

The King's Regiment Association Liverpool Branch

A Branch of the Duke of Lancaster's Regimental Association



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DONATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION

The Committee would like to thank the following members who have made a cash donation to the general association funds:

ALAN RICHARDS,

YOUR GENEROSITY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.



NEW STANDARD BEARER BELTS



Two new Standard Bearer Belts, one for the King's Regiment Association, Liverpool Branch and one for the Duke of Lancaster's Regimental Association, Liverpool Branch, have been issued to our Standard Bearers

STAN CASTELL BEM - LANCS (left) & **JOHN SCHOFIELD - KINGS** (right).

The Association would like to thank John Schofield for purchasing the King's Regiment Association belt and donating it to the association



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

JUNE 2012.

The closing date for submission is:

MONDAY 28TH MAY 2012.

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).

'100' CLUB

The February 2012 draw was made at City Office, Liverpool on Tuesday 7th February 2012 by Committee member Terry Caffrey, and the winner is:

**1ST PRIZE (£50)
D G THOROLD**

The March 2012 draw was made at City Office, Liverpool on Tuesday 20th March 2012 by Committee member Brian Green, and the winner is:

**1ST PRIZE (£50)
D VICKERS**

HEADLINES FROM VARIOUS WORLD WIDE NEWSPAPERS (STRANGE BUT TRUE)

“An Australian Army vehicle worth \$74,000 has gone missing after being painted with camouflage”.

“Iraqi head seeks arms”.

“Every commissioned officer is promoted directly from the ranks – there’s nothing except sheer ability to stop you achieving a high position in the New Zealand armed forces”.

† LAST POST †

GERRY BRADY - EX KING'S REGIMENT

It is my sad duty to inform you that Gerry Brady passed away on Friday 13th January 2012.

His funeral mass took place at St Peter and Paul Church in Crosby on the 25th January followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium. Gerry was born 10th September 1931 and joined the army in 1949 for his 2 years National Service and followed that by becoming a member of the TA at Townsend Avenue in Norris Green.

BRYAN ANTHONY FITZSIMMONS - EX KING'S REGIMENT

It is my sad duty to inform you that Bryan Anthony Fitzsimmons passed away peacefully in hospital, on the 8th February 2012, aged 80 years.

Requiem Mass took place at Our Lady Queen Of Martyrs, Stonebridge Lane on Thursday 16th February 2012, followed by Interment at Anfield Cemetery.

25228456 KINGSMAN LIAM EKINS

2ND BATTALION THE DUKE OF LANCASTER'S REGIMENT

It is my sad duty to inform you that Kingsman Ekins, died on Tuesday 14th February 2012 in Preston. He is survived by his wife Sarah and three children.

Kingsman Ekins funeral was conducted by the 2nd Battalion The Duke Of Lancaster's Regiment and took place on Wednesday 29th February 2012 at St Mary Magdalene Church, 238 Ribbleton Ave, Ribbleton, Preston.

STEPHEN MAKIN - EX QUEEN'S LANCASHIRE REGIMENT & A COY 5/8 KINGS

It is my sad duty to inform you that Stephen Makin died on the morning of Thursday 16th February at Aintree Hospital of liver failure.

His funeral service took place on Thursday 1st March 2012 at St Teresa's of the Child Jesus Church, Utting Ave/Sedgemoor Rd, Norris Green, Liverpool, followed by Cremation at the Anfield Crematorium, Liverpool.

MAJOR DONALD DERHAM-REID - EX MANCHESTER REGIMENT

It is my sad duty to inform you that Major Donald Derham-Reid, age 92, died 22nd February 2012. Cremation Service took place at Putney Vale Chapel on Monday 5th March 2012. Much loved father of only daughter Sally and beloved Uncle.

Donald joined the 2nd Bn Manchester's in 1938 and went to France with the BEF in September. After the withdrawal of the British forces in June 1940 he was seconded to the 1st. Bn in Singapore. Following the 'arrival' of the Japanese he was a prisoner on the infamous 'railroad' for 3 years, repatriated in August 1945. On duty again he served in Germany and following that on various secondments in Kenya during the Mau Mau time, the Sudan and West Africa.

CAPTAIN R FACHIRI MC - LATE 5TH BATTALION THE KING'S REGIMENT

It is my sad duty to inform you that Captain Bobby Fachiri MC died on Sunday 18th March 2012 aged 92.

Bobby's funeral took place at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Heswall at 1100hrs on Monday 26 March 2012.

† LAST POST †



**SERGEANT NIGEL COUPE
1ST BATTALION
THE DUKE OF LANCASTER'S REGIMENT**

Sergeant Coupe was killed on Tuesday 6 March 2012

He died alongside five fellow soldiers from the 3rd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment in Lashkar Gah Durai region in an operational area on the border of Helmand and Kandahar provinces, Afghanistan. They were on a patrol to dominate the area and maintain freedom of movement when their Warrior Armoured Fighting Vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device.

At the time of going to press, no funeral details etc have been released.

Sergeant Nigel Coupe, 33, was a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer from 1st Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, who was attached to 3rd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment (Duke of Wellington's) as a Warrior Sergeant in 7 Platoon, Corunna Company.

He was from Lytham Saint Anne's, Lancashire. He joined the Army in January 1996 and was enlisted into The Queen's Lancashire Regiment which subsequently became 1st Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment.

For a period he was attached to The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, which later became 3rd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment. He also completed a tour as an instructor at the Driving and Maintenance School in Bovington before deploying to Afghanistan with Corunna Company.

Sergeant Coupe was an integral part of both 7 Platoon and Corunna Company. His expertise was vital to ensuring the Company was fully prepared to deploy on operations. His kindness and devotion to the soldiers he led will leave an indelible mark on everyone who served with him. He will be sorely missed.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Natalie and two children, Ella and Jasmine, mother Elaine, father Alan, sister Linda and grandfather Roy.

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL NICHOLAS WOOD, COMMANDING OFFICER,
1ST BATTALION THE DUKE OF LANCASTER'S REGIMENT, SAID:**

"Sergeant Nigel Coupe was quite simply an outstanding soldier who epitomised all that a sergeant from The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment should be.

"Professional, courageous and utterly dedicated to his job, he was highly-regarded by all who worked with him. Those who had the pleasure to spend time with him whether in the back of his Warrior, in the mess, or out in the field, were touched by his humour, his kindness and his willingness to help others. Everyone who knew him wanted to be with him. He was completely selfless.

Other than his family, his passion was being in the Army and being an Armoured Infantryman. He served for a number of years as a Warrior instructor and then as a vehicle commander with 3 YORKS and was excited about serving in Afghanistan in the role and conducting the job he loved. He will be sadly missed and he will leave a hole in all our lives that will be difficult to fill."

LETTERS PAGE



JIMMY SEVILLE, NEW ZEALAND, WRITES:

Hi Eric

Another great newsletter, full of info and some funny jokes, I cut them out and take them to work, they still don't get it.

It was sad to read about the car accident.

I hope you are fit and well and had a good Christmas.

Kind regards to all
Jimmy Seville

Take care

Jimmy **Email: viviennandjim@gmail.com**

KATHERINE BILLINGSLEY, WRITES:

I am trying to find out some information on my granddad:

JOSEPH THOMAS BILLINGSLEY.

I know that his birthday was 21st February (not sure year - apx 1930) and I know he fought under UN in Korea but not much more. Would you be able to tell me if he served in the Kings regiment and between what years?

Regards

Katherine Billingsley **Email: kattykittens@hotmail.com**

ROBERT STOBA, WRITES:

My Regimental No: 24277929 - I served with 1 KINGS:
Belfast 1972. Hong Kong (incl Brunei) 1972 – 1975. Londonderry 1975 - 1976.
Colchester; Canada; Cyprus; Osnabruck (1976 - 1979)
I served with 9 Platoon, C Coy and 1 Platoon A Coy

Regards and best wishes

ROBERT

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JANET SMITH, WRITES:

I am trying to find information on my uncle **Private Reginald Leak**, 8th (Irish) Battalion, who was killed in Normandy on the 7th June 1944.

I have located his grave in Normandy but I am unable to find anything surrounding his death. Can anyone please help?

Janet Smith

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PETER WATSON, WRITES

Eric

Thank you so much for publishing my query in the latest edition of your newsletter.

Astonishingly I have had an immediate response from Margrete Moore, the widow of Major Ken Moore. The information she provided is marvellous but completely destroys my theory regarding the origins of the name Seaforth Barracks, so it is back to the drawing board, unless another of your readers contradicts this information.

With grateful thanks and best wishes

Peter Watson **Email: peterwatson16@btopenworld.com**

SAM NAOMI, USA, WRITES:

Eric

Many thanks, I was able to open both Word and Adobe format newsletters. It was nice to see Ken Buckley's entry in our guest book.

I have to get a few lines off to Terry Lyon to see how May and him are doing.

I still would like to send you a small donation if your able to cash my personal cheque at your UK. bank without any problem. I would feel much better knowing that I did a little to help out your mailing.

As a note, I still say that the UK Korean Vets are the best, and just knowing ones like Terry Lyon and Ken Buckley has been an honour, too bad we have to live so far apart.

Again Eric, my very sincere thanks for taking the time to send me the newsletter, it is always a warm and welcome letter. Please convey my very warm and sincere wishes to all of the Liverpool Korean Veterans.

May the good Lord keep and watch over them and their families, and God bless all the UK Korean Veterans.

With my deepest respect to you.

Sam Naomi

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PETER JOHNSTONE, WRITES:

Greetings Eric

Thanks for your great newsletter (February 2012) - as always. I hope you are keeping well.

I was very interested in Dr Richard Guy's letter, as I met him when I was in the 5th Battalion TA in 63-66. I was even more interested in Denis Vicker's reference to Tony Moores history of the 5th Battalion and would like to find a copy.

Would it be possible to send me his e-mail so I may contact him for the ISBN number.

With best wishes

Pete Johnstone **Email: aduanamap@hotmail.com**



DAVID EDWARDS JONES, WRITES

I have family photograph showing my grandfather and family (including my late father as a boy).



The cap badge is definitely King's Liverpool, the 'horse' as in your web page. My grandfather is shown with a military baton; does the baton mean he was an officer? or could it mean something else? His left epaulette carries an indistinct badge which could be crossed guns rather than a crown.

Additional information:

I have been working on the web for this information.

My grandfather had one given name: **EDWARD**, surname **JONES**. The registration of birth appears to be Staffordshire, Kings Hill. Date of birth about 1872, which makes him a bit old for military service in 1914, however, here is the photo I have of him in his khaki army uniform, complete with puttees and brass topped cane – it is glistening in the photographers lights! The lanyard looks to be white, his belt has the metal 'snake' fastening.

His family address would be Bolton, perhaps 18 Gate Street, Bolton, Lancs. His wife would be Edith Margaret, his children at this time would be Rowland, Edward and Elizabeth Ellen (2 boys, 1 girl).

Thank you, and looking forward to your reply,

David Edward Jones

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DAVID DOOLEY, WRITES:

Hello there,

I was hoping you might be able to find any of my fathers friends that served with him. I know he served in the 1st Battalion The King's Regiment and was stationed in Hong Kong & Northern Ireland.

My dad was **SERGEANT DENNIS 'TOM' DOOLEY**. He was killed in a Landrover on the 15th March 1975 whilst on duty in Londonderry.

I would be made up to hear from anybody that knew him.

Regards

David Dooley

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BLAST FROM THE PAST (FROM MAJ PETER OAKLEY MBE)

Good morning Eric,

Thanks for publishing the picture of the Parascending Club in the Feb 2012 newsletter.



I came across the above photograph which shows members of the "Parathon 83".

12 hours of non stop Parascending for which we raised over £600 for the Booth Hall Children's Hospital in Manchester. The day was at the suggestion of WO2 Bob Webb who is standing on the right of the picture.

We were given publicity on British Forces Broadcasting Services and one of their presenters, Jon 'Knocker' Bennett, came along to have a go.

As you can see it was a large and thriving club and a grand bunch of Kingsmen.

**With warmest regards,
Peter.**



MRS S CALVERT WRITES:



I have just discovered WW1 army records for my grandfather, Pte Joseph Eardley, 109358 King's Liverpool Regiment on line. I now know he was with 13 King's Liverpool Regiment. Service records give 13th King's Liverpool Regiment. The 8th Regiment of foot is mentioned. He was attested 12/12/1915.

I have a posed group photo of him with 30 other soldiers - he is 3rd from left front row. On the back of the photo is stamped "Note address Wilkie and Son 48 King Street Dork"

Is there a website where I could post a copy for others with ancestors in this regiment to see?

Regards

Mrs S Calvert

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BRIAN WOLFENDEN WRITES:

I am trying to find out where my grandfather, John Joseph Wolfenden from Oldham Lancs, served and whether he transferred to regular army at a later date - can you help please?

Additional Information : John Joseph Wolfenden, born 1867, signed up for militia 25th June 1885, No. 4-306 served with the 4th Battalion The King's Liverpool Regiment. After the 1st World War he was stationed at Maindy Barracks in Cardiff, having moved at some time from Lancashire with the army.

Brian Wolfenden

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HUMOUR IN UNIFORM



TWO KINGSMEN & A BLONDE

Two Kingsmen were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up.

A blonde walks by and asks what they are doing.

Russell: "We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole, but we don't have a ladder."

The blonde took a spanner from her purse, loosened a few bolts and laid the flagpole down.

She pulled a tape measure from her pocket, took a few measurements and announced that it was eighteen feet and six inches. She then walked off.

Roy: "Ain't that just like a blonde! We need the height and she gives us the length."

IT'S MORE THAN MY JOBS WORTH

A nice, calm and respectable lady went into the pharmacy, walked up to the pharmacist, looked straight into his eyes, and said, "I'd like to buy some cyanide."

The pharmacist asked, "Why in the world do you need cyanide?"

The lady replied, "I need it to poison my Kingsman husband."

The pharmacist's eyes got big and he explained, "Lord have mercy! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband, that's against the law! I'll lose my license! They'll throw both of us in jail! All kinds of bad things will happen. Absolutely not! You CANNOT have any cyanide!"

The lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife.

The pharmacist looked at the picture and said, "You didn't tell me you had a prescription."

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by circumstances.

While attending a Marriage Weekend seminar, John, a serving Kingsman and his wife, Pat, listened to the speaker declare:

"It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other". He then addressed the men:

"Can you name and describe your wife's favourite flower?"

John leaned over, touched Pat's arm gently, and whispered, "It's Homepride, isn't it?"

And thus began John's life of celibacy!!



HUMOUR IN UNIFORM



TO A KINGSMAN, IT'S A PUZZLE

Mick, a rather elderly ex Kingsman calls Sally his neighbour and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Sally asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

Mick says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Sally decides to go over and help with the puzzle.

Mick lets her in and shows Sally where he has the puzzle spread all over the table.

She studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to Mick and says,

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

Sally takes Mick's hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," she said with a deep sigh

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."



IT'S AN AGE THING!

Toward the end of Sunday service, the Minister asked, "How many of you have forgiven your enemies?"

Eighty percent held up their hands.

The Minister then repeated his question. All responded this time, except one elderly ex Kingsman.

"Mr McMahon, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?"

"I don't have any," he replied, smiling.

"Mr McMahon, that is very unusual. How old are you?"

"Ninety-eight," he replied.

"Oh, "Mr McMahon, would you please come down in front & tell us all how a person can live ninety-eight years and not have an enemy in the world?"

The ex Kingsman tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation, and said, "I outlived the bastards."

LETTERS PAGE



JOHN NIBLETT, WRITES:

I am attempting to find out about a **Private Robert Alty**, Regimental Number 16562, who enlisted in the King's Liverpool Regiment in 1914. He joined after attending a rally organised by Lord Derby in Liverpool. He saw action and was awarded a Military Medal during 1917.

He was born in Crosby and was a clerk by profession before enlisting. It would appear he died in 1918 but apparently not from direct enemy action, passing away in Crosby. He is buried in the churchyard at Crosby and the MM is noted on his headstone.

My interest lies in him as he is related to me and he came to my attention through a genealogical study. I would love to know the circumstances of his winning his decoration and where he saw action.

As a matter of interest I served with the Coldstream Guards in Northern Island and spent some time with the Kings Regiment at Ballymena and have fond memories of that time.

Hope that you can assist me and I look forward to hearing from you.

All the very best

John Niblett

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PETER JUDGE (REGIMENTAL NUMBER 23548074) WRITES:

I served with 1 KINGS in Harrington Barracks in Formby, Brentwood in Essex, Bahrain, Kenya, Kuwait, Chester and Berlin.

I spent all of my career in A Company.

It would be great if anyone who knew me, would get in touch.

Regards

Peter

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CORRECTION

REGIMENTAL SECRETARY (PRESTON)

Colonel Chris Owen has been appointed Regimental Secretary and will commence his duties on 16th April 2012.

We all wish him well in his new appointment.

My apologies to Colonel Chris for incorrectly publishing his rank as Lieutenant Colonel in the February 2012 issue.

(Editor)

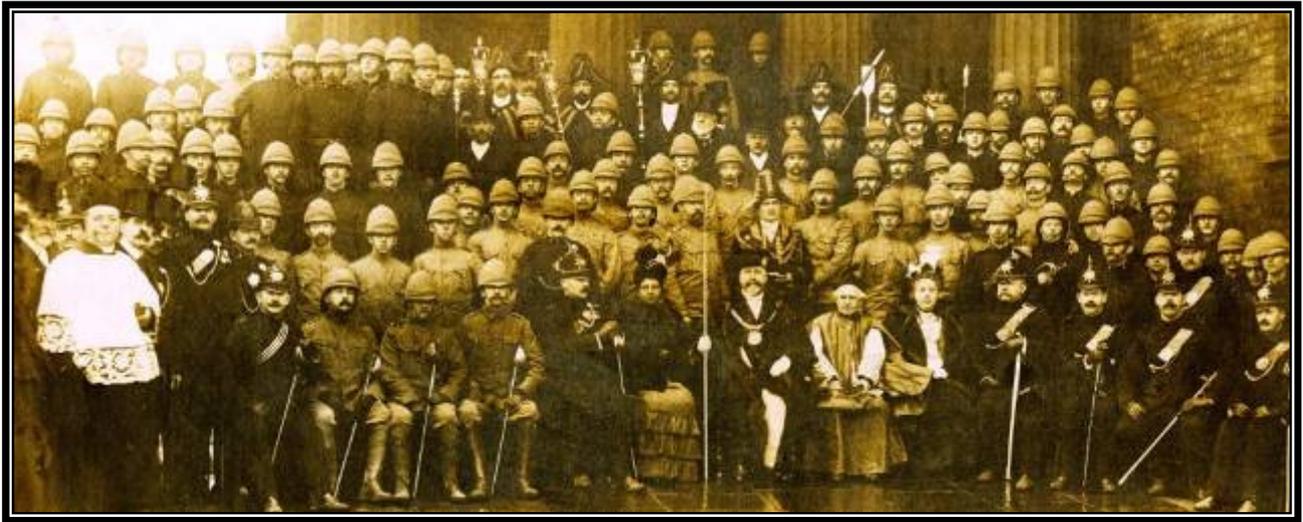




ANN HILLIARD, WRITES

Hello,

I am involved in a project about discovering the Liverpool Irish and found a picture dates 1900s outside St Patricks Catholic Church Liverpool of the 5th Irish King Regiment on their departure to the Boar War .



Its a fantastic picture which I have had enlarged to poster size so I can place it on display for the St Patrick's Celebration Day exhibition this weekend at the Liverpool Museum - I was going to put a sign to create discussion - " Could one of these men you are looking at be your Grandfather/Great Grandfather or Great Great Grandfather" However I would like to know some background on the photo to include in the display.

Would you or any of your colleagues be aware of this photo - I obtained a copy from Roger Hull at the Liverpool City Archives if so could they provide details. If not would you have any lists of the members of this Regiment for this campaign - Lists of casualties etc so I could possibly identify some of the members of the photo.

I am a member of the Liverpool Family History Group and I notice from the journal that there is an event on the 24/3/2012 at the Museum about the regiment. I would be happy to pop in there to show you or your colleagues the poster if you are unaware of the photo in question.

I look forward to hearing from you or any of your members/readers.

Thanks

Ann Hilliard

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POETS CORNER (SENT TO ME BY ROY HUGHES)

There is nothing the matter with me
I am as healthy as can be
I have arthritis in both knees
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Sleep is denied me night after night
But every morning I find I'm alright
My memory is fading, my heads in a spin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Old age is golden, I have heard it said
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed
With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup
My eyes on the table until I wake up
Sleep overtakes me, I say to myself
Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf.

When I was young my slippers were red
I could kick my heels over my head
When I was older, my slippers were blue
But I still could dance the whole night through
Now I am old, my slippers are black
I walk to the shop and puff my way back.

I get up each day and dust off my wits
And pick up the papers and read the "Obits"
If my name is missing, I know I'm not dead
So I have a good breakfast and face what's ahead.

BROTHERS IN ARMS



A St Helens man who pledged his oath of allegiance to the army recently, is set to join the same regiment as his twin brother!

Ben Ferguson (left in photograph), 20, is currently limbering up to take on the demanding 28-week Combat Infantryman's Course at Infantry Training Centre (ITC) Catterick, which his twin brother Alistair completed last summer.

During the course, Ben will endure rigorous physical training as well as learning essential soldiering skills such as fieldcraft, camouflage techniques and how to use a variety of weapons and technology.

He said: "I was attracted to the role of infantryman because I've seen how much my brother is enjoying it. "I also knew that the typical nine to five job wasn't for me as I like being active and enjoy a challenge." "My brother has prepared me for how tough the training is going to be, but I'm looking forward to getting started."

Alistair can't wait for his twin to join him in the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment either. He said: "I'm delighted that Ben's joining the army as an infantryman, like me. It's going to be tough for our family, having both of us away at one time, but the end result will be worth it."

HMS LIVERPOOL - DECOMMISSIONED ON 30TH MARCH 2012

Ed Note:

HMS Liverpool is one of five Royal Navy Ships affiliated to the Regiment, the other four being HMS Cumberland, HMS Lancaster, HMS Manchester and HMS Trafalgar.



HMS LIVERPOOL was built on Merseyside by the world-famous Cammell Laird yard and was launched in September 1980 by Lady Strathcona, wife of the then Minister of State for Defence.

HISTORY: Seven ships of the Royal Navy have been named **HMS LIVERPOOL** after the city of Liverpool, whilst an eighth was planned:

HMS LIVERPOOL was a 44-gun fifth-rate frigate, built as HMS Enterprise but renamed before being launched in 1741. She was sold in 1756 and became a privateer. She was reacquired by the Navy in 1759 and entered service as the 30-gun HMS Looe. She was sold in 1763.

HMS LIVERPOOL was a 28-gun sixth-rate frigate launched in 1758 and wrecked in 1778.

HMS LIVERPOOL was a 50-gun frigate, later reclassified as a fourth-rate ship of the line, launched in 1814 and sold in 1822.

HMS LIVERPOOL was to have been a 58-gun fourth-rate Southampton class frigate, ordered in 1825 and cancelled in 1829.

HMS LIVERPOOL was a fourth-rate screw frigate launched in 1860 and sold in 1875.

HMS LIVERPOOL was a Town-class light cruiser launched in 1909 and scrapped in 1921.

HMS LIVERPOOL was a later Town-class light cruiser launched in 1938 and scrapped in 1958.

HMS LIVERPOOL was a Type 42 destroyer launched in 1980 and deployed to the Persian Gulf during the Iraq War (Operation Telic).

The name Liverpool was also the former name of the ship-of-the line HMS Imaum, which was taken into the Royal Navy in 1836 as a gift from His Highness the Imaum of Muscat to the British crown; however the name Liverpool was not used in the Royal Navy for this ship.

2nd March 2012: The people of Liverpool were proud to host the crew of HMS Liverpool as it made it's final voyage to the city. The ships crew of some 260 men and women received the freedom of the city as part of a celebration of the ship's long and distinguished service.

KING'S REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, PRESTON BRANCH LADYSMITH DINNER

Some 110 ex Kingsmen and guests attended the Ladysmith Dinner in the Warrant Officer's & Sergeant's Mess at Fulwood Barracks, Preston on Friday 24th February 2012.

The dinner, the last to be organised by Ron Boardman, who now hands over to Tony Bennett, was, as always, a superb night with great entertainment, excellent food and fine wine.

Roy Hughes presented Ron with a plinth mounted bugle and a Mirror with the Regimental Crest and Ron's service details etched on it, in recognition of Ron's outstanding hard work and dedication to the Preston Branch.

Well done Ron, now have a well deserved rest!

After the dinner, Ron Boardman, on behalf of the King's Regiment Association, Liverpool Branch, presented certificates, designed by KRAL Committee member Joe McLoughlin, to Jack and Kathleen Peterson & Peter and Patricia O'Reilly to mark their Golden Wedding Anniversaries.



The certificates suitably inscribed:



*Many congratulations to you both on your
Golden Wedding Anniversary*



*From all your Officers' and Kingsmen,
The King's Regiment (Manchester and Liverpool)
1962 - 2012*



**Jack & Kathleen Peterson
Married on 17th March 1962**



**Peter & Patricia O'Reilly
Married on 31st March 1962**

ARMY CAPTAIN GETS BACK MEDALS HE LOST THREE YEARS AGO



Six Army medals that were found in a laundry basket at a Carlisle dry cleaners have been reunited with their owner – after three years.

Captain Dave Hall, right, with Stephen McKie and the medals

The medals were found in the bottom of a dry cleaning machine by Stephen McKie who runs McKie and Daughters Dry Cleaning and Laundry Service in Lonsdale Street.

The colourful strip of miniature medals, which date from the 1960s to 1990s, include those awarded for service in Northern Ireland, Kosovo and the former Yugoslavia and Cyprus. There is also one awarded for long service.

Mr McKie said: “I had about seven phone calls after the story appeared in the News & Star. He added “It’s great to see that there is a happy ending in this story.”

“Some people were just trying it on but one man was genuine. He was able to tell me about the medals in great detail and he said he was just about to get some replicas made.”

The medals belong to Captain David Hall MBE, Permanent Staff Administration Officer for the 4th Battalion Duke of Lancaster’s Regiment.

Captain Hall, 59, of Houghton, lost the medals three years ago when he took his jacket to the dry cleaners.

He said: “I lost the medals about three years ago. It must have been then because I haven’t seen them since. I searched every drawer in my house but I never found them.”

During his 44-year career, Mr Hall has served in Kenya, Canada, Malaya, Belize, Germany, Cyprus, Bosnia and Kosovo.

He said: “I will shortly be getting my MBE and the Jubilee medal this year so it’s great that I will have my other medals back to make a full set.”

His citation for the MBE said that Captain Hall “routinely makes the most daunting and humbling sacrifices”, gives up most of his leave and has repeatedly “worked to the most punishing tempo”.

It was in recognition of his “enormous personal commitment and devotion to his role” as the leader of Cumbria’s military crisis response for more than a decade.

He organised the operations rooms in Carlisle Castle during the 2001 foot and mouth outbreak. In 2005, he found Territorial Army volunteers to crew an operations room, cook and provide support to the civilian emergency services when floods ravaged Carlisle. During the floods of 2009 in West Cumbria he hosted the First Responders at Carlisle Castle and set up a temporary police station in Workington. He also helped to organise the building of the temporary pedestrian Barker Crossing across the River Derwent.

His citation stated: “The Army has benefited enormously from his efforts in Cumbria, where his devotion and commitment has had an impact far in excess of that expected of a captain.”

Captain Hall, who was reunited with his medals on Thursday, will retire in April.

LIVERPOOL PALS DIARY (* DENOTES TO BE CONFIRMED)

APRIL

12th Liverpool Day Aintree Racecourse *

JUNE

21st-24th June Battlefield Tour 2012 France and Flanders.

30th Southport Veterans Day

JULY

7-8th Living Statue Liverpool Lime Street 5th Arch *

14-15th Manchester Airport Aviation Weekend *

21-22nd Living Statue Liverpool Lime Street 5 Arch *

AUGUST

3rd RAF Woodvale Show Set-up (pm)

4-5th RAF Woodvale Show

SEPTEMBER

1st Liverpool Pals Re-enactment March Prescott Cables/Watch Factory to St George's Hall

NOVEMBER

5-7th Liverpool Anglican Cathedral Remembrance Week

REGIMENTAL DIARY DATES MAY - JULY 2012

MAY

3-17

Freedom of Ladysmith – Dates TBC South Africa

21-24

Army Individual Boxing Championships Aldershot Finals Thurs evening

Fri 25

Korean Veterans Reunion Liverpool Townsend Avenue TAC

JUNE

Sat 16

The Queen's Birthday Parade London

21-25

King's Regiment Dining Club Dinner Rome Details to follow should Col Mike wish to attend?

Thu 28

Turning of the Leaves Liverpool Anglican Cathedral

JULY

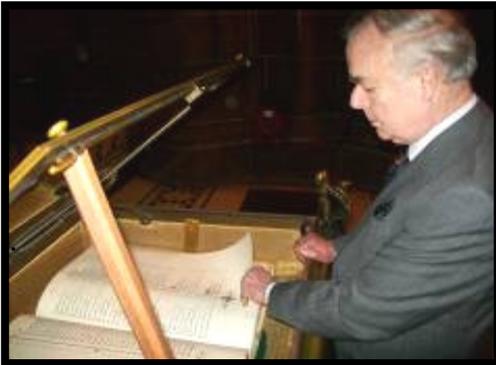
Sun 1

AFD plus 30th Anniversary of the FIs

Sat 21

Combined Association Ball Liverpool Adelphi Hotel TBC

**TURNING THE LEAVES – LIVERPOOL ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL
THURSDAY 22ND MARCH 2012**



1914-1918

**PTE E EDWARDS
PTE A FINDLAY
LT K A GEMMELL**

**TURNED BY
MAJOR DAVID GEE TD
EX 5/8 KINGS**



1939-1945

**PTE A BELL
PTE S BIBBY
PTE P BIGGS**

**TURNED BY
JOE MATHER
EX 2ND BN THE KING'S REGIMENT**



AFGHANISTAN

**CPL S HORNBY
KGN S DAWSON
CPL T ROGOIRUWAI**

**TURNED BY
CPL PAUL SKIDMORE *
REME**

* Cpl Paul Skidmore, REME, is the son of association member James Skidmore and is about to deploy to Afghanistan with his unit.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE
MARCH 2012 TURNING OF THE LEAVES. A WONDERFUL TURNOUT.
IT WOULD BE LOVELY TO SEE SOME NEW FACES IN JUNE**

**THE NEXT TURNING OF THE LEAVES CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE
AT THE LIVERPOOL ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL ON:**

THURSDAY 28TH JUNE 2012 AT 5.30 PM

HOW THE BRANCH IS RUN

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