



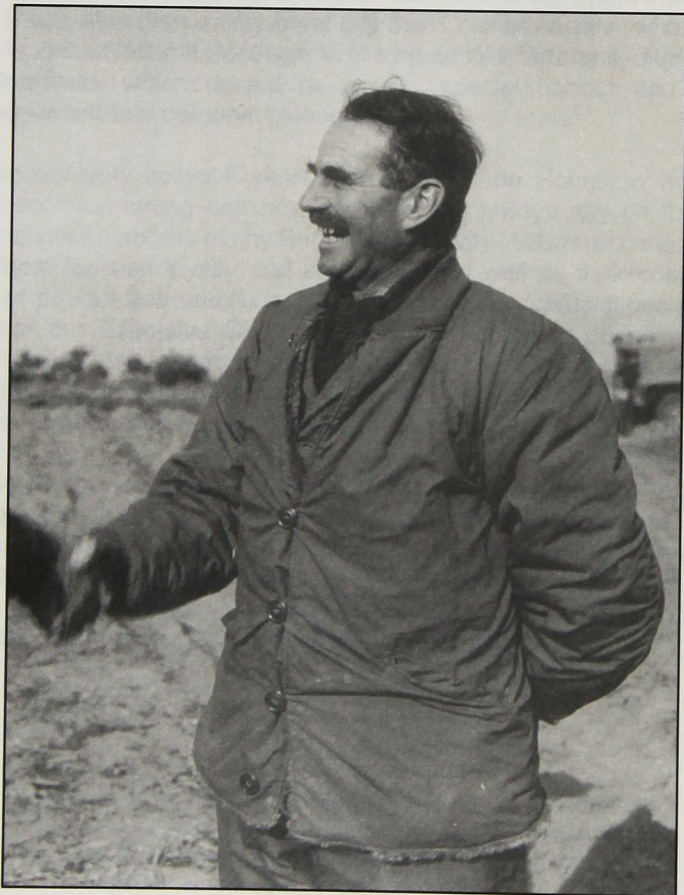
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Colonel Andrew Man, DSO OBE. 1907 - 2000

"Colonel Andrew Man died on the 1st November 2000 and his funeral took place at Lampeter Velfrey on the 14th November. A full obituary follows in this Newsletter."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we move into the New Millennium I am happy to report that the Association is the same Regimental focus that it always has been since its inception. Indeed, although we are all growing gradually and happily older, our numbers continue to hold up. Year by year the "hard core" who support Regimental occasions are joined by newly found members and their families.

The 50th Anniversary of the Korean War was a particular Regimental Anniversary and a fine number of Diehard Veterans marched past the Cenotaph together. It was of course a very great pity that Colonel Andrew, who had been invited to lead the National Contingents of Korean War Veterans, died just a few days beforehand, which denied us a very special honour and him due acknowledgement and personal pleasure.

Apart from our very active Korean Club Branch, the Hounslow and Enfield Branches continue strong and positive. We can always rely on these three branches to swell numbers at any Regimental activity. My warm congratulations to all of them for their loyalty and enthusiasm as well as their constant high standard of turnout and precision. My thanks and congratulations also to all members of our Executive Committee and to our hard working and highly effective Regimental Secretary, Major Ron Morris and his wife Betty, who organise and attend all our functions and are such excellent representatives at many other non-Diehard functions and events.

My Christmas and New Year Message to you all therefore is that not only do I hope you will all spend a peaceful and happy time with your families and friends but also that you will continue to support the Association's efforts to keep our Regimental spirit alive and kicking as hard as ever, to seek out new members whenever you can and to encourage any current ones who are less regular attenders and perhaps need a bit of encouragement.

Tony Pielow

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions are due on the 1st of January. Officers £5. Other Ranks £3.50. Those living overseas are asked not to send their dues in local currency or local cheques as the UK banks, on average, charge £5 per transaction when changing currency or crediting an overseas cheque to a UK account. Banks overseas will issue a UK negotiable cheque in sterling if requested.

FORECAST OF EVENTS - 2001

5 March	Executive Committee Meeting at 1400 hours followed by the Officers' Club Committee Meeting - RFCA (new abbreviation for TAVRA) Committee Room, Duke of York's Headquarters.
21 April	1/7th Bn OCA Annual Luncheon - Hornsey TA Centre.
11 May	Officers' Club Dinner - Army & Navy Club.
12 May	Albuhera Service - Regimental Chapel - St Paul's Cathedral at 1500 hours.
12 May	All Ranks Reunion - Victory Services Club, Marble Arch Commencing at 1830 hours - AGM at 1900 hours.
12 - 17 May	PWRR visit to Portugal & Spain - unveiling of Albuhera Memorial on 16 May - further information available from the Secretary.
12 - 17 May	Hounslow Branch annual visit to Albuhera.
16 May	Annual Albuhera Luncheon - National Army Museum - details from the Secretary.
17 May	9th Bn Officers' Club Annual Luncheon.
15 September	Korean Club Annual Reunion and AGM - Victory Services Club.
4 October	2/7th Bn OCA Annual Luncheon - Victory Services Club.
8 November	Garden of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey, 1030 hours for 1100 hours - planting of Crosses in the Regimental and FEPOW Plots.

8 November 7th Bn Officers' Club Dinner.

10 November Ceremony of Remembrance - Middlesex Guildhall - opposite Westminster Abbey 1030 hours for 1100 hours.

11 November 7th Bn Remembrance Service, Parish Church of St Mary and St George, Hornsey, London N8 - assemble at 1000 hours.

11 November Annual Remembrance Service - Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill - assembling at the Barracks at 1000 hours.

DONATIONS AND BENEVOLENCE

Donations made

PWRR Museum	£500	(Albuhera Drummer Boy).
RHQ PWRR	£150	(Plaque at Elvas).
Friends of St Paul's	£25	
Grange over Sands Memorial	£25	
Hounslow Branch	£32	(for wreaths at Albuhera).
Enfield Branch	£65	(cost of coach to TA Centre - 8th Bn Memorial rededication).
2/7TH Bn OCA	£180	(to assist members with luncheon costs).
6th Form Appeal Gordon Boys School	£75	(This is the second donation of £75 this year).
Enfield Branch	£150	(Part cost of coach Remembrance Sunday).

Bequests/Donations Received

Anonymous	£500	(£300 to the Assn - £200 to the Officers' Club).
GD Cripps	£100	
Mrs J Porter	£100	(In memory of Maj G Porter).
Topper's Box - 2/7th Luncheon	£40	
(Plus many smaller donations gratefully received).		

Benevolent Grants	31 Dec 98	31 Dec 99	to Nov 00
Grants made to individuals	£13070	£13746	£12782
Less ABF Grants	£7890	£6914	£6533
Net	£5180	£6832	£6249

THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S ROYAL REGIMENT

The two Regular Battalions are now in the Balkans. The 1st Battalion in Kosovo and the 2nd Battalion in Bosnia. Their lives have been hectic and busy leading up to their deployment.

The 1st Battalion deployment was advanced a month from September to August 2000. This of course has a knock on effect on the complex Warrior conversion training. This training involved company packages with the testing of Warrior drivers and the firing of the 30mm main armament in Lulworth. This was followed by Testex, Untat training, live firing at Castle Martin and leave. Deployment was made in early August 00 and they return in February 01. They have been given their own Battalion area which is to the North East of the country. The situation is by no means settled and their life is different each day. The various factions are still liable to fight like cat and dog but various lines have been drawn in the sand. Most of the population is Albanian and most of the Battalion tasks are protecting the Serbian minority. The bulk of the Battalion is deployed forward into the area known as the "Podeujevo Bowl". A large area surrounded by high ground. The Battle Group is PWRR with B Sqn, The Queens Royal Hussars (Main Battle Tank - Challenger II), I/N Battery 1 RHA, and 8 Close Support Squadron RE (Armoured Engineers). At present the local population is friendly. There is very close co-operation with other NATO members in achieving the long-term aim.

The 2nd Battalion has moved from Tidworth and has settled into Aldershot in New Normandy Barracks. This is a Barracks that was not designed for a Saxon Battalion. Therefore every available space/store or garage has kit in it. Before departing Tidworth the Battalion carried out a frantic period of training. Company Groups were sent to Belize and Botswana. B Company carried out Public Duties in London followed by Field Firing in Sennybridge and Warcop. All specialist platoons have requalified and supported all the major exercises. The Battalion deploys in the Saxon role in Bosnia in mid October and returns in mid April 01.

The 3rd Battalion continues to consolidate. They had a shared annual camp with 1 PWRR on Salisbury Plains Training Area. This boosted the manpower of the 1st Battalion and also gave the TA Soldier an opportunity to be in an armoured Warrior role. Quite a number of the Battalion have served in other locations. At present there are a few with 1 PWRR and there will be some joining 2 PWRR. Two soldiers joined 1 KOSB in Cyprus which also involved a tour down to the Falkland Islands. Formed groups and individuals have been on exercise to Romania, USA and Canada. The Battalion was also privileged to host a group from the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada at Annual Camp.

An exchange trip is planned. However they came in our summer it is planned for the exchange to take place in their winter!

B (The Queen's Regiment) Company the London Regiment recently went on exercise to Romania. An excellent opportunity to train in a wild environment.

C (The Duke of Connaught's Own PWRR) Company carried out annual camp with the remainder of this Battalion. This was the first time they had all been together since the Defence Review. The other companies forming the Royal Rifle Volunteers are: A Company - RGJ, B RGBW Company - RGBW, C (PWRR) Company PWRR, E Company - RGJ. Bn HQ and HQ Company are a true mix of all cap badges. It was a successful camp. Our own Company has now settled into its new location at Peronne Close at Hilsea.

The Regiment lives on.

AJM

OUTING TO CANVEY ISLAND.

A group from the Enfield Branch, accompanied by wives and friends of the Branch had a most enjoyable outing to Canvey Island on Saturday the 15th of July. They were made most welcome. The lunch and the evening buffet provided at the Conservative Club was enjoyed by all as was the evening entertainment. Bob Clarke is to be thanked for inviting us and for organising such an excellent day. It was particularly pleasing that Jack Rodgers was well enough to attend. The photograph shows the ladies who attended and very obviously had a good time.



THE ABLUHERA DRUMMER BOY.

Major Ron Morris represented our President, Brigadier Tony Pielow at the unveiling of the Albuhera Drummer Boy that has been commissioned and installed in the PWRR/QUEEN'S Museum at Dover Castle. The ceremony took place during a talk and Musical Supper held on the 1st of June 2000 by the Friends of the Museum. The Regimental Association made a grant of £500 towards the cost of this project. If you are in the Dover area you should find the time to visit the Museum. They have many artefacts from the Forbear Regiments and a most interesting active video presentation covering World War Two.

ALBUHERA SURVIVOR

The photograph shows the medal of Sgt Alexander Masters who was with the Regiment at Albuhera. He was born in Hampshire in 1783 and recruited by the



57th of Foot at Aldershot in 1804 aged 21. He went with the Battalion to Guernsey and on detachment to Alderney under Major Inglis. Then to Gibraltar and then Portugal in time for the Peninsular Wars. Obviously above average as he was promoted to Corporal after 6 months and Sergeant after 3 years. Was present at the battles of Busaco, Albuhera, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nive and Toulouse. Was discharged in 1818, aged 35, in France because of chronic hepatitis from overexposure in the campaigns. Appears never to have been wounded and was one of the 219 left standing out of a Regimental total of 647 after the battle of Albuhera. Settled in Canterbury where he died in 1852 aged 70. 122 bars Albuhera were issued to the Regiment of which 39 are known to exist now. With the other 5 bars this makes it a fairly rare specimen.

The medal was purchased by Geoffrey Whaley to join the Crimean Medals which members will recall were on display in the PWRR/QUEEN'S Museum at Dover in May 1999. These were also shown on the cover of the July 1999 edition of the newsletter.

8th BATTALION WAR MEMORIAL.

A Service to rededicate the 8th Battalion War Memorial in its new location at the Deansbrook Road Drill Hall was held on Tuesday the 8th of August 2000. Around eighty members and wives from both the Regimental Association and the Middlesex Regiment Branch of the Queen's Association were present together with thirty or so members of B (Queen's) Company of the London Regiment. Members will recall that the Memorial was moved, initially into store, from the Hanworth Road Drill Hall when it closed in March 1996. We gathered together in the Officers' Mess at around 7pm where a glass of wine or a soft drink was on offer.

Mike Ward, standing in for Colonel Ian Brotherton, who was not well enough to attend, gave a resume of the 8th Battalion's history from 1890 onwards, when they were a Volunteer Battalion, through to the Boer War, the Battalion sending volunteers to serve with the 2nd Battalion, on to World War I and World War II. In 1946 the Battalion disbanded before reforming as the 11th Battalion of the Parachute Regiment (8 MX) continuing in that role until reverting back to 8 MX in 1956. With further reorganisations and amalgamations becoming part of 5 MX and then 6/7 QUEEN'S and now continuing on as B (Queen's) Company of the London Regiment.

Father Tim Hutton, who served as a Platoon Commander at Edgware and a Company Commander with 6/7 QUEEN'S conducted a short Service to rededicate the Memorial in its new location on the stairway leading up to the Officers' Mess.

Following the rededication service Brigadier Tony Pielow, in a short address, said how sorry he was that Colonel Ian Brotherton was unable to be present. He had been the inspiration and organiser, with Mr Mike Ward for the War memorial project, ensuring that it was efficiently managed from beginning to end. The Regimental Association had been pleased to be involved in a supporting and financial role, which Major Ron Morris had masterminded.

He then said how particularly gratifying it was to see so many people present, both from Old Comrades and wives as well as from members of B Company. He emphasised just how much the Regular Army continues to rely on the active support of the TA, including for the Army's peacekeeping role world-wide.

Members of the London Regiment have served in the Falklands in the past year and in places like Bosnia some 11% of the soldiers came from the TA - a fact that is not widely appreciated.

He also mentioned how impressed he had personally been during his two tours with the TA, as Adjutant of 7MX and more recently as the first Honorary Colonel of B Company, with the expertise and enthusiasm of TA soldiers, both during their evening and week-end training as well as at Annual Camp. The Regimental Association too is indebted to the TA members who serve on the Executive Committee and who provide its Vice-Chairman. The professional knowledge they bring to their task is invaluable to the Association and provides a vital addition to the Committee's Regular content.

At the conclusion of the formal proceedings all adjourned to the Albuhera Bar where an excellent finger buffet accompanied by a cash bar was enjoyed by everybody present, and which brought the excellent evening to an appropriate close.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

St Peters Church, Ealing held a flower festival between the 29th of June and the 2nd of July 2000 to raise funds for the Ealing Hospice. One of the main exhibits was a tribute to the Middlesex Regiment. An arrangement of flowers by the Memorial Plaque to the Regiment, together with a badge and drapes in the Regimental Colours, raised much interest and comment.

HONG KONG MUSEUM OF COASTAL DEFENCE

The Secretary has received from Major Colin Bellingham of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) Association a copy of the visitors guide to the above Museum located in Tung Hei Road, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong. The guide is well put together and gives examples of displays in the various galleries dating from the Ming Period right through to the present day including information about the PLA Garrison. There appears to be good coverage of the Battle for Hong Kong and of the Japanese occupation. Well worth a visit if you happen to be out there.

2/7th BATTALION ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Another success story. There was a good turn out for the 2/7th Battalion OCA 54th Annual Luncheon held at the Victory Services Club on Thursday the 5th of October 2000. Members travelled from far and near to attend including Chas Moore and his guest June all the way from Australia. A great welcome was given to Mrs Tina Goulding and Mrs Edna Fairhead whose late husbands played such a prominent part in past reunions. The Chair was taken by Lieut Colonel Ralph Robotham who read out the message sent to HM The Queen together with her reply, proposed the toasts and welcomed the guests. Brigadier Tony Pielow, President of the Association, said a few kind words in reply. Fred Phillips gave an up date on various members who for varied and many reasons were unable to be present and he expressed his thanks to the small Committee that had helped to arrange the lunch. Particularly Topper Brown, Alf Burford and Fred's son in law Gary. Topper's Box was passed round and from the Box a contribution of £40 was made to the Association.

FAP.

THE DIARIES OF COLONEL CHARLES JOHN MATTHEWS.

On Wednesday the 18th of October 2000 Major Ron Morris was present at Dover Castle with Major John Rogerson, the Curator of the PWRR/QUEENS Regimental Museum when Dr Robert Colquoun presented a copy of the diaries kept by Colonel Matthews, his great great uncle, who served with the 57th from 1864 - 1869. Colonel Matthews was commissioned on the 9th of August 1864, took part in the New Zealand War 1865 - 1867, served in Ceylon and went to South Africa for the war of 1879. In 1895 he succeeded Colonel Sir William Gatacre to take command of the 2nd Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment then in India. He became a Brevet Colonel on the 5th of May 1885 and went on retired pay on the 18th of September 1889. He died on the 12th of May 1933. His father Major Mark Matthews also served in the 57th from 1839 - 1871. The original 10 diaries each typically 31/2" by 6" in size and containing some 160 pages are to join the Middlesex Collection in the care of the National Army Museum

MIDDLESEX AND TENTH QUEEN'S TERRITORIAL TRUST.

This Trust was set up on the 2nd of September 1985 when the Principal Scheme prepared by the Charity Commission was sealed.

The Principal Scheme, as varied subsequently, regulates the Trust which consists of the following Charities:-

1. Funded Charities.
2. Chattel Charities.

The Scheme provides for nine Trustees of which four are Nominated Trustees representing the three former Middlesex Territorial Battalions and the 10th Queen's (5th Middlesex). In addition there are four Co-operative Trustees and one Ex-Officio Trustee (OC B Company Londons). There shall be a quorum when four Trustees are present at any meeting of which one must be a Nominated Trustee.

Objects of the Funded Charities.

The insurance, repair and replacement of Chattels. The maintenance, repair and improvement of the memorial Chapel of the former 7th Battalion the Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) in the Parish Church of Saint Mary with Saint George in Hornsey.

Making grants to the Successor Unit - B (Queen's Regiment) Company, The London Regiment.

Making grants to the Committee of the Middlesex Regimental Association to the application in assisting persons in cases of need who are serving in the Existing Unit or have served in the Existing Unit or the Former Units and their dependants.

Any surplus income not required under the above headings may be applied in a number of ways set out in the Principal Scheme.

The Trustees may invest any part of the clear income of the Funded Charities which has not been applied in any year in the purchase in their name of any of the investments for the time being authorised for the monies belonging to the Charities.

Objects of the Chattel Charities.

Maintenance of the Chattels.

Use of the Chattels by the Successor Unit.

Loan of Chattels not required by the Successor Unit to suitable bodies as set out in the Principal Scheme.

Gift of Chattels, either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as the Trustees may, from time to time, determine to units or organisations which are themselves charitable.

Museum Projects

In May 1993 the Middlesex Regimental Museum Fund made a grant to the Trust to provide funding for permanent Museum Displays in the TA Centres at Hornsey and Edgware. The Museum at Hornsey was opened by the Deputy Lieutenant for Haringey on Remembrance Sunday 1998.

At Edgware, the Museum Display is now complete and was opened on the occasion of the rededication of the 8th Battalion Middlesex War Memorial Boards for 1914 - 18 and 1939 - 45 which now hang on the main staircase in the TA Centre.

The work in setting up these displays has been undertaken by a small band of volunteers, all former Territorials, under the guidance of Major Derrick Harwood. Both Museums are opened by B Company regularly on appropriate occasions.

JDG

7TH BATTALION MIDDLESEX OFFICERS' CLUB.

For a number of years an unofficial branch of the 7th Middlesex Officers' Club has existed taking the form of a lunchtime drinking club in the City! Initially it consisted of those who had served in the 7th and worked in the City and it met monthly. Now that practically all members have retired it now meets quarterly and has taken the name of "The Duke of Cambridge's Wine Cub" - a convivial gathering which includes those who cannot always get to the Annual Dinner. By the way of an extra celebration the Club held its quarterly meeting on the 17th of June at the TA Centre in Hornsey, inviting their Ladies and taking the opportunity of viewing the Museum which has been built up under the direction of one of our members, Major Derrick Harwood, MBE TD. Sixteen attended including some Ladies who had not seen each other for several decades. A splendid repast was organised by Derrick and Maureen Harwood at a very reasonable cost and we all viewed and appreciated the work done by Derrick and his helpers building up the collection - some exhibits have been added



subsequent to this visit and we hope to see more items dug out of cupboards. The photograph shows the original Officers' Mess with the Secretary, Captain Spencer Richards, launching the proceedings. Any member of the 7th Bn Middlesex Officers' Club who wishes to join us for one of our quarterly meetings should contact him on 01273 842388.

JSR

1 MX IN KOREA - INITIAL ACTION 22/23 SEP 1950.

At that time I was commanding A Coy and there must still be a few A Coy soldiers around who will also have recollections of our first battle.

I think the Coy Comds were given orders for the next days action by the CO on the early evening of 22nd Sep. A Coy's task was to support D Coy if required for D Coy was to make the initial attack on Middlesex Hill.

B Coy commanded by Maj Peter Allen first attacked Plum Pudding Hill which was a kind of outpost of Mx Hill. A pl under Lt Chris Lawrence made a masterly attack on the feature supported by our own Vickers and 3" Mortars plus a couple of US tanks (Sherman's). The remainder of B Coy quickly advanced

and secured the Hill and at the same time made sure of D and A Coy's start line for the main feature attack on Mx Hill.

D Coy then commanded by Major John Willoughby passed by Plum Pudding at about 0800 23 Sep and set out to capture the objective. The going was hard and the ascent very steep but by about 0930 they were near to the summit. Meantime A Coy had followed D Coy's course as close as possible for I wanted to give maximum support as soon as D Coy needed any assistance. The attack seemed to be going according to plan again supported by our own dear old Vickers and 3" Mortars. At around 1000 we heard the wonderful sound of artillery shells passing above us, this was the first indication of any field artillery support and it was most welcome. No mention was made of arty support at the CO's orders group last evening. I heard through my Coy Radio link (Leonard Mead) D Coy asking for the support to be lifted onto the reverse hill slope or to cease so that they could make the final assault. Later I found out there was some mistake about this support. I had noticed a L5 (US light aircraft) flying above us and I thought this was controlling the fire support. Later I was told it was doing this without any contact with Bn HQ and the CO had no means of passing on D Coy's request.

Around 1200 the attack seemed to be halted and as a result I halted A Coy who by that time were showing signs of fatigue due to our own climbing and also lugging Bren ammo and 2" mortar bombs. So far we had not fired a shot in anger nor yet seen any enemy. At about 1430 the battle ahead of us brewed up again but with it came increased arty fire. About 1515 the CO ordered me to take A Coy through D Coy and capture the top of the Hill at Pt 325. On our way through D Coy I managed to speak to John Willo and he told me what he could of the situation. He was sure that the enemy had been very shaken by our arty and our own MG and mortar support and in his usual delightful manner wished us good luck.

We managed to reach the top of the Hill with a minimum of casualties because D Coy's initial effort plus the accurate use of arty and our own support weapons had done great work. When A Coy with two pls up followed by Coy HQ and the third pl in reserve reached the top we saw only retreating Koreans carrying off their own wounded. We helped them on their way and managed to destroy several lacking pace. The pursuit was halted when we saw them rushing northwards and disappearing downhill in a most unsoldier like manner. I then gave the ceasefire and we set about consolidating the enemy's evacuated defences and digging new ones, a most difficult task as the top of Mx Hill was solid rock. I despatched 2 PI to a neighbouring high peak slightly to our rear, it was due to take them until dusk to reach it but I was happy as our rear was covered.

At about 1500 a somewhat half hearted counter attack was made from the north. This was quickly repulsed by 1 and 3 Pls with Coy HQ joining in. CSM Bob Tarrant once again showing he had lost none of his marksman's ability. The enemy, what was left of them withdrew into a deep ravine below us. Even then I had difficulty in stopping the men from firing their weapons and for the first time as it turned out the last time in my active service, - I had to blow my whistle as a cease fire order. Nevertheless we continued to use our 3" mortar support and they did some excellent shoots placing their bombs in the defile with great accuracy and we saw several of the enemy being blown sky high. I regret I cannot recall the mortar NCO's name attached to us who controlled such accurate and devastating supporting fire. Text book stuff with all fire orders passed by radio and greatly appreciated by all ranks of A Coy.

We saw nothing more of the enemy and settled down to a very cold and uncomfortable but quiet night. We stood to just prior to dawn and as the darkness lifted we saw lines of troops moving northwards high on the hill to the left of the SONGJU road, we on Mx Hill were on the right of the road. Those troops were too far away to identify but as they appeared moving northward from around Pt 282 we assumed they were enemy and retreating in the same way as our late adversaries.

At about 0630 we could see A&SH Coys moving up the shallow hills on the left of the road towards higher, much higher hills around Pt 282 and Pt 390. Small arms fire was heard and it was obvious that 1 A&SH was being hotly engaged. At about this time we were again subject to a few odd rounds of light shelling which came our way but they fell short of us and we were not in any way bothered.

Around noon the Mustang fighters (P51's in US nomenclature) circled the area at around 10,000 ft. Below them was a Harvard (T6 in US terms) and below that another L5 observation A/C, all USAF aircraft except the L5 which was US Army. The Mustangs by this time much lower then, to our horror, dived down onto the Pt 282 area and dropped napalm bombs directly onto our attacking friends of 1 A&SH. We were appalled to see a huge inferno of explosions erupting among the troops. We had witnessed a most tragic spectacle of the US fighters mistakenly bombing our own troops. A ghastly error but not the first time this has happened in war, nor did it prove to be the last, by the time of the Gulf War it had a new name "Friendly Fire"!

I then went down the hill to Bn HQ and spoke to Nick Carter, our Adjutant and the CO Lt Col Andrew Man. They were in the process of sending some of our men to help bring down the A&SH casualties, some being very badly burnt. The CO ordered me to withdraw from Mx Hill and return to the start line.

The same orders had already been radioed to both A and D Coys. I then set out to re climb the awesome hill and it took me 45 minutes to reach the Coy. They were all packed and ready to move when I arrived but I was pleased to note our defences were still fully manned. We withdrew from the summit by pls shortly after my return and arrived back at the start line about 30 minutes later where we were pleased to rejoin 2 Pl who had arrived first. We ere delighted to find our 2IC Tony Hodge who with our cooks was preparing a hot meal. We had not eaten hot food since leaving our NAKTONG positions in the PUSAN BRIDGEHEAD.

And so ended our first days in action, it started with 1 Pl covering the crossing of the R NAKTONG and the Bns advance over a very dilapidated foot bridge across the river, it could hardly be called a bridge because part of the thing was made up of large stepping stones which were bits of the original destroyed bridge, it was about 200 yards long. Anyway after the CO and Coy Comds had crossed and B & D Coy were safely over A Coy followed.

This was for many of my young soldiers in the Coy their first taste of action for real, many being NS Men, and they like all the men in our other rifle coys (we only had A B & D Rifle Coys then) suddenly found themselves to be part of a team that worked and would continue to work throughout the Korean War. They were quite magnificent and got better and more battle wise as time went on. To be part of a successful team and the fact that each one of us depended on one another is the very essence, the very core or heart of soldiering. Once soldiers reach that state they will never forget it however long they may be away from active service.

Of course we were proud to be Diehards but we were really no different from other regiments and corps. This is why we meet together on various dates to remember those times and our fallen comrades. But also to regain, perhaps for only a short time, that essence which is crucial and indispensable to make a good unit tick in both good and bad times.

It is the very life blood of a unit and 1 MX and 1 A&SH had all those qualities in abundance while serving with 27 Inf Bde in Korea 1950-51.

DBR

KOREA 50 YEARS ON WITH 1 A&SH

Our Association Chairman, my wife and I had the pleasure of being the guests of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Stirling on Saturday the 23rd of September.

This reunion not only marked the 50th anniversary of their 1st Battalions arrival in Korea but the very date on which they suffered so grievously on Hill 282 after the break out across the Nakkong River. A battle in which their leading companies were napalmed by friendly fire and for which Major Kenneth Muir was awarded a posthumous VC.

Bidden to muster and form up in Middle Square, Stirling Castle at 1015 hours all 110 men on parade were presented with the ribbon of the Korean Presidential Citation. This was first awarded to the men of 27 Brigade at Christmas 1950 but they were never given official permission to wear it.

Then led by the Colours of 1 A&SH, their Pipes and Drums and the Regimental Mascot, the parade marched down from the Castle to the Kirk of the Holy Rude for a service of commemoration. Your two Middlesex representatives, one behind the other, looked decidedly Sassenach in their bowlers, burberries and furled umbrellas.

Everyone stepped out fairly gingerly as it had been pouring with rain and the cobbles were decidedly slippery. However, all arrived safely at the Kirk where we met up with a number of old acquaintances even before the service had begun. They all expressed their pleasure at seeing their old Diehard comrades-in-arms represented at this rather special reunion.

Included with the attractively produced service sheet was a message of gratitude and thanks from the President of the Republic of Korea. A nice touch. Sadly the Revd James MacDonald, the Argyll's Chaplain in Korea, was not well enough to attend, but the highlight of the service was the address given by their current Chaplain. In this he included a very moving description of the battle on Hill 282 during which you could have heard a pin drop throughout the Kirk.

Fortunately for us there was to be no more marching after the service, as local ACF minibuses were on hand to whisk us down to the centre of Stirling for lunch at the Golden Lion. Here we were joined by the wives and others not on the parade and a thoroughly convivial family occasion ensued; helped without doubt by the handsome bottle of malt whiskey set out on each table!

Brigadier David Wilson, the surviving Argyll Company Commander in Korea, chaired the proceedings and other speeches were made by Colonel James Stirling, a subaltern who was wounded on Hill 282 and now Lord Lieutenant of Stirlingshire, and Lord George Younger, another Korean Veteran and former Defence Minister. All sent their warm greetings to their Middlesex friends. So ended a most happy and enjoyable day which we shall long remember.

The finale, however, was yet to come for on the way home the next morning, my wife and I made a short detour in order to visit the new Scottish Korean War Memorial at Beecraigs in the hills to the west of Edinburgh. The Memorial is set in a piece of country strangely evocative of Korea and consists of a mixed plantation of young trees, one for each of the war dead, with at the centre a Korean style cedar wood pagoda. Inside on the walls are listed by Unit all those who were killed in the British Forces in Korea between 1950 and 1953. A moving tribute to perhaps what is no longer quite such a forgotten war.

B St G A R.

LAYING UP THE OLD COLOURS OF 6/7 QUEENS

Despite the inclement weather, a large gathering were present at Chichester Cathedral to witness the laying up of the Colours of the 6/7th Battalion of The Queens Regiment on Saturday the 28th of October 2000 by the 3rd Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires).

These were the penultimate set of Queen's Regiment Colours to be laid up, those previously laid up now repose in the Cathedral Cities of the former County Regiments. The service was attended by the Lords Lieutenants of both West and East Sussex and numerous civil dignitaries and a large contingent from the former regiments. The Old Colours together with their Escort were present in the West Porch and thus there was ample opportunity to view them on entering the Cathedral Church. After the large congregation had sung the opening hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past" the Colour Party slow marched from the West Door, whilst the Kohima Band played the Regimental Slow March, the Colour Party halting at the East end of the Nave. The Colours were accepted from the Colour Party by Lieut Colonel P P Jones, CO of the 3rd Battalion of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, who handed the Colours for safe keeping within the Cathedral, to the Dean, The Very Reverend J Treadgold, LVO, BA, who placed the Colours on the Nave Altar. After the singing of "Jerusalem" the First Lesson was read by Brigadier E R Holmes, CBE, TD, JP, Colonel of the Regiment. The congregation then sang "I Vow to thee My Country", after which Brigadier M R I Constantine, CBE, President of the Queen's Regiment Association (PWRR), read the Second Lesson. The Address was given by the Right Reverend J Kirkham, Bishop of Sherborn and Honorary Regimental Chaplain. The Address was followed by the final hymn and the National Anthem.

After the Service the majority of the congregation adjourned to a marquee which had been erected on the Bishop's lawn to enjoy an excellent buffet where they were able to circulate and delight in the company of former comrades of the large Regimental Family.

The Colours are now laid up in the Chapel of St George which is the Regimental Chapel of the Royal Sussex Regiment.

MJW

THE FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE 2000

We were all very disappointed that Her Majesty The Queen Mother was not well enough to open this year's Field of Remembrance. HRH The Duke of Kent took her place and declared the Field open at around 1130am, after a short service conducted by the Dean of Westminster. His Royal Highness then visited each plot in turn speaking to many of the regimental representatives present. Messrs G Higgins and B Holden were most helpful in that they assisted the Secretary in the planting of the crosses in both the Regimental and the FAREAST POW Plots. There was a good turn out from both the Enfield and the Hounslow Branches, Messrs M Ward and J Raby from Hounslow. From Enfield Mr & Mrs C Howard, Messrs M Mulvaney and B Rawlinson together with Mrs E Warner. Last but by no means least Mr B King all the way from Australia. The crowd and support for the Field of Remembrance seems to increase year by year.

ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2000.

Despite travel difficulties there was a good turn out for the Annual Service held at the Middlesex Guildhall. Brigadier Tony Pielow was unable to be present and so Brigadier Brian Marciandi stood in for him. The Brigadier thanked all for attending and asked that during the service all present remembered Colonel Andrew Man who passed away a few days ago.

Colonel and Mrs Nick Carter were over from Australia and in honour of the occasion Colonel Carter was asked to read the Lesson taken from St John's Gospel Chapter 15 vv 5 - 14.

The Service was conducted by the Reverend Prebendary Patrick Tuft, Vicar of St Nicholas's Church Chiswick and Honorary Chaplain to the Association. Brigadier Marciandi gave the Exhortation and laid a Middlesex badged poppy wreath in memory of our fallen comrades.

Before leaving for home the gathering enjoyed a glass of sherry and refreshments provided by the Association and Betty Morris.

Another visitor from Australia was David Bennett.

CENOTAPH MUSTER WHITEHALL.

Members of the Association attended the Cenotaph Muster in Whitehall in two groups this year. Firstly, led by Brigadier Dennis Rendell, standing for Colonel Andrew Man who sadly died just a few days before, those who served in Korea paraded with the Korean Veterans Association who took pride of place to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War. Secondly a group of 20 or so, mainly from the Hounslow Branch, paraded with the members of the former regiments of the PWRR. Notwithstanding a forecast that it would rain it remained pleasantly sunny and fine, but cold. After the parade around 50 of us joined the London Branch of the Queen's Regiment (PWRR) Association for a most enjoyable lunch at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea.

REMEMBRANCE PARADE MILL HILL.

Thirty nine members of the Enfield Branch attended the Remembrance Parade and Service at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill. Due to advancing years only around twenty or so were able to take part in the march past. After the Service all adjourned to the Sergeants' Mess for an enjoyable lunch.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2000 7TH MIDDLESEX MEMORIAL CHAPEL

On Sunday 12th November 2000 the 7th Battalion Old Comrades and members of the Queen's Association of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment were joined by B (Queen's Regiment) Company of The London Regiment and 144 Parachute Squadron RAMC for the Annual Service of Remembrance in the Parish Church of St Mary with St George in Hornsey. The Standard of the Middlesex Branch of the Queen's Association was received by the Clergy for safe keeping on the altar during the Service.

Following the Act of Remembrance, wreaths were laid before the altar of the 7th Battalion Memorial Chapel on behalf of the 7th Middlesex Officers' Club, the 7th Battalion Old Comrades, the Middlesex Branch of the Queen's Association, B (Queens Regiment) Company of The London Regiment and 144 Parachute Squadron RAMC.

After the Service, the Detachments from B Company, 144 Squadron and the Old Comrades marched back to the TA Centre. The Salute was taken by Lieutenant Colonel Gunnell in the presence of the Clergy and the Churchwardens.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM YESTERYEAR

It is thought that the following photographs will be of interest:-



The first provided by Colonel Roger Gancz shows Officers from the 1st Battalion when stationed at Palace Barracks, Holywood, Northern Ireland in circa 1966.



The second supplied by Colonel Keith Farnes shows the Team from the 8th Battalion returning from the Nimegem March Competition in July 1959.

The third from Sergeant Ken Anderson shows members of 430 Searchlight Battery, 60th Searchlight Regiment (9th Battalion MX) on detachment at Watton in Norfolk in 1940.



POSSIBLE VISIT TO RENDSBURG

It has been suggested that members who were stationed in Rendsburg at the end of World War Two might be interested in returning there for a short visit in 2001. So that the support for this suggestion can be established would those interested please contact the Secretary. At this stage the cost, programme etc cannot be advised until we know if there is any demand.

MIST OVER THE RICE FIELDS

A Soldier's story of the Burma Campaign 1943 - 45 and the Korean War 1950 - 51 by Colonel John Shipster and with a foreword by Fergal Keane is a graphic and moving memoir of two bitter campaigns, giving a first-hand account of the hardship, camaraderie and humour in the front line. In short, it is a gripping adventure story admirably told by a Soldier's Soldier. It is now available from bookshops or directly from Michael Shipster (authors son) c/o the Association Secretary - £19.95 Hardback.

ODD JOTTINGS

Allan Murray the Publicity Officer for the Korean Veteran's Association of Australia has written to say that on the 18th of April 2000 the Australians had a dedication parade at the Australian Korean War Memorial in Canberra. Whilst on parade he was approached by a lady carrying a wreath dedicated to members of the Middlesex Regiment. She asked him to lay the wreath on her behalf. He did so and he thought that members of the Regiment would be pleased to know that it was laid with due reverence on the very edge of the Kapyong Stone.

Alan Jennings wrote from Enfield to say that his mother-in-law who had not seen her brother, Harold Sutton, for about 40 years asked if Alan and his wife Pam could assist her in tracing him. His mother-in-law thought there was a chance that he was living in or near to Kings Lynn in Norfolk. Pam wrote to the Kings Lynn Town Hall in the vain hope that they might be able to find him. The letter ended up on the Mayor's desk. By a remarkable co-incidence the Mayor knew Harold quite well. The Jennings family are now in contact. From a recent conversation they learned that Harold Sutton was with D Company of the 1/7th Battalion at Dunkirk. Anyone who remembers Harold and wishes to make contact can do so via the Secretary.

Ken Mortimer wrote from Guernsey to say that he carried the Royal British Legion Standard on the 55th Anniversary Parade to commemorate the liberation of Guernsey. Before the parade he met Colonel Richard Graham. Richard asked Ken to pass on his best wishes to all Diehards.

Major Pat Donovan, having read the June Newsletter, contacted me to say that he and Ernie Stebbing served, pre war, in the same platoon in the 2nd Battalion and could I put him in contact. I was pleased to supply Sgt Stebbing's telephone number. I hope they had a good chat.

Received a very nice card from Mrs A M Porteous thanking us all on behalf of the London Branch of the Argyll and Sutherland Old Comrades Association for looking after their members so well at the Annual Reunion. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Tom Tricker wrote to say that thanks to a successful double cataract operation he was able to read Roy Bishop's letter in the last newsletter with much interest. He was a Sgt in D Coy in the 2/8th Bn when Frank Godfrey was killed. Went on to say that after leaving Rendsburg in July 1946 to be demobbed he immediately started again in 16 Airborne Division when the TA was reformed. He enclosed two photographs with his letter. One of a Guard of Honour from

the 2/8th Bn for Air Marshall Sir Sholto Douglas when he assumed Command of BAOR and the other the Sgts' Mess Members at the Eider Kaserne in Rendsburg.

Bert Rowson, in letter received shortly after the last newsletter was published, said that he joined up in 1939 and signed on for six months service in case there was a war! He was a member of Cpl Stebbing's (Stebbo) Platoon. He mentioned how efficient and smart he was and so helpful to the recruits. After completing recruit training Bert, along with 5 others, was made a Lance Corporal and stayed on at the Depot as a junior instructor. He then went on to mention the various personalities at the Depot during his time there. Sadly in his letter Bert also mentioned that his wife had died. She had a heart attack just as she seemed to be getting over major surgery. Our sympathies are with you at this sad time.

Chris Hull wrote to say that he remembers Major Peter Bellers from his days at Canterbury when he commanded the Junior Soldier's Company when Chris was a Junior Bandsman. Also said how sorry he was to see that George Plummer had died. He got to know him quite well when George used to visit to instruct the junior musicians. Bassingbourn goes on much the same. The PWRR have recently started recruiting Fijians. Chris says he hopes they stay. They seem pretty good lads.

John Hamill who is the QM of the 3rd (Vol) Military Intelligence Battalion has kindly provided a bugle mouthpiece for Chris Sexton. In his letter John mentioned that on Albuhera Day, whilst at Annual Camp, his Commanding Officer agreed to hold the Diehard Ceremony and they raised their glasses to "The Immortal Memory".

Roy Topley has said how interested he was reading Roy Bishop's letter in the last newsletter. He recalls that the day after the action the Town of Tilsburg were going to lay on a party to express their thanks to the Battalion but they were called back into the line to stem a German Counter Attack.

Ken Baugh wrote to correct the entry in the last newsletter. His doctor decided that he was not fit enough to undergo the knee operation. He then took him into hospital for some six weeks to be operated on to correct something else!. His knee operation has been shelved.

Les Page called recently. We had a long and most interesting conversation about his service with the Regiment. He told me that a group of his pals from the 2/8th Battalion namely, Ron Jupp, Frank Waite, Bob Johnson, Johnny Gould and of course himself used to meet every month for a drink and a chat in a pub

they used when stationed all those years ago at Coleshill near to Amersham. Sadly age has caught up with them and coupled with various infirmities and the current road and traffic conditions they have had to call a halt to their gatherings.

Mike Lattaway wrote to say that he was with the 2nd Battalion in Normandy staying with them until the ceasefire. In his letter he mentions he is a keen student of World War One history and that his father and four uncles served in that war. His father and two of his uncles were wounded. His father eventually married the lady who nursed him. Mike also mentioned that he follows Brigadier Richard Holmes's presentations and lectures with great interest.

Ralph Otto has been in contact to say that his war time friend Sgt Frank Bennion is over from Australia. They met on the 15th of July and had a long conversation about the old days in the Signal Platoon of the 2/8th Battalion. They had not seen each other for over 40 years, so they had a lot to talk about! They hope to see each other again before Frank returns to Australia. Sadly Frank's wife Audrey was unable to be with him as she died a short time ago. Ralph mentioned he is now 82 and Frank is a couple of years younger.

Tom Batson contacted me to say how much he enjoys reading about his old comrades in the Newsletter. He and his wife, who suffered a stroke some years ago, are now both resident in a nursing home.

Ernie Stebbing wrote to thank me for publishing his letter in the last issue of the Newsletter and with his latest letter he enclosed two photographs taken when King Edward VIII visited the 2nd Battalion in Portsmouth in 1936. One shows the Commanding Officer and the Adjutant, Lieut Colonel Bob Jefferd and Captain Ian Gordon bidding farewell to His Majesty and Lord Louis Mountbatten on the steps of the Officers' Mess and the other shows C Company marching past (Cpl Stebbing in the rear rank). The photographs will go to the National Army Museum.

John (Joe) Mullane sent a Fax from New Zealand to thank us for the Newsletter and to say that he and Bert Rislow are resident in Wellington. Both served in the 8th Bn (1st) from 1943 to 1946 and would welcome news from any of their comrades who remember them. Joe can be contacted on 64 4 385 9051 or via the Secretary.

Tom Evans writing in August to purchase the odd item from the regimental shop mentioned that he is off to Hong Kong in November, travelling with the Royal British Legion. (Hope he enjoyed the trip).

Cyril Broome in a recent note said that the delights of Tunbridge Wells were not for him and so he had decided to move back to his old address in Watford. Mentioned that he had not been too well lately but he hoped that the doctors at his local hospital were going to sort him out.

Roy Bishop has presented the Editor with a photocopy of a photograph of the Sergeants' Mess members of the 1st Battalion taken directly after the hostilities finished at Lubeck in 1945. They had obviously had a good party! It will not reproduce in the newsletter but photocopies can be supplied to those interested.

Fred Slater wrote to me recently to let me know that he and his wife celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on the 11th of August 2000. They were particularly pleased and honoured to receive a special delivery congratulatory telegram and card from HM The Queen. Congratulations to you both and may you have many more years together. To mark the occasion Fred was kind enough to make a donation to the Welfare Fund.

George Hyland wrote to say how much he had enjoyed the Korean Club Reunion and to send his good wishes to all his mates from Korean days.

Members will recall that in the June newsletter the Secretary asked for views on whether we should have music at the Annual reunion. So far one reply from Gus Kenrick to say definitely not disco music. He would not object to light music being played by the Regimental Band!

Ron Knowles wrote from Canada to enclose his annual subscription and in his letter he mentioned that he had been in hospital for major heart surgery but is now on the road to recovery. He said that he enjoys reading the newsletter. He was particularly interested in Roy Bishop's item on the liberation of Tilburg as he was there as a driver/operator with both 12 and 13 Platoons.

Reg Shore was in contact recently asking for news about the surviving FAREAST POWs. It was great to see in his letter that his wife is improving after suffering a stroke last November.

Received recently from Jonny Day a copy of the guide to the Honourable Artillery Company's exhibition on their role in the Boer War, currently open at Armoury House in the City. There is mention of a Lieut Bernard Moeller being transferred from the City Imperial Volunteers, where at the age of 18 he is shown as the Adjutant, to the 2nd Battalion the Middlesex Regiment. He was mortally wounded and died on the 23rd of December 1900.

Brian Drake telephoned from Canada to wish all members well and to say how much he enjoyed this year's reunion and that he will definitely be at the Victory Services Club in 2001.

OBITUARIES

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

BASSETT - Frank Charles, G95678, died in early September 2000, actual date not known, aged 101. He served with the Regiment in France from the 10th of February 1917 until 12th of November 1919. He was awarded the Legion of Honour in 1998. Nothing further is known.

BOND - Donald. We have received the following to add to the obituary published in the June 2000 Newsletter: Don Bond was 2IC of 571 LAA Regiment, 9th Bn Middlesex Regiment (DCO). Sadly he died in September 1999 at the age of 86. He was a much admired and effective officer with a distinguished war career. He joined a Heavy Ack Ack Unit TA in Slough in 1937. On the outbreak of war he was embodied in a LAA Unit. This unit in 1942 was a part of the 1st Army which landed in North Africa. After success in North Africa the unit served in Palestine and in Italy. It was there that Don was mentioned in despatches. When the TA was re-established after the war he rejoined the 604 LAA Regiment in Wembley as a Battery Captain. When the AA Command was reorganised, 604 Regiment was amalgamated with 571 Regiment. Don retired in 1960 at the same time as the CO who remembers him with great affection. Our condolences to his dear wife Audrey. May he rest in peace.

JRD

CARTER - Alan Brett, died on the 28th of August 2000 aged 80. Alan joined the 1/7th Battalion, newly commissioned, when they returned from France in 1940. He was severely wounded at El Alamein and after a long period of convalescence in South Africa he eventually arrived back in UK where he joined the Machine Gun Training Centre in Chester as an instructor. Shortly before D Day he managed to get himself medically upgraded and was able to rejoin the 1/7th Battalion in time for the invasion of Europe. His funeral was held at Cromer Parish Church on the 6th of September 2000 with a large gathering of family and friends present. His coffin was draped with the Union Flag and a Piper from the 51st Highland Division played a lament. The Regiment was represented by Messrs Denis Daly and Jeff Haward both of whom served with Alan during the War. Alex Bar of the 7th Battalion of the Black Watch represented the 51st Highland Division. After the funeral the Cromer Branch of the Royal British Legion, where Alan had been the Chairman for many years,

laid on a reception in the Cromer Club. Colonel Andrew Man wrote to say: "In the winter of 1944, as the advance into Germany was continuing, I appointed Alan Carter Adjutant of the 1/7th Battalion which I then commanded. He took over at a difficult time and did a first class job. When the war was over, Alan continued to give his best to Diehard Territorials, especially to the veterans of the war. He had a flair for making friends and sorting out their problems. He was a loyal supporter of the Annual April Lunch at Hornsey for the 7th Battalion Veterans, and it was he who kept alive, by personal attendance, the strong links between the 1/7th Battalion and the 51st Highland Division who we Diehards were proud to have served with from before the Battle of El Alamein until victory in 1945. He will be very much missed by us all."

CLEMENTS - John died on the 26th of June 2000. John served with the 1st Battalion and with the QUEENS Regiment. The funeral was held the Brakespear Crematorium, Ruislip during the afternoon of Wednesday the 5th of July 2000. In addition to a large gathering of family and friends the following members of the Regiment attended:-Mike Aylward, Eddie Elliot, Monty McNab, Pete Rahmatullah and Mick Stacey.

COTTON - Reginald Joseph, 6202683, aged 80 died on the 2nd of August 2000 in Australia where he had lived for many years. Reg joined the Regiment in August 1937 and was serving with the 1st Battalion in Hong Kong when they were all taken prisoner by the Japanese. He was one of the draft on the Lisbon Maru being conveyed to Japan when it was torpedoed and sank off Shanghai on the 1st of October 1942. He succeeded in leaving the ship and was eventually taken on to Japan where he ended up in Kobe House staying there until the war ended. His funeral took place on the 2nd of August 2000. His coffin was draped with the Regimental Flag and the last post and reveille were played as a tribute to this old soldier. The procession from the church to the graveside was led by a piper (his wife being of Scottish decent) and finally as his coffin was laid to rest the piper played Amazing Grace. The Regiment was represented by Ginger Tann and Fritz Jennings both of whom had served with Reg in the 1st Battalion.

FREY - Anthony Dudley, 19110046, died aged 71 on the 29th of July 2000. Tony served with the 2nd Battalion from December 1946 to March 1949. His funeral took place at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday the 4th of August with a large gathering of family and friends present. His coffin was draped with the Regimental Flag. The Regiment was represented by Messrs Alan Jennings, Gerry Patmore and Malcolm Haywood. Malcolm served with Tony in the 2nd Battalion and had remained in touch ever since.

GOODFELLOW - Ernest, William, Charles, 6848839, aged 82 died on the 6th of June 2000. Ernie enlisted into the Kings Royal Rifle Corps on the 15th of February 1940 and stayed with them until May 1943 when he was posted to the 2nd Battalion. He landed in Normandy on D Day plus 1 and remained with the Battalion until the end of World War Two. He went to France to attend the Ceremonies that marked the 40th and 50th anniversaries of the start of the War. He was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 1977 for services to Industry.

GOULD - John, 6210209, died on the 31st of July 2000 aged 81. He served with the 2/8th Battalion (1st) from October 1939 until January 1946 and he was the Company Sergeant Major of A Company when demobbed. The funeral was held on the 4th of August at Holy Trinity Church, Barkingside with twenty five or so family and friends present. John was laid to rest alongside his wife Maisie who died in October 1995. The Regiment was represented by Bob Johnson who served with John in the 2/8th Battalion.

GOULDING - Charles (known as Peter) TD FRICS died on the 26th of May 2000 aged 85. The funeral took place on the 5th of June 2000 at St Michaels Church Bray. He was born in Bristol and was educated at Cheltenham College where he excelled at Cricket. After leaving school he worked in the London Offices of WD and HO Wills. Always keen on the Army he joined the TA in 1933 in the ranks of the MMG Platoon of the Artists Rifles. He together with Ralph Robotham won the Army Lewis Gun Championships at the 1936 Bisley Meeting. In 1938 along with five others from the Artists Rifles he was commissioned and posted to the 2/7th Battalion and he played his part in training and bringing the Battalion up to a high state of efficiency. He served with the Battalion in North Africa and Italy as a Company Commander and a Group Adjutant. He fell ill with pneumonia and as a result he was medically down graded. Posted to HQ British Troops Austria his main task was to deal with the repatriation of Allied Prisoners of War. He was demobbed in 1946. After an unsuccessful business venture he rejoined the Army on the General List serving as an Army Land Agent in Trieste, Singapore and Malaya. His final posting was to the War Office in 1961.. Peter had a great interest in Cricket, Rugby and Opera. He was an avid fan of Gilbert and Sullivan. He took an active part in local affairs serving as a Churchwarden for over ten years. He was the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of his local British Legion Branch, a Trustee for two local charities and a loyal member of the Middlesex and Artist Rifles Associations. He attended every reunion of the 2/7th Battalion and on occasions he chaired the gathering. He, and his wife, Tina, joined the Royal British Legion Pilgrimage to Italy in 1994 where they were at services in Anzio and Cassino to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Rome.

HUMPREYS - William John, 6205317, died on the 21st of October 2000 aged 85. Sadly he had been ill with cancer for the previous eight months. He joined the 9th Battalion TA in October 1938, was called up in September 1939. He served through World War Two with the Kings Own Scottish Borderers and then the Royal Scots, leaving the Army in December 1945.

JOHNSON - Eddie, 6204555 died on the 28th of October 2000. He joined the 1/7th Battalion at Hornsey just before World War Two. He was with the Battalion when they were evacuated through Dunkirk in 1940. He served in North Africa, Scilly and in North West Europe. He was in the Signal Platoon for the whole of his service. Harry Thornton tells us that they were DRs together and quite often shared the same slit trench. Towards the end of 1944 Eddie was unwell, was medically down graded, and spent the rest of the War at the Machine Gun Training Centre in Chester. He was demobbed from there in 1945/46. He was one of a group of members who in the early 1960's under the direction of Brigadier Rackham started up the 1/7th Battalion lunches and get togethers held annually at the Hornsey Drill Hall during April. The funeral took place at the Truro Crematorium on the 7th of November 2000.

JULIAN - Michael. The following appeared in the Daily Telegraph on the 8th of August 2000. "Beloved son of Kenneth tragically passed away on August the 5th in Portugal, late Middlesex Regiment". He served in the 1st Battalion from December 1959 until April 1962. Nothing further is known.

KYLE - MILWARD - Ian who was a Royal Fusilier and served as a subaltern with the 1st Battalion in Korea and then subsequently with the TA died peacefully at home on Thursday the 21st of September 2000.

LEWIN - Arthur Ernest, 6194549, died aged 93 on the 6th of June 2000. Aged 8 Arthur went to the Duke of York's School Dover, with his two brothers, when his father, a Diehard, was killed in the First World War. He went on to join the 2nd Battalion as a Drummer boy in July 1921, serving in the Army of the Rhine, Singapore, India, Sudan, the BEF 1939/1940 and then NW Europe 1944 to 1945. His total service amounted to 1 years and 311 days. After leaving the Army he worked for the local gas company finally retiring in 1971. He was a loyal member of the Royal British Legion and every year around Remembrance Day he could be found in Hastings selling poppies. He was also a member of the Dunkirk's Veterans Association and went on pilgrimages to Dunkirk on many occasions. He was a good sportsman, musician and a disciplined drummer. He was a generous kind thoughtful man with a wonderful sense of humour. Was a regular attendee at all regimental functions until age took it's toll. His funeral took place at the Hastings Crematorium on the 12th of June 2000. Members of the Royal British Legion paraded with their standard, a drummer

played last post and reveille, and a piper accompanied the hearse. His coffin was draped with the Union Flag. A fitting send off for a gallant old soldier. His ashes have been placed in the family grave at Bexhill.

Mc KENZIE-BIGGS - Kenneth Reginald, ERD, died aged 93 in August 2000, the actual date is not known. He was commissioned into the Regiment, in the Supplementary Reserve after service in the University of London Officers Training Corps while an undergraduate at University College. His annual training was spent with the 2nd Battalion which he joined on the outbreak of war in 1939 and served with in France and thereafter. After the war Kenneth resumed his career in University administration and in due course became the Secretary of the Royal Dental Hospital of the School of Dental Surgery where he remained until retirement. Generations of dental surgeons benefited from his advice and help. In appearance he was a small neat man always correctly dressed and noted for the courteous manners so typical of his generation of officers. Throughout his long life he had two great loyalties, apart from his family, the Middlesex Regiment and the Royal Dental Hospital. George Freeborn who served as a subaltern in the 1st Battalion in Gibraltar was his step son. The funeral took place on the 31st of August 2000 at Dunscore Parish Church, Dumfriesshire.

RMC

MURRAY on the 6th of September 2000, Captain Kenneth Diarmuid Murray aged 69 years. Ken Murray died peacefully at home on the 6th of September having been diagnosed with cancer only six weeks before. The funeral service took place at St Alban's Church, Retford on the 15th of September, which was the week that most petrol pumps ran dry! However, the Regiment was represented by Major Tony and Pauline McManus, Major Harold and Dorothy Couch and Captain Michael and Dorothy Doran. Major Couch gave an address at the Service in tribute to Ken. Ken's father was an executive in the mighty Arthur Guinness but he had two uncles and a cousin who became Ministers in the Church of Ireland. Ken himself was very much a spiritual person and so in terms of his career he had a difficult decision. Was it to be the Church or Guinness? Both are said to be good for you but in rather different ways! In the end he chose Guinness, first in London and then in Hayton Cumbria followed by Blairgowrie, near Perth in Scotland and finally in Retford. His friends have many happy memories of visits to the Murray family in Scotland, Cumbria and Nottinghamshire.

Ken transferred into the 8th Battalion TA in 1957 from the London Irish and became a member of C Company at the TA Centre in Wealdstone. Soon after he was commissioned into the Middlesex Regiment and became an active

young subaltern, working hard and playing hard! He was always at the forefront after dinner on mess nights leading the singing and mess games. His repertoire was considerable, varying from Irish Ballads to less intellectual renderings such as the "Wild West Show".

Ken always showed great determination combined with good humour and this was evident at his first TA Camp in South Wales in 1957. Colonel Ian Brotherton the CO sent Ken on a night patrol across the cliffs to recce the route for a dawn attack on a remote part of the South Wales coast. As the patrol led the Battalion through the pitch dark a storm broke with thunder and lightning and torrential rain, and as they struggled to follow the route Ken echoed the word of Ian Brotherton "if you can't take a joke you shouldn't have joined".

Ken's determination continued to show itself and not least in the Nijmegen Marches in Holland. For 3 years he took part in this marching festival which attracts 15000 people from all over the world. He was always the life and soul of the Team leading the singing on the march and ensuring that members adequately quenched their thirsts on Dutch lager usually until the early hours before setting off at dawn for the next days march.

From his early days at C Company in the 8th Battalion he moved on to D Company and over the years served with many well known TA characters including Peter Hall, Dan Hogg, Stewart Henshaw, Mike Ward, Gordon Young, Topper Brown and many others.

The 8th Battalion became the 5th Battalion and then 5th Queens but most of this group stuck together and Ken was always to the fore in these great days of TA and Regimental comradeship. He finished his TA service as OC "D" Company at Hounslow.

Ken met Alison, his wife when attending the wedding of another TA officer, Jim McMaster and they were married in January 1965. Soon they became proud parents of Alistair, Ben and Elspeth.

Although Ken made his career at Guinness his Christian upbringing never left him and in more recent years he was a regular reader of the lesson at St Albans Church in Retford. Alison says that sometimes the introduction was longer than the lesson, but always his reading were delivered theatrically and kept the attention of the congregation.

Ken had a great sense of service to the community and in Retford he became a keen supporter of the Liberal Democrats and served over the years as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the local branch.

Perhaps inspired by his children's concern for the environment he also became a supporter of Greenpeace and during the last few months he visited all the pubs in the area, probably not too great a hardship for Ken, to get their agreement to a collection for Greenpeace. In his last days Ken would have been greatly reassured to know that his efforts would not be wasted and that Alistair would ensure that the good work would be completed.

Ken was a perfectionist, he was a dedicated father, a caring man; a determined man and perhaps more important than anything else he had a keen sense of humour, a sense of fun with a distinctive and infectious laugh. Being with Ken was never dull. He made people laugh and life was the richer for all who knew him.

In a world of dumbing down where people can sometimes be rather grey, Ken stood out as a character, in some ways eccentric, but one that we will always remember. His eldest grand daughter Laura understood that grandpa was about to go to heaven and when asked what he would be doing she said "playing with his toys". Ken had other ideas and even in his last hours his sense of humour prevailed and he told Alison that he would start a home brewery ready for the arrival of his friends.

Ken was a proud member of the Regiment and those of the Regiment who served with him will remember him fondly.

HEC

PATERSON - George David died on the 29th of January 1998. We received the news recently when a copy of the Newsletter was redirected. No other details are known.

PILE - Ron died on the 20th of August 2000. His funeral was held on the 24th of August 2000 at the East London Cemetery. Ron served with the 1st Battalion in Korea and was a member of the Middlesex Korean Club.

RICH - Frank Francis John, MC, TD, 91305, died peacefully in his sleep on the 11th of October 2000. He joined the Artists Rifles in 1927 and in 1938 he was one of the group commissioned into the Regiment from the Artists Rifles and posted to the 2/7th Battalion. He stayed with the 2/7th Battalion throughout the Second World War and served with them in North Africa, Italy and Palestine. He, in turn, commanded Headquarter Company and then both C and D Companies. He finished his service as the Battalion Second in Command. He was a very keen motor cyclist and he was proud of his record breaking run at Porlock Hill which has a gradient on one in three. His funeral took place at

Barham Crematorium, near to Canterbury, on the 17th of October 2000. The Regiment was represented by Norman Page and his wife Vera. Norman served with Major Rich throughout the last War.

ROWE - Arthur John Ernest, 6208145, aged 84 died on the 4th of July 2000. Arthur was with the 2nd Battalion the Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment and with the 2/7th Battalion from August 1939 to December 1945. He served in Iceland, North Africa and Italy, was a POW in Germany from February 1944 until the end of the War. His funeral took place in Kentisbeare, Devon on the 11th July 2000. The Regiment was represented by Alan Easton, Association Secretary of the PLK, and Old Comrades from the PLK.

ROWSON - Hilda wife of 6209978 Sgt A H Rowson (Bert) died on Saturday the 1st of July 2000. Apparently getting well after undergoing major surgery she suffered a heart attack and died. The funeral took place at Weeley Crematorium on Tuesday the 11th of July 2000. Representatives from the Royal British Legion, the Normandy Veterans Association together with a large gathering of family and friends attended.

STEWART - Eric Henry Thomas (known to many as Tom), 6923739, slipped peacefully away on his 75th birthday, 13th of August 2000 at St Mary's Nursing Home, Felixstowe. The cremation took place at his home town of Ipswich on the 23rd of August 2000, his coffin was draped with the Regimental Flag. Representatives from Felixstowe Docks and P & O joined family and friends in paying their last respects. A special thank you to Ray Dodkins, his lifelong friend, who wrote a wonderful tribute and gave the reading at the service. Tom joined the Rifle Brigade in 1941/42, cheating about his age, and was posted to the 70th Young Soldiers Battalion. After serving for about a year he was posted to the 4th Battalion of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, was promoted to Lance Corporal and became a Regimental Policeman duties of which he took very seriously and was soon infamous throughout the Regiment! The 4th Battalion Royal Northumberland Fusiliers joined 7th Armoured Division as the divisional support battalion. In 1944 he received a personal commendation from Field Marshall Montgomery for outstanding service and devotion to duty during the campaign in France. When the war ended his Battalion was sent to Berlin and at about that time he was transferred back to his parent Regiment the Rifle Brigade. He was subsequently posted to the 1st Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment when they returned to UK from Germany to Chelsea Barracks moving on with them to Hong Kong as a Lance Sergeant. Whilst in Hong Kong he volunteered for the Special Air Service Regiment and served with them in Malaya. He returned to the Regiment, by this time a Colour Sergeant, in time for the tour in Austria and whilst serving with the Company in Vienna that he met his future wife Steffi and they were married on the 2nd of

June 1955. He then served with the Regiment in Cyprus and in BAOR (Hamlin) leaving for a time to serve with the Territorial Army with the Company at Horsham returning to the Battalion at Lydd as a WOII (Weapon Training Officer). He went with the Battalion to Gibraltar and then after the tour there he was posted Bielefeld working with the German Labour Organisation. In 1968 he returned for his last posting to the Depot at Canterbury. On retirement he and Steffi ran a pub "The Hare and Hounds" in Suffolk. It was not well located where a good living could be made and so they eventually gave up and moved to Ipswich working for Grey/Green Coaches. He was then offered a job by P & O at Felixstowe Docks and moved to Felixstowe. This was an ideal job. He was elected as the union representative, getting the dock management to build and allow the Union to run a social club. Then at 65, retirement to Cyprus. This was a very happy time until Steffi became ill and so they moved back to UK to Bognor Regis, where he devoted himself to looking after her. Sadly in the last year of his life Tom was plagued with ill health and it was his turn to be looked after, but happily for the 2 months before he died, he was able to return to Suffolk with Steffi and spend valuable time with his brothers and sisters.

RWP & BKP

WALKER - Ronald, 4129339 aged 83 died on the 15th of May 2000. He enlisted into the Cheshire Regiment at the start of World War Two. Some time later he was transferred to the Royal Hampshire Regiment prior to joining the 2/7th Battalion in North Africa. He served on with the Battalion in Italy being demobbed in December 1947 in the rank of Sgt. His funeral took place on the 19th of May 2000 at the Church of Saint Cross in Luxford near to Knutsford in Cheshire.

WHEATLEY - Bob. Bob served with the 126 LAA Regiment, 9th Bn The Middlesex Regiment during the war. He was a member of 415 Battery and he was a Troop Commander in Europe. He regularly attended the 9th Bn post war reunion dinners. In recent years he has not been able to attend the annual lunches but he never failed to write or telephone to send his good wishes. He was a genial and delightful comrade. He died in February 2000. Our condolences go to his dear wife. May he rest in peace.

JRD.

COLONEL ANDREW MORRICE MAN, DSO OBE

Colonel Andrew died on 1st November 2000, aged 93, in hospital, after a fall in his home the day before, and was cremated on 14th November, following a family service at Lampeter Velfrey Church attended by a large number of local friends as well as comrades in his beloved Regiment and the Korean Association, both locally and from his Regiment, together with Normandy Veterans' and the Royal British Legion. A Regimental Memorial Service will be held in London, and details will be published later.

He was born on 22nd February 1907 at Claygate in Surrey, where his father, the Reverend Morrice Man had his living, and was the eldest of five children. He was always encouraged to work hard at school in order to win a scholarship to Emmanuel College Cambridge, where his father had studied. A scholarship was necessary as money was exceedingly tight at the time and his father often assured the family that "The Lord would provide" - but as Andrew liked to point out, this was not much help in the short term.

Andrew won a scholarship to Dover College in 1921 eventually becoming Head of the Sixth Form. Having been unsuccessful in winning a scholarship to Oxford or Cambridge it soon became crystal clear to him that on leaving school in 1926 aged 19 yrs old he would have to fend for himself with immediate effect. So with his father he visited the War Office and enlisted as an Other Rank in The Buffs in August 1926 with the aim of selection for RMA Sandhurst as a 'Y' cadet, whose expenses would be paid by the Army.

After service as an acting unpaid lance-corporal in 2 BUFFS he achieved this ambition and went to the RMA as a 'Y' cadet, rising to be a Senior Under-Officer, Captain of Hockey and 2nd in the Order of Merit. He was then commissioned, on 30th January 1930, into The Middlesex Regiment (DCO), proud that apart from the gift of a £40 BSA De Luxe motorcycle, he had not cost his family a penny!

On 10th August 1935, Andrew married Ursula Walmsley in Colchester, and he liked to recall how the Regimental Band played "Little Man You've had a Busy Day". It was a particularly happy marriage that lasted until Ursula's death in October 1996. They had two children, Catherine and Nicholas.

Colonel Andrew's long, distinguished and happy time as a Diehard until he finally retired on 7th December 1959 began with service with the 1st Battalion at Catterick in 1930, then with the 2nd Battalion from 1931 - 1939 in Khartoum, Colchester and Gosport, and later in Kent with the 8th Battalion in 1943. Uniquely, he commanded Middlesex Battalions twice - 1/7th Battalion in the campaign in NW Europe and later the 1st Battalion in the Korean War.

His contribution to and involvement in the Regiment is unique, and from the day he joined it was his first priority. Indeed, in August 1943 he asked to be relieved of his staff appointment and to revert to his substantive rank of Major in order to return to Regimental Duty. His Brigadier called his request "professional suicide", but Andrew was not deterred and was able to join the 8th Battalion at Margate, then part of 43rd Division.

A year later he was in command of the 1/7th Battalion, which provided the MMG and 4.2 Mortar fire support for the 51st Highland Division. He boarded one of the 22 Liberty ships waiting in the Thames for the Battalion's turn to cross to Normandy. Passing Southend Pier he remarked wryly that the old man fishing off the end of the pier "was certainly in a better place than we were". On D+2 the Battalion landed on Juno Beach, and fought its way through France, Belgium and Holland. During this campaign Colonel Andrew was awarded the French Croix de Guerre.

The war in Europe over by 1949 he was again in command, this time of the 1st Middlesex in Hong Kong. He was an able, determined and experienced battalion commander and he inspired confidence in all ranks from the time of its sudden and unexpected despatch from Hong Kong to Pusan in Korea in August 1950, and during its commitment to the unusual and frequently hazardous operations (sometimes even bizarre) in arduous climatic conditions. At one stage in the operations he commanded the 27th Commonwealth Brigade during the absence on sick leave of the Brigade Commander, Brigadier Aubrey Coad.

The award of the Distinguished Service Order to Colonel Andrew for his command of the Battalion in Korea was well earned. On receiving the award he immediately made it clear that he accepted it on behalf of All Ranks in the 1st Battalion and that he would wear it on their behalf. He was also awarded the US Legion of Merit.

Colonel Andrew's staff appointments were varied. They included instructing at the School of Signals, service on the Brigade and British Forces Staffs in Palestine and Cairo, the Operations staff at the War Office and in 15th Scottish Division, where he was awarded the OBE in February 1945, and the divisional staff of 2nd Division in BAOR as well as Command of the School of Administration in BAOR. Later he was Colonel A/Q at Catterick District, and his last staff appointment was as Army Representative on the NAAFI Board in London. He retired from the Army on 7th December 1959.

After retirement he worked as Distribution Manager for Charringtons for six years, was Vice President of the Protection for Rural Wales for eight years, a member of the National Trust Council, an active Friend of St Paul's, President

of the Cardiff and West Wales Branches of the Korean Veterans' and the Normandy Veterans' Associations.

After his Army service Colonel Andrew continued to be an active supporter of all Regimental activities despite living so far away in Wales. He was President of the Regimental Association and Officers' Club and of the our own Korean Veterans, and attended their meetings right up to a short while before his death. Even at the recent Regimental Association AGM members looked to him for advice. At Reunions and the Annual Service in our Chapel in St Paul's he made special efforts to get around and chat to his former soldiers and the respect and devotion they held him in was very obvious.

It is particularly sad that he died only a few days before he was to lead the National Contingent of the Korean Veterans' Association at the Cenotaph Remembrance Day Ceremony, something that he had steadfastly set his heart on, and to which the Regiment's Korean Veterans had been particularly looking forward to - with the National Contingent led by their own Korean War Commanding Officer.



Brigadier Aubrey Coad, Commander 27 British Commonwealth Brigade, congratulating Colonel Andrew Man on his award of the DSO - Korea 1951

There are few Diehards who have not had the pleasure and the benefit of help and advice from this enthusiastic, sprightly, cheerful, ever alert and robustly fit leader. He was always honest in his opinions, upright in his bearing, courteous yet deliciously direct in all his dealings with other people. His advice and even the occasional necessary criticism was invariably both correct and appreciated. He was a fine letter-writer with a straightforward clear vocabulary and style, and whenever one telephoned him (and he was always so obviously delighted to hear from former comrades and old friends) he sounded his usual irrepressible self, ready to help anybody in any way he could.

As a Regiment, and for so many of us who took him as our military role model, the debt we owe him is incalculable. He served the Regiment for so long, so assiduously and in so many ways for over 70 years. Years dedicated to the many comrades with whom he soldiered in both peace and war. He will long be remembered, loved, admired and respected by everybody in his Regiment and by many others outside it - and understandably so.

BAMP

NEW MEMBERS

The following members of the Regiment have joined the Association:-

22840680 Pte G Brand	C Coy 1st Bn 1953 - 1954 also 1RWK 1956 - 1957 (Suez)
23481668 Pte T E Brazier	Sp Coy 1st Bn 1956 - 1959
24445088 CSgt T J Canton TEM	B Coy 6/7 QUEENS - 8 QUEENS/FUSILIERS B (QUEENS Coy) LONDONS 1977 - 1997
Lt E R Chamberlain	457 Bty RA 7th & 8th Bns 1942 - 1947
22743677 Sgt D W H Elliott	1st Bn 1952 - 1955 1RWK 1956 - 1957(Suez)
426777 Lt J Chynoweth	6 Malay and MX TA
22439655 Cpl R Cozzi	Sp Coy 1st Bn HQ Coy 7th Bn 1950 - 1965

23056986 Pte C W Crisp	1st Bn 1954 - 1956
23734674 Pte R Hatch	B Coy IJL Bn Sig PI 1st Bn 1959 - 1968
22158988 Pte C H Howard	1st Bn 1949 - 1951
6203147 WOI H Johnson	8th Bn Uxbridge Scots Gds & REs
22944152 LCpl D B King	C Coy 1st Bn 1953 - 1961
22048858 Pte V S Nurse	B Coy 1st Bn 1948 - 1950
6213169 LCpl K J Stevens	10th Bn & 70th Bn 1940 - 1946
23718690 Pte R C Thorne (formerly Weedon)	Bde Band School Canterbury Sigs PI 1st Bn 1955 - 1965
24409493 WOII L J Vial TEM	B (MX Coy) 6/7 QUEENS B (Albuhera Coy) 8 QUEENS/FUSILIERS B (QUEENS Coy) LONDONS 1976 - 1994

REGIMENTAL GOODS

The following regimental goods are available to 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.

Blazer Badges	£ 7.00 each
Car Badges (good quality)	£10.00 each
Ice Buckets, miniature side drum with regimental emblazon	£28.00 each
Ties Regtl Old Pattern, Maroon & Old Gold	£ 5.50 each
Ties Regtl New Pattern	£ 5.50 each
Ties Officers' Club Silk	£13.50 each
Middlesex Regiment Cap Badges (improved quality)	£ 5.50 each
Middlesex Regiment Key Rings	£ 2.50 each
Old Comrades Lapel Badges, Old Pattern - The Diehards	£ 2.75 each
Wall Plaques, Middlesex Regiment	£18.50 each
Prints Drums and Fifes, unframed, large	£ 8.50 each
small	£ 4.50 each
Christmas Cards depicting:	
Steady the Drums and Fifes	.35 each
The Guardroom Scene	.35 each
Colonel Graham Egerton, 77th Foot Portsmouth 1854	.35 each

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

Middlesex Regt Blazer Button (Flat staybright with engraved Middlesex Badge)	
Sets of 6 large & 6 small	£25.00 set
Individual buttons large or small	£ 2.25 each
Middlesex Regimental Cuff Links	£ 7.50 per pair
Middlesex Regimental Cuff Links with tie grip	£10.50 set
Tie Grip only	£ 5.00 each
Middlesex Regiment Ladies Brooch	£ 4.75 each
Middlesex Tie Tack and Chain	£ 4.50 each

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The following regional goods are available to purchase. Times can be offered according to the quantity. Major R.C. H. Marks, 1452, 58 Tapp Lane, New Market, Kent. RTD 424C Postage and packing is included in the price. Cheques at F and Credit cards by phone payable to the Mid Essex Regional Association.

Major Badges	£ 7.50 each
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Two Orange Club Bag	£12.50 each
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Individual medium large or small	£ 2.25 each
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The Club Lanes	£ 5.00 each
Mid Essex Regional Ladies Branch	£ 4.75 each
Mid Essex The Tank and Chain	£ 4.50 each

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