



Cover Image: Remembrance Across the Generations - Duxford 13 Nov 2022

REGIMENTAL NEWS



Regimental Service of Remembrance at Duxford - 13 Nov 2022

The Regiment Warmly Welcomed Some of the Families of Our Fallen to Duxford.

Our Remembrance Sunday Service at our Regimental Memorial is always well supported by our veterans and their families, and in particular by many families of the fallen. Some families travel considerable distances, and it is their presence at this poignant service, which makes our Remembrance Service rather special. Private Ian Burt died on duty, serving with B Company of our 2nd Battalion on 29th September 1972 in West Belfast, so this year is the 50th anniversary of his death. Ian Burt's family regularly attend our Remembrance Sunday Services.



Pictured above is Jenny Kilvington holding the wreath. Jenny is Ian Burt's sister, and she is pictured here with her husband Ken, her three children: Andrew, Sarah and Clare, her daughter-in-law Lynn and her grandchildren: Lauren, Belle and Abby.



Tim Beighton, David Till, Major David Granfield (Plot Guardian) and Kevin Martin

The Field of Remembrance

The Regiment was well represented in the Garden of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey this year. Major David Granfield took on the duties of the the Royal Anglian Regiment Plot Guardian, he was ably assisted by Tim Beighton, David Till and Kevin Martin. During the course of the commemorations the Regimental plot was visited by HM the Queen Consort. The Regimental Association also formed a small marching contingent that took part in the parade past the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

Regimental Christmas Carol Service - Bury St Edmunds, 10 December 2022

The Annual Regimental Christmas Carol Service will be held on Saturday 10th of December at 1030hrs in St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds. This is a lovely family service featuring all our well-known Christmas Carols and readings supported by the Regimental Band. Festive refreshments and mulled wine will be served after the service. All members of the regimental family are invited to come along and join in with what will surely be a warm, friendly, and fitting end to the year



1st Battalion (The Vikings)

Vikings Range Far and Wide through the Autumn Months

The Vikings have continued their busy period with much of the battalion deployed on a wide variety of tasks. A (Norfolk) Coy continue their Op Interflex task in the UK, B (Suffolk) Coy have exercised across Cyprus on Ex Suffolk Soldier, and C Coy have continued on Op Kipion in Bahrain and Op Timbern in Cyprus. Finally, D Coy have continued their deployment to Saudi Arabia, conducting a number of Short Term Training Teams and also represented the Battalion on the Cypriot Patrol Competition and the Cambrian Patrol Competition.

Vikings Provide Short Term Training in Saudi Arabia

In October 2022, a select few members from the 1st Battalion had the fantastic opportunity to deploy to Saudi Arabia on a Short-Term Training Team (STTT) as part of the enduring British Military Mission which has been there for the past 15 years. 12 Vikings, comprising of Officers and Junior / Senior NCOs, deployed to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) on Oct 1st 2022, charged with three separate tasks in three separate locations. Having split into three teams of four, we met our British Military Mission advisors in Jeddah, Dammam and Riyadh.



Sgt Davvit teaching Saudi personnel vehicle search drills

The four-man team in Riyadh were tasked with designing and running a course for 36 SANG NCOs, ranging from Cpl to SSgt. The team had three main objectives; Develop their leadership, improve their Skill at Arms and marksmanship, and develop their Core Skills. The end state to achieve was for them to improve across all these areas and also develop their instructional abilities so they could return to their units and share the knowledge learnt.

The KSA West STTT team deployed in support of the 2nd SS Bde, who are based close to the coastal city of Jeddah. Capt Jake Bamford, Sgt Nathan Anderson, Sgt James Quelch and Cpl Domm Wood were tasked with delivering an NCO leadership development course over nine weeks, similar to the STTT team in Riyadh.

To the East, a team of 4 was sent to Dammam to deliver a 6-week Counter-Terrorism Course to 3SSB. The team, comprising of Capt Andrews, Sgt Davitt, Sgt McAleese and Cpl Bancroft, were charged with instructing the course of 24 SANG NCOs the complexities of CT Ops including urban operations, marksmanship and detainee handling.

The experience had by all was overwhelmingly positive. Each team has a newfound understanding of the Saudi culture and how our militaries differ and relate. Short Term Training Teams such as these are undoubtedly some of the best opportunities that the British Army has to offer currently; deploying in small teams away from the organic Chain of Command (CoC) with all the inherent responsibilities that entails, to deliver high quality training to an ally nation as part of the wider Defence Engagement programme HM Forces seeks to project across the Middle East. The STTT will be a highlight in the careers for many of those that deployed, which sets a positive tone as the battalion prepares to transition to the Security Force Assistant Brigade (SFAB) in the coming years with plenty more opportunities for similar deployments.

Exercise Cambrian Patrol 2022

In October the Vikings entered a team on Exercise Cambrian Patrol 2022, the British Army's premier patrols exercise. Cambrian Patrol is physically and mentally demanding, challenging individual and team military skills over difficult terrain in inclement weather conditions.



In Aug 2022 Team Manager CSgt Alan Taylor and Patrol Commander Capt Daniele Kitchen, created a team and began a rigorous training programme with the Cypriot Team from 33rd Special Forces Battalion. The Team trained alongside the Cypriots on the Troodos Mountain ranges and on the Episkopi and Dhekelia training areas.

Sgt Alan Urwin headed up a training team delivering lessons on a range of subjects including Vehicle Recognition, Mine Clearance and CBRN. His assistance was invaluable in preparing the team. The team also received medical training that was ably delivered by LCpl Roslyn Mackie. The Vikings joined the 33rd Battalion on their final Patrol Ex. This involved a demanding climb of the Troodos Mountain range over two days, conducting military stands in a similar fashion to Cambrian Patrol. This joint training forged a strong bond between the two teams.



The Viking and Cypriot Team began Cambrian Patrol on the 13 October starting in the Brecon Beacons. The team completed the initial march at a fast pace scoring highly on the Orders and Medical stand. The team scored well on the tactical phase too, and covered a distance of circa 65 Km in 48 hours.

The Viking and Cypriot Patrol earned a silver medal at CP22. Whilst disappointing not to get the gold, a silver medal is still an excellent achievement and testament to the hard work and dedication of the team over the preceding 7 weeks. The Viking team can now look forward to conducting further training with our Cypriot partners.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

Poachers Join the Leicester Tigers for Remembrance



Soldiers and Officers of B 'Leicestershire' Company of the Second Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment (The Poachers), gathered for a Service of Remembrance to unveil the Leicester Tigers Foundation monument which commemorates the Leicester Tigers players and soldiers that have fallen in conflict.

The event saw a gathering of local people, veterans of the regiment and representatives from Leicester Tigers and former England Captain, Rory Underwood MBE.

The monument celebrates the lives of the 54 Leicester Tigers players who lost their lives in conflict and acknowledging longstanding links with the armed services has been unveiled at the club's iconic home.

The Leicester Tigers Foundation Monument, installed on the plaza between the Tigers' Mattioli Woods Welford Road stadium and the new Hotel Brooklyn, features a bronze tiger head on a four-metre column carrying the names of the past players.

It also recognises the close ties between the Leicestershire Regiment and the Tigers since the club's formation in 1880, displaying the names of its players who served and survived. Peter Wheeler, former Leicester Tigers captain and director, and a Past President of the Rugby Football Union, performed the Monument's official unveiling with guests from the game of rugby, the military and the local community.

Lt Matt Willman and Sgt Cobbold of B (Leicestershire) Company represented the 2nd Battalion at the service, both were hugely impressed by the striking new memorial. All present thought it a fitting tribute to those from the Tigers community that have lost their lives.

Leicestershire Regiment representatives included Major General Anthony Pollard CBE DL, Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Swallow OBE and Captain Bob Allen MBE, alongside Leicester Tigers Foundation trustee Vice Lord-Lieutenant Murray Colville; the Revd Canon Emma Davies, the Canon Precentor and Canon Residentiary at Leicester Cathedral, who led the ceremony and provided a blessing; and Monument sponsor Ian Mattioli MB

3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)



Grantham Pass Out Parade - 12 November 2022

After a challenging 2 week cadre, three soldiers from 3 Royal Anglian Passed-out of Infantry Training Regiment, Grantham on Saturday, 12 November 22. Watched by their families, the soldiers were reviewed by the Inspecting Officer, Brigadier Guy Foden, Commander of the 19 Light Mechanised Brigade 'the Dessert Rats'. The Battalion was represented by Major Gav Rushmere, Second in Command.



Picture (L to R): LCpl Ryan Burrell (5 Company, Recruiter), Pte Maksims Smirnovs (5 Company), Private Rebecca Grymonprez (3 Company), Major Gav Rushmere (Battalion Headquarters), Private Rachael Williams (4 Company) and LCpl Darren Morgan (5 Company, Medic).

Exercise Steelback Challenge - 3rd Battalion Reservists Tested in the Field

The Reservists of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment completed their Annual Training Exercise on Stanford Training Area near Thetford in October. Around 90 Soldiers deployed to the Norfolk Training Area on Exercise Steelback Warrior.

The first week comprised of field training, the exercise scenario provided the ideal environment to hone basic Infantry skills and to develop an understanding of collective operating skills and tactics. The field exercises culminating at the end of the first week with the Company commanded by Major Rhys Little successfully attacking Eastmere Village.



The second week had a conceptual theme, using tests of endurance and adventure training to highlight the Commanding Officer's theme of Communications.





The Regimental Band



Following a busy September and October, where the band played for the regimental gathering at Duxford, the Royal Anglian sponsored church service at the Royal Hospital Chelsea and the regimental charity concert in Bedford, we are looking forward to playing at the Royal Anglian remembrance service at Duxford as well as the carol service in Bury St Edmunds on the 10th December.

The band continues to go from strength to strength under the regiment's new Director of Music Captain Jason Griffiths. The band is currently training intensively for these engagements as well as getting ready for members to backfill The Mercian Regiment band for an engagement in Wolverhampton at the start of December.





Our Affiliated Cadets

Aldenham & Queen's Schools CCFs Biennial Inspection

Brigadier Richard Lyne recently conducted the biennial inspection at Aldenham & Queen's Schools Combined Cadet Force – a brilliant day and many congratulations to everyone on parade. The Army element wears the Royal Anglian Regiment cap badge and we are rightly proud and supportive of this valuable association'.



The event took place on 13 Oct 22 at Aldenham School in Hertfordshire. Sqn Ldr L Flindall, Head of Economics and Business and the CCF Contingent Commander, organised the inspection. Brigadier Lyne inspected and spoke with each of the cadets before joining them for more lessons on fieldcraft, survival skills and drill.

Aldenham school has a deep history since it was founded in 1587 and the CCF have worn the The Royal Anglian cap badge for decades. The Regiment looks forward to being invited back in 2 years' time. The Regimental Museum.

Northamptonshire CCFs Complete Exercise First Bite

Over Friday 30 Sept & Saturday 01 Oct 182 new recruit Cadets took part in "Exercise First Bite" at Area H, STANTA. The event gave the Cadets their first experience of a "military" themed 24hr Field Exercise which included a range of activity stands providing instruction on; basic fieldcraft: "living in the field", Camouflage & Concealment, Patrol Skills, a Paintball CQB lane, Skill at Arms - Air Rifle, Navigation and

First Aid. The Exercise organised by The Brooke Weston Trust CCF provided valuable training for 7 Cadet Expansion Programme Schools: The Brooke Weston Trust CCF (Corby Business Academy, Brooke Weston Academy, Corby Technical School & Kettering Science Academy), The Caroline Chisholm School CCF, The Ferrers School CCF & the Sir Christopher Hatton Academy CCF.



“This was our 3rd year of delivering this Exercise and was the biggest so far, giving over 180 new Army Section Cadets the very best start to their Cadet Force careers. The success of the Exercise was a direct consequence of the collaborative approach from each of the 7 attending schools who collectively provided over 20 staff who took on a variety of roles from instructors to medics to pastoral support. Without the enthusiasm & commitment of the staff we could have never been able to provide the event at such scale, my sincere thanks to all who attended.” Captain Matt Isherwood.

Regimental Association News



Announcement From The Times - Saturday 5 Nov 2022

ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT Lt Gen Sir Ralph Wooddisse KCB CBE MC, Colonel of The Royal Anglian Regiment, presided at the Officers' Club Dinner held at the Army and Navy Club on Friday 4th November. Among the Officers and guests were a large contingent who had served together in Berlin 1978-80.

UK Govt Veterans Survey Announced



Lincolnshire standard bearers Mr Shann Palmer Mr Fraser Finlay & Mr David Metcalfe MBE

The government has launched the Veterans' Survey, for veterans and their families.

This is the first-ever exercise to collect feedback from the veteran community across the UK, coordinated by the Office for Veterans' Affairs and the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Responses to the survey will help the government better understand the experiences, needs and wellbeing of the veteran community.

Survey (20 mins): <https://www.ons.gov.uk/veteranssurvey>

Deadline Wednesday 1st February 2023.

Announcement: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-veterans-get-their-say>

Regimental Bulletins Register



Regt Bulletins Issued Since September & October 2022 Issue of RAN:

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-87 Dated 13 Oct 22 - Notice - Service of Remembrance at Regt Chapel

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-88 Dated 24 Oct 22 - Notice - Regt Service of Remembrance 13 Nov 22

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-89 Dated 31 Oct 22 - Death Notice - Lt Col John Garton-Jones MBE

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-90 Dated 15 Nov 22 - Job Opportunity - BWT CCF Contingent Comd

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-91 Dated 17 Nov 22 - Funeral Details - Sgt Kevin John Mallom MM

The London Gazette

The following entry relevant to the Regiment was listed in The London Gazette dated 10 Oct 22

Lieutenant N C Bromley 30216349 to be Captain 19 July 2021 with seniority of the same date (Belated Entry)

The following entries relevant to the Regiment were listed in The London Gazette dated 24 Oct 22:

Captain D J Russell 30262682 retires 1 August 2022

Officer Cadet Sam Ted Fulford 30254384 to be Second Lieutenant (on probation) 9 April 2017 with seniority of the same date (Belated Entry)



Members of the Grimsby Branch Doing Their Bit for the Poppy Appeal
November 2022