



# *The Die-Hards*

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*Enfield Branch Diehards on parade at the War Memorial, Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill,  
on Albuhera Day – 16th May 1994.*



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#### FORECAST OF EVENTS 1994

- 17 September Korean Club Reunion, Victory Services Club, London W2.  
6 October 2/7th Bn OCA Reunion Luncheon at the Victory Services Club, London W2.  
Assemble 11.45 a.m.  
8 November Annual Meeting of the Housing Sub Committee. 6.45 p.m. Conference Room,  
Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, London SW3.  
12 November Ceremony at Field of Remembrance, Westminster. To be held inside the  
Middlesex Guildhall, opposite Westminster Abbey. Assemble 10.40 a.m.  
13 November 2/10th Bn (1914-18) OCA Remembrance Day Service at St Nicholas church,  
Chiswick, London W4, at 3 p.m.  
13 November 7th Bn Remembrance Service, Parish Church of St Mary and St George,  
Hornsey, London N8. Assemble 10.30 a.m.

#### BENEVOLENCE

During the period 1 January to 30 June 1994 the sum of £8000 has been expended on assisting 30 members of the Regiment and their families. The Army Benevolence Fund and the Royal British Legion contributed £4230.

#### DONATIONS TO THE CHARITABLE FUND

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

- a. A donation of £250 from the estate of Mr Alexander Smith who died 7 March 1993. No details of his service are available.
- b. Donations totalling £345 received from Mrs Monica Doyle in memory of the late Major John W. Doyle, MC, TD.
- c. A donation of £50 from Mrs Mary Franklin in memory of her late husband Private William Franklin.
- d. A donation of £50 by Heinz (Jimmy) Johannsen, of Rendsburg.

#### DONATIONS

The following donations have been made:

- a. A donation of £600 to the Middlesex and North West Sector Army Cadet Force.
- b. A donation of £125 to the Friends of St Paul's Cathedral.
- c. A donation of £100 to the Royal Star and Garter Home.
- d. A donation of £100 to the St Dunstons Annual Camp for the Blind.
- e. A donation of £300 to the 1/7th Bn to assist with travel costs on the pilgrimage to Holland in October 1994 with the 51st Highland Division.

#### OFFICERS' CLUB

The Annual Dinner of the Officers' Club was held at the Naval and Military Club (IN & OUT), 94, Piccadilly, London, W1 on Friday the 6th of May 1994, Brig B A M Pielow Presided. The following attended:-

Official Guests: Brig & Mrs R W Acworth, Brig & Mrs A R D G Wilson, Maj C J Bellingham, The Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The volunteers), The Rev & Mrs W E B Jones, Mrs A Bennett, Mrs A Cotton, Mrs A Hutchings, Mrs C Pollard.



Members and Private Guests: Brig & Mrs B A M Pielow, Lt Col & Mrs J M Hewson, Brig & Mrs G Bulloch, Brig B H Marciandi, Col M J Ball, Col I R Burrows & Miss B Colley, Col & Mrs R M Cain, Col A S J de S Clayton, Col A M Man, Col H J A Moore, Lt Col & Mrs T W Chattey, Lt Col & Mrs M F Deakin, Lt Col & Mrs P W Galvin, Maj & Mrs P D J Clarke, Maj R A J Cheffins, Maj & Mrs G W A Crumley, Maj S M Dowse, Maj & Mrs C L Lawrence, Maj I M E Lloyd, Maj & Mrs P D H Marshall, Maj & Mrs A E McManus, Maj & Mrs R E B Morris, Maj & Mrs B St G A Reed, Maj A E F Waldron, Capt & Mrs S Boydell, Capt & Mrs M J S Doran, Capt & Mrs S le M Enthoven, Capt & Mrs R M Fox, Capt J G Lofting and Lt J P A Day.

#### ALBUHERA DAY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Over 250 members of the Regiment attended the Annual Service of Remembrance that took place in the Middlesex Regimental Chapel of St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday the 7th of May 1994. The service was conducted by the Reverend W E B Jones, our Padre in Korea and the sermon was preached by the Reverend Patrick Tuft, Vicar of St Nicholas with Mary Magdalene, Chiswick and Honorary Chaplain to the 2/10th Battalion's Old Comrade Association. Regrettably there was no t available after the service this year as the Crypt is undergoing renovation and could not be used.

#### ANNUAL REUNION

The Annual Reunion took place on the evening of the 7th of May 1994 at the usual venue, The Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2. Over 230 members attended and a good time was had by all. Yet again many old friendships and acquaintances were renewed. It was nice to see quite a few who had not attended for some time and many new faces as well. All enjoyed what has now become our traditional meal of fish and chips and once the tables were cleared worked off their energy dancing to Mr Alan's Music.



D. Halfhide, E. McEvoy, M. McNab, A. Broadbent

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting took place at the Victory Club during the evening of the 7th of May 1994. There were 26 members present and the Minutes are published at the end of this News Letter for your information.

#### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

In the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting it will be seen that they authorise a subscription increase as from the 1st of January 1995. Officers of the Regiment will now pay a total of £5 per annum and soldiers £3.50. This is the first increase for many years and it takes into account the increasing cost of producing and mailing the News letter. Should anyone have a problem in meeting these new rates then they should contact the Secretary in confidence and special arrangements will be made. Officers will be written to separately requesting that they amend their bankers orders accordingly.

#### GOLDEN BOWLER

Your Secretary was one of the Guests at the 9th Battalion Officers' Luncheon held at The Overseas League, Park Place, London, W1 on Tuesday the 10th May 1994. During the course of the Lunch Dr Ben Davis, the one time RMO of the 9th Battalion handed over to Maj Ron Morris a Golden Bowler, complete with a maroon hat band and rim. This bowler was presented to Lt Col B A G MacFadden TD, RA, when he relinquished command of the 9th Battalion on the 7th of May 1955. His widow, Mrs Joan MacFadden, has kindly presented it to the Regiment for safe keeping. It will shortly be passed on to the National Army Museum to join our artefacts now in their custody.

#### D COMPANY 1st Bn (2/8th) NORMANDY

Wreath Laying took place at St Charles de Percy, Le Beny Bocage, Normandy, British Cemetery. CQMS Roy Bishop had the honour of representing the Battalion and laying the wreath at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 9th June.

The Regiment was well represented, the following Diehards being in attendance – Ray Ashton, Len Bennett, Roy Bishop, Tom Broderick, Tom Emerson, Jack Rose and Jimmy Wild.

After the Service Normandy medals were presented to those attending by the Mayor of St Charles de Percy, Msr Michel Leteinturier. A fitting tribute to our fallen comrades.

An additional wreath was laid on behalf of the Regiment at Montchamp, an adjoining village, to the memory of the fallen of the French Resistance, by Ray Ashton and Len Bennett. Their smart turn-out and military manner was a credit to the Diehards and it impressed the Guards Commanding Officer who was present and favourably commented on the Middlesex Regiment presence.

Finally a 'Vin d'honneur' was given in the Town Hall by the municipality and we were truly welcomed by our French friends.

Roy Bishop





*CSgt Roy Bishop laying the wreath*

#### **D DAY COMMEMORATION**

It is known that at least one small party from the 2nd Battalion attempted to return to Normandy independently of the arrangements made by the British Legion but were frustrated by their inability to obtain any firm hotel reservation.

The Regiment was however invited to nominate one representative with D Day landing qualifications to attend the State Dinner in Portsmouth on June the 4th. From a somewhat limited choice it was decided to nominate Major H B Neve, MC, of the 2nd Battalion who landed on D Day with the 3rd Division. It was an honour for the Regiment to be represented at such an august gathering and a memorable experience for our representative.

The Top Table, presided over by Her Majesty The Queen included 5 European Crowned Heads amongst the 13 States present. The Forces representation numbered 3 British Field Marshals and more than 80 Generals, Admirals and Air Marshals of various grades and nationalities. The British Political Parties were represented by their leaders whilst the wide international representation included distinguished personalities and relevant Ambassadors. The D Day representation appeared to rest with the minority of more humble rank.

Our representative enjoyed some interesting conversations, also some fine wines and he hopes the experience will not impair his future appreciation and enjoyment of those to which he is normally accustomed.

HBN

#### **TOP TABLE PORTSMOUTH JUNE 4th 1994**

Major General Charles Ramsay  
 His Excellency the Ambassador of the Czech Republic  
 The Hon David Collinette  
 Mrs Arsenis  
 The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Portsmouth  
 Field Marshal The Lord Bramall  
 Madam Chretien  
 The Rt Hon Douglas Hurd  
 His Excellency Monsieur François Léotard  
 The Rt Hon The Lord Callaghan of Cardiff  
 The Rt Hon Jean Chretien  
 Mrs Walesa  
 His Excellency Ing Michal Movác  
 The Rt Hon The Baroness Thatcher  
 HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE BERNHARD OF THE NETHERLANDS  
 HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUCHESS OF LUXEMBOURG  
 HIS MAJESTY KING ALBERT, THE KING OF THE BELGIANS  
 Madame Mitterrand  
 HIS MAJESTY KING HARALD V OF NORWAY  
 HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS MARGARET  
 His Excellency Monsieur François Mitterrand  
 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN  
 The Honorable William J Clinton  
 HER MAJESTY QUEEN PAOLA  
 HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH  
 Mrs Clinton  
 The Rt Hon The Prime Minister  
 HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ROYAL  
 HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUKE OF LUXEMBOURG  
 His Excellency Mr Lech Walesa  
 Mrs Major  
 The Rt Hon Jim Bolger  
 Mrs Kováčova  
 The Honourable Paul Keating  
 The Honourable Warren Christopher  
 Mrs Bolger  
 Commander Timothy Laurence  
 Mrs Keating  
 The Honourable William J Perry  
 The Lady Soames  
 The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein  
 Mrs Mary Fagan  
 His Excellency Mr Gerasimos Arsenis  
 The Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind



## D DAY VIDEO

A special D Day 50th Anniversary D Day Video filmed by ITV News Teams and licensed by the Ministry of Defence is being made and will be available from DD Videos, Freepost CS 640, 5 Churchill Court, 58 Station Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 7BR at a cost of £10.99 plus £1 postage and packing. The running time will be about 80 minutes. It will be released on the 27th of June 1994. Anyone interested should apply directly to DD Videos on the form enclosed with the Newsletter. They should mention they are members of the Regimental Association as a royalty will be paid to the Regiment for those ordered by our members.

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

The Colonel of the Regiment, Major General A A Denison-Smith, was appointed GOC Southern District and promoted to Lieutenant General on 28 February. Three new Deputy Colonels have been appointed. These include Colonel Mike Ball, Divisional Colonel, of The Queen's Division, who was commissioned into The Middlesex Regiment (DCO) in 1966, and who took over as Deputy Colonel Middlesex from Colonel Richard Graham on Albuhera Day.

The 1st Battalion is still on a 'residential tour' in Omagh. In December, Lt Col Mike Reeve-Tucker, who was subsequently made an OBE in the New Year's Honours List, handed over command to Lt Col John Russell. The battalion won the Northern Ireland Football Competition and has managed to get several parties away to Bavaria. It has also welcomed several visits from the press resulting in many articles about it in Middlesex and elsewhere in the South East, many of them with pictures of our soldiers with a splendid Tiger borrowed for a photo-call from a local zoo. However the highlight for the battalion was the visit of The Princess of Wales, our Colonel-in-Chief, on Remembrance Sunday. HRH was briefed on the battalion's role and then spent 45 minutes talking to soldiers and their families.

The 2nd Battalion has just completed a six and a half months operational tour from November to May in Fermanagh 'the wettest county in Europe'. However they were also very honoured by a special visit to them by HRH The Princess of Wales on St Georges Day. Several individuals have achieved outstanding sporting successes. These include three members of the Army Boxing Team who all won their bouts in the Inter Services Championships against the Royal Navy, the Team coach being the battalion Provost Sergeant, and LCpl Stewart who has played Rugby for the Infantry, the Army, Combined Services and the Scottish under 21s. The battalion now have a busy programme of cadres, running the Royal Tournament and training in Canada etc which will keep them well occupied for the remainder of the year.

Among the TA units, the 5th Battalion has been recruiting hard, pistol shooting against the Metropolitan Police (and winning!) and gaining a medal in the Cambrian Patrol Competition. The 6th/7th Battalion represented the Regiment at the transfer of the Freedom of Chichester in November and in December their Orienteering team won the TA Championships and the UKLF competition, a most creditable performance. The same month Lt Col Piers Storie-Pugh handed over command to Lt Col Trevor Finklaire. The London Regiment provided a guard of honour for the Prime Minister and received the Freedom of Wandsworth.

The Band Tour through the United States last autumn which included our 1st Battalion band was the final major commitment for either of our Regimental Bands. As readers will know, from September 1994 there will be no Regular Regimental Bands as such and the Queen's Division, consisting of three large regiments, will only have two bands. Fortunately our TA Kohima Band is not, so far affected by cuts.

Looking ahead, there are some important Regimental events this year, in addition to the well-established Association reunions. The first is the Regimental Grand Reunion to be held in Howe Barracks, Canterbury, on Sunday 26 June. The others are Freedom Parades in October through Arundel, Maidstone, Brighton, Winchester, Guildford and Canterbury. Further details will be circulated in due course but we hope very much to see the usual excellent support at all these occasions by our affiliated Regimental Associations.

## 1/7th (1939-45) LUNCHEON CLUB

The 1/7th Bn (1939-45) Luncheon Club held their luncheon at the Drill Hall, Hornsey, on Saturday 30 April under the Chairmanship of Major A.B. Carter.

The guest of honour was Major R.E.B. Morris, MBE, Secretary of the Regimental Association. Former Commanding Officer, Colonel A.M. Man, DSO, OBE attended.

This year the number attending was increased by 2. As usual it was a jovial Diehard occasion. How staunch is the support of our honorary members the last wearers of our cap badge. It was decided that next year 1995 V.E. Day being 8 May, we would break with tradition and hold our lunch on Saturday 6 May. This way we could celebrate the occasion in our own manner.

On these times memories come flooding back. Comparisons are made with today. All of us can, and do, put the world to right, parting with comradely words and a promise to return next year.

Tony White

## 9th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.) T.A. OFFICERS ANNUAL REUNION LUNCH

The ninth annual luncheon took place on Tuesday 10 May 1994 at the Royal Overseas League, St. James's Place, SW1. Colonel H.W.W. Gray was in the Chair and the guests were Major A.E.F. Waldron MBE and Major R.E.B. Morris MBE.

The lunch was attended by 17 officers who were:- D.A. Bond, P.J. Cundy, B.T. Davis, D.E. Dowlen, J.R. Doyle, A.G.B. Drabble, H.W.W. Gray, P.W.S. Hodge, E.C. Howkins, R. Hughes, A.N. Hunt, A.M.H. Jones, D.V. Littlejohn, W. MacGregor, P.A. Mann, K.O. Sayers, J.K.E. Slack.

Colonel Gray proposed the loyal toast and welcomed Lt Col J.M. Hewson MC, Chairman of the Regimental Association. A short informal speech was made by D.E. Dowlen, the Lunch Secretary, during which he read the text of a loyal message which had been sent to Her Majesty the Queen, and Her Majesty's reply.

The following officers being unable to attend, had sent their best wishes to all for a successful occasion:- H.G. Hansen, H.J. Hesketh, W.D. Hiddleston, D.H.S. Herriott, E.C.M. Palmer, H.C. Sanderson, P.K.G. Spencer, J.R. Talbot, D.C. Tomlins, R. Wheatley.

Colonel Gray thanked David Dowlen for arranging such a pleasant lunch and his efforts were much appreciated by all.

Next year's lunch has been booked for Tuesday 9 May 1995, and all are asked to make a special note of the date as there will be no further reminder until the usual notice is sent out next Spring.

D.E.D.

## A TRADITION MAINTAINED

Hounslow Branch, in accordance with a tradition which they have kept for the last twenty years, travelled to Lille to mark the 50th Anniversary of the death of Captain Michael Trotobas, who was a platoon Sergeant Major in the 2nd Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) during their involvement in the fighting in Belgium and France and the retreat to Dunkirk. On his return to England, he was recruited for Special Operations and was subsequently involved in clandestine operations with the French Resistance prior to his death in a gun battle with the Gestapo at Bd de Belfort, Lille in November 1943.

On Saturday morning, the 27th November 1993, the party visited the Menin Gate at Ypres which is a short drive through Armentiers from Lille. After lunch they returned to the hotel to prepare for the first parade of the weekend, which was scheduled for 16.15 hrs at the Monument de la Deportation (Noble Tower) which is a building similar to a Martello Tower. Inside is a large font like vessel containing ashes of the dead from the concentration camps of World War II. A short but moving ceremony was held, and afterwards we moved on to St Saviours Church, Lille for a Mass to honour Captain Trotobas and 270 companions who died in the operations of Réseau Sylvestre Farmer during the occupation. In the evening, we were invited to a reception held by the Consul General of Great Britain, David Bell, at his



residence in Armentiers, which was also attended by a large party of the Resistance O.C.A. and members of the British Community from Armentiers and Lille.

An early start was required on Sunday after breakfast to travel by coach to the house at Bd de Belfort, Lille, where Captain Trotobas was killed, for a short service, two minutes silence, and the laying of wreaths, after which we travelled on to Lille South Cemetery, where all groups of the Resistance Movement had assembled together with their Standards for the march to the Memorial of W.O. which incorporates a Memorial to Captain Trotobas. A guard of honour was provided by the C.R.S., a short service was held, after which wreaths were laid by Major G. Kilburn MBE, Duke of Wellingtons Regiment, on behalf of the British Military Attache, and Major R. Thornton TD on behalf of The Middlesex Regiment. After the National Anthems had been played, we proceeded to the British Military Plot, where two minutes silence was held, and a further wreath laid on the Regiments' behalf. The party were entertained at Lille Town Hall, before attending a banquet in the afternoon at which were gathered many old comrades of the Resistance movement from the Low Countries.

At each of the ceremonies, the Regimental Standard was paraded, and it is gratifying to know that The Middlesex Regiment is held in high esteem in Lille and the surrounding environs.

Mick Ward BEM

#### NORMANDY 1994

Brigadier Tony Pielow accompanied by his wife Ann led a party of D Day LST and Landing Craft Veterans and their families across to Normandy for the D Day commemoration ceremonies.

They attended ceremonies at:-

Ryes Cemetery where the salute was taken by HRH The Duke of York.

Arromanche where HM The Queen reviewed the Parade on the beach.

Caen where the French presented the Normandy Commemoration Medals to the veterans.

They also found the time to visit the Museums at Arromanche and Bayeux and the beaches where the sailors they were with landed the soldiers on D Day.

Reveille on D Day plus 50 years was at 0500 hours and the party did not return to the hotel until 2359 hours (another longest day!).

Whilst at Bayeux and Arromanches Tony Pielow was delighted to find a number of Diehards in the crowd, what a pity they were not all members of the Association. He had knowledge of other Diehard Parties across in Normandy but he did not meet them. Not surprising considering the thousands attending the various ceremonies.

#### THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS)

The Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) held their annual dinner at HQ Officers' Mess RAMC, Millbank, London SW1, on Friday 3 June 1994.

The following attended:- Brig and Mrs B.A.M. Pielow, Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, Major A.E.F. Waldron, Miss P Harrison.

The Royal Hong Kong Regiment in conjunction with the Royal British Legion are running a trip to Hong Kong in 1995 to coincide with ceremonies connected to the 50th Anniversary of the liberation of Hong Kong on the 28th August and the final parade of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment on the 3rd September.

Subject to confirmation the dates of travel are, from UK on the 25th August and from Hong Kong on the 5th September. Accommodation has been booked at the Park Lane Hotel in Hong Kong and the cost of the hotel accommodation and travel are currently being negotiated and will be advised.

The United Kingdom Branch of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment have extended an invitation to Diehards and their families to join the party.

Anyone interested should contact the Secretary, Major Ron Morris and further information will be given.

#### CRIMEA, SEPTEMBER 1993

by Major Colin Robins OBE RA(Retired)

Almost exactly one hundred and thirty-nine years after the landing of the 'Army of the East' at Kalamita Bay in the Crimea, a small party of Britons honoured the British dead, and the writer himself laid a poppy wreath, at the newly opened memorial to all the British forces who died in the war, from action or disease, on Cathcart's Hill, outside Sevastopol. Here General Cathcart and others were originally buried and there were several British cemeteries. These were but slightly damaged in World War II, and were still in reasonable condition in 1945 when Churchill visited them during a break in the Yalta conference, but they were subsequently razed on orders of the Kremlin at the height of the Cold War.

Now, paid for by British subscriptions, local Russians have erected an impressive memorial to replace the lost graves. Four long white walls surround a central obelisk, and separate bronze plaques on the inside of the tall walls commemorate the Royal Navy, and each of the regiments engaged in the struggle.

The group were on an organised Battlefield Tour and had visited the sites of the Alma, the stand of the 'Thin Red Line', the charges of Heavy and Light Brigades, Inkerman and the eleven month siege of Sevastopol but the most moving moment was as the dead of the war were remembered.

Members of the regiment, especially those who subscribed to the memorial, can rest assured that the graves of their predecessors who died earning the Battle Honours Alma, Inkerman and Sevastopol are once again properly marked and respected.





### ENFIELD BRANCH'S VISIT TO INGLIS BARRACKS

The Postal and Courier Depot of the Royal Logistic Corps kindly invited the Members of the Enfield Branch to Inglis Barracks on Albuhera Day 1994. Some 35 Members attended. After a welcoming coffee in the Sergeants' Mess a simple ceremony took place at the Middlesex Memorial where a wreath was laid in memory of those Members of the Regiment who have died in the service of their Country and the Regiment. The Regimental Flag was proudly flying from the Officers' Mess.

After a short Barracks walk about the party adjourned once more to the Sergeants' Mess for refreshment and a light lunch.

### FOUNDERS DAY - ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

Majors Frank Waldron and Ron Morris attended the Founders Day Parade at the Royal Hospital Chelsea on Thursday 9 June 1994. They visited Sgt Fred Hazlewood who is in the Infirmary. He was as usual in good spirits. We met the following Diehards: Mr & Mrs Beach, Mrs Scales and Mr H.L. Trunde.

### TYNDARIOS MEMORIAL STONE

Further to the article concerning the Tyndarios Stone which appeared in the December 1993 Newsletter, information has been received from Headquarters British Land Forces Hong Kong that the Tyndarios Stone is now en route UK and is due to arrive at Felixstowe on 4 July 1994.

### PERSONAL JOTTINGS

Lieut Alan Allchorne, 1st and 1/7th Bns, is now in possession of a new hip so I hope he will be on parade in November.

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Mr N.D. Anderson, 2/8th Bn, apologises for not attending the annual reunion owing to ill-health.

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Capt Ken Beale sends his apologies for not attending the reunion - he was attending a business convention in Bali. On 4 July he retires and will live permanently at Moraira on the Costa Blanca. He has promised to keep in touch.

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Mrs E. Belcher, sister of 6199243 Pte J.M. Murphy, 1st Bn, killed in Hong Kong on 24 December 1941, would like to hear from anyone who knew him. Her address is, 57 Campbell Road, Cowley, Oxford OX4 3PG.

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Charlie Bellchambers (6204475), from Australia arranged to meet Peter Kifford from UK, son of Bandmaster K.E.J. Kifford, killed at the Battle for Hong Kong on 25 December 1941. The meeting took place in May in Hong Kong and was most successful. Charlie was with the Bandmaster when he was killed at Wong Nei Chong Gap and he was able to explain to Peter details of the Battle. They also visited Saiwan Bay Memorial.

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Our deepest sympathy to Mr and Mrs Bob Clarke (22725945), on the very sad loss of their son aged 11 years on 25 April 1994.

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Joe Clements (2 Mx 1947-49) was kept waiting for a serious major operation for many weeks. The operation has now taken place and Joe is making an excellent recovery.

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Ted Collier (6202141) has been admitted to Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield with breathing and other problems. We all wish him a speedy recovery and a happy 79th birthday on 30 June.

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Alex Drake (6201472) who has been an invalid for many years, recently suffered a heart attack and is seriously ill. His wife, Sylvia has given Alex marvellous support over the years. He is another Hong Kong veteran and in his younger days was Bn goalkeeper.

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Major Frank Gladden is now on a contract for one year in the Russian Far East directing a project for the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The appointment came up very suddenly at the same time as the offer of another job in Moscow and the possibility of one in Hong Kong.

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Major Peter Goulding, 2/7th Bn and his wife Tina have just returned from the Royal British Legion Pilgrimage to Southern Italy, marking the 50th anniversary of the final battles at Cassino and Anzio leading to the liberation of Rome in 1944. There were about 350 in the party made up of veterans and families. Visits were made to the War Cemeteries and battlefields in both areas, and very impressive and moving Services of Remembrance were held, attended by HRH the Duke of Kent, the British Ambassador, C in C Land Forces UK, and other dignitaries. The Services were conducted by the Padre, now 83 years old, who had been with the 1st Duke of Wellington's Regiment at Anzio, and were accompanied by the Band and Bugles of the Light Infantry, also pipers from the Queen's Own Highlanders. During the visit we came across Mr George Atkins who had also served with the 2/7th Bn in one of the mortar platoons at Anzio.

As always, the cemeteries were found to be in beautifully kept condition, with a profusion of flowers in bloom everywhere. The whole visit was very well organised and we were accommodated in first class hotels in Gaeta, a pleasant little town, unspoilt by tourism, on a delightful stretch of the coast between Naples and Rome. Most of the party were on the elderly side and we were all looked after by the very capable and experienced escorts and medics provided by the RBL Pilgrimages Department, whose help was much appreciated, particularly by those with disabilities. Altogether this was a most memorable experience and an enjoyable holiday at the same time. It was specially fitting to observe Albuhera Day at Anzio. Peter also states that his hands are now semi-crippled with arthritis.

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Major Fred Griffiths apologises for being unable to attend the annual reunion owing to family illness.

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Horace Ham, 99 years of age on 20 July 1994, served with our 16th and 12th Bns in World War I. He is a resident at the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, and continues to enjoy good health although his failing eyesight is a great frustration to him also his hearing. Mentally he is still alert.

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On 22 May I had a surprise visit from Heinz (Jimmy) Johannsen from Rendsburg. He appeared behind me whilst I was planting seeds dressed as a British soldier. Quite a surprise. I have been helping him get a set of 1946 uniform for a dummy he is going to put on show in Rendsburg. He is still anxious to entertain a party from the 1st Bn who were at Rendsburg. Names please.

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Sgt Henry Patrick King (6207404) and Private Christopher Michael King (6209635) both served with the 2/7th Bn during 1939-45. Sadly Sgt King was killed at Anzio on 23 February 1944, aged 23 years. Mr Michael King the son of the late Sgt King never knew his father. His sister Mrs L.J. Atkins daughter of C.M. King has recently traced her brother and they both wish to learn something of their father's war time experiences. If any member of the 2/7th can help please write to Mrs L.J. Atkins, Moonfleet, Loves Green, Highwood, Nr Chelmsford CM1 3QH.

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John Kirkpatrick once again arranged for the County Flag to be flown at the Hillingdon, Spelthorne, Harrow and Brent Civic Centres to commemorate the Fall of Hong Kong on 25 December 1941.

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Our best wishes to one of our oldest Diehards, Mr H.A. Lane, formerly 1/9th Mx 1914-19. He lives at Wembley Park.

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On 26 May 1994, Colonel Andrew Man attended the Bicentenary Dinner of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at the invitation of the Colonel of The Regiment. Her Majesty The Queen, their Colonel in Chief, was the guest of honour.

It was a splendid and very enjoyable occasion. A number of officers who had served with our 1st Battalion in the Korean War were present. The Colonel was told that the telegram of good wishes which had been received from our Association, was much appreciated when read out earlier in the day at Regimental Meeting.

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Mrs Peggy Morden, MBE, writes from St Aubin, Jersey, to say that the last three or four months have been very trying, a nasty cough, a badly inflamed knock and bad weather has made life miserable. She tells me that her service with the WVS/WRVS has now reached 55 years. Well done Peggy, lets hope the sunshine will do you good and best wishes from all members of the Regimental Association.

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On Albuhera Day Sgt Les Plumb rang to give me 'Albuhera Greetings' which were much appreciated.

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WO2 Tom and Effie Steward have moved back to UK from Cyprus and are now based at Aldingbourne, West Sussex. Lets hope we see them both at the next reunion.

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Your Editor has received visits from Ray Ashton, John Dorey, Jack Ellis, Dave Bennett and family, Alf Burford and others.

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The following have joined the Regimental Association:

Private A.E. Atkinson (14220203), served R. Innis Fus, 2/7th Bn and RASC 1942-47

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Private R.E.J. Blackmore (23056967), served HQ Coy 1st Bn 1954-56.

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Private F.C. Clare (6897999), served D Coy 2nd Bn 1943-46.

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Private A. Connor (22803362), served HQ Coy 1st Bn 1956-61.

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L/Cpl A.A. Cox (23843254), served C Coy 5th Bn 1959-65.

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Sge E.J. French (22274310), served HQ Coy 1st Bn 1959-66 and then Queen's Regiment.

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Private D. Halfhide (23113320), served 1st Bn 1959-66.

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Private R. Holden (23218962), served 1st Bn 1954-57.

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Cpl M.C. Markham (23896026), served HQ Coy 1st Bn 1961-67.

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Private D.M. Mulquin (23098067), served 1st Bn 1955-57.

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Sgt P. O'Callaghan (23887765), served 1st Bn, 4 and 3 Queens 1962-86.

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Private W. Penny (6207167), served Mx and 2 PLK Regt 1939-46.

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Private L.J. Rawlings (23214906), served 1st Bn 1954-57.

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Private R.C. Street (23171129), served 1st Bn 1955-57.

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Sgt J.S. Waterman (6206549), served 7th & 2/7th Bns, 342 MGTC, SAS Netheravon and 2nd Bn 1939-46.

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Corporal J.A. Williamson (21361330), served 1st Bn, 1 Queens 1958-80.

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The following have joined the Officers' Club:

Major R.G. Ford (496983), served 1st Bn 1952-66 and Queens until 1978, as WO1(RSM), granted a regular Commission and still serving with TA(ACF).

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Lieut R.T. Smith (362486), served 1944-48, D coy 1st Bn under command of late Col R.A. Waller.

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## OBITUARIES

BAILEY – On 17 March 1994, Sgt Alfred George Bailey (6200133), aged 81 years. He enlisted on 28 April 1931 and served with the 1st Bn in Egypt, Singapore and Hong Kong until transfer to the Army Reserve on 6 August 1938. He was called up for further service on 15 June 1939 and served with the 2nd Bn in the BEF and Normandy 1944. He was a regular attender at all regimental functions.

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BERMINGHAM – On 14 March 1944, Sgt (Paddy) Edward James Bermingham, aged 68 years. His parent regiment was the East Surrey Regiment and he joined our 1st Bn in Hong Kong during August 1949 and served with the 1st Bn in Korea 1950-51. He was Platoon Sgt with D Company commanded by Major J.E.F. Willoughby later to become Major General. He was a very popular member of the regiment and a regular attender at all regimental reunions. His funeral was attended by Major C.L. Lawrence, Major R.E.B. Morris and Mr Don Barrett.

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BROADBENT – On 21 May 1994, Cpl Alan B.S. Broadbent (49395), aged 94 years. He served with the 13th Royal Sussex and 25th Bn of our regiment, serving with this Bn in Hong Kong 1916-17, and was aboard the SS Tyndareus when the ship was sunk off South Africa. He



liked to attend our Remembrance Service in St Paul's Cathedral escorted by his son. Sadly he was too ill to attend the 1994 service. Mr Les Loomes represented the regimental association at his funeral.

**CARTER** – On 27 January 1994, Mrs Joan Carter, wife of Major A.B. Carter, 1/7th Bn.

**CHAMBERLAIN** – On 18 January 1994, Private William Jack Chamberlain (6205476), aged 72 years. He joined the 7th Bn during 1938 and at the outbreak of war was posted to the 2nd Bn Princess Louises Kensington Regiment and saw service with the Bn in Ireland and Normandy.

**COWING** – On 15 March 1994, Lt-Col Andrew B. Cowing, aged 55 years.

He was granted a regular commission in the regiment on 2 August 1958 and was posted to the 1st Bn. He retired on 15 March 1980 and joined the Sultan of Oman's Land Forces with whom he was serving at the time of his death. Andrew was a very popular officer and his funeral was attended by Brig B.H. Marciandi, Col J.N. Shipster, Lt-Col and Mrs H.M. Lohan, Lt-Col P.F. Packham, Majors P.D.J. Clarke, S.M. Dowse, M.P.D. Eastap, R.G. Ford, A.E. McManus, Major and Mrs R.E.B. Morris and Capt J.D. Lofting.

**DAWSON** – On 11 April 1993, Major H.J. (Dicky) Dawson, MC.

Dicky Dawson joined the 1/7th during the 8th Army's advance after Alamein, where he took part in the Battles of the Mareth Line and Wadi Alcant and the final thrust through Tunisia. As a platoon commander in Sicily he landed on D Day and subsequently won the M.C. in 152 Brigade's assault on the hill fortress of Francofonte. He landed in Normandy with his platoon on D+2, was wounded slightly on D+6 and returned to the company after a short convalescence at the battalion's RAP, transferring to A Company with the rank of Captain after the breakout from Normandy. At the conclusion of the fighting in North West Europe he was posted to the 2nd Bn in Palestine for the remainder of his service with the rank of Major. In September 1947 he married his charming wife Fairlie, and emigrated with her to Canada, where he spent the rest of his life, an engineer and a popular member of the community of Pointe Claire in Quebec Province and an Elder of the church there.

Major Budge Baker

**DOYLE** – On 28 March 1994, Major John Welbore Doyle (87987), MC, TD, aged 78 years.

John Doyle was granted a regular commission in the Middlesex Regiment on 14 June 1939. During 1941 he was posted to the 1st Bn The Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment serving with the regiment throughout the war and saw service during the Sicilian Campaign, Taranto to the Pennines, Cassino, Egypt and the final offensive January – May 1945. He was awarded the Military Cross. He rejoined the regiment in 1946 and was posted to a staff appointment followed by Staff College and service with the 1st Bn. He retired on 31 October 1958. John was a very popular and respected officer and will be sadly missed. Our sincere condolences to his wife Monica and family.

The funeral service was attended by Lt-Col J.M. Hewson, MC, Major P.D.H. Marshall, Major C.L. Lawrence, MC, Major P.G.B. Bellers and many members of the Kensington Regiment.

**FLETCHER** – On 31 December 1993, Captain William Cecil Fletcher (6191105 and 90987), aged 93 years.

Willie Fletcher enlisted into the Middlesex Regiment at Norwich on 2 February 1919 and joined the 2nd Bn then stationed in Egypt. Service in Singapore 1922-23, India/Sudan 1923-31 and home service 1931-39 followed. During this period he had reached the rank of WOII having held the appointments of RQMS and ORQMS. On 4 June 1939, at his own request he was discharged to pension. He immediately joined the Territorial army and was promoted Lieutenant and appointed Quartermaster and posted to the 2/8th Bn (later to become the resuscitated 1st Bn) and served throughout the 1939-45 conflict with this Bn retiring in 1946. He then became a King's Messenger.

Majors A.E.F. Waldron and R.E.B. Morris attended the funeral.

**FORTUNE** – On 22 May 1994, Major Reverend Eric Montague Fortune RACHD, aged 80 years. Eric was Padre to the 1st Bn 1953-56.

**FRANKLIN** – On 17 February 1994, Private William Henry Franklin (2614324), aged 79 years.

Bill Franklin enlisted into the regiment during August 1934 and joined the 1st Bn in Singapore in March 1936. Service in Hong Kong followed and he was taken POW on Christmas Day 1941. He survived the sinking of the Lisbon Maru on 2 October 1942 and spent the remainder of his POW days in Kobe Camp. He returned to UK in November 1945 and was discharged on 16 May 1946.

Bill and his wife Mary occupied a Regimental Home at Albuhera Close. The funeral was attended by Majors A.E.F. Waldron and R.E.B. Morris and many members of the regiment living at Albuhera Close. The Regimental Flag draped the coffin.

**FRYZER** – On 19 November 1993, Captain John Fryzer.

John was MTO 1940-41 with the 2/8th Bn. No other details available.

**HARGREAVES** – On 16 August 1993, CSgt(CQMS) E. Hargreaves (4125446).

Ernie Hargreaves served with the 2nd Bn 1942. Prior to joining the 2nd Bn he served with the 4/5th and 5th Bn of the Cheshire Regiment.

**HUCKLE** – On 9 April 1994, Private William Huckle (6024303), aged 82 years.

He was a member of the 1/7th Bn and was serving with the Bn at Dunkirk and later in Sicily. No other details available.

**JENNINGS** – On 29 June 1993, Private Arthur Jennings (6200988), aged 79 years.

Jimmy Jennings enlisted on 22 May 1933 and joined the 1st Bn in Singapore March 1936. Service in Hong Kong followed and he was taken POW on 25 December 1941. He was a member of the first draft to Japan in August 1942 and was held in No. 1 Camp Tokyo. He returned to UK in November 1945 and was discharged May 1946. In his younger days he was a member of the Bn boxing team.

**LEONARD** – On 29 March 1994, Mrs Rosemary Leonard, widow of Lt-Col M.F. Leonard, OBE, who died on 31 January 1982, aged 60 years.

**LOCK** – On 24 March 1994, Private Frederick George Lock (6206007), aged 80 years.

He served with the 2nd and 9th Bns also REME. Sadly he died whilst on holiday in South Africa.

**SALES** – On 27 May 1994, Drummer Eric A. Sales (6204046), aged 76 years.

Eric Sales enlisted on 22 November 1937 and joined the 2nd Bn serving with the Bn until 1942 when he was posted to the 2/7th Bn. This posting only lasted one month and he then moved to the 30th Bn until his discharge on 8 February 1946. Three weeks prior to his death he expressed a wish to hear the regimental marches. The Secretary supplied a tape and when he heard the music he cried with joy. The SSAFA representative for Brentwood and Thurrock very kindly delivered and played the tape.

**SHANKS** – On 18 January 1994, Lt-Col Ernest Pattison Shanks, CBE, QC.

Ernest Shanks was commissioned into the Middlesex Regiment on 30 August 1939. He was posted to the Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment. During April 1940 he moved with the 1st Bn to France joining the BEF and returning to the UK in June 1940. During this period he was mentioned in dispatches. In May 1943 he arrived with the Bn in North Africa. He was now a Major commanding C Group. The Sicilian campaign, Taranto to the Apennines, winter fighting at Cassino, Egypt, Static Warfare and final offensive followed. After the war he left the army and became Attorney General Singapore retiring in 1959. In 1960 he became Solicitor General in Guernsey. Colonel R.H. Graham, MBE, represented the Regimental Association at his funeral.

**TAYLOR** – On 14 May 1994, Private Frederick Gordon Taylor (14219639), aged 69 years.

He served from October 1942 to April 1947. No other details available.

**SMITH** – On 17 February 1994, Private William Arthur Smith (G57346), aged 95 years.

He served with County of London Yeomanry 1917B18 and 18th Bn Middlesex Regiment April 1918 - December 1919.

**WIGGINS** – On 9 December 1993. Obituary by Brig J.B. Ryall, CBE, who enlisted into the Middlesex Regiment at the same time. They both commenced their service with the 9th Bn.

Richard (Dickie) and I were frequently taken for brothers, if not twins. From 1933 to the outbreak of the war we were choir-boys at St Albans, Golders Green, which in those days had a very strong choir – some 24 choir-boys. We were involved in Gregorian plain chant and the choir sang in St Paul's Cathedral on numerous occasions with Dickie and I singing duet. As boys we went on holidays together and were invited to sing in the local church choir. (The local paper carrying headlines 'London choir-boys enthral congregation with their singing'). We joined 9th Bn more or less at the same time (my number was 6205936, so Dickie's would not be much later). On the 13th August 1939 we went to annual camp at Gamlingay and shortly before the war moved to Horringer, Nr Bury St Edmunds. Inevitably, due to postings, we were separated, but kept in touch. Dickie was posted to a LAA Regt and served in North Africa and then through Italy. His last posting was with 2nd Regt RHA with the rank of BQMS. He took his release with demob group 28 and became a Chartered Accountant. On retirement he moved to Wales with his wife, Valiene. We had always promised to 'meet up' – sadly we never did.



account. Col R M Cain proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Capt J S C Flavell. Carried.

#### 5. Dinner versus Luncheon.

5.1 The Chairman thought there were three possible scenarios:-

- 5.1.1. Friday Lunch followed by the reunion on the Friday evening. St Paul's Service on the Saturday.
- 5.1.2. Lunch on the Friday with St Paul's and the reunion on the Saturday.
- 5.1.3. Normal Albuhera weekend as it exists now with a lunch in addition to the dinner at some other time.

5.2 Stemming from a detailed discussion it was decided that as only 30 members out of 234 members circulated had opted for a lunch that there was no real requirement for change and that the dinner would continue on the Friday evening of the Albuhera weekend.

#### 6. Correspondence.

6.1 The Secretary advised members that the Chairman had received a letter of thanks from Col T W Chattey for the copy of the Arab that he received from the Members of this Committee when he relinquished the post of President of the Association.

#### 7. Any other business.

7.1 Brig B H Marciandi asked if any action had been taken to encourage those TA Officers who had not joined the Officers' Club to do so. The Chairman said he had spoken to Lt Col J Gunnell. He would look at the matter again.

#### 8. Date of the next Meeting.

8.1 It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 6th of March 1995 at 1830 hours. Venue conference room at the Duke of York's Headquarters. (Post meeting note - the room is available and has been booked).

Signed: R E Morris  
Major (Retd)  
Secretary.

### THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting held at  
The Duke of York's Headquarters Chelsea London SW3  
on Monday the 21st of March 1994.

Present: Lt Col J M Hewson, MC, Chairman  
Col I D Brotherton, TD, DL, Vice-Chairman  
Brig B H Marciandi, OBE  
Col M J Ball  
Col R M Cain, OBE, DL  
Maj H E Couch, TD, FRICS  
Maj C L Lawrence, MC  
Capt M J S Doran, TD, LLB  
Capt S L Enthoven, BA, RIBA, AADIP  
Capt J S C Flavell  
Capt R M Fox, MA, FCA  
Mr A Broadbent  
Mr G Young  
Maj R E B Morris, Secretary

Apologies: Maj S L J Henshaw, TD  
Maj A E F Waldron, MBE  
Capt A I F Goldman, BA

#### 1. Opening Remarks.

1.1 The Chairman welcomed the new member to the Committee, representing Enfield Branch, Mr A Broadbent, on this his first meeting.

1.2 The Chairman announced the sad death of Mr P Bermingham and asked the Committee to stand for a moment in his memory.

#### 2. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

2.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Maj C L Lawrence and seconded by Capt J S C Flavell. Carried.

#### 3. Matters arising.

3.1 There was one point arising:-

- 3.1.1. Capt S L Enthoven did not meet with the Cathedral Architect as they could not agree a mutually convenient date.

#### 4. Chairman's Report.

4.1 The Chairman gave detail of a meeting and subsequent follow up with the Dean and Registrar of St Paul's Cathedral with regard to the possible refurbishment of the Regimental Chapel. The point was made by the Cathedral Authorities that although the Chapel is clearly signed as the Middlesex Regimental Chapel it is not exclusively ours as it is frequently used for other services etc. Our initial ideas for improvement were the provision of an altar cloth, maroon background with a gold wire Middlesex Badge, together with an improved sign that shows the layout of the Colours. The Dean was very helpful and is very pro the Middlesex, and he agreed our proposals, but made it clear that they had to be referred to the St Paul's Fabric Committee. Sadly they did not agree to the proposals but said they would look at the provision of a new clearer notice for the Colours.

4.2 Capt S Enthoven said he was aware of plans for a general refurbishment and that a start had been made in the Crypt.

4.3 Major C Lawrence thought that mileage might be gained by looking up the correspondence to see what was laid down when the Chapel was established in, he thought, 1966.

4.3 The Chairman said he will carry on with the battle in an endeavour to bring matters to a successful conclusion, but he mentioned that discussions had taken place and correspondence exchanged for some ten years so do not expect any swift results!

#### 5. Secretary's Report.

5.1 The Secretary presented his report that had been previously circulated. He mentioned that so far in financial year we had made benevolent grants totalling £4,800 of which £1,700 had been donated by Army Benevolent Fund.

5.2 The Committee did not agree to the waring of name tags at the reunion. Varying views were expressed over name and content of the tags and the fact that some of those attending would not wear them. Secretary is to thank Mr Ernie Budgen for his offer.

5.3 The Committee agreed that the cost of the Newsletter should rise to £2.50 per annum.

5.4 The Secretary advised that there was one addition to the list of forthcoming events. Queen's Regiment Grand Day to be held this year at Canterbury on 26th June 1994.

5.5 The Committee approved the following expenditure:-

Albuhera Service at St Paul's	£1000
Annual Reunion at the Victory Club	£1000
Field of Remembrance Service	£100
2/10th OCA Service of Remembrance	£100



## 6. Housing Sub Committee Report.

6.1 Maj H E Couch presented the Housing Committee report based on the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th November 1993 which had been previously circulated. He gave details of the Housing Committee's forecast of expenditure and income for 1994.

6.2 Maj Couch then went on to talk about the future of the Housing at Albuhera Close. He made reference to a letter from Maj A E F Waldron in which Maj Waldron stated that he did not support the suggested conversion of a house into two flats and that replies to a letter sent out by Maj Waldron offering those widows living in houses the vacant flat had been met with a nil response.

6.3 Maj Couch recommended that a Sub Committee be appointed to look into the long term future policy for the houses and flats and that in the mean time the vacant flat remain unoccupied until the recommendations of the Sub Committee are known.

6.4 Col I D Brotherton said that no decision can be made of the conversion of a house into two flats until the future policy had been decided. He supported the establishment of the Sub Committee. It should however have input from the Queen's/PWRR.

6.5 Capt S L Enthoven said that the rents should, in the due course of time, be increased to near those charged by local authorities. The Charity Commission could express a view that we are not making maximum use of our assets.

6.6 It was agreed that the Committee would by:-

Chairman	Col R M Cain
Members	Col M Ball (Link with Queen's/PWRR)
	Maj H E Couch
	Capt M J S Doran
	Capt R M Fox
Secretary	Maj R E B Morris

The terms of reference to be: Revision of the policy for waiting lists for accommodation at Albuhera Close and to consider the long term policy of the estate making due recommendation as they see fit.

## 7. Finance Committee Report.

7.1 Brig B H Marciandi went into the background to the re establishment of the Finance Sub Committee. Said that Maj H E Couch would be co opted as a member when matters affecting Housing were to be discussed together with Maj A E F Waldron when detailed background knowledge of the affairs of the Association were required.

7.2 Three meetings were held in 1993 but the intention is to hold two each financial year to consider the advice from our Stockbroker. The November meeting to take place after the Housing Committee Meeting in order that any points arising from that meeting can be considered.

7.3 There was a cash flow problem at the end of last year in that we had two large bills for Albuhera Close, the annual repair bill coupled with the exterior painting bill. Had to realise money on 30 day deposit.

7.4 Did not consider there was any need for any change to existing financial policy.

7.5 Proposed by Col M Ball and seconded by Maj H E Couch that the accounts previously circulated be approved. Carried.

## 8. 4th Bn Officers' Mess Fund.

8.1 The 4th Bn Officers' Mess Fund was formally sealed as a charity on 26th June 1993. Capt R M Fox recommended that the money currently on deposit be re-invested and that the income be accounted for in the main Association Account. The United Services Trust have indicated that they have no objection to this course of action.

8.2 Under this heading Capt Fox mentioned that the Museum Trust Account has now been finalised. He produced a balance sheet showing that some £4,500 was held as a credit balance. Col T W Chattey's view is that this balance should be held available for future use.

8.3 Col R M Cain seconded by Col I D Brotherton proposed that the two accounts be accepted and approved. Carried.

## 9. Membership of CEBSEO!

9.1 The Secretary drew attention to the letter already circulated that shows us as members of CEBSEO. This membership is designed to support the Army Benevolent Fund and they will meet any cost of membership.

## 10. Updating the rules of the Association.

10.1 The Secretary explained that his suggested amendments were to up date the rules to the actual practice. They were last amended in 1981. The main affect of these amendments are to establish the category of Associate Member and to increase the subscriptions to a more realistic amount. Officers to £5 to include the cost of the Newsletter and soldiers to £3.50 also to include the cost of the Newsletter.

10.2 The proposed amendments were agreed subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting to be held on the 7th of May 1994.

10.3 The Vice Chairman reminded the Committee that under rule 28 he is deemed to be an ex officio member of any sub committee. He is not receiving any papers for meetings held and he wished to do so. The Secretary apologised for the oversight and said he would receive papers in future.

## 11. Lapel Badges.

11.1 After due discussion the Secretary was authorised to arrange for the manufacture and supply of the smaller of the two old pattern badges on display. Col I D Brotherton asked if it would be possible to have them on sale at the reunion. Secretary said he would try but the time scale was very tight.

## 12. Correspondence.

12.1 Secretary said there were three letters he wished to bring to the attention of the Committee:-

12.1.1. Letter of thanks from the Victory Club for our grant of £1000.

12.1.2. Letter of thanks from RHQ PWRR for our contribution of £350 for band banners for 5 PWRR.

12.1.3. Letter of thanks from the Hounslow Branch for our grant to assist them with the cost of the recent visit to France.

## 13. Any other business.

13.1 Capt M J S Doran suggested that the terms of reference for the Sub Committee established to look at the future housing policy should be:-

"To formulate a policy, after such consultation with others as it thinks fit, for the long term future of Albuhera Close and to recommend whatever it considers appropriate to implement such policy but not to take any action on behalf of the Association without the prior approval of its Executive Committee."

This was agreed.

13.2 Mr A Broadbent raised the question of Associate Members at Enfield who did not meet the new criteria for Associate Members in that they were not members of the forbear regiments of the Queen's Regiment. The Committee agreed that such members would be permitted at Enfield.

## 14. Date of the next Meeting.

14.1 Agreed that the next annual meeting would take place at 1900 hours on Monday the 6th of March 1995 at the Duke of York's Headquarters. (Post meeting note - the availability of the Conference Room has been confirmed).

Signed: R E Morris  
Major (Retd)  
Secretary.



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF

### THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION held at the Victory Services Club, London W2 at 19.30 hours on Saturday 7th May 1994.

Present: Lt Col J M Hewson, MC Chairman, Brig B H Marciandi, OBE, Col A M Man, OBE, Lt Col T W Chattey, OBE, Maj C L Lawrence, MC, Maj A E F Waldron, MBE, Lt P F Wookey, Messrs Ashton, Bealle, Beach, Bennett, Broadbent, Burford, Connor, Cubitt, Eggleton, Hill, Houghton, Innes, Howard, Jennings, Markham, Mulvaney, Smith & Trundrell. Maj R E B Morris, MBE, Secretary.

#### 1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th of May 1993, having been circulated, were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Mr M Smith, seconded by Mr A Burford. Carried.

#### 2. Matters arising.

2.1 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th of May 1993

#### 3. Accounts for the year ending the 31 Dec 1993.

3.1 The Secretary explained the accounts for the year ending 31 Dec 1993. Brig B H Marciandi, Chairman of the Finance Sub Committee, mentioned that the value of our investments had dropped slightly, in line with market trends, since the balance sheet was completed. This should be borne in mind when considering our assets. Mr A Beall proposed the accounts be adopted, seconded by Mr B Cubitt. Carried.

#### 4. Up dating the rules of the Association.

4.1 The Secretary explained that the amendment sheet placed before the meeting had been approved by the Executive Committee at their meeting in March subject to ratification at this Annual General Meeting. He went on to say that the existing rules were approved and published in 1981 and had become somewhat dated.

4.2 The main effects of the amendments were to:-

4.2.1 Meet requests from the branches to establish the category of Associate Member.

4.2.2 To clarify the eligibility of honorary members.

4.2.3 To permit sons of full members, over the age of 18, to join the Association of Associate Members.

4.2.4 To raise subscription rates to take into account the effects of inflation since 1981:-

4.2.4.1 New rates to be:-

For Officers of the Regiment a minimum of -	Association	£1.00
	Officers' Club	£1.50
	Newsletter	£2.50
	Total	£5.00

For Soldiers of the Regiment a minimum of -	Association	£1.00
	Newsletter	£2.50
	Total	£3.50

(post meeting note new rates effective 1 Jan 95).

4.3 Maj A E F Waldron proposed the amendments be approved, seconded by Mr A Burford. Carried.

#### 5. Any other Business.

5.1 Under this heading the Chairman outlined the activities of the Regimental Association. He spoke about the Working Party that has been established to look at the long term future of our property in Albuhera Close, the first meeting of which is arranged for the 23rd of May 1994. He said last year we spent some £13K, and this year so far £6K, on assisting our members in need. Mentioned that the Tyndarious Stone is now in store in Hong Kong awaiting shipment to UK where it will be housed and cared for at the National Army Museum. He said he had received, via our President, a letter of complaint

about its removal from Hong Kong. Spoke of the liaison with St Paul's Cathedral. We are particularly keen to raise the standard of our Chapel. A meeting held with the Dean and Registrar initially very promising but the Friends of St Paul's who apparently have the final say not so helpful. Discussions will continue. Gave an outline of forthcoming events (as listed in the last issue of the Newsletter).

5.2 Maj A E F Waldron said that the Middlesex exhibits were now taking shape within the National Army Museum. Well worth a visit and he urged members to attend. There is no charge for admission. At the same time as the Royal Hospital Chelsea is next door why not pay Mutt Hazlewood a visit? Molly Morgan, who many will remember, has applied for entry to the RH.

5.3 Members expressed a wish to re establish the sentries at St Paul's. The Chairman and Secretary explained that this had been considered but the cost of replacement uniforms had ruled it out. However it will be looked at again. After note. The Secretary may have some good news on this subject.

5.4 A question was asked from the floor about the replacement lapel badges. Secretary explained that the Executive Committee had decided to go for the smaller of the old pattern badge. Secretary was asking for a final estimate from a supplier before going ahead with the order. Likely cost to individuals £3.00 or £3.50 (this to be confirmed).

5.5 Brig B H Marciandi supported by Col A M Man said that, yet again, the sound equipment in the Chapel at St Paul's is not up to the task. Cannot hear the service from the middle to the back rows. Chairman said the matter will be raised with the Cathedral Authorities.

5.6 Col A M Man said we should endeavour to establish a Middlesex Representative on the Friends of St Paul's Committee. Chairman said he would look into this but he had already discussed this with the Dean of St Paul's and he had strongly advised against this course of action. In any event we have no volunteers.

#### 6. Closing Remarks.

6.1 There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 2015 hours. At this juncture the Chairman reminded all that the 1995 Reunion would be held on the 13th of May at the Victory Services Club.

Note made after the conclusion of the Meeting. The Chairman suggested that Secretaries, or their representatives, of the Branches be requested to attend the AGM in future.

Signed: R E Morris  
Maj (Retd)  
Secretary.



## REGIMENTAL GOODS

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

Blazer Badges	£ 7.00 each
Car Badges (good quality)	£12.00 each
Ice Buckets, miniature side drum with regimental emblazon	£22.00 each
Ties Regt'l Old Pattern, Maroon and Old Gold (NEW STOCK)	£ 5.00 each
Ties Officers' Club Silk	£12.50 each
Wall Plaques, Middlesex Regiment	£16.50 each
Middlesex Regiment Cap Badges (Not originals)	£ 3.50 each
Christmas Cards depicting:	
Steady the Drums & Fifes	.35 each
The Guardroom Scene	.35 each
Colonel Graham Egerton, 77th Foot Portsmouth 1854	.35 each



## MEMBERSHIP LIST

The following registered agents are available for the sale of  
Secretary, Marine P.T. & Marine, Ltd., 20, Truro Road, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 1JY.  
is included in the prices. Cheques or Postal Orders payable to the  
Association.

British Badges

100 Badges (small) 10/00

100 Badges (large) 10/00

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