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Liverpool Branch

A Branch of the Duke of Lancaster's Regimental Association



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KEN VICTOR GEORGE MOORE (AGED 86)



During Ken's working life he achieved an enormous amount, much of which was to the benefit of the Army in general, The King's Regiment and of late The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment.

Ken worked for the A.R.P Services between 1941 – 1943 as a Messenger, Warden and Fire Guard Instructor but in May 1943 he joined the Army. He was sent to Normandy on D+2 with 7 Field Regiment as a Gunner. From 1945 to 1947 he was assigned to the 5th King's/No 2 Target (T) Force as a Bren Gunner. In August 1945 he set up and became the editor of the unit magazine, Free Lance. By Christmas the unit had run out of paper and the magazine was stopped. Ken re-launched the magazine in June 1946 and edited it until he was demobilised in July 1947. The magazine finished as a 48 page publication, boasting its own cartoonist. (Not Ken!) On demobilisation Ken decided to live in Kolding in Denmark, having taken part in its liberation as a member of 5th Battalion the King's Regiment (Liverpool) in May 1945. Ken's final visit was 66 years later to attend the memorial event.

In 1961 Ken returned to Germany to work for the Movements staff in Hanover in a civilian capacity, responsible for movement of personnel by rail in North West Germany and to the British Outward Bound Centre Norway. Ken returned to Kolding and became their honorary representative of the German/Danish Club and was then also asked to cover Jutland. In 1970 Ken reformed and chaired the club in Hanover. In 1978 Ken was offered a new position in the Danish Tourist Board as the NATO LO, covering mainly British, American and Canadian Forces, a position that he held until his retirement in 1994. For Ken's efforts so far he was awarded: 1939/45 Star, France and Germany Star, The Defence Medal and the Victory Medal. Ken was also awarded the Danish Tourism Board Medal of Honour. A little later Ken was awarded the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) US Forces Europe Certificate by Lieutenant General Colin Powell.

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In 1990 following two failed attempts, 5 King's/2 T Force Old Comrades Association (OCA) was born and approved as a branch of The King's Regiment Association by Major General Peter Davies when he was the Colonel of the Regiment. Ken had known General Peter from his earlier days with his Brigade. Between 1990 and 2011 Ken was presented to HM The Queen Mother, HRH The Prince of Wales and HRH Prince Joachim of Denmark. Ken was made an honorary member (No 3) of BFBS in 1995 and in 2001 he became an honorary member of the Danish Ex-Serviceman's Association. In 2010, Ken was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by General Sir David Richards and invited to lunch at the CDS apartment at Kensington Palace. Through Ken's dogged determination he has contributed to numerous press articles, radio and TV programmes and various books in the UK, Germany and Denmark, informing all about the contribution of 5th King's/No 2 T Force for the war effort. During the past 21 years Ken arranged 22 trips to Denmark and Germany for his branch and the wider Regimental Association and he persuaded General Sir David Richards, Chief of the Defence Staff to be the Patron of the 5th King's/No 2 T Force Old Comrades Association.

Many within the wider regimental family have witnessed Ken's selfless commitment to the 5th King's/2 T Force Branch and to the regiment itself; he spent much of his time organising association trips and assisting with the passage of information of regimental importance to his branch members. His endeavours for the regiment undoubtedly improved the communication between members, both serving and retired. Ken served his branch and the regiment with distinction. Without doubt he improved the quality of life for many past and serving members of the regiment.

The 4th May 2011 was Ken's final visit to Kolding (his adopted hometown) he was honoured for his many years of work by being presented the 'Home Guards Medal of Merit', by Major Henrik Dyhr who quoted, "Ken for once was lost for word's." It didn't last for long! Ken said "I am not normally lost for words, but to receive this medal was completely overwhelming. I have known Kolding for 66 years and have always been welcomed with open arms."

On the morning of Tuesday 10th May 2011 the Regimental Council met to discuss regimental business.

The Council awarded Ken Victor George Moore the Regimental Silver Medal of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment for his outstanding contribution to Regimental life over so many years. Ken sadly passed away at 5.30pm that day in Germany and would have been unaware of the decision made by the council.

I would now like to present his widow, Margrete, with The Regimental Silver Medal, in commemoration of Ken's extraordinary life and for safe keeping.

"May he rest in Peace"

Captain M R Hunt
Area Secretary Liverpool

† LAST POST †

LES GILMAN - 25TH MARCH 1947 - 30TH MAY 2011



The funeral service for Colour Sergeant Les Gilman, ex 1st Battalion The King's Regiment, took place at Walton Lea Crematorium, Chester Road, Higher Walton, Warrington, on Tuesday 14th June 2011.

The reception afterward took place at the Crossfields Recreation Club, Warrington.

Les is Survived by his wife, Jane, children Jason, Karen and Les and 2 grandchildren Sam and Rosie.

It was Jane's wish that flowers are from family members only. Any one wishing to donate money should be by cheque made out to McMillan Care Nurses.

Donations, cards and letters of condolence should be sent direct to Mrs Jane Gilman at: 24, Chippendall Close, Great Sankey, Warrington WA5 1XJ

DEREK BIRD, KOREAN VETERAN 1 KINGS



Derek (Dicky) Bird, who served with the 1st Battalion The King's Regiment in Korea died suddenly on a family holiday in Greece, a place he loved to visit, on 31st May 2011 with his wife, son and daughter-in-law by his side.

The funeral service and internment took place at St Chad's Church, Uppermill, Saddleworth, on Monday 20th June 2011. The mourners included 12 members of the Greater Manchester Branch of the British Korean Veterans Association, which included 6 Kingsmen who had served in Korea. The 12 men formed a guard of honour as a tribute to Derek.

Derek served in both the Mortar Platoon and as a Stretcher Bearer in Korea and had joined the Battalion in Berlin in 1951.

The 6 veterans from The King's attending were, Peter Waddington ex Charlie Company, Bill Hurst ex MT Section, Cliff Herridge, Ken Dixon, John Thomson and Brian Hough all ex D Company. Ken Dixon had been Major Taylor's driver in Korea.

Born and bred in Oldham, he was a Kingsman through and through, and until recent years always attended the Townsend Ave reunion to commemorate the Battle of the Hook. Derek was a great story teller and although some of the tales had to be taken with a pinch of salt, he was always great fun to be with.

Dicky Bird will be missed by all who knew him, a true Kingsman. The spirit of the Regiment never left him. He will not be forgotten.

Rest in peace Derek.

Brian Hough

British Korean Veterans Association National Recruitment Officer

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W H PENGELLY, WRITES:

WH Pengelly, Regimental Number : 22627766
King's Regiment (Liverpool) - Served : Korea 52- 53

Looking for anyone who served with me in the King's 5201 - HQ Company Sniper Section.
I would love to hear from anyone who served at that time and remembers me.

Spent some time at Sangog and the Hook, I worked with some great people, Ron Thorpe,
Wilson, Sgt Bill McCann and many more.

If anybody has any photos, please email them

You can find some old photos at: <http://gallery.me.com/gary.pengelly#100297>

Best regards

Dai

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ANNE MARIE BUTTERWORTH, WRITES:

I am trying to locate group photos taken around 1957 to 1963 of my father Cpl Francis
Hayes who served with 1st Battalion The King's Regiment and served in Malaysia, Nairobi,
Berlin, Minden, Northern Ireland, Hong Kong.

Regards

Anne Marie Butterworth

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PETER KEEGAN, WRITES:

My name is Pete Keegan, from Liverpool.

My father Peter Keegan and my uncle Christopher Pollard both served with 1st Battalion,
King's Regiment from 1959 to 1961 as part of their national service. My dad made a brief
stop in the Congo ?1960. Are you or any of your members able to provide any photos or
any further information.

Thanks in anticipation

Pete Keegan

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JAMES DERHAM-REID, WRITES:

Father, Major J B R Derham-Reid, served Manchester's 1933-44, died Oct 44., Italy

Uncle Major D. Derham-Reid, served 1939---prisoner after fall of Singapore.

Seeking Robert Campbell Clark, son of Lt Col Rex King-Clark. 1913-2007.

Regards

James

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DAVID SHONFIELD, BUCINE, ITALY, WRITES:

Dear Eric:

I have some good news about the research on San Leolino. With the help of a journalist on the East Kent Gazette I have traced relatives of one of two Kingsmen killed on 16 July 1944 (Corporal Len Baker, from Sittingbourne) and now have hopes for the other, Private Charles Taylor of Pontypool, also with the help of the local paper.

Meanwhile we have now found some family background for Sergeant Alfred Welsby, who was awarded the Military Medal for his actions that day, and Carmel is preparing an article for the Liverpool Echo which we hope will help trace his relatives.

It has been an amazing bit of research so far, and the results have been way beyond my expectations, largely thanks to your help in finding Charles Cooper in Australia. I have just received another helpful letter from him incidentally, and it's nice that I can now put him in touch with Len Baker's family, as he has been wanting to write to them.

I will be sending you an account shortly - it's written apart from a few details. It may be a bit long for the newsletter - 2,000 words or so - but I can always give you a shorter version if you want. The Italian part of the story is quite remarkable and I know will interest you and others.

Kind regards

David

Email: david_shonfield@hotmail.com

CARMEL NOLAN WRITES:

Dear Eric,

Just to update you that Monday's Echo piece proved fruitful. Welsby's daughter uses the name Pat and still lives in Walton. Sadly her dad never spoke to her about his time in the army. He died in 1982. He joined the Engineers in 1948 and was at Suez. She is aware something bad happened there. An old friend of his has also been in touch and filled us in a bit about his life. I've had several e-mails and phone calls from those not directly attached to the Welsby story but their fathers were in the 2nd battalion King's.

Mary Dobie, Kingsman Joseph Turner's daughter, reports her father saying that of the 1200 Kingsmen that arrived in Italy only 120 made it open

Many thanks and best wishes

Carmel

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LESLIE SMITH, WRITES

I was a driver in the MT Section in Hong Kong / Korea. I wonder are there any of those MT drivers still about. I was known as 'Smudger'. I am now 78 and still going, but with kidney problems.

Thanks, and all the best

Les Smith

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ALAN RICHARDS, MILTON KEYNES, WRITES:

I served with 1 KINGS in:

Berlin 1954 -1955, Minden 1955-1957, Brentwood 1957-1959, Bahrain (Oman)1959-1961, Kenya (Kuwait)1961, Depot The Lancastrian Bde (Preston) 1961.

Ballykinler (NI), British Guiana – now Guyana, Libya, Recruiting (M/cr Oldham), Catterick Camp, Minden (incl NI Tour), Weeton Camp (incl NI Tour), Hong Kong, Depot The King's Div - retired 1977.

If there is anyone out there who remembers me, It would be great to make contact. I am particularly interested in contacting ex Sgt Alan (Jack) Kane, last I heard he was managing houses in Liverpool area

Regards and best wishes to all past and present Kingsmen

Alan

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BRIAN HOUGH, HYDE, WRITES:

Eric,,

I hope that you are feeling better with regards to your health, it must be difficult at times doing this job when you are not feeling at your best. Having said that, what a wonderful job you do for all Kingsmen. I know we look forward to the newsletters dropping through our letter box's, many thanks.

I received a very kind Email from Jimmy Weir expressing his regrets on hearing about Derek Bird's death. I can only think that you passed on the sad news. Once again it just proves what a great family we Kingsmen belong to.

Once again, sincere thanks for all you do.

Best wishes to you and yours.

Brian

British Korean Veterans Association National Recruitment Officer

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ELIZABETH JOHNSTONE, WRITES:

Dear Eric ,

Attached please find a " flyer " for a forthcoming book featuring the story of my father's time with The Chindits . My Dad was Edward (Ted) McArdle, whose funeral you very kindly attended on New Year's Eve 2009.

You might remember he was a Kingsman . Some of your members might be interested in the book . Although the flyer says the book will be £22 when pre-ordered from Amazon , I have just ordered mine and the price was £17.50 .

I hope that you and your members are keeping well .

Regards

Liz Johnstone



LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBIN HODGES, WRITES:

The Badges Of The King's Regiment - Proposed book by Lt Col Robin Hodges

As you may know I write books on military history and a number have been about badges. I would like to produce a small book recording the details of the badges and other insignia which we wore between 1958 and 2006.

I would like to hear from Kingos who have their old cap badges, collar badges, shoulder titles, rank slides, buttons, belt buckles, cloth badges, RP brassards, Drummers, Musicians and anything else, including personal badges. (I know of a general of another cap badge who wore a Girl Guides camping qualification badge because his command spent so much time putting up tents for refugees – perhaps there were oddities in The King's?). I also want photographs showing badges being worn – portrait pictures, wedding photos, parade pictures and in the field. I also need to illustrate the uniforms – BD, SD, OG, KD, Denims, Combats, DPM, Blues, Mess Dress, Mess Staff uniform, Band, Drums and the rest.

I would also like to know when badges were changed and by whom. There are masses of questions which I need answering if the record is to be complete.

For instance who ordered the black cap badge issued to us in Hong Kong in December 1974 to be worn in Northern Ireland in 1975 and why did it have a lug like a collar badge and not a shank (slider)?

Shoulder titles were originally made with 'spade' shaped lugs fastened with a split pin across a brass plate, then with a pair of wire lugs and then with pins. Do you know when the changes were made

When were coloured stripes worn under shoulder titles, what colours were worn, what material was used

There are many more. A simple one to answer is about the cap badge. Our Staybrite cap badges were made by at least three different companies over the years. The maker's name is often stamped on the back. If you have a badge which you know was issued in a certain year could you let me know the manufacturer's name?

There are as many questions about officers' badges. Collar badges were originally 'frosted' and were later manufactured with a polished finished. Who decided to change the design and when? For many years officers wore brass shoulder titles when the Kingos wore Staybrite. When was the decision made and by whom? In about 1992 the title on the collar badges was changed from Gothic script to modern block type. Whose idea was it and exactly when and why was it implemented.

I would like to photograph badges and other insignia and scan photographs. Please do let me know if you can help at all at robinhodes@armymail.mod.uk

Difficulties be damned.

Robin Hodges

THE DUKE OF LANCASTER'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY BALL

The Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier M T Griffiths CBE ADC, along with distinguished guests, Dame L Muirhead, Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, Councillor F Prendergast, Lord Mayor of Liverpool and Miss L Prendergast, Lady Mayoress, Colonel M G C Amlôt OBE DL and Colonel P S Rafferty MBE and over 220 present and past members of the Regiment, attended The Duke of Lancaster's 5th Anniversary Ball at the Adelphi Britannia Hotel, Liverpool on Saturday 16th July 2011.

The Regimental Band of The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment played throughout the meal, with solo performances from band members. Tables were named after Battle Honours. All proceeds from the evening will go towards a new Book of Remembrance for The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, dating back to its formation in 2006. The Book will be held in Liverpool Cathedral.

A special thank you must go to Captain Mick Hunt, Area Secretary Liverpool, for all his hard work and endeavours in making this anniversary ball the great success it was. Well done Mick.



**John Schofield, Brigadier Griffiths
& Mrs L E Schofield**

During the evening, Brigadier MT Griffiths CBE ADC, The Colonel of the Regiment, presented Mr John Schofield with the Duke of Lancaster's Regimental Silver Medal for his outstanding service to the Regiment.

John joined the Army in August 1958. On completion of his training in 1959 he joined C Company, 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment (Manchester & Liverpool) in the East African North Camp, Rift Valley, Gil Gil in Kenya.

After seeing service with 1 KINGS in Bahrain, Nairobi, Southern Rhodesia, Kenya, Kuwait, Saighton Camp in Chester, Berlin. Ballykinler (N Ireland), Libya, British Guiana, British Honduras, Public Duties in London for six weeks, he was posted to the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion in Oswestry in 1968 as the Provost Corporal. John spent almost 3 years in Oswestry before transferring to the Royal Signals for his last 6 years and earning the rank of Warrant Officer Class Two. John left the Army in 1977.

In 1991 The King's Liverpool Regiment Association was formed and John immediately took the reins as the Standard Bearer a position he has now held for 20 years.

Mr Schofield has served with distinction in all aspects of regimental life; both as a serving soldier and as an association member. "John Schofield" has without doubt maintained if not raised on occasions the regimental profile witnessed by many Civic Dignitaries plus past and serving members of the regiment, for which I the Regimental Area Secretary for Liverpool wholeheartedly nominate him to receive the Regimental Silver Medal for his endeavour and selfless commitment to the wider regimental family.

**Captain M R Hunt
Area Secretary Liverpool**

HUMOUR IN UNIFORM



THE GOSPEL

In the beginning was the word, and the word was God.

In the beginning was God, and all else was darkness and void and without form.

So God created the Heavens and the Earth, He created the Sun.

He created the Moon and the Stars, so that light may pierce the darkness.

The Earth, God divided between the Land, the Sea and the Air, and he filled them with many creatures.

The dark slimy creatures that inhabited the murky depths of the oceans God called Sailors, and He dressed them accordingly.

The flighty creatures of the air he called Airmen, and these He clothed in uniforms that were dull and drab.

The lower creatures of the land, God called Soldiers or Squaddies, and with a twinkle in his eye and a sense of humour that only God could have, He gave them trousers too short, jackets too large and pockets to warm their hands in. To adorn their uniforms He gave them badges and cords and ribbons and patches and stars and emblems and all manner of shiny things that glittered, and devices that dangled, because when you are God, you tend to get carried away at times.

On the seventh day, as you know God rested, and at 0600 hours on the eighth day He looked down upon the Earth and was not happy, He definitely was not happy.

So He thought about His labours, and in his infinite wisdom, He created a divine creature and called it Kingsman. These Kingsmen, who God created in His own image, were to be of the Land and of the Sea and also of the Air, and he gave them many wonderful uniforms.

He gave them practical fighting uniforms so that they could wage war against the forces of Satan and Evil. He gave them smart suits for their daily work and training, so that they would be ready and sharp at all times. And He gave them evening and dress uniforms, stylish handsome things, so that they might promenade with the ladies on a Saturday night, and impress everybody.

At the end of the eighth day, God looked down at the Earth, and saw that it was good, but God was not happy? No God was not happy at all, and why? Because in the course of all His labours, He had forgotten one thing, God did not have a Kingsmans uniform to wear!

So he pondered and thought it over for a long time before finally satisfying Himself in the knowledge that,

Not Everyone Could Be A Kingsman

Nec Aspera Terrent



HUMOUR IN UNIFORM



I'M GETTING MARRIED IN THE MORNING

A Kingsman met a beautiful blonde and decided he wanted to marry her right away.

She said, 'But we don't know anything about each other.'

He said, 'That's all right, we'll learn about each other as we go along.'

So she consented, they were married, and off they went on a honeymoon at a very nice resort.

One morning they were lying by the pool, when he got up off of his towel, climbed up to the 10 meter board and did a two and a half tuck, followed by three rotations in the pike position, at which point he straightened out and cut the water like a knife. After a few more demonstrations, he came back and lay down on the towel.

She said, 'That was incredible!'

He said, 'I used to be an Olympic diving champion. You see, I told you we'd learn more about each other as we went along.'

So she got up, jumped in the pool and started doing lengths. After seventy-five lengths she climbed out of the pool, lay down on her towel and was hardly out of breath.

He said, 'That was incredible! Were you an Olympic endurance swimmer?'

'No,' she said, 'I was a prostitute in Liverpool but I worked both sides of the Mersey!'

BY HOOK OR BY CROOK

An elderly ex Kingsman walked into a bar, and the bartender said, "Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. What happened? You look terrible!"

"What do you mean?" said the old soldier. "I feel fine."

"What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before."

"Well, we were in a battle, and I got hit by shrapnel, but I'm fine now."

"Well, ok, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?"

"We were in another battle. We got into a fire fight and my hand was blown off. I got fitted with a hook. I'm fine, really."

"What about that eye patch?"

"Oh well you see, one day while we were out training, a flock of birds flew over. I looked up, and some bird muck hit me in my eye."

"You're kidding," said the bartender, "you couldn't lose an eye just from some bird muck."

"True, true", replied the old Kingsman, "But it was my first day with the hook."

THE 2ND BATTALION THE DUKE OF LANCASTER'S REGIMENT BOXING NEWS



On the 19th May 2011, The 2nd Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment were crowned the Army Individual Team Champions for the first time in their short history, This is the first time that it was won by 2 LANCS after loosing last year by 1 point and collecting the runners up trophy. Plans were put into place by Captain Sweeney, Boxing Officer, to ensure that a serious assault on the Competition was in place for 2011.

Under the watchful eye of the 2 Battalion coaches, Cpl Wally Lee & Cpl Kev Lawler, both very experienced Ex Battalion Boxers, old type training was conducted in both Cyprus and the UK. Over a 10 week period a selection process took place and eventually we placed a very strong team of 6 boxers into the Competition.

The competition was run over the period 16th - 19th May in Aldershot, home of the Army Boxing Team, with over 150 boxers in all weight categories. '2 LANCS' from the start caught the eye of the Army Coach and showed why we are very good at what we do.

All 6 Boxers reached the Semi - Finals with ease dispatching boxers From 3 PARA, 1 R IRISH, 5 SCOTS and 2 PARA Engineers and were looking good to win the Trophy, The day of the Finals saw 2 LANCS Boxers in the first 5 bouts, so really we could have the Competition won by the Interval. Things all went our way and what was billed as the fight of the competition saw Kgn Burney box Kgn Finlay in the Featherweight Final. An outstanding display of raw aggression, passion, and overall a great display. A standing ovation was given and a split decision with a score of 9-8 in favour of Kgn Finlay, who now holds the Army Individual Featherweight Title.



KGN FINLAY



KGN RAFFERTY

With 2 LANCS winning the Team event and also winning the Inter Corp Competition (2 LANCS were the Infantry representatives) in this new Competition, it was a very good moment to watch Kgn Rafferty collect the Army Boxing trophy and then watch Kgn Finlay collect the Inter Corp Boxing Trophy. With A little smile to Cpl's Lee and Lawler - mission accomplished!

2 LANCS are now making plans to assault the Major Units Title in November with our first home tie in 5 Years.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Weeton Barracks and hopefully watch us take our place as the Army Champions, once again!

Phil Sweeney

Captain P Sweeney
Boxing Officer
2nd Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment

**TURNING THE LEAVES
LIVERPOOL ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL
WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE 2011**



1914-1918

2LT L W A BACK
PTE J BAINES
CPL H BAINES

Turned By
MAJ EDDIE McMAHON TD
Ex 5/8 KINGS



1939-1945

PTE J G ALEXANDER
LCPL T J ARROWSMITH
LCPL N AULT

Turned By
JOE MATHER
Ex 2nd Bn The King's Regiment



KOREA

CPL J MOONEY
KGN T N NORTH
LCPL K S OGBORN

Turned By
LT COL DAVID CHADWICK TD
Ex 5/8 KINGS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE JUNE 2011
TURNING OF THE LEAVES.

THE NEXT TURNING OF THE LEAVES CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT:
1730HRS AT THE LIVERPOOL ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL ON:

THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2011

KRAL VISIT TO NORMANDY 7TH-10TH JULY 2011



Left to right: Stan Castell BEM, Capt Eric Jones, John Butler, Lt Col David Chadwick, Maj Eddie McMahon, Capt Mick Hunt, Terry Caffrey, Norman Pickles, Sally Greenwood, Peter Bamford and M. Lachevre, the Mayor of Graye sur Mer

The background to this trip is that we, as a Branch of the Association, went to Normandy in 2007 and saw that there was nothing to mark the presence of 5th Kings or 8th Irish on Sword or Juno beaches respectively, where they had served as beach groups on D Day and beyond. By July 2009 we had arranged, supported by the Regimental family, including T Force, and the Mayor and council of Hermanville for a memorial to be unveiled at the 3 Division memorial site to commemorate 5 Kings. We had also placed a marker on Juno Beach at the Canadian Juno Beach Centre for 8th Irish.

The group consisted of me, Lt Col David Chadwick, Maj Eddie McMahon, Capt Mick Hunt, Capt Eric Jones, Peter Bamford, John Butler, Terry Caffrey, Stan Castell BEM, David Dunbabin, Sally Greenwood and Norman Pickles.

The purpose of this trip was to honour the men of those 2 battalions, to check on the condition of the memorial and marker and to renew our links with the village of Graye sur Mer. The other purpose was to enjoy a few days with convivial company in pleasant surroundings. We started in Bootle with an Easirent van, then Townsend Ave and off to Portsmouth to collect Eric Jones and catch the 14.45 Brittany Ferry to Ouistreham to arrive at the Hotel Mercure at dusk in the rain.

8th July started with laying a wreath at the 5 Kings Memorial. I can report that the monument is in excellent condition and will hopefully feature in the next edition of Major and Mrs Holt's Normandy Battlefield Guide. We moved swiftly on to Hermanville military cemetery, where the dead of 5th King's are buried, to lay another wreath. The next port of call was Juno Beach to find the 8th Irish Marker and then to St Martin's church in Graye sur Mer. The village church, which dates back to the 11th Century, contains a plaque and standard placed there by the 8th Irish in 1984. The Mayor and parish opened the church for us. The Mayor, M Lachevre, with his secretary Mme Karine Flauvel accompanied by a number of villagers and members of the press attended as we laid a wreath. There followed a reception in the Town Hall. M Lachevre was presented with a Duke of Lancaster's plaque to establish the connection between 8th Irish and today's Regiment. He in turn gave us a plaque of the village crest. We managed to extricate ourselves once the champagne had been drunk and drove to Bayeux where David Dunbabin laid a wreath at the grave of his uncle, who had been killed serving with 8th Irish.

BLAST FROM THE PAST II - BY MAJOR PETER OAKLEY MBE

(Another photo out of the box from the attic)

The Battalion Swimming and Water Polo Team - Berlin 1962/64.

Some well know faces who all had a smashing year with little to do but swim!



Top row - left to right:

John Hopkins, Jake Cohen, Kenny ?, Bernie Trott, Peter Oakley,
Name Unknown, Gordon Blackwood

Bottom row – left to right:

Ray Sprung, Name Unknown, Eric Roberts, Name Unknown, Jimmy Weir,
Name Unknown, Name Unknown

Perhaps someone can fill in the unknown names

Best wishes

Peter.

Ed Note:

I am sure that someone out there will be able to fill in the unknown names.

I am also sure that there are many photos out there which we could feature in 'A Blast from the Past' – so please submit any to me that you might feel appropriate.

Eric

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBBIE BOYD HONOURED FOR LEADING ESTONIANS IN HELMAND



The Commanding Officer of 2nd Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment has been awarded a top Estonian military honour.

Lieutenant Colonel Robbie Boyd (pictured right) was presented with a service cross by the Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces, Lieutenant General Ants Laaneots.

The medal presentation took place at Lancaster House in London at a lunch attended by the Chief of the Defence Staff, General Sir David Richards.

This was in honour of his contribution to leading nearly 700 International Security Assistance Force soldiers and about 300 members of the Afghan National Security Forces during the regiment's time in Helmand, Afghanistan - serving alongside Estonian troops.

Delighted with his honour, Lt Col Boyd underlined his gratitude and thanks to his battalion, who have served closely with the Estonians. "The award is as much for them as for myself," he began.

"I'm absolutely flattered frankly, because I'm a great believer that the Afghan campaign will be successful because of its multinational nature. The world is standing against a threat attempted by a nasty element that is the Taliban, and the fact that the world is standing very firmly against them really does show that we are likely to be successful."

JOY OF WAR HERO AMPUTEE AS HE MARRIES SWEETHEART A YEAR AFTER BEING BLOWN UP IN AFGHANISTAN



A year ago Rick Clements was lying in a hospital bed fighting for his life. His then fiancée who thought she might have lost her beloved forever sat loyally by his bedside praying he would pull through.

And following a miraculous recovery, Sgt Clements, 31, from Chatham, Lancashire and Leanne Isaacs also 31, tied the knot in the wedding they thought would remain a dream.

His devastating injuries meant the wheelchair-bound war hero was unable to stand at the altar for the marriage ceremony. But the brave soldier wore his uniform of the 1st Battalion The Duke

of Lancaster's Regiment with pride, as dozens of guests showered the glowing couple with confetti after the service at Great Hall in Little Singleton, Lancashire.

'I feel the luckiest man in the world, he said, 'I came so close to not being here.' He feared Leanne might leave him when medics told him he would never be able to father children. But she loyally gave up her job to -become his full-time carer and thanks to her support he miraculously pulled through. 'There was no question as to whether I'd stay or not,' said the new Mrs Clements.

**BRITISH KOREAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION
RED ROSE BRANCH - ANNUAL REUNION 2012**

The Stretton Hotel, Blackpool is providing the Red Rose Branch with it's celebrations from 17th to 19th February 2012. The package includes full English breakfast each morning, 3 course evening dinner from their choice menu. There will be a team of resident entertainers for your pleasure each evening and music for dancing at the reunion dinner on Saturday 18th February.

The cost of the reunion will be £99 per person for the two nights (17th & 18th) or £130 per person for the three nights (17th to 19th). Private guests who would like to attend the dinner only, on the Saturday evening will be charged £20 per person.

In order to ensure your bookings please complete the form below and return it to the Stretton Hotel with a £20 per person, non refundable deposit. The will in turn reply with your confirmation.

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Red Rose Branch Korean Veterans Annual Reunion- 17th to 19th February 2012

Name

Address

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Date of arrival: Date of departure

Rooms required (please tick) SINGLE () DOUBLE () TWIN ()

Special request, ie special diet, left access, sea view?

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Tele: 01253 625688

Fax: 01553 621693

Web site: strettonhotel.co.uk

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Stretton Hotels Ltd, 206/214 North Promenade, Blackpool FY1 1RU

From:

Terry Byrne,

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HOW THE BRANCH IS RUN

The Branch is managed by a management committee that meets quarterly at 11.30am on selected Sundays at Townsend Avenue.
Any member of the Branch is welcome to participate.
The committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting each year.

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The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment

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Association members meet at Townsend Avenue TA Centre between 12 pm and 4 pm on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month excluding Bank Holidays.
Please lend your support and meet up with old friends.

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THE KING'S REGIMENT ASSOCIATION LIVERPOOL BRANCH NEWSLETTER 2012

As you will have gathered the new Regiment is unable to support individual branch newsletters and is able only to provide an annual copy of the KINGSMAN for those who wish to pay for it. Many of you have told me how much you appreciate the Branch Newsletter as a means of keeping in touch with what is happening and also as a means of keeping in touch with former comrades.

It will cost the Branch about £6 per head to produce and send out a 20 page paper newsletter 6 times a year for UK members and £12 per year for overseas members.

If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter please send a cheque for £6 or £12 (overseas) made out to the

“KING'S REGIMENT ASSOCIATION LIVERPOOL”

Please complete and return the form below

The King's Regiment Association Liverpool Branch Newsletter
Please confirm your details below (in Block Capital Letters)

Full Names

Army No Dates of Service.....

Full Address.....

Post Code Tel No.....

Email address

.....@.....

I enclose £6/£12 for membership & 6 copies of the 2012 Newsletter made payable to:

THE KING'S REGIMENT ASSOCIATION LIVERPOOL

Signed.....

Return to:

Mr E Roper
The King's Regiment Association, Liverpool Branch
171 Queens Drive
Liverpool L18 1JP

Please complete all details.

Please inform me when any changes take place during the coming year, eg, change of address, telephone number, email address etc

**THE KING'S REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
LIVERPOOL BRANCH**

100 CLUB (2012)

Although called the "100 Club", the actual number does not matter.

Members purchase shares in the "100 Club".
The more shares members have, the higher the prize.

**There is a restriction on the number of shares a member holds
(10).**

The shares are £12.00 a year and this entitles members to take part
in a monthly draw.

Each shareholder has 25 chances of winning.

To join, you must be a member of The King's Regiment Association
Liverpool Branch

If family or friends (The King's Regiment Association
Liverpool Branch) wish to join, the share must be in the member's
name

(This is to comply with the Lotteries Act).

Each share will have its own exclusive number and this number will
be entered into each monthly draw which will take place at City
Office Liverpool.

90% of the money is allocated to the first prize.

10% goes into The King's Regiment Association,
Liverpool Branch funds.

If we have sufficient interest, we hope to re-start the 100 Club in
January 2012.

Please complete the attached form if you wish to join the King's
Regiment Association Liverpool Branch 100 Club.

**THE KING'S REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
LIVERPOOL BRANCH**

100 CLUB (2012)

Complete the form below and send it to the following address along with your cheque made payable to

“THE KING'S REGIMENT ASSOCIATION”

Mr E Roper
The King's Regiment Association Liverpool Branch
171 Queens Drive
Mossley Hill
Liverpool L18 1JP

EACH SHARE COSTS £12 (MAXIMUM HOLDINGS 10)

I wish to apply for _____ shares at £12 each
and I enclose a cheque to the value of

£ _____

Please complete the following in **BLOCK CAPITAL** letters:

FIRST NAME(S) _____

LAST NAME _____

FULL ADDRESS _____

POST CODE _____

TELEPHONE No _____

SIGNED: _____



THE DUKE OF LANCASTER'S REGIMENT
5TH ANNIVERSARY GOLF MEETING
AT FORMBY GOLF CLUB
ON FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2011

GENERAL

1. The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment Golf Competition will take place on Friday 2nd September 2011 by kind permission of Formby Golf Club and the Colonel of the Regiment.
2. The competition is open to serving members of the Regiment, its antecedent Regiments and all paid up members of the Regimental Association plus special guests!
3. There is a limit of 40 players. The maximum handicap is 24.

PROGRAMME

4. The programme for the day is as follows:
 - a. 1230hrs Assemble Registration in the newly refurbished Hall Bar
 - b. 1245hrs Coffee in the Hall Bar
 - c. 1338hrs Regimental Golf Championships – 18 Holes Stableford
 - d. 1930 hrs The Golfers supper will take place in the Main Dining Room followed by Prize giving.

ENTRY FORM AND REMITTANCE

5. The cost for the day is £? Which Includes, Coffee on arrival, 18 holes of golf, prizes and the Golfers Supper. In order for FGC to make the necessary arrangements it would be appreciated if all entries with remittance be submitted by 1200hrs Friday 19 August 2011.

PRACTICE

6. The professionals amongst you who wish to practice prior to teeing off will have the use of the driving range and putting green available on arrival.

SPECIAL GUESTS

7. The Club Captain, Mr David Cheetham and the Club Secretary Mr Mark Betteridge will be invited as the Regiments special guests for the evening.

DIRECTIONS & ETIQUETTE

8. Directions and the code on dress and etiquette are enclosed. Just remember slow play upsets all, so keep up with the game in front, not the one behind! Regimental Blazer or Jacket, collar and tie is the dress for prize giving and supper to which all players are asked to remain until completed.

PRIZES

9. Prizes will be awarded for:

1st, 2nd and 3rd
The Capt Les Larsen Trophy (Best Young Player)
Longest Drive
Nearest the Pin
Most Golf

10. If any of you would like to donate a prize, support by sponsoring or know of any benevolent organisation willing to donate prizes all would be welcome. Please Email the undersigned direct at: adminasstliv@lancs.army.mod.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11. 1 Sep 11 Liverpool Pals Charity Lunch
12. 2 Sep 11 Regimental Golf day - Formby
13. 3 Sep 11 Charity boxing evening – Altcar TC
14. 13 Sep 11 Regimental Race Meeting – Haydock
15. 16 Sep 11 Preston Branch Veterans Dinner/Dance (Fulwood Bks)
16. 22 Sep 11 Turning of the Leaves Liverpool Cathedral
17. 24 Sep 11 Regimental weekend – Weeton Bks
18. 1 Oct 11 2 LANCS Homecoming Parade - Liverpool
19. 22 Oct 11 Freedom of West Lancashire - Ormskirk
20. 22 Oct 11 V2 Memorial Service, St Johns Gardens
21. 5 Nov 11 Inkerman Dinner – Weeton Bks
22. 11 Nov 11 Regimental Remembrance Service – Manchester Cathedral
23. 13 Nov 11 Remembrance Day Service's

SUMMARY

24. Details of the events listed above will be available from RHQ closer to the dates.

Capt (Retd) M R Hunt
Area Secretary – Liverpool

25 Jul 2011

ENTRY FORM

THE DUKE OF LANCASTER'S REGIMENT

5TH ANNIVERSARY GOLF COMPETITION

FORMBY GOLF CLUB

FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2011

Title.....Full Name.....Handicap.....

Address

.....

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Post Code.....

Email.....

Tel No.....

Dietary requirements: Please choose the main meal from the Golfers Supper you would prefer?

Steak & Kidney Pie

Gammon & Egg

I enclose a cheque made payable to 'Duke of Lancaster's Regimental Charity' for £?

Please send Cheques with entry form by COP Friday 19th August 2011

Address to:

Area Secretary
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Exchange Flags
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