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Colonel Aymar Clayton died peacefully at his home in Somerset on 13th February 1995, and his funeral service at the Church in Sherborne where he had worshipped for 20 happy years was held on 21st February and was attended by a large number of his friends locally and from far afield, as well as a really wonderful turnout of his many friends in The Regiment, and all his family in support of Barbie.

Aymar was born 83 years ago in Wales, and received his early education in France. He was at Downside School from '24-'31 where he excelled at rugby and cricket, then read modern languages at Christ's College Cambridge, where his prowess at rugby was again evident. Later many of his friends were able to attend rugby matches in Dublin and Twickenham thanks to his Cambridge rugby contacts.

He was commissioned into The Middlesex Regt (DCO) 61 years ago in 1934, married Barbara in '38 (herself the daughter of Major Brian Allott of the Regiment and brother of Middlesex officer Richard, who attended the funeral with others in the family).

Aymar was Adjutant of 7 Mx at Dunkirk, and later was extracted early from Staff College in order to go to the Far East to be the Principal Landing Officer for the Madagascar Landings. He then remained in the Far East on the Staff in India and Burma until the end of the War, returning after the war to be a student and then Instructor at the Joint Services Staff College, before joining the Combined Operations Staff in London.

He then commanded the Regimental Depot at Mill Hill before being appointed 2IC of 1Mx in Hong Kong in 1949, thereafter serving with the Battalion throughout the Korean campaign. Following this he held staff appointments in SHAPE, where his immaculate French served him well, and then in British Troops Austria. His final Regular service was as the Commanding Officer of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment from 1955-58.

Following his retirement Aymar was Secretary of the Middlesex and then the East Anglian TA Associations, for which he was awarded the O.B.E.. He was appointed Honorary Colonel of 7Mx(TA), and was also appointed Deputy Colonel (Middlesex) of the newly formed Queens Regiment. He was for many years an active member of the Regimental Association until becoming its President from 1971-76. Among other notable achievements, he was responsible for recruiting Major Frank Waldron to be our Regimental Secretary in 1972. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London in June 1967, and subsequently on moving to East Anglia, a Deputy Lieutenant of Essex.

Aymar devoted his life to our Regiment, and right to the end was a loyal and intrepid supporter of all Regimental events, despite having to journey up from Somerset. In all these Regimental affairs and reunions he was invariably accompanied by Barbara and they were a couple we all particularly enjoyed having with us. Only days before his death Aymar was planning his annual trip to St Pauls for our Annual Albuhera Service, despite the difficulties this would give him due to his somewhat restricted mobility.

Aymar was especially proud of the fact that his grandson Simon was commissioned in to the PWRR - thus being the 5th generation to serve in the Regiment or its successor Regiment. Aymar's son Charles who served in our 1st Battalion in Gibraltar, and his accidental death there on 27th September 1964 saddened not only Aymar, Barbie and their family, but all of us in the Regiment.

Nearly every year Aymar would make the pilgrimage to Lille to attend the commemoration of the betrayal, torture and eventual assassination by the Gestapo, of Captain Michael Trotobas, who had served in the Regiment as a Sergeant in Aymar's Company before being commissioned into The Manchester Regiment.

Throughout his long, cheerful and happily married life, Aymar was universally respected and loved in the Regiment as a kind, forthright, correct and thoroughly professional soldier. He had an enormous sense of fun, was mentor to many of us in the Regiment, and had an obvious horror of any sort of pomposity, which he never failed to attack. He had too, a most impressive bark, but he just couldn't follow it up with a bite.

Many Diehards will remember with pleasure and thanks the way that when he was 2IC in Korea, and in very real command and control of 'B' Echelon, he never failed to find every company or sub-unit he was responsible for (even when they themselves were far from certain of their own position), and would arrive with the essentials of life, including kippers and whisky - always with a smile on his well-known and much-loved face and a comforting humour to match it.

He died peacefully in his own home, near his beloved Barbara and his family.

The Regiment, and all of us in it, have lost a fine friend, delightful companion and wonderful soldier, whose example will live for many years to come. So many Diehards owe so very much to him, and we can but now say "Thank you Aymar".

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FORECAST OF EVENTS 1995 - 96

- 1 July WO/Sgts Past and Present Dinner at Bassingbourn.
- 30 July London Regiment Open Day, 1100 - 1600 hrs Duke of Yorks HQ, SW3
- 15 August Service in Commemoration of VJ Day at the National Army Museum, Chelsea, London SW3. Commences at 12 noon. Please arrive by 11.45 a.m.
- 19 August National VJ Service and Parade - The Mall, London.
- 20 August Beating of Retreat and Sunset Ceremony - Horse Guards Parade (and at Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast).
- 16 September Korean Club Annual Reunion, Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London W2. Commencing at 6.30 p.m.
- 20 September Officers' Club Luncheon - Duke of York's HQ, London SW1.
- 5 October The 50th and final Luncheon of the 2/7th Bn OCA. Assemble at the Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London W2, at 11.45 a.m.
- 30 October Housing Committee Meeting 7 p.m. ACF Conference Room, Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea.
- 9 November Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey 10.30 a.m. for the planting of crosses in the Middlesex Regimental Plot.
- 11 November Ceremony at the Field of Remembrance. To be held in the Middlesex Guildhall opposite Westminster Abbey. Assemble 10.40 a.m.
- 12 November 7th Bn Remembrance Service Parish Church of St Mary and St George, Hornsey, London N8. Assemble 10.30 a.m.
- 12 November 2/10th Bn (1914-18) Remembrance Service at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick, London W4 at 3 p.m.
- 24 November PWRR Officers' Club Dinner, Haberdashers' Hall, London.

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- 4 March Middlesex Officers' Club Committee Meeting at 6.30 p.m. ACF Conference Room, Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea.
Regimental Executive Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. ACF Conference Room, Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea.
- 10 May Middlesex Officers' Club Annual Dinner, Naval & Military Club, 94 Piccadilly, London W1.
- 11 May Albuhera Service of Remembrance, Regimental Chapel, St Paul's Cathedral at 3 p.m.
- 11 May Annual Reunion at the Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London W2, commencing at 6.30 p.m. AGM at 7.15 p.m.
- 16 May Presentation of New Colours to 1st Bn PWRR at Howe Barracks, Canterbury.

BENEVOLENCE

For the year ended 31 December 1994 the sum of £15,345 was granted to members of the Regiment in the form of benevolent grants. The Army Benevolent Fund contributed £9441.

Grants so far this year up to 31 May 1995 are £6935 with a contribution from the Army Benevolent Fund of £3930.

DONATIONS TO THE CHARITABLE FUND

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

- a. A donation of £500 from Mr Derrick Johns who ran the London Marathon wearing the uniform of the Middlesex Regiment. Derrick served with S Company 1961/62 and was a member of the Bn Cross Country running team. Well done indeed. He also made a contribution to the Enfield Branch funds.



- b. A donation of £100 from Miss Jean Bower.
- c. Many smaller bequests mainly for the Newsletter, around the £25 mark.

DONATIONS

RHQ PWRR (to assist in the purchase of new Colour Belts)	£250
Diehard 50 Luncheon	£300
Mx and NW London ACF	£600
Altar Cloth for the Regtl Chapel	£350
Friends of St Paul's	£100
The Royal Star and Garter Home	£100
From the Officers' Club (to the 9th Bn Dinner Fund)	£200

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 12th of May 1995. Brig B.A.M. Pielow presided the following attended:-

Official Guests:- Maj Gen & Mrs C.R. Grey, Maj & Mrs J.K.C. Maclean, Rev & Mrs P.A. Tuft, Rev & Mrs W.E.B. Jones, Maj C. Bellingham, The Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) Mrs A. Bennett, Miss J. Bower, Mrs A. Cotton, Mrs A. Hutchings and 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, Brig & Mrs D.B. Rendell, Col I.R. Burrows & Miss B. Colley, Col & Mrs R.M. Cain, Col A.M. Man, Col H.J.A. Moore, Lt Col & Mrs T.W. Chattey, Lt Col & Mrs C.N. Clayden, Maj & Mrs P.D.J. Clarke, Maj & Mrs W.G.A. Crumley, Maj & Mrs M.P.D. Eastap, Maj & Mrs S.L.J. Henshaw, Maj & Mrs C.L. Lawrence, Maj & Mrs A.E. McManus, Maj & Mrs R.E.B. Morris, Maj A.E.F. Waldron, Capt & Mrs S. Boydell, Capt & Mrs M.J.S. Doran, Capt & Mrs S. le M. Enthoven, Capt & Mrs K.D. Murray, Lt J.P.A. Day and Lt R.T. Smith.

Brig B.A.M. Pielow after dinner gave a resume of both the Association and of the Prince of Wales's Royal Regiment activity over the year, and at the conclusion of his speech Miss Jean Bower thanked those present on behalf of the Guests.

ANNUAL REUNION

The Annual Reunion took place on the evening of the 13th May 1995 at our customary venue at the Victory Services Club, Seymour St, London W2. Numbers were slightly down this year 200 as against 230 in 1994. It was great to see several new members present, together with those who attend every year to renew friendships made over many years of service with the Regiment. It was particularly nice to see Jimmy Johanssen who was with the Battalion as a young lad in Rendsburg just after the war ended. He had travelled from Germany especially to attend as the Guest of Maj Frank Waldron. As ever Mr Allen provided the music and a good time was had by all.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting took place at the Victory Services Club at 1915 hours on the 13th of May 1995. There were 21 members present. The Minutes are published at the end of this Newsletter for your information.

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS TO 2 PWRR

Some 35 members of the Regiment attended the presentation of Colours by HRH The Princess of Wales, our Colonel in Chief, to the Second Battalion of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires) at Howe Barracks, Canterbury on Saturday the 20th of May 1995.

On a cold and overcast day spectators were entertained to an excellent parade that brought back memories to many of us of parades past. Many of the Diehards present had served with the Queen's Regiment, after the amalgamation in 1966, and they were sad to witness the final parade of the Colours of the 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the Queen's Regiment. There was many a lump in the throat as they were marched off parade for the last time to the music of Auld Lang Syne.

There was much comment on the colour of the new Regimental Colour in that it is yellow and very close to the old Regimental Colour of the Middlesex Regiment.

You will be interested to know that the Officer in charge of the parade administration was Maj S.F. Deakin, son of Col M.F. Deakin, an old Diehard.

ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS)

The United Kingdom Branch of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) Association held their final annual dinner before disbandment on Friday 2 June 1995, at the RAMC Officers' Mess, Millbank, and celebrated the 141st anniversary of the regiment's foundation.

Lt-Col T.C. Villiers, Branch Chairman, presided and the guests were:-

Lord and Lady Wilson of Tillyorn Former Governor and Commandant General
Lt Gen Sir John & Lady Foley Former CBF

Brig & Mrs P.C.C. Trousdell Former Comd 48 Gurkha Inf Bde
Mr S.L. Cowper-Coles Head of HK Dept Foreign & Commonwealth Office

Brig & Mrs B.A.M. Pielow President Middlesex Regiment Association
Lt-Col & Mrs T.W. Chattey Former President Middlesex Regiment Assn.
Col & Mrs P. Storie-Pugh Head of Pilgrim Dept, Royal British Legion
Mr & Mrs G.T. Barnes Former Secretary for Security
Lt-Col & Mrs J. Arkell CO Royal Yeomanry
Mr & Mrs A.P. Asprey Former Secretary of Security
Sqdn Ldr J. Shawcross Former CSO RHKAFF

Former members of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment and Major A.E.F. Waldron and Miss Pamela Harrison, The Middlesex Regiment.

Response on behalf of the guests was given by Brig B.A.M. Pielow.

On 3rd September 1995, the last element of the Volunteers – the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) – will be disbanded, marking the end of 141 years of military service to the Crown and to Hong Kong. Over the years many local residents have given their time, expertise and leadership selflessly, often at the expense of their career and their families. Above all we must not forget that, on this 50th anniversary of the Liberation of Hong Kong, almost 300 Volunteers gave more than their time and expertise – they gave their lives.

ALBUHERA DAY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Again there was a very good attendance at the Annual Service of Remembrance held in the Regimental Chapel in St Paul's Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday the 13th of May 1995. The Service, as in previous years, was prepared and conducted by our Padre in Korea, The Reverend W.E.B. Jones. The Thanksgiving was led by Maj C.L. Lawrence, Prayers were led by Lt Col A.M. Man, Brig B.A.M. Pielow read the lesson taken from Joshua 4 vv 1-8 and 16-24 and Lt Col J.M. Hewson led the Act of Remembrance. The new Middlesex Regimental Altar Cloth was much admired as were the Sentries at the Cathedral entrance. This year Messrs Bob Yerby and Les Loomes were joined by Acker Beall resplendent in their Scarlet Uniforms. There was much favourable comment, particularly from members of the public, and many photographs were taken.



THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S ROYAL REGIMENT

Presentation of New Colours to the 2nd Battalion

The main event since the last Newsletter has been the Presentation of New colours to the 2nd Battalion by HRH The Princess of Wales at Howe Barracks, Canterbury on Saturday 20 May. This splendid occasion was watched by 3,000 members of the Battalion and their guests. The day concluded with spectacular displays by the Regimental Free-Fall Team and the Minden Band of The Queen's Division.

Laying Up of Old Colours

The Old Colours of 2nd Battalion The Queen's Regiment were laid up in Canterbury Cathedral at a Service on Thursday 1 June. The ceremony was attended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Canterbury, the Colonel of the Regiment and Lady Denison-Smith and a congregation of over 900, with many former members of the Battalion present. A reception was held afterwards in Westgate Hall, Canterbury.

Freedoms

The Regiment exercised its Honorary Freedoms of Southampton and Horley on 30 and 31 March, and Tonbridge and Malling on Saturday 10 June. It also received the 'Privilege' of Jersey, transferred from the Royal Hampshire Regiment, on Monday 8 May and will exercise the Freedom of Brighton on Saturday 28 October.

Regimental Expeditions

HRH The Princess of Wales graciously agreed to be Patron of a 400 mile, 40 day, Regimental expedition on foot through the Samburu region of Northern Kenya, led by Major Ken Hames late last year. This 'Trek' included ten disadvantaged young people and was covered by Meridian Television who screened it in several instalments.

The Colonel-in-Chief was also Patron of the Regimental entry in the 10,000 mile, 30 day, London – Mexico Rally by Major Nick Sharples and Corporal Mick Istead in the Spring. They raised nearly £10,000 for the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, of which Her Royal Highness is also the Patron.

The Battalions

The Regular battalions will be exchanging barracks at the end of August, with the 1st Battalion returning to Canterbury from Omagh and the 2nd Battalion replacing them in Ulster. Soon after their return to England the 1st Battalion will provide a contingent to represent the Regiment at a parade in London of regiments holding the 'Privilege' of the City. This parade will be held on Friday 20 October to mark the conclusion of the 50th Anniversary of the World War II Victory celebrations. The following week the 1st Battalion is flying to Kenya for a six week training period.

Regimental Headquarters

Lt Col Les Wilson retired in March after twelve years service in Regimental Headquarters and was replaced by Major John Rogerson. Two months later, at the end of May, Colonel John Francis handed over the job of Regimental Secretary, after twelve years, to Colonel Paddy Panton. A farewell luncheon was given in Haberdashers' Hall for Colonel Francis who had earlier in the year been made a Liveryman of the Company.

The Journal of The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment

The Journal of The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment will give much more information and pictures of these and other items of news. It is published twice a year in June and December, price £3 a copy, and may be ordered through Regimental Headquarters.

9th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DCO) TA

OFFICERS ANNUAL REUNION LUNCH

The tenth annual luncheon took place on Tuesday 9 May 1995 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 and Major R.E.B. Morris.

The lunch was attended by 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, D.H.S. Herriott, R. Hughes, A.M.H. Jones, D.V. Littlejohn, W. McGregor, P.A. Man, K.O. Sayers, J.K.E. Slack.

Colonel Gray proposed the loyal toast. 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.

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

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by Ned Kelly – Secretary Middlesex Branch Queen's Regtl Assn.

The Middlesex Branch of the Queen's Association organised a luncheon on Saturday 6th May 1995 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and to commemorate the part played by the Middlesex Regiment in that war. It took place at Hornsey TA Centre. The day started with a coffee reception at 11.30 and was followed by a Quarter Guard, provided by B(Queen's Regiment) Company, marching on to the music of the Corps of Drums from the London Regiment. Brigadier B.A.M. Pielow JP took the salute and then inspected the Guard. He complimented both the Guard and the Corps of Drums.

There then followed a short service by the local vicar, the Rev Pybus, to dedicate a plaque to the men of the 7th Bn the Middlesex Regiment which had been donated by the 2/7 Middlesex. The plaque was unveiled by former RSM 'Topper' Brown.

The bar was then 'available', and many old friends met and talked about old times and old comrades. Ernie Johnson had come from Australia to be with friends on VE & J Day + 50 years. A splendid lunch then followed, served by some buxom serving wenches much to the delight of the older Diehards. Tony White announced the Toasts which were: The Queen, The Middlesex Regimental Association, The Queen's Regimental Association & B(Queen's Regiment) Company and Absent Friends.

Maj D. Harwood MBE TD, as Chairman of the Queen's Association, Middlesex Branch, made a short speech of welcome followed by an interesting speech by Brig B.A.M. Pielow, JP.

After lunch it was 'back to the bar'. The Corps of Drums gave a short recital which was very well received. Marcus Davidson had put in a lot of work in organising a sing song, but unfortunately with the weather being so hot it had to be cancelled. I'm sure he understood.

Many old Diehards were so impressed with the marvellous display of the Drums and Silver that they had their photographs taken with it. Many tales were told of wartime exploits and the younger members of the Queen's Association and the London Regiment, successor units to the Middlesex Regiment, were good listeners.

All in all, it turned out to be a thoroughly good occasion enjoyed by all those who attended. Much of the credit must go to Maj Derrick Harwood, organising secretary, who put in a great deal of time and effort. However he was ably backed up by the Branch committee which included treasurer Trevor Canton, Bill Opie, John Tilbury, Bob Cubitt – Enfield Branch, Gordon Young – Hounslow Branch, Tony White – 1/7th Mx and 'Topper' Brown – 2/7th MX. Richard Bacchus, a former Queensman and now caretaker at Hornsey TA Centre, also helped the committee a great deal and ran the bar on the day.

The Middlesex Regimental Association and the Queen's Regimental Associations made very generous donations towards the cost of the occasion. 'Topper' Brown also made a significant donation as did some members who were unable to attend but wished to be remembered. All these donations were very welcome and helped considerably in keeping the cost to those who attended to an affordable level.

The Corps of Drums, led by Drum Major T. Raper, appeared by kind permission of Lt Col P.R.P. Swanson, MBE., Commanding Officer the London Regiment.

The Quarter Guard, i/c WO2 D.L. Saunders, appeared by kind permission of Maj D.L. Burbridge, Officer Commanding B(Queen's Regiment) Company the London Regiment. Maj Burbridge is also to be thanked for the help the soldiers of B company gave in making the event the success it was.



ALBUHERA 184 YEARS ON

Five members of Hounslow Branch made the journey to Albuhera to represent the Regiment at the annual ceremonies which are held to mark the anniversary of the battle. Despite the many changes which are occurring in the village, it is satisfying to be able to report that the area where the battle was fought has not changed and the Mayor and the local councillors seem determined to enhance the memories and history of the area. The museum has been enlarged and the items which the Regimental Association have presented and the picture of "STEADY THE DRUMS AND FIFES" which was presented by the 1st Battalion on their visit in 1964 have been incorporated into the museum's display.

The Spanish Regiment which took part in the ceremonies this year was Regimiento Infanteria Mecanizada Castilla who took part in the 1991 parade, and we were able to renew our acquaintance with Lieuts Ramos and Melendez both of whom expressed much interest in the Latham Centrepiece (a photograph of which is displayed in the museum). To enable them to add to their Regimental museum, the Regimental Association has kindly sent to them a Regimental blazer badge, tie, which is of course the Spanish national colours, a new pattern OCA lapel badge and an account of Lieut. Latham's exploits during the battle.

The ceremonies enacted followed the format set in previous years, however the celebrations continue to grow, and this year were expanded further by the inclusion of a fly past by the Spanish Air Force. After the formal parade at which the British Military Attache laid a wreath, we adjourned to the museum where Lt. Menledez gave a graphic account of the battle, stressing that it was not the 57th Foot Regiment who fired into their ranks when Hoghton's Brigade was coming up from the rear. Thus we were warmly greeted by their officers and senior Nco's, for their Regiment were the recipients of the British volley in 1811.

Once again a fine banquet was served, to which those present from the Regimental Association were invited by the Mayor. Afterwards the festivities continued with a corrida and football cup final, either of which you attended according to your taste. A grand dance was held in the evening, but we did not feel capable of dancing the paso doble which was performed by the locals with much fervour. The Polish Ambassador did, however, but one of our party remarked "I thought the lancers was his dance".

The party again walked the battlefield, visited the memorial on the ridge and thoroughly enjoyed the company of our hosts Mariano and Juliano who greet us as if we are members of the family. We have again promised our many Spanish friends that we shall return next year.

MJW

'B' (QUEEN'S REGT) COY, THE LONDON REGIMENT

In a current reorganisation of The London Regiment, as part of the recent TA Review, 'B' Company is to form the Battalion's MG platoon in Edgware and Hornsey.

All Diehards will be pleased to hear that in commemoration of the Middlesex Regiment's role in WW2 as a MG Regiment and to further our links with The London Regiment, and especially 'B' Company, it has been agreed that the MG Platoon will be called The Diehard Platoon.

Brigadier Tony Pielow, our President, who is the PWRR's Deputy Honorary Colonel The London Regiment with special responsibility for 'B' Company (and thus a further direct link between the Regimental Association and The London Regiment) has called this new title "absolutely splendid news which can only be bettered if the MOD will agree to the official title 'B' (Diehard) Company.

All this is more evidence that our Regiment and its history and traditions are still much remembered in today's Army, and that the PWRR is our natural successor Regiment. We have plenty of cause to look forward as well as backwards!

VE DAY IN PERTH - 13 MAY 1995

Major A.B. Carter, together with Sgts John Horn, Jeff Haward, MM, and Cpl Denis Daly represented the 1/7th Battalion and the Regiment at the 51st Highland Division VE Parade held in Perth on Saturday the 13th of May 1995. They were delighted to parade carrying the Enfield Branch Standard.

Some 2,000 veterans headed by the 51st HD Contingent took part. There were representative Groups from all three services plus the Home Guard, the Merchant Navy and a Colour Party from the Polish Forces. The Parade ended with the unveiling of a memorial depicting a Highland Division Piper and a young Dutch Girl. Members will be pleased to know that the plinth featured a Vickers MG.

Major Carter was presented with a Commemorative Certificate by Lieut General Sir Derek Land, KCB, DSO, MC, DL recording the attendance of the Middlesex Regiment on Parade.

A Middlesex Regiment Royal British Legion Wreath was laid separately at the Scottish War Memorial on North Inch, Perth to commemorate our fallen comrades in the 1/7th from October 1942 (Alamein) through to the 5th of May 1945 in Germany.

1/7th Bn THE MIDDLESEX REGT - BATTLE CASUALTIES

AFRICAN CAMPAIGN from October 1942 to May 1943

KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING		TOTAL		OVERALL CASUALTIES
Offrs.	O.R.'s	Offrs.	O.R.'s	Offrs.	O.R.'s	Offrs.	O.R.'s	
4	96	9	149	-	5	13	250	263

SICILIAN CAMPAIGN from 10 July 1943 to 16 August 1943

KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING		TOTAL		OVERALL CASUALTIES
Offrs.	O.R.'s	Offrs.	O.R.'s	Offrs.	O.R.'s	Offrs.	O.R.'s	
1	11	4	47	-	2	5	60	65

N.W. EUROPE from 'D' Day 6 June 1944 to 5 May 1945

KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING		TOTAL		OVERALL CASUALTIES
Offrs.	O.R.'s	Offrs.	O.R.'s	Offrs.	O.R.'s	Offrs.	O.R.'s	
3	35	20	185	-	7	23	227	250

Total Overall 578

*These figures are taken with grateful appreciation from
THE HISTORY OF THE 51st HIGHLAND DIVISION
by J.B. SALMOND first published in 1952 and recently reprinted by
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price £12.00 per copy + £2.75 p. & p.*

A VISIT TO YOKOHAMA COMMONWEALTH WAR CEMETERY

Princess Diana visited Yokohama Commonwealth War Cemetery on 8 February 1995 and stopped briefly at the grave of 6723293 Private Frederick Ernest Goldsmith, aged 30 years, who died as a Japanese Prisoner of War in Osako Camp on 15 December 1942, from beri-beri and dysentery. He had taken part in the Battle of Hong Kong with the 1st Bn The Middlesex Regiment and was taken prisoner of war on 25 December 1941.

A Television News coverage appeared of his grave and Mrs Dora Bernesconi, aged 76 years, from Bodmin, Cornwall announced that she was his sister and always wondered what had happened to him. Dora appeared on the Good Morning show where she was interviewed by Ann and Nick. I was due to speak to her by telephone during the show, but time ran out and I was not called. The Daily Mirror became very interested in the story and arranged at their expense for Dora to visit the grave in Yokohama. The visit took place and she knelt on his grave and murmured 'Freddie oh Freddie' and reached out to stroke his name inscribed in gold letters on the stone. On her return she wrote to me and I am in touch with Dora and I hope that she has now received his medals from the Army Medal Office, Droitwich.

43rd WESSEX DIVISION

The history of the Fighting Wessex Wyverns has recently been published. It will be of particular interest to the members of the 8th Battalion who were part of the 43rd Division in Normandy on D Day and went on through the Low Countries and Germany until the war ended in 1945. There are many references in the history to the activities of the 8th Battalion. The book costs £11.00 and can be obtained from Patrick Delaforce, 2 Hamilton Road, Brighton, E.Sussex, BN1 5DL.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION PRINCESS LOUISE'S KENSINGTON REGIMENT

The RHQ at 190 Hammersmith Road is now closed, having been sold by the TA & VRA Association. The Regimental Association will now operate from the Duke of Yorks HQ, Chelsea, London SW3. All Kensington memorials etc will be moved to the new location.

LONDON REGIMENT OPEN DAY SUNDAY 30 JULY 1995

The London Regiment is holding an Open Day at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, on Sunday the 30th July 1995. It is intended to be a day for the family in its broadest sense, and the Commanding Officer has invited members of the Middlesex Regiment and their families to attend. In his invitation he said that the London Regiment greatly values its connections with the Regimental Associations linked to the London Regiment, and he very much hopes that we will give the day our support.

The outline of the day is:-

- 1100 hrs Open day commences
- 1200 to 1245 hrs Arena display of all elements of the Regiment
- 1245 - 1330 hrs Blessing and presentation of new emblazoned drums to the Corps of Drums followed by a musical display by the Pipes and Drums of the London Regiment.
- 1330 hrs Food stalls and Company Bars open
- 1400 hrs Children's races etc.
- 1500 hrs Inter Company obstacle race.
- 1600 hrs approx Company bars close.

Some parking will be available but as it is extremely limited, those attending are asked to come by public transport. However minibuses and coaches can be parked provided details are given to the Secretary by 25th July 1995.

FOUNDERS DAY - ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

Majors Frank Waldron and Ron Morris attended the Founders Day Parade on Thursday 8 June and visited WO2 'Molly Morgan' who had been on parade. Members of the Enfield and Hounslow branches also attended.

WAR DISABILITY PENSIONS

It is never too late to claim a war disability pension. For example Albert Sampson enlisted into the Middlesex Regiment in 1914 at the age of 20. He is now 100 years old and served in Belgium and France and fought in the battle of the Somme. Although he survived, the effects of poison gas left him with weak lungs and the constant noise of explosions and gunfire affected his hearing. His son got in touch with the RBL War pensions Awareness. Result was the award of a 80% disability pension worth £93 per week. The RBL War Pensions Awareness team can be contacted on 0171 973 0633.

V.E. DAY PARADE - ENFIELD BRANCH

On Sunday 7 May 1995, after a short church service led by Mr R. Cubitt and Mr J. Varner, Chairman and Secretary respectively, over 40 members of the Enfield Branch, marched through Enfield Town together with Standard and escorts. The Mayoress of Enfield and the Deputy Lieutenant took the Salute. Following the parade, refreshments (liquid) were served at the RBL Enfield Branch. The local population lined the route and were very appreciative. Congratulations must go to the old soldiers who upheld the Diehard traditions and despite the heat, did not falter.

VJ SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

Members are reminded that a VJ Service of Remembrance has been arranged for Tuesday 15 August 1995, to be held at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, SW3. The Service will commence at 12 noon followed by a buffet lunch at a cost of £7.50 per person. Members, their families and friends are invited to attend. Tickets are available from the Secretary. The Regimental Finance Committee have agreed that Diehard FEPOWs will not be charged for their lunch.

VJ DAY AND END OF WORLD WAR II VETERANS' PARADE 19 AUGUST 1995

GENERAL

The main Veterans' Parade to recognise UK and Commonwealth veterans of the Second World War will take place down The Mall on Sat 19 Aug 95. Before the parade there will be an open air service in front of Buckingham Palace.

The Veterans' parade will be followed by a procession depicting the efforts of the wartime generation. This procession is being organised by Tribute and Promise. Serving contingents from Armed Services of the UK and a number of Commonwealth countries will complete the parade.

HM The Queen will take the salute from the Marlborough Gate, the saluting point for the 6 June 1946 Victory Parade. The parade will pass the statue of King George VI further along The Mall where a compliment will also be paid.

FORM-UP AND PARADE ROUTE

Marching veterans will form up at letterboards situated along Birdcage Walk. The letterboard to which veterans should report will be advised with the distribution of tickets which will take place in mid-July. Veterans will be marshalled to their location for the service. The order of marching into position for the service will be dictated by the subsequent order of march down The Mall.

Veterans will march down The Mall to Horse Guards Road but must continue into Horse Guards Parade before dispersing. The overall distance is some 2/3 of a mile.

Those veterans who do not feel able to complete this distance but wish to stand for the service and be reviewed by HM The Queen will form up at their own letterboard. This decision may be made on the day. Provision will be made within this group for breakdown into individual Service and civilian groups but it is unlikely that any greater degree of definition than this will be possible.

Those veterans and supporters who do not wish to march but wish to take part in the service should apply for seat tickets.

TIMINGS will be as follows:

Assemble and Form-up	1300-1400	HM reviews Veterans	1530-1545
Final Instructions	1400-1410	HM The Queen moves to	
March on	1410-1440	saluting dais	1545-1550
All in position by	1445	Veterans' Parade	1550-1600
VIPs move into position	1450	T & P Procession	1620-1640
Clergy and VVIPs	1455	Serving contingents	1640-1650
Service	1550-1525	HM The Queen Departs	by 1700

The length of the parade and procession will depend upon the numbers on the day. Timings should not be later than those given.

SUPPORTERS AND FAMILIES

Supporters and families should be seated by 1415hrs. Arrangements should be made to rendezvous after the parade either at the forming-up letterboard in Birdcage Walk or at another well known venue. The Veterans' Centre will be located in the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre. The design of this building does not lend itself to be used as a rendezvous. Veterans and families are strongly advised to meet up before leaving the St James' park area. Supporters and spectators should note that they will have to remain in their seats until the parade and procession has left the vicinity of Buckingham Palace.

DISABLED VETERANS

Provision will be made for disabled veterans, accompanied by up to 2 supporters who have applied for seats to be in the ground level seating area in front of The Forecourt. Disabled veterans who wish to march with their comrades in their association group should join them in Birdcage Walk and accompany them throughout.

ADMINISTRATION AND TRANSPORT

There will be portaloos facilities in the areas of Birdcage Walk and Horse Guards Parade. Hot and cold drinks will also be provided in these areas. The service and parade area is well covered by London Transport and you are advised to use this method of travel. St James' Park Underground is the nearest station for Birdcage Walk for those parading. Further administrative details will accompany tickets which should be received by mid July.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The programme of later events on Sat 19th August will be:

Thames events 1900-2145
(including a firework display)
between Westminster and
Tower Bridges

ENQUIRIES

A help line has been set up for the public, the numbers are: 0171 824 2474/2476/2477/2478.

OBITUARIES

ATTRILL – On 3 April 1995, Captain Kenneth William Attrill, aged 78 years. Ken served with 2 Kensingtons 1939-45. No other details available.

BALDWIN – On 30 January 1995, Mrs M.(Peggy) Baldwin, widow of the late WO2 Badger Baldwin.

BICE – On 14 June 1995, Private Thomas Bice (6206625), aged 75 years. Tom joined the 7th Bn T.A. during 1938 and on 1 September 1939 was called up for war service joining the 2/7th Bn. Whilst serving with 2/7th in North Africa he was blown up and blinded during 1943. He became a member of St Dunstan's. He was batman to the late Brig E.W.C. Flavell in 1939.

BINT – On 17 February 1995, WO1 Victor Charles Bint (6200424), aged 80 years. Vic enlisted at Mill Hill on 15 August 1932, and on completion of his recruit training joined the 2nd Bn. In October 1935 he was posted to the 1st Bn on what was known as the 'Save Egypt' draft, returning to the UK in February 1936. Service with the 2nd Bn followed and he was transferred to the Army Reserve on 18 July 1939. He then joined the Metropolitan Police (the late Sam Weller joined at the same time) and commenced his training course. He was recalled from the Army Reserve on 1 September 1939 and joined the 2nd Bn. He then transferred to the Military Police Staff Corps on 15 March 1942. Service followed in Mauritius, Egypt, East Africa, Tripoli, Malta and Home service. He finally retired on 27 September 1959 having completed 27 years service for pension. During this time he reached the rank of Warrant Officer Class 1 in the MPSC. On discharge he took on a new challenge as Deputy Head Tutor for disadvantaged young people on the island of Bermuda where he spent many fulfilling years.

Prior to enlisting in the regular army he served in the 7th Bn T.A. from 28.2.1932 to 14.8.1932.

BIRD – On 25 October 1994, Captain Eric Flint Bird (276385), aged 79 years. He was commissioned into the regiment during 1941 and served the majority of his service on staff appointments. He was posted SD7 GS Branch GHQ, India, in 1945. Sadly he suffered a severe stroke during 1985 and for the remainder of his life was confined to a wheel chair.

BRADY – On 12 December 1994, Private Abraham Brady (23910985), aged 69 years. He served with A Company 5 Queens from 1962-65.

BURROUGHS – On 25 January 1995, WO2 Harold A.E. Burroughes (6202827), aged 86 years. He joined the 9th Bn TA in March 1936 and served right through into Searchlights and during November 1940 was posted to 231 Searchlight Regiment R.A. Like all 9th Bn members he continued to wear the Middlesex Regiment Cap Badge. He was finally discharged in November 1945.

CLAYTON – On 13 February 1995, Colonel A.S.J. de S. Clayton, OBE, DL, aged 82 years. The funeral took place at the Sacred Heart and St Aldhelms Church, Sherborne at 12 noon on Tuesday 21 February 1995. The esteem in which Colonel Clayton was held could be judged by the very large number of family, friends and members of the Regiment who, in many cases, travelled long distances to be present. The Church was packed with well over 150 mourners. Among those who attended from the Regiment were:- Maj and Mrs R.K.B. Allott, Maj P.G. Bellers, Col and Mrs I.D. Brotherton, Brig G.

Bulloch, Col I.R. Burrows, Lt Col T.W. Chattey, Lt Col and Mrs C.N. Clayden, Maj and Mrs W.G.A. Crumley, Lt Col and Mrs R.D. Fisher, Lt Col P.J. Hall, Lt Col and Mrs J.M. Hewson, Mrs A. Hutchings, Maj and Mrs C.L. Lawrence, Mrs D. Lerwill, Maj P. Mallalieu, Col A.M. Man, Brig B.H. Marciandi, Maj and Mrs P.D.H. Marshall, Maj A.E. McManus, Col A.C. Mievill, Maj and Mrs C.H. Mievill, Col H.J.A. Moore, Maj and Mrs R.E.B. Morris, Brig and Mrs B.A.M. Pielow, Brig and Mrs D.B. Rendell, Miss A. Scudamore, Miss M. Scudamore, Col N.J. Shipster, Maj M. Wild, Lady R. Willoughby.

CLEMENTS – On 1 February 1995, C/Sgt Raymond Edward (Clem) Clements (22276303), aged 75 years.

'Clem' enlisted on 8 May 1949, and after his recruit training joined the 1st Bn. He served with the Bn from 1949 to 1966, except for one short tour of the Depot, seeing service in Hong Kong, Korea, Austria, Cyprus, BAOR, Jordan and Gibraltar. Service with the Queen's Regiment from 1967 to 1971. He was discharged to pension on 3 May 1971 on completion of 22 years Colour Service. The funeral was attended by Mr Les Plumb and Mr R.A. Da Costa. The regimental flag and a wreath draped the coffin.

I quote a few stories about 'Clem' which I am sure readers will appreciate:-

"The No. 5 Platoon hard men lay back on the grass exhausted after the third successive platoon attack. "You know what?" said the hardest man, wiping the sweat from his brow. "If this man had brains, he'd be dangerous".

I do not believe that any other NCO has served with one particular Company as long as Sgt 'Clem'. He has been with B Company on and off since 1949, 12 years of truly dedicated service. Looking up his sporting record we see that his interest lay with basket ball, hockey, football and tug-of-war. When he makes way for the younger soldiers to play you will always find him giving all the support he is capable of. Many people will agree that B Company is Albuhera Company partly because of 'Clem' as he was always giving the teams the support and confidence that they needed. Last year (1960) his team won the heavyweight tug-of-war and this year he is training up a new team again, as well as helping out in the coaching of field events for the athletics. Backbone of the Company, backbone of the Sergeants. A "Becks man", his comrades declare. Who else could fix the draw in the Sergeants' Mess, so that not only did he win most of the prizes but also the single members took the remainder? Ever seen his little diary that he carries around? It reads something like this:

Tue 14 Feb – Must get CSM Jessop off his ----- and get him playing hockey, football or anything . . .

Thu 24 Mar – Book early for Christmas Leave this year, could be a hat trick – who's jealous? Must get my weight down.

Fri 25 Mar – I like being a "Becks Man"

Mon 3 Apr – Soldier did not believe I had St John's Red Cross Certificate. Struck him on the head with pace stick. Am recovering slowly. Must get my weight down.

Tue 4 Apr – Will Miss Alice Finch marry me?

Wed 5 Apr – Remind CSM Beale to start saving up for another crate of beer.

Thu 6 Apr – Who cares about weight, it's very distinguished . . .

And so it goes on. We last saw him making a special design for a ladder. He was muttering about the new 2IC who will need a bull\$sss one for this season's tank co-operation (Must be the sun)."

DEAKIN – On 3 May 1995, Mrs Diane Deakin, beloved wife of Lt-Col Michael Deakin.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Diane Deakin was held at the Church of St Mary The Virgin, East Knoyle on Saturday the 3rd of June 1995. The Service was conducted by the Reverend Ronald Duffield, the Lesson from the Corinthians Chapter 13 was read by Lieut Colonel Mike Deakin and the Address was made jointly by Mr Sam Burroughs and the Hon Diana Makgill, friends of the family, who both said how loved and respected Diane was and what a wonderful contribution she had made to life in the village. Those from the Regiment joining the family and many friends at the Service were: Brigadier and Mrs B.A.M. Pielow, Colonel and Mrs M.V. Hayward, Lieut Colonel and Mrs R.D. Fisher, Lieut Colonel and Mrs J.M. Hewson, Major and Mrs W.G.A. Crumley, Major and Mrs C.L. Lawrence and Major and Mrs R.E.B. Morris.

After the Service Lieut Colonel Mike Deakin invited those attending the Service back to his house for lunch.

ESCOTT – On 27 February 1995, Mrs Edith Escott, aged 95 years, widow of Lt-Col F. Escott, who died during 1958. He was badged Middlesex Regiment and served on the staff of HQ Hong Kong Garrison. He was taken POW on 25 December 1941 and was held at Argyle St and Shamshuipo. The funeral was attended by Major Frank Waldron.

HAM – On 30 January 1995, Corporal Horace George Ham (1615 and 388521), aged 99 years.

The funeral for Horace Ham was held at 11 am on Wednesday 8th February 1995 at the Mortlake Crematorium in Richmond, Surrey. There was an excellent turn out of family, friends and residents and staff from the Star and Garter Home. Two standards from the Star and Garter were paraded by friends of Horace who attended in wheelchairs.

The Star and Garter Chaplain gave a moving address outlining Horace's life from his school days in Bournemouth to the present day. He said he was particularly proud to have been a Diehard volunteering for service in 1914 and being called to the Colours in early 1915. He was at the first battle of the Somme where he was wounded and evacuated to UK. He returned to the front in France and was wounded again. After a prolonged period in hospital he was medically downgraded and transferred to ASC where he stayed until demob in 1919. He worked in the catering business until 1940 when he took over his pub, the Churchill Arms, which he ran for many years. During World War II he was a member of the Home Guard. He entered the Star and Garter Home after the death of his wife in 1986.

The Regiment was represented at the funeral by Major Ron Morris.

HAZLEWOOD – On 22 April 1995, Sgt Frederick Charles Hazlewood (6198709) and (23659995), aged 80 years.

Fred (Mutt) enlisted into the regiment at the age of 14 years on 12 September 1928 and served until 26 November 1956. He re-enlisted on 8 June 1960 serving until 7 June 1964 as a Musician with the Coldstream Guards. A total of 32 years service. He was always in the Band. He was taken POW in Hong Kong on 25 December 1941, survived the sinking of the Lisbon Maru and was held in Kobe Camp. After the war he continued serving and went back to Hong Kong with the 1st Bn in June 1949. He enjoyed all sports especially hockey. He also enjoyed a flutter on the horses. Mutt never married. He was admitted to the Royal Hospital on 29 July 1985. Sadly the last 5 years were spent in the hospital infirmary where he was visited by many Diehards. He was in possession of the following medals: 1939-45 Star, Pacific Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 39/45, United Nations Medal, General Service Medal w/clasps Palestine and Cyprus, Coronation Medal QEII, Long Service & Good Conduct Medal.

The funeral took place at the South London Crematorium, Streatham, at 11 am on Thursday 4 May 1995. The Chaplain to the Royal Hospital, the Rev T. Hiney, MC, conducted the Service and the Middlesex Regiment Collect was read by Major R.E.B. Morris, MBE. In Pensioners and Members of Staff of the Royal Hospital attended. The Service ended with the playing of the Regimental March of the Middlesex Regiment together with the Last Post and Reveille. A fitting and well deserved tribute to Sgt Hazlewood.

HUGHES – On 3 July 1993, Private Frederick Hughes (6201523), aged 76 years. Belated entry.

Fred enlisted during 1934 and on completion of recruit training joined the 2nd Bn at Colchester. In March 1936 he was posted to the 1st Bn in Singapore, and moved with the Bn to Hong Kong in August 1937. In December 1941 he was taken POW and survived the sinking of the Lisbon Maru and was finally held in Osaka POW Camp. He was badly wounded in the right leg during the battle whilst serving with D Company. He returned to UK in November 1945 via Canada and was discharged in 1946. For the next 31 years he was employed by Sotheby's as a Catalogue Administrator.

HURT – On 6 March 1995, Private Ronald John Richardson Hurt (6209351), aged 74 years. Bob Hurt enlisted on 17 October 1940 and served with 10 Platoon, C Company 1/7th Bn. He was severely wounded in Sicily which resulted in his medical discharge on 21 January 1944, and the award of a disability pension.

LEVERINGTON – On 19 April 1995, Private David Donald Leverington (21032160), aged 66 years.

David enlisted on 21 August 1947 and served with the Bands of the 1st and 2nd Bns. He was with the 1st Bn in Hong Kong and was finally discharged in 1947. Mr Syd Webb attended the funeral.

LOMAX – On 18 February 1995, Mrs Ada Lomax, wife of 6197213 WO2 R.J. Lomax, for 59 years.

LUCK – On 28 May 1995 Private P.J. Luck, aged 84 years. He served with B Company, 1/7th Bn 1939-45.

OSLER – On 29 April 1995, Private Robert Osler (6204394), aged 83 years.

He commenced his service in 1938 when he joined the 7th Bn T.A. He was called up for service on 1 September 1939 and joined 9 Platoon B Company 1/7th Bn. He was with the Bn at Dunkirk 1940. In 1942 he transferred to RAOC/REME and qualified as a Radio Mechanic.

REYNOLDS – On 14 May 1995, Sgt Stanley Reynolds (21014210), aged 71 years.

Stan Reynolds served with the Parachute Regiment during 1944-45 and was then demobilised. He re-enlisted into the Middlesex Regiment during 1949 and served with the 1st Bn in Hong Kong, Korea, Austria, Cyprus. He was posted as a P.S.I. to the 7th Bn in 1959 and then took premature discharge in 1960. He was promoted Sgt 25 March 1954.

SEARL – On 10 May 1995, Sgt Philip Searle (14043741), aged 68 years.

He enlisted on 23 January 1949 and was discharged 21 January 1956. During this time he served with the 1st Bn in UK and Hong Kong. He was the Base Trombone player.

TURPIN – On 7 March 1995, LCpl Leslie Turpin.

LCpl Turpin joined the 2nd Bn from the KRRC in March 1943 and landed on D Day with the 2nd Bn and continued service until demob in 1946. He was married with one son who is married to the daughter of the late President of the United States of America, Linton Johnson. His son lives in Austin, Texas. Les was visiting his son at the time of his death and his ashes were brought back to UK where a memorial service was held at Forest Hill, London, on 17 March. Our thanks to Ernie Goodfellow for this information.

TAYLOR – On 20 February 1995, Sgt L.W. Taylor (6203993). He served with B Company 2nd Bn 1939-45.

THOMPSON-GORDON – On 22 December 1994, Captain George James Thompson-Gordon (6215697 and 276897), aged 70 years. He enlisted into the regiment April 1942, joining the 70th Young Soldiers Bn and on completion of his training joined 2 Gordons. In May 1943 he attended 166 OCTU and was commissioned to the Middlesex Regiment serving with the 2/7th Bn from Jan to July 1944. He was then posted to the 9th Manchesters and the RWAFF and final discharge in September 1946.

WALKER – On 22 October 1994, Private Ronald Edward Walker (22671597), aged 60 years.

He served with A Company 1st Bn 1952-55. Whilst going on leave in 1953 he was presented with an inscription by the GOC Austria, for being the 2 millionth passenger to travel on MEDLOC.

WALLIS – During November 1994, Captain Norman W. Wallis.

He was a 9th Bn member who served with 60 Searchlights 126 LAA. No other information available.

Mr REG FORDHAM

Reg Fordham died suddenly on Sunday 21st May 1995. Reg was the son of Mr Alec Fordham who served with the 2/10th Battalion in World War I. Reg was a strong supporter of the 2/10th OCA and attended all their functions, initially with his father and then when he died he carried on attending in his own right. He was an Associate Member of the Regimental Association.

A staunch member of the Royal British Legion. He was a past Chairman of the local branch, Malden and Coombe, and currently, when he died, he was the Branch Secretary. A strong supporter of many charities and largely through his efforts the Branch won the Poppy Collection Cup for several years running for collecting the largest amount of cash for any branch in Surrey. He served with the Essex Yeomanry (Royal Armoured Corps) and the Royal Military Police in World War II.

Less than a week before his death he attended the Albuhera Day Lunch at the National Army Museum where, although he had obviously slowed down a little, he seemed otherwise fit and well. His funeral took place at the Christ Church, New Malden, on Wednesday 31 May 1995. The Regiment was represented by Major R.E.B. Morris.

PERSONAL JOTTINGS

Ray Ashton, 1st Bn, Len Bennett, 1/7th Bn, Fred Wiltshire, 2nd Bn, and A.N. OTHER, 8th Bn, recently visited the famous Arnhem Bridge – the one too far, with a coachload of veterans of the Operation Market Garden. Sorry I have no space for the picture.

Capt Dennis Bayton (6217107 and 480571) has surfaced again after spending the last 4 years in America with his daughter. He is now living in Poole, Dorset, until the end of June. I will remind readers of the travels of this very elusive Diehard. Enlisted as a Boy soldier on 11 October 1943. Served with the Bands of the 1st and 2nd Bns. In August 1952 attended a Bandmaster Course at Kneller Hall – this was followed by appointment as WO1 (Bandmaster), 1 Royal Lincolns 1955-60, Bandmaster KOSB 1958-61, Bandmaster Welsh Brigade (SWB) 1961-65, promotion to Captain & Director of Music Kenya Armed Services 1965-69. I have the feeling that after he left the service he did various musical conducting tours on various Liners – I could be wrong. I now hope to make contact with this very elusive Musician.

Capt Ken and Millie Beale send regards to all Diehards. He states life in retirement in Alicante, Spain, is to their liking. A great deal of his time is spent in playing golf and bowls – their property overlooks the golf course and he says retirement is not dull. I hope he reads Ken's obituary and starts saving.

Mrs A. Biddell, 23 Hartley, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5BE, would like to hear from anyone who knew her late husband, 5958781 Cpl Harry Biddell, 1/7th Bn. Killed 12 June 1994.

Tony Briggs writes from Berlin to say he is now an old age pensioner. He states that he has presented his old mess dress, original Middlesex, but rebadged and buttoned Queens, but complete with Korean miniature medals to the Allied Museum, Berlin. Up to now it is one of the most photographed and televised items for both the Press and Local TV. The Queens No. 1 Dress Hat along with an American hat and French kepi, set on a suitcase has been used on their advertising and official invitations. He also meets John Lewis from time to time at the Berlin RBL Branch.

Tom Bryant (23433556) 1957-59 Int Section, 1st Bn, now H.M. Consul-General, Zurich, was awarded the C.M.G. (Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George) in the 1995 New Year's Honours List. This is the equivalent of the C.B.E. but is given specifically for public service overseas. Tom is due to retire from the Diplomatic Service in Mid 1995. Sincere congratulations from all Diehards.

Sgt Ernie Bugden, 25 Clifton Avenue, Hanworth, Feltham, Mx TW13 7BT, is anxious to make contact with Sgt A(Spud) Taylor, former Platoon Sgt of 2 Platoon, A Company, 2nd Bn. If you can help write to him direct.

Major Dan Cattell of Swanbourne, West Australia, visited the UK in May and sends his regards to Brig Tony Pielow and Lt-Col Tom Chattey, and all his friends.

Cpl Danny Cavill (6201835) tells me that he has a couple of heart scares recently. Get well soon we cannot afford to lose you.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery from a long and painful illness to 22725945 Private Bob Clark, A Company 1st Bn 1952-55.

Major Ken Clayden had hoped to attend the Officers' Club Dinner and St Paul's Service but it was not to be – wife Joan suffered another heart attack and was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit at Lancaster Royal Infirmary. She is now back home slowly recovering.

Mr Vic Clements rang to say that he recently went to France and met Mr & Mrs Barry King, 1/7th, from Australia. It was at Aromache on 6 June. I also received a cryptic note signed Vic & Bert, no dates saying that they had visited the War Cemetery at Enfida, Tunisia.

Mrs M. Cornes writes to say that her husband, Ken, is in hospital and we take this opportunity to wish him a speedy recovery. Ken served with our 9th Bn (595 LAA/SL Regt RA).

Former CSgt Pat Dive writes to tell me of their family. His son Capt Philip, B.Sc.Eng, is now serving with the AGC and is OIC the joint Education Centre at Mount Pleasant in the Falklands. His daughter was voted Junior Scientist of the year 95 by the British Association of Cancer Research.

Lt-Col Buster Carlston sends his regards to all his friends in the Regiment from sunny South Africa.

My sincere thanks to Mr Graham Clark of 22 Oldfield Rise, Whitwell, Hitchin, Herts, for taking the trouble to send me a photograph of the grave of 6213002 Private Alfred Sandell who died on 9 November 1942, and is interred in Yokohama British Commonwealth War Cemetery.

Mrs Effie Ellis, widow of Colonel Desmond Ellis, recently visited her son Roland and family in New Zealand. She visited the New Zealand Museum and saw the plaque recording the service of the 57th West Middlesex 1860-1866. Effie is now looking forward to another visit. She regrets that this visit caused her to miss the Officers' Club Annual Dinner.

Capt Murray Fox, who has been very ill for some months, is continuing to improve and is now in the Royal Hospital for Neuro Disabilities at West Hill, Putney SW15. Friends are welcome to visit.

Sgt Ted Fuller (14403389), living at Preston, West Sussex, is still around and sends his regards to all his comrades. He was Provost Sgt, Iserlohn 1948.

Major Fred Griffiths writes to say that he regrets being unable to attend our many celebrations owing to the illness of Ethel.

Very good indeed to receive a letter from the sister of the late Lieut H. Noel C. Gudgeon, who was with the regiment from 1935 until 1940, when he was seconded to the Malay Regiment. Sadly he died as a Captain in a Japanese POW Camp on 15 June 1943, and is buried in Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. She is now Mrs E. Hope-Hill.

Mrs Kitty Hedgecoe, widow of Colonel S.F. Hedgecoe, has moved to a Residential Home at Wickhambreaux, Near Canterbury, Kent.

Mrs Margaret Hofman, 21 Alleyn Park, Norwood Green, Mx UB2 5Q, is prepared to keep former members of the 2nd Bn in touch with future events in Holland. They usually hold a ceremony every October. If you are interested send your name and address.

Mrs Nora Holdford, widow of Drum Major Charlie Holdford, writes to say she has recently spent a month in Spain with her daughter Pat.

My thanks to 6201470, POW Number 256, Fritz Jennings for his very newsy letter from Victoria, Australia.

Lieut P.C. Kay, 1st Bn 1947-48, has moved from Saffron Walden to Norfolk. He enjoyed a game of hockey.

On Friday 20 January I received a telephone call from former Sgt Bob Hook now residing in Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia. Bob is a Magistrate and is due to retire later this year. He served with the 1st Bn 1947-58, Hong Kong, Austria and Cyprus.

Heinz Johannsen (Jimmy) came all the way from Rendsburg, Germany, to attend the annual reunion and St Paul's Service. He also met Sgt and Mrs Garner who served with the 1st Bn in Rendsburg and also Mrs Margaret Hofman whose daughter visits Rendsburg. During his stay his hired car was clamped after he had parked outside his hotel. Cost him £64.



L to R Lt-Col T.W. Chattey, H. Johannsen, Major A.E.F. Waldron

Tony Loftis is having a tough time – the plaster and pins must remain in place until mid June and he has been provisionally booked into the Clinic for 20 June where he will go through a scan and if all is well, have the pins taken out. He is keeping his fingers crossed as he hopes to go on the Hong Kong trip in August.

Mrs Joy Luxton, widow of Sgt H. Luxton (6208159) killed on 18 July 1944, writes from Australia to say that she has been made an honorary citizen of Cuverville and given a certificate and medal. She has also been told that her ashes can be placed on her husbands grave in Ranville War Cemetery.

Best wishes to Private George Madge (5615815), now 84 years of age. He was a FEPOW 1st Bn in Yokohama Camp.

Major Philip Marshall was recently presented with a Special Crime Prevention award at Dorchester Police Station by the Mayor of Weymouth and Portland.

Tim Morris, youngest son of Major Ron and Betty Morris, through no fault of his own, was involved in a serious motor cycle accident on 24 February 1995. He remains in hospital at Stanmore with a broken back.

I feel that all members of the Regimental Association will like to join me in sending to Betty and Ron our sincere sympathy and wishing Tim a speedy and full recovery.

Nobby Noble (6202116), 1st Bn 1935-47, now living in Victoria, Australia, aged 80 years, still teaches judo at the Keong Loong Judo Club which he joined in 1964. He was a former Imperial Service Boxing champion. Nobby did his stint in Tokyo Camp.

Private M. Orton, 2nd Bn 1945-48, plans to be in Sydney, Australia for the annual Anzac Parade, and hopes to see a regimental tie or two.

Fred Pinney, son of the late Private Pinney who served with the 2nd Bn 1942-46, writes to thank the regimental association for assisting him to obtain his father's Normandy medal and certificate.

Major Edgar Rich, 2/7th Bn, is now finding it difficult to travel and regrets he is no longer able to attend regimental events.

Brigadier John Ryall writes that it is a small world we live in. On holiday in Palm Springs, California, he met (No. 14380909 Pte) Stanley Berryman who served with The Middlesex Regt from 1941 to 1945 and also with L.A.A. He was in France and then the Netherlands shortly after "D" Day. For a time he was batman to a Lieut Hughes. Stanley has just had his 86th birthday; he emigrated to the USA about 1951; sadly his wife died about 13 years ago. Letters c/o Mrs Betty Barker, Postmistress, US Post Office, BEST Pharmacy, 1759 N. Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, California CA 92262, USA will reach him.

Then staying at the same hotel (Riviera) was Mr Ron S. Burford of 1 Lulworth Avenue, Goffs Oak, Herts EN7 5LA who also served with The Middlesex Regt, and as a young Sgt took part in a daring raid and is mentioned in a book covering the raid. He left the army on "demob" as a Warrant Officer. He too would welcome letters from former friends of his days in the Middlesex Regt.

Reg (Taffy) Shore (6201889) writes to say he cannot attend regimental functions owing to suffering 'black-outs' but he is looking forward to the next newsletter.

Sgt Ernie Stebbings, 1932-45, continues to flourish and states he enjoyed his local VE celebrations. He sent in various photographs which will be placed in the archives. Ernie is a long retired school caretaker.

Sgt 'Ginger' Tann, Rye, Victoria, Australia, continues to keep me informed about the Diehards residing down under.

Cpl Danny Vincent informs me that he retired from the Cadets on 31 May and that he was dined out on Saturday 10 June at the TA Centre, Southend.

Earlier this year I received a letter from Robert (Dusty) Wright formerly B Company Clerk, 1st Bn – he had the honour of being born on Albuhera Day. He also tells me he is a diabetic.

I, your editor, received a Christmas card from John, Ann and family. For the first time ever I have failed to work out who sent this lovely card. Confessions, please. .

The following have joined the Regimental Association:

23533502 Private M.A. Coles, served S Coy 1st Bn 1958-63

6216484 Private L.H. Colvill, served C Coy 1st Bn 1942-46

23489326 Private G.L. Edwards, Sharpshooters RAC 1957-60

23802524 Private G.L. Edwards, HQ Coy 1st Bn (Signals) 1960-62, SAS as S/Sgt 1962-66

23697819 LCpl B.W. Hedges, Inf Junior Leaders Bn, 1st Bn B Coy and H.C. Bde. 1960-66

23678351 Sgt V.L. Hill, B Coy 7 Mx & 5 Mx 1958-64

23717532 Cpl A.J. House, 5 Mx 1959-65

6204320 Private W.J. Jones, 1/7th Bn HQ Signals, A & D Coys 1938-46

6207785 Cpl B. Jutsum, 2/8th Bn HQ, D & C Coys 1939-41. RAF 1941-45.

23402212 Private J.E. Hance, Served A & HQ Coy 1st Bn 1957-59

2328877 Private A.E. Hollis, Served 7th Bn 1956-58

6206293 Private S.F. Mardell, Served 13 Pl D Coy 2/7th Bn 1939-46

6202461 Private C.A. Mardell, Served HQ Coy 2/7th Bn 1939-44 & 10th Bn 1944-46. Bn Butcher

6208635 Gunner K.R. Thompson, Served 9th Bn, 47 LAA & 96/17 LAA RA. 1939-46

14464525 & 369450 Capt H. Weiner, 2 Mx 1945-47

23835107 Private R. Wills, Served C & B Coys & MT 1st Bn 1960-69

Associate Member:

Adam S. Day, Birmingham University OTC

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
The Middlesex Regimental Association
held at the Victory Services Club, London W2
at 1915 hours on Saturday 13th May 1995**

Present: Lt Col J.M. Hewson, MC, Chairman; Brig B.H. Marciandi, OBE; Col A.M. Man, DSO, OBE; Maj C.L. Lawrence, MC; Maj R.E.B. Morris, MBE; Lt P.F. Wookey, Messrs R. Bartell; V.C. Beach; R.E. Beall; G.T. Boswell; A. Broadbent; A.A. Burford; V.E. Hill; R.B. Hutchins; M.J. Mulvaney; H.R. Trundell; T. Price; D.R. Vincent; J. Warner; R. Yerby plus an other (name on list not legible)

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

1.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 7th May 1994, having been circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Maj C.L. Lawrence, seconded by Mr V. Beach. Carried.

2. Matters arising.

2.1 There were six matters arising:-

- 2.1.1 The Secretary mentioned that the Executive Committee at their meeting in March 1994 had recommended that subscriptions should be paid as a total figure and not shown as separate payments to the Association and the Newsletter. The meeting were therefore asked to reconsider the decision made at the last AGM. Mr A.A. Burford thought that the breakdown should remain as Branches hold the subscription to the Association to fund the running of the Branch and only forwarded the Newsletter element of the subscription to Central Funds. This view was supported by Mr R.E. Beall. Carried.
- 2.1.2 The Chairman said he was sorry to advise the Meeting that Sgt Mutt Hazlewood had died and that CSgt Molly Morgan is unwell and has been readmitted to the Infirmary.
- 2.1.3 The Chairman said it was pleasing to see the Sentries back on duty at St Paul's. Surplus scarlet jackets and other items had been obtained with the assistance of the RHQ at Canterbury.
- 2.1.4 Members will have seen the replacement OCA label badges on sale at the entrance to the Club.
- 2.1.5 Pleasing to note that the sound equipment worked during the Service at St Paul's. At last!
- 2.1.6 No progress to establish a Middlesex Representative on the Friends of St Paul's Committee.

3. Accounts for the year ending 31 Dec 1994.

3.1 The Secretary ran through the main points of the accounts for the year ending 31 Dec 1994. Brig B.H. Marciandi explained that the Association had suffered a severe blow caused by the illness of Capt R.M. Fox who can no longer advise the Finance Sub Committee, nor can he, as the joint holder of our investments, sign any transfer documents. Brig Marciandi paid tribute to all the hard work and very sound advice Capt R.M. Fox has given the Association as indeed did his father, Col Fox, before him. The Brigadier also thanked Capt M.J. S. Doran for legal advice on the way forward. To ensure that the Association will not be placed in a similar situation at some future date the Executive Committee had agreed to the transfer of our share holdings to the United Services Trustee and that they be empowered to act as our sole nominee. This is now taking place. The Brigadier further said he was pleased to say that Capt Fox was showing signs of recovery. Col A.M. Man suggested that a message of goodwill be sent to Capt Fox. This was agreed. Mr R. Yerby moved that the accounts be adopted, seconded by Mr R.E. Beall. Carried.

4. Any other business.

- 4.1 Under this heading the Chairman outlined the ongoing activities of the Association. Firstly he was sorry to advise that the following members of the Regiment had died. Col A. Clayton in February, Diane Deakin (wife of Col M. Deakin) last week, Horace Ham, our remaining Middlesex Soldier at the Star and Garter Home in January (he would have been 100 years of age in July) and already mentioned Mutt Hazlewood this month.
- 4.2 The attendance at St Paul's was splendid, about 300. Very pleased with the Middlesex Regimental Altar Cloth.

4.3 The Chairman gave a resume of forthcoming events (will be shown in forecast of events in the next Newsletter).

4.4 Brig Marciandi mentioned that it had been decided that the Museum Account would be incorporated into the Main Association Account. He asked when this would take place. The Secretary said that he had been in contact with Major A.E.F. Waldron and they had made a joint decision to transfer balances after the charges for the National Army Museum Lunch had been met. (Post meeting note – Major Waldron has advised that before any transfer can take place final approval from the Charity Commissioners is required to close down the Trust. – This is being actioned).

4.5 Mr A. Broadbent advised the meeting that the Enfield Branch would be parading at Inglis Barracks on Albuhera Day for a short ceremony at the memorial.

4.6 Mr J. Warner reported that Mr D. Johns an Enfield Branch Member had run in the London Marathon raising money for charity and that from the money raised he had donated £500 to Regimental Funds. The Secretary said a letter of thanks would be going out shortly.

5. Closing Remarks.

5.1 There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 1955 hours. The Chairman advised the meeting that the Albuhera Remembrance Service followed by the Reunion would in 1996 be held on the 11th of May.

LETTER

From: Lt-Col R.F. Fendick, CD, Site 18, Box 17, RR2, Hampton, NB, EOG IZO

2 Jan 1995

Dear Major,

I note your reminder in the latest Die Hard that annual dues are payable. Herewith mine, together with a little additional, to be used where it will be of best help.

I enjoyed the accounts in the last issue about the 50th Anniversary events in Normandy, particularly the one about Cambes-en-Plaine. It was in Cambes Wood, the site of the present cemetery, that I received my baptism of fire, the afternoon I joined A Coy, 2Mx. It was being held by KOSB, and I went by motor bike to attend a Brigade O Gp in the wood, with Major Pat King-Farlow, our OC. The KOSB had just beaten off a counter attack, and there were two burning Mk IV Pz, as well as casualties on both sides. We were stonked, and the O Gp didn't last long. Early the same evening, I took over 1 PI, in a finger of hedgerow stretching from a large farm, with my left of arc just exclusive of le Chateau de la Londe, and right of arc inclusive of the Cambes Wood, and behind it to the front of 3 Can Div.

I have visited there since, and the wall which originally surrounded the Wood is still left as it was, badly broken and scattered by fire, as part of the cemetery park. I also noted and stood a minute at Edmund Passey's grave, and the others.

I note with pleasure the photo which includes Fred Wiltshire; I have had some recent correspondence with him, and he is one of only a very few former A Coy Chaps I have been able to find.

Overloon in Holland is of course one of the places which became special to the 2nd Bn in late 1944; the entire region was the scene of a lot of heavy fighting during and following the Arnhem battle, as well as much major discomfort caused by the awful weather of the period. Anyone visiting there must visit the National Dutch Museum of War and Liberation. It is

located in the pine woods where many of us assembled for the attacks south from Overloon to the Molen Beek and Vanraij, and is one of the best of its kind. It contains many memento's of the 3 Div battles in that area, and is noteworthy for the vast collection of military vehicles and warplanes, which are parked outdoors, in bays and along walks through the woods; the complete site covers some 40 acres. I have a photo which I took in 1944 when 1 PI was in Veerlingsbeek, just a few kilometers down the road from Overloon on the Maas R. It is of a 3 Div Recce Regt Humber armoured car, sitting in a minefield just alongside our position, with one front suspension blown off. During a visit to the Overloon museum a few years ago, I found the very same armoured car among those on display, still with its suspension unit missing, and still showing the 3 Recce Regt Tac Signs. I sent a copy of my wartime photo to the Director of the Museum, with the story, and they asked my permission to use it in a future publication; they said it was particularly appreciated, as they had very few stories giving actual wartime details about the equipment they had on display.

Incidentally, the blocks of pictures in the 2nd Bn history showing "Winter on the Maas" were all mine, and taken in this area where 3 Div held the river bank for about 3 months, 44-45. I still have the pictures; they were loaned to Bish Moberley when he started the history, before the battalion went to Palestine.

One of your articles mentions photo's you have of Die Hards gravestones in Normandy. I have several others, taken during visits there over the past several years. Are they of interest for the Regimental archives? Mine include Pte Hatherley, Pte Kenneth (Sailor) Seaman, L/Sgt Eric (Tug) Wilson (which you mention in your list), Major Passey. I will provide copies if they are of use.

I must mention two ongoing activities which your readers will find of interest.

First, the Strongpoint at HILLMAN, which is immediately south of Colleville-sur-Mer (now called Colleville Montgomery) has been given by the landowner, Mde Lenauld of Colleville to the Suffolk Regiment. The Suffolks, with a local group of "Friends" in Colleville, have transformed the bunkers (which were the command post for the Beach Defences along Sword Beach) into a Regimental memorial and museum. The main plaque on its front, describing its capture on D Day, includes mention of the platoons of A Coy, 2 Middlesex which supported the attack, Mde Lenald as a teenage girl, was in the village on D Day, and later married the son of the D Day Mayor of the village... who, she swears, was NOT the man in the brass fireman's helmet who went down to the beach to greet 3 Div coming ashore, as a widely-repeated story has it. She insists the Mayor was much too busy that day caring for the villagers, and did NOT leave the village! She even threatened to sue Daryl Zanuk, who put the incident in his movie The Longest Day!! It appears there WAS such a man, but he was NOT the Mayor of Colleville.

Secondly, the citizens of Colleville-Montgomery have begun a campaign to erect, somewhere in or near their village, a monument to FM Lord Montgomery. It is curious that, to date, there is no such monument anywhere in Normandy, commemorating the British General who commanded all the land forces for the Invasion of NW Europe. This group hopes to correct this omission, and in the near future will no doubt be publicising the effort, and seeking support.

I was very distressed, as were a great many veterans, to learn that Pegasus Bridge was removed. I gather that it is now resting, at least temporarily, in a field adjacent to its original site. It is a very special landmark, and deserves protection; I hope it will receive it.

I note your comment that there are very few 2nd Bn members of the Association. This is a great pity; cannot something, such as a publicity campaign, be undertaken to beat the bushes and find those who, like one chap you mentioned, do not know of the Association or its location??

I have rambled on. My best to Frank, and as always, your and his contribution via the "Die Hard" is greatly admired and appreciated.

As ever

Rex Fendick.

REGIMENTAL GOODS

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

Tumblers Whiskey engraved with Middlesex Regtl Badge	£ 7.50 each
Blazer Badges	£ 7.00 each
Car Badges (good quality)	£12.00 each
Ice Buckets, miniature side drum with regimental emblazon	£22.00 each
Ties Regtl Old Pattern, Maroon & Old Gold	£ 5.00 each
Ties Regtl New Pattern	£ 4.00 each
Ties, Officers' Club Silk	£12.50 each
Middlesex Regiment Cap Badges	£ 3.50 each
Middlesex Regiment Key Rings	£ 2.75 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
Old Comrades Lapel Badges, Old Pattern - The Diehards	£ 2.75 each

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

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