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FORECAST OF EVENTS 1995

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| 4 March | Queen's Regimental Association Annual Reunion, Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London, W2. Tickets £8.50 - apply RHQ PWRR Canterbury |
| 6 March | Middlesex Officers' Club Committee Meeting at 6.30 pm. TAVRA Conference Room, Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea. |
| 6 March | Regimental Executive Committee Meeting at 7 pm. TAVRA Conference Room, Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea. |
| 6 May | Diehards 50. A celebration luncheon at Hornsey TA Centre to mark the end of W.W.II in 1945. The event to encompass the annual reunion luncheon of the 1/7th Bn OCA and bring together members of the 2/7th Bn OCA in this special year. It is open however to all Diehards from any Bn Regular or Territorial, particularly those who served in W.W.II. |
| May | 9th Bn Officers' Club Annual Luncheon at the Royal Overseas Club, Park Place, St James, London, SW1. Assemble 1215 pm. |
| 12 May | Middlesex Officers' Club Annual Dinner at the Naval and Military Club, (IN & OUT), 94 Piccadilly, London, W1. Assemble 7.15 pm. |
| 13 May | Albuhera Service of Remembrance, Regimental Chapel, St Paul's Cathedral, commencing at 3 pm. |
| 13 May | Annual Reunion at the Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London, W2 commencing at 6.30 pm. AGM at 7.30 pm. |
| 20 May | Presentation of new colours to 2Bn PWRR at Canterbury. |
| 21 May | Annual Inspection of Albuhera Close commencing at 0930 am. |
| 1 July | WO/Sgts Past and Present Dinner at Bassingborn. |
| 15 August | Service in commemoration of VJ Day at the National Army Museum, Chelsea, London, SW3. It is expected the service will commence at 12 am followed by a buffet lunch on repayment. Further details later. |
| 16 September | Korean Club Annual Reunion, Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London, W2. Commencing at 6.30 pm. |
| 5 October | The 50th and final Luncheon of the 2/7th Bn OCA. Assemble at the Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London, W2 at 1145 am. |
| 9 November | Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey. 1030 am the planting of crosses in the Middlesex Regimental Plot. |
| 11 November | Ceremony at the Field of Remembrance. To be held in the Middlesex Guildhall, opposite Westminster Abbey. Assemble at 1040 am. |
| 12 November | 7th Bn Remembrance Service, Parish Church of St Mary and St George, Hornsey, London, N8. Assemble 1030 am. |
| 12 November | 2/10th Bn(1914-1918) Remembrance Service at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick, London, W4 at 3 pm. |

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.

GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED EVENTS TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY AND VJ DAY

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTERS

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

1. **6 - 8 May - Public Event in Hyde Park.** A public event will be staged in Hyde Park to provide the central focus for the VE Day celebrations. The site will play a prominent role in the Government Sponsored Programme with invited Heads of State in attendance. Associations will be invited to send representatives to the opening event on 6th May. On the afternoon of 7th May it will serve as the culmination of the Youth Parade and on the evening of 8th May it may be the location for the finale to the VE Day celebration. Pavilions will stage exhibitions throughout the period and a veterans centre will be provided.
2. **6 May - The Guildhall Reception and Dinner.** A reception for the invited Heads of State or Government in the Guildhall would be followed by a Banquet for the Heads of State or Government, hosted by the City of London.
3. **7 May - The Service of Celebration.** Heads of State or Government will attend a Service of Celebration of Peace in St Paul's Cathedral. The Service will be ecumenical in nature and would emphasise the twin themes of reconciliation and 50 years of peace. Approximately 2500 people are expected to congregate in the Cathedral. Afterwards, the Heads of State or Government would join Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace and other receptions will be held at a number of London locations.
5. **8 May - The VE Night Party.** The 8th May has been designated a public holiday and there will be a final VE Day concert, probably in Hyde Park, that evening. This would reflect the community atmosphere of the day and the theme of a "VE Night Party" would seem to be appropriate. The Royal British Legion plan to hold street parties and to light beacons/bonfires across the country in coordination with other European capitals.

VJ DAY

7. **19 August - The Tribute and Promise Parade.** A mobile parade and marchpast of veterans' organisations reflecting both the military and civilian elements of the wartime generation is planned to take place in London. The Tribute and Promise organisers will contact associations separately about participation in this event. During the parade a flypast would be mounted by the Royal Air Force.
8. **19 August - The Drumhead Service.** A Drumhead Service will be held in Central London after the Tribute and Promise mobile parade and immediately prior to the marchpast. Her Majesty The Queen and other members of the Royal Family would be asked to attend the ecumenical service. Veteran Associations will receive priority but the Service would be open to all and very large numbers are expected to attend.
9. **19 August - The Culminating Event.** The final part of the commemorations in London will include a fireworks display along the Thames which will act as the signal to spread the message throughout the Nation.
10. **20 August - A Tribute Throughout The Nation.** On Sunday 20th August throughout the nation a common church service will take place. Local authorities will then be encouraged to follow this with community events including parades. The day would end with the Sunset Ceremony which would vary in size and scale from the full Beating Retreat being organised in the national capitals (including London) and attended by members of the Royal Family, to perhaps a single bugler in villages and towns. The Sunset Ceremony would signify that the Nation's commemorations of the 50th Anniversary of the Second World War had finally drawn to a close.

The formal public launch of the Government's plans for VE Day will not take place until the new year, together with the system for distributing priority tickets to Second World War veterans.

BENEVOLENCE

As at 31 October 1994, £14,338 has been granted to members of the Regiment in the form of benevolent grants. Of this sum £8,698 was donated by the Army Benevolent Fund and £500 by the Royal British Legion.

DONATIONS TO THE CHARITABLE FUND

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

- a. A donation of £100 from Mr D.R. Richardson In Memoriam of his brother 6205878 Private Peter H. Richardson who served with the 1/7th and 2/7th Bns and died of wounds received at ANZIO on 24 February 1944.
- b. A donation of £40 from the 2/7th Bn OCA.
- c. A donation of £50 from Lt W.C.C. Newton residing in South Africa, to the memory of his grandfather Lt-Col W.C.C. Newton and to his father Major W.C. Newton, who both served in the Regiment.
- d. A donation of £2,000 to the Charitable Fund and a donation of £2,000 to the Regimental Museum Fund from the late Mrs Annie Gilmour Woolner widow of Private S.R. Woolner, who served with the 9th Bn and died on 16 November 1980.

DONATIONS

The following donations have been made since 1 July 1994:

a. St Dunstons Annual Camp for the Blind	£100
b. Enfield Branch towards floral tributes and transport	£100
c. Wreaths for Remembrance Sunday	£173
d. Floral tributes to the departed	£283
e. From the Officers' Club:	
9th Battalion Dinner Fund	£200
Kind Edward VII Hospital	£100

SUBSCRIPTIONS

All are reminded that the 1995 subscription is due on 1 January 1995. A recent check has revealed that several members are behind with their payments. If you are not sure how much you owe then a telephone call to the Secretary (081-949-7605) will give you the answer. Please make cheques payable to the Middlesex Regimental Association and not to the Secretary. Finally at the Annual General Meeting in May this year it was agreed that the subscription would rise to £3.50 a year for Other Ranks and £5 for Officers'. These sums include both the membership and the cost of the twice yearly newsletter.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL

Nearly 60 members of the Regimental Association, their wives and friends, attended the Annual Remembrance Service at the Middlesex Guildhall on Saturday 13 November 1994.

The Service, as in previous years, was conducted by the Reverend Gus Jones, our Padre with the 1st Battalion in Korea. Our Chairman, Colonel John Hewson read the lesson taken from Ecclesiasticus Chapter 4 vv 1-14 and our President Brigadier Tony Pielow gave the Exhortation and laid a Middlesex Regimental Wreath at the memorial inscribed "To the memory of those Diehards who made the supreme sacrifice 1755 to 1966". After the service a glass of sherry was enjoyed by all prior to departure. The effort made by all to attend was much appreciated, particularly those who made long journeys from the country in very unpleasant weather conditions.

CENOTAPH MUSTER WHITEHALL

17 members of the Hounslow Branch accompanied by the Chairman Colonel John Hewson and Secretary Major Ron Morris attended the muster and the march past the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday the 13 November 1994. They were joined by parties from the London Branches of The Queen's Regiment, The Buffs and the Royal Hampshire Regiment. The combined contingent was some 80 strong.

After the parade all adjourned to the Bar of the Headquarters Club, The Duke of York's Headquarters for a get together followed by Lunch.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

1/10th, 2/10th and 3/10th BATTALIONS

The Annual Service of Remembrance and thanksgiving took place at the Parish Church of St Nicholas with Mary Magdalene, Chiswick, London, W4 at 3 pm on Sunday 13 November 1994.

The Service was conducted by the Reverend Patrick Tuft, Vicar of St Nicholas and Honorary Chaplain to the 2/10th Battalion. Many members will know the Reverend Tuft from our Albuhera Remembrance Services at St Paul's.

Brigadier Tony Pielow read the lesson and after the lesson he gave an appreciation of Mr A.D. Scudamore, OBE, (Scudy), late President of the 2/10th Old Comrades Association, who sadly died on the 7th of October last in his 97th year. During the Service Regimental Wreaths were laid on the memorials, with the Church, to the 1/10th, 2/10th and 3/10th Battalions.

Scudy's daughters Ann and Mary Scudamore attended together with some 50 members of the Association and of the 2/10th Old Comrades Association.

After the Service the congregation went across to the Church Hall in Bennett St for a very welcome cup of tea, biscuits and hot sausage rolls.

2/7th BATTALION ANNUAL REUNION

The forty ninth Annual Reunion of the Old Comrades Association of the Battalion took place at the Victory Services Club on Thursday the 6th of October 1994 under the Chairmanship of Major Peter Goulding. Sadly Lt Col R.E. Robotham and Capt A.I.F. Goldman were unable to attend owing to illness.

There was again a splendid attendance at the Luncheon organised by the Secretary, Mr A. Fairhead. Major R.E.B. Morris was the principle guest. The following attended:

Col I.H. Brotherton, Lt Col G.C.D. Scott-Lowe, Maj A.W. Bunton, Maj A.W.J. Flack, Maj R. Jenkins, Maj A.F.A. Sutherland, Maj E.F. Thompson, Maj E.F.J. Rich, Capt M. Brock, Capt H. Claypole and Lt A.E. Allchorne, Messrs T. Agass, F. Ashton, K. Baugh, F. Bird, H. Bodman and guest L. Webster, D. Broom, A. Brown and guest Maj A.E.F. Waldron, R. Caldow, E. Case, R. Chaddock, A. Coghill, E. Edmonds, J. Edwards, G. Empson, T. Fairhead, T. Gray, H. Gregory, F. Gurney, W. Harris, A. Hill, C. House, J. Howkins, R. Hunt, K. Johnson, W. Kendrick, H. Kilding, S. Knight, Kneeborne, J. Magee, R. Mowbray, N. Page, W. Penfold, F. Phillips, H. Rodell, K. Rota, A. Rowe, B. Sculpher and son Gary, J. Shore, J. Skipp, F. Smith, R. Smith, J. Snelson, E. Startup, R. Stevens, R. Swinson, K. Wadman, J. Welch, A. Whitehead and F. Yates. Plus Maj D. Harwood (7th Bn Museum Curator), Mr R. Cubitt (Chairman), Mr J. Warner (Secretary) and Mr A. Beale (Treasurer) of the Enfield Branch.

Major Peter Goulding informed members present that the Committee had decided to close the 2/7th Battalion Luncheon Club as from the date of the last and 50th Anniversary Luncheon to be held next year on the 5th October at the Victory Services Club. In the meanwhile members would be administered by the Enfield Branch and he handed over the nominal roll of the 2/7th Members to Mr Jack Warner, Secretary of that Branch together with a cheque for £2000. This money will be used to pay the branch subscriptions for 1995 for the 2/7th Members moving to Enfield.

A bronze plaque had been organised by the 2/7th in memory of the 95 Officers and 948 Other Ranks who fell in the two world wars from the two battalions of the 7th Middlesex. This plaque was handed over to Maj D. Harwood for installation at the Priory Road Drill Hall. It will be unveiled there as part of the "Diehard 50" celebrations in 1995.

Mr Jack Warner welcomed the members to the Branch and said that he hoped as many as possible would attend the branch functions. He and his Branch Officers had already agreed with the 2/7th OCA Chairman that they would undertake the organisation of the 50th and final luncheon and he would be writing to all concerned in due course.

A 3 1/2% War Loan investment of £929 was handed over to and accepted on behalf of the Association by Col I.D. Brotherton, Vice Chairman of the Association.

A.E.F.W.

7th MIDDLESEX OFFICERS' CLUB

The 67th Annual Dinner of the 7th Middlesex Officers' Club was held at the Officers' Mess The London Regiment, St John's Hill, Battersea, London SW11 on Thursday 3 November 1944.

Lt-Col J.D. Gunnell presided and the guests were: Major D.J. Burbridge, Major R.E.B. Morris, MBE, F/O J.A. Rook and 2Lt J.R. Van de Pol.

The following members attended: Col I.D. Brotherton, Capt M.J.S. Doran, Capt S le M. Enthoven, Lt-Col P.J. Hall, Major D. Harwood, Major S.L.J. Henshaw, Capt J.K. Laurence, Major C.L. Lawrence, Major R.J. Leighton, Capt D.O. Mansfield Thomas, Major A.E. McManus, Major E.J. Naish, Lt P.J. Ottino, Lt-Col G.C.D. Scott-Lowe, Lt-Col D.E. Simpson, Capt J. Spencer Richards, Col P.A.D. Storie-Pugh, Col D.R.W. Thomas, Lt J.A. Van de Pol.

The following members expressed their regret for not being able to attend but sent greetings to all their friends: Major G.G. Andrew, Major S.J. Atkinson-Carter, Col F.G. Barber, Right Rev Mgr R.A. Brown, Major A.B. Carter, Col A.J. de S. Clayton, Major P.D.J. Clarke, Major H.E. Couch, Lt F.R. Fenton, Capt J.R.W. Fisher, Capt F. Lane, Col A.M. Man, Lt J. McMaster, Major D.J. Margand, Capt F.S. Mayman, Mr M.H.D. Milne, Major G.G. Norton, Major B. St G.A. Reed, Major A.J.D. Salter, Capt J.K.E. Slack, Lt J.R. Spooner, Major R.F. Sykes, Major R.L. Usher, Major F. Webb, Lt-Col G.W. Webber, Capt G.J. Young.

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.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S ROYAL REGIMENT

THE BATTALIONS

The 1st Battalion is now well into its tour in Omagh. Lisanelly Barracks, where they are stationed, has excellent facilities to compensate for life behind barbed wire. The battalion has had several operational successes, won the Northern Ireland Football Competition and the Infantry Cricket Championships, and regularly gets parties of soldiers away to Bavaria on ten-day adventurous training exercises. A small party also joined one of our affiliated ships, HMS CHATHAM, in Sardinia in April for its return trip from the Mediterranean to UK.

The 2nd Battalion came back to Howe Barracks, Canterbury, at the end of April after a six month tour in Fermanagh. The highlight for them in Northern Ireland was the visit by our Colonel-in-Chief, HRH The Princess of Wales, on 23 April, St George's Day. Subsequently the whole battalion provided the administrative support for the Royal Tournament in July and went to Canada for training in September and October. A group of 35 served in Bosnia with 2 R ANGLIAN throughout the summer and a similar number was deployed to Rwanda. Meanwhile the 5th Battalion had their Annual Camp in Otterburn in September and the 6th/7th were fortunate to have theirs in Cyprus in June.

MORE HEADLINE NEWS

The Regimental Free-Fall team, 'The Tigers' represented the British Army in Berlin on 18 June at an Allied sky-diving display to mark the departure of the Allies from the City. Subsequently they dropped into Dover Castle on 6 July for the start of the Tour de France with the appropriate coloured jerseys for the leading cyclists and training smoke in matching colours. Also for this event the Regiment provided ceremonial Fanfare Trumpeters, and, at both Dover Castle and in Canterbury, a Corps of Drums. The Kohima TA Band played later at the Lord Mayor's Garden Party.

REGIMENTAL GRAND REUNION

The Regimental Grand Reunion returned to Canterbury 'Home of the Regiment' on 20 June. There seemed to be more members of our affiliated Associations than ever and the majority agreed that Howe Barracks provided a much more agreeable atmosphere for this occasion than the wind-swept expanses of Basingbourn.

HONORARY FREEDOMS

Much attention is now placed on fostering the Regiment's Honorary Freedoms granted by 30 cities, boroughs and towns. Each year a number of the Freedoms are exercised and this autumn contingents from the 6th/7th Battalion marched through Arundel (1 October), the 5th Battalion through Maidstone (15 October) and the 2nd Battalion through Guildford (28 October) and Canterbury (29 October). Next year Freedom Parades are already planned for Southampton (30 March) and Reigate and Banstead (31 March). We very much hope that these occasions will be strongly supported by our affiliated Regimental Associations.

All but four of the Lord Mayors or Mayors of our Freedom cities, boroughs or towns visited either the 1st Battalion in Northern Ireland for two days or our 2nd Battalion in Canterbury for one day in October, November and December. This was an excellent way for these civic dignitaries to get to know and appreciate 'their' Regiment.

Also this year for the first time, the Regiment arranged for a serving officer in uniform to lay a Regimental wreath on Remembrance Sunday in all 30 Freedom places. This too helped to establish the name of the Regiment across our recruiting area.

DOVER CASTLE MUSEUM

Association members who have not visited the Regimental Museum in Dover Castle recently (admission free on showing a membership card) are strongly advised to try out the new Second World War Inter-Active Video which was installed there this summer after considerable hard work by Lt Col Les Wilson MBE and others. This new facility places this excellent museum among the best in the country and it should not be missed.

NORTHERN IRELAND MEMORIAL

Plans are being made for the construction and dedication of a Memorial to all ranks of The Queen's Regiment who were killed in Northern Ireland during the recent campaign. The Memorial will be sited at the entrance of Howe Barracks, Canterbury. It will feature a cartouche of the Royal Arms of King George III which was originally on the Officers' Mess of Wemyss Barracks (now demolished) in Canterbury, placed above a memorial plate bearing the particulars of all those killed.

SILVER AND BANDS

Major Mike Aylward MBE has been burning the midnight oil in Regimental Headquarters organising the auction of surplus Regimental silver and the disposal of instruments, equipment and music which previously belonged to our Regimental bands, which were disbanded this summer. The two new Queen's Division bands, the Minden Band at Colchester and the Normandy Band at Catterick are both now fully operational and have a busy programme of engagements extending far into the future.

ENFIELD BRANCH

The Enfield Branch held their Remembrance Day Service in conjunction with the Postal and Courier T.L.C. at the Regimental War Memorial, Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, on Sunday 13 November. The parade commenced with a Service in the Church and the Branch Standard was laid on the Altar. This was followed by a Parade at the War Memorial where wreaths were laid. Between 40 and 50 members attended. The branch then attended a curry lunch in the bar of the WOs and Sgts Mess.

In the afternoon the branch joined in the local march to the Enfield Memorial where Mrs Beard, widow of Harry Beard laid a wreath.

GRAND DAY AT CANTERBURY

Around 30 members of the Association marched behind our President, Brigadier Tony Pielow at the Grand Day Reunion held at Howe Barracks Canterbury on Sunday 26 June 1994. On parade were the Branch Standards of Enfield and Hounslow Branches together with the Standard of the Royal British Legion, Enfield Branch.

At the conclusion of the Drum Head Service the Old Comrades of the Forbear Regiments led by a Guard from the 2nd Battalion of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment marched past the Colonel of The Regiment, Lieut General A.A. Denison-Smith, MBE.

After the Parade the Association Members and their families adjourned for refreshments, picnic lunches etc., and many old friendships were renewed and new ones made. The various side shows for both adults and children were well attended throughout the afternoon. A very pleasant day ended with a thrilling demonstration of parachuting skills by the Regimental Free Fall Team followed by a beating of retreat by the combined Band and Drums of the 2nd and 5th Battalions.

An event well worth attending. Why not make the effort and come next year? I am sure you will enjoy the experience and I look forward to seeing you there.



POPPY LORE

Old Comrades of the LST & Landing Craft Association who travelled to Normandy under the auspices of the Legion's Pilgrimage department for the D-Day ceremonies will not be surprised to hear that their escort on the journey, Tony Pielow, has been speaking up on behalf of the Poppy.

President of the RBL Dummer (Hants) branch and chairman of the Wessex branch of the Magistrates Association, Brigadier Pielow, JP, was aggrieved to discover in his local Bench Newsletter a view that among the symbols of bias he was advised to avoid was a remembrance poppy. Right away the brigadier wrote a letter to the national journal of the Magistrate's Association, The Magistrate.

Wearing a poppy, he wrote, shows a sense of compassion for others and support for a charity devoted to alleviating the suffering of men and women who have been wounded or disabled, and in many cases confined to a wheelchair or hospital bed for life, as a result of serving others in the defence of our country and way of life. It does NOT show bias.

His letter continued, With Remembrance Sunday almost upon us, I hope that Magistrates will wear their poppy with pride. I certainly will – in and out of Court.

HONG KONG (ARGYLE STREET) P.O.W. ASSOCIATION

Major A.E.F. Waldron, attended the above luncheon held at the Duke of York's Headquarters, on Friday, 21 October 1994.

Captain and Mrs J.H.S. Hudson, MX, attended. 'Huddy' is the Treasurer of this Association. Another Diehard member well known to us all was present - Capt F.S.O. Hancock.

KOREAN CLUB

On the 17 September the Korean Club held another very successful and enjoyable reunion at the Victory Services Club. Just over 70 members and guests attended, which considering the distances some had to travel and the advancing years, was very satisfactory.

The Club was formed in 1981 from the members of the Middlesex Regiment who served in Korea, plus associate members from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who served alongside them. Both Regiments were stationed in Hong Kong at the outbreak of the war in June 1950. In the August they were rushed to Korea at very short notice, where they were continuously in action through to May 1951. They were told at the outset that they would only be there until the October (1950) and then returned to Hong Kong!

The 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment was awarded seven Battle Honours during their nine month tour in Korea.

TYNDARIOS STONE

Visitors to the National Army Museum will see the Tyndarios Stone on the left at the beginning of the pathway leading up to the Front Entrance of the Museum.

The unloading of the Stone gave the Museum Staff a few headaches. In the event the London Regiment came to the rescue with the loan of a small crane to lift the Stone from the vehicle. When your Secretary made enquiries with the Museum Staff as to its permanent location within the Museum, he was told quite firmly it stays where it is!

I am sure members of the Association will be happy with this decision as it is one of the first items one sees on arrival. A good plug for the Regiment.

We have a member of our Officers' Club resident in South Africa, and he has sent the attached extract from "A History of the Ocean Steam Navigation Company 1865-1973" with regard to the mining of the Tyndareus.

A final 'war story' may be given as an instance of remarkable survival. The *Tyndareus* had been delivered at the end of 1916 and began her maiden voyage the following January under Captain George Flynn. On board were around 30 officers and 1000 men of the 25th Middlesex Regiment on their way to the Far East by way of the Cape, under command of Lt Colonel John Ward, a Labour Member of Parliament. On 6 February, off Cape Agulhas, the ship hit a mine on the starboard side. The huge explosion opened a gaping hole, and *Tyndareus* began to sink at the head. Perfect discipline was kept by Captain Flynn and Colonel Ward; the troops were ordered to boat stations, and despite rough seas and a strong wind, all were transferred safely to two ships which had answered her SOS, the Blue Funnel *Eumaeus*, and the hospital ship *Oxfordshire*. A naval vessel, HMS *Hyacinth*, and a South African government tug were sent out from Simonstown to give assistance, but in fact could give very little.

The *Hyacinth's* commanding officer considered *Tyndareus* a danger to navigation and ordered Captain Flynn to beach her. Flynn ignored the order, and resolutely took his sinking ship, stern first and in stormy conditions, to safety at Simonstown. There were two immediate consequences. One was a dressing down for Captain Flynn from the Admiral of the port for ignoring the naval officer, accompanied by the request of 'the honour of your presence at dinner tonight'. The second was a letter to Richard Holt from Viscount Buxton, the Governor General of South Africa:

The hole is a terrible one, the bottom, plates and bulkhead twisted and torn. It is a wonderful thing that she was able to float at all and did not sink within a few minutes . . . You and your firm, the designer and the builders, are greatly to be congratulated on the result of the great improvements in regard to double bottom, bulkheads, etc., designed for the *Tyndareus* - These were, I presume, consequent on the loss of the *Titanic*. There is no doubt whatever . . . that without these well designed and costly improvements the ship would have gone to the bottom.

This same *Tyndareus* had a long and eventful history, which included further war service between 1939 and 1945. She ended her days as a specially adapted pilgrim-carrier after the war, and was finally sold to buyers in 1960 after a record 44 years as a Blue Funnel ship.

DIEHARDS RETURN TO ALBUHERA

As is now the custom of Hounslow Branch, the annual pilgrimage to the battlefield was undertaken by seven members to maintain the tradition set after the battle to hold a dinner in the village and to drink the Silent Toast to "THE IMMORTAL MEMORY".

On arrival the branch was met by our hosts Mariano & Juliano, who supply our accommodation. They greeted us warmly, as did the Mayor and his councillors, who insisted that we join them for coffee and a private viewing of the diorama of the battle which had just been commissioned for the museum.

The 16th May dawned fine and sunny and the branch, as guests of the Mayor and local council, paraded in the village square together with a party of four officers of "THE QUEEN'S ROYAL HUSSARS", who had made the journey from Germany to be present. It is also customary for the Spanish Army to send a contingent and a band for the public ceremonies, which are held in the village square and comprise of the raising of flags of all the countries who fought in the battle and the laying of a wreath for each nation and a service of remembrance followed by a march past of the participating Spanish Regiment.

Once the parade had finished we adjourned to the museum for the unveiling of the diorama at which time the branch presented a painted pewter figure of a drummer of the 57th Foot to the Mayor, to be displayed in the museum, 50% of the cost having been donated by the Regimental Association, also a listing of the casualties suffered by the Regiment which was obtained from the Public Records Office. To mark the occasion, each member was given a lapel badge and a small vase.

We then attended a civic reception where an excellent meal was enjoyed by 150 guests at which the branch was presented with a plaque as a token of the friendship which exists between the Middlesex Regimental Association and the Village, inscribed "Como reconocimiento a la colaboracion de Los Amigos del Regimiento Middlesex en los sucesivos actos conmemorativos de la Batalla de la Muy Heroica Villa de La Albuera. El Pueblo de la Albuera agradece su presencia 16 de Mayo 1994".

In the evening Dave Eagle, currently serving with the London Regiment, laid a wreath at the memorial on the ridge, after which those present walked over the site of the battlefield.

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE COMMEMORATING VJ DAY

A Remembrance Service has been arranged to take place at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea at 1200 hrs on Tuesday the 15th August 1995, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the ending of the Far East with Japan and to remember those who died in battle and as prisoners of the Japanese. Members and their families will be welcome. Please note the date. Further details will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter due out in June.

Good to hear from CSM Ron Chapman (6207747) 2/8th (1st Bn), still living in Ireland. He remembers the late Colonel Desmond Ellis and his wife Effie and Les Page and many others. We wish Effie, at present in hospital, a speedy recovery after her hip replacement operation.

Colonel Rex Fendick, Canloan officer with the 2nd Bn, continues to keep in touch. He is also corresponding with Colonel Tony Hewitt in Australia. Our other Canloan Officer Mac McConaghy is still Mayor of his town, Oxford Nova Scotia. He has just accepted nomination for another term of office.

Bill Gardner (6212154), 8 PIB Company 1/7th Bn, recently underwent a triple heart by-pass operation at the Middlesex Hospital. The operation was successful and he is making a good recovery.

Received a nice letter from Ron Girdler, living in Belfast, who served with our 4th Bn and was badly wounded on 24 October 1971, by the IRA. He was very pleased to be invited by the 1PWRR command by Lt-Col John Russell, son in law of Brig B.A.M. Pielow, at their Open Day in Omagh on 14 August 1994. I hope he polished the OCA Badge I sent him.

Mrs. M. Hofman, 21 Alleyn Park, Norwood Green, Mx, UB2 5QU, would like to know the exact location of 5 Platoon, B Company, 2 Mx, during the battle Overloon. If you can help please correspond with her direct. Her father was Private W.J. Hickman, who fought in the battle.

Mr L. Husband, RIBE LANDEVEJ 42, 6100 Haderscey, Denmark, is trying to trace his father, Derek Husband, who served with the 1st Bn 1953-57, Austria and Cyprus. If you can help please write to him direct.

During September I was able to meet in London Peter Kifford and Reg Smith '40 and to take them round the National Army Museum. We then toured the Royal Hospital, Chelsea and visited Sgt Fred Hazlewood. Peter took some good photographs which I hope to be able to publish later.

Jacko Jaques recently sent me a newspaper cutting of a Diehard celebrating his 100th birthday. He was Albert Sampson who served with our regiment at the battles of the Somme and Verdun 1914-18. He was wounded in the arm and gassed three times. We will investigate. Jacko is fairly well but not very mobile. As usual he sends his regards to all especially the three musketeers, Pat, Jimmy and Mac.

Mr R.E. Knowles (6207423) 2/8th (1st Bn), residing in British Columbia, sends his best wishes to his comrades.

Former CSgt J.C. Morgan (6201818), aged 76 years, was admitted to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, as an In Pensioner on the 10 October 1994. 'Molly' Morgan, a very popular member of the 1st Bn, is well known to all. He served from 10 July 1934 until 13 August 1960. He holds the following medals: 1939-45 Star, Africa Star, Italy Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-45, General Service Medal (Clasp Cyprus) and the Long Service & Good Conduct Medal. At the outbreak of war he was serving in Hong Kong with the 1st Bn. During 1941 the Bn was ordered to form a draft of 30 to include one officer (Capt Vic Cooper) and one Sgt (Morgan) and 28 soldiers to proceed to the Middle East for special duties. The draft took so long to arrive that when they got there, the object had changed. They then were split up, joining all types of units. Some joined Bomb Disposal, Paras, etc.

I was very pleased to be able to visit him on Monday 31 October. Whilst out for a walk he met Colonel Chattey.

Our very best wishes to Mrs Peggy Reece, widow of WO2 Bert Reece, and to wish her a speedy recovery from her recent stroke.

I am looking forward to a visit from Major and Mrs Edgar Reece, 2/7th Bn, from nearby Sandwich. The red carpet is in position.

Former CSgt L.W. Taylor (6203993), 2 Mx, 1938-45, writes to say that he is disappointed that so few members of the 2nd Bn get a mention in the Newsletter. Sadly we have very few members of the 2nd Bn. Your 33 1/2 years service in the Met Police must be put to use - lets have some addresses.

Received a nice letter from 6205138 Sgt Reg Warner, 1/7th Bn, telling me about his visit to St Valery, France, prior to the D-Day Commemoration plus a photograph of the 51st Highland Division Memorial.

It was good to hear from Major Bob Whitehead who served with the 2/8th (1st Bn) throughout the N.W. Europe campaign. I first met Bob when I rejoined the 1st Bn in early 1947. I remember Bob as a very good Bn Goalkeeper. The 2/8th had a very good team in those days, Les Compton, etc.

The following have joined the Regimental Association:

Capt W.D.(Bill) Cavendish - served D & A Company 1/7th Bn 1940-46. He resides in Rome, Italy.

Cpl R. Emerson - previously Crook, 23915591, served 1st Bn, A,B,C & HQ Coys 1962-67.

Private J. Jones, 14228461, served 1942-3 Rifle Brigade, 8 Mx 1943-45 and 1/7th 1946.

Private H.G. Knight, 685559, served 1941-43 KRRC and 2nd Bn 1943-45.

Sgt L.R. Radford, 6204798, served 13 PI D Coy 1/7th Bn 1938-46.

Private L.F. Swatton, 6215692, served 70th Bn 1941, 2PLK 1941-47, 2nd Bn Mx 1947-48, Glosters 1950-51.

Private H.J. Hellens, 14412765, served 70th Bn and 7th Bn 1942-47.

OBITUARIES

ARLINGTON – On 18 August 1994, Private Leonard Arlington (6203442), aged 74 years.

He enlisted on 7 April 1938 and on completion of his recruit training joined the 2nd Bn and was with them in the BEF. When the BEF withdrew from France he went missing on 26 July 1940 and remained so until 17 June 1941. From 18 June 1941 to 12 September 1944 he was in hiding in occupied France (3 years 81 days) and during this period assisted the French Resistance. He returned to UK on 13 September 1944 and served at the Depot until posted to the RASC and finally transferred to the Army Reserve on 29 July 1946. His exploits were published during 1984 in a book written by John Laffin titled 'The Man the Nazis couldn't Catch'.

AVERY – On 16 August 1994, Mrs Rosalie Avery, aged 92 years, at the Royal Cambridge Home for Widows. Her late husband served with our 5th Bn 1917-19 and with the 1st Bn 1919-22.

BALL – On 23 October 1992, Capt D.E.S. Ball aged 70 years.

He was commissioned into the regiment in February 1943 serving until 1947. Belated entry – no further details available.

COLLIER – On 20 June 1994, Private Edward J. Collier (6202141), aged 78 years.

Ted Collier enlisted during February 1935 and joined the 2nd Bn. This was followed by posting to the 1st Bn during March 1936 to Singapore and the occupation of Gilman Barracks. On 20 August 1937 he moved with the 1st Bn to Hong Kong on the SS Menelaus. He became Company Clerk with C Company. He was taken POW on 25 December 1941 and held in Shamshuipo Camp and became a member of the 3rd draft to Japan and ended up in Tokyo POW Camp. He was evacuated to UK in November 1945 and was transferred to the Army Reserve.

Ted was one of the first members of the regiment to occupy a house at Albuhera Close – the year was 1950 and he lived there until his death. He was a keen gardener and his house was always surrounded by a lovely display of flowers and vegetables. He even had a pond with ornamental fish.

His funeral was held at Enfield Crematorium and the coffin draped with the Regimental Flag. Majors Frank Waldron and Ron Morris attended the funeral together with the majority of the occupants of Albuhera Close.

DA COSTA – On 3 August 1994, RSM Arthur John Da Costa (19039053), aged 65 years.

John (Sammy) Da Costa enlisted on 20 January 1947 and served with the 1st Bn in BAOR (Twice), Hong Kong, Korea, Austria, Cyprus. In 1962 he was posted to 4/5 Royal Sussex and returned to the 1st Bn, Gibraltar 1964-5 and to 3 Queens 1967-68 and then 4 Queens 1968-70, when he was discharged to pension with 23 years and 184 days service.

DESBOROUGH – On 4 November 1994, Sgt Walter V. Desborough (6201970), aged 71 years.

He enlisted with his twin brother at Hornsey during 1938 as a Drummer. He served with the 1/7th in the BEF at Dunkirk and was a regimental cook. He was transferred to the Army Catering Corps on its formation in 1943. This was followed by his discharge during 1946. There were five Desborough brothers all of them seeing service with the 1/7th Bn.

DRAKE – On 31 August 1994, Cpl Alex Drake (6201472), aged 76 years.

He enlisted into the Regiment during 1934, and after service with the 2nd Bn was posted to the 1st Bn in 1936 then stationed at Gilman Barracks, Singapore. He moved with the 1st Bn to Hong Kong during August 1934. He was a good all round sportsman and eventually became Bn Goalkeeper at football – a position he shared with Reg Coppard, and I am reliably informed by Reg that he once let in 6 goals. Shame on him.

During 1941 the 1st Bn were required to form a draft of 'hard' characters, in other words rascals, to go to Burma on a special operation. Draky was one of them and no word ever reached the 1st Bn until after the war of their fate. Draky became a FEPOW and ended up in Changi Camp, Singapore. Sadly he never fully recovered from his privations and spent many years as an invalid. The Regiment gave him great support. He eventually married and his wife Sylvia was a great support and a wonderful wife.

Mr Les Plumb, former Secretary of the Mill Hill Branch and now living at Rothwell, Northants, attended the funeral and arranged for the Regimental Flag to drape the coffin. He also arranged with the Home Postal Unit at Inglis Barracks for Alex's ashes to be scattered around the Regimental Memorial. Our grateful thanks to all concerned.

EDWARDS – During May 1993, Private Dennis J. Edwards, after a 11 years fight against cancer. He was a National Serviceman with the 1st Bn in Korea serving from July 1949 to July 1951 and was a member of the MT Section. No other details available.

ELLIS – On 28 October 1994, Private Jack Ellis (22204627), aged 64 years.

Jack died very suddenly of a heart attack. He served as a National Serviceman 1949-51 with the 1st Bn in Hong Kong and Korea. He was a keen Diehard and a member of the Regimental Association and the Korean Club. In civilian life he was a partner in Design Engineering Services Ltd., Brentford, and whenever in the area of Canterbury always made it his business to call in for rations. He even took the trouble to purchase and give me a couple of historical books.

His funeral was well attended and the following were there – Major Ron Morris, Messrs Bennett, Dunnett, Francis, Howrihane, Jelley, Lester, Millard, Vincent, Wilson, Woods and my apologies to the one name I have left out.

GARDNER – On 27 October 1994, Private Alfred (Limey) Gardner (6550608), aged 85 years.

Limey served with the Royal Fusiliers T.A. from 1929-31. He then came to his senses and enlisted into the Middlesex Regiment in 1931 and served with the 1st Bn in Palestine from 1931 followed by Egypt and Singapore. He became time ex in 1938 and left Singapore for UK and transfer to the Army Reserve. Limey was a great character and became on numerous occasions a friend of the Provost Sgt – I say no more. He was called up for war service in 1939 and served with the 2/8th Bn (1st). He was wounded in the arm and awarded a disability pension. For many years he liked to tell me of his troubles and his last call was a month before he died. His Grandson gave me news of his death and said 'he always spoke fondly of you and wanted you to be aware of his death and the circumstances as soon as possible'. Another good Diehard who loved his Regiment.

JOHNSON – On 13 June 1994, L/Sgt Edward George Johnson (2656682), aged 80 years.

Ted Johnson enlisted into the Coldstream Guards in September 1934. His elder brother, Len Johnson very well known to the members of the WOs and Sgts Branch and the Mill Hill Branch, then reminded Ted of his loyalties and claimed him and made sure he was transferred to our Regiment. Ted then was posted to the 1st Bn and served in Egypt, Singapore, Hong Kong and was taken POW on 25 December 1941. He was moved from Shamshuipo POW Camp to Tokyo POW Camp in 1943 and eventually repatriated to UK in November 1945 and transferred to the Reserve in May 1946. Sadly he suffered for many years after the privations of POW life and became bedridden for many years.

MAHON – On 8 March 1994, L/Sgt Peter Mahon (6209965), aged 75 years.

Peter was called up for service on 16 October 1939 and served with B Company 1/7th Bn in France, Africa and Italy. He was transferred to the Army Reserve on 2 February 1946. He told me he was very proud to be able to take his wife to France during 1991 and to be able to stand on the Pegasus Bridge.

MORROW – On 24 September 1994, Private Wilfred Morrow, aged 74 years.

He served with the 1/7th Bn at Dunkirk, Africa and Italy 1939-45 and was transferred to the Army Reserve in 1946. If I remember rightly a comrade told me of him being involved in a nasty accident with a bus in 1989 and he came off second best. All very sad.

PARIS – On 7 August 1994, Private Eric Ivan Paris (T/62632), aged 79 years.

He enlisted at Mill Hill in 1936 and was posted to the 2nd Bn at Gosport. He went with the Bn to France and joined the BEF and was evacuated from Dunkirk. On his return to UK he transferred to the RASC and was demobilised in early 1946.

PERRETT – On 16 April 1994, Sgt Frank Perrett (6207987), aged 74 years.

Sgt Perrett served from May 1939 until June 1946 and saw service with the 1/8th Bn in France and Germany.

PIKE – On 20 July 1994, Mrs Doris Margarete Pike, widow of Major J.I.D. Pike, who died on 17 October 1977.

The funeral was attended by Lt-Col and Mrs. C.N. Clayden, Major and Mrs C.L. Lawrence, Major and Mrs R.E.B. Morris, Mrs A. Pielow and Mrs C. Pollard.

SAXBY F.G. – "Nobby", as he was affectionately known, passed away on 8 May at the age of 80, following a short illness. He joined the Army in 1934 and from 1936 served in India and China followed by service with the 14th Army in Burma. In 1944 he returned to the UK for a well-earned leave after eight years continuous overseas service. In December 1944 "Nobby" joined The Queens in Belgium. He was again with The Queens in Germany in 1950 when he found himself being posted to the 1st Middlesex in Korea, where he served as a Platoon Sergeant with C Company. He returned to Hong Kong with the Battalion before returning to the Queen's in 1953; shortly after he was posted to the TA Centre at Woking (some say it was Dorking), where he was promoted to WOII. He was later asked to join the 1st Queen's in Malaya as they needed someone with his experience. He declined the offer saying that he had spent too many years away from home and now wished to spend more time with his wife May. The result of that decision was to be demoted to his former rank of Sergeant. May tells me that "Nobby" had

many times said that the biggest mistake he ever made was to leave the Middlesex! During his service he was a very good boxer and hockey player and represented The Queen's on many occasions. He finally left the Army in 1956 on completion of 22 year's service.

Bert Dunnett and Con Howrihane, both of whom had previously served with "Nobby" in Germany, represented the Korean Club at his funeral.

J.A.L.

SCUDAMORE – On 7 October 1994, Mr Arthur Scudamore, OBE, aged 97 years and 363 days. 'Scudie' served with the 2/10th Bn 1914-18. A separate 'appreciation' appears after the obituaries. The funeral was attended by Col and Mrs A.S. de J. Clayton, Col and Mrs I.D. Brotherton, Major C.L. Lawrence and Capt D.A. Hawkins.

SHEPHERD – On 18 February 1994, Private Henry Shepherd (6206678), aged 76 years. Henry served with HQ, A and B Companies of the 2/7th Bn from May 1938 to January 1946. No other details available.

SODEN – On 23 October 1994, Mrs Betty Soden, wife of 6200167 WO2 E.J. Soden for 59 years. Also his daughter, Leslie, aged 54 years, on 24 June 1994. Our deepest sympathy to this regimental family – we will indeed miss them.

STOCKMAN – On 26 August 1994, Sgt David Francis Stockman (6206478), aged 75 years. David served with the 2/8th Bn (1st Bn) from April 1939 to April 1946.

STONE – On 9 October 1994, Private Frederick George Stone (6209464), aged 72 years. He served with the 70th Bn and later transferred to the RASC.

TOOMEY – On 2 August 1994, Private John Toomey (6464253), aged 76 years. He served with the Royal Fusiliers from July to October 1939 and thereafter with 15 Pl, D Company 1/8th Bn until January 1946 seeing service with the BEF and NW Europe. He was wounded on 14 March 1945 and lost his right leg.

WATSON – On 20 August 1994, Private Harry Watson (G/61825), aged 95 years. He served with the 6th Bn, 1st Bn and 13th Bn 1914-18.

WEBBER – On 29 October 1994, Captain Clifford George Webber, TD, 99748, aged 84 years. Clifford joined the 1st Bn in Hong Kong in late 1940, having being posted to the Regiment from the HAC. He took part in the battle of Hong Kong and was taken POW on Christmas Day 1941. The Officers were separated from the Other Ranks in 1942 and Clifford Webber was detailed by our Commanding Officer, Lt-Col H.W.M. Stewart, to take care of the Mx POWs in Shamshuipo Camp. This he did to the best of his ability and under great duress. He suffered a number of beatings from the Japanese, but always came up for more and never gave in to their cruel ways of punishment. He was a kind person, and when I was Secretary had many a good lunch with him at the HAC, Woolwich.

WESTON – On 14 October 1994, Mrs Mollie Weston, widow of Major General G.P.L. Weston, CB, CBE, DSO, who died 26 October 1977.

WILLIAMS – On 18 January 1994, Major Victor D. Williams, MBE. Victor was a quiet and efficient type who gave good and long service to the 16th Middlesex Cadet Force.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE LATE Mr A.D. SCUDAMORE, OBE

Chiswick Parish Church, Sunday 13th November 1994,

by Brigadier B.A.M. Pielow, JP, President Middlesex Regimental Association.

This is almost the first time we have been in this church to worship without Scudi – but I know he is with us all in spirit this afternoon, and indeed I am sure he is even now watching us to make sure that we have got everything right!

Scudi left us a month ago just short of his 98th birthday which would have been on 10th November – last Friday.

Scudi was born on 10 November 1896 – joined the Army Cadets as a youth, and at 18 years old volunteered for the Army, enlisting into the 2/10th Middlesex at Stamford Bridge to join the Chiswick Middlesex Bn. He joined because he knew his "friends" were in trouble, the friends being little Belgium. I suspect that Scudi knew no Belgians, and certainly there were not many living in Chiswick! But he just knew it was the right thing to do and wanted to do it before it was too late to be in the war.

He was not too late and at the age of only 19 years old, went to serve in Gallipoli and took part in that horrible and unimaginable slaughter. He was in the second line of attack with his beloved 2/10th and suffered the ghastly horrors of that campaign – never failing to help his less experienced comrades – his "experience" having come from his service as an Army Cadet.

Later he failed the eye test for the RFC/RAF, and was posted to the 2/13 Kensingtons.

After the war, he at once became involved in the Old Comrades' Assn of the 2/10th as the deputy to Major Cattell, whose plaque honours this church, and where we hope soon to have a plaque honouring Scudi as well. He took over the 2/10th OCA from Major Cattell, and until this year has kept the Assn alive, introducing the families and friends of his old comrades into the OCA, with which we of the Middlesex Regt. Assn have always been so proud to be associated. Scudi ran this service and the annual lunches until his passing, and their yearly success has been entirely due to him.

In 1990 Scudi was one of only 5 Gallipoli veterans who made the pilgrimage to Gallipoli, and the world press and TV was able to see this fine old Diehard briefing the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, about the campaign, and recalling the horrors all the soldiers suffered, where they slept, ate and lived daily in the mud and filth.

Indeed I suspect that the horrors, mud and filth of Gallipoli was the key to Scudi's gentleness, caring for others, upright body and soul. Dear Scudi was the very finest example of a real gentleman and old soldier. He was a gentleman and soldier and he was old.

Scudi thought there was a special "magic" about Gallipoli and said that "it brings people back, and to me it did too, near the end of my life".

To us in the Middlesex Regiment, Scudi was a living tradition. He was also a wonderful husband and equally wonderful father to Mary, Anne and June. He was a friend to all, and to us in the Regiment, a truly fine example of what a soldier should be, and in his case, was.

Here, in this Church and at this annual Service, we all have a very special memory of one of the finest Diehards ever.

WHAT IS A PSI?

(ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN)

1. The incumbent must be a democrat, an autocrat, and a doormat. He must be able to entertain Prime Ministers, pickpockets, philanthropists, privates, provisional lance-corporals, pirates, police and OCs – and be on both sides of the political fence – a radio op, med and psychoanalyst, driver and part-time paymaster (not to mention clerk).
2. As he has to settle arguments and fights he must be a qualified boxer, wrestler, weightlifter, waffler, printer and peacemaker.
3. He must always look immaculate when drinking with drivers, skivers, bankers, swankers, commercial travellers and company representatives, even though he has just stopped a beer swilling contest in the ORs bar.
4. To be successful he must keep the bar full, the ranks full, the vehicles full, and not himself full. He must keep the dues straight, the kit straight, someone on the date, and be prepared to delegate.
5. He must have volunteers who are clean, honest, quick thinkers, and workers, non-drinkers, mathematicians, technicians, and he must be at all times on the boss's side, the T.A. side, and stay on the right side of the law.
6. It is said that the PSI home wrecks, breaks necks, takes weekly 'checks', in other words – saturates, confiscates, deteriorates, communicates and propagates.
7. To sum up – he must be outside, inside, offside, glorified, sanctified, crucified, stupified, cross-eyed, and if he is not the strong silent type, there is always suicide.

Extracted from the 1993 Journal of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment – THE VOLUNTEER.

I feel sure the above designation of a PSI will be of interest to all former DIEHARDS and QUEENSMEN who have held this prestige appointment.

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 price. Cheques or Postal Orders should be made payable to the Middlesex Regimental Association.

Tumblers Whiskey engraved with Middlesex Regtl Badge	£ 7.00 each
Blazer Badges	£ 7.00 each
Car Badges (good quality)	£12.00 each
Ice Buckets, miniature side drum with regimental emblazon	£22.00 each
Ties Regtl Old Pattern, Maroon & Old Gold	£ 5.00 each
Ties Regtl New Pattern	£ 4.00 each
Ties, Officers' Club Silk	£12.50 each
Middlesex Regiment Cap Badges	£ 3.50 each
Christmas Cards depicting:	
Steady the Drums and Fifes	.35p each
The Guardroom Scene	.35p each
Colonel Graham Egerton, 77th Foot Portsmouth 1854	.35p each
Old Comrades Lapel Badges, Old Pattern – The Diehards	£ 2.75 each

We are now in a position to supply the following – please allow 14 days for delivery:

Middlesex Regtl Blazer Button (Flat staybright with engraved Middlesex Badge)	£22.00
Sets of 6 large & 6 small	£ 2.00 each
Individual buttons large or small	
Middlesex Regimental Cuff Links	£ 8.50 per pair
Middlesex Regimental Cuff Links with tie grip	£11.00 set
Tie Grip only	£ 5.75 each.