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YOUR GENEROSITY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.





We require your letters, comments, photographs, stories etc., for inclusion in the next Newsletter which will be published in:

JUNE 2017.

The closing date for submission is:

MONDAY 22ND MAY 2017.

Please forward to:

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I can scan photographs and return the originals, but please provide a **SAE**.

Please enclose a detailed description, ie, names, dates etc., of any photograph(s).



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The January 2017 draw was made at City Office, Liverpool on Tuesday 10th January 2017 by Committee member Maj E McMahon TD, and the winner is:

**1ST PRIZE (£45)
K GODBEER (Share No 14)**

The February 2017 draw was made at City Office, Liverpool on Tuesday 7th February 2017 by Committee member N Pickles, and the winner is:

**1ST PRIZE (£45)
MAJ E McMAHON TD (Share No 7)**

The March 2017 draw was made at City Office, Liverpool on Tuesday 7th March 2017 by Committee member B Green, and the winner is::

**1ST PRIZE (£45)
MAJ D MOLLOY (Share No 22)**



† LAST POST †

ALAN MOTTERSHEAD (LATE MANCHESTER REGIMENT - MALAYAN VETERAN)

It is with regret that I have to inform you that Alan passed away on 10th November 2016. a former President of the Royal British Legion SALFORD

Alan's funeral took place on the 28th November 2016 at St Clements Church, Ordsall, Salford.

JOHN ALBERT DOYLE (LATE 5TH KING'S REGIMENT)



It is with regret that I have to inform you that John passed away on Thursday the 1st December 2016.

His funeral service took place on the 30th December 2016 in Windsor and his ashes brought to Liverpool to be put in the Rose Garden at St. Mary's Church, West Derby Village.

John was educated at West Derby School. Liverpool and was an alter boy at St. Mary's Church, West Derby.

His first job was at Lewis's Store, and then as a Porter at West Derby Railway Station then transferred to Driver for British Railway delivering Parcels. He worked at Liverpool Docks for West Coast Stevedores in the office. He was also employed in the Corps of Commissionaires working at Higson's Brewery in the Reception Area.

John joined the 5th King's Cadets at the age of 14 in 1945. He completed his National Service, then enlisted in the 5th King's T.A. reaching the rank of Sergeant Major. He was asked if he would like to transfer over to the Cadets and take a Commission which he did and rose to the rank of Major.

Whilst in the T.A. he competed in the shooting competition for the Lord Derby Rose Bowl which he won and as it was the Centenary Year he was also presented with a Blazer Badge in gold and silver thread with the two dates on 1857 – 1957. He also competed and won at Bisley.

ALISTAIR COWAN (LATE MANCHESTER REGIMENT - MALAYAN VETERAN)

It is my sad duty to report that Alastair died at his home in Bath on 6th December 2016.

The funeral took place on Friday 16th December 2016 at St. Mary's RC Church, Julian Road, Bath BA1 2SF.

Alastair was commissioned into the Manchester Regiment in 1953 and served with the 1st Battalion in Malaya and subsequently, in Germany. He was a long time member and supporter of the Manchester Regiment Officers' Association and played a major part in the restoration of the Regimental Memorial in Ladysmith, South Africa. More recently, he had been the driving force and fund-raiser behind the refurbishment of a memorial obelisk in the grounds of Bath Abbey, commemorating casualties from the Crimean Battle of Inkerman, including Lt. Col. Swyny who commanded the 63rd Foot (our predecessor regiment) and was killed early in the battle.

† LAST POST †

LCPL SCOTT HATHERINGTON (LATE 2 LANCS)

It is with great sadness that we must confirm the death of Lance Corporal Scott Hetherington of the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, who died in Iraq on Monday 2nd January 2017, following an incident at Camp Taji, north of Baghdad. He was a member of Blenheim Company and a Vehicle Commander in the Force Protection Platoon.

The Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Rob Singleton, said: Lance Corporal Scott Hetherington was a superb soldier and a first class leader. Utterly professional and talented, he was full of character, fun and his enthusiasm was infectious. The Battalion has lost a huge talent and a real character. He will be missed dearly and we will never forget him. Our hearts go out to his parents, his siblings, his girlfriend and his young daughter. They are in all of our thoughts.

Lance Corporal Lynch, Force Protection Platoon, Blenheim Company, said: 'Snowball' was a top bloke. You could always count on him to have a laugh, and he always had an answer for everything. He was such a big character. He will be greatly missed by the whole Battalion.

Our thoughts are with Lance Corporal Hetherington's family, friends and colleagues. An investigation has started into the circumstances surrounding this tragic incident.

PETER WILLIAM MARTIN (LATE 1 KINGS - KOREAN VETERAN) - BELATED ENTRY

It is my sad duty to inform you that: Peter passed away in hospital on Tuesday 12th January 2016.

Funeral service took place at Thornton Crematorium, Lydiate Lane, Thornton L23 1TP on Monday 25th January 2016.

Peter served in 1 KINGS, D Company, 10 Platoon, (Korean Veteran), Peter was a regular attendee at the Korea Veterans Reunions at Townsend Avenue.

PETER PRESCOTT SENIOR (LATE 1 KINGS)



It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that Peter Prescott Snr passed away in the early hours of Saturday Morning 14th January 2017 at Whiston Hospital.

Peter's funeral service took place on Monday 30th January 2017, at St Helens Crematorium

TREVOR FELIX-THOMAS (LATE 1 KINGS)

It is my sad duty to inform you that Trevor passed away 3rd February 2017

Funeral service took place on 17th February 2017 at Radcliffe Crematorium, Cemetery Rd, Radcliffe.

† LAST POST †

JOSEPH JOHN HARGREAVES SENIOR (LATE 1 KINGS)

It is my sad duty to inform you that Joseph John Hargreaves Snr, Joe passed away on Saturday 18th February 2017

A requiem mass took place on Tuesday 7th March at 12.45 pm in St Mary's Catholic Church followed by cremation at St Helens Crematorium.

JOHN THURSTON (LATE 1 KINGS)

It is my sad duty to inform you that John passed away on 27th February 2017.

John's funeral service took place at Blackley Crematorium, Victoria Ave, Manchester on Wednesday 8th March at 3.15 pm

John served with the King's Regiment for six years from 1962 until 1968. John was a very likeable character who boxed for the Battalion during his time in the army. When not parading as a gladiator in track suit he occasionally wore uniform. He was very proud of his achievements both in and out of uniform.

MALCOLM MacDONALD (LATE 1 KING)



It is my sad duty to inform you that former Csgt Malcolm MacDonald died on Wednesday 8th March 2017 at St Joseph's Hospice, Thornton, Merseyside.

His funeral service took place on the 23rd March 2017

Malcolm enlisted in the King's Regiment on 5th March 1973 and was discharged at his own request on 5th July 1991.

He served the army well for eighteen years being posted throughout the world including, Hong Kong, Kenya, Korea, BAOR, Cyprus and Northern Ireland. He was also stationed throughout his time in York, Colchester, Chester, and Osnabrück, to mention but a few.

He served throughout the ranks of a rifle platoon as well as administrative role of Company Quartermaster Sergeant.

He went on to serve as a Recruit Instructor at the Divisional Depot and as an Instructor and Administrator on the permanent staff of a Territorial Army Battalion.

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR, WRITES:

I am sorry that you have not received the February 2017 printed/electronic Newsletter. I hope you don't mind receiving both the February and April issues as one edition.

The reason you did not receive the February issue was due to my being admitted to the Royal Liverpool Hospital for five weeks and undergoing major abdominal surgery for a second time in 12 months. Unfortunately, I suffered setbacks which prolonged my recovery and discharge from the hospital.

I am now home and being cared for by my lovely wife Eileen, who throughout this ordeal has been absolutely fantastic along with our four grown up children, and not forgetting the district nurses who have been coming in daily to check the operation wound and to change my dressings. I have nothing but the highest praise for our wonderful NHS and staff.

I would like to say a huge thank you for all the kind messages etc from my family, friends and of course my fellow Kingsmen whose encouragement etc, has without doubt been instrumental in guiding me on this difficult path. I know I still have quite a journey ahead and hope to continue my rehabilitation over the next few months.

Kindest regards
Eric

MAJOR D VICKERS TD, KRAL TREASURER, WRITES:

As treasurer I would like to thank the members who support the Liverpool Branch of the Association by their presence at the many events and especially financially. The association is in a reasonably satisfactory state financially but due to many changes we face increasing expenditure especially with regard to the provision of the many wreathes required for commemorative occasions. Our only sources of income are a very small profit on the newsletter subscriptions, the 100 club and the many generous donations given by members and friends.

Last year we almost met our goal of having 100 shares in the 100 club. We achieved 95 and were able to have a monthly First and Second prize plus a special Christmas prize of £100. Our figure of 95 included 20 members who purchased more than one share. This year, to date, we have only 62 shares taken up and of these, 15 members have purchased more than one share. As a consequence, there will only be a monthly prize of £45 and a Christmas Prize of £100

If any reader has missed the opportunity to take part, it has been agreed that any member can send a cheque to Eric Roper with name and postal address details to purchase a share or shares at a cost of £10 per share. These shares will be included in the draws from April to December and the special Christmas draw.

Any new share purchased will increase our income (by approx£1 per share) and enable us to either increase the monthly prize or possibly give a second prize each month.

Can we reach a goal of 100 shares taken up? YOUR support will be much appreciated.

Dennis Vickers

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TONY BAKER MBE, WRITES:

Hi Eric,

Many thanks for publishing my letter in your Association Newsletter re: the late Sgt Fred Holt at Palace Barracks Memorial Garden

A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year 2017 to all Kingsmen.

Tony

DAVE PRATT, WRITES:

Hi Eric

Many thanks for the latest copy of the newsletter. I am very sad to hear about Bill Whitty passing away. Bill was in the QM's department in Hong Kong and I can recall having friendly conversations with him many a time, Especially if I had to take Part I Orders etc from the Orderly room in Stanley Fort down the hill to the QM's Office.

Kept me fit that walk on the way back.

Pass my best wishes to all fellow Kingsmen who may know me.

**Regards,
Dave**

JOHN PODESTA, WRITES:

Can you help me solve this.

The 2nd Battalion The King's Regiment were sent to White barracks in Benghazi, Libya in 1947. I want to know who they took over from and who they handed over to.

Thank you.

John.

Email: johnpodesta@rocketmail.com

LT COL ANTHONY HOLLINGSWORTH MBE, WRITES TO

Mr Thomas Lowndes, The International Cotton Association Limited, Liverpool

Dear Tom,,

I would like to say a big thank you for kindly inviting the Standard Bearers to your cocktail party on Wednesday last in the Town Hall. This was very thoughtful of you as the standard bearers turn out for all occasions in all weather and do so voluntarily doing a marvellous job with dignity and pride. They all really enjoyed the splendid evening and very much appreciated your kindness and generosity. It is rare that they are appreciated in such a way.

Finally I would like very much to say how much I appreciate ICA's involvement with the honouring of the Liverpool Pals who we share a passion in their remembrance.

My sincere best wishes

Tony

24th October 2016



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CAPTAIN MICK HUNT, WRITES:

Gentlemen,

The Head of Remembrance travel wants all Normandy veterans to take up this offer, If you know of anyone in your branch/organisation this may apply to would you please let them know?

With warmest regards as always

Mick

FREE NORMANDY VETERAN TOURS

Remembrance Travel arranges special fully funded Journeys of Remembrance to enable Normandy veterans to revisit the beaches and landmarks they encountered during the D-Day landings.

These tours are LIBOR funded **and free for a veteran and two carers/family members.** An official Royal British Legion guide will accompany you on the 5 day personalised journey.

Visit: www.remembrancetravel.org.uk for more information.

MR PETER G VELLINS, TREASURER KING DAVID LODGE, WRITES:

Dear Mr Roper,

At the last Installation Meeting of King David Lodge, it was the Worshipful Master's (W. Brother. Russell Start) wish to give part of our Charity Plate Collection to the King's Regiment Association Liverpool.

I am therefore enclosing a cheque for £72.70 with the very best wishes of all the brethren of the Lodge.

**Sincerely and fraternally,
Peter G Vellins, Treasurer.**

Ed note: Our Treasurer, Dennis Vickers, has written to Mr Vellins to thank the King David Lodge for their generous donation.

DAVID RICHARDSON, WRITES:

My Grandfather Herbert Covill was in the Kings Liverpool Regiment (48659) during WW1. He was in the 12th, 4th and 13th battalions. He was KIA 08/10/1918 and is buried in the Forenville Military Cemetery near Cambrai in Northern France. There are 17 men of KLR 13th Battalion buried there, all KIA on that day. There are also approx 80 other soldiers buried there from several regiments plus 6 WW2 airmen.

I am in the early stages of organising a centenary commemoration for those buried at Forenville on 8th October 2018 (most fell on that day) I have been "advertising" the event since July this year at the Great War Forum without much reaction from family of those buried there and wondered if there is any way that the Association can help me to get the word out? Interestingly, family of the two New Zealanders in Forenville are coming. Can the Association be of any help? I am in contact with the Associations of the other Regiments represented at Forenville.

David

Email: therichardsons68@gmail.com

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ELAINE OVEREND, WRITES:



I had the privilege recently of meeting Thomas Mason - a 92 year old Chindit from Southport who served with 1 KINGS in Burma.

He told me about his time in the jungle, the historical figures he served under - and the loyalty from the mule he worked with which he named 'Billy'. The mules had their vocal cords severed so they couldn't make noise and give their position away.

I think Tommy enjoyed the opportunity to reminisce about old times and old comrades and I will be going back to visit him in the New Year and get him involved with the rest of the veterans. More importantly I will make sure his story is documented for future generations to understand the sacrifice made for our liberty.

Meeting Tommy brought back fond memories of my dear Philip Hayden who is never far from my thoughts and had a tremendous impact on my life.

**Kindest regards
Elaine**

JOHN SCHOFIELD, WRITES:



Hi Eric.

I met Brian Thurston and his Wife at the Museum of Liverpool on Saturday 3rd September for the Kings Regiment History Day. After a brief conversation it was ascertained that Brian served in the King's Regiment between 1957-1959 as a National Serviceman: during this time he served in D Company and posted to Osnabrück, West Germany, Brentwood, Essex, UK and Bahrain.

On further investigation, it became apparent that Brian had not received his Arabian Peninsular General Service Medal for his time spent in Bahrain. I spoke with Brian and got all the relevant information of his service, organised the necessary paperwork and arranged for it to be forwarded to the MOD.

On the 14th of December 2016 in the Mayors Parlour within Liverpool Town Hall, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Roz Gladden, presented Brian with his General Service Medal after 57 years, with his proud Family in attendance. The King's Regiment Association was represented by Mr Stan Castell BEM (KRAL Standard Bearer), Mr John Schofield (KRAL Branch Secretary) and Captain Mick Hunt (Area Secretary, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment).

Both Brian and Jill (his wife) used to work together in the 80's with Ian Jones from the Town Hall. It's a small world

**Regards
John**



HUMOUR IN UNIFORM



REMINDERS OF THE COOKHOUSE?

Former Kingsman Sougie Hipman, who had retired to Australia many years ago, lay dying in his bed in the Queensland outback. While suffering the agonies of impending death, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favourite scones wafting up the stairs.

Sougie gathered his remaining strength, and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning on the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort, gripping the railing with both hands, he crawled downstairs.

With laboured breath, he leaned against the door-frame, gazing into the kitchen. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven, for there, spread out upon the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favourite scones.

Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of love from his devoted Irish wife of sixty years, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

Mustering one great final effort, Sougie threw himself towards the table, landing on his knees in rumped posture. His aged and withered hand trembled towards a scone at the edge of the table, when it was suddenly smacked by his wife with a wooden spoon...

"Bugger off" she said, "they're for the funeral."



IT LOOKS LIKE A TRAP TO ME SIR!



HUMOUR IN UNIFORM

ONE OVER THE EIGHT

Kingsman Abram's wife sent him out shopping for her birthday with strict instructions to get something that will make her look sexy.

She wasn't happy when he came back with six crates of beer.

DEADLY NEW WEAPON?

A flying insect just flew into my kitchen and exploded.

I think it was a 'Jihaddy long legs.'

DEDICATED FOLLOWER OF FASHION

Kingsman Dunbabbinn was walking down the street after leaving the pub and I saw these two blokes wearing matching outfits, right down to the same belts.

He yelled out, "hey Dickheads, do you know you're wearing the exact same clothes today?"

It was at this point that they arrested him!

DRIVING YOU TO DRINK

Kingsman Russ Larkman was pulled over by the Police for speeding.

"Have you been drinking Sir?", asked the Police Officer.

Russ replied, "Yes officer, I've had about 18 pints, 2 bottles of hooch and 6 Bacardi and cokes."

The Police Officer says, "what the hell are you doing driving??"

Russ replied "I couldn't walk."

COMPUTER LANGUAGE

Kingsman Page was at a funeral today and asked the priest for the Wi-Fi password.

"Have some respect for the dead!" The priest said.

"Okay," Keith replied. "Is that all lower case without spaces?"

FOR BETTER OR WORSE!

Two former Kingsmen, Russell and Terry are quietly sitting in a boat fishing, chewing tobacco and drinking beer when suddenly Terry says, "Think I'm gonna divorce the wife - she ain't spoke to me in over 2 months."

Russell spits overboard, takes a long, slow sip of beer and says, "Better think it over... women like that are hard to find."

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

ARMY MUSEUMS IN THE LINE OF FIRE AS MOD ENDS FUNDING

**COURTESY OF:
BEN FARMER,
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT THE DAILY TELEGRAPH**

Swathes of the country are being cut off from their historical military connections as the Ministry of Defence ends funding to a string of Army regimental museums, it has been warned.

More than a dozen museums are set to lose their money in April as the MoD scales back funds used to pay for curators and staff.

Several of those museums have already closed their doors in advance and moved to share premises with other regiments. Others are hoping to stay open by raising money elsewhere. Military figures said the cuts risked robbing parts of the country of links to their historic regiments.

They come as part of a long-agreed MoD plan to cut the number of Army museums it funds from 67 to 36 by the end of the next decade. By then the MoD will fund only one museum for each of the current British Army regiments.

Other collections commemorating historic regiments which amalgamated in recent decades, to form the modern day units, will have to find different ways of staying open. But the MoD funding cut has left many museums facing a double blow, as they lose local government grants because of deep austerity cuts to council budgets. There are also fears that the next round of MoD funding cuts to museums – 14 more are due to lose their money in 2030 – will be brought forward because of Treasury pressure on the MoD to make savings.

Brigadier Allan Mallinson, a Military Historian and former commander of the 13th/18th Royal Hussars, said military history was slipping away in parts of the country.

His regiment amalgamated into the Light Dragoons in 1992, has now had to close its museum near Barnsley and move to its sister museum in Newcastle. He said: "That has meant that we have lost any permanent footprint in a major part of our recruitment area. There are any number of museums around the country devoted to local art. It seems odd that we are prepared to see local military history slip away."

The loss of links with local areas comes as the Army is more than 2,000 regular soldiers undermanned and struggling to hit its recruitment targets.

An MoD spokesman said: "We recognise the contribution made by these museums in preserving military heritage and acting as the bridge between communities and the Army. This is why irrespective of funding, they will continue to receive support and have close ties with their associated regiment."

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

NO MILITARY DEATHS ON OPERATIONS IN WHOLE OF 2016

**COURTESY OF:
BEN FARMER,
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT THE DAILY TELEGRAPH**

First Year since 1968 in which no personnel lost lives, but leader warns of politicians' 'nervousness'

The armed forces have marked their first year in nearly five decades without a soldier, sailor or airman being killed on operations. The end of Britain's fighting in Afghanistan. A political unwillingness to put troops into combat missions and a focus on training local forces away from the front line have contributed to a lower chance of casualties, military sources said.

But one former military leader and he was concerned there was also now a "nervousness" among politicians about using the Armed Forces.

British forces have found themselves almost constantly deployed to dangerous conflict zones for more than 70 years since the end of the Second World War. Until 2016, the only year without personnel killed on operations since 1945 was 1968 immediately before troops were deployed to Northern Ireland during the Troubles.

Lord West of Spithead a former First Sea Lord and security minister, said: "I'm absolutely delighted that not a single member of our Armed Forces has been killed on operations.

"But I hope it isn't because in this very, very dangerous world that our nation is not willing to use our military for the security of our country. I fear there's a nervousness in our nation about using the Armed Forces and that worries me."

Around 4,500 British servicemen and women are currently taking part in 25 operations in almost 30 countries.

Lost lives

Number of soldiers' deaths in duty:

Afghanistan (2001 to present)	456
Iraq (2003 -2011)	178
Balkans (1992 to present)	72
Falklands (1982)	237
Northern Ireland (1969 to 2007)	1441

(Source: MoD)

REGIMENTAL HISTORY FEBRUARY 2017 (PART ONE OF TWO)

Lieutenant Colonel Robin Hodges, who commanded 1 KINGS from 1992 to 1994, has been working for the past few years on completing the History of The King's Regiment. What started off as a description of badges and insignia primarily designed for collectors gradually expanded into three volumes.

The first is the **Historical Record of The King's Regiment (Liverpool) 1945 to 1958**. This was requested by some Korean War veterans who wanted their service to be recorded. This has proved to be somewhat of a challenge as I have not been able to get copies of all the Regimental journals. Nevertheless it is coming along and I have been fortunate to have three first-hand accounts of the raid on The Tunnels, two by attached officers which give honest assessments of the Battalion. Nigel Scott and Jimmy Weir have also given me interesting anecdotes. I would love to hear from anyone else who can tell me about The Regiment during those years. I do need more photographs from throughout the period.

The second book is the **Regimental List of Officers and of distinguished Kingsmen of The King's Regiment 1685 to 1958**. The three editions of the Regimental History published in 1837, 1883 and 1903 include details of many Officers but make almost no reference to individual Kingsmen. No serious attempt has been made since then to keep a record of those who I believe deserve to be remembered. I have so far identified 7,179 Officers, Serjeant Majors, Warrant Officers and other distinguished Kingsmen; they being defined as those who have received a medal. This includes the 157 recipients of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal that I have identified so far. The names stretch from Abbingdon, an Ensign in 1707, to Young who was wounded as Lieutenant during the attack against the Americans on Snake Hill, Fort Erie on 15 Aug 1814.

The third book is the **Historical Record of The King's Regiment 1958 to 2006**. There is a chapter for each year covering the activities of each Battalion, 1 KINGS, 5 KINGS, 8 MANCH, 9 MANCH, 1 LANCASTRIAN, Manchester Territorials, 2 LANCASTRIAN, 5/8 KINGS and KCR. Each chapter also discusses the wider Regiment, giving details of RHQ, those serving at ERE, and old comrades. There is a separate chapter for the **Regimental List of Officers and of distinguished Kingsmen of The King's Regiment 1958 to 2006** which stretch from Dave Ackers to Geoffrey Yeomans. A final chapter describes the Regiment's badges.

So what have I discovered over the past two months? The first was from the 1st Battalion Officers Mess Lines Book which was presented by Paul Simm in 1982. Some may remember that the first entry is John Turley's classic statement, "*We aren't a bitchy Regiment considering the people in it.*" Have no fear, no-one will be embarrassed but I hope that a few suitable *Lines* will be published for posterity.

By the way, I have not found out what happened to the Fakawi Shield following the amalgamation. I really would like the names of those recorded on the shields.

Because my Sarah was very ill following an accident in December, Christmas was a non-event for the Hodges. In early January my brother, Clive and Beate, invited themselves to lunch. We didn't want any fuss made over a bowl of Lancashire hotpot so invited locally based Kingsmen and Kingwomen to join us. It was lovely to meet Caro Burke-Gaffney as it was her uncle Jack who wrote the previous history, *The Story of The King's Regiment 1914 – 1948*. Peter Francis regaled us with his version of 'Learn yerself Scouse', tales of landing his Scout and almost decapitating Gordon Herring on the square in Minden, and

Exercise SUN PIRATE. There were 11 of us at lunch and by late afternoon the lamps had been well and truly swung. I must mention that Harry McDortch was well remembered. The story was told of him rescuing a wounded Intelligence Corps officer from outside the wire on The Hook in Korea. I could not think of any Int Corps with the Battalion, but knew that the FOO during the raid on the tunnels had been wounded and had later transferred to the Int Corps. I contacted Brigadier Brian Parrott, who had been Director Intelligence Corps in the 1980s. He confirmed that he had been wounded and brought in and if it had been CSM McDortch then he certainly owed him a pint.

Sarah is quite happy to allow her dining-room lamps to be swung again so we are going to host another 'Swing the Lamp' lunch during the week 20 to 26 March. If you are going to be within striking distance of Devizes (on the north side of Salisbury Plain) do contact us for an invitation.

Can anyone help with an enquiry please about Dinky Dynes? He was Mentioned in Despatches (MID) in North Africa towards the end of the campaign there. Does anyone know why?

Johnny Thompson, that very fine boxer who assumed the persona of Brigadier Binge in Osnabruck, told the story of how he accidentally 'decked' the future Field Marshal Lord Inge during Exercise Spearpoint 80. This may explain the difficult interview that Derek Lawrence-Brown, who was OC C Company at the time, told me that he had with Brigadier Peter Inge during the exercise.

Johnny has sent me the scripts of three of his inspirational speeches to the Battalion made around 1982 and 1983. The one entitled 'Publicity' and based upon the concept of Troops in Tanks, or TITs, has certainly made it into my history.

Before he retired Johnny presented the Jimmy Dogley Cup for Novices Boxing and he asked me to find out what had happened to it. The Army Boxing Manager, Major Nick Hamer, who as a chef boxed for 1 KINGS in Catterick, was able to confirm that it is on display in 2 LANCS behind the Sergeants Mess bar in Weeton. You will be pleased to know that it is so shiny that it was difficult to photograph.

I recently met Christopher Allenson at a Sultan's Armed Forces funeral. He told me that he was the second British Officer in a Company of the Somali and Scouts commanded by Major Bill Thorp MC around 1960. I am hoping for more stories but he did say that Bill had an Elk Hound cross which, when they were out in the desert, slept curled into the hub of the spare wheel on the bonnet of his Land Rover. I was also told that Bill hated flies and ordered all his soldiers to carry a 'fly swat'. Christopher recalled that he was instructed to present a match-box of dead flies before breakfast each morning. I am hoping for some more anecdotes from him.

In the last Newsletter there were two photographs of Lieutenant-Colonel Bin Binny commanding the 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment 70 years ago in India.

He was commissioned from Sandhurst in 1924 and posted to the 2nd Battalion, The King's Regiment in India. He later served on secondment with the Nigerian Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force (RWAFF) from 1932 to 1936. He was to spend much of the war as a Staff Officer although in 1942 he took command of the 8th (Irish) Battalion in UK and in 1943 began reorganising it to form No 7 Beach Group in anticipation of the assault landings in Normandy. He handed over command that year and embarked for India where

he served on the Staff as a Colonel. Following the defeat of Japan he was appointed OBE in 1946 *in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Burma*.

He assumed command of the 1st Battalion when it was reforming and then reduced to a cadre in India after the war, in 1946 and 1947. He brought the Colours back to Formby and then commanded the reformed 1st Battalion in Germany from 1948 to 1950.

He retired as Lieutenant-Colonel and was granted honorary rank of Colonel on 15 Apr 1956.

Also in the last Newsletter was an enquiry from Roger Broadbent asking if it was possible to identify the Serjeant who had saved his Father, Lieutenant George Richmond Broadbent during the Great War. I was able to confirm that his Father had served in The King's during the Great War and with the Anglo-Egyptian Forces in the Second World War, and that I had the following information about him in my Regimental List:

Broadbent MBE, George Richmond (Army number 333362 issued after Dec 1939); (born about 1896, Alexandria, Egypt); Territorial Force, Cadet, 6th (Rifle) Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regiment) (6th KLR) Jul 1916; 2nd Lieutenant (on probation), The Liverpool Regiment 23 Nov 1916 [same course as James Bailey, John Burrows, Alfred Carr, Harold Faragher, Edmund Flenley, Norman Greeves, William Heyes and Ronald Lowe]; deployed to join the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) in France 9 Jan 1917; posted to 12th Battalion (12th KLR); confirmed in rank 30 Jan 1917; wounded four times and rescued by his Serjeant 16 Aug 1917; Lieutenant 23 May 1918; awarded the Silver War Badge (SWB) 6 Mar 1919; [awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal]; 2nd Lieutenant, Egypt Section, General List 8 Jan 1941 [as the British and Australian Divisions advanced into Libya], gazetted 28 Sep 1945; deployed on the west bank of the Suez Canal with Egyptian troops [it is reputed that he did not see another Englishman for a year]; appointed **Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE)** as '*British subject resident in Egypt*' New Years' Honours 1 Jan 1946; [awarded 1939-45 Star, Africa Star, Defence Medal and War Medal].

Finding the Serjeant who had saved him was more of a challenge but he is also in my Regimental List;

Baldwin MC DCM; Edwin; one of the Liverpool Pals; enlisted as 14759 Private, 3rd City 19th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regiment) in 1914; the Battalion was renumbered as 19th Battalion (19th KLR); appointed Lance Corporal; deployed with Battalion advance party to join the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) in France, landed at Boulogne 24 Jul 1915; probably wounded and when returned to duty posted to 12th Battalion [medal roll notes 13th Battalion but this appears to be a clerical error]; promoted Serjeant, awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM). For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Assisted by another NCO, he bombed a concrete dug-out, drove out fourteen of the enemy, and made them prisoners. Later in the day he led a party with which he bombed several more dug-outs, and on the following day led his men in a most gallant manner through very heavy fire. After the attack his work in reorganising was invaluable; he collected his men under close and accurate machine-gun fire, brought them up in line, and personally supervised the consolidation of the new position. His gallantry and devotion to duty was most marked. gazetted 26 Jan 1918; selected as Potential Officer and appointed Cadet while at Officer Cadets Training Unit Apr 1918; Temporary 2nd Lieutenant 14 Aug 1918 [same course as Herbert Daymond, Robert Lee, Arnold Le Quesne, George Rimmer and Harold Woods]; posted to The Manchester Regiment 21 Aug 1918; awarded Military Cross (MC) in recognition of his gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field. gazetted 15

Feb 1919; relinquished his commission on completion of service 29 Nov 1919; [awarded 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal].

So, two very interesting men with remarkable tales to tell.

Whilst doing some research into the Liverpool Scottish I got quite excited to discover that Private William Morgan, the last man in the Liverpool Scottish to be killed in action in 1918, has a grave marker showing that he had been awarded an OBE.

A Private with an OBE, now that should be an interesting story.

It turns out that it is a mistake by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. It transpired that he had been awarded what at the time was known as the Medal of the Order of the British Empire, now abbreviated as BEM, 'for *courage and resource in assisting to extinguish a fire at a filling factory, at imminent risk of serious explosion.*' Gazetted on 8 Jan 1918.

I found a new Regimental History published in time for Christmas. *I Embarked For France. The War Diaries and Letters of an English Family in the Great War. Evelyn Ansell, 19th King's Liverpool Regiment.* 2nd Lieutenant Ansell was commissioned in 1917 and posted to one of the Liverpool Pals Battalions in France. The letters and diary entries have been very nicely woven together by his daughter and are professionally interesting. It is worth reading. The price is £14.99 but it is on eBay for as low as £10.

I have also recently found *Remembrances of Hell. The Great War Diary of Writer, Broadcaster and Naturalist – Norman Ellison.* The book was published in 1997 and is very descriptive about his service in the Territorial Force, 6th (Rifle) Battalion, The King's Regiment in France during the Great War. Norman Ellison had drafted a history of the war service of the Battalion in 1927 but there had been no real interest in it. His published diaries do not mention as many names as his proposed history but the vignettes are fascinating and worth reading. There are copies available on Abebooks for less than £3.

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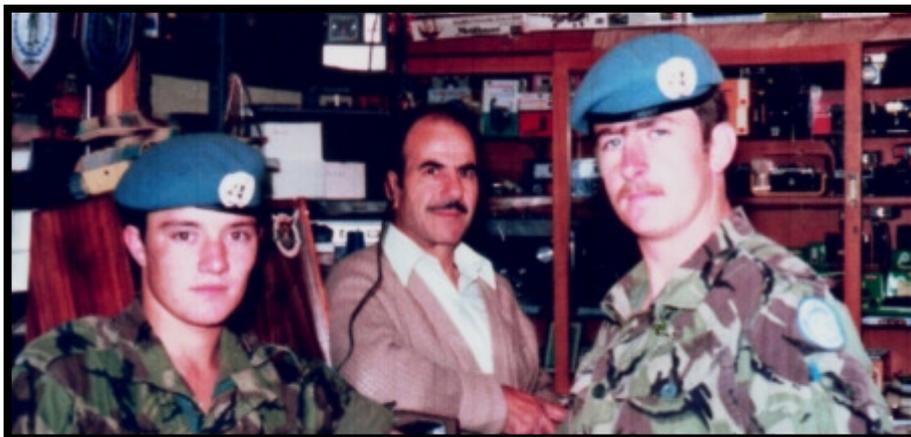
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Ex' Long Hop' - Hong Kong 1974 - Soaked - 5 Days of Rain!
Dominic Browne, Dennis Murray, Kenny Hardigan & ? Shelley



Platoon Camp - Canada 1977
Tom Mallalieu, Ray Brady, Jim ?, Paul Shepherd, Dennis Vine,
Ted McParland and ? Shelley



'Cha-Walah's' - UN Jubilee Camp Cyprus 1978
Gary (Shorty) Longshaw and Mac McGrath

**TURNING THE LEAVES – LIVERPOOL ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL
THURSDAY 9TH MARCH 2017**



1914-1918

**LCPL P LATHAM
SGT A MASKELL
PTES MURPHY**

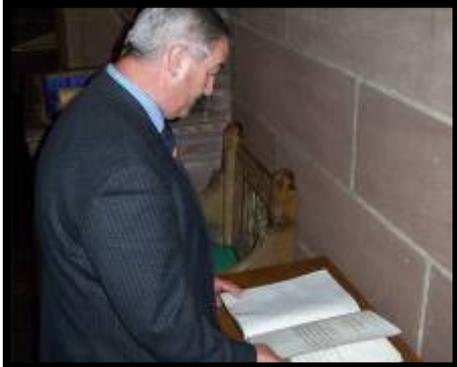
***TURNED BY
MAJ DAVID GEE TD
LATE 5 KINGS***



1939-1945

**PTE W GREEN
PTE K GRUNDY
SGT W GUNN**

***TURNED BY
DEREK THOROLD
LATE 1 KINGS***



IRAQ

**KGN J HANCOCK
SGT H HESKETH
KGN A GREEN**

***TURNED BY
CAPTAIN MICK HUNT
LATE 1 KINGS***

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