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In Pensioner C/Sgt L. Priddy and In Pensioner Sgt C. Painter
attending the Queen's Regiment Reunion at Colchester on Sunday 1 August 1982.
Brigadier Brian Marciandi is shown in the background.

FORECAST OF EVENTS 1983

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| 21 Mar | Regimental Association Executive Committee Meeting at County Hall, London SE1, at 6 p.m. |
| 17 Apr | Inspection of Albuhera Close by Regimental Housing Committee. |
| 19 Apr | Middlesex Regiment Golfing Society Spring Meeting, North Hants Golf Club, Fleet. |
| 30 Apr | 1/7th Bn(1939/45) Dinner at TA Centre, Hornsey N8. |
| 1 May | Dedication Service - 7th Bn The Middlesex Regiment War Memorial Chapel. |
| 7 May | 2/10th Battalion Annual Luncheon at Victory Club, Seymour Street, London W2. |
| 13 May | Middlesex Regiment Officers Club Dinner, Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, London WC2. |
| 14 May | Albuhera Service of Remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral commencing 2.30 p.m.
Annual Reunion 7 p.m. Regimental Association Annual General Meeting will be at 8 p.m. |
| 31 Jul | Queen's Regiment Reunion to be held at Depot The Queen's Division, Basingbourn, commencing 12 noon. |
| 24 Sep | Queen's Regiment Past & Present WOs and Sgts Dinner at Depot the Queen's Division, Basingbourn. |
| 24 Sep | Korean Club Reunion. |
| 4 Oct | Middlesex Regiment Golfing Society Autumn Meeting, North Hants Golf Club, Fleet. |
| 7 Oct | 2/7th Bn Annual Dinner at the Victory Club, Seymour Street, London W2. |
| Oct | Regimental Association Church Parade with the Chelsea Pensioners at Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Date to be arranged. |
| 10 Nov | 7th Middlesex Officers' Club Dinner, TA Centre, Hornsey N8. |
| 12 Nov | Ceremony at the Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey, and Middlesex Guildhall, assemble 10.30 a.m. |
| 13 Nov | Remembrance Day Service at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, 10 a.m. followed by Reunion at TA Centre, Edgware. |
| 13 Nov | 7th Bn Remembrance Service and wreath laying ceremony at the new combined church of St Mary with St George at the foot of Muswell Hill towards Crouch End, 10.20 a.m. |
| 3 Nov | 2/10th Bn Remembrance Day Service at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick, 3 p.m. |

BENEVOLENT CASES

The importance of our benevolent work is readily understood but not everyone will realise the scale or the scope which this work still involves. Of all the activities which are undertaken by our Secretary on behalf of the Old Comrades Association, the benevolent case-work is not only the most important but also is the most embracing and probably the most time consuming. Certainly it must be the most satisfying to our Secretary and to all our members in that it is the use of our charitable funds for the benefit of old DieHards, their relations and dependents who are less lucky and need assistance.

All regiments undertake similar work, of course, but the scale and scope of ours is probably greater than most when it is remembered that the Middlesex Regiment had 46 battalions in the field during the Great War and that for a period in the 20's we were the only regiment in the Army with four regular battalions. Today we are still providing help and assistance to ex-members and their relations of those battalions. In addition, of course, there are now numerous cases resulting from active service in World War II, Korea and Cyprus.

Cases are brought to the notice of our Secretary from many different sources but mainly come from welfare organisations, such as SSAFA, who are especially helpful and sympathetic, and the Forces Help Society. During the period 1 January to 31 December 1982, the sum of £5,310, including approximately £700 from other benevolent sources, was disbursed in assisting 75 members of the

Regiment.

Some case histories are given below:

Payment of debts of a former private soldier who was a Prisoner of War in Japan and is now suffering from an incurable disease. These debts were causing the family much distress. The Far East Prisoner of War Fund also made a substantial contribution.

Payment of car road tax for an ex-private soldier suffering from diabetes and heart trouble, now classified as an invalid case, whose only means of transport is by car.

A grant to an aged first world war widow of a private soldier who lives alone and is a semi-invalid but struggles to retain her independence. The grant was for the provision of warm clothing and extra food after a period in hospital.

Help with outstanding debts, rent, fuel and hire purchase after a long illness and loss of employment by a former NCO who served in Korea and Cyprus with the Regiment.

Provision of an electrically propelled wheel chair for a soldier who gave long and valuable service to the regiment and who now suffers badly from angina and arthritis. The Army Benevolent Fund supported this case and also made a very substantial contribution.

Assistance with urgent house repairs to a widow in poor health and confined to a wheel chair following amputation of her left leg.

Payment of arrears of rent and fuel bills after a former Cpl, self employed, had to give up work through curvature of the spine restricting his mobility. At the same time his wife had to undergo a major operation. Clothing was also provided for the four children. The Army Benevolent Fund assisted with this case.

Anyone who knows of an ex-member of the Regiment or a dependant who now needs help and assistance is asked to contact our Secretary, who will treat this matter in confidence and follow up the case.

DONATIONS TO THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE FUND

The Secretary gratefully acknowledges the following donations to the Charitable Fund:

- (a) Members of the 2/7th Bn at their annual dinner.
- (b) Anonymous, Major W.H. Bean, Mr A.W.J. Brown(2/7th), Mr D. Cavill, Major J.C. Clark, Capt G.D. Cripps, In Pensioner G. Fulton, Mr E.J. Garner, Mr R.H. Gilbertson, Mr W.R. Griffen, Capt J.H.S. Hudson, Mrs Tilly Jones (widow of Sgt Kenny Jones), Major P.H. Kennett, MBE, REME (in memory of his father Capt C.H. Kennett, Major E.C. Kennett, BEM, REME (in memory of his uncle Capt C.H. Kennett), Mr W. Lee, Col A.M. Man (in memory of Lt-Col J.W.A. Stephenson and Major S.C.W. Weller), Mr A.H. Parrott, Capt J.R.C. Riseley, Lt-Col E.P. Shanks, Mr R.W. Sissons, Mr A. Smith(2/7th), Mr H.F. Stillwell.

FREE NEWSLETTERS

The Editor wishes to thank the following members for their generosity in donating extra subscriptions so that free copies of the DieHards newsletter can be sent to deserving old comrades:

Major W.H. Bean, Mr A.W.J. Brown(2/7th), Mr A. Brown(9th), Mr D. Cavill, Mr R.R. Chaplin, Major J.C. Clark, Mr B.A. Crawley, Capt G.D. Cripps, Mr W.J. Crump, Mr T.E.J. Emerson, Mr E.J. Garner, Mr R.V. Gegg, Mr R.H. Gilbertson, Mr W.J. Gould, Mr R. Greengrass, Lt-Col H.P. Lambert, Mr W. Lee, Mr J.A. Poole, Capt J.R.C. Riseley, Lt-Col G.C.D. Scott-Lowe, Mr R.W. Sissons, Mr A.J. Smith(2/7th), Mr H.F. Stillwell, Mr L.F. Woodman.

FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

The annual ceremony at the Field of Remembrance took place on Saturday 13 November, and was well attended by many members of the Regiment and civil dignitaries headed by the Vice Chairman of the Greater London Council, Mr Charlie Rossi, the Deputy Mayors of the London Boroughs of Barnet, Ealing, Haringey, Harrow, Hounslow and Richmond Upon Thames, the President of the Middlesex County Association and the Chairman of the North West Area (Middlesex) SSAFA Committee. The

following senior officers were present: Maj Gen Sir John Willoughby, KBE, CB, Brig D.B. Rendell, CBE, MC, Brig B.A.M. Pielow, and Colonel A.S.J. de S. Clayton, OBE.

The ceremony commenced with a short service at the County Memorial situated in the entrance hall of the Middlesex Guildhall. The service was conducted by the Rev W.E.B. Jones, M.A., Vicar of Ripley Parish, Nr Woking, Surrey, and former Chaplain to the 1st Bn. A badged poppy wreath was laid at the foot of the memorial by the President of the Regimental Association, Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, OBE.

Those present then moved to the road outside the Guildhall and were formed up under the guidance of Major R.W.J. Smith, MBE. The procession then moved off to the Regimental Plot in the Field of Remembrance, headed by Sgt L.T. Plumb carrying the Association Standard.

At the plot the President of the Regimental Association, Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, after saying "We plant these crosses today in memory of our fallen comrades of the Middlesex Regiment", planted the first cross. He then invited the Vice Chairman of the Greater London Council, Mr Charles Rossi, to plant a cross, followed by the Rev W.E.B. Jones. Members of the Regiment representing the following Battalions then in turn planted a cross: 1st Bn Maj Gen Sir John Willoughby, 2nd Bn Col A.S.J. de S. Clayton, 3rd and 4th Bns Brig B.A.M. Pielow, 5th and 6th(Militia) Bns Brig D.B. Rendell, 1/7th Bn Mr S. Platten, 2/7th Bn Lt A.E. Allchorne, 1/8th Bn Major R.A.J. Cheffins, 2/10th Bn Mr A.D. Scudamore, 13th Bn Mr A.E. Lewin, Korean Club Major B. St G.A. Reed, B(Middlesex) Company 6/7th(V) Bn The Queen's Regiment Capt S.A. Blausten, individual crosses, Mr P. Boyce, Mr B. Hunt(Snr), Mr B. Hunt(Jnr), Mrs V. Faulkner, Miss N. Faulkner.

Crosses were then planted by the civil dignitaries in the following order :-

1. The Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet, Councillor Stan Sorrell, escorted by Capt S.A. Blausten.
2. The Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Ealing, Councillor Robert Hetherington, escorted by Lt A.E. Allchorne.
3. The Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Haringey, Councillor Vic Butler, escorted by Squadron Leader R.J. Yerby.
4. The Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Hounslow, Councillor C.E. Good, escorted by Major F. Webb, MBE.
5. The Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Harrow, Councillor John Campbell, escorted by Lt D. Wray.
6. Councillor Graham Norris, CBE, London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames, escorted by Lt S. Ostacchini.
7. The President of the Middlesex County Association, R.C. Politeyan, Esq, M.A.(Cantab), escorted by Lt D. Harwood.
8. The Chairman of the North West Area(Middlesex) SSAFA Committee and Corps President St Johns Ambulance Brigade, Mrs Ena Constable, MBE, JP, escorted by Capt W.E.B. Hammond, ERD, TD.

The Chaplain then read the Collects of the Middlesex and Queen's Regiment and gave the Blessing.

After the ceremony the civil dignitaries and members of the Regimental Association attended a reception in the Middlesex Guildhall.

FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

On Wednesday, 10 November the Secretary planted a Middlesex Badged Poppy wreath on the Far East Prisoner of War Plot.

2/10th BATTALION (1914-18) REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Old Comrades Association of the 2/10th Battalion held their annual Remembrance Service at St Nicholas' Church, Chiswick, on Sunday 14 November at 3 p.m. The Service was attended by Old Comrades, relatives and "Friends of the 2/10th", was conducted by the Rev. Patrick Tuft, Vicar of Chiswick and Honorary Chaplain to the 2/10th. Attendance was slightly down. Among those present were Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, OBE, President of the Middlesex Regimental Association and Major and Mrs A.E.F. Waldron.

Lt-Col T.W. Chattey read the Lesson.

Poppy wreaths were laid by Mr A.D. Scudamore and Major A.E.F. Waldron.

After the Exhortation from Lawrence Binyon's 'For the Fallen', Last Post and Reveille were sounded. After the service tea and refreshments were served in the Church Hall.

7th BATTALION - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday was observed, as usual, at the Parish Church of St Mary and St George, Cranley Gardens, Muswell Hill, which took over the old Parish of Hornsey a few years ago. A small number of Old Comrades attended the normal parish service and Holy Communion, accompanied by representative parties from B(Middlesex) Company, 6/7th(V) Bn The Queen's Regiment under the command of Capt Simon Blausten, 217 Cadet Company Queens ACF under command of Lt E. Hawkins and 16F Squadron(Hornsey) ATC, accompanied by their Band, under the command of Ft. Lt Charles Lawton.

The Act of Remembrance was led by Lt-Col D.E. Simpson, TD, saying Lawrence Binyon's famous lines, and Last Post and Reveille were sounded by a Warrant Officer instructor from the ATC. During the Service wreaths were laid on behalf of the 7th Middlesex Officers Club by Major Malcolm Beaumont, TD, the Hornsey and Enfield DieHards Club by RSM Rocky Knight, MBE, B(Middlesex) Company, 6/7th(V) Bn The Queens Regiment by Capt Simon Blausten, and the 16G Squadron by Ft. Lt Charles Lawton.

As the 7th Middlesex War Memorial Chapel is not quite finished, although the Colours, altar and reredos are in position and could be seen by all present in church, the wreaths were laid at the High Altar.

Next year they will be laid in the Chapel, which is in the North Aisle of the church.

It is anticipated that the Chapel will be dedicated at a special service in the Spring, and the proposed date is Sunday 1 May 1983 (now confirmed).

After the Service Lt-Col D.E. Simpson, accompanied by the Rector of Hornsey, the Rev G.B. Seabrook, had the honour of taking the salute as the uniformed parties marched back to the T.A. Centre at Priory Road.

We were all fortunate that the heavy rain held off for the return march. The usual get-together took place at Hornsey Drill Hall, by kind permission of Major Phil Roberts, and the church party was joined by numerous other Old Comrades.

Our thanks must go to the Rector for his great support for the Memorial Chapel; he expressed his pleasure to Col Simpson at seeing so many uniformed people in church with the Old Comrades, and for the part taken by us all in the Service, and commented on the smartness of the March Past.

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REGIMENTAL REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

The Regimental Association Remembrance Sunday Service was held on Sunday 14 November 1982, attended by the Postal and Courier Depot, Royal Engineers, 12 Company Women's Royal Army Corps and a contingent from B(Middlesex) Company, 6/7th(V) Bn The Queen's Regiment. The Service was held in the Gymnasium, Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, and the congregation numbered over 600.

The service was followed by the ceremony at the Regimental War Memorial. Both services were conducted by The Reverend V. Dobbin, B.A., C.F., Deputy Warden, Royal Army Chaplains Centre, Bagshot Park, assisted by Deaconess P.H. Masterman. Colonel R.N.R.P. James read the Lesson.

Following the sounding of 'Last Post' and 'Reveille' wreaths were laid by: Postal and Courier Depot R.E. Colonel R.N.R.P. James; Regimental Association, Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, OBE; 12 Company Women's Royal Army Corps, Major S. Bishop; B(Middlesex) Company, 6/7th(V) Bn The Queen's Regiment, Major P.I. Roberts; and by the following branches - Mill Hill, Hounslow, 9th Bn and Korean Club.

The Regimental Association Standard Bearer was Mr S. Hurlock.

At the march past the salute was taken by Colonel R.N.R.P. James and Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, OBE. The Saluting Dais was flanked by two Middlesex Chelsea Pensioners, In Pensioner Sgt C. Painter and Pensioner C/Sgt L. Priddy.

The Middlesex Regiment contingent of Old Comrades was, as usual, commanded by former Sgt L.T. Plumb, who must be congratulated on his bearing and excellent word of command.

The Church collection amounted to £167.46 and a cheque for this amount has been forwarded to the Royal British Legion Earl Haig's Poppy Appeal Fund.

During the laying of wreaths and the march past heavy rain marred the proceedings and everyone got very wet. This affected our numbers at the 'get together' at Edgware and our ranks were depleted by those who felt it prudent to go home rather than risk catching a nasty cold. Despite the weather it was all so worthwhile.



Pictured at the Middlesex Regiment memorial are (from left) Col Ralph James, Lt-Col Tom Chattey, Deaconess Pat Masterman, Major Phil Roberts, Major Dick Smith, Major Sally Bishop, and In Pensioner Charles Painter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Middlesex County Association held their annual dinner at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London SW1, on Tuesday 9 November 1982.

Lt-Col and Mrs T.W. Chattey attended.

MIDDLESEX AND NORTH WEST SECTOR CADET FORCE

The County of Middlesex Army Cadet Force was merged with elements of the County of London to form the North West Sector of the Greater London Army Cadet Force in 1968.

In September 1982 the Ministry of Defence gave approval for the Sector to be redesignated the "Middlesex and North West Sector Army Cadet Force". This will be of interest to members of the Regimental Association since, as you will remember, prior to the second world war the Middlesex Cadet Brigade was badged Middlesex Regiment.

Colonel R.M. Cain, a well known DieHard, is Commandant of the Middlesex and North West Sector. Should any former members of the regiment who have had previous connections with the Army Cadet Force wish to support the younger generation the Cadet League is a registered charity and contributions may be sent to either Colonel R.M. Cain or Major R. Ford, Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, SW3 4RY. Your support will be appreciated.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

For the first time for many years the Regimental Association had two Chelsea Pensioners on parade at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance held at the Albert Hall on 13 November 1982.

They were In Pensioner Sgt C. Painter (6189311) and In Pensioner C/Sgt L. Priddy (6195275) and they were very smart indeed and a great credit to the DieHards.

ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

On Monday 6 December 1982, Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, Major A.E.F. Waldron and Major R.W.J. Smith, visited our Pensioners in the Royal Hospital Pensioners Club for a Christmas drink and to give them a Christmas present. A most enjoyable lunch time session.

MEMORIALS

The following regimental names are engraved on the memorial by the Altar in the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court:-

Sgt R.H. Abnett,	8 Mx	16 Sep 16
Pte T.E.B. Oakley	21 Mx	6 Mar 17
Pte S.T. Abnett	4 Mx	24 Apr 17
Pte W.J. Cole	8 Mx	29 Apr 17

CHURCH PARADE AT THE ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

A party from the Regimental Association attended Church Parade with the In Pensioners of the Royal Hospital on Sunday 24 October 1982.

On parade were Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, President of our Regimental Association, Major and Mrs A.E.F. Waldron, Major R.W.J. Smith, Capt and Mrs W.B. Hammond, Lt and Mrs A.E. Allchorne, Lt Ewan Graham, Mr and Mrs Hurlock, Mr and Mrs Milroy, Mr and Mrs Poole, Mr and Mrs Rose, Mr and Mrs Pile, Stan Lloyd, Tickles Lewin, Tommy Lack, Bill Rawlinson and Archie Brown.

Major R.W.J. Smith commanded the parade of Old Comrades for inspection by General Sir Robert C. Ford, KCB, CBE, Governor of the Royal Hospital.

After the Service we moved to the Ladies Room in the In-Pensioners Club where a buffet had been organised. Here we met our In-Pensioners, Laurie Priddy, Charlie Painter, George Fulton and Fred Cate.

So ended a most enjoyable function.

NON WAR GRAVES IN HONG KONG

Information has been received from the Ministry of Defence, Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, London W1, that the non war graves in Hong Kong have been renovated and are now in good order.

This is the result of representations made by the Regimental Association a year ago.

The graves concerned were those of L Cpl J. Lawler, Pte H. Thorn, Cpl A. Borrow, Pte J. D'Arcy and Pte E. Stemp, who died between 1938 and 1939.

NOT FORGOTTEN ASSOCIATION

Extract from The Field dated 11 December 1982.

Royal and ancient tradition will be maintained on Tuesday when the Not Forgotten Association have their annual Christmas party at the Royal Riding Stables, Buckingham Palace. It is all to do with the cutting of the cake. The Duchess of Kent, their patron, and one of the veterans share the ceremonial knife. This year it will be just as royal as usual and even more ancient. The Duchess will be there, as she regularly is, and the veteran is to be Frederick Page. He is 101, remembers the Boer War, joined the Middlesex Regiment in 1914, lost an eye at the Dardanelles landing and went on the Dunsterville expedition to Persia. The cake is made by the Army Catering Corps, of whom Her Royal Highness is Colonel-in-Chief. It carries in the icing the Association's badge, with the elephant which never forgets. This year they will not be forgetting the wounded and disabled from the Falklands.

KOREAN CLUB

The 2nd annual reunion of the Club was another success, with 114 members and 100 guests attending the function, held at the T.A. Centre Social Club, Davis Street, London W1, on Saturday 25 September 1982.

Membership of the Club continues to grow as new addresses of our Old Comrades are traced, our membership figure now stands at 167, and still more names are coming to light.

We are at present organising the 2nd issue of the commemorative cover, it comes out in February 1983, and depicts the Battle Honour awarded to the Regiment at Chaum-Ni, the hand stamp is that of the British Forces Postal Services with the number of the handstamp being 9994. These will be available from 15 February 1983, 250 being signed by Col A.M. Man and Brig R.A. Gwyn. The price of these is £3.50 each, there will also be 1750 unsigned available at £1.25 each. A few copies of the first issue are still available and these depict the departure of the 1st Battalion from Hong Kong to Korea and are date stamped 25 August 1982 with the hand stamp number 9991. These are collectors items and are obtainable from the Secretary, Syd Webb, 38 Yarmouth Road, Symonds Green, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2LW. Cheques or Postal Orders should be made payable to The Middlesex Regiment Korean Club.

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7th MIDDLESEX OFFICERS CLUB

The 55th Annual Dinner of the 7th Middlesex Officers Club was held at the T.A. Centre, Priory Road, Hornsey N8, on Thursday 11th November 1982.

Lt-Col J.D. Gunnell presided and the guests were: Maj Gen B.P. Hughes, Lt P.M. Chapman, F/O J.A. Rook, Major R.W.J. Smith and Mr G. Whittaker.

The following members attended: Major M.J. Beaumont, Capt S.A. Blausten, Lt A.M. Clement, Capt M.J.S. Doran, Capt S. le Enthoven, Capt R.M. Fox, Lt-Col P.J. Hall, Capt D. Harwood, Major S.L.J. Henshaw, Capt J.K. Laurence, Major R.J. Leighton, 2/Lt E.G. Maccariello, Capt D.O. Mansfield Thomas, Major E.J. Naish, Lt P.J. Ottino, Major B.A. St G. Reed, Major P.I. Roberts, Lt-Col G.C.D. Scott-Lowe, Lt-Col D.E. Simpson, Capt J.K.E. Slack, Capt J. Spencer Richards, Capt P.A. Stocken, Major R.F. Sykes, Col D.R.W. Thomas, Major R.G.C. Thornton, Major F. Webb and Lt D.K. Wray.

2/7th BATTALION OCA

The first Friday in October - FFO saw us assembled once more at the Victory Club for our 36th Reunion, this time under the Chairmanship of Major Ralph Robotham. It was again our privilege to entertain Col Chattey and Major Waldron, and we now look upon them as old friends without whom the evening would be incomplete.

At 63 strong our numbers were one down on last year, but included Joe Bird, who had travelled nearly 4,000 miles from Muscatine, Iowa, to attend, and Fred Gurney making his debut. We were delighted to see them and hope we may have some equally pleasant surprises next year.

The collection totalled £222, the second best ever, of which £107 came by post from those tendering their apologies for absence. Apart from £25 which was donated to the Regimental Association the collection was allocated to our own Benevolent Fund from which our Trustees make

modest distributions to those old comrades whose circumstances call for a boost to their morale.

As last year the evening was enlivened by a contribution from Dick Morrell – this time a spoof letter from 10 Downing Street enlisting his services in the Falklands crisis disguised as a penguin! To savour such items to the full it is necessary to be present on the night, so I hope all former members of the 2/7th who read this will be sure to be on parade on the next FFO – 7th October 1983 – we really can guarantee them an enjoyable evening.

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THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT

The Colonel of The Queen's Regiment, Maj Gen R.S.N. Mans, CBE, completed his term of office, five years, on 31 December 1982. Until the question of his successor is resolved, Maj Gen R.S.N. Mans has been granted an extension to his tenure of appointment.

Brig H.C. Millman, OBE, retired from the army in October 1982. He has joined the Army Benevolent Fund in the Eastern Area as Organiser. He remains Deputy Colonel of The Queen's Regiment.

The 1st Battalion is now firmly established in Omagh, Northern Ireland for the next two years and we wish them a safe and successful tour.

The 2nd Battalion at the end of January 1983 moves to Londonderry also for two years as 'Resident' Battalion and we also wish them a safe and successful tour.

The 3rd Battalion continue to 'soldier on' very happily in Fallingbomel, Germany.

GRAND REUNION 1983

The Queen's Regiment Grand Reunion will take place at Basingbourn Barracks, Basingbourn (Home of The Queens Division Depot) on Sunday 31 July 1983.

The programme will be :

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| 1100 hours | Gates Open |
| 1200 hours | Drumhead Service (Old comrades participating should arrive by 1130),
March Past.
This will be followed by – Various Static Displays and Events; Band
Concert; Display of Silver and Pictures; Victoria Cross display; Sale of
Regimentalia. |
| 1230 hours | Bars Open. NAAFI Refreshments on Sale.
Lunch Boxes available on Prepayment (details later) |
| 1615 hours | Beating of Retreat by Queens Division Junior School of Music and Queens
Division Junior Drummers. |
| 1700 hours | Dispersal. |

Notes : Basingbourn is easy to reach from London by M11 (only 41 miles).

There is an excellent train service leaving from Kings Cross, Platform 9. Transport will meet trains.

PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW.

WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS (PAST AND PRESENT) DINNER

The Third WO's and Sgts (Past and Present) Dinner will be held at the Queen's Division Depot, Basingbourn, on Saturday 24 September 1983. It will be hosted by the WO's and Sgts of The Queen's Regiment serving at the Depot. After attending the 1982 Dinner I can thoroughly recommend this function.

Overnight accommodation will be available. Detailed information will be sent out later.

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B COMPANY (MIDDLESEX) 6/7th(V) BN THE QUEENS REGIMENT

After the calm which normally follows Annual Camp (this year held at Warcop) the Company moved back into its training routine in September.

The trained soldiers platoons under 2/Lts Stef Ostacchini and John Maccariello underwent defence training exercises and, although the inevitable digging of trenches was always on the programme, attendance was good. Company Headquarters also had to dig in on one occasion (on the other Major Margand paid us a surprise visit and hence diverted us from our task) and in this Sgt 'Smudger' Smith (with agile assistance from the OC) completed the task in admirable style.

Recent training has been undertaken by 5 Platoon under Lt David Wray (assisted by 2Lt Miles Clement) and is such that all recruits participate in a Company Cadre prior to attending the Basingbourn run cadre. This 'batch' process is beginning to pay dividends and our second cadre of 12 passed out into 4 and 6 Platoon on 28 September. Candidates for the next B Company Recruit Cadre were selected at a days testing and interviewing in October before final acceptance after a medical (assuming they had survived the BFT!); they have just commenced their training and their 'passing out' parade will be at the end of March 1983.

The Company has always been well known for its excellence at drill and the same high standards inherited from ex CSM Derek Harwood are maintained by the current CSM Denis Cadywoud. September saw the Company provide over 30 men for the Battalions marching contingent exercising its 'Freedom' through Arundel and in November we participated in The Lord Mayors Parade and the Remembrance Parades at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill and Hornsey. The marching boots have now been put away for the time being (much to the regret of the CSM) but 1983 is likely to see a increased commitment to ceremonial duties.

The Territorial Efficiency Medal (TEM) was presented to our Company Clerk and Cpls Mess organiser, Cpl 'Ned' Kelly at Annual Camp where it was also announced that C/Sgt Brian Williams had been awarded the British Empire Medal in The Queen's Birthday Honours List. The B.E.M. was presented at a Parade held at Battalion Headquarters, Horsham, on 18 November by Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk and 12 members of the Company and his family made the long journey to see the ceremony.

As in most Companies and Battalions life is very busy but now, as part of 2 Infantry Brigade, it is also becoming very interesting and 1983 will be very active for us; the highlight will be a brigade camp at Thetford for the last 2 weeks of June and this will undoubtedly produce a large number of 'war stories' – some of these will, no doubt, be told in a future edition of this newsletter.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

Trustees : Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, OBE, Chairman.
Maj Gen Sir John Willoughby, KBE, CB.
Maj Gen B.P. Hughes, CB, CBE.
Douglas Clark, Esq. Haringey.
Lt-Col J.D. Gunnell, TD.
Major W.G.A. Crumley.
Major C.L. Lawrence, MC.
Major A.E.F. Waldron, MBE, Secretary.

MUSEUM APPEAL

The first phase of this Appeal was directed to former members of the Regiment in the belief that they would want to feel personally involved in preserving this heritage to our Regiment and by doing so set the example for others within the old County of Middlesex to follow. This Phase I is now completed and the Chairman of our Trustees is proud to announce that it has been magnificently supported by over 600 old DieHards and close associates and has been eminently successful. The total donated to date, including covenants, exceeds £7000 and it is estimated, that with careful investment this should generate to a capital sum of approximately £25000 with equivalent income over the next five to eight years. However, any further donations and covenants, no matter how small, are still very much needed and would be greatly appreciated because, of course, this amount on its own is not sufficient to endow and preserve the future of our Regimental Museum.

This is also the reason for the need to extend our Appeal to a Phase II – and widening of the Appeal to institutions, firms, public organisations, etc., within the old County of Middlesex who might

reasonably be expected also to be interested in this historic memorial to the regiment of their old County. Unfortunately this Phase has reached a difficult stage. The costs of the full services offered by our professional consultants are beyond our means and equally it is proving difficult to find a suitably qualified person who is able to give the time necessary to run this phase of our Appeal. Moreover our Trustees are aware also that today's economic climate is not propitious for an appeal such as ours. However our Trustees are actively pursuing their enquiries for someone to head this Phase and are hopeful of being able to go ahead with this Phase soon.

ACQUISITIONS AND UPKEEP

Curator : Major R.W.J. (Dick) Smith, MBE
Attendant : Mr. David Whybrow

The following presentations have been made to the Museum over the past nine months :

Queen Victoria South Africa Medal, 1914 Star & Clasp, British War Medal, Victory Medal, Bronze plaque of Major William Henry Abell, 4th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment. Major Abell was O.C. A Company and the first officer killed in action in the Great War.
Presented by Squadron Leader J.M. Abell (Son).

Medals of 555195 Private S.A. Woolner, 16th London Regiment, father of Sgt S.R. Woolner, 9th Bn The Middlesex Regiment. Also 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal and Territorial Efficiency Medal of 2034028 Sgt S.R. Woolner, 9th Bn The Middlesex Regiment and Royal Artillery.

German soldier's leather belt.

German bayonet and metal scabbard.

Combination knife, fork and spoon issued to German Army 1939-45.

Anti-glare glasses issued to Sgt S.R. Woolner whilst on Searchlight duties in 1938 when 9th Bn became 60 Searchlight Regiment.

All presented by Mrs S.R. Woolner (widow)

D.C.M. and Bar, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal, Defence Medal, Territorial Efficiency Medal, Italian Al Valore Medal of Captain H.T. Gardner, 8th Battalion and 14 Middlesex Home Guard. TF/821 and TF/2400 as CSM 8 MX, 2IC B Company 14 Middlesex Home Guard.

Presented by Mr Tom Gardner (Son).

British War Medal, Victory Medal, 1939-45 Star and War Medal of 60370 and 6190501 Cpl W.A. Hammett, 1/8th, 1st and 4th Bns The Middlesex Regiment.

Presented by Ex Cpl W.A. Hammett.

1939-45 Star and War Medal of 6204520 Private L.O. Hall, 1/7th Bn, killed in action at Wervil Sud, 25 May 1940.

Presented by ex RSM S.G. Platten.

1914 Star and clasp, British War Medal, Victory Medal, of L/12830 Cpl G.H. Lovett, 2nd Bn The Middlesex Regiment.

Presented by Mrs V. Lacey (daughter).

Military Cross, 1914 Star and clasp, British War Medal, Victory Medal, Coronation Medal King George VI, also miniatures of Major H.B.W. Saville, MC.

Presented by Mrs N.W. Johnson (Widow)

Framed photograph of Mill Hill Barracks, circa 1905 - Gates with soldiers in the background. Framed photograph, Inglis Barracks, Jubilee Gates declared open by The Mayor of Hendon, 21 May 1955. Framed photograph of Regimental flag and veteran when lowered for the last time as Middlesex Regimental Depot 1600 hours 31 January 1961.

Presented by Major R.W.J. Smith, MBE.

German field telephone captured by 11th Bn at Battle of Cambria, 20 November 1917.
Presented by The Mayor of Harrow, Councillor, Captain E.W. Feakins, TD.

Medal of Serving Brother of the Order of St John of Jerusalem, Defence Medal, 1939-45, Coronation Medal of King Edward VII (Order of St John), Long Service Medal of Volunteer Force, Territorial Efficiency Medal, Long Service Medal of St John of Jerusalem with 5 year clasp of, 41 Colour Sergeant C.J. Painter, 9th Bn(TF).
(No. in 5MX, RVC - 2978: Superintendent of St John of Jerusalem, No. 348, No.5 District).

Presented by In Pensioner Sgt C.E. Painter, Royal Hospital Chelsea. Late L/16761 and 6189311, Sergeant Middlesex Regiment.

British War Medal, Victory Medal, Defence Medal 1939-45, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal of 6191568 RSM C. Davis, 2nd, 1st and Depot Middlesex Regiment.
BWM and VM marked 1172 Cpl C. Davis, Royal Guernsey L.I.

Presented by Mrs C. Davis (Widow).

British War Medal, Victory Medal, Territorial War Medal, Territorial Efficiency Medal, The Efficiency Medal - Medal suspension clasp 'Territorial' of TF/1295 and TF/265279 and 6192987 CSM A.W.H. Todman, 9th Bn.

Presented by Miss Joyce Todman (Daughter).

Two side drums, South Africa 1899-1902, 1st Bn, converted to coffee tables.

Returned by The Queen's Regiment.

The costs for cleaning and for maintenance have remained fairly constant, in spite of the difficulties incurred by the change of accommodation within Bruce Castle and re-organisation of the exhibits.

MUSEUM ACCOMMODATION

The change of accommodation and re-arrangement of exhibits is proceeding very much as planned. With the advice and assistance of the Curator of Bruce Castle and the Haringey Museum and Arts Services the new layout has been designed and agreed. The security and the modern display lighting equipment is now being installed, and by the time this Newsletter is published Major Dick Smith will have completed the re-arrangement of the memorabilia into a chronological display which will reflect the history of the Regiment and its connections with the old County of Middlesex. There will then still be a considerable amount of descriptive detail to be prepared and attended to, and it is not expected to fully complete this for several months ahead. Meantime however, although the Museum presently is closed for public viewing, it is expected to re-open in approximately four to six weeks time.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT GOLFING SOCIETY

NORTH HANTS GOLF CLUB - 5th OCTOBER 1982

Few of the 20 stalwart enthusiasts who set out early on the morning of Tuesday, 5th October to take part in our Regimental Autumn Golf Meeting, and many had to travel considerable distances to do so, can really have had any real expectation of much golf or even of being able to play at all on that day. It had rained heavily almost everywhere throughout the week - so much so that the course had been put out of action on the previous day, which was a most unusual occurrence at North Hants. It continued to rain early on the day of our meeting but, almost miraculously it seemed, around 8 a.m. the rain stopped, the skies cleared, the excess water somehow drained off the course and, in fact, everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable day's play.

The stableford foursomes competition, against par, for the Jay Cup was played in the morning and this resulted in a convincing win for Capt Peter Ingham and Brig Godfrey Lerwill with the highly creditable score of 40 points. Undoubtedly this was the ideal combination of long driving from one partner and accurate chipping and putting from the other. Runners-up were the partnership of Neil Taylor and Tony Chippenham with 35 points. Interestingly, the average of the returned scores was nearly 32 points which demonstrated that perhaps the standard of our veterans is improving!

The Horton Cup was played for after lunch. This is a singles stableford competition, also against par, and resulted in a desperately close finish. Neil Taylor was the early leader in the clubhouse with 31 points - which was good considering the exceptionally heavy conditions against par - but late in the afternoon Col Tom Chattey came in with the same score. Immediately the Regimental Golf Committee rang into action and, having found that both players had the same number of points over the last nine holes, determined that Neil Taylor was the winner with the better score by one point over the final six

holes. An excellent result.

After tea, Col Tom Chattey, our President, thanked the members and their guests for supporting the meeting and particularly for their determination to attend in spite of the unpromising start to the day. The perseverance of our regular playing members had been well rewarded. He mentioned again the specially engraved glasses which had been well received as particularly attractive prizes. Brig Godfrey Lerwill took the Divot prize and our President was heard to murmur that it seemed somewhat unusual, to say the least, for the winner of a major competition also to qualify as the winner of the Divot prize! Col Chattey congratulated our Secretary, Major Frank Waldron, on overcoming the many difficulties in completing the excellent arrangements in spite of the adverse conditions. He also warmly welcomed Mr Godfrey Lerwill as a keen and interested spectator of the day's events.

At the close of the meeting Mrs Godfrey Lerwill once again most kindly presented the prizes.

Special note: The date for the Spring Meeting is Tuesday, 19th April 1983 and our President is asking everyone to make a special effort to come and take part on that day. We are hoping to be able to introduce a new format whereby the main singles event will be played in the morning, followed by a sandwich lunch and the foursomes event (reduced to 14 holes) in the afternoon. The intention is then to hold an informal supper party at the Clubhouse in the early evening during which the prizes will be presented, and so suitably round-off a thoroughly enjoyable golfing and social gathering.

Late news - All regimental golfers will be saddened at the death of Charlie Holdford - always an enthusiastic and regular attendee at our meetings. An obituary appears elsewhere in the newsletter. We hope sincerely that Nora Holdford will continue to be able to join us at future meetings.

PERSONAL JOTTINGS

Lt-Col G. Brinley Ayre has written an article which was published in the periodical titled "War Monthly" in the January 1982 edition. The article gave an account of how in 1944, as a British Lieutenant Colonel, he became a temporary G.I. to experience first hand a U.S. Army seaborne assault landing. The landing took place on the islands of the Mapia Atoll North of New Guinea. The GIs quickly gave him the nickname "Tuxedo Handlebars" or just "Handlebars". He always sported a rather bushy moustache and this led to him being dubbed with a nickname.

Ex Private Cyril Bartlett (6201480) has joined the regimental association. He enlisted on 4 May 1934 and served with the 2nd Battalion until 1936 when he was drafted to the 1st Battalion then in Singapore. He moved with the battalion to Hong Kong and was taken POW on 25 December 1941. Bartlett was a member of the first draft of prisoners shipped to Japan on the SS Tatuta Maru. He was repatriated to UK at the end of 1945 and discharged on 4 May 1946. Cyril Bartlett is now a Major in the Salvation Army and is in charge of the Aylesbury Corps.

Another DieHard has been traced, he is Ex Private George Henry Betts (6208184) who served with the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong and Japan. At the moment he is seriously ill but we wish him a speedy recovery.

In April 1982 Capt Michael Brock (2/7th) was given an honorary doctorate (D.Litt.) by the University of Exeter, where he served as Director of the School of Education during 1977 and 1978. At the same time he was made an Honorary Fellow of Corpus Christ College, Oxford, his old college, where he served on the academic staff for a rather longer period 1948 to 1966. Capt and Mrs Brock had a large book published in November 1982 - H.H. Asquith: Letters to Venetia Stanley. The book was published by the Oxford University Press.

Mr Charles Henry Bush, aged 95 (he will be 96 on 23 January), was admitted to the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, on 8 June 1982. He served with the 7th and 1st Battalions 1915-20.

Major Peter Clarke has returned to the UK after seven years on the Staff in Germany. He has been posted to a staff appointment at the Ministry of Defence, Main Building.

Another DieHard has surfaced - he is former Private Edward James Commerford (6201486). He enlisted in 1934 and served with the 1st Battalion in Egypt, Singapore and Hong Kong. He left Hong Kong in 1941 with a special draft and saw service with various regiments. In 1943 he was medically evacuated to the UK after a parachute accident and after a spell in hospital joined the 2/7th Battalion and fought with them in Italy. He was medically discharged in 1946. His brother L/Cpl Jack Commerford (6010413) also served with the 1st Battalion but sadly lost his life on the Lisbon Maru. He is now an invalid and gets around in a wheel chair. He has just undergone a major operation but is back home again and making progress.

The regiment was represented in the Falklands conflict by the son of Ex C/Sgt Vic Corner (6200915). Cpl Victor Corner served with 45 Commando Royal Marines and was one of the men that 'yomped' 87 miles. We wish Mrs Corner a complete recovery after her operation for a replacement knee joint. Vic also tells me that Sid Finlay died and Ex C/Sgt 'Frolly' Phillips has gone blind. He also regularly meets Reg Weaver who was batman to the late Col Mervyn Crawford.

Major Bob Cummings has been admitted to Ipswich General Hospital and is in Lister Ward. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Lt-Col Mike Deakin, Army Air Corps, relinquishes the appointment of AAG AG14 in January 1983. He will then spend nine months recovering his lapsed French language qualification prior to assuming the appointment of Senior British Liaison Officer to the French Forces in Germany. Son, Simon, is serving with 1 Queens in Northern Ireland. Brother, Michael, is Vice President of Thos Cook in Manila.

The following verse was seen by C/Sgt Fairhead, 2/7th on a War Memorial. Author unknown.

Sons of this place, let this of you be said,
That we, who live, are worthy of our dead.
They died, that we who live may reap,
A richer, fuller harvest, ere we too fall asleep.

Ex Private Charles William Heath (6199802). He enlisted on 17 September 1930 and served with the 1st Battalion and 10 Platoon, C Company until his transfer to the Army Reserve on 16 November 1937. He wishes to be remembered to all his old friends. He is now retired and lives at Beckenham, Kent.

Lt-Col J.M. Hewson, MC, assumed the appointment of A.S.L.O. Headquarters South West District in September 1982.

A new member for the Regimental Association is Ex Private Kenneth Max Horton (6208173) who served with the 2nd Battalion. He joined October 1939 and in May 1940 whilst serving with 13 Platoon D Company suffered gunshot wounds to the right chest and right thigh. He was medically discharged in September 1941 and awarded a 100% disability pension. He lives at Langley Green, Crawley, Sussex.

We congratulate Lt-Col Peter Hubert on the award of the O.B.E. whilst serving as SO2 at Headquarters Land Forces. He has also been selected for Command of 6/7th(V) Bn The Queens Regiment, February 1984, subject to confirmation of medical upgrading.

A new member is Ex Cpl Michael Edgar Lattaway (14422276) who when serving in the regiment was known as Jakeway. This name is quoted in the history titled 'Campaign in N.W. Europe' by Major R.B. Moberley. He commenced his service on 1 April 1943 with the 8th Battalion training for the invasion. He landed in Normandy on D+1 as 1st line re-inforcement and was posted to the 2nd Battalion. After the war he remained in Germany with the military government as a temporary Sgt until 11 September 1947 when he was discharged. He is now an invalid and resides in Worcester.

Ex Private David Alfred Lawrence (23067834) has joined the regimental association. He served as a National Serviceman from 1954-56. He was with C Company 1st Battalion in Austria and Cyprus. In 1967 he emigrated to New Zealand where he is employed as a Quality Control Manager. I like his address - Kati Kati, Bay of Plenty. I hope the place lives up to its name.

Mr L. Levy (10849), age 92 years, who served with the 21st Battalion 1914-18 took up residence in July 1982, at the Ex-Service Fellowship Centre, New Belvedere House, Stepney, London E1.

Mr Stanley A. Lewis, 1/7th Bn sent me the following amusing story he read in the India Express whilst on business in Delhi:

Once an Egyptian clerk had to deal with a demand for £1000 from the Middlesex Regiment. But first he sought a clarification. "Honoured Sir, estimable telegram to hand but not understood. Male sex I know well, ditto female sex. Middlesex however not familiar. Please send specimen". The story is told in a book by H. Wyndham on his World War II experiences.

Mr Ted Lockyer, 9th Battalion, recently suffered a heart attack, but I am pleased to hear that he is now making good progress.

Former WOII(CSM) William Robert 'Sonny' Makewell (6189463), DCM, now aged 80, has joined the regimental association. He enlisted into the regiment on 8 February 1919. The majority of his service was with the 2nd Battalion and C Company. During the war he served with the 2/7th Battalion. He was finally discharged on 4 March 1951. At that time he was A/RSM of the Weapon Training School,

Purfleet. He lives at Pin Green, Stevenage, Herts, and we hope to see him in 1983.

Colonel Andrew Man is making good progress after his operation to have a new hip joint fitted. I hear that he is getting quite 'nippy' about the house.

Philip Murray (son of Capt P.F. Murray, 1/10th Bn 1914-17 and 8th Bn 1921-38) who was visiting the UK from Australia telephoned prior to his return to give me his fathers kind regards.

Ex C/Sgt 'Nick' Nicholson voluntarily retired from the NAAFI, Krefeld, BAOR, in November where he was employed as Stock Control Manager. Nick and his wife have bought a three bedroom bungalow at Redcar, Cleveland. He sends best wishes to all his DieHard friends and should any of them wish to drop in they will be most welcome.

Mr. Harry Oxley who served with the 23rd Battalion writes to tell me that he has received a letter of thanks from the Lady in Waiting to the Prince and Princess of Wales thanking him for the painting that he sent to mark the occasion of the birth of Prince William. He would also like to make contact with any former members of the 23rd. The address is - 76 Alinora Crescent, Goring by Sea, Sussex BN12 4HH.

Mr George Pegram, Secretary and Treasurer of the 13th Battalion for many years has been very ill for the past year. He has had the misfortune to break his hip and is now in hospital. We wish him a complete recovery.

I have received two very nice letters from Mrs Margaret Pentony, mother of Cpl J. Pentony, who was severely wounded in action in Korea on 22 September and died on 26 September 1950. Mrs Pentony would like to read Tim Carew's book 'The War in Korea'. Can anyone help? Her address is 32 Stoneleigh Park Avenue, Shirley, Croydon CR0 7SL.

At last we have caught up with EX C/Sgt Jack Potter (14066481). He commenced his service with the RWK in 1947 and joined the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong in 1950. He served with the 1st Battalion for many years, Korea, Hong Kong, Austria, Cyprus and BAOR and was a great favourite. He excelled at all sports and in later years became a very good golfer. He completed his service on 2 January 1969. In May of this year he was made redundant and is looking for employment. He lives at Sandwich in Kent.

Colonel John Shipster retires from his appointment of Regimental Secretary to The Queen's Regiment in May 1983.

Mr R.C. (Taffy) Shore (6201889) has retired from inspecting 'Dagenham Dustbins' and sends his regards to all his friends. He has moved to Fleggburgh, Great Yarmouth.

A recent member of the regiment to surface is Mr W.A. Smith (G/57346) who served with the 18th Battalion April 1918 to December 1919. He is now 83 years of age.

Former Cpl Richard Thomas Marshall (23611592) has joined the regimental association. He enlisted on 5 March 1959 and served with the 1st Battalion in A and S Companies, until December 1966. His service continued with the Queens Regiment until he claimed his discharge in 1974. He lives in Lisburn, Co Antrim and is a member of the northern Ireland Prison Service. Two other DieHards and some Queensmen are also in the same employment and he is planning a 'get together' with the hope of forming a branch. He sends his regards to all his friends.

Ex Cpl James Albert Warner (6206570) has joined the regimental association. He joined the T.A. and the 1/7th Battalion in April 1938 and was embodied for active service on 1 September 1939. Whilst serving with A Company 1/7th Battalion at El Alamein in 1944 he suffered gunshot wounds to the upper left thigh necessitating amputation. His Platoon Commander was Lt A.B. Carter who was also wounded. He is now retired and lives at Great Holland, Frinton on Sea Essex.

Ex Sgt Len Woodman, 1/7th, has sent me some more photographs of DieHard war graves in Europe. These will be passed on to the museum archives.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the following have died :

BAKER - On 12 September 1982, Mrs Mary Helena (Molly) Baker, aged 87 years, widow of Brigadier E.E.F. Baker, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, TD, DL, JP, who died on 17 January 1981. The funeral was attended by Colonel and Mrs A.S.J. de S. Clayton, Colonel W.D. Ellis, Capt G.R. Fox and Capt R.M. Rox.

BRYANT - On 1 May 1982, Ex L/Cpl Sidney George Bryant (6201229) aged 67 years. He enlisted at Mill Hill on 26 July 1933 serving with the regiment until 26 February 1942 when he transferred to the Army Catering Corps with whom he served until 23 January 1946.

BUNCE - On 19 October 1982, Ex Cpl Cyril Bunce (21037116), aged 53 years. Cyril Bunce enlisted on 9 April 1949 and served with the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong, Korea and Austria. He was transferred to the Army Reserve on 8 April 1954. The Regimental Association and the Korean Club were represented at his funeral by John Brazil and Syd Webb.

CLAPP - On 20 November 1982, Mrs Clapp, wife of Ex Private W.S. Clapp, resident at Albuhera Close, Enfield.

GALE - On 2 September 1982, Ex Private Albert Edward Gale (GF4435), aged 97 years. Albert Gale served with the 8th(TF) Battalion from 22 February 1915 until medically discharged on 3 May 1916. He regularly attended regimental functions.

GARRARD - On 5 September 1982, Ex Private Charles W. Garrard, aged 86 years. He served with the 8th(TF) Battalion and the Royal Artillery 1914-18.

HAZELL - On 13 September 1982, Ex Private Francis John Hazell (6134872), aged 79 years. He joined the 1/8th Battalion on 1 September 1939 and was taken POW in France on 21 May 1940 and held in Germany until repatriation to UK on 24 October 1943. Medically discharged on 10 March 1944.

HUNT - On 8 December 1982, Mr. H.W. (Harry) Hunt (TF 200192), aged 89 years. He enlisted into the 7th Battalion in 1913 and during the 1914-18 war was at one time Officers Mess cook. He was the father of Sir Rex Hunt, Governor of the Falklands. The funeral was attended by Col M.H. Summers, DSO, OBE, DL, TD.

HOLDFORD - On 19th November 1982, C/Sgt(Drum Major) Charles Holdford, B.E.M. (6199886), aged 68 years.

Charlie Holdford enlisted on the 7th April 1931. After his recruit training the whole of his service was with the 1st Battalion and the following dates will be of interest to his contemporaries.

Palestine	4.3.32	16.1.33
Egypt	17.1.33	15.3.36
Singapore	16.3.36	19.8.37
China Hong Kong	20.8.37	24.12.41
Japan POW	25.12.41	26.10.45
Home	27.10.45	17.8.46
N.W.E.	18.8.46	4.7.48
Home	5.7.48	14.6.49
Farelf Hong Kong	15.6.49	24.8.50
Korea	25.8.50	23.4.51
Hong Kong	24.4.51	1.12.52
Home	2.12.52	6.4.53

Total Colour Service 22 years.

He obtained the Royal Life Saving Society Award of Merit and Silver Medallion. He was awarded the following medals - British Empire Medal, 1939/45 Star, Pacific Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939/45, Korea Medal, United Nations Medal (with clasp Korea) and Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Charlie Holdford was an outstanding soldier of high moral standards who was a loyal and devoted member of his regiment. During the difficult Prisoner of War days, the sinking of the Lisbon Maru, the terrible loss of life and the aftermath of suffering he was a shining example to all his comrades. He was a tower of strength to the sick and infirm, and his help and resourceful character gave encouragement to those who felt that they could no longer carry on. He was a true friend to all.

He was appointed Drum Major in 1946 and became a Drum Major of outstanding ability. Those of us who have been privileged to see him lead the Corps of Drums, throwing the mace high and straight, will remember him with pride and admiration.

He was an exceptional sportsman who could play all games to a very high standard. Boxing, Diving, Swimming, Water Polo, Athletics(Field events), Rugby, Football and Hockey all came to him naturally. In later life he took up golf and together with his wife regularly attended the regimental golf meeting.

On leaving the service in 1953 he became the Caretaker at the Drill Hall, Hornsey. He joined the 7th Battalion T.A. and formed the Corps of Drums which became very well known in the County of Middlesex. He left in 1966 and joined the War Department Police and served at Greenham Common and the RAOC Depot Thatcham until his retirement in early 1979.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his widow, Nora, and three children Angie, Pat and Charlie.

His funeral took place at Chieveley Church, Newbury, on Wednesday 24th November 1982, and was attended by :- Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, President of the Regimental Association, Maj Gen Sir John Willoughby, Brig B.A.M. Pielow, Col W.D. Ellis, Lt-Col C.N. Clayden, Major G.G. Norton, Major A.E.F. Waldron, Capt and Mrs R.J. Tarrant, Mr and Mrs E. Johnson and Mr T. Jones.

The Regimental Flag draped the coffin and a bugler from the Parachute Regiment sounded Last Post and Reveille.

His widow, Mrs Nora Holdford, has asked me to record her thanks to those who wrote letters of sympathy which she very much appreciated.

HYDE - On 13 September 1982, Ex Bandsman William Hyde (3181053).

William Hyde served with the Band of the 7th Battalion. Dates not available.

He was admitted to the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, on 1 June 1982, where he remained until his death.

KENNETT - On 18 July 1982, Captain Charles Henry Kennett, aged 81 years.

Charlie Kennett joined the regiment and the 1st Battalion in 1919. He served with this battalion until 1931 during which time he reached the rank of Sergeant. 1931 to 1935 was spent at the Depot as Sergeant Instructor of Musketry. In 1935 he was posted to the 1st Battalion then in Egypt. Early 1936 saw him posted to the 2nd Battalion where he remained until 1938. He was promoted WOII(CSM) 15 June 1938. In 1939 he was posted to the Depot and in 1940 was granted a commission with the Royal Pioneer Corps, in the rank of Captain, finally retiring in 1945. For many years he was a member of the Regimental Cricket team. He also maintained an active interest in the Portsmouth and Gosport branch of the Old Comrades association. Mr. Paddy O'Neil attended the funeral.

MCDONALD - On 1 May 1982, Lieutenant Donald McDonald, aged 92 years.

He was commissioned into the Middlesex Regiment on 22 August 1914 and went to France with the 11th(Service) Battalion, serving with B Company. He was severely wounded in the skull by shrapnel in 1915. Due to this wound he was unable to resume active service and in May 1916 the Ministry of Munitions gave him their permission to join the staff of Johnson Mattley & Co, bullion refiners, and he subsequently spent the whole of his working life with this company - for many years as a Director. His demobilization notice is dated 23 October 1919. He joined the Regimental Association many years ago and although he was unable to attend any functions took a great interest in the regiments activities.

MEERS - On 23 July 1982, Mr Reginald T. Meers, aged 86 years.

Reggie Meers served with the 9th Battalion 1914-19. He was Secretary of the 9th Battalion Old Comrades Branch for many many years and for the last two years of his life was also Treasurer. He was a superb Secretary who kept the 9th Battalion members together and organised a very enjoyable annual dinner. He regularly attended all regimental functions and was a dedicated DieHard who was extremely proud of his regiment. Nothing was too much trouble for him and he will be sadly missed. After the First World War he joined the Police with whom he served until reaching pension age. He always had some very interesting stories to relate. His funeral at Ruislip was attended by Colonel H.W.W. Gray, Major R. Elson, Major A.E.F. Waldron, Mr Archie Brown and Mr H.A. Lane.

PARR-HEAD - On 17 December 1982, Major George Gordon Parr-Head, aged 89 years.

He commenced his service with the 2/8th Battalion in 1914 and after a few months he was transferred to the 2/10th Battalion with whom he served until 1919.

RUCK - On 27 October 1982, Ex Cpl Graham L. Ruck (6199245), aged 68 years.

Details of his service are not available but from memory (Secretary) he enlisted as a Boy in 1929 and joined the Band of the 2nd Battalion. In 1936 he was posted to the 1st Battalion then in Singapore. In 1937 he proceeded with the Battalion to Hong Kong, was taken POW in 1941, survived the sinking of the Lisbon Maru in 1942 and was held in Kobe Camp until 1945 when he was repatriated to UK, finally taking his discharge in 1946. He played the E Flat Clarinet. After his discharge he joined the British Airways Corporation at their Head Office in Bristol, his native City.

After a couple of years he joined BOAC's Fuel Accounting Department and in 1950 he transferred to the East African Airways, Nairobi, Kenya. This was followed by 2 years with Dan-Air. He then spent 3 years in the Seychelles.

Graham Ruck died in Cape Province, South Africa, where he was employed as Vinyard Manager and Accountant. He was married in 1957 and leaves a wife and three children, a son and two daughters. The son recently qualified as a Dental Surgeon in South Africa.

SHEPHERD - On 1 July 1982, Ex Private Frederick William Shepherd (6198766), aged 71 years.

He enlisted into the regiment on 29 January 1929 and served with the 1st and 2nd Battalions in Sudan, Egypt (twice) and Palestine. He was transferred to the Army Reserve 28 January 1936. At the outbreak of war he was called up and posted to the Royal West Kent Regiment serving in the BEF. He was a survivor of the bombing on 17 July 1940 of the troopship Lancastria. In October 1941 he was transferred to the Royal Pioneer Corps with whom he served until discharged on 15 December 1945.

Fred suffered ill health for many years but never gave up.

SHEFFIELD - On 15 December 1982, Mrs Sheffield, wife of Ex Sgt L.H. Sheffield, resident at Albuhera Close, Enfield.

STANBURY - On 27 July 1982, Ex Sgt Ronald Hector Stanbury (202464 and 5352), aged 85 years.

Sgt Stanbury enlisted on 15 November 1915 and commenced his service with the 3/7th Battalion but after four weeks was posted to the 1/7th Battalion serving with A Company. He served with the 1/7th until demobilization on 4 February 1919. During the Second World War he served with the Home Guard.

TULLY - On 30 December 1982, Ex Bandsman Charles William Tully (6201562), aged 66 years.

He enlisted 16 August 1934 and after completing his recruit training was posted to the 2nd Battalion. He was drafted to the 1st Battalion in March 1936 arriving in Singapore on 1 April. In August 1937 he moved with the Battalion to Hong Kong and was taken POW on 25 December 1941. Tully was a member of the first draft moved to Japan from Shamshuipo Camp and on arrival in Tokyo was allocated to No. 2 Camp. He was repatriated to UK in 1945 and discharged on 16 July 1946. He never recovered from his POW ordeal and was granted a 70% disablement pension. He moved from Kilburn, London, to Wimborne, Dorset, at the end of 1979 and to his widow and two sons we extend our deepest sympathy on their sad loss.

WEST - On 5 October 1982, Ex WOII(CSM) Leonard C. (Bogey) West (6196167), aged 78 years.

He served from 1924 to 1945, the majority of his service being with the 2nd Battalion. He was a very good sportsman and represented the Battalion at a number of sports. No other details are available.

YOUNG - On 6 September 1982, Major David MacGregor Young.

Served with the 9th Battalion and 571 LAA Regiment R.A. Former Adjutant.

THE OGILBY TRUSTS

AN APPEAL

The Army Museums Ogilby Trust (AMOT) was founded in 1954 by the late Colonel R.J.L. Ogilby, DSO, DL, who had served with the 2nd Life Guards and 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards and had been joint Honorary Colonel of 1st Bn The London Scottish with HM Queen Elizabeth. Colonel Ogilby was strongly supported by the late Field Marshall Sir Gerald Templer, KG, GCB, GCMG, KBE, DSO, Hon DCL, Hon LLD. The aims of his Trust were to "promote and foster regimental and military tradition primarily by the encouragement, equipment, care and maintenance of existing regimental and army museums and by the establishment of other remimental and army museums". The late Lord Ballantrae described Colonel Ogilby's decision as a 'momentous event'; in money terms, the Trust has applied over £400,000 during the last 28 years towards regimental and corps museums. It has also made grants of £12,000 towards the foundation of the National Army Museum and has made considerable gifts of uniforms and other items to that Museum.

Individual legal Deeds of Trust have been the basis for financial assistance to ensure their enduring legal guardianship for the future. Deeds of Endowment have also helped to encourage regiments to apply funds towards improvements in their museums. The legal costs of all these Deeds have been paid for by the Trust in addition to the grants made.

In order to provide research facilities to assist curators of Army museums, a large card and

pictorial index was created and is now one of the most comprehensive in the Country.

In his Will, Colonel Ogilby left a further legacy to found The Robert Ogilby Trust (ROT) which has the additional power to sponsor research and the publishing of books and other material. It has applied over £35,000 to this aim and has presented complimentary copies to every regimental/corps museum.

There are now 140 Corps/Regimental museums - Regular and Territorial - in the U.K. largely due to the efforts of AMOT. These museums attract over 4.1/2 million visitors annually. The Territorial Army museums have no official status and no financial assistance other than from the Trust, so it is unlikely that many of the 30 museums now established would have been created without the help of AMOT; it is hoped that these and others created in the future will ultimately be colocated with the affiliated regular army museums or in newly created County Military Museums as a result of the endeavours of the Trust.

The assistance which the Ogilby Trusts have given during the last twenty-eight years towards the preservation of the historic treasures of the British Army is not measurable alone in terms of finance but in inflationary times Trust Funds can achieve less and less unless they are increased by a continuing stream of donations. The Government has considerably increased the ability of charities to profit from gifts by Covenants and other means. The Ogilby Trustees would welcome gifts of any size to help them continue their aid to the Regimental and Corps museums of the Army.

Editors note: Both the Army Museums Ogilby Trust (250907) and The Robert Ogilby Trust (268068) are charities registered with the Charity Commissioners. The Middlesex Regiment Museum Trustees support this appeal and hope that it will be supported. Contributions may be sent to: Colonel P.S. Newton, MBE, Secretary Army Museums Ogilby Trust, Connaught Barracks, Duke of Connaught's Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2LR. Deed of Covenant forms are available.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM AND THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

The Joint Committee of the Order of St. John and British Red Cross Society maintains a residential Home, Mais House, Bexhill on Sea, Sussex, for which ex-servicemen, officers and other ranks are eligible to apply. There are also Homes at Bournemouth and Folkestone. In addition, ex-servicewomen and widows of ex-servicemen, are eligible. First priority is given to the war disabled and their widows but there are presently vacancies for all eligible categories.

It is the aim at Mais House to provide a permanent home and that extra care which the disabled and the elderly and frail need when they can no longer look after themselves. Whilst we encourage our residents to maintain their independence and allow them as much privacy as possible, We also assist them as may be necessary in the ordinary course of their lives, such as helping with dressing, bathing and mobility. Residents contribute according to their circumstances and no application is refused on financial grounds.

All applications and enquiries should be addressed to - The General Secretary, Joint Committee Order of St. John and British Red Cross Society, 6 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 1EH.

THE E. HAYES DASHWOOD FOUNDATION

(Registered Charity 246460)

The Hayes Dashwood Foundation owns a large number of flats in Balham, SW12. It was set up forty years ago to provide self-contained flats for disabled ex-servicemen. Nine fully rehabilitated flats specially adapted for the needs of the disabled together with a few other flats which have been redecorated will shortly become available to accommodate new guests.

The Governors have appointed a small Selection Committee to interview suitable applicants for these vacant flats by appointment in London over the next few months. Applicants should be "wholly or partly infirm suffering stricken wounded or otherwise disabled men who have served as Officers, or NCO's or any other rank in the Royal Navy, H.M. Army or the Royal Air Force, or Mercantile Marine, whether their disablement arises directly or indirectly from wounds accidents disease or otherwise".

Each applicant will be required initially to set out his particulars on the foundations application form obtainable from: W.E. Boxall, Esq., Secretary, Hayes Dashwood Foundation, 69 Emmanuel Road, Balham, London SW12 0HP. Telephone 01-673-4060.

Successful applicants will be required to pay a weekly maintenance contribution amounting 80% of the "fair rent" as assessed by the Local Rent Officer. These contributions vary between £16 per

week in respect of the rehabilitated flats, and about £8 per week for the older type redecorated flats. Guests pay their own bills for services. The Foundation pays the rates.

REGIMENTAL GOODS

The following regimental goods are available for purchase. These can be obtained by writing to the Secretary, Major A.E.F. Waldron, MBE, Lynsore Bungalow, Upper Hardres, Canterbury, Kent CT4 6EE. Cheques/Postal Orders should be made payable to the Regimental Association.

Badges Blazer, Middlesex	£4.50 each
Ice Buckets, miniature side drum with regimental emblazon	£9.50 each
Glass, Whisky tumbler engraved with Middlesex Regt badge	£3.50 each
Ties Regtl, Old Pattern, Terylene	£1.75 each
Ties Regtl, New Pattern, Terylene	£1.75 each
Ties, Officers' Club Silk	£2.50 each
Wall Plaques Middlesex	£9.50 each

ADDRESSES

The following addresses are required. If you can help please inform the Secretary of the Regimental Association.

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