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## *Liverpool Branch*

A Branch of the Duke of Lancaster's Regimental Association



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NIGEL PERKINS, RICHARD AND ELVA WRIGHT,**

**YOUR GENEROSITY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.**



### **NEW YEARS HONOURS LIST 2012**

**OBE**

**Lieutenant Colonel Robaird James Boyd  
The Duke Of Lancaster's Regiment.**

**MBE**

**Major John Anthony Harker  
The Duke Of Lancaster's Regiment.**

**Captain David Brian Hall  
The Duke Of Lancaster's Regiment  
Territorial Army.**



### **REGIMENTAL SECRETARY (PRESTON)**

**Lieutenant Colonel Chris Owen has been appointed Regimental  
Secretary with immediate effect.**

**We wish him well in his new appointment.**





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

**APRIL 2011.**

The closing date for submission is:

**MONDAY 26TH MARCH 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 December 2011 draw was made at City Office, Liverpool on Tuesday 29th November by Committee member Brian Green, and the winner is:

**1ST PRIZE (£43)  
B BRAMHAL - NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS**

The January 2012 draw was made at City Office, Liverpool on Tuesday 10th January by Committee member Eric Roper, and the winner is:

**1ST PRIZE (£50)  
A HITCHEN - MANCHESTER**

The draw prizes for 2012 have been allocated as:  
**12 x Monthly Prizes of £50  
1 x Annual Prize of £100 (December)**

### **NOTICE**

Please note that the last quarterly meeting of 2012 at Townsend Avenue TAC has been changed to:

**SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2012**

† **LAST POST** †

**PAUL TRAYNOR (EX THE DUKE OF LANCASTER'S REGIMENT)**



Paul Traynor, who served with the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment as a Lance Corporal in Basra during 2007, died on Tuesday 27th December 2011. His funeral service took place St Columbas Church, Huyton on Monday January 9th 2012 followed by interment at Knowsley Cemetery

The family of the dad-of-four killed in a motorway crash have spoken of their grief at losing "one of the best men in the world." His red Ford Focus came off the carriageway at Junction 3 of the M57 less than a mile from his home in Huyton.

The 30-year-old's mum Margaret said: "I still can't get my head round what's happened. "Lots of people are rallying round which is a big help to all of us here who are just struggling to take all this in. "Paul was a wonderful son – that's just what I want to say now, he was a wonderful son."

Paul, who was dad to Megan, 13, Libby, seven, three-year-old Paul and Evie Rose, eight months, was a "brilliant father" his girlfriend Rachel Hunter, 23, said.

She added: "He would always make me laugh and absolutely loved his three girls and his little boy, he was a brilliant father and devoted to his kids. We're going to miss him so much, and at this time of year too. For this to happen just as he was driving back home is hard to bear."

Paul attended St Columba's Primary in Huyton and then St Thomas Becket high school.

He joined the King's Regiment, which became the Duke of Lancaster's in 2006 and it was under that banner he served in Iraq as part of the Reconnaissance Teams in Basra during 2007.

He left the army shortly after, to concentrate on being a father and a family man.

His 23-year-old brother Scott said as one of five brothers he was a character to be looked up to and respected. He said: "I always looked up to him – to the work he did, to him as a father." "He was a great older brother and a great man, one of the best." "It's hard to believe he is gone now."

**FRANK LOMAX (EX 1 KINGS)**

Frank passed away over the Christmas period from a heart attack.

His funeral took place on Thursday 12th January 2012 at St Annes Church, Royton, near Oldham.

**MAJOR W R THORPE MC (EX 1 KINGS)**

I regret to inform you that Bill Thorpe died on Friday 20th January 2012. He is survived by his widow Anne.

His funeral service took place at Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, Finchley, on Monday 23rd January 2012 and a reception was held at the South Herts Golf Club.

† LAST POST †

**REGINALD (REG) TYRER - NO 367 LATE THE KINGS REGIMENT**



It is with much sadness I inform you of the death of Reg Tyrer. You will be aware that Reg was the only remaining KINGS in-patient at the Royal Chelsea Hospital. He died on 5th January 2012. His funeral service will take place at the Royal Chelsea Hospital, in All Saints on Wednesday 8th February 2012.

When he left school in 1935 he worked in a library in Liverpool for two years. In 1937 he became a trainee hairdresser. After a year he worked for Liverpool Corporation as a maintenance worker on a night shift until he volunteered to join the Army 31 May 1940. On leaving the Army on 5 December 1945 he returned to the Liverpool Corporation for six months before moving to Driffield where he worked for Glaxo for 40 years moving to Ulverston in 1968. He retired from Glaxo on 1st March 1986.

Enlisted at Liverpool into the King's Regiment on 31st May 1940. He carried out his initial training in Liverpool in a young soldiers Battalion. He guarded aerodromes in the North of England Ringsway, Wilmslow moving eventually to Driffield on the east coast of Yorkshire in early 1942 and because he had a driving licence he was cross posted to the Royal Army Service Corps in March 1942 to join the 5th Training Battalion in Ely. The unit became part of 26 Armoured Brigade Car Coy part of 6th Armoured Division moving to Kilwinning in Ayrshire in mid-1942.

He underwent training for North Africa landing craft on Troon Beach. On 13th October 1942 he embarked on the Duchess of York for North Africa. After 8 days he landed in Algiers and was wounded on his first day ashore being hit by shrapnel in his shoulder and foot. He went right through Algiers Kasserine Pass Mej-El-Bab and on to Tunis Hamon Leaf and Cap Bon where they pushed the Africa Corps into the sea. He embarked at Philipville in February 1944 and landed at Naples a few days later just before Vesuvius erupted. He moved up Route 6 and was held up at Cassino. After Cassino he crossed the River Po into the Lira Valley and in May 1944 he was badly burned in a petrol accident. He went to Naples hospital and after skin grafts he embarked in the hospital ship Orange and landed at Liverpool. He went by train to Hospital in a burns unit in Wakefield and then on to Otley Hospital. He then convalesced at Overdon Park in Halifax for two months, he was then seconded to York to join 609 Coy RASC. He had to return to Hospital in Doncaster and was eventually discharged December 1945.

**STEVEN SATCHELL (EX LOYALS & KINGS)**



It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of Steve Satchell. Steve died on the 6th January 2012 after a year long battle with cancer. The funeral service took place at the Carlton Crematorium near Blackpool on Thursday 19th January 2012.

Steve is survived by his three sons, Steven, Paul and Scott and daughters Michell and Paris

Steve joined the Loyal Regiment in 1967 and served with them in Malta and Dover. When the regiment amalgamated he transferred to the King's Regiment who were stationed in Minden, West Germany. Steve joined the Drums Platoon and also served with his brother Michael in Charlie Company before they were posted to Weeton Camp. Steve then became the Regimental Butcher until the regiment moved to Hong Kong where he again returned to the Drums Platoon. Steve left the regiment in 1974.



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**SUSAN TAYLOR, WRITES:**

As promised I am just updating you on the information that I have found out about my dad's uncle - **JAMES TAYLOR**, A/Lance Corporal, The Manchester Regiment, 2nd/15th Battalion. Died 8th April 1917 from appendicitis operation and buried in Wimereux Communal Cemetery, France

I am so glad I've found him, if its the right one, and lovely surprise to find he was promoted just before he died.

Regards  
Susan Taylor

**MICK HYNES, WRITES:**

Subject : Regimental Number : 89436 & 235988 - Regiment/Battalion : Kings Regiment  
Where Served : The Somme

I hope you can help me on this. My granddad **WILLIAM HYNES** had two army numbers, and I am trying to find out if he was at The Somme. He used to tell us stories of how he was seconded to the medical corps, as a stretcher bearer and I think he is the unknown stretcher bearer that went out with Captain Noel Godfrey Chavasse at Guillimont. There is footage of an unknown "Tommy" carrying a dying comrade on his back threw the trenches, and it is most certainly my Granddad William Hynes. You can view this on 'YouTube' Battle of the Somme Part 3.

I have been in touch with Andy Robertshaw the investigator, but he needs more proof. And I need to know my granddads service record. please can anyone help?

Regards  
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**ROBERT BEWLEY, WRITES**

Researching Family Member **ALFRED FLETCHER**, Regimental Number, unknown  
Regiment/Battalion : 5th battalion KLR (1918). Where Served – unsure.

I have mothers birth certificate from 27.03.1918. It states he was in the KLR as a Private. His address was 1A Ash Grove, Wavertree, Liverpool. My mother who is 94 thinks he was wounded in the leg.

I have a photograph I think was taken after the war. The pencilled inscription on the back of the photo states Sgt Alfred Fletcher, 6th KLR Kirkdale defence unit Liverpool. His address was 244 Upper Mann Street. He was born 28th February 1883, He died 22nd August 1948 Alfred was Married to Eliza 31st May 1909. I have come across a number of Alfred Fletchers from the KLR but cannot match the name to his address. I would like to know did he see active service. Any information would be of assistance

Regards,  
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**CAPTAIN ERIC JONES, WRITES (TO CAPTAIN MICK HUNT):**

Mick

A friend of mine, David Watt, is in possession of a watch, which was presented to his Great Uncle, Sergeant George McLeod Watt, by the Sergeant's Mess of 2 KINGS on his retirement c1902. As you can see from his email (reproduced below), David would be very interested in any details of his military career. David does not have his Great Uncle's army number.

A letter/notice in the Newsletter might throw up something, hence a copy of this to Eric Roper.

**Regards**

**Eric Jones**

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**FROM DAVID WATT TO ERIC JONES:**

Following our conversation in the pub last evening. I am forwarding the military details of my Great Uncle, bearing in mind he was in the same regiment as you, I would be grateful if you could use your good offices to obtain any details of his military career.

The information I have is detailed below;

Sergeant George McLeod Watt.

2nd Battalion, The King's Regiment.

Born. Portsoy, Banffshire 28th April 1859.

Retired from Army c1902

Unfortunately this is the only information I have.

**Regards**

**David Watt.**

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**JASON MANSFIELD WRITES:**

Hi.

I am trying to find anything out that I can about my Grandfather **JOHN MANSFIELD** from Kirby, who served in Burma and was a Chindit. I am assuming he was a part of the King's Regiment, but do not actually know for sure.

How can I find out if he was in the King's? Which mission to Burma he went on etc. Then I will be able to research better to see if I can find anyone who knew him or find photos etc.

**Hope you can help**

**Many thanks**

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**MARGRETE THORSEN-MOORE, WRITES:**

Dear Eric,  
Many thanks for the latest issue of the newsletter.

As of December 2nd, my email address will change to [margrete.moore@gmail.com](mailto:margrete.moore@gmail.com) as I shall be leaving for Denmark. Not yet sure of where I will end up, but I am aiming for the north-west coast of Jutland.

Apart from having been unable to find any employment around here, I have found it too overwhelming to stay in the house and area. My 17 Norfolk years were defined so much through Ken (and The King's), and now I need to get a fresh start and new job.

By the way, the story in the previous newsletter about the poppy wreath laid in Herrenhausen Gardens, was actually the wreath laid by Ken just a couple of hours before he died. Mick Hunt forwarded me email and photo from the German gentleman (suspecting the connection), and I was able to reply and fill him in on the details. He actually requested that I put a poppy on Ken's grave 'from an unknown German', which I did end October.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year,

**Margrete**

***Ed Note:***

***Margrete,***

***I am sure that all members of this association and indeed all who knew you & Ken, will join me in wishing you all the very best on your move to Denmark. I know Ken was the lead at T Force, but I am sure that the saying "Behind every successful man there is a woman" may well have been written with you in mind!***

***Good luck and please keep in touch.***

**MAJOR PETER FRANCIS, WRITES:**

Eric,  
Thank-you for all the hard work you put in producing the Newsletter. Good to hear all the news from Old Comrades near and far.

**Yours sincerely,  
Peter Francis**

**JOHN HATTAM, WRITES:**

My ancestor joined the King's under the name **THOMAS JACKSON**, but his real name was **PHILIP PHILIPSON BLYTHE**. He was born in Birtley, Tyne & Wear, he was killed in 1917 in France and interred in Hermits Hill British Cemetery. He was awarded the MC. I am trying to find out the circumstances of why he was awarded this medal.

His service No was 11325 and he served in the 1st Battalion The King's (Liverpool Regiment).

**John Hattam**

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**BRIGADIER JEREMY GASKELL, WRITES:**

Dear Eric,

Once again I feel compelled to write to you to congratulate you on the really considerable efforts you continue to put into the Newsletter. It is always an interesting read and often poignant as well.

All your many readers owe you a vote of thanks.

**Best wishes,  
Jeremy Gaskell.**

PS

I am reasonably sure the Officers Mess triumphed in the Colchester cricket match v the Sergeants Mess, depicted in the November newsletter!

**MAJOR GENERAL PETER DAVIES CB, WRITES**

Eric

Thank you for the December 2011 Newsletter.

Congratulations on yet another informative and entertaining Newsletter.

Always a pleasure to receive.

**Peter Davies**

**STEVE JOHNSON, WRITES:**



I am trying to find out some information about my fathers time in 1 KINGS, B Company. He served from 1963 to 1967. Unfortunately my Father passed away on 21/11/11 aged 67. His name was **WILLIAM JOHNSON**. He may have been known as Bill or Billy. He served in Ballykinler and Germany. I know he was in Balykinler as he met my Mum here and they married in 1968 in Liverpool.

I've got his Certificate of Service, his Army Number was 23967402 - Johnson William. Enlisted at Liverpool 13-3-1963 into the Lancastrian Brigade 1 KINGS. He served with Brian Palmer, Dougie Shipman, Harry Doyle (who drove an Austin A4 when at Balykinler) . I have attached the earliest photo we have is of him in 1968 at his wedding. On his assessment of conduct it says he worked as a Clerk in the Battalion Orderly Room, Quartermasters Office and Motor Transport Office.

I can't see my father in the photo that you sent to me of B Company in Ballykinler in 1965.

Regards

**Steve**

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**CATH LUNT, WRITES**

Hi.

I am enquiring about the process to gain the service history of my Uncle **VINCENT MOORE** (King's Regiment) from Liverpool - born in 1918 and served during second world war - in action autumn 1943 in Burma - referred to as one of Wingate Men.

I have come across information relating to him in letters to my Nan (his sister) and would like to find out more information. I am aware there is a cost involved but wondered if there is a service to track his army number please? The family home was Cranbourne Road, Wavertree, Liverpool at the time of WWII.

**Many thanks**

**Cath**

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**RON MUMMERY, WRITES:**

My granddad served in the King's Regiment in India from 1908 and during WW1

I would be grateful if you could advise how I can find anything about him. The family know nothing.

His name was **JAMES DONOGHUE** from the Scotland Road area of Liverpool. The form I found has him as form no 9470 on nine year service, but as James Smith alias James Donoghue, Donoghue was his real name!

**Regards**

**Ron**

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**DANNY FARLEY, WRITES**

Eric,

The Christmas Carol Concert at St Chad's Church Kirkby went well this year. Despite my best efforts advertising the event, the turnout was not as good as it had been in the past. This was our 8th year carolling at St Chad's, the venue is perfect as it's just like a mini Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. It was good to see Eddie McMahon along with other members of your branch supporting us at the concert. I think I am correct in saying that Eddie has attended all the concerts. A big thank you to the band of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment. It is only with their continued support that we can bring this concert to the people of Kirkby.

This year's concert was in aid of Combat Stress. We raised a total of £404.00 and are grateful to the Liverpool branch for their donation. I have been in Contact with Combat Stress at Audley Court in Newport and after talking to them, they informed me that the money will be spent on Arts and Crafts equipment.

Once again thank you all for your support. Next years concert takes place at **St Chad's on the Saturday 15th December 2012**. Please put this date in your 2012 diaries.

If anyone wants to know more about Audley Court you can find them here

**[http://www.combatstress.org.uk/pages/audley\\_court\\_shropshire.html](http://www.combatstress.org.uk/pages/audley_court_shropshire.html)**

**Regards**

**Danny (Secretary, The King's Regiment Association Knowsley Branch)**

## HUMOUR IN UNIFORM



### FLIGHT OF FANCY?

Two off duty Kingsmen were having a pint.

Joe said "what's wrong Bill?"

Bill replied "I think my wife is going funny."

"What makes you think that?" said Joe.

"Well last night she asked me what I was doing on my computer, I told her I was looking for cheap flights and with that she got all excited saying I LOVE YOU. I LOVE YOU". Then she hugged me and kissed me. It was unbelievable. Then she cooked me a wonderful steak dinner, she then gave me four cans right from the fridge. She then suggested that we had an early night, we then had the most amazing sex of our married life.

"So what's the problem"? asked Joe.

With his head in his hands Bill said, "well she has never shown any interest in darts before"!

### BAPTIZING A KINGSMAN

An Kingsman is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptizing people in the river. He proceeds into the water, subsequently bumping into the preacher.

The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, hereupon, he asks the Kingsman, "Are you ready to find Jesus?"

The Kingsman shouts, "Yes, I am."

So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water.

He pulls him back and asks, "Brother, have you found Jesus?"

The drunk replies, "No, I haven't found Jesus!"

The preacher, shocked at the answer, dunks him again but for a little longer.

He again pulls him out of the water and asks, "Have you found Jesus, my brother?"

The Kingsman answers, "No, I haven't found Jesus!"

By this time, the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the Kingsman again -- but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds, and when he begins kicking his arms and legs about, he pulls him up. The preacher again asks the Kingsman, "For the love of God, have you found Jesus?"

The Kingsman staggers upright, wipes his eyes, coughs up a bit of water, catches his breath, and says to the preacher,

"Are you sure this is where he fell in?"



## HUMOUR IN UNIFORM



### ONE OVER THE EIGHT

A Kingsman who had a little too much to drink is driving home one night and, of course, his car is weaving violently all over the road.

A cop pulls him over. "So," says the cop to the driver, "where have you been?"

"Why, I've been to the pub of course," slurs the Kingsman.

"Well," says the cop, "it looks like you've had quite a few to drink this evening."

"I did all right," the Kingsman says with a smile.

"Did you know," says the cop, standing straight, and folding his arms across his chest, "that a few junctions back, your wife fell out of your car?"

"Oh, thank heavens," sighs the Kingsman. "for a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf."

### KNOCK THREE TIMES

A drunk Kingsman stumbles into a Catholic Church, enters a confessional booth, sits down, but says nothing.

The Priest coughs a few times to get his attention, but the Kingsman continues to sit there.

Finally, the Priest pounds three times on the wall.

The Kingsman mumbles, 'Ain't no use knocking, there's no paper on this side either.

### THE BROTHEL

Three Kingsmen are sitting in the pub window seat, watching the front door of the brothel over the road. The local Methodist pastor appears, and quickly goes inside.

"Would you look at that!" says the first Kingsman. "Didn't I always say what a bunch of hypocrites they are!"

No sooner are the words out of his mouth than a Rabbi appears at the door, knocks, and goes inside.

"Another one trying to fool everyone with pious preaching and stupid hats" says the second Kingsman.

They continue drinking their beer, roundly condemning the vicar and the rabbi when they see their own Catholic priest knock on the door.

"Ah, now that's sad." says the third Kingsman, "One of the girls must have died!"



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**DR RICHARD GUY, CANADA, WRITES**

Hello Eric,

Thank you for the posting and Email copy of the Newsletter Issue 29.

Please find attached a "half" photograph, rescued from a flooded basement. I regret I cannot name those present but it was a 5th. Kings Officers Mess

The attached photograph was taken at a camp on Dartmoor (I think), probably 1965/6. The camp was sparse but I recall the weather was good; Lord Derby visited and I (Top Left) as a Cadet Officer was required to entertain him (in part) before a Formal Dinner while the Gentlemen of the Mess enjoyed extra time prior to their entrance.



The main training activity was section/Platoon/Company/Battalion sweeps across the moors culminating in a white tape guide Night Attack in Company/Battalion Strength. Lots of star shells, move/freeze etc.

One thing I do remember clearly was that the Battalion hosted a Reporter and Photographer from the Liverpool Echo, at least for a few days. I do know that the photographer was literally every where. Thus somewhere in Liverpool there is a cache of photographs recording the training/living/larking activities of 5th Kings. at Camp.

I also remember accompanying the Gentlemen of The Mess on a visit to Plymouth Battlements. Cocktails on a battlement overlooking Plymouth Harbour, within which was The Ark Royal (R09) – (Cammell Lairds, Commissioned 1955). Such a small harbour and such a big ship. Awe Inspiring.

Last but not least, front and centre, many Mess members went to the Hoe in support of the Regimental Band, Beating Retreat.

**Regards**  
**Richard Guy**

**Ed Note:**

**See letter from Dennis Vickers on page 13**



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**PETER OAKLEY MBE, WRITES:**

Eric,

Good to see you at the recent Royal opening of the new Museum of Liverpool.

December 2011 Newsletter as ever is full of enjoyable regimental chatter and I'm grateful for the information about names for the cricket photograph.



Attached is a photograph of the Parascending Club during the Osnabrück tour. We had a thriving club with our own clubroom in one of the cellars for a weekly get together.

We took the wives club up one day which was a bit scary. Not for them but for me. We got them up and down safely. We also had about 20 Royal Military Police as a task during their annual inspection. They arrived in a blacked out truck and only knew of the days task

when they got out. Yes - they all had a safe day!

**Kind regards,  
Peter**

**PETER WATSON, WRITES**  
**5 KINGS T FORCE GOSLAR**

I am part of a small amateur military history group researching the early days of BAOR (1945-46). I am particularly interested in the origins/exact location of Seaforth Barracks Goslar. I believe 5 KINGS could have been involved

Is there someone who I could contact or could contact me, regarding my query?

**Thank you and best wishes**  
**Peter Watson**

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**DENNIS VICKERS, WRITES**

Eric,

With regard to the email, photo and note that you forwarded to me from Dr Richard Guy, the Annual Camp in 1965 was in Barry Budden, Scotland and the camp in 1966 was at Plasterdown in Devon. His memory is better than mine. Tony Moores "History of the 5th Bn The King's regiment states:-

"Plasterdown, Devon was the venue for camp, the last camp of the 5th Battalion as such. Brigade Headquarters, 434 Signal Squadron and 4/5 King's Own were also present and the culmination of camp was a combined Battalion exercise under Brigade arrangements commanded by 5 King's CO. The exercise was held in pouring rain as had become traditional for 125 Brigade exercises and consisted of a Battalion "Advance to contact" against a Regular Company of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment followed by a night attack".

**Regards**  
**Dennis**



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**SIDNEY JOSEPH BROWN, AUSTRALIA, WRITES**

Regiment/Battalion : King's Liverpool Regiment.  
Served : WW1 France 1 Nov 1914-24 Jan 1919  
WW2 1939-1943

For years I have been searching for the Campaign Medals my father was awarded in WW1. I am now 87 and am fast losing time.

My father joined the Army in 1939 and gave his age as 48 born 18/06/1891 and gave his WW1 No. as 305132. His age was actually 51, being born 18/06/1888. I'm wondering whether he might have given a wrong Service No. too (I have had no dealings with my father, he deserted the family in 1930.) I have come across two finds on the internet

1. Frederick Browne-Corps, Liverpool No.3295.
2. Frederick Browne Liverpool King's No 3295 Private. Labour Corps No 355728 Discharged 15/1/1919. There is also a list of medals. Do you have any records of soldiers who joined the colours in 1914, this would give his NOK who was his wife (she died in 1930) whose name was Ethel Browne. They originally lived in Preston.

I would be very grateful if you could supply any information or if you could offer any advice.

Many thanks in anticipation.

**With kind regards.**

**Sidney J. Browne**

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**CAPTAIN J WEIR WRITES:**

This years Kings' Regiment (Liverpool) Korean Veterans Association Reunion will take place at our usual venue. The TA Centre, Townsend Avenue Liverpool, (the cheapest pint in town) on **Friday 25th May 2012** commencing 7.30pm.

This year marks 59 years since the "Battle Of The Hook" the last Battle Honour to be awarded to the King's. This is an episode of national and regimental history and a battle in which many of us took part. It would be sad to let the occasion pass without making an effort to meet and remember the good and bad times we spent together many years ago. The youngest of us are now 78 years old and many of our friends have passed on. To those who have not attended a reunion, I urge you to come along and meet your old comrades. Non Korean Veterans are also welcome to attend.

Please pass on the information in this notice to any King's Korean veterans you may know. The cost of this year's event is £5.00 including supper. Please let me know if you are attending by 1st May in order that I can plan the event.

Please enclose cheque/postal order for  
**£5 made payable to J Weir & post to:**  
**Captain J Weir, 18 Janice Drive, Fulwood, Preston, Lancs, PR2 9YE**

## LANCASHIRE SOLDIER LAUNCHES £100,000 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR CHARITIES THAT HELPED HIM

A brave soldier maimed in an Afghanistan bomb blast has launched a £100,000 dare-devil fundraising challenge.



Sgt Rick Clement, 32, a former Clitheroe Royal Grammar School pupil, lost his legs and part of an arm, after stepping on a mine during a six-month tour of duty in Afghanistan in May 2010.

The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment soldier has battled back from being in a coma to drive again, swim, and marry his girlfriend Leanne in June 2011, thanks to help and support from charities including BLESMA, SSAFA, The Army Benevolent Fund and Help for Heroes.

Over the next 12 months, as a thank you to the charities, he plans to complete a sponsored parachute jump and swim in the ocean next to Great White Sharks. He is also run set to organise fundraising dinner nights and raffles.

Rick, from Sabden, but now living in Blackpool, said: "It's massively important to me and my wife that we do something for the people who helped us.

"Without the help we've had in the past 18 months, my life would be completely different. I am now living in a specially-adapted house, without with I'd be stuck in a hospital.

"I want to show my gratitude and help the charities help others - young soldiers who have been injured after me."

Rick said the idea of going to Australia and getting in a cage surrounded by Sharks is a lifelong ambition. He hopes to have the £6,000 for the trip in place by January 2013.

He added: "I've inquired with a company in Australia about doing it, and they're confident that my disabilities won't make it much more difficult than normal.

"The shark dive would be the last big push for sponsorship. I am already planning other things such as non-uniform days at local schools, events at army barracks and at Clitheroe pubs."

**To make a donation, visit Rick's website:**

**<http://a-soldiers-journey.co.uk/>**

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## MUSEUM OF LIVERPOOL OPENS NEW GALLERIES

The fourth new gallery pays tribute to the King's Regiment – one of Britain's oldest, founded in 1685.

Its history has impacted on thousands of Liverpool families, with its members serving in two world wars, in Asia, Africa, America and Ireland.

In 2006, the King's Regiment became part of the new Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, the infantry regiment of the North West.

Key exhibits include:

A Victoria Cross awarded to Corporal James Huntley Knight during the Boer War. He and four Mounted Infantry men held off an attack of around 50 Boers. Two of Knight's men were wounded. He left one in safety and carried the other for nearly two miles.

A letter of condolence written to the mother of Sergeant Dennis "Tom" Dooley, the eldest of nine brothers, five of whom served with the King's. He was killed in a road traffic accident close to his platoon's base in Northern Ireland.

Desert clothing worn by Territorial Army member John Earle, in Iraq, in 2004. A member of the TA for more than 20 years, he served as Operations Room Watch Keeper during his six-month tour of duty based in Basra.



Kingsmen have been involved in many overseas 'tours of duty' since the Second World War. Their recent service as the King's Regiment and later, as the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment in Iraq and Afghanistan has seen a substantial rise in casualty numbers.

This desert kit (pictured left) was used by John Earle in Iraq in 2004.

John has been a member of the Territorial Army for more than 20 years and served as Operations Room Watch Keeper during his six month tour based in Basra.

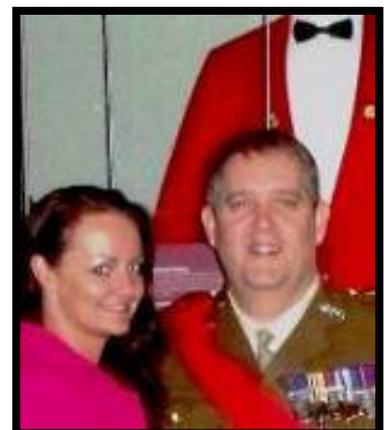
## QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH VISIT THE NEW MUSEUM OF LIVERPOOL

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh enjoyed a warm welcome on their first visit to Liverpool since 2008.

The Queen was shown the new City Soldiers' gallery which pays tribute to the King's Regiment and where she was introduced to **Warrant Officer Class 2 Craig (Jack) Horner**, of the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment and his wife **Laura** (Pictured right).

The 39-year-old, from Bootle, said; "My mess dress from the King's Regiment days is on display in a cabinet and the Queens asked "what's it doing there – have you grown out of it?".

The Queen is our Colonel in Chief and she was interested in what we were doing now.



## **ST NINIAN'S WINS DUKE OF LANCASTER REGIMENT SHIELD**

ST Ninian's High School was won the prestigious Duke of Lancaster's Regiment Shield, beating the Island's three other secondary schools.

During the last week of the summer term, Year 10 students from St Ninian's, Ballakermeen, Queen Elizabeth II and Castle Rushen high schools took part in a series of daily events designed to test their teamwork and competitive spirit.



Activities ranged from zip-wiring down a 30 metre tower to crawling through tunnels on the assault course and negotiating a simulated mine-field whilst blindfolded.

A spokesman said, "Every student put 100% into every activity, hoping to beat their peers as well as having tremendous fun. Points were awarded for performance and attitude.

"It is difficult to single out any specific students but throughout the day Shannon Groves and Patrick Vernon showed tremendous attitude, team spirit and courage."

The activities were delivered by the King's Division Recruiting Team and the awards were presented by Major John Miller, an Army Careers adviser.

## **RENAMED WANDERERS SUITE FOR DISABLED FANS GOES ON PARADE**

A suite for disabled Bolton Wanderers fans has been renamed in honour of the region's soldiers. The former BT Suite, which has recently been renovated, is now called the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment Suite. It was officially unveiled at a ceremony ahead of Sunday's (6th November 2011) 5-0 Premier League victory over Stoke City.

Among the guests at the ceremony were injured soldiers, disabled fans and Julie Baxter, mother of Westhoughton soldier Darren Deady who died after he was wounded in Afghanistan. Lieutenant Colonel Robbie Boyd, Commanding officer of 2nd Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, said: "It is a massive honour that the suite is being named after the regiment. "This facility is dedicated to those who are not only injured or disabled through normal walks of life, but soldiers who are disabled after being wounded in battle. "My battalion served for 15 months in Afghanistan and during that time 24 were wounded, four were wounded twice and six were killed."

Mrs Baxter said: "This is a wonderful facility for the lads. It is excellent and they need all the support they can get. "Darren was a Wanderers fan and he used to come to matches when he was on leave. "He would have liked this facility and would have made the most of it. "I think it is wonderful that it has been named after the regiment."

Phil Gartside, chairman of Bolton Wanderers, said: "Bolton Wanderers has an excellent relationship and a very long association and with the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, and we are honoured that they agreed to our suggestion of renaming the suite." Situated in the corner between the North and East Stands, the heated indoor suite has room for more than 50 disabled fans to watch Wanderers in action, and it includes atmosphere speakers and a hearing loop.

## **HMS LIVERPOOL AWARD**

HMS Liverpool, for her outstanding support of NATO-led operations in Libya this year received the judges' special award from David Cameron at the highly prestigious Military Awards in London.

At the Imperial War Museum, the Prime Minister paying tribute to the sacrifice, achievements and excellence of the Mersey ship's crew said, "The crew of HMS Liverpool are a shining example of the courage and professionalism that the Royal Navy are rightly famed for all over the world."

There to receive the award was Lieutenant Ebony Dalton who said, "It feels absolutely fantastic and humbling at the same time. We just wish we could have the rest of the ship's company here with us." Her fellow shipmate, Lieutenant Commander Stephen Grott added, "Samantha Cameron told us it was great that the Royal Navy had done what it was trained to do and hopefully, we will have made a difference to the world and the people of Libya. We were away for seven and a half months and kept getting extended because the job needed to be finished."

The fourth annual awards, known as the Millies, was attended by The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prince Harry, politicians and entertainers on what was billed as a 'Night of Heroes'.

As well as the nine categories of awards, the judging panel made two further special presentations, one of which was to HMS Liverpool.

### ***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.***

## **MUSEUM OF THE MANCHESTER REGIMENT 'LIFE ON THE MOVE' SPECIAL EXHIBITION 3RD JANUARY – 23RD JUNE 2012**

WARFARE is constantly evolving. The massed attacks of 1914-18 were followed by Blitzkrieg, and now we have high-tech conflicts in which the enemy is subdued by shock-and-awe weaponry like cruise missiles and unmanned drones. One thing has remained constant for thousands of years – the infantry. The role of the infantry is at the heart of "Life on the Move", the latest exhibition at the award-winning Museum of the Manchester Regiment, Ashton-under-Lyne, which begins on the 3rd January 2012.

Foot soldiers have always been at the forefront of the British army's campaigns, from Marlborough in the early 18th century to the Napoleonic Wars and today's operations in Afghanistan. "Life on the Move" brings to life the campaign furniture in the museum's collection. There are beds, chairs and wash basins carried during the first and second world wars as well as personal equipment bought by officers to provide themselves with creature comforts in the field.

The experiences of the ordinary squaddie are illustrated through a selection of images highlighting life in the West Indies in the 1750s through to contemporary conditions. Today's infantryman shares much with his forebears and this free exhibition aims to highlight some of those similarities as well as differences.

The need for food, water, shelter and washing facilities are features of 'Life on the Move' that will resonate with anyone that has served in the Army. So if you're an ex-squaddie, why not visit the exhibition and share some of your experiences?

## REGIMENTAL DIARY DATES 2012/2013

**FEBRUARY**

Thu 9	1 LANCS inter Company Novices Boxing Final	Ludgershall	Invite from 1 LANCS
Wed 15	Regimental Museum Meeting in MoL	Liverpool	Info only
Thu 23	Army Boxing Semi Final (1)	Bielefeld	Winners of ¼ Final to go though to Box 7 Regt RLC
Fri 24	Preston Branch Ladysmith Dinner	Preston	WO's & Sgt's Mess

**MARCH**

Sat 10	Ladysmith Dinner	Liverpool	Townsend Avenue TAC
Thu 22	King's Regiment Dining Club Luncheon	Kensington	The Milestone
Thu 22	Turning of the Leaves	Liverpool	Anglican Cathedral
Sat 24	King's Regiment Family History Day	Liverpool	Museum of Liverpool
Thu 29	Army Boxing Final	Aldershot	

**APRIL**

Tue 17	Regimental Council Meeting	Preston	
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**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**

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

**AUGUST**

Sat 11	One Bottle of Beer Night (1900 hrs)	Liverpool	The Head of Steam
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**SEPTEMBER**

Thu 6	Regimental Race Meeting	Haydock Park	
Fri 7	Regimental Golf Day	Formby GC	
Thu 20	Turning of the Leaves	Liverpool	Anglican Cathedral
Fri 21	Preston Branch Vets Dinner	Preston	WO's & Sgt's Mess

**OCTOBER**

20/27	V2 Memorial Day	Liverpool	Date TBC
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**NOVEMBER**

Sun 11	Remembrance Sunday	Various locs	
Thu 22	Turning of the Leaves	Liverpool	Anglican Cathedral
Thu 29	King's Regiment Dining Club Festive Lunch	W1	

**DECEMBER**

Sat 15	KRAK Carol Concert	Kirkby	St Chad's Church
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**HOW THE BRANCH IS RUN**

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