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#### FORECAST OF EVENTS 1994

- 5 March Queen's Regiment All Ranks Reunion, Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London W2. commencing 6.30 p.m.
- 21 March Regimental Association Executive Meeting at Conference Room, Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, London SW3, at 6.30 p.m.
- 30 April 1/7th Bn (1939-45) Luncheon at the T.A. Centre, Priory Road, Hornsey, London N8. Assemble 12 noon.
- 30 April 2/10th Bn (1914-18) OCA Luncheon at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2. Assemble 12 noon.
- 6 May Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club Dinner at the Naval and Military Club (IN and OUT), 94 Piccadilly, London W1. Assemble 7.15 p.m.
- 7 May Albuhera Service of Remembrance, Regimental Chapel, St Paul's Cathedral, commencing at 2.30 p.m.
- Annual Reunion at the Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London W2, commencing at 6.30 p.m. AGM 7.30 p.m.
- 10 May 9th Bn Officers Club Annual Dinner at the Royal Overseas League, Park Place, St James's, London SW1. Assemble 12.15 p.m.
- 22 May Annual Inspection of Albuhera Close, Enfield, by the Housing Sub Committee, commencing 9.30 a.m.
- 1 June Meeting of the Regimental Finance Committee in the Offices of Cooper Lancaster Brewers, 8th Floor of Aldwych House, 81 Aldwych, London WC2B 4HP. Assemble 7 p.m.
- 17 September Korean Club Reunion, Victory Services Club, London W2, commencing 6.30 p.m.
- 6 October 2/7th Bn OCA Reunion Luncheon at the Victory Services Club, London W2. Assemble 11.45 a.m.
- 8 November Annual Meeting of the Housing Sub Committee, 6.45 p.m. Conference Room, Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, London SW3.
- 12 November Ceremony at Field of Remembrance, Westminster, London SW1. To be held inside the Middlesex Guildhall, opposite Westminster Abbey. Assemble 10.40 a.m.
- 13 November 2/10th Bn (1914-18) OCA Remembrance Day Service at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick, London W4, at 3 p.m.
- November 7th Bn Remembrance Service, Parish Church of St Mary and St George, Hornsey, London N8. Assemble 10.30 a.m.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am taking this opportunity to wish you all good health, a Happy and Merry Christmas together with a Prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing a lot more of you around next 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 Regimental Secretary.

#### BENEVOLENCE

During the period 1 January to 30 November 1993 the sum of £11,451 has been expended assisting 67 members of the Regiment and their families. The Army Benevolent Fund and the Royal British Legion contributed £5008. As a result of an application by the Regimental Association the Army Benevolent Fund approved a bursary of £3000 per year for 2 years to enable a son of a member of our Regiment to complete his 'A' level studies.



## DONATIONS TO THE CHARITABLE FUND

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

- a. A donation of £40 from the 2/7th Old Comrades Association plus a personal donation of £25 from Mr A.W.J. Brown.
- b. A donation of £100 from Miss D. Daniels in memory of her brother Private Harry William Daniels (6206541), who died on 3 June 1993.

## DONATIONS

The following donations have been made:

- a. A donation of £150 to B company, London Regiment to assist with their parade expenses on 1 August.
- b. A donation of £25 to the Distinguished Conduct Medal League's 140th Anniversary Appeal.
- c. A donation of £250 to the St Dunstan's Appeal.

## RECEPTION AT THE NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

Brig Tony Pielow, President of the Regimental Association and Lt-Col Tom Chattey, Chairman of the Regimental Museum Trust hosted a lunch on Friday 1 October at the National Army Museum. Guests included Col Sir Greville-Spratt, Honorary Colonel of the London Regiment, Mr Ian Robertson, Director of the National Army Museum, Deputy Honorary Colonels, (City of London Fusiliers Company, London Scottish Company), the Commanding Officer and Officers of the London Regiment, Members of the National Army Museum Staff together with some 40 members of the Regimental Association.

In his address Brig Tony Pielow talked about our close links with the London Regiment and mentioned how well B(The Queen's Regiment) Company were carrying forward many of the traditions and customs of the Middlesex Regiment. He also mentioned the liaison and continuing contact we have with the North West London Army Cadet Force. The competition for the Middlesex Regimental Cane, presented by Gen Chris Man, awarded annually to the best all-round cadet still takes place and the cadets are aware of and support the strong connections to the Middlesex Regiment.

Col Tom Chattey spoke about the decision that he and the Museum Trustees took to move the Middlesex Regimental Museum into the National Army Museum. He said that 23 Old Comrades, representing battalions of the Regiment and branches of the Association, had attended the inaugural reception held at the NAM on Albuhera Day last year. The main purpose then was to explain the role of the NAM and their intentions for the future of our museum memorabilia. The success of that reception had decided the Trustees to greatly increase the numbers attending this year and thus provide more Old Comrades with this special opportunity to view the regimental artefacts in their new and enhanced surroundings. He reiterated that obviously it was not possible to display the full range of regimental relics but he was pleased to see that already there were a considerable number of our items on display around the Museum.

He expressed the thanks and appreciation of everyone for the generous hospitality of the Directors and Staff of the NAM, and said that it was a clear demonstration of the close and very successful liaison which had grown between the two organisations. He drew everyone's attention to the regimental flag flying at the entrance to the NAM.

He was certain that the decision made to move was the right one in that the National Army Museum had the Staff, the knowledge and the facilities to maintain and preserve our memorabilia and artefacts for the future.

The Director, Mr Ian Robertson, said how pleased he was to welcome us all. His Staff are now cataloguing and repairing/maintaining, where necessary, the many items taken over from the Middlesex Collection and that during the course of the next few months many more items would appear on display. He said there would be a large Middlesex presence in the new Victorian Gallery now under construction and due to be opened later this year. He hoped that members of the Association would call in to the Museum to view the new gallery once it was open. He mentioned that he had a strong family connection with the Regiment in that members of his family had served in or were connected to the Middlesex Regiment for many years, and that the Victoria Cross of his uncle, Captain Maurice Toye (2nd Bn 1916) was now included in the display. Finally he said that entry to the museum was free and that all are welcome.

## ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL

Forty seven members of the Regimental Association, their wives and friends attended the Annual Remembrance Service at the Middlesex Guildhall on Saturday the 13th of November 1993. The Service was conducted by the Rev Gus Jones, our Padre in Korea. Brigadier Tony Pielow, our President, read the Exhortation that was followed by two minutes silence. He then laid a wreath from all members of the Association inscribed "To the memory of those Diehards who made the supreme sacrifice 1755 to 1966". Lt Col John Hewson, our Chairman, read the lesson taken from The Wisdom of Solomon, Chapter 3 verses 1 - 9. The service ended by the congregation saying the collects of the Middlesex and the Princess of Wales's Regiment. A glass of sherry was enjoyed by all before leaving. It was very pleasing to see such a good turn out.



*Hounslow Branch on parade.*

## 1st BN (2/8th)

Roy Bishop, ex CQMS of D Company reports that due to falling numbers due to deaths, illnesses, etc., the Biennial Lunch due to take place on 7 May 1994 is cancelled.

However, he states that he is looking forward to seeing you at the Regimental Annual Reunion and the Albuhera Service of Remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral taking place on that day.

As we are approaching the 50th Anniversary of the Normandy campaign and as a number of members have contacted me with regard to visiting this area in June 1994 it is advisable to book the crossing as soon as possible due to heavy demand. Some hotels in Normandy are already fully booked for June. I have already booked Portsmouth/Caen crossing for the 4 June 1994 and will be making my way via Villers Bocage to the cemetery at St Charles de Percy where a number of Middlesex personnel are buried. A well attended ceremony and civic function is arranged by the Mayor and civic dignitaries and I am looking forward to meeting you there on 6 June.



## 2/7th BATTALION ANNUAL REUNION

The forty eighth Annual Reunion of the Old Comrades Association of the Battalion took place at the Victory Services Club on Thursday 10 October 1993, under the Chairmanship of Lt-Col R.E. Robotham, MC, TD.

There was again a splendid attendance of 66 including guests at the luncheon organised by the Association's Secretary, Mr A. Fairhead. In addition to the presence of Lt-Col Tom Chattey and Major Frank Waldron, guests of many years, the Association was delighted to welcome for the first time Brig B.A.M. Pielow, JP, Lt-Col J.M. Hewson, MC, and Major R.E.B. Morris, MBE.

Many had travelled long distances to be present, and letters of regret had been received from as far afield as the USA.

At the luncheon there was circulated part of a copy of "The Times of Tuesday 4 June 1811", which reported Marshal Sir William Beresford's Dispatch regarding the Battle of Albuhera, to which it is worth referring. There are two items of particular interest:-

- a. "... and it was observed that our dead, particularly the 57th Regiment, were lying, as they had fought, in ranks, and every wound was in the front."
- b. "... nothing could exceed the conduct and gallantry of Colonel Inglis, at the head of his Regiment."

Alfred Goldman

## 7th MIDDLESEX WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 1993

Once again on Remembrance Sunday the Parish of St. Mary & St. George, in which is our Chapel, welcomed members of The Regimental Association, our successor unit B Company The London Regt TA, the Highgate School CCF and the Hornsey ACF at the Service, and built their Remembrance round us.

The church was very full, as always their normal congregation was there in force, and was swelled by B Coy in its entirety and a large contingent from Highgate School and the ACF; our own Old Comrades were swelled by the recently formed Enfield Branch and their Standard, plus the Queens Regt Association Hornsey Branch.

The Service was opened by the Enfield Standard being received at the Chancel by the Rector, the Rev. Geoffrey Seabrook MA, and then followed by the Procession of the Wreath Bearers and Clergy and Church officers to the Memorial Chapel.

There the Exhortation was said, followed by the Silence and the Laying of Wreaths; these were laid by representatives of the 7th Middlesex Officers Club, The Hornsey Branch of the Diehards, the Enfield Branch, the Queens Hornsey Branch, B Company The London Regt and the ACF.

During the Recession from the Chapel the Regimental Hymn was sung by the Choir and Congregation.

The Lesson was read by Lt. Col. D.E. Simpson TD, and the Rector gave a very inspiring Address, which was very relevant using the 75th Anniversary of the 1918 Armistice as a core.

Following a March Past by the uniformed bodies and the Old Comrades when the Salute was taken by Lt. Col. Simpson accompanied by the Rector, we all enjoyed the hospitality of B Company at Hornsey.

Once again very grateful thanks are due to the Rector of Hornsey and his Church Wardens, Church Officials and Choir for their great interest and welcome to the 7th Battalion Old Comrades and the others present on this Day.

D.E.S.

## 7th MIDDLESEX OFFICERS' CLUB

The 66th Annual Dinner of the 7th Middlesex Officers' Club was held at the Officers' Mess 8th Queens' Fusiliers, St John's Hill, Battersea, London SW11 on Thursday 11 November 1993.

Lt-Col J.D. Gunnell presided and the guests were: Maj P. Bateman, Mr I. Robertston, F/O J.A. Rook, Capt J. Seabrook, Lt-Col P.R.P. Swanson, Mr N.S. Young.

The following members attended: Maj S.J. Atkinson-Carter, Col I.D. Brotherton, Maj D.J. Burbidge, Maj H.E. Couch, Capt M.J.S. Doran, Capt S. M. Enthoven, Maj D. Harwood, Maj S.L.J. Henshaw, Lt S.B. Hurst, Capt J.K. Laurence, Maj C.L. Lawrence, Maj R.J. Leighton, Capt D.O. Mansfield Thomas, Maj E.J. Naish, Lt P.J. Ottino, Maj B. St G.A. Reed, Lt-Col G.C.D. Scott-Lowe, Lt-Col D.E. Simpson, Capt J. Spencer Richards, Col D.R.W. Thomas, Capt G.J. Young.

The following members expressed their regret for not being able to attend but sent greetings to all their friends: Maj G.G. Andrews, Col F.G. Barber, Right Rev Mgr R.A. Brown, Maj A.B. Carter, Col A.S.J. de S. Clayton, Maj P.D.J. Clarke, Lt F.R. Fenton, Capt J.R.W. Fisher, Lt-Col P.J. Hall, Capt P.J.T. Lane, Col A.M. Man, Lt J. McMaster, Maj D.L. Margand, Capt F.S. Mayman, Maj G.G. Norton, Lt J.A. van de Pol, Maj A.J.D. Salter, Capt J.K.E. Slack, Lt-Col P.A.D. Storie-Pugh, Lt J.R. Spooner, Maj R.F. Sykes, Maj R.L. Usher, Maj F. Webb.

The following notice was placed in the Daily Telegraph on 11 November.

7th MIDDLESEX REGIMENT - In memory of the 95 Officers and 948 Other Ranks of the two battalions of the 7th Middlesex who, during the Great Wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45, fell gloriously on the field of battle in order that right might triumph over wrong and that peace and happiness might reign in the world. They will never be forgotten by their comrades. Pro Rege, Patria Et Laribus.

## KOREAN CLUB REUNION

The Korean Club reunion was held on Saturday 18 September at the Victory Services Club and was again a success. The numbers attending were slightly down on previous years. Col Andrew Man, together with Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, and Major R.E.B. and Mrs Morris, attended. It was good to see Majors Geoff Norton and Chris Lawrence looking so well.

A surprise guest was a Korean friend by the name of Kyufic Kwan who in 1950-51 was being cared for by HQ and D Companies acting as an interpreter. For the past year he has been living in Bicester and working as a Professor at Oxford University.

For the first time ever Tony Lofts, Secretary, was unable to attend the reunion. His excuse was 'Patricia and I were in sunny Antigua attending the wedding of their son'. Tony also tells the story of one of the witty remarks of the late Rev Quinlan. 'One of his problems during his recent illness was that his legs finally gave way and on one occasion he fell out of bed. As the nurses helped him back to bed one of them slipped and fell on him. Naturally she was very embarrassed and apologised, to which Rev Quinlan immediately replied - Don't worry about it my dear, I've been waiting 50 years for that to happen.'

## THE LONDON REGIMENT PARADE

Both the Hounslow and Enfield Branches followed their Standards when the Old Comrades Marched Passed at the Inauguration Parade of the London Regiment that was held at the Duke of York's Headquarters on the 1 of August, some 30 Members of the Association being present. The Diehard Contingent was led by Majors Richard Thornton, Hounslow Branch and Ron Morris, the Association Secretary. Much comment was made on the ancestry of the London Regiment in that no less than five of the original Rifle Volunteer Corps, from which the Regiment is descended, were from Middlesex.

The Middlesex Guidon recently presented by the Regimental Association to B Company The London Regiment had pride of place in front of B Company Tent and was much admired by all. Brigadier Tony Pielow, the Deputy Colonel (B Coy) The London Regiment visited the Regiment in Camp at Worcop 15 - 17 October.





*A display of Drums and Regimental Silver at the Review of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regimental (Queen's and Royal Hampshires) held at Canterbury on the 7th June 1993. Clearly seen is the print of "Steady the Drums and Fifes" in the centre and the Middlesex Regimental Guidon on the right of the picture. The Guidons of our Forbear Regiments were initially introduced in the 1st Battalions of The Queen's Regiment in Berlin in 1971 by Brig. Tony Pielow when he was Commanding and when Major Ron Morris was the Quartermaster. They were allocated to Companies and carried on parade on ceremonial occasions.*

#### THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S ROYAL REGIMENT (QUEEN'S AND ROYAL HAMPSHIRE)

After the splendid ceremonial of the Royal Review of the Regiment by HRH The Princess of Wales at Canterbury on 9 June, life for the battalions quickly returned to normal. The 1st Battalion trained for Northern Ireland and deployed to the Province in September. The 2nd Battalion ran the United Kingdom Land Forces Mortar Concentration on Salisbury Plain and then also trained for Ulster before moving there in early December. The 5th Battalion had their TA camp at Wathgill and the 6th/7th Battalion went for theirs in Okehampton.

Ceremonial has not been completely forgotten, however. B (Queen's Regiment) Company took their rightful place at the Inauguration Parade of the newly formed London Regiment at the Duke of York's Headquarters on 1 August, and our 1st Battalion band is participating in a tour of North America this autumn by a composite band of The Queen's Division.

As The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment celebrated its first birthday in September it looked back with pride on several sporting successes. The Regiment has won both the Infantry Football and Infantry Cricket Championships, the Army Judo Competition and the Territorial Army Orienteering. It was also runner-up in the Army Boxing and secured a handsome clutch of medals in the Cambrian Patrol Competitions.

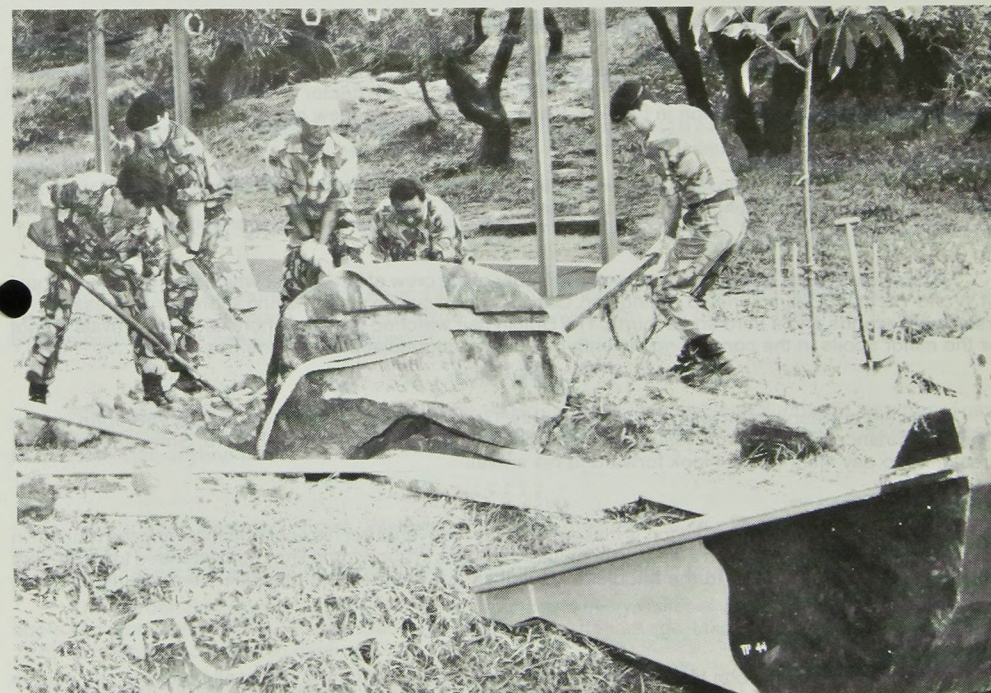
The new Regiment is making great efforts to get its name more widely known throughout its recruiting counties in South East England. We have been assisted in this by the Ministry of Defence who have used us in their recent pilot study into Army 'Marketing'. Meanwhile the Regiment has been conducting its own internal study of how it should be shaped for the future. With a background of no less than seven famous forbear regiments until just over 30 years ago, it is hoped to find some common thread without losing too much of the history and traditions which it has inherited. One thing is certain, the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment will continue to be tremendously grateful for all the support and encouragement given to it by all its affiliated Regimental Associations, including, of course, the Middlesex Regiment (DCO).

#### TYNDARIOS MEMORIAL STONE HEADS HOME

A 2-ton memorial to an almost forgotten World War 1 tragedy is on its way to Britain, courtesy of Sappers from the Queen's Gurkha Engineers.

The men of the Plant Section, 70 Support Squadron, Queens Gurkha Engineers, were called in to recover the 1-metre high Tyndarios Stone from its position high on The Peak on Hong Kong Island. It has been there for some 70 years, erected by the Commanding Officer of the 25th Battalion of The Middlesex Regiment, Lt-Col John Ward, CB, CMG, MP Stoke on Trent, in memory of the men of his battalion who died when their troopship 'Tyndarios' struck a German mine off South Africa in 1917. The Tyndarios was on passage to Hong Kong where the battalion was to take up Garrison duties.

The stone is now in storage in Hong Kong awaiting shipment to the United Kingdom where it will pass into the hands of the Middlesex Regimental Association, who have arranged for the National Army Museum to accept this memorial for display.



*The Tyndarios Stone breaks ground in Hong Kong, courtesy of the Queen's Gurkha Engineers.*



## 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF HOLLAND

The 51st Highland Division are arranging to visit Holland from the 22nd to the 31st of October 1994 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the liberation of that Country.

Members of the Regiment (particularly the 1/7th Battalion) who are interested and wish to join the party going across to Holland can obtain further details from the Secretary of the 1/7th Battalion, Tony White, 19 Bridgewater House,

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## PERSONAL JOTTINGS

Ron Bush, Ex 1st Bn FEPOW, now living in New Zealand recently visited the UK and we spoke on the telephone. He has promised to visit me on his next UK visit.

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Former CSgt Pat Dive retired this summer from Eastbourne College where he was Head Porter for the past 26 years. During his employment he took up many new hobbies, including playing the saxophone, ringing the bells in All Saints Church, acting as umpire at hockey matches and teaching ballroom dancing to the sixth form with the aid of his wife, Ann. They had two children, Caroline is a doctor involved in cancer research and Philip who obtained a commission in the A.G. Corps. We await Pat's new address.

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Major Pat and Kitty Donovan have decided to move to Dundee shortly. They wish to be near Patrick and family. Jimmy Wild is arranging for Pat to be fitted with a KILT and a TRUSS.

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Chris Fox, son of Capt Murray Fox, was a member of the crew of Ian Walker which won the International 14 World Yachting Championship in Kingston, Canada, with a race to spare, having scored an impressive two firsts, two seconds and a third and a fourth. The British pair watched from the shore as their 87 rivals fought for the minor spoils in the concluding seventh race. Our congratulations to Chris Fox.

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A recent correspondent was John J. Hennebury, Cpl Clerk to myself in Cyprus 1955-58. John is now Divisional Finance Officer, Technical Equipments Division, MOD Donnington, Telford, Shropshire. He has threatened to pay me a visit - I look forward to his arrival.

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Nice to know that Barbie Clayton is making a steady recovery after his accident following the reunion in May. Col Aymar also recently had a week in hospital but is back in good form. They both intended to be present at the Remembrance Service in the Middlesex Guildhall but weather and distance were against the long journey.

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A recent visitor was John Herbert from Canterbury, who cycled the 6 miles, all up hill, to see me. He served with the 1st Bn in Korea and is a great reader of past regimental histories.

Our best wishes to Ken Horton (6208173), 2nd Bn 1939-42, when he was wounded. He has had a trying year, his wife died in February and he recently suffered a stroke but is back home.

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Former members of the WOs and Sgts Mess (I was one), 1st Bn stationed in Rendsburg 1946-47 will remember a young German lad named Jimmie aged about 12 who became our mascot and we dressed him up with a battle dress and beret. One day RSM McLoughlin caught him with a button undone and gave him an awful rollicking. In early June this year, 46 years later, he found Lynsore Bungalow and spent the afternoon with me on the famous garden seat, and we had a tipple. He is now a business man (Imports/Exports) and asked me to get a party of former members of the Sgts Mess together and visit Rendsburg for a week at his expense. Sadly members of that period are thin on the ground but if you are interested drop me a line.

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Nice to hear from George Hyland who served with the 1st Bn in Korea.

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Jacko Jaques spoke to me on the telephone recently. He is now 82 and continues to visit hospital for treatment to his legs but is almost housebound. His son David is a great help. As soon as he speaks I say to myself "the same old Jacko" always good for a story.

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All members of the Regimental Association will want to wish Tony Lofts a speedy recovery from his eye problem. He is due to see the Consultant again at the end of December and if the eyes are not clear by then he will operate straight away and hopefully prevent further problems.

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It was good to hear from former CSM Bob Lomax (6197213), now 84 years of age and our senior FEPOW. Bob sends Christmas greetings to all members of the Regimental Association.

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Any Diehard visiting Cape Town, South Africa, is invited to ring 641871 where Carruthers Newton, son of the late Major W.C. Newton will be pleased to meet them and be of assistance.

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Capt J.M. Robertson rejoins the Regimental Association - served 1 Mx Cyprus, 7 Mx and 5 Queens.

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Ron Smith our Armourer in Hong Kong 1940 onwards kindly informed me of the death of Sgt Dick Stone. He also very kindly attended the funeral. Ron and his wife Min are regular attenders of our Annual Remembrance Service in St Paul's Cathedral.

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John Soden (6200167) former WO2 with the 1st Bn and FEPOW was 82 on Sunday 5 December. I gave him a big surprise with a phone call. John is still trying to get a copy of the late Martin Weedon's book 'Guest of a Emperor' - Can anyone help?

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Your former Secretary, Frank Waldron, thanks all members of the Regimental Association who contributed so generously to give him such a wonderful 'golden handshake' on his retirement. It was a wonderful present and very much appreciated. I also have the support of my family.

The Garden Seat is now 'anchored' into the ground and every visitor is invited to take a pew and have a tipple and admire the 'Monkey Puzzle' tree that I planted sixteen years ago. Like wetting the 'babies head'. The 1/7th Bn 'Walking Stick' is in continual use.

In retirement I entered the local garden show and finished up with 4 Cups. One for a display of Dahlias, One for a display of Gladioli, The best flower in the show and finally most points for flowers.



I have been burgled 4 times during the past year and have now installed an alarm system and exterior lights.

The support that I have received from members of the Regimental Association is quite unbelievable and I thank you all so very much. I have always been a lucky chap and I must thank Miss Pamela Harrison (whose father died in Kobe House after surviving the sinking of the Lisbon Maru) for offering to help. She visits quite regularly and is very good with the Hoover, handy with a paintbrush, excellent washerup and a good cook. I am now teaching her how to feed the sheep, look after birds, use the garden shears, how to start the mower, clean the car, a bit slow on cleaning the windows but with practice should improve. I have to suffer her remarks, wipe your feet, keep the place tidy, must eat regular, no afternoon naps – lifes hell!

Ron Morris is a regular visitor and we have a splendid lunch at the local Inn and talk over what should be done. I have every confidence in him and I could not have handed over to a nicer Diehard.

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The following have joined the Regimental Association:

Private J. Carr (6856060), server KRRC 1941-43 and 2nd Bn Mx 1943-47

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Sgt P.C. Farrell (22350617), served MX and R.Fus 1948-52.

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Private A.W. McNeil (22605454), served A & HQ Coy 1st Bn 1951-54.

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Sgt P.M. O'Callaghan (23887765), served Drums 4 Queens 1962-86.

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Private G.A. Plummer (23319003), served S Coy 1st Bn 1956-58.

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Private F.G. Taylor (14219639), served D Coy 1st Bn 1942-47.

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Corporal J.M. Yates (23854795), served C Coy 5th Bn Queens 1961-65.

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## OBITUARIES

CARLESS – On 3 July 1993, Mrs Kathleen Mary Carless, aged 93 years, widow of Capt T.F.G. Carless, MC, who died 11 January 1984.

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CHACKSFIELD – On 9 July 1993, Drummer George Chacksfield (6201836), aged 78 years. He enlisted during August 1934 and after recruit training was posted to the 2nd Bn at Colchester. In March 1936 he was posted to the 1st Bn in Singapore. He moved with the 1st Bn to Hong Kong during August 1937. In early 1941 he was selected as a member of a special draft to go to Burma. He was involved in the fighting in Burma returning to the U.K. in late 1945 and was discharged in 1946. His last few years were spent using a wheelchair which he cheerfully accepted. His funeral was attended by Messrs Cavell, Howe, Milroy, Mellor, Martin and Poole. The son of the late Sgt Moran also attended.

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CHIVERALL – On 4 December 1993, Major John Geoffrey Chiverall (69172), aged 77 years. Full obituary in the next issue of the Diehards Newsletter.

CONNOR – During November 1993, Kenneth Connor, Actor, who served with the 1/7th Bn in France 1939-40. He was a veteran of the CARRY ON film troupe and also ALLO ALLO films.

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CRAYDON – On 7 August 1993, Capt William H. (Battler) Craydon, (22547 & 6192483), aged 90 years. Record of service not available.

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ELLIS – On 22 August 1993, WO2 Arthur Ellis (6197742), aged 84 years. Alf enlisted during January 1927 and after recruit training was posted to the 2nd Bn in India and Sudan. The overseas tour of the 2nd Bn ended in December 1931 and he was posted to the 1st Bn who were moving to Palestine to commence their overseas tour. During 1933 the Bn moved to Egypt and in 1936 to Singapore. During August 1937 the Bn was suddenly moved to Hong Kong. On the 16th May 1939 he was presented with the Tidbury Cup for fitness and efficiency. In 1939 he was posted to the 2nd Bn having served overseas for 6 years. In early 1941 he was seconded to the FMSVF Malaya. In February 1942 he was taken POW and held in No. 1 Camp, Thailand. He was repatriated to the U.K. in late 1945 and was eventually marked fit to continue serving and joined the 1st Bn in 1947 serving until 1955 when he was discharged to pension with 28 years service. Alf was a fine all round sportsman excelling at Boxing, Athletics, Swimming and Water Polo.

Our sincere thanks must go to Capt R.S. Kennedy who took a great interest and care of Alf. He arranged Alf's funeral in Staffordshire. The Regimental Flag draped the coffin and a maroon and old gold wreath was provided bearing the message "Thank you Alf for all the good things you did for your regiment". I have received and replied to a letter from his niece, Geraldine Rigdon, who lives in U.S.A.

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FLAVELL – On 29 November 1993, Brigadier Edwin William Conquest Flavell, DSO, MC, TD, DL, after 95 years. A full obituary will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

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FRY – On 17 July 1993, Private Sidney Arthur Fry (6206601), aged 73 years. He served with 1/7th Bn 1939-40 and 3 Commando 1941-43, was wounded and medically downgraded and discharged on 7 March 1946.

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GIRAUD – On 23 October 1993, Private George Giraud, aged 94 years. During World War 1 he served with the 2nd Bn from 1914-18. Two years ago he presented to our regimental museum his Cap Badge and a Cigarette case presented to him by the Mayoress of Ramsgate on 29th January 1919.

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HEATHER – On 14 June 1993, Sgt Charles Heather (6200185), aged 77 years. Charlie Heather enlisted at Mill Hill in 1934 and after recruit training and a short spell with the 2nd Bn joined the 1st Bn in Egypt, Singapore and Hong Kong followed and his POW days commenced on 25th December 1941. He became one of the ill-fated draft to embark on the Lisbon Maru for Japan and the ship was torpedoed by the Americans and 800 were drowned etc. Charlie survived and was picked up and taken to Shanghai – he was too ill to be moved to Japan, and with 7 others was left on the Shanghai Docks. He spent the next 3 years in a Jap POW Camp in Shanghai which housed all nationalities and some American airmen. Charlie's fate was unknown until late 1945 when he was suddenly repatriated to UK to the delight of his family. He was a fine specimen of manhood, being a strong and athletic type with good looks and a lot of personality.

As editor and a former POW I have searched to find Heather and all the time he was living 12 miles from me, i.e. Ashford, Kent. I have visited his widow and I find that Charlie wanted to live quietly feeling rather ashamed that his health and physical well being had left him a sad person. Such is life. I find that Charlie had a son who emigrated to New Zealand, so I gave him two addresses of Diehards and they have all now met up and compared notes. I have a feeling that Blondie Phillips fought Charlie in an inter company boxing match.

Without my knowledge the family approached the 5th Bn The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment TA, who came up trumps and supplied a bugler to sound Last Post and Reveille. What a nice gesture. A happy end to another regimental obituary. I now keep in touch with Doris Heather.



JESSOP – On 17 October 1993, WO2 Leslie Jessop (14188539), aged 65 years.

Less Jessop served with our regiment and made his mark as a pleasant and all round adaptable Warrant Officer. I have forgotten the period he was with us but remember very well his whiskers and a photograph of him laying on a bed, beret and whiskers at the ready. I asked his widow if he wore that appendage when he got married and she said no and never again. This is how we remember him with affection.

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HARRISON – On 16th September 1993, Sgt Richard Arthur Harrison (6211282), aged 75 years.

Richard enlisted on 15 January 1940 and was posted to 342 MGTC, Gosport, and on completion of his training was posted to the 2nd Bn and joined the Signal Platoon. He was a member of Operation OVERLORD and landed on 6 June 1944. He was wounded on 9 June 1944 and spent the next 8 months in hospital and was eventually medically discharged in April 1945. He was a staunch member of the Regimental Association and we often spoke on the telephone. In civilian life he was a Building Society District Manager and in 1961 had the honour of becoming Mayor of Bridlington, Yorkshire. He was hoping to go to Normandy next year – sadly not to be. The Regimental Flag draped the coffin.

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HINDMAN – On 6 April 1993, Private Charles Henry Hindman (6208637), aged 70 years.

He served with the 9th Bn (60 Search Light Regt) 1939-42 and later with the Royal Artillery.

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KNIGHT – On 16 October 1993, WO1(RSM) William Charles Edward Knight (6196550), MBE, aged 87 years.

Rocky Knight joined the 7th Bn T.A. on 25 February 1925, serving continuously until 1939 when the Bn became 1/7th and 2/7th. Rocky was then CSM of A Company 1/7th and proceeded with A Company to France and home via Dunkirk. On 27 January 1942 he was promoted WO1 and appointed RSM of the 1/7th Bn. He was with the Bn during North Africa and Sicily followed by the North West Europe campaign from Normandy to Bremerhaven. He was a dedicated soldier and a fine respected RSM.

His funeral was attended by Capt J. Dare, Sgt C. Ward and Bob Molloy plus 12 veterans from the local Normandy Veterans Association with their Standard. The Regimental Flag draped the coffin. I must record our sincere thanks to Bob Molloy who over a long period visited Rocky and Vi and reported on their slow age process. His service medals and sporting medals are being collected by Major Derrick Harwood who is going to put them on display in the 7th Bn case at Hornsey. We are hoping that Vi will produce a photograph of Rocky in uniform. Over the years I have attended the 1/7th Bn reunion luncheons with great pleasure and one of the highlights was meeting Rocky and his brother.

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KYTE – On 2 September 1993, Major Edward Alfred William Kyte (22039), aged 83 years.

He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers and posted to the Chemical Warfare Training Bn, Porton. On 16 March 1942 he joined the 2/7th Bn serving with B and D companies until 20 April 1946. He was Mentioned in Despatches. In civilian life he became Assistant County Youth Officer.

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MARTIN – On 14 September 1993, Private Albert Martin (6203256), aged 75 years.

'Slasher' Martin enlisted during 1937 and after recruit training at the Depot joined the 2nd Bn. He was posted to the 1st Bn, Hong Kong 1938. During 1941 he was selected to be a member of a special draft being sent to Burma. He was badly wounded being shot through the lower stomach, and has suffered ever since. He liked to attend the annual reunion and did so last May. He had a caring family who attended the reunion with him and made sure he was alright. He was a very generous man who liked to help any Diehard in trouble.

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MURPHY – On 19 October 1993, Cpl Victor Thomas Patrick Murphy (6206674), aged 84 years.

He served with C Company 2/7th Bn 1939-45. He was taken POW and held in Stalag VIIA.

OLDHAM – On 30 July 1993, Captain John Hugh Oldham. He was commissioned into the 7th Bn on 1 July 1936. No other information available.

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PALMER – On 2 December 1993, Sgt George Palmer (6200376), aged 79 years.

Pedlar Palmer enlisted on 18 January 1932 and on completion of recruit training joined C(MG) Company, 2nd Bn. In 1938 he was posted to the Depot until 1941, when he rejoined the 2nd Bn remaining until 1948. He landed with the 2nd Bn in Normandy on 6 June 1944 (Operation OVERLORD). In June 1949 he proceeded with the 1st Bn to Hong Kong and on to Korea, returning to UK in December 1952. He was then posted to the Depot and finally discharged to pension on 11 October 1961. In civilian life became a caretaker. He occupied a Regimental Flat at Albuhera Close. He was a very popular member of the WOs and Sgts Mess spending many hours behind the bar. A real regimental character.

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RICH – On 7 August 1993, Mrs Desdemmona (Joan) Rich, wife of Major E.F.J. Rich, MC, TD.

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QUINLAN – On 15 October 1993, Father Terence quinlan, aged 84 years.

He was Roman Catholic Chaplain to 27th Infantry Brigade, and attached to 1 Mx, Hong Kong and Korea. The funeral was attended by Majors C.L. Lawrence and M. Eastap, Messrs Loft, Drew, Dunnett, Howrihane and Hutley. After the Service the regimental mourners formed a guard of honour as the coffin was carried from the Church.

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REDMAN – On 25 October 1993, Major John B. Redman, aged 79 years.

He commanded B Company, 2/8th (resuscitated 1st Bn), 1944-45.

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SANKEY – On 10 November 1993, Private Douglas Sankey, 1/7th Bn. No other information available.

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SMITH – On 14 April 1993, Cpl James Smith (6210152), aged 74 years.

He served with the 2/7th Bn seeing action in North Africa, Italy and Palestine 1939-45.

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STONE – On 11 November 1993, Sgt William Richard Stone (6201255), aged 78 years.

Dick Stone enlisted on 30 August 1933 and on completion of recruit training joined the 2nd Bn until March 1936 when he was posted to the 1st Bn in Singapore. In August 1937 he moved with the Bn to Hong Kong. During the Battle of Hong Kong he was wounded and taken POW and held in Shamshuipo Camp until August 1945 when he was repatriated to UK and medically discharged. Dick was seriously disabled and suffered for the rest of his life. He obtained employment with the Corps of Commissionaires and served for 28 years reaching the rank of Sergeant Major retiring at the age of 60. A very well liked and popular member of the 1st Bn.

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STREET – During July 1993, Colonel Douglas Street, aged 77 years.

Shortly before the 1939 war Douglas Street was commissioned and served with the 1/7th Bn joining C Company, serving with the Bn in the 3rd Division. After evacuation from Dunkirk he became Chief Instructor on the Intelligence Corps Staff Course. Subsequently he became Head of the B.B.C's German and Austrian Service and took up a post in the Foreign Office in 1945. He was awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre.

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WHINNEY – On 22 November 1993, Private Alan Robert Whinney (6896280), aged 74 years.

He served with distinction in the 2/7th Bn seeing service in North Africa, Italy and Palestine.



**WORLEY** – On 4 August 1993, Private Frederick Albert Worley (6210993), aged 75 years. He served with distinction in the 2/7th Bn seeing service in Italy. He was badly wounded and received a disability pension in 1944. Many friends from Albuhera Close attended the funeral.

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**WALLER** – On 6 August 1993, Private John William Waller (6208364), aged 81 years. John volunteered for service in May 1940 and was a member of the last draft to reach the 1st Bn in Hong Kong. On 25 December 1941 he became a POW and was held in Shamshuipo Camp. On 15 February 1942, the day Singapore surrendered John was told that he had been selected for an important job and he was taken to the Peninsula Hotel to be interviewed. He was introduced to Sir Mark Young and became his manservant. The following day they were both flown to Formosa and after lunch on to Shanghai and finally to Karenko Camp which held all the senior officers captured, American, Dutch and British. They were finally moved to a new prison camp, near Mukden, Manchuria.

Our sincere condolences to his widow Jessie on the sad loss of a husband.

### ST DUNSTANS

St Dunstons was founded in 1915 specially to look after men and women blinded whilst serving their Country. Some 6000 service men and women have been blinded since the outbreak of World War One. There are currently some 600 St Dunstaners throughout the UK playing an integral part in the rehabilitation process. At the Training Centre in Brighton trainees learn communication skills, Braille, computer handling and mobility.

Those who are interested and require further information can contact: - The Public Relations Officer, PO Box 4XB, 12-14 Harcourt St, London W1A 4XB.

### LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

The Dutch Army's Military History Section is putting together a major work covering military operations on Dutch Territory from September 44 to the surrender of the German Forces in May 45. They are particularly interested in the attitudes, feelings and recollections of the Allied Soldiers who fought on Dutch soil.

If you were there and feel you have something to contribute or have any photographs or documents connected to the liberation of the Country, would you please contact: - Military History Section RMNLA, Oude Waalsdorperweg 25 - 35 (gebouw 240), PO Box 90701, 2509 LS The Hague, The Netherlands.

### THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND AIRMEN ASSOCIATION

SSAFA works for the families and dependants of anyone who serves or has served in the Armed Forces wherever they may be. Where help is needed SSAFA, together with the Regimental Association can very often assist. Contact details of the local SSAFA Representatives can be obtained from the Citizens Advice Bureau, Telephone Directory or local Post Office.

### BOOKS

**CORRIDORS OF TIME** by Colonel Tony Hewitt is now on sale and costs £15.50, plus £1.50 postage. Copies can be obtained by writing to The Pentland Press Ltd., Sales and Distribution Office, 3 Regal Lane, Soham Ely, Cambs CB7 5BA.

This book charts the lives of Anthony Hewitt and Elizabeth Hayley Bell, spanning the momentous years which included two World Wars and the decline of the British Empire. Raised separately in India and China, the reader follows these children of Empire as they meet in Malaya, when world events pull them into the Pacific War, the horror of the Hong Kong Battle and the terrifying Fall of Singapore. Escaping from a Japanese prison camp, Anthony journeys through China to India, meets Elizabeth in war-torn London and joins battle again in France. Inexorably their lives were drawn together – an exciting and compelling story.

A successful combination of experience and fact, **CORRIDORS OF TIME** will appeal to all, the historian will be affected by its range, humanitarians by the extraordinary strength of character in adversity.

A.W.O.L. by Maj Guy Weymouth MBE, late RWK (and Regimental Headquarters 1966-84). In an Italian Prison Camp and subsequent adventures on the run in Italy 1943 - 1944.

Guy Weymouth was a subaltern in the 6th Queen's Own Royal West Kent's when the events related in this book took place. After some severe fighting in Tunisia, he was captured at the infamous Bald Hill in November 1942. Flown to mainland Italy, he was first incarcerated at the transit camp at Capua, then in the POW cage at Chieti.

After 10 months as a POW, during which he became involved in a tunnelling syndicate, he lived on his wits (and no mean portion of help from local peasants) behind the German lines in Italy for over three months. This time was not spent idly, and after several frustrated attempts involving boats, opportunity presented itself to break through the lines, where he and his two companions discovered to their delight that all thirteen of their fellow escapers had made it to safety.

Among his remarkable experiences was that of spending Christmas 1943 sharing the rations of a German Artillery unit, and his fortunate encounter with a flamboyant Yugoslav count hiding out from the Germans in the same region and known and respected by the local peasantry as Don Luigi.

RRP £13.95. Available at the special price of £10.00 to Officers' Club and Regimental Officers' Clubs and Regimental Association members from Paul Riches, The Barn, Cuttle Lane, Biddestone, Wiltshire, SN14 7DA. (cheques payable to Paul Riches).

### SOLDIERS OF THE QUEEN – The History of the Queen's Regiment 1966 - 1992.

The announcement under the 'Options for Change' Defence Cuts in late 1991 that The Queen's Regiment would both amalgamate and reduce in size came as a bolt out of the blue. The subsequent publicity in both the local and national Press was widespread but could not save the Regiment. At the time of the surprise announcement, the Regiment was preparing to celebrate its 25th anniversary, having been formed on 31st December 1966 from four much older Regiments.

"Soldiers of The Queen" – The History of The Queen's Regiment 1966 - 1992' was originally commissioned as part of the celebrations surrounding the first 25 years of the Regiment. In the aftermath of 'Options', celebrations were clearly out, but it was decided to expand the book as a complete record and memorial to the life of The Queen's Regiment, from formation to disbandment.

In form, the book follows a long precedent set by all the forebear Regiments, all of whom had multi-volume histories. The book has both general sections dealing with an overview of military affairs as well as detailed sections on each of the Regiment's battalions. Much of the book is about active operations, with Northern Ireland featuring large.

The book contains over 200 photographs which provide an unmatched record of the British Army since 1966. There are also some 30 maps; and numerous annexes dealing with particular aspects of Regimental life. It will interest not only past and present members of the Regiment; but also serious students of military affairs; and anyone with an interest in militaria.

'Soldiers of The Queen' is written by Lieutenant Colonel J.P. Riley and published by Picton Publishing. It is available from 14th October, price £48.00, from: RHQ The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, Howe Barracks, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1JY. Serving and retired members of the Regiment should order copies through Regimental Headquarters. For further information please phone Canterbury (0227) 818053 or 818050.



## LETTERS

Received from Lt-Gen The Hon. Sir William Rous KCB, OBE, Ministry of Defence, London SW1; dated 9 September 1993.

Addressed to Brig B.A.M. Pielow, JP, Appletree, Dummer, Hampshire RG25 2AH.

Dear Brigadier Pielow,

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of Chief of the General Staff and the Army Board to congratulate you on becoming Deputy Honorary The London Regiment (Honorary Colonel B(The Queen's Regiment) Company).

The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve your appointment for a period of five years from the Regiment's formation date of 20 April 1993. The announcement will be made accordingly in the London Gazette Defence Supplement dated 21 September 1993.

During these uncertain times, while the Army changes, the Army Board recognises the need to foster the regimental system to ensure that it remains robust and secure to face whatever the future holds; and the Army Board appreciates the contribution made by Honorary Colonels who provide such valuable guidance, support and continuity.

Finally may I add my own personal congratulations and best wishes.

Yours sincerely, William Rous.

## THE FRIENDLY BROTHERS OF ST. PATRICK

The Middlesex Knot of the Friendly Brothers of St. Patrick proposes to have two Middlesex side cap badges embroidered in gilt on their collarette insignia.

The Knot was formed by 2/8th Battalion of The Middlesex Regiment during its service in Northern Ireland in 1942/43. Colonel F.H. Walden was the first President, to be succeeded after the War by Lt. Gen. G.C. Bucknall. Colonel W.D. Ellis then became the head of the Knot from 1976 until his death in 1990.

As eighteen out of the current membership of 30 were either Regular or Territorial Middlesex Officers, it seems appropriate to mark their old affiliation in this way. It will also distinguish them from members of the other Knots in England and Ireland.

The Knot dines in London twice annually and would be pleased to consider other former officers of the Regiment for members.

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## LONDON BRANCH 51st (HD)

Since the last TRL notes the London Branch have had an eventful period. 26 Branch members and their families attended the Cowal Highland Gathering in August.

The Regimental Information Team Caravan is always a welcome sight and our thanks to Captain Matt Wills, WOII John Spalding, Cpl Rab McLennan, L/Cpl Ian Peebles, Pte Rickie Park and Pte Alex Orr for their hospitality.

It was also a pleasure to meet Lt Col Scott Elliot, Commandant The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Battalion Army Cadet Force, whose mammoth task it was to take the salute as over 150 Pipe Bands marched past. Mrs Andrena Scott Elliot presented all the winning competitors with their awards and prizes.

Scotland's Glory took place, on the 20th September, a Highland Games in Battersea Park London where our Regimental Tent was present. It attracted a wide circle of members and friends and over 60 signed visitors book. Our thanks go to Ted Lenalver who kindly took his touring caravan and annex and also raised £50 for the Branch Funds, and to Tony Harris who is also Chairman of South of England and London Branch RSPBA who donated the cost of the site fee for the Regimental Tent.

The Balaklava Dinner is our main function held during the year, with the increased costs and everyone a year older; one wonders how long we will be able to continue. 124 members and guests attended, it was the lowest attendance for many decades. Despite this, it was a most memorable and enjoyable night during which we bade farewell to General Sir Patrick Palmer as Colonel of the Regiment, only to welcome him as a member of the London Branch.

General Sir Patrick and Lady Palmer have attended every dinner during his tenure of office, there have been some occasions when he had only arrived in the UK with just hours to spare to attend the dinner, and I would like to record our appreciation to him for his support.

Apologies were received from 27 members, one cannot include everyone who attended the dinner but on this occasion those from North of the Border were Lt Col Scott Elliot, Lt Col Struan and Mrs Robertson and Mr and Mrs Davie Murray from Stirling.

Representing the Manchester Branch were Tom Wrigley and Ray Vearnals. Our Chelsea Pensioner George Cairns, and Ian and Thia Clark from Germany.

Many regular faces were absent this year. Noticeable were two or perhaps three, the Clarke twins and Charles Bogart. I wonder how far back we would have to go in the records of the Branch to find a dinner without at least one of those three who in their time have done so much for us in so many ways.

It was particularly sad that Charles could not come as his presentation tankard for loyal services as Assistant Secretary had to be entrusted to the care of our new and very active Assistant Secretary Bob McCarthy who promised to take good care of it and deliver it in due course.

Apart from that, the Dinner was a great success, particularly as our Guest Speaker was so well known to so many, Colonel Andrew Man of the Middlesex Regiment, now perhaps the senior survivor of all those who left Hong Kong in 1950 for the very first of the actions under the flag of the United Nations, and there were a few of his old battalion dining with us commemorating a Regimental friendship that goes back over one hundred years.

Present readers will associate the Middlesex Regiment with places like Hill 282 and Sariwon and Kunu-Ri but their fathers would have thought of Le Cateau and Armentieres in 1914, when the Commanding Officer of the 1st Middlesex, Colonel Ward, was killed leading two of his companies to relieve B and C Companies of the 93rd who had been cut off by a German counter attack. There is an old Gaelic saying 'Friends are good in the Day of Battle' and it is on the 8th Battalion Memorial at Beaumont Hamel. It is nice to think that one such friendship still survives so strongly.

So much for history, which explains why Colonel Andrew Man and his Regiment hold such a special place with us.

The Toast to the Regiment was responded to by the Colonel of the Regiment who updated us on the latest news and progress of the Regiment, also the Association.



## REGIMENTAL GOODS

The following regimental goods are available for purchase. These can be obtained by writing to the Secretary, Major R.E.B. Morris, MBE, 38 Traps Lane, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4SA. Postage and packing is included in the prices. Cheques or postal orders should be made payable to the Middlesex Regimental Association.

Blazer Badges	£ 7.00 each
Car Badges (good quality)	£12.50 each
Ice Buckets, miniature side drum with regimental emblazon	£22.00 each
Ties Regtl Old Pattern, Maroon and Old Gold	£ 3.50 each
Ties Regtl New Pattern Terylene	£ 3.50 each
Ties Officers' Club Silk	Price to be announced
Wall Plaques, Middlesex Regiment	£16.50 each
Middlesex Regiment Cap Badges (Not Originals)	£ 3.50 each
Christmas Cards depicting:	
Steady the Drums & Fifes	.35p each
The Guardroom Scene	.35p each
Colonel Graham Egerton,	
77th Foot, Portsmouth 1854	.35p each

## COLONELS-IN-CHIEF

1898 - 1904  
1921 - 1936  
1936 - 1937

H.R.H. The Duke of Cambridge  
H.R.H. The Prince of Wales  
H.M. King Edward VIII

## COLONELS OF THE 57th AND 77th REGIMENTS

### 57th

1755 - 1757  
1757 - 1767  
1767 - 1780  
1780 - 1806  
1806 - 1811  
1811 - 1830  
1830 - 1835  
1835 - 1843  
1843 - 1856  
1856 - 1865  
1865 - 1873  
1873 - 1875  
1875 - 1897

Col J. Arabin  
Lt Gen Sir D. Cunyngham BT  
Lt Gen Sir J. Irwin K.B.  
Gen J. Campbell of Strachur  
Lt Gen J.L. Hutchinson K.B.  
Gen Sir H. Dalrymple, BT  
Lt Gen Sir W. Inglis K.C.B.  
Lt Gen Sir F. Adam G.C.B., G.C.M.G.  
F.M. Viscount Hardinge G.C.B.  
Lt Gen Sir J.F. Love K.C.B.  
Gen C.R. Fox  
Lt Gen F. Murray  
Gen Sir E.A. Holdich K.C.B.

### 77th

1787 - 1804  
1804 - 1808  
1808 - 1811  
1811 - 1811  
1811 - 1815  
1815 - 1834  
1834 - 1840  
1840 - 1851  
1851 - 1854  
1854 - 1861  
1861 - 1875  
1875 - 1886

Col J. Marsh  
Gen A. Bertie  
Lt Gen The Earl of Cavan  
Gen Sir C. Hastings  
Lt Gen Sir T. Pictou G.C.B.  
Maj Gen Sir G. Cooke K.C.B.  
Gen Sir A. Campbell BT., G.C.B.  
Lt Gen Sir J. MacLeod K.C.B.  
Maj Gen Sir G. Brown K.C.B., K.H.  
Lt Gen C. Goldie C.B.  
Gen The Lord Rokeby K.C.B.  
Gen H. Graham

## COLONELS OF THE MIDDLESEX REGT (D.C.O.)

### THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT WAS FORMED ON 1st JULY 1881

#### FROM THE 57th AND 77th REGIMENTS

1886 - 1897  
1897 - 1900  
1900 - 1921  
1921 - 1932  
1932 - 1942  
1942 - 1952  
1952 - 1959  
1959 - 1965  
1965 - 1966

Gen Sir E.A. Holdich, K.C.B.  
Gen Sir G.H. Smith Willis G.C.B.  
Lt Gen H. Kent  
Gen Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.  
Brig Gen R.M. Neath C.M.G., D.S.O.  
Bt Col M. Browne C.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P.  
Lt Gen G.C. Bucknall C.B., M.C., D.L.  
Maj Gen J.E.F. Willoughby C.B.E.  
Maj Gen C.M.M. Man O.B.E., M.C., M.A.

ON 31st DECEMBER 1966 THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT WAS FORMED



# COMMANDING OFFICERS OF THE 1st AND 2nd BNS. THE MIDDLESEX REGT

## SINCE THE AMALGAMATION OF THE 57th AND 77th REGIMENTS

ON 1st JULY 1881

### 1st BATTALION (57th)

1881 - 1885	Maj Gen J.R.K. Tredennick
1885 - 1888	Col S.G. Huskisson
1888 - 1891	Col A.L. Tickall
1891 - 1896	Col H.T. Hughes-Hallett
1896 - 1898	Col A.W. Hill C.B.
1898 - 1902	Col J.G. White C.M.G., D.L.
1902 - 1906	Col R.D. Longe
1906 - 1910	Col L.G. Oliver, C.M.G.
1910 - 1914	Lt Col B.E. Ward
1914 - 1916	Brig Gen F.C.M. Rowley C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
1916 - 1918	Lt Col J.W.L. Elgee
1918 - 1920	Brig Gen J.H. Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O.
1920 - 1924	Brig Gen R.M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O.
1924 - 1928	Col W.a. Stewart, O.B.E.
1928 - 1932	Brig Gen V.L.N. Pearson, D.S.O.
1932 - 1935	Col G.L. Brown, D.S.O.
1936 - 1938	Brig O.H. Tidbury, O.B.E., M.C.
1938 - 1940	Col L.A. Newnham, G.C., M.G.
1940 - 1942	Lt Col H.W.M. Stewart, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.
1942 - 1944	Col F. Walden, D.L.
1944 - 1945	Lt Col J.P. Hall
1945 - 1945	Lt Col A.N.W. Kidston
1945 - 1947	Brig A.E. Green, D.S.O., O.B.E.
1947 - 1948	Col J.G.E. Reid

### 2nd BATTALION (77th)

1881 - 1888	Col H.M.L. Colquhoun
1884 - 1885	Maj Gen Sir William Forbes Gatacre, K.C.B., D.S.O.
1885 - 1889	Col C.J. Matthews
1889 - 1893	Lt Col H.D. Wade-Dalton
1893 - 1898	Brig Gen A.A. Garstin
1898 - 1901	Col A.W. Hill, C.B.
1901 - 1905	Brig Gen F.D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E.
1905 - 1909	Col G.W.W. Savile, C.B.E., D.S.O.
1909 - 1912	Col E.W.M. Norrie, A.D.C.
1912 - 1916	Lt Col R.H. Hayes, C.M.G.
1916 - 1916	Lt Col H.W.E. Finch, C.B.E., D.S.O.
1916 - 1917	Lt Col B.A. Thompson
1917 - 1917	Brig Gen J.H. Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O.
1917 - 1918	Lt Col C.A.S. Page, D.S.O., M.C.
1918 - 1919	Brig E.E.F. Baker, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., A.D.C., D.L.

### 2nd BATTALION (77th) CONTINUED

1919 - 1920	Col H.N. Blakeney, C.M.G., D.S.O.
1920 - 1924	Lt Col F.E. Swainson
1924 - 1928	Lt Col H.P.F. Bicknell, D.S.O.
1928 - 1932	Col H.E. Stanley-Murray, M.C.
1932 - 1935	Col M. Browne, C.B.E., M.C., D.L.
1935 - 1939	Lt Col W.W. Jefferd
1939 - 1939	Lt Gen G.C. Bucknall, C.B., M.C., D.L.
1939 - 1940	Brig C.W. Haydon, D.S.O., M.C.
1940 - 1940	Lt Gen Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., LL.D.
1940 - 1941	Lt Col S.F.W.M. del Court, M.C.
1941 - 1942	Col J.G.E. Reid
1942 - 1943	Lt Col P.H. Earle
1943 - 1943	Maj Gen J.E.F. Willoughby, C.B.E.
1943 - 1945	Maj Gen G.P.L. Weston, C.B.E., D.S.O.
1945 - 1946	Lt Col L.H.J. de la Herapath
1946 - 1947	Col J.G.E. Reid
1947 - 1948	Col F. Walden, M.B.E., D.L.
1948 -	Lt Col A.D. Henderson

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#### IN 1948 2nd BN WAS AMALGAMATED WITH THE 1st BN

1948 - 1949	Col M. Crawford, D.S.O.
1949 - 1951	Col A.M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E.
1951 - 1954	Brig R.A. Cwyn, O.B.E.
1954 - 1956	Maj Gen J.E.F. Willoughby, C.B.E.
1956 - 1957	Col J.W.G. Ormiston
1957 - 1959	Col D.C.L. Nolda, O.B.E., B.A.
1959 - 1962	Col I.H. Battye, M.B.E., B.A.
1962 - 1965	Lt Col F. de R. Morgan, M.C.
1965 - 31st Dec. 1966	Lt Col J.N. Shipster, D.S.O.

#### ON 31st DECEMBER 1966 THE QUEENS REGIMENT WAS FORMED

1967 - 1967	Lt Col J.N. Shipster, D.S.O.
1967 - 1970	Lt Col K.J. Carter

IN OCTOBER 1969 THE FOURTH BATTALION RECEIVED ORDERS TO DISBAND BY 31st DECEMBER 1970. THE BULK OF THE OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS JOINED OTHER BATTALIONS OF THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT AND THE REMAINDER JOINED BATTALIONS OF THE QUEEN'S DIVISION.



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