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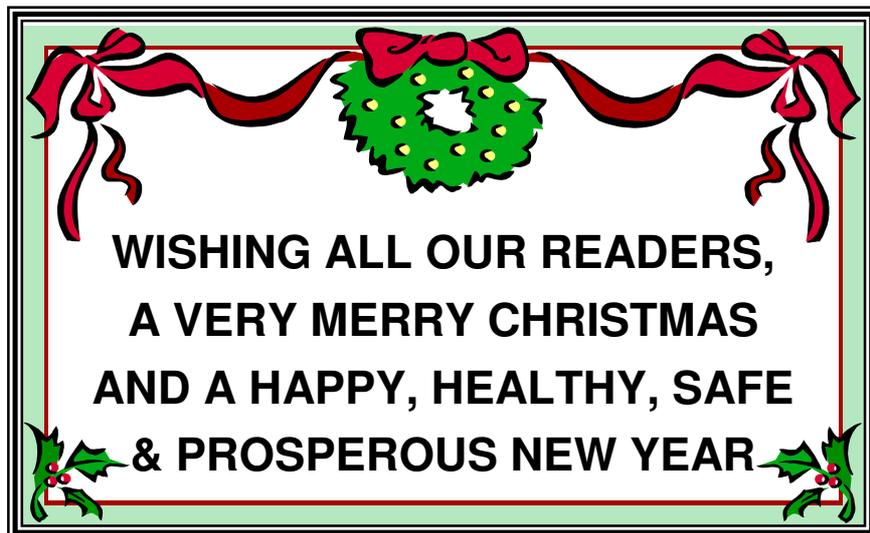
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YOUR GENEROSITY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.





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

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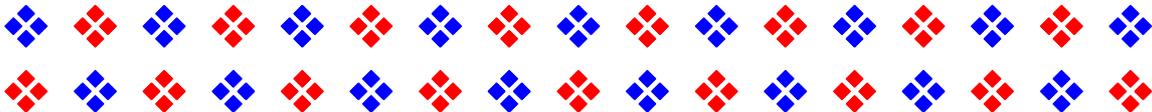
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I can scan photographs and return the originals, but please provide a **SAE**.

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



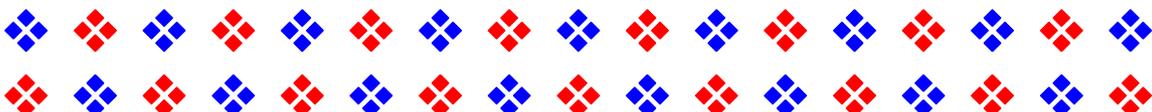
'100' CLUB

The October 2011 draw was made at City Office, Liverpool on Tuesday 4th October 2011 by Committee member Rot Mitchell, and the winner is:

**1ST PRIZE (£43)
JOHN BUTLER**

The November 2011 draw was made at Townsend Avenue TAC, Liverpool on Sunday 16th October 2011 by Committee member Joe McLoughlin, and the winner is:

**1ST PRIZE (£43)
PETER LOVETT**



EULOGY TO EDWARD (EDDIE) FRENCH EX 1 KINGS WHO DIED ON 1ST AUGUST 2011.

Delivered at St Michaels and all the Angels, 9th August 2011 by Bill Rimmer



Anita, Claire, Nikki and Sharon, I am grateful to you for allowing me too deliver this all to brief eulogy To Eddie. I want you all to know that I deem it a great privilege. Having said that I must first apologise to Eddie as I intend to start with one of his pet hates, a cliché. Sorry Eddie but its true – **‘To know him was to love him’**.

Marguerite and I first met Eddie when our beloved niece Anita towed him shyly by the hand into our Home in Liverpool and proudly announced him as ‘The Boyfriend’. It did not take long for me to realise that this bright eyed floppy haired young man, born on the South Docks end of Liverpool, which was then a grimy little huddle on the banks of the Mersey called Garston, was special even then, with a quiet innate intelligence and a palpable desire to know.

Another trait that was evident then and in my humble opinion went on to define the man who was Frenchie was his consistent and absolute honesty. In his thoughts words and deeds (not the aggressive listen to me type) but he said what he meant and he meant what he said.

Marguerite and I were delighted when wedding bells sounded not long after Eddie had joined 1st Battalion The King’s Regiment and then whisked Anita off to a fairy tale start in Happy Valley, Hong Kong. A magical time for them both, Made more so when near the end of the three year tour, Anita arrived home to deliver them what was to become the start of a consuming passion, his family. This was to be Baby Claire, followed by the flame haired Nikki and their only son Michael. Typically Anita and Eddie gathered themselves another daughter in the form of Sharon, when her parents tragically died. I am here to tell you Sharon, that he loved you like his own and spoke to me with pride of having you and yours in his beloved family. Ryan and Joseph, you will know that he numbered you amongst his cherished grand children,

Eddie served in Northern Ireland with the King’s Regiment before leaving the Army. He served with great pride. Pride in his Regiment and pride in his comrades, some of whom became lifelong friends and are here today, for which Anita wishes me to extend her thanks.

Typically he forged himself a new career in civil engineering becoming a specialist in the technique of continuous Concrete Pours for large structures.

Claire and Nikki chose Army careers and they have happy and abiding memories of leave spent at their home in Lodge Drive. They would descend on Mum and Dad with a team of squaddie pals. Eddie would entertain them with Army tales and Anita would turn the home into something resembling the NAAFI.

For his courage when life dealt him and his family Devastatingly hard blows. The death, in cruelly tragic circumstances, of his beloved son Michael, as he was just entering manhood, coupled with the development of Anita’s complex serious health issues, requiring him to give up work to care for her, where in themselves enough to crush lesser men. Yet he never wavered in his love attention and protection of the other loves in his life, his daughters and grandchildren.



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MAJOR R L TAYLOR, WARRINGTON, WRITES:

Hi Eric,
Another excellent Newsletter (October 2011).

I particularly enjoyed Peter Oakley's photograph of the Cricket match in Colchester., played just prior to my return for a second stint as Chief Clerk.

We need to be told who won the bragging rights for that year! I played in several inter Mess matches, representing both messes over the years. On one occasion I scored a run (OK - it may have been a leg bye).

My two abiding memories are firstly Don Watson being bitten by possibly a horse fly and his leg swelling up alarmingly and we had to remove his trousers - not a pretty sight; and secondly Ronnie Hutchinson being smacked in the face by the ball and blood everywhere. Whilst we were all concerned for his Welfare, his boss, Major 'Dickie' Reynolds, was more concerned with the security of his PRI shop keys - Ronnie being the current shop holder. Happy memories indeed.

Keep up the great Work.
Ray

SAM NAOMI USA, WRITES:

Eric,
My very sincere thanks for sending me your King's Regiment's Newsletter, and please convey my best regards to all of the members of The King's Regiment Association, Liverpool Branch. Our Prayers and Blessing goes out to their families.

As I said once before, you Brits are still the best.

Respectfully
Sam Naomi (USA)
"Freedom Is Never Free"

JOE VOGEL, USA, WRITES:

Eric,
Thank you very much, for Terry Lyon's new email address, I will change the listings on my contact list.

Also, thank you for the October issue of the KRAL Newsletter. I have begun reading the story on Pages 19 - 23, and I am enjoying them very much!

Your work on behalf of the group is both well done, and very much appreciated by all.

Thank you again for your fine work.

Joe Vogel
(Proud to be an Honorary British Korean War Veteran)



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CLAIRE FRENCH WRITES:

Dear Eric,

I just wanted to say a very warm thank you and to all the guys that attended my dads funeral. Having them there really was an honour, one that I know my dad would have been so proud of. He always said to me that when he died I wasn't to make any fuss, that he would be happy in the back garden in a card board box. But I know he deserved so much more than that But, that was dad all over so, so modest. I'm sure he will forgive me for making a bit of a fuss over him!

The lads did a grand job, I was so humbled by their loyalty and friendship. I will never forget their kind words and support on the day.

Thank you for the notice of dads passing in the latest newsletter. It is terribly sad to see so many good men taken by this devastating disease.

Thank you again Eric, its meant so much.

Kind regards
Claire French

COLETTE HIGGINS, WRITES:

My grandfather Denis Reynolds, Regimental Number 37802, King's Liverpool Regiment, who served in France 1914/1917, was honourably discharged after being wounded in WW1,

He served in the Leinster regiment, 15076, Royal Dublin Fusiliers 40004 and finally King's Liverpool regiment which is the regiment on his certificate which I have. My grandson has just passed out as a soldier himself and I would like to get him any information on his great great grandfather. I would also like to know if I can obtain copies of his campaign medals for him. I would be very grateful for any help.

Yours faithfully

C Higgins

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STEVE FOGDEN, WRITES:

I have been preparing a website in honour of the 13th Battalion The King's Regiment (Liverpool) and their time in Burma in 1943. One of which was my Grandfather.

I was hoping that you might include the release of this site in your next newsletter, or even link it to your own website.

Please do have a look at the content at this address:

<http://www.chinditslongcloth1943.com/index.html>

Many thanks

Steve

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STEPHEN FOGDEN WRITES:

My name is Steve Fogden and I have been researching the 13th battalion King's Liverpool for a number of years now and have collected a large amount of material about the 1943 Chindit operation.

On reading your last electronic newsletter I noticed in the 'Turning of the Leaves' pages two names that are relevant to the research I have performed.

Lcpl. Noble Ault died in India in 1943. He was originally undertaking Chindit training in the summer of 1942 but ill health meant that he was removed by Wingate from the battalion strength. I have no other information on him.

However, Lcpl TJ Arrowsmith is a different matter. He was 1st King's and took off from Lagahlat airfield in early March 1944. His glider never made the Burmese jungle landing strip called Broadway.

Attached is a witness report from WW2 telling the fate of the personnel on the glider, I thought you might like to use it in your next newsletter or on the website proper. The image is from the Missing in Action reports for the 1 Kings in Burma 1944 and is held at the National Archives. It may well be possible to supply information on a regular basis, depending upon the names brought up.

On a separate note, I will very shortly be publishing a website devoted to the men of operation Longcloth, one of whom was my maternal Grandfather, Arthur Howney. Would you be willing to place an announcement in a forthcoming newsletter to that effect when the time comes? I would be most grateful if you could.

Yours sincerely

Steve Fogden

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Ed Note:

I was unable to reproduce a viewable document of the witness report from the copy Steve sent to me by email.

TONY WRIGHT, WRITES:

I am trying to find a service man in the name of Dave Mercer.

My father has just passed away and as he is a good friend of my father in the past years. But, as things happen, we have lost touch. The only information I have got is that they served in Northern Ireland in the early 70s. He moved from his home town of Liverpool to I believe somewhere near Blackpool.

Regards

Tony Wright

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LORRAINE HITCHES, WRITES:

Name/Regimental Number : **Thomas Gunby/11139**

Regiment/Battalion : 4th Bn The King's (Liverpool) Regiment) - Ypres. Died 15.09.15.

I am researching my family tree and Thomas was my great Granddad. I have got as far as finding out the details listed above, which was much further than I thought I would get.

I wondered if you could help me with any further information please?

Many thanks.

Lorraine Hitches

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JOHN EDWARDS, WRITES:

Regimental Number : 22522702

Manchester Regiment/ King's Regiment

Served : Iserlohn 1950, Berlin 1959 Chester 1951, Malaya 1954, Chester 1959, Kenya/Bahrain 1962 Chester, Berlin, Londonderry.

I would like to hear from any person who knew me, either from the King's or the Manchester's.

Regards

John Edwards

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NORMA LAURENCE, WRITES:

I am researching my family and discovered that my Grandfather JOHN EDWARD MURPHY (Regimental Number 200793) served with the 5th Battalion King's Regiment in France, during WW1.

Unfortunately I never met him but I now have his records, so I know he was wounded. He enlisted in September 1914 and was demobbed in 1919. I wonder if there is anyone out there who has a photo of these brave men in 5th Battalion The King's Regiment. It would be fantastic if I could locate a picture of John Edward himself.

He lived originally in Kerr Street, Everton then moved to 47 Tiber St. He died in 1956 but I don't know where he was buried only that his death was registered by H McMillan & Son. If anything comes of this then thanks, if not thanks anyway.

Kind regards,

Norma Laurence.

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PINGAT JASA MALAYSIA MEDAL (From Captain M R Hunt)

Few issues generate as much concern as that of the wearing of medals. A source of some difficulty for some time has been the denial of 'permission to wear' the Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal. This decision has now been reversed.

Please draw the link below to the attention of anyone who may be interested.

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/DefenceNews/HistoryAndHonour/VeteransToWearMalaysiaMedalOfficiallyForFirstTime.htm>



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IAN FLEMING, WRITES:

King's Cheshire Regiment - served with 1 KINGS on Op TELIC 2, with C Company, Mac McGuinness was my Sergeant in Basra.

Can anyone help me to get in touch with him?

Regards

Ian Fleming

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COLONEL SIR GEOFFREY ERRINGTON, WRITES:

Dear Eric

I have just finished reading the October 2011 Newsletter which I thought was excellent.

Well done! Keep up the good work.

Best wishes

Geoffrey Errington

COLONEL MALCOLM GRANT HAWORTH, WRITES:

Eric,

Another brilliant edition (October 2011).

I can help with Peter Oakley's Cricket photo ;

Back Row L to R: John Coward, Pat Grimes, Malcolm Grant Haworth, Chris Marley, Paul Cattermole, Les Larsen, John Wilkinson, Andy Phythian, ?, Spud Murphy and Jimmy Hill.

Front Row L to R: Dave Dawes, Harry Bridson, Jeremy Gaskell, Don Watson, Colin Denning (CO), Peter Oakley (RSM), John Andrews, Bernie Richards, John Odell, ? and Peter Francis.

All the Best

Malcolm Grant Haworth

COLONEL M PARISH, WRITES:

Eric,

Many thanks for the super October 2011 newsletter. I have once again really enjoyed reading it and am full of admiration for all the hard work which goes in to making it such an interesting, lively and informative newsletter. It is always a real pleasure to go through it and to learn a little of what the Regimental family has achieved. It gives even more pleasure when I see the names of those with whom I have served.

Many, many thanks, wonderful work,

Mike

HUMOUR IN UNIFORM



12 VODKA'S

A Kingsman walks into his local NAAFI, sits down and says to the bartender, "Quick pour me twelve vodka's."

So the bartender pours him twelve shots and the bloke starts shooting them back and finishes all in 12 seconds. The bartender says to the Kingsman, "Hang on, you are drinking those drinks really fast."

The Kingsman says, "Well, you would be drinking really fast too if you had what I've got."

The bartender says, "What've you got?"

The Kingsman says, "75 pence

INFILTRATING THE TALIBAN

There's a load of Taliban standing in a cave discussing their security. "The British Army have been infiltrating our organisation", says the leader.

"Therefore, we must be extra vigilant and increase our security."

They all nod and agree.

Then the leader says, "The first patrol tonight will be Omar Abdul and Kingsman Bernie Smith."

DIAMONDS ARE A GIRLS BEST FRIEND

A Kingsman, alone in a bar having a drink, when alongside him sat a long legged drop dead gorgeous blond. She asked him why he was all alone, he started telling his story. After 4 or 5 drinks together he told her he had to do some shopping and would she accompany him, the first shop they entered was a top jewellers. The Kingsman told the jeweller he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend.

The jeweller brought out a tray starting price £5000, not good enough said the Kingsman, I told you I wanted something special. The jeweller took the couple into a back room, opened a safe and brought out a tray of rings not priced. The blond gasped and giggled as she tried on first one then another, finally she told the Kingsman which one she wanted. The salesman whispered to the Kingsman that the ring was priced at £80.000. and asked how he was paying for it. The Kingsman replied, I know that my cheque will have to be cleared by my bank, and it is late Friday afternoon, so my girl friend and I will pick up the ring on Monday afternoon if that suits you. The salesman, having got such a large sale, assured the couple that would be more than suitable.

On Monday morning the jeweller phoned the Kingsman, and said . " Sir I am afraid your bank has informed us that you don't have enough funds to clear the cheque "

The Kingsman replied - I know that, but let me tell you about the weekend I've just had!

HUMOUR IN UNIFORM



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

Terry an ex Kingsman aged 80, returns from the Doctor and tells his wife that the Doctor has told him that he has only 24 hours to live.

Given the prognosis, Terry asks his wife could he make love to her.

Naturally, she agrees, so they make love.

About 6 hours later, Terry goes to his wife and says,

'Honey, you know I now have only 18 hours to live.

Could we please do it one more time?'

Of course, the wife agrees, and they do it again.

Later, as Terry gets into bed, he looks at his watch and realises that he now has only 8 hours left.

He touches his wife's shoulder and asks, Honey, please... just one more time before I die.'

She says, 'Of course, Dear,' and they make love for the third time.

After this session, the wife rolls over and falls asleep.

Terry, however, worried about his impending death, tosses and turns, until he's down to 4 more hours.

He taps his wife, who rouses. 'Honey, I have only 4 more hours.... Do you think we could...'

At this point the wife sits up and says, 'Listen Terry, enough is enough.

I have to get up in the morning... you don't!'

FRENCH ARMY?

A young Kingsman went to the Unit Medical Officer to talk about contraception.

The MO said, "You could try French letters".

The Kingsman said, "What's that?"

The MO said, "Condoms".

The Kingsman said, "I don't like them".

So The MO said, "You should try the French Army method then."

The Kingsman said, "What's that?"

The MO said, "You pull out before you get into trouble!"



PETER LOVETT, DORSET WRITES:

Dear Eric,

As one of the 'old timers' I would like to congratulate you on the content of the newsletter. The humour pages hold us spellbound – 'Squaddie Humour' at its best!

Best of luck for the future

Peter Lovett

PS: Old names spring to mind: Skillikorn, Bellamy (Ralph) – memory now slowing down!

STEVEN RANNER, WRITES

Dear Mr Roper.

I was wondering if it would be possible to ask a question of your association members via your association newsletter. I have attached a photograph of my grandfather Kingsman Albert (Chris) Chriscoli. It shows himself and 5 comrades standing over a grave with a simple wooden cross, tin can and flowers.

To the rear of the photograph are written the words "D'day, Chris next to the graveside of a fellow Kingsman killed by friendly fire".

I was wondering if any of your members could put a name to the fellow Kingsmen or even the story behind the death.

Thanks in advance.

Steven Ranner - Email: magnman@gmail.com



ROY HUGHES, WRITES:

Dear Eric

Here is a copy of an email I sent out to Captain Mick Hunt in relation to a Drum Majors Mace of the King's Regiment. It is a mystery as to how it is in the possession of a civilian band (musicians and Drum Major are all ex serving soldiers). It might be worth throwing it out in your newsletter as to how this happened to a piece of regimental silver.

Terry Byrne Our Branch Standard Bearer attended a funeral recently of Geoff Hargreaves, Ex Loyals.

Attending the funeral was the Drum Major of the Lancastrian Band and Corp of Drums (a civilian band). The Drum Major was dressed in scarlet's and was carrying a silver Drum Major's Mace with the old King's badge and engraved with the Regimental Battle Honours.

Terry questioned the Drum Major as to how the King's Regiment mace was being carried by him. The Drum Major's reply was a Long Story. Terry was of the opinion that this Mace should be with the silver drums and bugles of the King's Regiment, Has our family silver been sold off? Can you throw any light as to how our mace is on parade with a civilian band (they do attend numerous military functions and the Preston remembrance Sunday parade).

Many thanks

Roy - Email: roy.hughes11@btinternet.com



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TED LANGLEY, CANADA, WRITES:

Eric,
On Monday, 7th, November, our Korea Veterans unit was presented with Ambassador of Peace medals by the South Korean Consul on behalf of the South Korean Government.



I am sending you a photograph of this auspicious occasion--hope it will be of interest to you.

**Ted Langley (Left on bottom row)
Canada**

LT COLONEL DAVID CHADWICK, WRITES:

KRAL Battlefield Tour 12-16 July 2012

It is proposed to follow the progress of most of the 21 battalions of the King's (Liverpool) Regiment from the Somme in 1916 to Passchendaele in 1917.

This will start at Townsend Ave 12 July at 14.00 to Hull, overnight to Zeebrugge, Somme and Arras Battlefields on 13 July, stay at the Arianne Hotel in Ypres, Passchendaele etc battles Menin Gate Service 14/15 July. Return to Townsend at approx 12.00 on Monday 16 July. A rough estimate of cost per person is at this stage £400 but it could be between £350 and £450. Cost will depend on numbers attending, the Euro and fuel prices. I need to know as soon as possible how many want to go. I will need a deposit of £50 in the New Year.

Contact me on Email: chadwick550@btinternet.com,
through 'contact us' page on www.kral.org.uk
or by telephone **0151 342 4627**.

David Chadwick

VINCENT MALONEY, LIVERPOOL, WRITES:

Eric,
Do any of your members/readers remember Al Jolson's visit to Korea during 1950, the year Al died? The International Al Jolson are looking for new members. The cost is £16 per year (contact me for further information).

Does anyone have memories of Cpl John (Gibbo) Givens, 'A' Company on the Hook at the time of his death?

Thank you

Vincent Maloney

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REMEMBRANCE EVENTS 2011

FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2011

Association Members attended the Liverpool John Lennon Airport Memorial Garden remembrance service. The service was led by Nicky Lees, Airport Chaplain. Two readings took place by children from St Christopher's Catholic Primary School, Speke, Liverpool

Lt Col David Chadwick TD laid a poppy wreath on behalf of The King's Regiment Association, Liverpool Branch.

After the service, all who attended were invited to take light refreshments which were kindly provided by the Airport.

Association Members also took part in the remembrance service at St John's Garden, Liverpool. Mr Cyril Askew, our oldest member, laid a poppy wreath on behalf of The King's Regiment Association Liverpool Branch.

FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2011

Members of The King's Regiment Association, Liverpool Branch including the Standards of The King's Regiment Association, Liverpool and The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment Association, Liverpool, carried by John Schofield and Stan Castell BEM, attended the Annual Remembrance Service at Manchester Cathedral.

After the service association members retired to the TAC at Ardwick Green to participate in light refreshments and a buffet lunch before returning to Liverpool.

SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2011

Members of The King's Regiment Association, Liverpool Branch along with KRAK and IKRA members attended the remembrance service at the Cenotaph in Liverpool.

Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel Peter Rafferty laid a poppy wreath on behalf of the Regiment

Following the Cenotaph Service, association members attended a short service at the King's Regiment Memorial in St John's Garden.

After the service association members retired to the TAC at Townsend Avenue for light refreshments and a buffet lunch.



21ST ANNIVERSARY OF V2 AND NORTHERN IRELAND MEMORIAL SERVICE



Shortly after 4 o'clock on the morning of 24th October 1990, a massive bomb exploded at the permanent vehicle checkpoint on the Buncrana road out of Londonderry, a few hundred yards from the border with the Irish Republic. The bomb was estimated to have consisted of about 750 kg of home-made explosive. It is thought that the bomb was contained in a vehicle which was driven into a search bay at the checkpoint. As a result of this attack, five soldiers were killed and nine injured, one very seriously.

The soldiers killed were serving with the 1st Battalion the King's Regiment, based at Ballykelly. The checkpoint and about 25 houses in a nearby estate were extensively damaged; some residents were injured and many other houses sustained blast damage.

A Poignant memorial service was held at St Georges Hall for soldiers from the King's Regiment killed in Northern Ireland. The short service at the King's Regiment Northern Ireland Memorial in St John's Gardens on Saturday 22nd October 2011 was organised by former King's Regiment soldiers in memory of colleagues who died.

ROLL OF HONOUR

24060500 CPL ALAN BUCKLEY 13/05/72
24153597 KGN EUSTACE EVERET (BILLY) HANLEY 23/05/72
23868738 KGN MARCEL JAMES (JIMMY) DOGLAY 30/05/72
24269306 KGN JAMES (JIMMY) JONES 18/07/72
24129922 KGN BRIAN THOMAS 24/07/72
24177738 KGN RENNIE LAYFIELD 18/08/72
24262329 KGN ROY CHRISTOPHER 30/08/72
24026570 SGT DENNIS (TOM) DOOLEY 15/03/75
24463680 KGN CHRISTOPHER ROBERT SHANLEY 11/04/79
24428848 LCPL STEPHEN LAWRENCE RUMBLE 19/04/79
24380552 LCPL ANDREW MARTYN WEBSTER 09/05/79
24493332 LCPL STEPHEN BURROWS 24/10/90
24797412 KGN STEPHEN ROY BEACHAM 24/10/90
24802418 KGN VINCENT JOHN PAUL SCOTT 24/10/90
24797926 KGN DAVID ANDREW SWEENEY 24/10/90
24789824 KGN PAUL DESMOND WORRALL 24/10/90

also remembered are

Pte Lee A Company 1 DWR attached to 1 KINGS in 1972
Mr Patsy Gillespie also murdered by the IRA on 24 Oct 90

DUKE OF LANCASTER'S REGIMENT SOLDIERS' LIVERPOOL PARADE

More than 120 soldiers who have returned from service in Afghanistan have been taking part in a homecoming parade in Liverpool.

Members of the Second Battalion the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment marched through the city centre to St George's Plateau on Lime Street on Saturday 1st October 2011.



The parade followed a private service of thanksgiving at Liverpool Parish Church, Our Lady and St Nicholas. A wreath was laid at St George's Gardens to remember fallen comrades.

Cpl Simon Hornby and Kingsman Jason Dunn-Bridgman, of the battalion and who both came from Liverpool, were killed on duty in Afghanistan during the latest three-year tour.

Liverpool's Lord Mayor Councillor Frank Prendergast said: "This parade was the perfect opportunity to welcome home these brave men and women who risk their lives every day to make our world a much safer one.

"It was a chance for us to thank them and let them know their actions have not gone unnoticed - we all owe them a huge debt of gratitude."

Commanding Officer Lt Col Robbie Boyd, said: "Every Lion of England in my battalion is thrilled to be back home in the North West.

"The support the great city of Liverpool gave to us whilst we served in our Cyprus base for three years, and then for over 15 months in Afghanistan in the toughest areas of central Helmand, was incredible.

"I lost two sons of Liverpool whilst providing security for the ordinary people of Afghanistan; Cpl Simon Hornby and Kingsman Jason Dunn-Bridgeman, along with four other Lions from the North West."

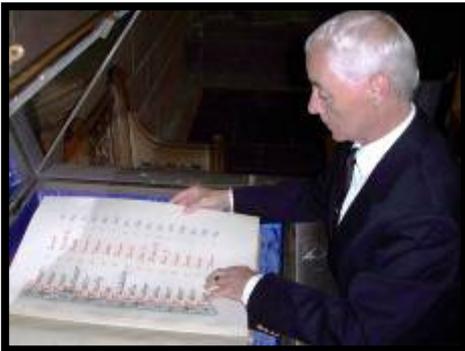
**TURNING THE LEAVES – LIVERPOOL ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL
TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2011**



1914-1918

**PTE N CHEETHAM
PTE F CHILD MM
PTE H CLEGG**

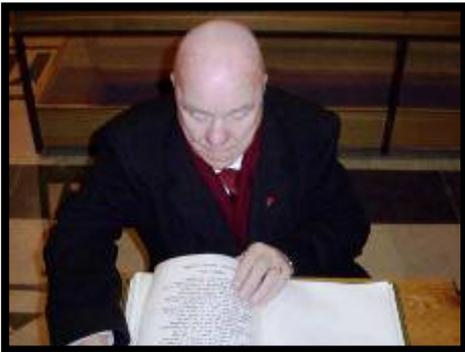
**Turned By
TERRY CAFFREY
EX 1ST BATTALION
THE KING'S REGIMENT**



1939-1945

**PTE A BELL
PTE N BENNETT
PTE W BIBBY**

**Turned By
NORMAN PICKLES
EX 1ST BATTALION
THE KING'S REGIMENT**



KOREA

**CPL A PURCELL
KGN YOU JIN DEUK
KGN P O'NEILL**

**Turned By
PETER PRESCOTT
EX 1ST BATTALION
THE KING'S (LIVERPOOL) REGIMENT**

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

**THE 2012 TURNING OF THE LEAVES CEREMONIES WILL
TAKE PLACE AT THE LIVERPOOL ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL
ON:**

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THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 5.30 PM

THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2012 AT 5.30 PM

2012 FORECAST OF EVENTS

KING'S REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, LIVERPOOL BRANCH EVENTS

KRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2012
AGM & QUARTERLY MEETING AT TOWNSEND AVENUE TAC 1130 HRS

SUNDAY 15TH APRIL 2012
QUARTERLY MEETING AT TOWNSEND AVENUE TAC 1130 HRS

SUNDAY 15TH JULY 2012
QUARTERLY MEETING AT TOWNSEND AVENUE TAC 1130 HRS

SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2012
QUARTERLY MEETING AT TOWNSEND AVENUE TAC 1130 HRS

TURNING OF THE LEAVES AT LIVERPOOL ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

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PRESTON BRANCH EVENTS

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ETC*

*LADYSMITH DINNER
FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2012*

*HOOK DINNER
FRIDAY 8TH JUNE 2012*

*VETERANS DINNER
FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2012*

**If you want to publicise any events in this newsletter for you
Association, please inform me as soon as possible.**

*Eric Roper
Newsletter Editor*

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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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.

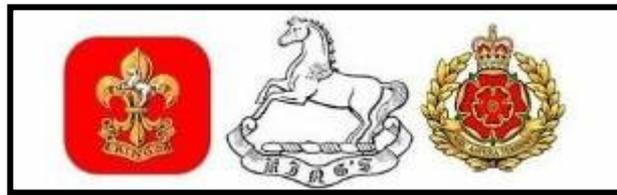
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**AN INVITATION
FOR YOU TO ATTEND**

*THE KING'S REGIMENT
ASSOCIATION LIVERPOOL
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL*

**1300 HRS SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER 2011
TOWNSEND AVENUE TA CENTRE, LIVERPOOL**



FREE ENTRY

FREE BUFFET

RAFFLE ETC



*Open to all ex King'smen, serving King'smen
& all association members*

*Please come along and support this event and make it bigger and better
than last year.*



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS



*The King's Regiment Association, Knowsley
And St Chad's Church Presents:*

*A Christmas Carol Concert
On Saturday 17th December 2011
At St Chads Church Kirkby*

*With The Band of the
Duke Of Lancaster's Regiment*

CONCERT STARTS AT 7 PM PLEASE BE
SEATED FOR 6.45 PM

*TICKETS ARE
£2 FOR CHILDREN
£4 ADULTS*

**TICKET ENQUIRIES 0151 292 0511
OR PAY ON THE DOOR**

**THIS YEARS CHOSEN CHARITY IS:
COMBAT STRESS**

PLEASE SUPPORT US AND HELP OUR TROOPS