



Royal Anglian News



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Cover Image: Machine Gun Platoon, 2nd Battalion Night Firing - Ex Wessex Warrior

REGIMENTAL NEWS



Major General PPD Stone CB CBE
Colonel of the Regiment 1991 - 1997



The Regiment regrets to inform you of the death of Major General PPD Stone CB CBE. General Patrick died peacefully at home on Wednesday 5th October 2022.

General Patrick was called up for National Service in 1959 and his regimental service started with a secondment to the Kings African Rifles in Tanganyika until 1961. He then joined 1 E ANGLIAN in British Guyana, Felixstowe and Aden. He was ADC to the Governor of Western Australia before rejoining the 1st Battalion as Adjutant and Company Commander in Celle, Catterick and Londonderry. After RAF Staff College and a spell on the staff in HQ 2 Div in Lubecke, he was Bn 2IC of the 1st Battalion in Tidworth for the AMFL role. He commanded the 2nd Battalion in Gillingham and Berlin. His appointments on the staff included Chief of Staff of HQ 1 Armd Div in Verden and he went on to command the Berlin Brigade. After promotion to Major General his last appointment was Director General Personnel Services (Army). He retired in 1991, and went on to have a successful career as Director of Administration for Norton Rose, a major City of London law firm. He was Deputy Colonel of the Regiment and then Colonel of the Regiment from 1991 to 1997. And he remained closely engaged with the Regiment and was the Chairman of our Regimental Trustees.

The Regimental Day at Duxford - 4 September 2022



This year's Regimental Day was an unqualified success. The day was planned and organised by Regt Area Secretary 1, Capt Peter Hudson. Changes at Duxford meant that we had to shift location, but this change proved to be beneficial one because the Regt Memorial could be viewed from the new site.

The weather was once again kind to us and record numbers attending the Drumhead Service did so in lovely sunshine. The weather held good throughout the day as a real cross-section of the Royal Anglian family from Cadets to Veterans mingled together while being entertained by our Regimental Band. Others, like Maj David Whitehead decided that the DOM needed a break and took up his baton for a while.

As is also traditional, the Minden Bar did a roaring trade and many old friendships were renewed, and tall tales were shared. All in all, a hugely successful day, we are already planning next year's event - please it in your diary and come along to Duxford on Sunday 3 September 2023.

Remembrance Sunday, Whitehall, London - 13 November 2022

The Royal British Legion Cenotaph Veterans Parade in Whitehall will take place on Sunday 13th November 2022. The Regiment has been allocated 40 tickets. Carers will be allowed to accompany the veteran, as long as they themselves use one ticket allocation. Those attending who have questions should contact anne.godbolt100@mod.gov.uk at the Area 2 Regimental Secretary's Office. The Metropolitan Police will conduct individual security checks on participants, so ticket holders will need to bring photographic ID and proof of address with them for access to Horse Guards Parade.

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.

Regimental Battlefield Study Netherlands-Germany 15 - 19 May 2023

The Regimental Battlefield Study 2023 will concentrate on the Allied advance through the Netherlands and into Germany during the winter of 1944 and spring of 1945 with particular focus on the hard-fought battles our antecedent regiments were committed to. The detailed programme will be confirmed after a recce in November but will include the battle for Venray involving 1 Suffolk, 2 Lincolns, and 1 R Norfolk.



The Battlefield Study will involve serving Officers and Soldiers from all 3 battalions accompanied by veterans from the Regt Association. Serving personnel, who will be subsidised by the Regt should apply through their respective Chains of Command.

Estimated cost of the trip to include return travel by coach with various pick-up points, all accommodation with breakfasts and packed lunches will be circa £500pp for single occupancy room, or £400pp sharing a twin room/double. Please inform Major Tim Brown at RHQ at your earliest opportunity if you wish to join the tour by emailing timothy.brown133@mod.gov.uk



1st Battalion (The Vikings)

Training for War - Vikings Train Ukrainian Soldiers for War



A (Norfolk) Company, supported by elements of D (Cambridgeshire) Company have swapped the sun-drenched Eastern Mediterranean for the wind and rain swept moors of North Yorkshire. Close to 70 soldiers have been deployed to the UK on Operation INTERFLEX to train soldiers of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Currently delivering the second of three, five-week training packages the Vikings are now well established and delivering excellent training. The training programme sees volunteers and conscripts taken from civilian to soldier across three field exercises and a 9 day live firing programme. To have the opportunity to train Ukrainian soldiers is a great privilege. They are highly motivated and keen to learn all that they can in the short time they have in the UK.



The training was originally based on the Reserve Combat Infantry Course and has now been expanded to include urban operations, fighting in woods and forests and trench warfare, not to mention an accelerated live firing programme. Ukrainian soldiers progress from have never handled weapons to conducting pairs fire and movement over a compressed package. It is testament to the professionalism of the Royal Anglian instructors that over 99% of the Partner Forces completed the full package up to the Section in Defence.

With the Company likely to remain on task until Christmas it is likely that they will train around 600 recruits for the Ukrainian Army firing over a million rounds and consuming over 10,000 ration packs!

Exercise Eager Lion - Vikings in Jordan



Exercise Eager Lion, a multinational exercise, involving a total of forty two nations. It was the 1st Battalion's first Overseas Exercise since moving to Cyprus. Though the British Army may be well accustomed to the Middle East, numerous members of the C (Essex) Company group were not. Landing on a military airstrip the Company saw itself whisked away in the night through Jordan's streets to their new home in the desert for four weeks.

Starting their training through with the pinnacle of all Infantry training, Live Fire Tactical Training. The addition of a permanent range team worked tirelessly for the week before the Company deployed to ready the us for an arduous but rewarding start to the exercise. With the temperatures reaching nearly 40C, most activity was confined to the early morning or late afternoon, although our home base of Cyprus has conditioned the soldiers well to working in such conditions.

Working up from individual shoots, focusing on personal skills through to section attacks allowed junior commanders the space to practice with their teams. The live fire culminated in platoon attacks seeing the whole chain of command of a platoon work through the attacks, in the day as well as night.

As Ex Eager Lion began, so too did our operating with the 81st QRF Battalion of the Jordanian Army and the Italian paratroopers. Beginning with the securing of the Italian DZ; the soldiers of C Coy then moved on to low level training including capability demonstrations and section level tactics. Moving on to urban and trench warfare saw the platoons mix and progress through attacks allowing commanders to experience new tactics. Finally, the composite battalion came together to test all they had learned together with an attack on to the British built training village; seeing the three nations working together to complete the mission using their own tactics and capabilities in unison.

The Exercise culminated in a Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise joining the battalion together with an armoured battlegroup of US, KSA and Jordanian tanks, helicopters, air support and artillery. The Coy here demonstrated to the other nations its proficiency of trench warfare, starting the attack by clearing through a Russian trench system with live grenades before establishing fire support for the Jordanians and Italians as they descend from their helicopters.

A commendable effort from all of the C (Essex) Company Group with its vital attachments aptly demonstrating the ability of the British soldier and officer in a new and testing environment. Ex Eager Lion has been a brilliant opportunity for the soldiers to experience a large, multinational exercise whilst enjoying some of their own live tactical training.



2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

Ex Ulchi Freedom - South Korea

Opportunities in the Royal Anglian Regiment are constant, Lt Matt Wilman, 2IC B (Leicestershire) Company deployed to Seoul in South Korea for 4 weeks to participate in Exercise ULCHI FREEDOM SHIELD, a readiness exercise for the South Korean – United States alliance on the peninsula. One of 17 British soldiers and officers augmenting the United Nations Command, a 4* Command which focuses its efforts on maintaining the armistice, Lt Wilman was employed as a Liaison Officer within the ROK-US warfighting headquarters. The exercise was a regular occurrence but was paused for a number of years as a result of Covid-19; the 2022 exercise was the first one back running in full swing. It exercised everyone in the two strategic headquarters in Korea, as well as Korean ministers, and attracted international news coverage, and North Korean missile tests in response.



Lt Wilman found himself working in a bunker in the outskirts of Seoul in a headquarters that regularly switched languages and had many nuances. Fortunately, there was enough time off over the weekends to explore South Korea, from visits to the DMZ and Imjin River, to relaxing on the beaches of Busan. A thoroughly interesting and rewarding experience.

Exercise WESSEX STORM



Post summer leave the Battalion hit the ground with a short timeline to deploy to Salisbury Plain to Conduct Exercise WESSEX STORM. The initial phase has seen the Battalion en masse deploy from Kendrew Barracks to Salisbury Plain Training Area. After a short period of Reception Staging and Onward Integration.



Companies have conducted a Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise and further integration with our Battle Group assets from the Royal Engineers, Royal Artillery, Army Medical Services, Military Working Dogs and the Royal Military Police. Further to this Sub Units have completed Platoon & Company level tunnel clearances in Corsham Mines, developing the basics prior to deployment on the validation phase of the exercise.

The Death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

The passing of our steadfast Monarch was a shock to the 2 ROYAL ANGLIAN Battle Group. Padre Tom Wilde conducted a Battle Group Vigil to collectively mourn the passing of The Queen prior to recommencing the critical training being delivered by the Combat Ready Training Centre (CRTC).





3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

Reservists On The Rocks - 3rd Battalion Adventure Training

Deploying to The Leslie Johnson Centre in Warslow, Staffordshire, 17 Members of 3 Royal Anglian took part in 4 Days Adventure Training around The Peak District National Park. The week included a range of activities including Mountain Biking, Rock Climbing, Canoeing, Caving and Hill Walking.

For most of the participants it was their first exposure to some of the activities, probably the most apprehension came from the Caving group which explored Bagshawe Cavern in Bradwell, a 1.2km underground maze of tunnels. Pte Greg Jackson was the start of the Rock Climbing, completing all the climbs with ease.



Reservist on the Rocks - L – R Private Greg Jackson, Private Rachael Williams, Private William Sabine, Lance Corporal Liam Wells & Private Luke Monney

Thanks also to the G4 Crew who without whom the week would not have run so smoothly (Our Chef, Private Mick Singh and the CQMS, Colour Sergeant Marc Edgar).



Our Affiliated Cadets

Royal Anglian Family Values at Aldenham & Queens School CCF

Back in the heatwaves of June this year I was fortunate enough to attend a formal dinner for the cadet NCOs and adult volunteers at Aldenham and Queens Combined Cadet Force (CCF), my first ever dealings with the CCF. As I learned, the Army Section proudly wore the Royal Anglian cap-badge.



Contingent Commander, Adult Volunteers (including ex-Regulars and an ex-Aldenham pupil), and Maj Crosbie

A few months earlier, the Regimental net had kicked into action when Capt (Retd) George Waterfield had asked if any serving Royal Anglians in the London area were able to support the event. With the Vikings now in sunny Cyprus, I was still in London given my current job. I threw my hat in the ring (without quite realising it would involve driving halfway round the M25 at this stage). On reflection – despite it being in mess dress, and the air con packing up in my car when temperatures were hitting the high thirties – it was absolutely a journey worth making, and I am so glad that I did. It was a great opportunity to live our Regimental ethos, and support a key part of our expansive Regimental family.

Two of the Aldenham teachers (one a school-time friend of George's, the other the Contingent Commander) took the time to explain the CCF construct in advance of the dinner. Aldenham have a clearly very genuine and beneficial partnership with local Queens School, Bushey. Indeed, Contingent Commander Sqn Ldr Flindall took the time to emphasise this to the room, proudly displaying the new

combined Tactical Recognition Flash (TRF). The determination and perseverance of the CCF during the COVID pandemic, under the stewardship of a dedicated adult volunteer team and supported by some great cadet NCOs, was particularly impressive. As the Field Army had worked hard to keep soldiers engaged and motivated, able to deliver operational outputs, so had the CCF battled to keep the spirit of the force alive and well. The end result? Keen and motivated cadets, willing to learn new skills and step outside of their comfort zones. The fact an ex-Aldenham pupil had recently returned to voluntarily assist 'his' CCF as an instructor, spoke volumes for the *esprit de corps* on display.

The evening took the format of a formal dinner, with the CCF Colours on display. Both RAF and Army sections were in attendance, as were the headmasters of both Aldenham and Queens. I was asked to give a short speech summarising my military career to date, and also perhaps to offer some reflective words of advice to the cadet cohort. Given the educational setting, I spoke to many of the lessons I had learned from my time as a Royal Anglian, and British Army Officer. I tried to draw some parallels with the current experiences of the cadets, most in their very early teens, whilst trying not to sound *too* old and boring (37 isn't old, right?!) Given the after-dinner conversations that followed with many of the cadets, I think at least a few of the points resonated; the questions flowed thick and fast, and I was able to offer some pointers and dispel a few fears.

Driving home that evening, I reflected how everyone had learned something. Whilst the cadets, adult volunteers, and headmasters had had a brief summary of the Regiment and the modern British Army, I had been lucky enough to be introduced up close to the CCF concept. **Every single cadet** I spoke to described the benefits of belonging to the organisation: increased confidence, a clear set of values and standards, and some great friendships and experiences. Whilst the CCF is explicitly not a recruiting ground for the Armed Forces – many do not go on to serve as Regulars or Reservists, although some do – the benefits to both these individuals and wider society were abundantly clear. When you add the selfless commitment displayed by the adult volunteers, it really is an impressive combination.

Thank You - Cadet Contingents at the Regimental Day



It was a real pleasure to see so many of our Royal Anglian affiliated cadet contingents at Duxford for the Regimental Day. The presence of Cadets from right across our traditional regimental area really added to what was a successful event. The Cadet contingents took part in every aspect of the programme, from distributing the Order of Service at the Drum Head Service, to taking part in the march past, and lowering the County flags during the sunset ceremony.

This year also saw the launch of a new initiative - the presentation of Regimental Coins to nominated cadets by the Colonel of the Regiment. The Regt Coins were awarded in recognition of notable achievements by individual Cadets from each County.

The Regimental Museum



Engagement Numbers Rise as Museum Hosts Cadet Detachments

This month has seen the last showcase flying day at Duxford. The museum has used these to get out and chat to the public, show off our collections, and raise awareness that we are at Duxford! We love participating in these and will be back engaging with the public in 2023.



This year we have had over 1000 cadets in from most of our Regimental Counties. We still have two more group visits to host this year. Each year we have seen more and are that the numbers are growing. It is always hard to get good pictures of the cadets as we are always busy talking to them, but here is one from earlier in the year.

This month we also went up to York for the AMOT Conference, joining the other 142 (or thereabouts) Regimental and Corps museums in the country. It was a great day to network, learn about new projects, and to learn from other museums. It was also an opportunity to find ways to adapt and improve existing projects and to learn from others. Adapting best practice from other museums helps us to create new ideas without expending as much time and effort in the early stages.

With our social media, we have been trying to create something different and fun for the colder months, so look out for our version of 'Collection Box Bingo'. We will be asking for 24 box numbers and then over time opening all boxes selected to show their contents on social media. It should be a fun and more immersive way to explore the reserve collection. A bit by chance what gems will be in the boxes chosen!

In regards to the collection we have both recently received some interesting items as well as expecting some to come into the collections soon, more on that in November! **You can contact our Curator, Melissa Kozlenko at: royalanglianmuseumcurator@outlook.com**



Regimental Rugby Report

The 35th Regimental Rugby match was hosted by Syston RFC in Leicestershire. Although the club didn't appear to get the memo about this being a Veterans team they were impeccable hosts and generous to fault. The match preparations were hindered by a few of our players being on Fiji time and our skipper George Hamilton Waterfield using his RMAS compass. The game was preceded by the reading of the Regimental roll of Honour by Assistant Chairman Steve Wakeman before the last post was sounded followed by reveille.

Whilst most people were making their way to vantage points, the team sprang into action with Simon Mataceva (Vikings) collecting the loose ball from the kick off and barrelling four Syston players out of the way to put the Regiment 5-0 up! However, Syston's youth and training then took over and they recorded 4 tries to lead 28-5 with a few minutes to go. The Regiment hit back with a try of their own by 'Jerry' a former Poacher of considerable stature. The RegT had its moments throughout the match and went close several times but a lack of continuity led to errors in delivery. Our first loss since 2016 was made more palatable by the Syston hosting which included their whole squad applauding the award of a cap to General Tony Pollard the President for his services to the club. The General then in turn awarded caps to father and son duo John and Rhyann Peters, Ian Robinson and Neil Sayce to celebrate their club 10 awards. He presented the Adrian Dewick Trophy for outstanding contribution to this year's recipient and match day organiser Belinda Botting. He then awarded the match trophy to Syston RFC for their well deserved victory. Man of the Match tankard was presented Marine Ollie Stewart RM, a local lad with Regimental connections who was honoured with being a Royal Anglian for the day. Syston RFC recorded their largest ever match day takings and were keen to thank us for our support to local community.



Our 2023 and matches 36 & 37 will see the team play Oakham RFC as memorial match for the late Savanaca Kokoibuleka in Apr/May 23 before returning to Essex to face Rochford on 02nd Sep 23. If you wish to learn more about the event then please **email the organiser Ian Wilkins on wilkie332@hotmail.com**

Regimental Association News



Imperial War Museum Appeal for Veteran Testimony From Royal Anglian Operations in Afghanistan



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Hello,

I work at the Imperial War Museums developing their collections relating to contemporary conflict (post-2001). We collect personal items and objects for the collection but we also record oral history interviews with individuals about their deployments and preserve them for future research or interpretation. These oral history interviews are informal and a chance to speak at length about your own personal experience.

I wanted to get in touch with the regiment as we have recently received some additional funding to work with King's College London on a new oral history project to record individual stories on deploying to Afghanistan. The project will involve IWM conducting oral history interviews and preserving them in our collection for future generations. With permission, King's College London will listen to a copy of the interview and conduct research on the impact of deployment. Any research that is published will be anonymised.

I wondered whether further details could be circulated to anyone who would be interested in taking part? We are particularly interested in recording any stories related to Op Toral, Op Pitting and the earlier Herrick deployments.

Please do let me know if this may be of interest and I can share further details about the project!

Megan

Regimental Bulletins Register



Regt Bulletins Issued Since the August 2022 Issue of RAN:

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-64 Dated 9 Aug 22 - Special Order of the Day - Blenheim Day

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-65 Dated 16 Aug 22 - Death Notice - Leslie Frederick Doherty MBE

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-66 Dated 17 Aug 22 - Royal Anglian News August 2022

Regimental Bulletin Number 52.2 Dated 18 Aug 22 - Final Call Remembrance Sunday London 13 Nov 22

Regimental Bulletin Number 66.2 Dated 24 Aug 22 - Death Notice - WO2 Cornelius Hickey

Regimental Bulletin Number 67 - Not Circulated

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-68 Dated 22 Aug 22 - Death Notice Sir David Samworth CBE DL

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-69 Dated 23 Aug 22 - Job Opportunity - Northamptonshire Police Service

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-70 Dated 25 Aug 22 - Notice Regt Band Autumn Concert 15 Oct 22

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-71 Dated 30 Aug 22 - Death Notice - Philip Dowd, 1st Battalion

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-72 Dated 31 Aug 22 - Special Order of the Day - Formation of the Regt

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-73 Dated 1 Sep 22 - Notice - Field of Remembrance Instructions 2022

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-74 Dated 2 Sep 22 - Notice - Regt Day, Duxford, 4 Sep 2022

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-75 Dated 2 Sep 22 - Death Notice - Col Rupert Conder, 1 Sep 22

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-76 Dated 6 Sep 22 - Death Notice - Maj Maj AB (Alan) Horrex MC

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-77 Dated 12 Sep 22 - Notice - Regt Officers' Dinner Club, 4 Nov 22

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-78 Dated 12 Sep 22 - Notice - Regt Regt Battlefield Study 2023

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-79 Dated 13 Sep 22 - Suffolk & RANGLIAN Old Comrades Assoc AGM

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-80 Dated 22 Sep 22 - Death Notice - John Brandon, 3rd Battalion

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-81 Dated 23 Sep 22 - Death Notice - Major Alan Gregory, 5th Battalion

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-82 Dated 26 Sep 22 - Death Notice - Pte Philip Knowles, 1st Battalion

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-83 Dated 28 Sep 22 - Notice - Regt Christmas Carol Service 10 Dec 22

Regimental Bulletin Number 22-84 Dated 29 Sep 22 - Notice - Reorganisation of Infantry Divisions

Regimental Bulletins Number 22-85 Dated 3 Oct 22 - Death Notice - Paul Williams, 1st Battalion

Regimental Bulletin Number 220-86 Dated 6 Oct 22 - Death Notice - Maj Gen Patrick Stone CB CBE

The London Gazette



The following Regimental were listed in The London Gazette 08 Aug 2022:

Lieutenant A I Simms 30286365 to be Captain 13 Apr 2022, Second Lieutenant D G Brown 30233373 to be Lieutenant 10 Apr 2022, Second Lieutenant P A Phillips 30268822 to be Lieutenant 10 Apr 2022.

Second Lieutenant (On Probation) C R Smith 24818546 to be Lieutenant (On Probation) 31 Mar 2021 (Belated Entry)

Captain P Darby 30282572 retires 6 May 2022.

The following entry relevant to the Regiment was listed in The London Gazette 15 Aug 2022 –Lieutenant (Acting Captain) C R Smith 24818546 to be Captain 31 March 2020 with seniority 31 March 2020 (Belated Entry)

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The following entry relevant to the Regiment was listed in The London Gazette dated 26 Aug 2022: Captain G Scrupps 30202966 retires 1 Jul 2022

The following entry relevant to the Regiment was listed in The London Gazette – dated 30 Aug 2022 The following has been awarded the Volunteer Reserves Service Medal – Pte A.P.M. Markham – Jenkins 30174082

The following entry relevant to the Regiment was listed in The London Gazette dated 16 Sep 2022:Officer Cadet Nicholas Charles Bromley 30216349 to be Second Lieutenant (on probation) 21 January 2017 (Belated Entry)



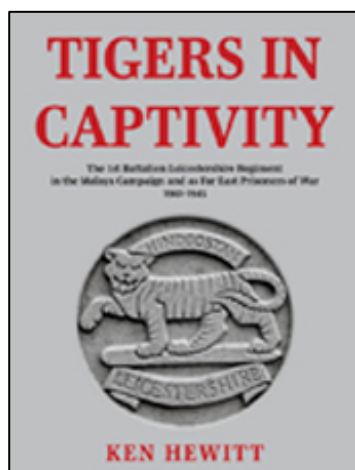
Regimental Library



Tigers in Captivity

The 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment in the Malaya Campaign and as Far East Prisoners of War 1941-1945.

by **Ken Hewitt**



Tigers in Captivity tells the story of the 936 men of the 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment during the Malaya Campaign and the subsequent 3½ years in captivity as Japanese prisoners of war.

The book starts with the Battalion's move from India to Malaya in early 1941 and continues with the defensive actions and withdrawal, from Jitra in the north to Singapore in the south over a 70-day period following the Japanese invasion of Malaya in December 1941. The formation of the British Battalion from the remnants of the 1st Leicesters and the 2nd East Surrey battalions is addressed. The Malaya Campaign concludes with the surrender of Singapore and an account of those men who are known to have been evacuated sick or wounded or who

escaped the island around this time.

Following the fall of Singapore, 694 men of the 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment were now prisoners of war and ***Tigers in Captivity*** goes on to describe their movements around the Far East – the work parties in Singapore, the transfers of men to Japan and other Far East Asian countries, and the exodus from Singapore to Thailand to build the infamous 'Death Railway' between Thailand and Burma. Malnutrition, illness and disease, hard labour, brutality and allied offensives all took their toll. Even after the railway was completed the horrors continued with further hard labour in Thailand, 'hellship' voyages to Japan which often came under allied attack, and forced labour in the factories, mines, shipyards and docks of Japan.

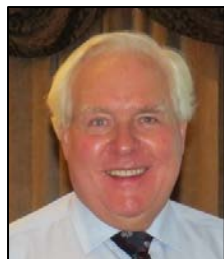
Finally, on 15th August 1945, the Japanese surrendered unconditionally and the book continues with the liberation and repatriation of these now ex-POWs and the post war situation in which they found themselves.

Every man who was killed in action, or who died as a prisoner of war, is remembered by name at the appropriate point in the text and specific information on the circumstances of his death and grave location is given. Summary Charts, Movement Tables and an A-Z listing of all 936 men provide further statistics and information on the men of the 1st Leicesters. An extensive bibliography lists the sources of information and provides readers with a signpost to further relevant reading.

Not only is ***Tigers in Captivity*** the definitive historical record of the 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment during this period, it provides a tangible 'family' memorial - not only to the men who died but also to those who survived and had to live with the memories of those terrible years for the rest of their lives.

Copies of the book are available at a cost of £25 + postage and packing directly from the author, Ken Hewitt at kenhewitt@ntlworld.com or from the publisher at www.troubador.co.uk/bookshop
For further information visit: www.tigersincaptivity.co.uk

The Author – Ken Hewitt



Like many Far East prisoners of war Ken's father, Colour Sergeant John Hewitt, spoke very little about his war time experiences after returning home. In 2006, 20 years after his father's death, Ken started to research his father's 22-year military career with the Leicestershire Regiment, from enlistment in 1927 until his discharge in 1949. His interest quickly extended to all 936 men of the 1st Battalion who fought in the Malaya Campaign and their subsequent movements around the Far East as prisoners of war under the Japanese.

In 2015, to commemorate VJ70, he presented his research findings to an audience of 100 FEPOWs, descendants, Regimental veterans and other interested parties. Following the talk, he was strongly encouraged to document his findings more formally and now, seven years later after further research, writing and re-writing, sorting of photographs and creation of charts and maps, his book, ***Tigers in Captivity***, is now published.

Ken says that the main purpose of the book is to share his research findings with other descendants of these men to enable them to develop a better understanding of the Malaya Campaign and the time these men spent as prisoners of war. Hopefully the book will provide a lasting memory to these brave and courageous men of the 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment during the Far East War of WWII.

A collage-style advertisement for Royal Anglian Direct. The central focus is a large image of a black leather George boot. To the left of the boot is a yellow starburst graphic that says "NOW ONLY £66.58". Above the boot, the text "Royal Anglian DIRECT" is prominently displayed in white, with "The Official Online Store of The Royal Anglian Regiment" written below it. To the right of the boot, a red banner contains the text "BLACK LEATHER GEORGE BOOTS" in white, followed by a description: "Leather lined with Goodyear welted sole, leather heel with a quarter anti-slip rubber top piece. Complete with shoe horn. Size 6 - 12 Goodyear welted sole". Below this banner is a yellow box with the text "SHOP NOW" and a dark blue box with the website "www.royalangliandirect.co.uk" and email "shop@royalangliandirect.co.uk". The background of the ad features various military-related images, including soldiers in combat and a soldier in a ceremonial uniform.