



# *The Die-Hards*

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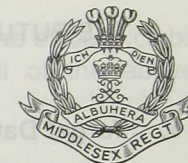
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### FORECAST OF EVENTS - 2006

29th April	1/7th MX OCA Annual Reunion TA Centre Hornsey
12th May	MX Officer's Club Annual Dinner Army & Navy Club
13th May	MX Albuhera Service Regimental Chapel St Paul's Cathedral 11:00 hrs
13th May	MX All Ranks Reunion Union Jack Club Annual General Meeting 13:15 hrs
17th May	9th Bn MX Officer's Club Annual Luncheon To be confirmed
15th July	Band Concert Union Jack Club
16th September	Korean Club Reunion & Annual General Meeting Union Jack Club
8th November	7th Bn MX Officer's Annual Dinner RHQ London Regiment Clapham
9th November	Garden of Remembrance Westminster Service commences 10:50 hrs
11th November	MX Ceremony of Remembrance Middlesex Guildhall 10:30 hrs Service 10:50 hrs
12th November	Remembrance Service Inglis Barracks Mill Hill Assemble 10:00hrs
12th November	7th Bn MX Remembrance Service Assemble 10:00 hrs At Parish Church St Mary & St George Hornsey

### Dear Die Hard

The Executive Committee realised that forty years after the Regiment was amalgamated into the Queen's Regiment, which subsequently merged with the Royal Hampshire to become The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, the Association's long-term future needed to be considered and decisions must be made to protect and ensure the future interests of the members. Mindful of the painful decisions, which needed to be made, the Executive Committee, formed a sub committee to consider the matter and to make recommendations.



The paper is attached to this letter and outlines the plan for the gradual rundown of the Middlesex Regimental Association. With the passing years, and the ages of our members, you will appreciate this has to be the way forward. The Association cannot go on forever, like old soldiers it must inevitably fade away.

The Sub Committee, under Major Dennis Bradley, held several meetings in 2004/05 culminating in a meeting in mid 2005 at which representatives from the branches and clubs were present to view a draft paper and to comment on its content. The paper incorporates their shared constructive suggestions, views, recommendations and aspirations.

The paper now published in this newsletter incorporates all the branch and club proposals which have been ratified and agreed without dissent by the Regimental Executive Committee. They will be presented to members at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 13th May 2006 at the Union Jack Club.

Please read the paper carefully. You will see it safeguards the future care of both the members and their dependants. Benevolence will continue after 2017, controlled and administered by RHQ PWRR. Those surviving members of the Middlesex Association post 2017 will automatically be transferred to the PWRR Association and therefore will not be neglected. They will be invited to attend and take part in events that the Association may arrange in exactly the same way as is now for the Middlesex Regiment.

I hope this letter reassures you. If you attend the AGM we will be happy to answer any questions you may have which we are sure will allay any fears.

Major C L Lawrence MC  
 Chairman - The Executive Committee

## THE FUTURE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

### 1. Target Date

The year 2017 should be the acknowledged target date for the cessation of the Regimental Association. The ever decreasing number of potential volunteers for service with the Regimental Association and the requirement for a positive date when dealing with the Charity Commissioners, meeting place venue authorities, led the Committee to believe that we should use the year 2015 as the commencement to closure in 2017. Subject to a justifiable continuation and demand from the membership.

### 2. Organisation

The organisation of the Association should be finally changed in the twelve months before 2015 to ensure that it both meets and reflects the "present day" state of the Association. An option may be an amalgamation of branches to a central luncheon club.

### 3. Benevolence/Welfare

This will continue to be a priority of the Association. It will continue in its present form of being administered by RHQ/PWRR with annual reports being submitted to PWRR trustees. There are sufficient funds available to provide benevolence for all remaining former members of the Regiment.

### 4. Regimental Association Sub Units

These consist of:

<u>Branches</u>	<u>Officers' Club</u>	<u>Luncheon Clubs</u>
The Enfield Branch	Middlesex Officers Club	1/7 OCA Luncheon Club
The Hounslow Branch	7th Bn Officers Club 9th Bn Officers Club	Korean Club

There is no requirement for any special arrangements concerning these self supporting branches. It is recognised that they will continue until age takes

its inevitable toll. Because of their selective membership, the officers' clubs and dining clubs are likely to be the first to fold. All of the above organisations will remain affiliated to PWRR.

### 5. Association Administration

This will continue to be provided by RHQ. It is recommended that the Executive Committee continues in its current role as long as possible. On cessation of the Association all responsibility of branch and affiliated organisations funds and activities linked to the Regimental Chapel and any other commitments will be passed to the PWRR trustees.

### 6. Dispersal of Property and Chattels

Consideration should be given to handing over all remaining Association property, etc to either RHQ PWRR, National Army Museum, Territorial Army or the Army Cadet Force, the Middlesex Guildhall, Albuhera Museum and the Elvas Chapel. We refer for instance to the items held in the Middlesex trust. Branches will also have to decide on a home for their standards, with recommendation being made to the executive committee.

### 7. The Die - Hard Newsletter

This will continue in its current format reducing to two issues per year, September and March providing we can maintain an editor. On the retirement of the Editor or in 2010 whichever comes sooner, the Association will sponsor two or three pages in the PWRR Journal issued annually in December. PWRR trustees will have to agree funding and a method of distribution to members which will be based upon distribution numbers. Subscriptions to the Association and newsletters will cease as at 13th May 2006, however a plastic membership card will then be issued to surviving members. It is hoped that we will be able to recruit a younger person as an assistant editor. Thereby giving continuity for the Newsletter to continue as long as possible and also a means of providing information to the PWRR Journal editor when the time arrives.

### 8. PWRR Association

All members of the Middlesex Association surviving after 2015 will automatically be transferred to a branch of the PWRR or Queen's Regiment Association, or a surviving Association which is directly linked to PWRR.

## 9. The Governing Structure for the Future

All finance is now administered by RHQ for all activities and reported on at PWRR trustees meetings. The sub committee of Middlesex Regiment Executive should continue as an advisory body for as long as possible with responsibility for the day to day workings of the Association, Reunions, Services of Remembrance and Memorials. Branches, Luncheon Clubs and affiliated organisations are to bid for grants for consideration to the Association Secretary as and when required. All expenditure is to be approved by the Executive Committee and executed by the Association Secretary.

## 10. Conclusion

The 200th Anniversary of the, Battle of Albuhera will take place in 2011. It is envisaged that 2011 will be the Associations "final soiree" and it is recommended that planning for this event commences early to ensure success and maximum attendance. Should the support be apparent after this date then suggestions to the Executive Committee will be examined, judged on merit/practicality and a decision made.

## 11. Implementation of this paper

The paper will be implemented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association on the 13th May 2006, under the authority of the Association Executive Committee. It will not be placed as a proposition for approval and it will not be voted upon by the Membership.

## TICKET APPLICATION FORM

### MIDDLESEX ANNUAL SERVICE AND ALL RANKS REUNION

13TH MAY 2006

### MIDDLESEX ANNUAL ALBUHERA SERVICE

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON

SERVICE COMMENCES 11:00 HRS

PLEASE BE SEATED BY 10:50 HRS

I will/will not be attending the Albuhera Service ..... number attending

### MIDDLESEX ANNUAL ALL RANKS REUNION

AT

UNION JACK CLUB, SANDELL STREET, LONDON, SE1 8UJ

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 13:15 HRS

Questions in writing for the meeting much reach The Association Secretary 14 days prior to the meeting.

### ANNUAL LUNCHEON AT 14:15 HRS

PLEASE BE SEATED BY 14:05 HRS

### MENU

Pate and Melba Toast  
Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding  
Seasonal Vegetables and Roast Potatoes  
Apple Pie & Custard  
Coffee / Petit Fours

Cost £12.50

I require ..... Tickets at £12.50 Total: £ .....

I enclose a stamped addressed envelope for return of my tickets.

Cheques payable to: **PWRR Benevolent Fund MX No.1 A/c**

Rank ..... Name .....

Accommodation is available at the **UNION JACK CLUB** early application is strongly recommended. Telephone 020 7928 4814.

## BAND CONCERT TICKET APPLICATION FORM

### THE KOHIMA BAND THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S ROYAL REGIMENT

#### WILL PERFORM A CONCERT OF LIGHT MUSIC FOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ON 15TH JULY 2006

VENUE: THE UNION JACK CLUB, SANDELL STREET, LONDON  
In the McIntosh Room

17:30hrs - 18:25hrs Reception for all in McIntosh Room  
(Tea/Coffee/purchase of Alcoholic drinks)

18:30hrs - 19:25hrs BAND CONCERT

19:30hrs - 20:00hrs Interval  
(Tea/Coffee/Sandwiches/purchase of Alcoholic drinks)

20:05hrs - 21:00hrs BAND CONCERT

21:00hrs THANK YOU (End of Concert)  
Bars Remain Open

TICKETS £6.00 PER PERSON

I REQUIRE..... TICKETS@ £6.00 £.....

Cheques payable to: **PWRR Benevolent Fund MX No. 1 A/c**

Tickets obtainable from:

**A Burford, 61 Albuhera Close, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 8NR**  
or **M J Ward, 21 Field Close, Cranford, Middlesex, TW4 6LN**

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your application.

Name: .....

**EARLY APPLICATION RECOMMENDED: Limited Seating**

Accommodation is available at the Union Jack Club  
Reservations Telephone: 020 7928 4814

## MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2005

During the financial year 1st January to 31st December 2005 the Middlesex Regiment Benevolent Fund has received a total income of £30,500, of which £22,400 is dividend payments from our investments. Other income equals:

£900 subscriptions  
£1,200 newsletter  
£1,800 reunion income

Our expenditure for the year totalled £26,300 of which £7,200 has been on 24 cases of benevolence. Our reunion expenditure totalled £2,900, therefore the fund subsidized the dinner by almost £1,080. Other expenditure equals

£1,800 on Service of Remembrance  
£1,500 grants & donations  
£5,500 on printing of the newsletter and order of services etc

Therefore our net income over expenditure for this financial year has been £4,200.

Our investments at the beginning of the year stood at £640,400 and at the end of the year £667,000 a market increase in value of £62,600 an approximate increase of 10% on the year. We had a closing bank balance of £13,500.

The overall total value of the Middlesex Regiment Benevolent Fund is £680,500.

The fund is therefore, healthy and continues in the correct direction, in order to ensure all objects of this charity are met and that all benevolence cases can be covered as and when necessary.

These figures have been extracted from and consolidated into the PWRR Benevolent Fund and form part of the audited accounts.

**THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT BENEVOLENCE REVIEW**  
**During the period 1st January 2005 to 31st December 2005**

During 2005 a total of 27 cases were investigated and 21 individual grants in aid were approved. In the majority of cases the grants were for household expenses, debts and rent arrears. The Association helped provide 5 further Electrically Powered Vehicles (EPV'S), 3 Orthopaedic chair/beds and contributed to 1 convalescent holiday.

We administered 5 ABF Annuities and the ABF generously contributed £55 per month per case (to rise to £60pm in 2006). During this period we have renewed or arranged for 4 nursing home fees of £1040 (to rise to £1300 in Apr 2006) and £156 Association to be paid for our old soldiers or their widows to be looked after.

The Charity paid out £5870 as individual-grants-aid and the ABF provided a further £1000 in General Grants. Of the 6 cases not receiving a grant, local Councils/ Charities or other Regimental Organisations assisted 3 after we contacted them. Two cases were not receiving such allowances as Attendance, Mobility, Pensions Credit or Rent Rebate. The ABF total grants in support were £7940 (inc. Annuities and NH Fees).

The Trustees would again like to pay tribute to the Army Benevolent Fund who is always helpful with prompt action and advice. SSAFA, Forces Help Society and The Royal British Legion investigate the majority of our cases and we are particularly grateful to their caseworkers for all their assistance. During the year we have also assisted members who are cared for by The Ex Services Mental Welfare Society, War Pensions Agency, BLESMA, Not Forgotten Society, Combat Stress and The Ex Services Fellowship Centres.

Major(Retd) J C Rogerson  
PWRR Benevolence Secretary

*1st Bn Middlesex*  
*Regiment in Rendsburg*  
*Alubera Barracks*  
*1946 - 1947*





CSM Ernie Pike's Wedding with Erika





Watching Boxing



## ODD JOTTINGS

A.M. Rowson has written to tell an interesting tale of Lt Colonel Rex Fendick who lives in Canada, who served as a "CANLOAN" officer and was a Platoon Commander in A Coy 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment. Sadly Rex has lost his eyesight, so cannot write himself, his son attends to all his correspondence and reads him the newsletter. Rex is now 81 and Bert Rowson himself is 87, served with 4 platoon B Coy 2nd Middlesex. They Rex and Bert made contact through the Normandy Veterans. Rex and other wounded CANLOAN officers whilst recovering formed a club in the Red Lion Public House, Colchester they kept a record of their meetings in a book which was kept in a box. Some ten years ago Bert was able, at the request of Rex, to trace the box despite the pub having changed hands a number of times and send the box out to Rex, who then presented it to his Normandy Vets in Canada.



Les Dyer, whilst surfing the internet "Normandie Website" chanced upon this picture of himself chatting to HM The Queen in Arromanches. My, my what will the neighbours say.

C. Elliot wrote in to say that whilst attending the funeral of Monty Brown he met up with a few Die- Hards at which there was a good turn out they then had a few beers and talked about the old times.

Heinz Johansen was pleased to receive a number of old issues of the Die-Hard newsletters from John Girdler together with some rare and old photographs of Rendsberg. Heinz recalls a Middlesex soldier climbed on top of the 45 metres high railway bridge to take the photos. Heinz says he must have been a tough guy but that today for such an act he would have gone to prison.. Any old photos Heinz would love to see them.

British MP's have saved a First World War battlefield from Belgian Motorway Planners. Thousands of British and Allied Forces, killed in the battles of Ypres from 1915 and 1917 and buried at Pilkem Ridge in Flanders. It would have been cut in half under plans to extend the A19 motorway. But officials re-routed the road after pressure from the parliamentary War Graves and Battlefield heritage Group.

Times they are a changing; the Army has gone hi-tech and purchased an electronic device which, could sound The Last Post for the traditional military bugle. This hi-tech device plays the traditional Last Post, there is a small digital device which fits into the bell of the bugle and the instrument plays at the touch of a button. The MOD insists the device has been introduced because of a lack of buglers.

## OBITUARIES

**We advise with the deepest regret that the following have died, we extend our condolences to their families.**

**ALLIGAN David** 23441610 who served with the 1st Battalion in Cyprus and then Germany from 1958-1960 died on the 2nd December 2005 aged 67 after a long fight against cancer.

**ANDERSON Norman David** who served with the 2/8th Battalion during World War Two died on the 7th January 2006. Funeral details awaited.



**Major BELLERS Peter** died on the 7th January 2006, spent WW2 fighting in Burma with 4/1st Gurkha Rifles and when after the war the Gurkha strength was decreased he joined the Middlesex Regiment - in which his grandfather and uncle had both served. Peter was born in India on 8th April 1923 into an army family. His father was a Brigadier, his (Diehard) grandfather a Colonel, and his great grandfather an army surgeon.

He went to school at Dane Court in Woking and Kelly College in Tavistock where he represented the school at rugby and athletics (holding the record for the pole vault.) Leaving school a year early in 1940 he went back to India to the Officers' Training School at Mhow subsequently joining 4/1st Gurkha Rifles in December 1942 as Bn 10 and served on the NW frontier and in Burma with 7th Division of 14th Army. His under nourished Bn fought at Kohima when he was commanding the mortar platoon and also at Ukhu, made a 120 mile march in 13 days fighting 4 battles en route. After the advance to Irrawaddy he was with his battalion at Sittang when the war ended. A particularly hard war.

After the war, and now badged Middlesex, Peter joined 1MX in Rendsburg and later served in Egypt and Transjordan and went with the Bn to Hong Kong in 1950 leaving just before the Bn went to Korea to be seconded to 2/6th Gurkhas for a three year tour in Malaya. Thereafter he served with 1MX in Zeitweg, Hamelin and Cyprus, with the Regiment at Canterbury and a short tour with RAF Geilenkirchen, finishing his service in the War Office and finally at Taunton and Exeter.

Peter was a well-known and popular Diehard and an especially cheerful one. Nobody in the Bn had a readier smile or more friends that he did and few could hope to match his experience - about which he was particularly modest. He was a fine and energetic soldier and even after his retirement was a keen long-distance walker in the Taunton area, an activity he shared with fellow Diehard Patrick Pielow.

The evidence of Peter's popularity was clear from the number of Diehards who travelled to Taunton for his funeral service on 16th January to pay their respects to an old friend.

Peter married Wendy, who pre-deceased him in April 1948.

Amongst the Mourners were:-

Major & Mrs C L Lawrence, Major & Mrs G Crumley, Brigadier & Mrs B Pielow, Major J Wild, Major I Lloyd, Major C Mieville, Colonel A Mieville.

BAMP

**HOURIHANE Con** who died on 13th January joined the Army in 1946, and served with the Royal West Kent's and Queens Royal Regiment. He left with the draft that flew out from Germany to Korea and which formed "C" Company 1st Middlesex on arrival. On returning to Hong Kong at the end of May 1951 he was a recipient of the Commanding Officers Certificate of

Merit for outstanding service in Korea where he had been promoted to Corporal and served as a Section Commander. He left the army in 1952. In civilian life Con was a builder and engineer by trade and a well respected person. A long time friend of Bert Dunnett who served alongside him in the same regiments. His funeral was held at Enfield on 28th January and was attended by B. Cubitt, D. Francis, B. Rawlinson, M. Mulvaney, G. Young & M. Ward.

G. Young.

**Captain HOWELL John Anthony Edward** First reported for service at Canterbury barracks, in November 1942, with the Buffs (E. Kent Regt.) for initial training and was posted to Hounslow in the 70th Bn., which after it was disbanded, he finished his time as a Lance Corporal with the 8th Bn at Margate in 1943. From there he was posted to a pre OCTU training company with the Sherwood Foresters at Wrotham, Kent, and subsequently to final OCTU at Alton Towers. At 20, in 1944 he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and posted to Anglesey, N Wales for special assault training to prepare for the invasion of France, which took place before he was ready, so was bound for Aldershot with the British Land Army, and then to a transit camp at Bayeux France and was assigned as a Replacement officer with the 7th Bn with whom he was attached throughout the campaign in Europe, in support of 51st Highland Division, advancing across France, Belgium and Holland into Germany, being promoted to full Lieutenant in November 1944. In 1945 he took part in the victory parade of 30 Corps at Bremerhaven, Germany and was later given a further posting for service in the Far East and was transferred from 2nd Divn. to the new 3rd Divn. at Ghent which after Hiroshima was transferred to Egypt and Palestine for another two years with the Army of Occupation on Police Duties. He was demobilised in the rank of Captain in May 1947. He is survived by his wife, Arlette whom he married in 1946 and three children.

N. Howell

**MARSHALL Douglas Alfred** 6204420 Douglas served with C Company 8th Bn, he joined the Territorial Army in November 1937 and was mobilised in August 1939 and went to France as part of B.E.F. in February 1940. During the retreat was cut off from Dunkirk, finally rescued from La Panne by the last destroyer in the area HMS Hebe. He remained in the UK until the 18th June 1944 and fought in France until 10th August when injured in a mine explosion, evacuated back to the UK with a badly broken leg. Douglas rejoined his unit in January 1945 for the final push into Germany, stationed mostly in the Hanover area until demob in June 1946. He worked for many years for the MOD as a security officer at M.V.E.E. Chobham

Surrey and was awarded the Imperial Service Medal in 1981. He retired in August 1985. He died after a short illness on 11th February and his funeral and committal was held at St Paul's Church Egham Hythe on 20th February with the Royal British Legion in attendance.

**Lieutenant-Colonel MORGAN FRANCIS** who died on 30th October 2005 commanded 1MX in Gibraltar in 1962.

He was the son of Major-General Harold Morgan DSO, was born in Oxford on 30th March 1921 and educated at Harrow before going to RMA Sandhurst and being commissioned into the Buffs.

Francis spent the first part of the war in AA batteries in Kent before landing in Normandy on D+6 with 7th Royal Hampshires - much involved with the heavy fighting around Caen and then through NW Europe where he was awarded an MC in 1945 at the battle of Cloppenburg SW of Bremen. After the war he served in the Gold Coast with the Royal West African Frontier Force and the 1st Buffs and subsequently in Khartoum.

He was also an instructor at the School of Signals before attending Staff College and latterly helped establish the Indian Staff College. He was GS02 in HQ Malaya and commanded the Regimental Depot at Canterbury before serving as 21C of 1st Buffs in Aden and BAOR.

Following his command of 1MX in Gibraltar Francis served at QMG Wales in Brecon and retired to his nearby home at Llandfaelog House whilst an RO.

His time with 1MX is well remembered by the Diehards then serving in Gibraltar. He was a particularly active and lively CO.

BAMP

**MOYSE John.** A long serving member of the 1st Battalion who served in Korea and whose last posting before retiring after a long career was at the Home Counties Brigade Depot, Canterbury. Recently informed that he died on the 25th October 2005. We have no further information.

**NORRIS Dennis** joined the 1st Bn. In Hong Kong as a 16 year old boy on 1st April 1939 with a group of other boys and later became a band boy playing clarinet. He was taken prisoner on Christmas Day when Hong Kong fell to the Japanese. He was initially in Sham Shu Po Camp but was later shipped to Japan on the ill fated Lisbon Maru. He was eventually sent to a

camp in Kobe. On being demobbed he joined London Transport (buses) and became an inspector, on retirement he moved to Yorkshire where he died in April 2005. Dennis was a keen member of the Royal British Legion who were prominent in the funeral arrangements.

**WALKER Mrs Elizabeth M** wife of late John Walker who served with the Regiment 1939-1945.

**WEBB Albert William** Passed away on 5th January 2006, whilst on holiday, with his daughter Pauline in North Yorkshire. Whilst in Yorkshire he had a fall and fractured his femur, he underwent surgery, which was successful but later, he succumbed to the effects of the surgery and the years of smoking. Albert was serving with the 1st Bn in Hong Kong and was taken prisoner on Christmas Day 1941 and whilst a POW he was tortured mercilessly by the Japanese. The funeral service took place on 12th January at Woodlands Crematorium Scarborough the service was conducted by the Rev. Griffith who commented on the courage and bravery of Albert and all POW's and military personnel throughout the wars. The Regimental march Paddy's Resource and Sir Manley Power was played at the service. Albert's ashes will be taken to Greenwich and will be scattered at a later date.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A number of thank you letters have been received from recipients of benevolence grants.

I was interested to read the short obituary of your namesake Michael Ward in the current Die Hard's newsletter. I served in the 7th Battalion at Hornsey and have very pleasant memories of him.

It is, however, wrong to say that the 1953 Everest Expedition was led by Hillary and Riddleford. It was led by Colonel John Hunt (later Lord Hunt). Hunt, like Ward was an old Marlburian as also was a third member of the expedition, Charles Wylie. I too am an O.M. and I remember Ward telling me that the three Comm.'s held an O.M. dinner at over 20,000 feet!

With all good wishes to you and all Die-hards.

John W. Scott.

### CAN YOU HELP?

The D.L.I. is currently researching its 70th (Y.S.) Bn. And would like to contact any of the draft from the 70th Bn. The Middlesex Regt. Posted to D.L.I. in February 1942. As an active member I have been "volunteered" to undertake that task and, in the hope that at least some members of that draft subscribe to "The Diehard", it will be much appreciated if you would include the following appeal in the next edition of "The Diehard".

For research purposes Major D. MacDonald of The Durham Light Infantry Association is anxious to contact any former members of the 70th (Young Soldiers) Bn. The Middlesex Regiment who were in the draft posted to the 70th (Y.S.) Bn. The Durham Light Infantry in February 1942. Replies, please, to myself at 17, Tithe Road, Chatteris, Cambs, PE16 6SL. Or to Major D. MacDonald, Editor, "The Durham Bugle" at The Light Infantry Office (Durham), Elvet Waterside, Durham, DH1 3BW.

The few ex-Diehard DLI names I can recall are those of Sgt. Williams (who was not among those who joined 16 DLI); Privates Wally Hubbard, (later Corporal and Lt.Col. Worrall's driver in 16 DLI); Harry Celitz; 'Butch' Barnett; William 'Blondie' Smith, who deserted soon after going into action for the first time; 'Monty' Montoya, who joined 16 DLI in North Africa but left the battalion before it embarked for Salerno.

Ken Lovell

Allan Mitchell is seeking information on Corporal Douglas J. Swallow, the father of his wife, who was two years old at the time he was killed in action in the area of Materborn, Germany in February 1945. Patrick Delaforce wrote a book "Marching to the Sound of Gun Fire" N.W Europe 1944-45, a collection of war time experiences which contains a story written by Eric Codling in which he names Corporal Douglas Swallow as the No. 1 on the mortar with the 8th Bn Middlesex Regiment. Anyone who can assist Mr Mitchell should write to him, his address is 11 Estcourt Drive, Wilmer End, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP15 6AH.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following have joined The Association since the last Newsletter-

A/Cpl. K S Wittig	Depot MX Canterbury & Basingbourne
Sgt. W H Davies	1/8th & 1st BN Mx Signals D & HQ Coy
Bandsman A H Wilson	Band 1 MX - Rejoined after returning to UK from Germany
Pte C L Cousins	BN not stated

### New "In Pensioner"

#### Royal Hospital Chelsea

Michael MAW Smith (Smudger to his mates)

Entered the hospital on 20th March 2006.

## FRIENDS OF THE PWRR & QUEEN'S REGIMENT MUSEUM

The Friends will hold their Annual Talk and Buffet at Leros Barracks Canterbury on Wednesday 3rd May 2006 at 18:30hrs. Major James Coote DSO who was Johnson Beharry's commander when he won his VC, has kindly agreed to give the talk, titled "Iraq a Company Commander's View" which will be followed by a Curry Buffet supper with music by the Kohima Band. The evening will close with Beatings and Sunset in the Drill Hall. Tickets £17.50 per head are obtainable from the Friends Secretary, RHQ PWRR Howe Barracks, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1JY. Closing Date 19th April 2006.

## BOOK REVIEWS

### "Mayhem in the Med"

A Chronicle of the Cyprus Emergency 1955-1960

by R.G.M. Lambert-Stiles.

The publication is the culmination of ten years research and, on the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of the campaign, fills a major gap in post war British military history. The hardback volume is 392 pages long and contains many previously unpublished photographs that were submitted to me by veterans of the troubles.

The book is written in an easy to read, journalistic style and includes full obituaries for all personnel killed, (QORWK = 2 men and Middlesex Regt. = 2 men), plus honours and awards, unit dispositions etc.

Publisher details: Savanah Publications, 90, Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 3HZ. Tel: 0208 244 4350. ISBN No. 1902366387.

### Over the Hills and Far Away

by D. Norris.

After sixteen years of research the author presents this account of the life and times of his Great, Great, Great Grandfather Thomas Norris who was born in Watford in 1778 and who served with the 57th Foot (West Middlesex Regiment) from 1803 to 1816. This book charts all the major events of Thomas's very colourful and courageous life and in particular his steps in the Peninsular War during the early nineteenth century. Private Norris was present at the Battle of Albuhera and went on to fight with the 57th Foot at Vittoria, The Pyrenees, Nive, Nivelle and Toulouse.

Donations from the sale of the book will help fund renovation of the Chapel of San Juan at the British Cemetery at Elvas where General Hoghton is buried and who commanded the Brigade which included the 57th. A contribution will also be made to the museum in Albuhera.

The book is obtainable from D. Norris, 5, Stud Green, Woodside, Watford, Herts. Cost £10.00 post and packing £2.50.

## REGIMENTAL GOODS

The following are held in stock and are available on request to the Regimental Shop, RHQ PWRR Howe Barracks Canterbury Kent CT1 1JY. Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to PWRR Account No 0536700 Telephone No 01227 818058.

Blazer Badges	£8.00
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Ice Buckets miniature side drum with Regiment Emblazon	£24.00
Plus postage and packing	£5.50

Ties (Old pattern maroon and gold)	£6.00
Ties (New pattern with maroon and old gold thin stripes)	£6.00
Ties Officers Club (Silk)	£13.50
New Stock	£15.00

Middlesex Regt.Cap Badges good quality replicas	£4.00
Old Comrades lapel badges	£2.75
Regimental Beret Flashes	£2.00
Prints 'Steady the Drums & Fifes' unframed	Large Print £7.00
	Small Print £5.00

Middlesex Regimental Plaques	£18.00
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Middlesex Blazer Buttons Flat staybright with engraved	
Middlesex Badge	
Set 6 large buttons 6 small buttons	£28.00
Individual buttons	Large £2.50
	Small £2.00

Regimental Cuff Links	£8.00
Regimental Tie Grip	£4.50
Regimental Tie Tack and Chain	£4.50
Regimental Ladies Brooch	£4.75

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## REGIMENTAL GOODS

The following are held in stock and are available on request to the Regimental Shop, Rtd2 PWRR House Barrow, Canterbury Kent CT1 1JY. Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to PWRR Account No 0536700. Telephone No 01227 514555.

Blazer Badges		£8.00
Ten Buckets miniature side drum with Regimental Embazon		£24.00
Plus postage and packing		£5.50
Ties (Old pattern maroon and gold)		£6.00
Ties (New pattern with maroon and gold plus two stripes)		£6.00
Ties Officers Club (360)		£13.50
New Stock		£15.00
Middlesex Regt Cap Badges gold quality replica		£4.00
Old Comrades lapel badges		£2.75
Regimental Beret Fashen		£2.00
Prints 'Steady the Drum & File' - enhanced	Large Print	£7.00
	Small Print	£5.00
Middlesex Regimental Flagpole		£18.00
Middlesex Blazer Buttons Flat slanted with engraved		
Middlesex Badge		
Set 6 large buttons 6 small buttons		£28.00
Individual buttons	Large	£2.50
	Small	£2.00
Regimental Cuff Links		£8.00
Regimental Tie Girth		£4.50
Regimental Tie Tack and Chain		£4.50
Regimental Ladies Dress		£4.75

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