



# The Die-Hards

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THE HOUNSLOW BRANCH ON PARADE AT MONS AUGUST 1990

### HOUNSLOW BRANCH

The Hounslow Branch under the drive of the Secretary Mr Mick Ward have had a very busy 6 months.

In August 12 members visited Mons, then in September they went to Ypres. Later a party of 30, including wives visited the Tower of London and were entertained afterwards in the Yeoman Warders Mess. On the 10 November some members attended the Regimental Ceremony at the Field of Remembrance, Westminster. The next day 11 November, 15 members of the branch marched on the Armistice Parade at the Royal Horse Guards. From the 23-26 November they visited Lille. On the 1st December the branch attended a Cheese and Wine Party at George and Ann Lewis's residence. They are now looking forward to a Christmas Party on New Years Eve.

They are now thinking about organising a trip to Albuhera in May 1991. Anyone interested should let me know.

L to R. E. Platt, D. Eagle, M. Ward, F. Shrieve, S. Wells, G. Lewis, G. Nevill,  
J. Raby, J. Wells, G. Stunt, R. Thornton.

### FORECAST OF EVENTS 1991

- 25 March Regimental Association Executive Committee Meeting at Conference Room, Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, London SW3, commencing 6.30 p.m.
- 27 April 1/7th Bn (1939-45) Luncheon at the T.A. Centre, Priory Road, Hornsey. Assemble 12 noon.
- 4 May 2/10th Bn (1914-18) OCA Luncheon at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2.
- 10 May Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club Dinner at the Naval and Military Club (In and Out), Piccadilly, London.
- 11 May Albuhera Service of Remembrance, St Paul's Cathedral, commencing 2.30 p.m.  
Annual Reunion at the Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London W2, at 6.30 p.m.  
Annual General Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 14 May 9th Bn Officers' Annual Luncheon at the Overseas League, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1. Assemble 12.15 p.m.
- 30 June Queen's Regiment Grand Reunion at Bassingbourn, Royston, Herts. Arrive 11.30 a.m.
- 14 September Korean Club Reunion at the Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London W2.  
Commencing 6.30 p.m.
- 3 October 2/7th Bn (1939-45) Luncheon at the Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London W2.  
Assemble 11.45 a.m.
- 11 October Queen's Regimental Association meeting, Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, London SW3.
- 9 November Ceremony at Field of Remembrance, Westminster, London SW1, assemble at Middlesex Guildhall 10.40 a.m.
- 10 November 2/10th Bn (1914-18) OCA Remembrance Service at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick, London W4, at 3 p.m. All members and their families of the Regimental Association are invited to attend.  
  
7th Bn Remembrance Service at St Mary with St George Parish Church, Hornsey.  
Assemble 10.30 a.m. After the service all are invited to the Priory Road Drill Hall, Hornsey.

### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I am taking this opportunity to wish you all good health, a Happy and Merry Christmas together with a prosperous New Year.

Make a NOTE in your diary NOW of the dates shown under Forecast of Events. Final details will be sent to you by the Secretary.

### BENEVOLENT CASES

During the period 1 January 1990 to 30 November 1990 the sum of £15075.00 has been spent on assisting 97 members of the Regiment and their families. Out of that total the Army Benevolent Fund contributed £4142.00. The amount spent this year is an increase of £5000 on the 1989 figure.

Financial need is almost always the root cause of personal problems which come to our attention. In the majority of cases illness and age play a large part.

90% of the cases that are brought to my notice by SSAFA are from former members of the regiment who do not belong to the Regimental Association. It is also most unusual for a letter of thanks to be sent to the regimental association after assistance has been given.



The types of case assisted during the year include: 4 Nebulizers for Asthma sufferers, three wheel chairs, rent, fuel and light arrears, special diets, clothing, transport to hospitals. Support for the two retarded children (now in their 40's) whose fathers were killed in World War 2 continues. They are both in care. We also have 11 widows/widowers in nursing homes requiring assistance with the shortfall in the nursing home fees.

#### DONATIONS TO THE CHARITABLE FUND

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

- a. A donation of £25 from members of the 2/7th Bn Luncheon Club.
- b. A donation of £25 from Mr Les Perry, Suffolk Regiment.
- c. Plus donations from: Mr A.W.J. Brown, Mr A.E. Dale, Mr A.C. Gill, Mr D. Hardcastle, Capt D.A. Hawkins, Capt J.H.S. Hudson, Mr R.J. Lomax, Col A.M. Man.
- d. A donation of £500 from the estate of Cpl Arthur Pretlove (6199003) who served with the 1/7th Bn, 1939-45, and died on 5 November 1989.
- e. A donation of £1000 from the estate of Lt Sidney Arthur Victor Butler, who served in World War 1 with the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was a member of the Middlesex Home Guard 1939-45. He was very proud to have been made an Honorary Member of the Middlesex Regimental Association over 40 years ago.
- f. A donation of £2000 from the estate of the late Mrs Barbara Blake-Budden who died on 7 June 1990, widow of Capt E.J. Blake-Budden who served with the 8th(TF) Bn in World War 1, and died on 15 November 1971. Barbara was a life long supporter of the Regiment and regularly attended the St Paul's Cathedral Remembrance Service.

#### FREE NEWSLETTERS

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

Mr C. Bradish, Mr A.W.J. Brown, Mr D. Cavill, Mr E.J.F. Clarke, Mr B.A. Crawley, Mr A.E. Dale, Mr P.H. Ellingworth, Col W.D. Ellis, Mr D.A. Francis, Mr R.H. Gilbertson, Mr A.C. Gill, Mr D. Hardcastle, Major W.J. Hesketh, Capt W.E. Hughes, Mr R.E. Knowles, Mr W.E. Lockyer, Mr L.C. Page, Mr R. Pile, Lt-Col G.C.D. Scott-Lowe, Mr P.E. Stammers, Major A.F.A. Sutherland, Mr S.A. Wells, Mr P.F. Willis, Mr P.F. Wooley.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 1991 are now due and the amount to pay is £2.00. This amount includes - Regt A 50p and Newsletter £1.50. All members of the former Mill Hill Branch are now members of the Central Branch and their subscription of £2 must now be sent to the Regimental Secretary, Major A.E.F. Waldron. Cheques or Postal Orders should be made payable to the Middlesex Regimental Association. Do forward your membership card for endorsement, if you have mislaid it do tell me and I will send you a new one.

All other members of branches send me your subscriptions as you have done in the past.

#### FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

The Secretary attended the Field of Remembrance on Thursday 8 November and prior to the commencement of the opening ceremony planted individually named crosses on the regimental plot for each of the 46 battalions who fought in World War 1. Maj Gen Sir John Willoughby very kindly painted each cross with the Bn title.

A badged regimental cross was also planted on the Far East Prisoners of war plot in memory of members of the 1st Bn.

At noon H.M. Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, declared the Field of Remembrance open and planted the first cross. The Queen Mother then proceeded to inspect the Field of Remembrance.

The Regimental Ceremony took place on Saturday 10 November, commencing at 10.50 a.m. As usual our party formed up outside the Middlesex Guildhall and then proceeded to the regimental plot led by Mr L. Plumb with Mr L. Loomes carrying the Regimental Standard. Sadly no Chelsea Pensioners this year to escort the Standard. We now only have one and he was too ill to attend.

The Service commenced with prayers by the Rev W.E.B. (Gus) Jones. The President of The Regimental Association, Lt-Col T.W. Chattey read the Exhortation, which was followed by the Two Minutes silence. Lt-Col Chattey after saying, 'I plant this cross today in memory of our Fallen Comrades', planted a cross. The Secretary then invited the planting of individual crosses. The Chaplain concluded the service by reading the Collects of the Middlesex and Queen's Regiment.

The attendance this year was a great improvement and very encouraging for the future. All members took opportunity to inspect the regimental display in the entrance hall to the Guildhall.

#### REMEMBRANCE WREATHS

A Middlesex Regiment badged wreath was laid at St Paul's Church, Mill Hill, on Remembrance Sunday by Mr L.T. Plumb. He also laid a wreath at the Regimental Memorial, Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill.

WO2 P.K. Tiday, The Queen's Regiment, attached to the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) laid a Middlesex Regiment badged wreath on behalf of the Regimental Association at the Hong Kong Liberation Day Parade on 29 August 1990.

#### 2/10th Bn (1914-18) OCA

The Old Comrades Association of the 2/10th Bn held their annual Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 11 November, at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick. All members of the Regimental Association together with their families and friends were invited to attend.

The Service commenced at 3 p.m. and was based on one which was held on the 25 April 1990, at Cape Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, to commemorate the 2/10th Bn Landings in April 1915. The Reverend Patrick Tuft, Vicar of Chiswick, Area Dean of Hounslow and Honorary Chaplain to the 2/10th Bn OCA, conducted the Service, which was very well attended by relatives and 'Friends of the 2/10th', plus a party from the Regimental Association. Brig B.A.M. Pielow, read The Lesson.

Poppy wreaths were laid by: 1/10th Bn Major A.E.F. Waldron, 2/10th Bn Capt D.A. Hawkins, 3/10th Bn Mr C. Stephens.

The following members from the Regimental Association attended - Lt-Col and Mrs T.W. Chattey, Brig Mrs B.A.M. Pielow, Col and Mrs A.S.J. de S. Clayton, Major and Mrs A.E.F. Waldron, Capt and Mrs P.J.T. Lane, Mrs Kay Lawrence and Son, Capt P.J.A. Pielou and Son, Mr and Mrs A. Bailey, Mr and Mrs C. French and Son, Mr and Mrs D. Lester, Mr A.E. Lewin, Mr F.A. Thomas.

After the Service tea and light refreshments were served in the Church Hall by Mrs J. Barrett and her lady helpers. Mrs Ann Webster daughter of the late Lt-Col D.B. Watson, produced those delicious sausage rolls.

Mr A.D. Scudamore, President of the 2/10th Bn OCA, now a young 94, thanked all present for their support and wished them all a safe journey home and a Happy Christmas. Our Chairman, Brig B.A.M. Pielow replied. He thanked the Revd Patrick Tuft for an inspiring sermon, the ladies for producing such a nice tea, and reminded all present that he expected to see them all next year plus a lot of their friends.

#### 2/7th BATTALION ANNUAL REUNION

We met for luncheon at the Victory Club's Carisbrooke Hall, on Thursday 4 October 1990 for our 45th annual reunion under the Chairmanship of Lt. Col R.E. Robotham, MC, TD, accompanied by our President, Brig E.W.C. Flavell, DSO, MC, TD, DL. We were delighted to welcome as our guests Lt. Col T.W. Chattey, OBE, and Major A.E.F. Waldron, MBE.



Our third guest, John McLoughlin, is the son of one of our late members. He asked to attend our reunion on his late father's behalf and he attended in 1988. He has kindly agreed to act as our London Secretary. Londoners should address correspondence to him at - 136A Lavender Hill, Enfield, Mx EN2 8RP.

A message of loyal greetings was sent to Her Majesty The Queen and her reply was announced by our Chairman.

The sad loss of Ron Taylor and seven members were included in the Toast to Absent Friends. 180 notices of the reunion were sent, 85 members accepted and 34 letters of regret were received plus many donations.

A total of 78 sat down to lunch, three members were appearing for the first time. They were George Bundy, D Company CQMS in September 1939, Eric Paris from the Isle of Wight and Bob Hebden, former RSM, from Christchurch, New Zealand. Bob now holds the record for the 'long distance' race. We received apologies for absence from South Africa, USA(2) and W. Australia. John Goulding was also coming for the very first time but was suddenly taken ill that morning. Several other old comrades were unfortunately prevented from attending at the last moment for a variety of reasons.

Topper Brown's wonderful efforts with the 'Box' brought a total of over £265 plus £240 received in advance of the lunch. Jimmie Baber's copy of the history 'The Middlesex Regiment 1919-1952' had been generously presented to us by his widow. This was auctioned after our excellent lunch and topped £31, making a grand total of £537, easily a record. The regular donation of £25 was made to the Regimental Association charitable fund. Grants totalling £140 were made to various members for the usual reasons. The kitty also paid for copies of 'Albuhera - Middlesex Regiment' for everyone present. 12 copies were given to Lt. Col Chattey at his request for regimental use.

Please keep your eyes open for the issue of my letter concerning the 1991 Reunion, which will take place on Thursday 3 October 1991, 11.45 a.m. for 12.30 p.m., at the Carisbrooke Hall, Victory Services Club, 63/69 Seymour St, London W2.

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### THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT GRAND REUNION

The Queen's Regiment Grand Reunion took place at Basingbourn Barracks, near Royston, Herts, on Sunday 8 July 1990.

Contingents from the founding regiments attended but our regimental party was well out numbered by the Queens Surreys, Buffs, Royal West Kents and the Royal Sussex. All members please take note and make the effort next year. It is a most enjoyable day, families are welcome, bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day.

It was a very windy Drumhead Service which started off the celebrations but this was followed by 'Fall Out' to the Beer and Wine tents and the meetings between all the old comrades.

The following Diehards were on parade - Lt-Col Tom Chattey, President of the Regimental Association, Col Ian Batty, Col John Shipster, Major Tony McManus, Major Bob Bartlett, Major Peter Monypenny of Pitmilly, Major Bill Grogan, WO2 J. Warner, B. Ambler, R. Beall, T. Barnett, G. Boswell, K. Broom, D. Cavill, R.A. Clarke, T. Gibbs, T. Goodbourn, T. Price, M. Smith, W. Smith, R. Reber, F. Thomas, also A.W. King (HQ Coy Offrs Mess Cook) on a visit from Australia.

WO2 Jack Warner commanded the regimental contingent on the March Past. A. Beale carried the Regimental Standard. Also with our party was the Royal British Legion Standard of the Enfield Branch.

The annual Clay shoot took place as normal, we have tried hard to win but it always eludes us. This year we came 3rd, last year 2nd, we need some good shots for next year.

Please note the date for 1991 which is Sunday 30 June - same arrangements as in previous years.

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### VISIT BY THE KOREAN CLUB TO THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLANDERS 40th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

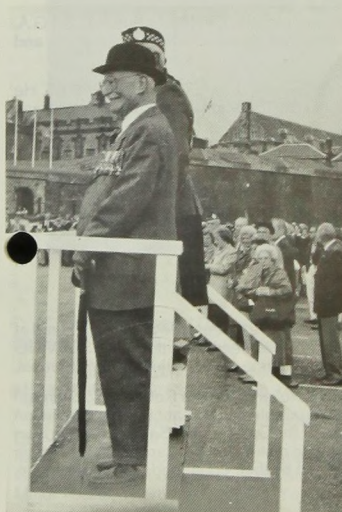
On the weekend of 7, 8 and 9 September 1990 a party from the Korean Club attended the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders 40th Anniversary of their participation in the Korean War, held at Stirling Castle. It was a most successful and enjoyable occasion. Those attending were Brig D.B. Rendell, CBE, MC, Col A.M. Man, DSO, OBE, Col H.J.A. Moore, OBE, Col J.N. Shipster, DSO, CBE, Major C.L. Lawrence, MC, A. Dunnett, R. Gilbertson, A. Hutley, J.A. Lofts and A.W.S. Rogers. Also in attendance Mrs. D. Gwyn (Widow of Brig R.A. Gwyn, OBE), plus two Associate members of the Club, Maj Gen P. Baldwin (27 Brigade HQ) and R. Stone (Argylls).

On the Friday evening a Dinner was held for about 140 in the Castle during which Col Andrew Man, our Club President, proposed the Toast of The Regiment, which was very well received. During the evening he presented our hosts with a silver framed photograph of Col Neilson, Commanding Officer of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in Korea, Brig B.A. Coad and Col A.M. Man, taken on the day Col Man heard of the award of the D.S.O. The frame was suitably inscribed with the badges of both regiments.

On Saturday morning we were taken on a private tour of the Regimental Museum which was most impressive. The afternoon was spent at the Highland T.A. Centre where various displays were held, culminating in the Beating of Retreat. During the evening we attended a social and buffet where about 400 people had a memorable time.

On the Sunday morning we attended Church Parade followed by a Service in the Church of The Holy Rude. The parade was inspected by the Colonel of the Regiment, Major Gen Sir Patrick Palmer, CBE, after which he took the salute. He was accompanied on the dais by Col A.M. Man. We thank the Argylls for their kind invitation and allowing us to enjoy the weekend celebrations.

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Gen Palmer & Col Man on the Saluting Dais



Gen Palmer speaking to Major Lawrence



## REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

The following items have been presented to the Regimental Museum:

- Medals of 2Lt T.L. Williams, G/40135, 12th Bn, consisting of British War Medal 1914-18, Victory Medal 1914-19. Presented by his Sister, Mrs E.A. Davies, Southampton, Hants.
- Medals of Private D. Ritchie, G/11443, 3rd Bn, consisting of British War Medal 1914-18, Victory Medal 1914-19. Presented by his daughter Miss J. Ritchie, New South Wales, Australia.
- Medals of 265317 and 6205970, Sgt A.T. Brown, consisting of British War Medal 1914-18, Victory Medal 1914-19, 1939-45 Star, Burma Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45, T.A. Efficiency Medal. Received from his estate.
- Medals of 5506260 Cpl H.C. Elliott, consisting of 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45. Presented by his sister Mrs S.A. Taylor, Southsea, Hants.
- Sports medals of the late Band Sgt G(Tishy) Cullen (6189247), who served with the 1st Bn 1915-29. He was a member of the 1st Bn team that won the Rhine Army Cup in 1922. He was also a member of the Rhine Army Representative team and was awarded his "BAOR Cap and Jersey", and these two items are included in the presentation.

Tishy Cullen was the leading cornet player for 8 years, Band Sgt for 5 years and on leaving the army he spent 27 years with the Bradford City Police Force Medal. Presented by his daughter, Mrs J.L. Buck, SRN, of Stonegarth, Bainbridge, Leyburn, N. Yorks DL8 3EN.

## G.A. WHITE MEMORIAL DAY

The Princess Marina College, Arborfield, Reading, will be holding their Parents' Day Parade on Saturday, 15 December 1990.

The Commandant, Colonel P.H. Kay, OBE, REME, has arranged for Mrs J. White, mother of 2Lt G.A. White, RAOC, to unveil a plaque renaming the College Library after her son and where his medals and presidential citation will be displayed.

Geoffrey was an ex-apprentice of Princess Marina College, Arborfield, during the years 1942-45. He was killed in Korea on 22 September 1950, whilst serving with the 1st Bn The Middlesex Regiment and was posthumously awarded the American Silver Star.

## T.A. SILVER

The T.A. Silver held at the T.A. Centre, Deansbrook Road, Edgware, is to be sold. A catalogue is being prepared by Lt-Col J.D. Gunnell, and members interested should write and ask for a copy.

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

Lt-Col Brinley Ayre, TD, has recently been honoured by Her Majesty The Queen, the Sovereign Head of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem. He has been admitted as a SERVING BROTHER of THE ORDER OF ST JOHN as from 18 September 1990, the date of Her Majesty's Sign Manual.

On 2 January 1990 he had the honour of being informed that His Royal Highness Roberto II, Sovereign Grand Master of the Order of San Salvador of Aragon has been graciously pleased to sanction his admission as a Companion of the Order of San Salvador of Aragon. Membership of the Order of San Salvador which is an ancient Order devoted to charity and service is not solely an honourable distinction but carried with it certain obligations which, in the case of Companions, is deemed to be fulfilled by their continued personal service.

Sincere congratulations from all Diehards.

## CANLOAN OFFICERS

Two Canloan officers joined the 2nd Bn in Normandy in 1944. They have both kept in touch with the friends they made in the regiment.

Rex Fendick sent to me the photograph published below. It arrived just in time to be included in the newsletter.

On the left is F.A. McConaghy and on the right R.F. Fendick, both A Company, 2nd Bn 1944-45. This was the first time in 45 years that they have been on parade together.

The Memorial is the Canloan Memorial at School of Infantry, CFB Gagetown Combat Training Centre, Cromocto, New Brunswick.



## 7th MIDDLESEX OFFICERS' CLUB

The 63rd Annual Dinner of the 7th Middlesex Officers' Club was held at the Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London EC4, on Thursday 8 November 1990.

Lt-Col J.D. Gunnell presided and the guests were:- Col. Alderman C.H. Martin, Lt-Col P.D. McLelland, Mr M.D.H. Milne, Lt D. Roberts, F/O J.A. Rook, Mr N.S. Young and Mr T.S. Young.

The following members attended:- Major K.I.A. Carter, Major H.E. Couch, Capt M.J.S. Doran, Capt S. le Enthoven, Lt-Col P.J. Hall, Major D. Harwood, Major S.L.J. Henshaw, Lt D.H.S. Herriott, Capt J.K. Laurence, Major C.L. Lawrence, Capt P.J.T. Lane, Major R.J. Leighton, Major E.J. Naish, Lt P.J. Ottino, Major A.J. Salter, Lt-Col G.C.D. Scott-Lowe, Lt-Col D.E. Simpson, Capt J.K.E. Slack, Capt J. Spencer Richards, Col D.R.W. Thomas, Major R.G.C. Thornton, Capt C.J. Young.

The following members expressed their regret for not being able to attend but sent greetings to all their friends:- Capt G.G. Andrew, Col F.G. Barber, Mgr R. Brown, Col I.D. Brotherton, Major S.J. Carter, Lt-Col S.F. Caulfield-Kerney, Major P.D.J. Clarke, Col A.S.J. de S. Clayton, Col W.D. Ellis, Capt J.R.W. Fisher, Capt M.S.



Gedye, Lt S.B. Hurst, Col A.M. Man, Capt D.O. Mansfield Thomas, Capt F.S. Mayman, Major A.E. McManus, Lt J. McMaster, Major M.C. Mercer, Capt K.D. Murray, Lt I. Nickells, Major G.g. Norton, Lt J. van de Pol, Major B. St. G.A. Reed, Major P.I. Roberts, Lt J. Spooner, Major P.A.D. Storie-Pugh, Major R.F. Sykes, Major E.L. Walis, Major F. Webb, Lt-Col G. Webber.

### ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS)

Major A.E.F. Waldron, MBE, has accepted an invitation to become a Honorary Member of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) Association, United Kingdom Branch.

### JAPANESE BURMA VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Colonel John Shipster recently visited Japan at the invitation of the Japanese Burma Veterans Association. The visit was a success for both parties. They visited and paid their respects at the Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo – the Shrine commemorates all those who died during the war. At the end of the visit they went to the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery at Hodogaya which is in the suburbs of Yokohama, accompanied by their hosts. This cemetery is in a most beautiful setting enclosed by small tree clad hills which were in full autumn colours. The party had brought a wreath with them and this was laid at the Central Cenotaph by Maj Gen D.H. Lyall-Grant, CBE, who was the senior member of the party. A short and simple Service of Remembrance was held attended by the Naval Military Attache of the British Embassy. Brig David Wilson, A&SH, who had borrowed some bag pipes from goodness knows where, piped a most moving lament. At the conclusion of the Service the party recited the well known inscription which appears on the Memorial at the Kohima Cemetery, India.

When you go home, tell them of us and say,  
For your tomorrow we gave our today.

Time was short and it was not possible to visit every Middlesex grave in the Hodogaya Cemetery. John found the graves of 51 Diehards.

58 Diehards lie in this cemetery which contains 1518 Commonwealth graves. These Diehards died in Kobe Camp between 1942-45, after surviving the sinking of the Lisbon Maru, destined never to recover from their traumatic ordeal. I mention a few names – Lt-Col H.W.M. Stewart (Posthumously awarded the DSO), Sgts Betts, Fox, Privates Bindon, Cohen, Funnell, Harrison, Sheehan, Bds Nix, Wilson, etc.

A separate part of the cemetery contains the graves of some members of the 1st Bn killed in Korea.

### KOREAN CLUB

On Saturday 15 September 1990, the Korean Club held their 10th annual reunion in the Carisbrooke Hall at the Victory Services Club. Guests attending were Lt-Col Tom Chattey and Major Frank Waldron, President and Secretary of the Regimental Association, respectively.

This was a most successful occasion and enjoyed by all. Several new faces appeared but sadly a few regulars were missing. The ladies want music and Tony Loftis tells me that this will be provided. It was good to see Col Andrew Man in such good form and also Major Barry Reed, Capt Stanley Boydell the medical officer, Mrs Ann Cotton, daughter of the late Lt-Gen G.C. Bucknall and Mrs Peggy Morden our W.V.S. Lady, enjoying themselves.

At the Annual General Meeting held earlier in the evening the following appointments were recorded:

Chairman	Major M (Mike) Eastap
Vice Chairman	Mr E (Paddy) Bermingham
Secretary	Mr A (Tony) Loftis
Treasurer	Mr S (Syd) Webb
Committee Members	Messrs Nick Hutley, George Farmer and Jack Smart.

A vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman, Mr Ron Vann was recorded. 35 members attended.



## THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT

### THE BATTALIONS

The 1st Battalion, based in Tidworth, has had a full summer of exercises and cadres, a visit by a party of cadets from the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and has sent Queensmen to sea with our new affiliated Warship, HMS Chatham. The 2nd Battalion in Minden has been equally busy, training with the Americans in Southern Germany, one company going to Canada and visits by ACF and CCF detachments. The 3rd Battalion has also welcomed groups of cadets to Cyprus and has found that, although a heavy schedule of duties is a regular part of life on the island, it still has time to enjoy the opportunities for sport which are available. Meanwhile our TA battalions have packed in a very full programme including, for 8th Queen's Fusiliers, their first overseas camp, in BAOR.

### ARMS PLOT MOVES

In January next year the 1st Battalion will move from Tidworth to Minden to take over Clifton Barracks from the 2nd Battalion which is returning to Howe Barracks, Canterbury. The 3rd Battalion is scheduled to move from Cyprus to Colchester in mid 1992. All three battalions have also been warned of forthcoming short unaccompanied tours at battalion or company strength in either Northern Ireland or the Falkland Islands. We have received no details yet of the future structure of the Regiment but expect to hear some information on this in early 1991.

### SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

The Regiment continues to dominate Infantry cricket. Having won the Army cup and both Infantry cups last season, the 1st Battalion has retained the Infantry (UK) and the Infantry (UK v BAOR) cups this year. 2nd Battalion teams have won the 10km Novices Competition at the Infantry Ski meeting, an International 7 a side Rugby Competition in Hannover and also both the BAOR and Army Small Bore Shooting. Meanwhile, with three individual winners, the 6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion came first in both the Mens' and Womens' events at the South East District TA Orienteering Championships and later won the UKLF TA Orienteering Championships in May.

Our Regimental free fall team, 'The Flying Dragons' have continued their successes by winning one gold, two silver and two bronze medals at the National and Army Parachuting Championships this summer.

### THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Queen's Regiment Book of Remembrance, which includes names of members of the Regiment killed in Northern Ireland, has been placed in the Warrior's Chapel of Canterbury Cathedral. It was dedicated by the Dean on 25 July in the presence of the Colonel of the Regiment, Maj Gen Mike Reynolds CB, and many past and present members of The Queen's Regiment and its forebear regiments.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO INDIVIDUALS

Congratulations are due to Col Gavin Bullock MBE who is to be promoted to Brigadier when he takes up the appointment of DA Athens next February. This brings to six the number of serving one star officers from the Regiment. We were also delighted to hear that Lt Cols Mike Ball and Peter Cook have both been selected for promotion to Colonel in 1991 and that Brig Stuart Anderson OBE MC, who has recently left the Army, has appointed the new Secretary of Kent County Cricket Club. Col Gavin Bullock and Lt Col Mike Ball were both commissioned into the Middlesex Regiment (DCO).



## FIRST QUARTER CENTURY OF THE REGIMENT

On 31 December 1991 the present Queen's Regiment will be 25 years old. The Officers' Club will mark this event with a Regimental Dinner on 1 March and by the end of next year the anniversary will have been remembered in several other ways including, it is hoped, publication of a history of this first quarter century for the Regiment, written by Maj Jonathan Riley. More information on this will be promulgated later.

## CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

We send our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all readers of the Die-Hards Newsletter.

### PERSONAL JOTTINGS

Mr Ken and Barbara Anderson, 9th Bn attended the Amicale Des Anciens Combattants Belges En Grande Bretagne trip to Brussels from 9 - 13 November 1990. They also attended the Annual Belgian Torch Ceremony on Monday 7 November at Westminster Abbey.

Mrs Alice Baldwin, widow of 6200569 C/Sgt C Baldwin, is a recent correspondent and supporter of the Newsletter, sends best wishes to all her friends in the Regiment.

My thanks to Clifford D. Barratt-Pugh for the correspondence and photographs concerning his recent visit to Hong Kong. His brother a former POW died in 1970.

Best wishes to Mr G. Basford (S7549) our last surviving member of the 4th Bn now 92 years and totally blind.

Doctor S. Boydell, Medical Officer to the 1st Bn in Korea, is now a member of the Officers' Club, Regimental Association and a Newsletter reader.

Colonel Gavin Bulloch was a recent visitor to Lynsore Bungalow and Grace and I were very pleased indeed to meet him again. We hope he passed his course in Greek in October.

Mr George Chacksfield (6201836) who had a leg amputated earlier this year is having a convalescent holiday at the Queen Alexandra Hospital Home, Gifford House, Worthing. He tells me that he is very well looked after and has had 3 Outings, the last one to the 'Not Forgotten' Association Christmas Party held at the Riding School, The Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, for some 400 disabled ex service men and women with their escorts.

Lt-Col Norman Clayden suffered a broken tendon in his leg after falling off a step ladder while pruning his roses and whilst in hospital suffered a slight stroke which affected his speech and arm. Jean tells me that he is making a good recovery and is a good patient. I wonder what he said when he fell?

Major Ken and Joan Clayden have moved from Garstang, Preston, to a bungalow in Silverdale, Carnforth. They are looking forward to being back on the hills and fells. Beware the mountain goat is about.

To Captain Battler Craydon, 88 years, our very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes to Dan Cavill (6201835) who is on standby for a major operation around Christmas. On 21 January 1991 he is due to report to Woolwich for a Tropical check-up. What a glutton for punishment.

Bernard Crawley is managing a hotel in Southend for a friend for a couple of months. Mines a Large Gin.

Our sincere best wishes to Major Arthur and Ellen Cooper who have recently moved into Residential Home accommodation. Arthur is headed towards his 92nd year. He served with the 53rd and 2nd Bn in 1917-19. He was granted a regular commission in the RASC in 1919 retiring in 1950. He has been a member of the Regimental association for many years.

Reg Cotton (620683) writes from Queensland, Australia, to wish all 1st Bn POW's a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

To all those who have enquired about Alf Ellis - I can tell you that he is happy and well, as lovely as ever, but finds it difficult to get about. He is not broody just lying in wait.

Colonel Desmond Ellis has been in and out of hospital lately and feeling rather poorly. Our very best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

Sgt Ted Fuller, Provost Sgt with the 1st Bn in Iserlohn 1948, is enjoying his retirement and the Sussex coast. I could think of better things than that!

Best wishes to Mr E Giraud, now 91, who served with our 2nd Bn 1914-18, who lives in a RBL Flat at Deal, Kent. My apologies for not being able to find the time to visit but I have not forgotten.

Fanny Gibbs has left the prison service and found a steady little number with Waddingtons (the games people). I have reported your movements to Major Joe O'Gorman now settled in as the Secretary of the Queens Buffs Assn.

Lt-Col John and Vanda Hewson whilst on holiday in Corsica met another Diehard, Major Erick Howkins, 9th Bn. Very appropriate as John's father served with the 9th. More elbow drill followed.

Jeff Haward, Harry Alcock, Dennis Daly and Tommy Jones, all of the 1/7th Bn met for a reunion at Ulverston in August at the Royal Border Assn Club. They were invited by Major McDuff-Duncan of 51st Highland Brigade to visit their HQ at Perth, then on to the Black Watch Bks, where the RSM provided lunch. The C.O. said how pleased he was to see some old Diehards. Then on to the Black Watch Museum at Balhousie Castle.

Colonel Tony Hewitt writes from Buderim, Queensland, to say that he recently attended the Battlefield Tour of Hong Kong organised by Colonel Oliver Lindsay. He states that he was royally entertained by the Volunteers at a Regt'l Guest night. The Commanding Officer toasted the Middlesex Regiment. Tony also signed



the Visitors Book at the Cathedral and he also paid homage to the Regimental Memorial. It was a very proud moment in my life when I was asked to assist with the unveiling in 1952. A few of the veterans attending the tour were invited to speak briefly. One, H. Mitchell, a Gunner, gave a graphic description of the sinking of the Lisbon Maru, acclaiming Colonel 'Monkey' Stewart and the Middlesex for 'Standing Fast' and for their valiant behaviour. John Harris, R.E., rendered an emotional tribute to Colonel Newnham and those to whom George Crosses were awarded. Tony finally gave an account of his escape from Hong Kong.

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Mr Chas Kennedy (6214751), will be visiting to Hong Kong next year. He is willing to help anyone with photographs etc.

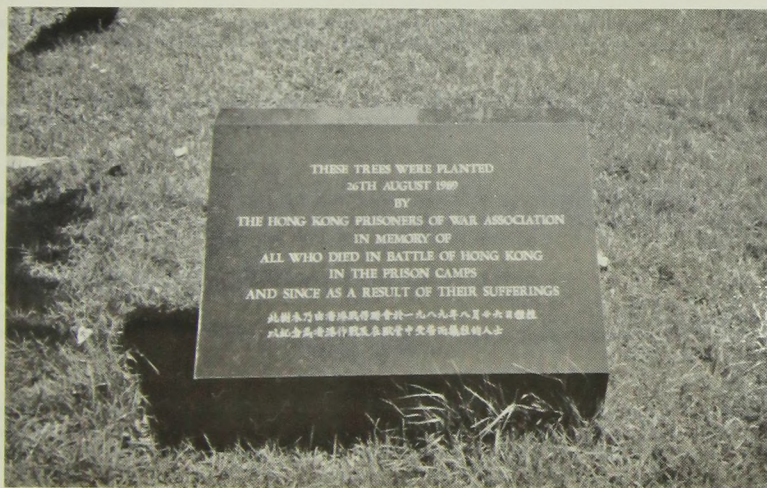
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Former CSM Bob Lomax sends Christmas greetings to all his Diehard friends.

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Mr Fred Lunnon, 1st Bn 1915, now 91 years of age, is no longer able to attend any meetings but he is in good spirits and wishes to be remembered to all Diehards.

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Our sincere congratulations to Major Pam and Philip Marshall on celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary on 9 November.

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Our best wishes to Colonel Andrew Man who was admitted to the King Edward VII Hospital, Beaumont St, London, on Thursday 6 December 1990, for a hip replacement operation.

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Mr and Mrs J. Milroy visited Hong Kong during September for two weeks. I have received some very interesting photographs which will be placed in the museum. The Hockey pitch in front of Jubilee Buildings has been converted into a Recreation space and Park. The plaque below speaks for itself:



Private George Henry McAlpin (6213538) was killed on 24/25 December 1941, whilst serving with the 1st Bn in Hong Kong. His son is most anxious to find out where and how his father was killed. Can anyone tell me if they knew him and which company he was with – it could have been D Company. McAlpin was a member of the last draft to arrive in Hong Kong, sometime in early 1941, so would have not been well known to the older members of the Bn. If you can help please get in touch with me (Editor).

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Received a nice letter from Bill Phillips (6201806), Christchurch, New Zealand.

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Our very best wishes to Sgt Jim Preston (6205018) who has recently moved to a property where there is a lift and a warden. Jim cannot walk very far and his sight is practically nil. Hilda is a marvellous nurse.

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Ron Pile and Dennis Peck and their families recently spent a holiday in Turkey and when attending a barbecue organised by two Englishmen found that one of them was a Diehard. His nickname was Biggsey, now a resident in Turkey. His full name was Brian Bignall – needless to say that a copy of the June 1990 Newsletter plus a Joining Form was despatched immediately.

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Mr Dennis Richardson, 1/7th and 2/7th, sends his regards to all Diehards. His brother 6205878 Private P.H. Richardson, died of wounds on 24 February 1944.

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Brig J.B. Ryall, CBE, who commenced his service as 6205936 Private Ryall, with the 9th Bn, is most anxious to make contact with former members of the Bn. Write to him at 19 Springvale Avenue, Littledown, Bournemouth, Dorset BH7 7EP.

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Lt-Col G.C.D. Scott-Lowe informs me that the following former members of the 2/7th attended the 45th anniversary of the 8th Army in Carinthia, himself, Peter Goulding and Philip Wildash. They visited Klagenfurt, Villach, Spittal and Trieste.

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Lt-Col David Simpson, found a Diehard in his 'local' recently. It was Mr C.C. Evans, 2nd and 13th Bns, 1914-18, now aged 91 years.

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Ernie Stebbing sent a story about the reunion of two friends after 51 years. I will consider this for the next Newsletter.

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Mrs Doris Tarrant telephoned me recently and said that she was now fit and well and wished to be remembered to all her friends.

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Syd Webb informs me that his marriage will now take place on 12 November 1991. Our very best wishes to them – Syd can now get about without his wheel chair, a remarkable achievement.

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The following have joined the Regimental Association:-

Cpl N.D. Ball (22928604), served 1955-55, MMG PI S Company 1st Bn.



Private G.A. Bird (6769352), served 1932-45, 1st and 2nd Bns.

Sgt L.W. Burbidge (6200731), served 1932-41, C Company 1st Bn and Depot. 1942-46 with Kensingtons, Iceland and Europe.

Private F.A. Crampton (23441670), served 1958-60, B Company 1st Bn.

L/Cpl L.W. Deadman (6212465), served 1940-46, 2/8th (1st Bn).

Private P.E. Gates (22950093), served 1953-58, C Company 1st Bn.

L/Cpl E.W.C. Goodfellow (6848839), served 1940-43 Kings Royal Rifles, 1943-44 D Company, 2nd Bn, 1944-46 London Scottish.

Cpl J. Harrington (6204495), served 1938-50, HQ Company Drums, POW with 1st Bn 1941-45, Osaka Camp, Japan. 1950-54 Parachute Regiment.

Private K.(Jock) Hazlewood (14411336), served 1942-47, B Company 8th Bn.

Private J.B. Herbert (22177584), served 1949-51, HQ Company 1st Bn.

Private W.J. Humphreys (6205317), served 9th Bn Mx, KOSB, Royal Scots, 1938-45.

Sgt C.H. Lovick (6205149), served 1939-46, 1/7th Bn until 1943, then Dorset and DCLI regiments until 1946.

Private A. Martin (Slasher) (6203256), served 1937-41, 7 Platoon B Company 1st Bn. Was a member of special draft that left Hong Kong in early 1941.

Private J. McClelland (3536801), served 1942 The Manchester Regt, 1943-47 with 8th Bn Mx.

Private J.A. Miller (6211678), served B Company 2/8th (1st Bn) 1940-44. Batman/Driver to Col W.D. Ellis.

Private E.J. Milnes (19189231), served 1947-48 2nd Bn Palestine 1949 2nd Bn King's Regt.

Private W.F. Parker (23915287), served 1962-64 C Company 5th Middlesex T.A.

Private E.I. Paris (T/62632), served 1937-40 2nd Bn. 1940-45 with RASC.

Private J.E. Sceats (2031416), served 1938-42 1/8th Bn, 1942-44 RAOC.

Private W.T. (Billy) Stagg (6200325), served 1931-40 2nd Bn and a member of that excellent soccer team. 1940-47 Queens Royal Regiment. 1952-54 Korea with Queens Royal Regiment.

Private P.E. Stammers (23402221), served 1957-59 1st Bn. Now a full time magician.

Private W.H. Thompson (22981646), served 1954-61, A Company 1st Bn.

Cpl M.F. Turton (23492821), served 1956-63, HQ Company Signals, 1st Bn.

Private R.C. Webb (23113858), served 1955-57 C Company 1st Bn.

L/Cpl P.F. Willis (14429566), served 1943-47 D Company 2/8th (1st Bn).

Private F.C. Wiltshire (14334947), served A Company 2nd Bn 1942-47.

Lieut P.F. Wookey (6464843 & 170490), served 1939-42 1/8th Bn, Commissioned Middlesex Regt 1.2.1941. Transferred to Royal Artillery 16.1.1942, to Class 'A' Reserve on 28.4.1946.

## OBITUARY

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

ABELL – On 13 August 1990, Squadron Leader James Martin Abell, aged 80 years.

Jim Abell's father was Major W.H. Abell, killed at Mons on 23 August 1914, whilst serving with our 4th Bn.

BLACKBURN – On 12 September 1990, Major Frederick Henry (Blackie) Blackburn (243710), aged 87 years.

Blackie joined the RAMC as a Private soldier on 28 October 1919, at the age of 16 years. On 21 January 1921 he transferred to the RAOC and in early 1922 transferred to the Middlesex Regiment. He joined the 1st Bn serving on the Rhine, Singapore, India and Sudan and U.K. until 1933 when he was transferred to the Reserve. He was recalled in 1939 serving at the Depot and on 9 September 1942 was granted a commission in the Royal Pioneer Corps with whom he served until 1946. One of his interesting stories is that he was responsible for starting the British War Memorial Cemetery at El Alamein in 1943. For many years he lived at Mill Hill and in 1987 moved to Sittingbourne, Kent, after the death of his wife. He was a regular correspondent. Capt P.J.A. Pielou attended the funeral – Blackie attended the trip to Hong Kong in 1989.

BRAND – On 23 November 1990, Sgt Charles Arthur Brand, aged 76 years.

Charlie Brand served with 7 Platoon, B Company, 2/8th (1st Bn) and went through the Normandy campaign. He was wounded on Hill 112 but returned to duty within six weeks. He left the 1st Bn at Lubecke on posting to the 2nd Bn in Egypt in June 1945 and on to Palestine in the December and demobilisation in early 1946.



**BUTLER** – On 8 December 1989, Lt Sidney Arthur Victor Butler, aged 92 years.  
Sidney Butler served in World War 1 with the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. During World War 2 he served in the Middlesex Home Guard. He became a Honorary Member of the Mill Hill Branch and the Regimental Association in the early 50's and attended many branch meetings as he lived at Hendon. In his will Sidney bequeathed £1,000 to the Regimental Charitable Fund.

**CORNER** – On 20 November 1990, Mrs L. Corner, widow of WO2 Viv Corner (6200915), who died on 7 February 1988.

**DANIELS** – On a date in June 1990, Private T.W. Daniels (89108), aged 90 years.  
He served with the 1st throughout World War 1 1914-19.

**DE GAYE** – On 8 July 1990, Major John De Gaye, aged 66 years.  
John was commissioned into the Regiment on 12 December 1942. I have no details of his war time service until he joined the 1st Bn in 1946 serving with the Bn in Rendsburg and Iserlohn. In 1948 he was appointed GSO3 Int GHQ MELF and in 1949 joined the Western Union Defence Organisation BAOR. In 1953 he served with the Royal Fusiliers in Korea and was wounded. His next posting was to SHA where he remained until his retirement on 30 April 1961.

**FAYERS** – On 28 October 1990, Private Stanley Robert Fayers (6214340), aged 75 years.  
He served with C Company, 1/7th Bn 1940-46 and only joined the Regimental Association in August. Sadly he had been confined to a wheel chair for many years. He recently had a holiday at the Queen Alexandra Hospital Home at Gifford House, Worthing, and was a member of a group which attended a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

**FORDHAM** – On 9 November 1990, Private Alec Fordham, aged 95 years.  
He joined the regiment at Mill Hill in 1914, trained with the 5th Bn at Chatham and was then posted to the 2/10th Bn in Egypt and the Palestine campaign. After the disbandment of the 2/10th Bn he served for another year with the Isle of Wight Rifles in the Sudan. He became blind during the last few years of his life. His son Reg tells me that he and his brother used to read parts of the newsletter to him and this gave him much enjoyment.

**HARPUR** – On 1 August 1990, Major Brian Harpur, MC, aged 72 years.  
Brian Harpur joined the Middlesex Regiment as a Private soldier in 1939 and was commissioned into the regiment in 1940 and was posted to the 1st Bn Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment. He saw service in Tunis, Sicily and Italy 1943-45, was Mentioned in Dispatches at Cassino and was awarded the Military Cross in the River Senio battle April 1945. He was Director of Associated Newspapers 1964-83, Responsible for Daily Mail Transatlantic Air Race 1969, Founder of Halley's Comet Society and author of "The Impossible Victory".

**HELLIADIS** – On 21 August 1989, Private Nicholas Henry Helliadis (6202746), aged 72 years.  
He enlisted during December 1935 and joined the 1st Bn in Singapore March 1936, serving with C and D Companies. He moved with the 1st Bn to Hong Kong in August 1937 and was taken P.O.W. on 25 December 1941. He survived the sinking of the Lisbon Maru on 1 October 1942, and served his POW days in Osaka Camp, Japan. He returned to UK in November 1945 and was discharged in May 1946.

**HOBSON** – On 28 June 1990, WO1 Albert Joseph Hobson (202820), aged 76 years.  
Bert Hobson enlisted on 1 February 1933 and on completion of his recruit training was posted to the 2nd Bn at Colchester. In March 1936 he joined the 1st Bn in Singapore and moved with the Bn to Hong Kong in August 1937. On 25 December 1941 he was taken POW with the remainder of the Bn. He survived the sinking of the Lisbon Maru on 1 October 1942, and served his POW days in Kobe Camp, Japan. He was repatriated to UK in October 1945. He kept diaries during his days as a guest of the Nips, seven survived which I (Secretary) now hold, sadly the remainder were lost during searches and had to be dumped in 'the buckets'. He was repatriated to UK in October 1945, and having served 12 years re-engaged to complete 22 years for pension. He was discharged on 31 January 1955. The very next day he re-enlisted into the RASC and eventually became a WO1 Chief Clerk. His last posting was to SEATO HQ, Thailand. In 1963 he saw a job opportunity in Bangkok and took his discharge. He and his wife remained in Bangkok until April 1990 when Bert became very ill and it was necessary for him and his wife Ethel to return to UK. On arrival in UK they were accommodated at Mais House, Bexhill on Sea. Sadly Bert died on 28 June. He was an excellent sportsman who excelled at Running, Cross Country and Boxing. At one time he was Groom to our President.

The funeral took place at Bexhill on Sea, the Regimental Flag draped the coffin and as Secretary I attended the funeral with my wife to respect a great friend and a comrade who I will sadly miss. The Royal British Legion staff who control Mais House were most helpful and assisted in every way possible providing a buffet tea and drinks for the mourners – the majority knew Bert and Ethel in Bangkok and had travelled long distances to attend the funeral. I would like to place on record the sterling work he did as a POW and was an inspiration to his fellow POW's. He had the gift of 'acquiring' a few luxuries from the docks, such as sugar, sardines etc, and getting them past the guards to share with the sick who were unable to work. The late Maj Gen Chris Man, Martin Weedon and Ewan would confirm my statement were they alive today. To Mrs Ethel Hobson our sincere condolences.

**HODGSON** – On 23 July 1990, Private George Gray Hodgson (6207383), aged 69 years.  
George Hodgson commenced his service with the 7th Bn on 3 May 1939, joining B Company 2/7th Bn in September 1939. During 1941 he was transferred to the Royal Engineers – his trade being Millwright.

**HONESS** – On 4 October 1990, Major S.E. Honess (Kim) (255799), aged 70 years.  
Kim Honess joined the Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment as a Private soldier in early 1942. On 12 December 1942 he was commissioned into the Middlesex Regiment and posted to the Royal Norfolk Regiment and then to the 1st Bn The Royal Hampshire Regiment. He was with this Bn in Normandy and was wounded and evacuated to the UK. He attended Staff College in 1947 and this was followed by a 18 month course at the London University learning Japanese. He joined the 1st Bn in Austria 1953 and was Adjutant of the Bn when new Colours were presented. In March 1956 he became DAAG HQ SW District, Taunton, retiring on 4 June 1959.

**HUGHES** – On 29 September 1990, Private Angus (Jock) Hughes (2978223), aged 76 years.  
He enlisted at Mill Hill on 11 January 1935 (as McEachran) and joined the 1st Bn in Singapore in March 1936. He moved with the Bn to Hong Kong during August 1937 and was taken POW 25 December 1941 and remained in Shamshuip Camp until 1943 when he was moved to Tokyo, Japan, and held in No. 1 Camp. He was repatriated to UK in October 1945 and transferred to the Army Reserve in May 1946. During his service he was a good sportsman especially at soccer. Sadly for many years he suffered serious illness and paid. Mr Tom Barnett kindly attended the funeral and the Regimental Flag draped the coffin.

**JACOB** – On 26 July 1990, Mrs Aubrey Beatrice de Vere Jacob, aged 85 years, widow of Major M.A. Jacob who died 17 May 1972, aged 68 years.

**JOHNS** – On 13 October 1990, Private Douglas John Johns, aged 72 years.  
He served with the 1/7th Bn 1939-45 and was a great friend of the late Mr Taffy Evans of Albuhera Close, Enfield.

**LAWRENCE** – On 26 September 1990, Private Kenneth Lawrence, aged 59 years.  
Ken Lawrence died very suddenly at work. He served with the 1st Bn in Korea 1950-51. He was a very smart soldier and carried the Standard for the Kent Branch of the Korean Veterans Association on many occasions. The funeral was attended by Major A.E.F. Waldron, Mr R. Fitch and Mr D. Galvin from the regiment. The Regimental Flag draped the coffin and various Standards from BKVA branches were in attendance. A bugler from the Royal Scots Fusiliers stationed at Canterbury sounded Last Post and Reveille.

**MAN** – On 29 September 1990, Mrs Georgina (Topsy) Man, loving wife of the late Maj Gen C.M.M. Man.  
The funeral took place at Blair Atholl on 4 October 1990 and the Regiment were represented by Mrs Kay Lawrence.

**MAKEWELL** – On 22 August 1990, WO2 William Robert Makewell, DCM (6189463), aged 89 years.  
'Sonny' Makewell enlisted on the 8 February 1919 and on completion of his recruit training joined the 2nd Bn overseas. Service in Germany, Singapore, India and Sudan followed until the Bn reverted to home establishment in December 1931. Service with the Bn at Colchester, Portsmouth and Gosport followed. In 1939 he was posted as PSI to the 1/7th Bn and went to France with the Bn. It was on 28 May 1940, just prior to the Dunkirk evacuation, that Sonny was recommended by the late Lt-Col B.B. Rackham for the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal, for conspicuous gallantry and leadership in the face of the enemy. The award was promulgated on 23 October 1940. He was later medically downgraded and spent the remainder of the war as A/RSM at the Weapon Training School, Purfleet, Hants. In 1946 he was posted to the 7th Bn stationed at Tottenham Drill Hall until his discharge in 1951. He immediately enlisted on a T.A. engagement of 4 years finally putting his feet up in 1955. In 1926 he married Rose, daughter of Private Byran, the Bn QM Storeman – a regimental marriage that lasted for 64



years.

The funeral took place on 30 August, the Regimental Flag draped the coffin. Members of the Dunkirk and the Royal British Legion attended the funeral with their Standards.

**PEARTON** – On 20 November 1989, Private Frederick J. Pearton (10439), aged 92 years.

Fred enlisted during May 1915 at Pound Lane and in June 1915 was posted to the 18th Bn then at Givinchy. He was wounded on the Somme on 22 June 1916 near Annequin Nortti. He returned to France in November 1916 and joined the 2nd Bn at Bethune and was with the Bn until wounded in the neck and taken POW on 26 March 1918.

**RANDALL** – On 21 June 1990, C/Sgt Alfred Francis Randall (2609284), aged 84 years.

Alf Randall commenced his service with the Grenadier Guards in 1932. At the outbreak of war in 1939 he joined the 1/8th Bn and became CQMS to A Company. He was at Dunkirk with the Bn and served throughout the war with the 1/8th Bn, finally being demobbed in September 1945.

**TAYLOR** – On 19 November 1990, Capt Ronald George Taylor, aged 74 years.

Ron Taylor enlisted during 1934 and on completion of his recruit training at Mill Hill joined the 2nd Bn Colchester. In 1935 he became a member of the 'Save Egypt' draft and joined the 1st Bn at Moascar. He returned to UK and the 2nd Bn in early 1936. His promotion was rapid becoming a Cpl and then Sgt on the Education staff. He went to France with the 2nd Bn in September 1939 and was stationed at Gondecourt. On 31 May 1940 evacuation from Dunkirk commenced. The Bn eventually concentrated at Bridestowe Camp, Devon, for coastal defence protection. Posting to the 1/7th Bn followed and he saw service in Sicily and Italy returning to UK in November 1943. Back to France with 21st Army Group just after D Day. On 10 October 1946 he was commissioned as Lt and shortly afterwards left the army. He then applied and was granted a short service commission and the following appointments followed – Garrison Adjutant West African Forces, Freetown, and then Gambia, followed by the same appointment at Lipstaadt and Munster, BAOR. He retired in 1951. He later was employed by Brown Brothers Ltd and Plessey Company Ltd.

**WARREN** – On 5 August 1990, Major Charles H. Warren, aged 93 years.

Major Warren served with the Middlesex Army Cadet Force for over 20 years.

**WELLER** – On 12 October 1990, Mrs Pamela Violet Weller, the widow of Major A.v. Weller who died in 1967.

**WHITE** – On 4 August 1990, Cpl Charles Frederick Kitchener White (6199494), aged 75 years.

Cpl White enlisted as a boy soldier on 4 September 1930 and joined the Band of the 1st Bn stationed at Colchester. He joined the Band of the 2nd Bn at the end of 1931 when that Bn reverted to Home Establishment and remained with them until he was medically discharged on 11 May 1946. He leaves a widow, Dorothy, who was the daughter of the late Major (QM) W.H. (Bill) Pilley.

**WILLIAMS** – On 20 May 1990, 2Lt Trevor Williams (G/40135), aged 94 years.

On 23 March 1916 he enlisted into the 26th (Bankers) Bn Royal Fusiliers. On 16 August 1916 he was a member of a draft of 150 who entrained for France. On arrival he was posted to our 12th Bn and took part in the battles of Thiepval, Albert, Arras and Passchendale. He was awarded the F.R.P.S. (Fellow Royal Photographic Society) on 26 November 1985.

## 51st (Highland) Division Pilgrimage to France 6 – 13 June 1990

At a Luncheon held in EDINBURGH in July 1987 Lt Gen Sir Derek Lang KCB DSO MC DL Chairman of the Divisional Dinner Club, proposed the idea of mounting a Pilgrimage to St. VALERY-en-Caux to take place in June 1990 to mark 50 years on from the historic stand made by Major General Victor Fortune's 1939/40 Division, which fought so valiantly there to hold up Rommel's encircling armour, until being finally forced to surrender on 12 June 1940, having afforded the BEF additional escape time at DUNKIRK.

Some 8000 of that first Division were captured around St. VALERY, many of whom were marched to POLAND, and then marched back into GERMANY when RUSSIA attacked from the West later in the War. One of these prisoners was Gordon Holmes who had joined 1 GORDONS at fourteen and a half years and was only fifteen years old when captured in one of the GORDONS Infantry Platoons in 1940. He became re-united with his Platoon Commander at the time, now Major Ogilvie (ret'd), during the recent Pilgrimage.

The plans formed by Gen. Lang who, after escape in 1940, was later to command 5 CAMERONS in the victorious action and return on 2 September 1944 by the "second" Division, in which 1/7th MIDDLESEX had been continuous part since 1941, finally came to fruition from the 6th to 13th June 1990. In attendance at the various functions were the Mayor of St. VALERY and his wife the deputy Mayoress, Area Prefects of FRANCE, Governmental Heads of Department, together with the Lord Provosts of ABERDEEN and PERTH, the PROVOSTS of INVERNESS and DUNDEE, and "veterans" from most of the Regiments and attached Formations and Corps of both the 1940 and 1944 Divisions. INVERNESS now is "twinning" with St. VALERY-en-Caux.

Sadly, through illness, Brigadier James Oliver CB CBE DSO TD DL the Division's President was unable to attend – sadly he died on 4 October.

Bearing in mind that some 150 plus Members and Guests formed the final total country-wide, it was decided to enlist the support of ROGAN'S BATTLEFIELD TOURS of NUNEATON, who, with Lt Col. Alastair Rose our Divisional Secretary, co-ordinated the entire movement operations from EDINBURGH and GLASGOW via LONDON in three coaches to PORTSMOUTH, thence to LE HAVRE overnight on 6/7 June, and return overnight CHERBOURG/PORTSMOUTH overnight on 12/13 June. Thanks to their excellent joint efforts we all arrived and returned safely, and our thanks to the three individual coach drivers and Couriers should also be recorded. In coach 'C' our driver was Roy Wednagh (from HULL) and our Courier Nevin Anthony (from DYFED), the latter having served with South Wales Borderers in KOREA and is no stranger to our 1 MIDDLESEX who had served there also.

From the very outset Gen Lang was insistent that full details of the project should be circulated to all Units involved with both the first (1939/40), and the second re-formed 1941/45 Divisions, and a wonderful feeling of Divisional belonging pervaded throughout, many members of the collective formations being able to meet up with one another for the first time in over 50 years. It is now hoped to maintain and build on this spirit even more in future Divisional gatherings.

It is interesting to note that the 1939/40 Division was supported by two Machine Gun Bns – The 7th (then) NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS and 1 KENSINGTONS of our sister TA Regiment. Also included in the Division then was the (then) 7th NORFOLKS, a Pioneer Bn in those days. A story of the latter Bn came to light where a Platoon Commander, who later came back in June 1944 as Major H J Walker later to win a DSO in the CAEN Bridgehead, with the NORFOLK Bn in 59 Division, escaped from St VALERY with 18 of his men by taking over a deserted French fishing boat which they found oarless and promptly rowed out to a British Destroyer using their shovels GS!

1/7th MIDDLESEX was represented on the Pilgrimage by the writer who, very fortunately, was joined on Sunday 11 June by Stanley Lewis (of our former QM the late Charles Trestain's Dept) and his wife Pat. They had come straight on from DUNKIRK and the DUNKIRK Veterans' Celebrations there, which were also attended by a number of our 1/7 Mx Bn members who had served in 1940 when the Bn supported Gen Montgomery's 3 Division in the BEF.

### Details of the Itinerary undertaken are as follows:-

Day 2. Thursday 7 June.

Disembarked LE HAVRE 0715 hrs. Drive through NEUFCHATEL and AMIENS to SOMME Battlefield 1914/18. Visits to LA BOISSELLE, THIEPVAL, and BEAUMONT HAMEL, and walk round NEWFOUNDLAND



PARK the Canadian Area. Pipers accompanied a moving "drum head" Service, conducted by Revd. Angus Smith RA Ch. Dept. followed by Wreath laying at the striking setting of the 1914/18 "Highlander" Memorial there, unveiled by Marshal FOCH on 28 Sept 1924. Also a view of the immense "LOCHNAGAR CRATER" near the Memorial, where the Germans undermined a vast expanse of the British front line causing a casualty figure of 8000 front line personnel. So great was the carnage at this point that, when Remembrance Services are held there, Flanders poppies are dropped into the "crater" to observe a poignant memory to so many Fallen. The zig-zag outlines of the front line trenches have also been left as grim reminders of the closeness of the 1914/18 fighting.

1430 hrs. Vin d'honneur in Village of WAILLY - BAILLON with the local Community. Guard of Honour formed by French Veterans.

1700 hrs. Visit to British/Canadian 1914/18 Cemetery at WARLOY for Service there.

1900 hrs. Late arrival after drive to DIEPPE for dinner and overnight stay in Hotel l'UNIVERS and two adjoining Hotels on sea front close to the Canadian 1942 Memorial.

#### Day 3. Friday 8 June

0915 hrs. Drove to ABBEVILLE Area to RV with M. Andre de Wailly the celebrated French author who has made a particular study of the 1939/40 fighting around St. VALERY, and has published several books already on this subject. En route, we were fortunate to hear the reminiscences of two members of our Party, Capt D H Macalister Hall and Mr Mackie, who had actually fought there with 7 A & S H in June 1940. This pattern was to be followed during the next 4 days as individual members in the respective coaches were able to offer first hand comments on their experiences in June 1940, and then on the return with the second Division in June/July 1944 when we reached the NORMANDY Bridgehead Area. Against overwhelming odds in German armour and fire power 7 A (S H) lost over 500 in killed and wounded in June 1940 in this Area - a devastating experience.

1315 hrs. We reached the British Cemetery at MAREUIL - CAMBERT for a Wreath Laying Ceremony, and here we found a number of graves of 4 CAMERONS (of which Gen. LANG was the Adjutant then in 1940), and of 4 SEAFORTHES, Lt Col Alastair Rose played the Pipes as a lone Piper at this Cemetery.

1330 hrs. On the outskirts of ABBEVILLE our whole Party joined up at the Chateau Bagatelle, the home of M. and Mme. de Wailly, where we were entertained to a Barbeque in their garden - a delightful setting in beautiful weather and extremely relaxing after having travelled so far and seen so much in the short time since our arrival.

1720 hrs. On the way back to DIEPPE we made a brief stop at GRANDCOURT Cemetery where Gordon Holmes found the grave of his friend "Georgie Porgy" CATO killed alongside him on 11 June 1940, almost 50 years on from that fateful date. He had travelled from COTTINGHAM N Humberside to pay this tribute to his long lost friend.

1830 hrs. Back to DIEPPE to Hotels. 51(H) Div Dinner Club members representing their respective Regt Units were then driven by courtesy of KENT YEOMANRY (1940 Division members) in their coach to Hotel in St. VALERY to attend Dinner hosted by Gen. and Lady Lang to the Civic Dignitaries of St. VALERY on behalf of the whole Highland Divisional Party.

#### Day 4. Saturday 9 June

Morning free in DIEPPE.

1315 hrs. Left Hotels in DIEPPE in our three coaches for drive to St. VALERY.

1400 hrs. Assembled at (Aberdeen Granite. 20 tons) Cliff Top 1940 Memorial to 51 (H) Div. unveiled on 10 June 1950 by "Tartan Tam" Maj Gen D N WIMBERLEY former GOC of second Division in honour of those fallen in 1939/45.

1430 hrs. Raising of Colours. Wreath laying. Presentation to present day Pipers of newly embroidered H D Pipe Banners, and three Pipers then played "Heroes of St. VALERY".

1500 hrs. Drove to Military Cemetery in St. VALERY. French Bands played Marseillaise, The Belgian, and our National Anthems. French Gendarmerie Band very good.

1515 hrs. Wreath laying Ceremonies and Speeches. French Gendarmerie and our Pipers played alternately.

1630 hrs. Drive to HOUDETOT for a very moving short Service conducted by Revd Smith over Graves of 1st Bn BLACK WATCH and members of the 5th demi-Brigade of CHASSEURS ALPINS who fought and fell together and were then buried by French villagers in their small Churchyard. One present day 51 Volunteer Bde Piper played very movingly at this short Service.

1930 hrs. Back to Hotels then off to Mayor's Celebration Dinner with Townspeople to our whole Party at Sports Hall in St. VALERY. Sadly had to leave early due to our coach drivers being 'on limit' on Tachometers. A great pity as we missed the "pudding" course said to have been excellent with Benedictine sauce accompaniment!

#### Day 5. Sunday 10 June

05 hrs. Left DIEPPE Hotels for St. VALERY.

1000 hrs. Assembled in Old Church in St. VALERY.

1030 hrs. Service headed by Bishop of Area (ROUEN) followed by Dedication of Highland Division Stained Glass Window (by the same designer who created the OUISTREHAM Church Window dedicated in June 1988). This one depicting the Port of St. VALERY as if seen from the air, embellished with bright red panes depicting the Town burning in 1940, and with barred lines surrounding to represent the closing German armour, and then entwined Roses for FRANCE and Thistles for SCOTLAND shining from lighter coloured panes to herald return, victory, and ultimate relief in 1944. This beautiful Window is the gift of the Scottish people of the Districts from whence came the Highland Regiments. The Pipe Major then played "The Mist Covered Mountains of Home". After Church the Parade formed up in the Place de la Guerre, awaited there by Pipes and Drums 153 Highland Arty Sp Regt RCT (V) with one Piper from each 51 HIGHLAND VOLUNTEER Bns.

Order of March	(1) Local Police Band
	(2) VIP'S
	(3) PIPES & DRUMS
	(4) 1 PL present day 1 ARGYLL & SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS
	(5) Detachment GORDONS ACF
	(6) 51 HD VETERANS
	(6) FRENCH VETERANS

Parade marched past the Mayor outside the Marie followed by the Presentation of the St. VALERY Medallion 1940/1990 by the children to the 1940 Veterans.

1200 hrs. Vin d'honneur at Sports Hall. At this Function the writer presented a MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL SHIELD to mark the 1/7th Bn's participation in all the Division's Campaigns from EL ALAMEIN to BREMERHAVEN, and this will now hang proudly alongside the Highland Regiments' Shields in the Salle des Ecosses in St. VALERY.

1500 hrs. Military Music Festival at Stadium G. GAULARD including Pipes and Drums.

1630 hrs. Left for BAYEUX for fresh Hotels there prior to visiting NORMANDY Bridgehead. (A welcome drink and early night!)

#### Day 6. Monday 11 June

0915 hrs. Left BAYEUX Hotels to visit British Sector of NORMANDY Operations June/July 1944. Drove via CAEN to RANVILLE and British Left Flank. Visited RANVILLE Cemetery. 2562 Burials in RANVILLE of which 2151 are British. See detailed separate List, kindly prepared by Stanley Lewis during June 1988 OUISTREHAM visit showing names of 24 Members of MIDDLESEX, KENSINGTONS, and MIDDLESEX Commando Unit members at Rest in RANVILLE Cemetery. Personal tribute laid by the writer on behalf of 7 Pl. "B" Coy on grave of Sgt J H Harris K.I.A. ESCOVILLE 26.6.44. Searched for grave of Capt Norman Shippam our Bn Signals Officer who died of wounds received in the Bridgehead, but unable to find his grave in either RANVILLE or BAYEUX Cemeteries in the time available. Further Areas visited by the Party were PEGASUS BRIDGE, COURSEULLES and JUNO BEACH, ARROMANCHES and GOLD BEACH and various Museums.



11.30 hrs. Whilst in the NORMANDY Bridgehead we also visited Ste. HONORINE la Chardronnette, scene of fierce fighting until finally taken on 22 June, and where our Bn Machine Guns of 13 and 14 Platoons of "D", 12 Pl of "C" and 7 Pl of "B" Companies were all engaged under command of their respective Infantry Bns to add to the H D fire power there. Ste. HONORINE Church has since been re-built from the ruins we knew, and evoked many memories amongst our Party. Major John Lang MC and his Signaller/Wireless Operator "Arthur", formerly of 128 (Highland) Fd Regt RA, both in "C" coach vividly recalled their time in the Church tower. It was in Ste. HONORINE that Sgt Len Faiers, Int. Sgt of our "D" Coy found a copy of the German Order of Battle of this Sector, which was immediately passed back to our Intelligence at Div HQ. He later received a congratulatory signal from Lt Col Andrew Man, our CO then. We also recollected the commotion created by 2 Tanks from the Polish Arm'd Bde which trundled up to the outer Village wall near the orchard to "stand by" until clattering away amidst more noise at "first light" the next morning.

Before leaving NORMANDY we also visited St. SAMSON CHURCH in OUISTREHAM where the earlier HD Window was dedicated on 4 June 1988. This window features the Badges of the 16 Regiments and Corps which formed the 'second' Division.

17.00 hrs. Return to BAYEUX Hotels for last overnight stay there.

#### Day 7. Tuesday 12 June

a.m. After breakfast luggage into coaches. Morning free in BAYEUX. Visited new Museum housing Bayeux Tapestry, and also visited Cathedral.

1400 hrs. Departed for AMERICAN SECTOR. Visited OMAHA BEACH, VIERVILLE, CARENTAN, URAH BEACH, and Ste. MERE EGLISE. An interesting topic at Ste. MERE EGLISE, perpetuated in realistic plastic showing the outline effigy of an American Paratrooper John Steele caught by his rigging on the Church Spire. He was shot in one foot, but feigned death. Later brought down still surviving. Some years later he re-visited the scene, and happened to meet the German Commandant of that Sector who recalled the incident, and was also re-visiting the area on the same day. Both said to have shaken hands.

Visited AMERICAN CEMETERY in CHERBOURG. 9384 graves from 1944 Assault Landings. Further tablet showing names of 1500 with no graves as bodies taken back to USA in so called "coffin ships" for later burial there according to next of kin wishes. Before leaving the Area most interesting to see the remains existing out to sea of the famous MULBERRY HARBOUR.

2100 hrs. Embarked CHERBOURG for overnight ferry return to PORTSMOUTH. Dinner and Breakfast on board.

#### Day 8. Wednesday 13 June

0630 hrs. Arrived PORTSMOUTH with the three coaches used throughout. Many old friendships had been renewed, and new ones made. Altogether a great and lasting experience.

#### Acknowledgements

Most of the Hotels used were family owned and well run, and welcomed us most warmly. Mr Rogan the Principal of ROGAN'S BATTLEFIELD TOURS of NUNEATON travelled with the Party, and with his Couriers, one to each coach were most helpful. The Couriers soon fell in with us and asked for personal anecdotes during the daily coach journeys, and some H D stories will undoubtedly be woven into the fabric of their future commentaries!

#### Thanks

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- (2) Thanks also to Stanley Lewis HQ Coy 1/7 Mx for joining up with me at St. VALERY, and also for providing the very detailed information from the RANVILLE Cemetery and Window photos.
- (3) My thanks too to Major Peter Watson MC of 1 BW for the sight of his notes to supplement my own, particularly for the 1940 events.
- (4) My thanks to Sgt John HORN of "D" Coy, back home now in EDINBURGH for verifying our Bn movements re Ste. HONORINE.
- (5) My thanks also to Geoffrey DURAND and George BAKER of 128 (Highland) Fd Rgt RA for maps and comments during coach trips.
- (6) One last word to capture the spirit engendered between 51 (H) Division and 1/7 Mx which remains so strongly to this day. A retired now, latter day BLACK WATCH W.O., related to me how one night he had led a patrol out but got off course in the dark on the way back so decided to lie low in a wood until just before "first light", when he ordered the patrol to grope their way back following him in the direction of the FDL's. Suddenly round the hazy outline of a bush he was confronted by a sharp eyed Machine Gun Section Commander on "Standto" who challenged him with "Wot d'yer think you're doing down there mate?" "Never", said the W.O., "was I so pleased to see the MIDDLESEX again than I was then".

CROMER, 7 Sep. 1990.

Alan Carter

#### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT SGTS AND O. RANKS AT REST IN RANVILLE

1	Biddell	H	Cpl	5958781	1/7	Mx	12.6.44
2	Brown	A	Pte	14361513	1/7	Mx	12.6.44
3	Eyles	F J	Pte	6200921	2nd	Mx	7.6.44
4	Fromont	E	Pte	6213385	1/7	Mx	19.7.44
5	Seymour-Harmer	F	Pte	6211476	1st	Mx	21.8.44
6	Harper	R	Pte	6469606	Mx Reg & No 6 Comm.		7.6.44
7	Harris	J H	Sgt	6204823	1/7	Mx	26.6.44
8	Hine	R	Pte	6203065	1/7	Mx	13.6.44
9	Hughes	R	Pte	14362892	1/7	Mx	13.6.44
10	Jeffery	T	Pte	6211305	2nd	Mx	6.6.44
11	Luxton	H W	Sgt	6208159	1/7	Mx	18.6.44
12	Lyas	R	Sgt	6212181	1/7	Mx	12.6.44
13	Meakin	N	Pte	6209357	1/7	Mx	28.7.44
14	Nelson	C	Pte	6851489	2nd	Mx	6.6.44
15	Norris	T	Pte	14167787	2nd	PLKR	3.8.44
16	Parry	D C	Pte	14337567	2nd	Mx	19.7.44
17	Philbin	M	Pte	3191700	1/7	Mx	18.7.44
18	Poole	E J	Sgt	6212217	1st	PLKR	16.7.44
19	Rance	S M	Pte	6202864	1/7	Mx	12.7.44
20	Taylor	W A	Pte	3662798	1/7	Mx	15.6.44
21	Thompson	H F	Sgt	6201215	2nd	Mx	19.7.44
22	Tomlinson	H	Pte	4132886	1/7	Mx	12.6.44
23	Whittle	C	Pte	14337435	Mx Regt & No 3 Comm		14.6.44
24	Yardley	A W	Pte	13089006	1/7	Mx	3.7.44



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