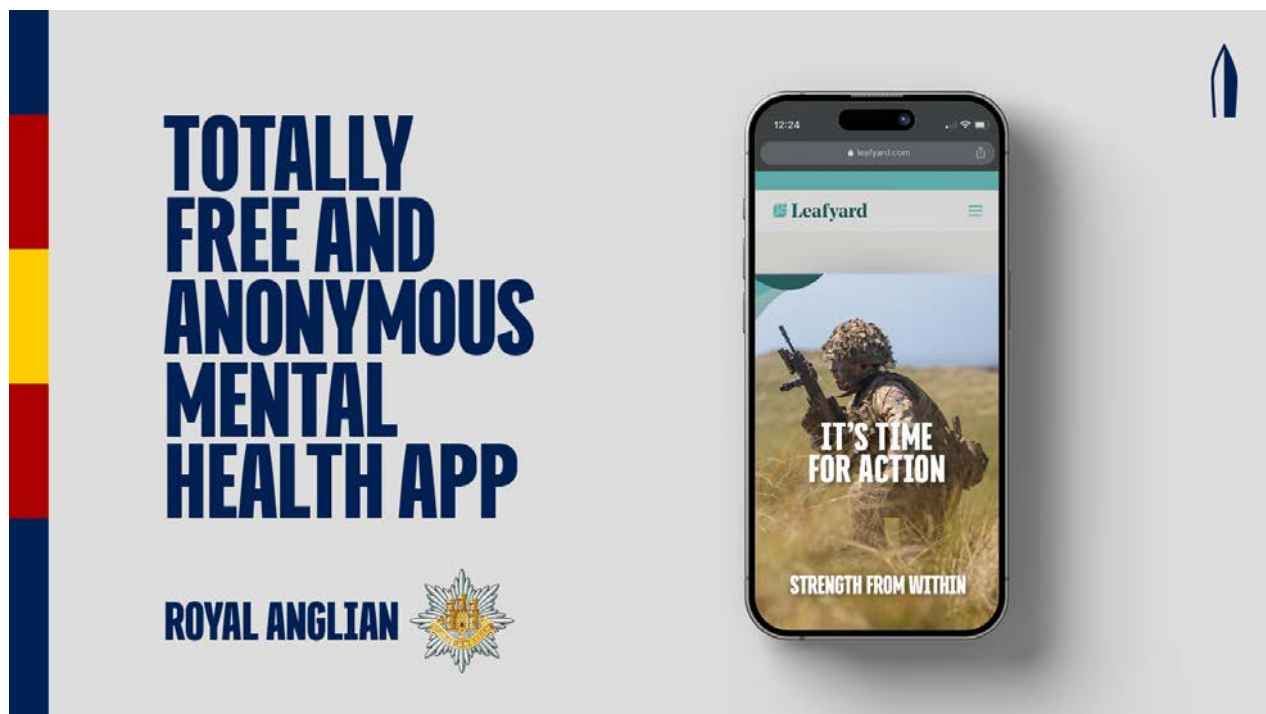
Freedom being the highest honour bestowed by a Council, and the deep connection between the Royal Anglian Regt and the residents of Stevenage. The cloth was removed and the new Anglian Regiment flag was revealed.

Ex Mayor John Lloyd then unexpectedly whisked us both away to a quieter corner of the building to show us the large Welsh slate, engraved 10 years ago to celebrate the original granting of the freedom of Stevenage. The ceremony took place when he was the Mayor of Stevenage. Mayor Lloyd said it was a very proud moment in his career and he remembered the drums and flutes playing, as the Regiment marched by Colours, held high. Mayor Lloyd was a good character and immediately put us at ease, showing us down the long corridor of the 'rogues gallery' with portraits of the old Mayors of Stevenage and loudly declaring whether they were dead or not.

We ended up back in the ante room and sat with the veterans to enjoy lunch. A local amateur historian named Dave showed us his father's medals, and what his dad did during World War 2, in the BEF. We shared stories together, updated old members on how the Battalion was doing, and discussed what the battalion was doing next. As exciting as it always is speaking to the older veterans, whose stories I heard growing up and who probably influenced me joining the British Army, I was pleased to see much younger veterans in attendance too. These were veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, and it shows that those veterans are appreciated and honoured within their local community.

Here's to another 10 years of the Freedom of the Town of Stevenage.

WO2 (CSM) Mick Freeman



3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)



EX KRONUS HUNTER - 19 Light Brigade Potential Junior Non-Commissioned Officers Cadre 2023 - By SSgt (SSI) Waddell RAPTC

Ex KRONUS HUNTER is an example of how world events can change a whole course within just a few days. The PJNCO Cadre was due to take place in Cyprus, however, events in the middle east meant that Cyprus was cancelled and a new location had to be planned within a matter of days. Only the British Army has the resources and the capacity to pull such a task off. With some hard work from BHQ, help from Op INTERFLEX and a change of distance of nearly 2,000 miles, the course was now to be run at Langford Farm STANTA in Norfolk.

The PJNCO Cadre was given to 3 Royal Anglian to conduct, plan and execute as part of 19 Light Brigade's task providing reservists to support Op INTERFLEX. It created an opportunity for deployed Reservists to conduct a Cadre while supporting the Operation. Directing Staff, G4, G6, G7 and a real-life enemy force was pulled from BHQ, Permanent Staff and a large contingent from the Army Reserve Soldiers of the Battalion. With a quick change of the packing list, from the summer sleeping bag to the much-needed bouncing bomb. Seven Battalions within the brigade would be providing their best Private's to undertake the course and if successful become Lance Corporals.



The Course was a packed and had a relentless pace

With students coming from all over the UK, the initial phase of the cadre consisted of start standard tests in military knowledge and navigation theory. The three Section Commanders were fulfilled by SPSIs (CSgt Ash Ward, Sgt Dean Watts and Sgt Craig Davitt) who all come with years of military and operational experience. Their knowledge would be the best tool for the students in developing themselves to be a Section 2IC, through their excellent teaching. The Section Commanders invested many hours of the first few days of the course transforming the Army Reserve soldiers within their Section into a cadre frame of mind, and getting to know all the soldiers they were training individually. Some of these soldiers had only finished their civilian job hours before travelling and parading for the course.

As with all teaching courses, the Cadre moved back to basics and refresher lessons were taught to build the foundations for the students to develop further. With early morning starts the Section Commanders wanted to maximise the use of short-day light hours in the unsettling autumn weather. On the 11 November the course halted training for a short period, and formed a hollow square, to remember those soldiers who had paid the ultimate sacrifice.



Pte Sacharczuk using the model to prepare orders

The students began refining their leadership style in the attacks phase whilst now living in the field. Over the next few days each section was drilled relentlessly on the section attacks, before returning to their wet wood block which would be their home for five days. With the Section Commanders handing over their appointment of Section Commander to the students their eyes were now focused solely on the section 2IC appointment, with the DS grading the students command and control, and how the hopefuls dealt with pressure. They were observed by the Platoon Commander and Platoon Sgt while in the harbour area. For many of these students this would be the longest they had spent continuously in the field. They soon became familiar with harbour life, whilst continuing to learn and understand the importance of their development in the Section 2IC role.

The final part of the green phase of the exercise was an early morning Platoon Attack which would give every student the chance to show their DS that they had grasped complexities and demands of the Section 2IC appointment and would be able to return to their Battalion and be competent within this role. All the DS raised the tempo and pushed their Sections during the final part of the attack, making sure they performed at the highest level with grit, controlled aggression and the thought process required as a leader. ENDEX was called and with that 35 new newly qualified Privates were now eligible for promotion to Lance Corporal.

The final stage of the course was back to the dry (but not warm) Langford Farm to conduct their Army Leadership Development Programme. As Lance Corporals within the Army Reserves, these soldiers must be capable of effective leadership through command and management, be role models for their subordinates and contribute to team ethos and operational effectiveness.

KRONUS HUNTER PJNCO CADRE A STUDENT'S VIEW - By Pte Tim Linnell - 2 Coy, 3 Royal Anglian



Pte Tim Linnell having finished a Command appointment

For me, prior to any course, there's always a nervous anticipation due to wanting to do well. This was even more prevalent in preparation for this course which, would hopefully, lead to me earning my first stripe.

Considering the short notice move from Cyprus to the UK, the DS managed to create a course which had all the ingredients for a challenging and informative cadre. It was a true test of physical, mental and leadership performance and for anyone who said it wasn't difficult, clearly they were not putting all their effort in.

The Course was a packed and had a relentless pace which I think is important for me as a Reserve Soldier as it doesn't give me time to worry about the stresses of civilian life (a form of respite almost!) and allows me to get my head in the game. I've learned so much, sharpened so many existing skills and have come away feeling a real sense of achievement.

For me, nothing beats seeing a Section/Platoon of individuals you mostly don't know, flourish into a team with such a strong cohesion, and new friendships formed which will last a lifetime. Everyone had each other's backs and were there to drag each other through the hard times, pushing them to new limits they didn't think were possible.

I'm really excited to put the skills I've honed to good use to set an example, teach, and help subordinates and others around me, to operate effectively.

London Gazette



The following entries relevant to the Regiment were listed in The London Gazette dated 20 Nov 2023:

The following have been awarded the 1st Clasp to the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military)

WO2 I L Collins 25005332

WO2 P W Sweeney 24877805

The following have been awarded to the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military):

CSgt K McPherson 30037646

Sgt M C Smith 25098307

WO2 P P Stow 25085598

The following have been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military):

CSgt R M Johnson 25170175

Cpl S A Thomas 30050155

The following entries relevant to the Regiment were listed in The London Gazette dated 04 Dec 2023:

Major D A Grice 24910507 retires 11 August 2023

Lieutenant M P Wilman 30224340 to be Captain 15 August 2023

Second Lieutenant S J Barke 30365977 to be Lieutenant 13 August 2023

Second Lieutenant H J Flint 30283147 to be Lieutenant 13 August 2023

The following entry relevant to the Regiment was listed in The London Gazette dated 11 Dec 2023:

Second Lieutenant W C Bagnall 30306095 to be Lieutenant 15 August 2021 (Belated Entry)

The following entries relevant to the Regiment were listed in The London Gazette dated 29 Dec 2023:

Major General D S J Biddick MBE MC 544876 is appointed Colonel The Royal Anglian Regiment 1 September 2023 in succession to Lieutenant General Sir Ralph (William) Wooddisse KCB CBE MC 533577 tenure expired.

Brigadier G B Foden 550677 is appointed Deputy Colonel The Royal Anglian Regiment 1 September 2023 in succession to Major General D S J Biddick MBE MC 544876 tenure expired.

Regimental Bulletins Register



Regt Bulletins Issued Since The September 2023 Issue of RAN:

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-69 - 3 Oct 23 - Death Notice - John Bolton, Bedf & Herts Regt

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-70 - 10 Oct 23 - Death Notice - Capt Michael Cadge, Royal Norfolk Regt

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-71 - 16 Oct 23 - Regimental Association Survey

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-72 - 17 Oct 23 - Death Notice - Mr Tina Franks, 3rd Battalion

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-73 - 19 Oct 23 - Death Notice - George Silver - 4th Battalion

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-74 - 19 Oct 23 - Autumn Band Concert - 25 Nov 23 - Grimsby

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-75 - 19 Oct 23 - Death Notice - Alexander Andrew Jackson (AJ)

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-76 - 23 Oct 23 - Death Notice - Terry Browning, R LINCS

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-77 - 27 Oct 23 - Death Notice - Major George Tomlin, 1st Battalion

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-78 - 31 Oct 23 - Royal Anglian News - September Issue

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-79 - 1 Nov 23 - Death Notice - Maj Brian Harrington-Spier MBE, 3rd Bn

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-80 15 Nov 23 - Employment Vacancy Notice - CEO, East Midlands RCFA

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-81 - 17 Nov 23 - Death Notice - Ronald Bicheno, R Leicester, 29 Nov 23

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-82 - 7 Dec 23 - Regimental Christmas Carol Service - 9 Dec 23

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-83 - 15 Dec 23 - Death Notice - Jonathan Sydney Blake - 3 Dec 23

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-84 - 15 Dec 23 - 82nd Anniversary - British Battalion Day - 20 Dec 1941

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-85 - 15 Dec 23 - Notice - Independent Inquiry Relating to Afghanistan.



Regimental Diary Dates

6th Battalion Regimental Colour Ceremony & Band Concert - 23 Mar 24

The 6th Battalion's Regimental Colour was presented on the 24th June 1979, and the newer 3rd Battalion Colours were presented to the Battalion at Duxford in August 2014. The old Queens Colour was then laid up at the Regimental Chapel in Ely on 02 Jun 2018.

The 23rd March 2024 will see the 6th Battalion Regimental Colour move to its final resting place, thus closing a very long chapter of service to the Regiment and the Crown.

This will be a memorable event for those attending and those who served under these Regimental Colours.

- **Location:** St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1RT
- **Outline Timings:** Guests arrive from 1115hrs. Seated by 1135hrs, service starts 1140hrs. Service concludes 1240hrs.
- **Invitations:** All members of the Regiment, past and present, are warmly invited to attend.
- **Dress:** Serving members; FADs with leather and medals, Veterans, suits with medals (optional).

For more details and events please visit our website at: royalanglianregiment.com



Officer - 6th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, Abbey Gate, Bury St Edmunds 1996. By Alix Baker

R ANGLIAN 60 - 1st Battalion Past & Present Summer Ball

The Royal Anglian Association (Vikings) past and present will be holding a 60th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal Anglian Regiment summer ball on the 15 June 2024 at Ashlar House, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. It is open to all veterans and serving Officers' and other ranks from Aden to present. The aim of this enduring event is to bring us all together annually and have good time with our fellow comrades of whom you have served with, over the past 60 years. A Booking Pro-forma is available via email from david.granfield666@mod.gov.uk by **28 February 2024**.

January

- 3 - RHQ Return to Work
- 7 - CC241 Ironing Board Sunday at RMA Sandhurst
- 10 - Poulterers' Prize Presentation
- 18 - Francis Dymoke Memorial Service at Lincoln Cathedral

February

- 1 - ITC Catterick Pass Off Parade
- 9 - Annual Inspection of the Regt Memorial at IWM Duxford
- 10 - Sobraon Day
- 13 - Queen's Division Curry at RMA Sandhurst
- 24 - Royal Anglian Regiment Big Breakfast 2024
- 29 - R ANGLIAN Assoc Suffolk Branch Meeting at the Keep, Bury St Edmunds

March

- 6 - County Cols Meeting at the Keep, Bury St Edmunds
- 8 - Veterans Race Day at Leicester Race Course
- 21 - Rededication Service, Lt Charles Cautherley, 1st Bn, Herts Regt at Poelcapelle, Belgium
- 23 - Commissioning Parade CC241 at RMA Sandhurst
- 23 - Laying up of Regt Colour, 6 R ANGLIAN at the Regt Chapel, Bury St Edmunds
- 23 - Inaugural Meeting of R ANGLIAN Riders at the Keep, Bury St Edmunds

April

- 11 - RHQ Conference at the Keep
- 12 - Sovereign's Parade CC232 at RMA Sandhurst
- 25 - Almanza Day
- 28 - Almanza & Kohima 80 Anniversary Service at Norwich Cathedral

For more information or to input new dates please visit our website at: royalanglianregiment.com



Our Regimental Heritage

The 7th Battalion, Queen's Colour Returns to Leicester

New Colours were presented to the 7th (Volunteer) Battalion of the Regiment by HRH Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, on 20 April 1980 in Leicester, where the Battalion Headquarters was based.

After the reductions in the Territorial Army in recent years, the Regimental Council decided to lay up the Colours of the disbanded battalions in suitable venues around the Regimental recruiting area. It was determined to lay up the Regimental Colour of the 7th Battalion in and the Queen's Colour in Leicester Cathedral. This was done on 19 June 2016, and it was hung in the Regimental Chapel of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment with all their Colours.



In December 2021 Leicester Cathedral was closed for two years for a major refurbishment, including some repairs and rebuilding, installing under-floor heating and complete redecoration. All its contents therefore had to be removed and stored. This obviously included all the Colours, which were carefully taken to a conservation company in Stamford, so the opportunity was therefore taken for the 7 R ANGLIAN Queen's Colour to be netted to increase the length of its life.

On 22 November 2023 all the Colours were returned to Leicester Cathedral and rehung on the same wall of the Royal Leicestershire Regimental Chapel as previously, before the Cathedral's first service on 26 November, presided over by the Rt Rev Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester.

Some more building work will continue until about June 2024, but the smart redecorated Cathedral is now open as usual for services and visits. Any member of the Regiment would be very welcome to visit it to see the Colour (and King Richard III's tomb!).

The 2/5 Essex Regiment at El Alamein

My name is David Page, In my retirement I pursue military history, often involving the British-Indian Army in WW2.

In May 2023 I discovered the battle on 1st July 1942 at Deir el Shein, a depression, eight miles south of El Alamein, Egypt, when the German Afrika Korps found the 2/5th Essex, part of the 18th Indian Infantry Brigade, in a hastily prepared defensive position – often called a Box.



The brigade was overwhelmed and the 2/5th suffered heavy casualties, the majority being taken prisoner – many till liberation in 1945 – and a dozen are commemorated on the El Alamein Memorial. The battle forms part of 'The First Battle of El Alamein', which is often overlooked by historians.

A 'Battle Honour' for the action was awarded to the Essex Regiment and several medals awarded.

My focus is what happened that day. The big gap for the 2/5th is how many were wounded, taken prisoner and died that day – whose graves were never located as Deir el Shein was bombed and fought over afterwards.

I know how they reached Deir el Shein, but lack unofficial, maybe private memoirs of that time. There are some in libraries, online and in 'The Eagle' about being a prisoner.

I have assembled a mass of information, from back issues of 'The Eagle', online resources, official records and a few memoirs. Two libraries remain to be visited (another has been hit by a cyber-attack).

Can anyone help? Or do you have access to individual memoirs?

My email is: davidbfpo@blueyonder.co.uk

Our Regimental Association



ROYAL ANGLIAN RIDERS - VETERANS ON THE ROAD

The Royal Anglian Riders Group is open to any Royal Anglian, past or present who enjoy riding a motorcycle and meeting fellow Royal Anglians.



The Riders attend Regimental Events, fly the Royal Anglian flag, and offer support to veterans across the Regimental Family. We meet on the road in a very friendly and relaxed environment, the idea is to share our common interest in bikes and to keep an eye out for fellow veterans who may have mental wellbeing challenges. The Riders invite any member of the Royal Anglian family to ride with them, come along and join us!

For Further Information email Dave Horsley at: horse8509@gmail.com



Meet up with comrades, old and new
Attend meets, rides, and events

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STRENGTH FROM WITHIN

Grimsby Branch Host The Autumn Band Concert



The Royal Anglian Regimental Band performed at the iconic Grimsby Central Hall supported by the Grimsby & Cleethorpes Sea Cadet Band on Sat 25th November. The venue had been selected by the Grimsby Branch who undertook all of the preparation and decorated the hall in a spectacular fashion.

The Association took the opportunity to invite distinguished guests from the local area and Humberside to participate. The evening was a truly Regimental family occasion as Association members from across Lincolnshire and Humberside turned out to support the Grimsby Branch. In addition, we were grateful for the support from No 4 Coy, 3 R ANGLIAN based in Grimsby. The concert certainly raised the profile of the Regiment in Grimsby, and also raised a substantial amount for the Royal Anglian Regimental Charity.

A great success enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to Lt Col Dave Haggart, CO, 3 R ANGLIAN for his kind permission to use the Band, his team from 4 Coy, to all the members of the Regimental Association for their unstinting support, especially the Grimsby Branch for their hard work in enabling what was a great regimental event.

About the band

The Band is an Army Reserve Band and provides musical support for various charities and support to the Royal Anglian Regiment its Association.

The first trace of a Band, paid for by public expense, within the Northamptonshire Regiment was recorded in 1798 when Thomas Hewitt of the 48th reported that “approval was given for six boys to be enlisted in the 48th for the band, and at the same time a German bandmaster was engaged”, a normal procedure at this time.

In 1996 the 5th Battalion of the Royal Anglian Regiment was re-roled as 158 (Royal Anglian) Tpt Regt RLC but the regimental Council elected to keep the Band, which were renamed Band of the Royal Anglian Regiment (TA) following the amalgamation of the Regular Royal Anglian bands into the Bands of the Queen’s Division.

Remembrance Sunday 2023



Grimsby Branch was busy throughout November supporting the ABF with fund raising throughout town. The Branch supported a myriad of events over Remembrance weekend in Grimsby, Cleethorpes and London.

Alan Whiting, Jamie Taylor and Jon Wayne on the Mall before the march past the Cenotaph.

The Grimsby Branch Members joined the RANGLIAN marching contingent on Horse Guards. Attendance at the parade and at the Garden of Remembrance grows every year.



Royal Anglian Association Members Formed up on Horse Guards

Royal Anglian Big Breakfast 24 February 2024



At locations across the UK

Funded by the Regimental Association



Details of locations will follow in the New Year

www.royalanglianregiment.com/bigbreakfast24