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ERIC CROSSLEY - EX 1ST BATTALION THE KING'S REGIMENT

It is with deep regret I have to inform you that Eric Crossley died on 22nd March 2011, aged 57 years.

Eric's funeral took place at 1400hrs on Wednesday 13 April 2011 in Dukinfield Crematorium, Hall Green Road, Dukinfield, SK16 4EP

Eric was a formidable boxer, who fought at Featherweight for the battalion from 1973 - 1976

HON LT (QGO) TUL BAHADUR PUN VC



It is with deep sorrow, I have to inform you that Hon Lt (QGO) Tulbahadur Pun VC passed away peacefully at his home in Tiplayng, Myagdi at 2300 hours on 20 April 2011.

The VC Saheb has been in Nepal for some time and went to his village for "Kul Pooja" which they did on 19 Apr 2011. He was planning to travel to Pokhara on 21 Apr 2011.

At around 2000 hrs, he had good meal and went to bed but he complained about swollen stomach and his breathing suddenly stopped and sadly died peacefully at around 2300 hours

Tulbahadur Pun VC was the only remaining Gurkha Victoria Cross holder from the Second World War. He leaves behind his wife, 2 sons and 8 daughters. He was 89 years of age.

Tulbahadur Pun VC was awarded the Victoria Cross, for his actions, on 23rd June 1944, in Burma during the Second World War. "Rifleman Tulbahadur Pun," records his citation, "...seized the Bren Gun, and firing from the hip as he went, continued the charge on this heavily bunkered position alone, in the face of the most shattering concentration of automatic fire, directed straight at him. With the dawn coming up behind him, he presented a perfect target to the Japanese. He had to move thirty yards over open ground, ankle deep in mud, through shell holes and over fallen trees. Despite these overwhelming odds, he reached the Red House and closed with the Japanese occupants. He killed three and put five more to flight and captured two light machine guns and much ammunition. He then gave accurate supporting fire from the bunker to the remainder of his platoon which enabled them to reach their objective. His outstanding courage and superb gallantry in the face of odds which meant almost certain death were inspiring to all ranks and were beyond praise".

From: Captain (Ret'd) Eric Jones:

Major Julian White ex King's was ADC to General Derek Horsford, deceased, my old (King's) Commanding Officer. Major Julian & General Derek Horsford also served with the Gurkhas and will have known Pun. In my day many King's officers did a tour with the Gurkhas and I'd be surprised if some members of the Jullundur Association didn't know him. I feel some older readers of the KRAL Newsletter will have come across Pun.

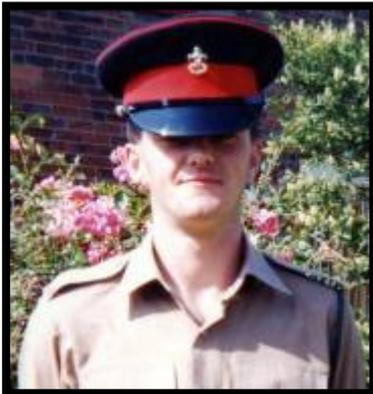
† LAST POST †

DAVID BURKE - EX 1ST BATTALION THE KING'S REGIMENT

It is with deep regret I have to inform you that David Burke died on 16th April 2011, aged 79 years, suddenly but peacefully at home.

Funeral Service took place at Our Lady of Walsingham Church, Netherton on Thursday, April 28th at 12.00 noon, followed by Cremation at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only by request but donations if desired to Alder Hey Children's Hospital c/o Thompsons Funeral Services, 31 Marion Square, Netherton, Liverpool, L30 5QA.

DAMION SHARROCKS - EX 1ST BATTALION THE KING'S REGIMENT



It is my sad duty to inform you that Damion Sharrocks died on Monday 18th April 2011, aged 39. Damion served in The King's Regiment between 1988 -1992.

His funeral took place at Southport Crematorium at 1100hrs on Wednesday 4th May 2011.

Captain Mick Hunt, Major Dennis Vickers, & Roy Mitchell, attended along with John Schofield who carried the KRAL Branch Standard and Tony Canavan who carried the IKRA Branch Standard.

JIM BARTLEY - EX THE KING'S REGIMENT



It is my sad duty to inform you that Jim Bartley passed away on Tuesday 3rd May 2011.

Jim was one of our early members and by far the eldest in our young branch. He was always ready with a tale of adventure he had been on, and the lads always listened to him with interest.

Jim had been ill for some time although he still turned out looking as smart as ever. He was a fine envoy for the Regiment and a credit to our branch. Jim told me he was so proud of his visit to Buckingham palace but the highlight of his life was raising the flag for Armed Forces day at Huyton along with the Mayor of Knowsley. Jim joined the Regiment in 1942 Serving in Europe and Africa, taking part in the D Day landings. He was always prepared to take part in anything that brought the branch in public view and will be sadly missed by us all.

Jim's Funeral took place at St Chad's Church, Kirkby at 10am on Friday 13th of May 2011.
(Danny Farley, Secretary KRAK)

CAPTAIN PHILIP CAPLIN MBE – EX 5/8 KINGS

Capt Philip Caplin MBE died of a heart attack on the 3rd May 2011. He had served with Headquarter Company 5/8 KINGS at Warrington for over 20 years.

Phil's funeral service took place at Walton Lea Crematorium, Warrington on 19th May 2011.

† LAST POST †

**K V G (KEN) MOORE – 5TH KING'S/No 2 T FORCE
OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN**



It is with deep regret that I have inform you that Ken collapsed and died from what is assumed to be a heart attack in Hanover, Germany on Tuesday 10th May 2011.

At the time of going to press, we do not have any details of Ken's funeral arrangements. A memorial service at his local church in Bacton will take place around mid-June.

Ken Moore was 86 years of age and has over his working life achieved an enormous amount, much of which is relevant to the regiment.

Ken worked for the A.R.P Services between 1941 – 43 as a Messenger, Warden and Fire Guard Instructor but in May 1943 he was signed up in to the Army. He was sent to Normandy on D+2 with 7 Fd Regt as a Gunner, During 1945 – 1947 Ken was assigned to the 5th King's No 2 T (Target) Force as a Bren Gunner with the LO. In Aug 45 he became the editor of the Free Lance (Unit Magazine) which he set up. By Christmas they had run out of paper and the magazine was stopped until Jun of 1946. Ken relaunched the magazine in Jun of 1996 until he was demobbed in July 1947. The magazine finished as a 48 page publication boasting its own cartoonist - not Ken! On Demob Ken decided to live in Kolding in Denmark where he had taken part in its liberation by The King's Liverpool Regiment in May 1945. In 1961 Ken returned to Germany for Movement Hanover in a civilian capacity responsible for movement of personnel by rail in NW Germany and BOBC Norway. Ken returned to Kolding and started as their honorary representative of the German/Danish Club (GD/C) and was then extended to the region of Jutland! In 1970 Ken reformed and chaired the G/DC 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 Ken 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, Victory Medal, Normandy Liberation Medal. Ken was also awarded the Danish Board Medal, one of only three to British nationals. A little later Ken was awarded the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) US Forces Europe Certificate by Lt Gen Colin Powell.

In 1990 following two failed attempts 5th King's No 2 T Force Old Comrades Association (OCA) was born and approved as a branch of The King's Regiment Association, by Maj Gen Peter Davies when he was the Colonel of the Regiment. Ken had known General Peter from his earlier days with 20 Armd Bde! During the last 21 years Ken has been 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. Only last year (2010) Ken was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by General Sir David Richards and invited to lunch at the CDS apartment at Kensington Palace. Though 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 heroics and contribution 5th King's No 2 T Force did for the war effort. During these past 21 years Ken has not sat idle he has arranged 22 trips to Denmark and Germany for the good of his branch and wider regimental association and has persuaded General Sir David Richards to be the Patron of the 5th King's 2 No T Force OCA.



JOSH WHITEHEAD, WRITES:

I am making a documentary about the Chindits for the YESTERDAY channel and wondered if you could help finding surviving member who may be able to tell their story on screen?

Any help you can offer would be gratefully received.

Many thanks

Josh Whitehead

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ROY BEVAN, WRITES:

Greetings Eric.

Thank you for the April 2011 Newsletter, excellent as always and appreciate all the hard work involved in producing it.

Can I put forward the following suggestion please, Altcar Training Camp this year celebrates its 150th Anniversary since first being founded to train the Local Militia because of yet another threat of an invasion by the French. Over the years ' thousands ' of 'Kingos' must have trained there and possibly some of them might like to write to you with some details of their experiences at the Camp!

Over the last 20 years, 100,000 new trees have been planted at Altcar and Merseyside Army Cadet Force have planted a further 2,000 to celebrate their own CADET 150 in celebration of the Army Cadet Force being first founded in 1860, and as part of their contribution to ALTCAR 150.



Photo attached is of two of the Merseyside ACF, Duke of Lancaster's Regiment badged cadets, busy planting the new trees. (L to R: Cadet County RSM Dougie Roberts and Cadet Sergeant Erin Quinn.

Regards

Roy

JAMES ARCHBOLD, WRITES:

Ex King's Regiment. Served 1962 Berlin Germany, 1966 Guyana, 1968 Belize
Looking for old army buddies, especially Bernie Waters, Terry Bennet or anyone from the regiment

Regards,

James

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LETTERS PAGE



ROY STEPHENSON, ZIMBABWE, WRITES:

Hello Eric.

Glad to see we here in Zimbabwe got a mention in the April 2011 newsletter.

Still here and ain't going nowhere - last of the Brits as all the remainder have either gone home or heard the Last Post. Val and I are happy here, have all we need, less our tribe.

Son and family in Botswana, daughter and family in Oz. Like us they left for a better life for themselves and their children.

Look forward to your newsletter every two months, still get the smell of the barracks as Kipling would say.

Last known name Jimmy Weir, handed over the Recce Platoon to him in Berlin before going to Sandhurst then Mauritius.

Would be only too happy to receive E mails from any of my old friends.

Best Regards and congratulation on your efforts.

Steve.

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GLEN DAVIES WRITES:

I am trying to get in touch with some old mates, namely, Tom Kendall, Vic Callister, Tommy O'Toole, Mick Forden, Wally Kirby etc. I don't know if they are members of your association. If they are can you help me get back in touch. I understand it's been about 30 years so if it's not possible it's ok, thanks in advance, and again it's good to hear from you.

Glen Davies - B Coy 5/8 KINGS - 70's and 80's

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LESLIE DUNN WRITES

I am trying to gather any information about my father who served with the King's Regiment during WW2. His name was Leslie Dunn who enlisted aged 17 in 1939. I know that he served in North Africa and Western Europe and I have a photo of him in Ostend, Belgium. I know that he boxed for the battalion. I think at welterweight as he was quite small, about 5 foot 2 inches.

I would be very grateful if somebody out there remembers him and contacts me

Thank you

Leslie Dunn Jnr

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KEN WHARTON, WRITES:

My name is Ken Wharton, former soldier and author of the following books:

'A long Long War; Voices From the British Army in Northern Ireland, 1969-98'/ 'Bullets, Bombs and Cups of Tea; Further Voices of the British Army in Northern Ireland'/ 'Bloody Belfast'/ and due out in May, my 4th book: 'The Bloodiest Year: Northern Ireland, 1972: British Soldiers in Their Own Words' All my books are pro-British soldier (I was one myself and will always be pro-Army)

The reason for my writing to you is that I am now writing my 5th book on the troubles under the title of: 'Sir; They're taking the Children Indoors' It covers the period 1973-4/5 and I would be immensely grateful if you might add a piece on your Regimental Association website inviting any of your lads who did tours in the period 1973 - 1975 to contact me with a view to writing of their experiences. Please assure them that anonymity is provided if they don't wish their names published and that the book is PRO-squaddie. Any rank is invited.

Please feel free to contact me and please also include my e-mail address in any appeal for stories.

Please also feel free to check out my books and this will demonstrate my honesty, sincerity and support for the Army in which I served.

Please also see what the MOD wrote about my book 'Bloody Belfast'

Warmest best wishes

Ken Wharton

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CALUM PRESTON, WRITES:

I am searching for Captain Mark Chadwick who transferred from the RAPC into the Kings regiment in 1989. He served as a platoon Commander in my regiment, 1 GORDONS in Germany straight after commissioning, and I would like to invite him to a reunion to be held in Aberdeen in December.

Any assistance that can offered in tracking him down would be greatly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

Calum Preston

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LETTERS PAGE



LT COL R M SIMPSON, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA WRITES:

Eric,

Great to hear from you.

I was delighted to find Paddy Lenaghan's e-mail address on a recent King's Regiment Association Liverpool Branch news letter. Having read his account in Ken Wharton's "Bloody Belfast" I always wondered how I might catch up with a fellow ex-Kingo migrant. I moved with my family to Australia in 2003 having completed my appointment as 2IC 1 KINGS in Catterick. Since the subsequent formation of 2 LANCS I have always felt like a bit of a regimental orphan, so it is great to be in touch with true Kingsmen.

I transferred to the Australian Army in 2003 after nearly 20 years in the British Army in order to provide a better quality of life for my family. I didn't have very high career expectations, but I have been fortunate enough to get promoted and pick up command of the 39th Personnel Support Battalion. It's nearest UK equivalent is probably the Reserves Training and Mobilisation Centre at Chillwell. I'm enjoying my new life, but I remember my time with the King's with great pride.

Rob Simpson

R.M. SIMPSON

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BARBARA MURPHY WRITES:

My father, George Howard, served in the 1st King's Regiment and the Chindits in India and Burma..

I have his cups that he won for sport, but one of the cups is not his. It reads as follows Dalhousie welter L/C Doughty 1937. I wondered whether you could point me in the right direction to finding his family, as I am sure they would love to receive this cup that he won. I can only assume they were good friends. My father's nickname was Bluey Howard.

Some clues about my dad; at some point in the King's he was a Corporal as I have a photo of him in uniform. He was in Abbassia Cairo in 1931 where he passed some exams and the Brigadier was G Brook. In 1945 he passed a cooks course. His army number was 3767531 India command. His wife's name was Lily and he had a brother Joseph who was also in the army. It's a long shot I know but yes I am very grateful for any help that you can give.

Barbara Murphy

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HUMOUR IN UNIFORM



HOW THINGS REALLY WORK

Three contractors are bidding to fix a broken wall at 10 Downing Street ; one from London, another from Bristol and the third, an ex Kingsman from Liverpool ..

They go with a government official to examine the wall.

The London contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil.

'Well', he says, 'I figure the job will run about £900: £400 for materials, £400 for my crew and £100 profit for me.'

The Bristol contractor also does some measuring and figuring, and then says, 'I can do this job for £700: £300 for materials, £300 for my crew and £100 profit for me.'

The ex Kingsman doesn't measure or figure but leans over to the Government official and whispers, "£2,700."

The official, incredulous, says, 'You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?'

The ex Kingsman whispers back, '£1000 for me, £1000 for you, and we hire the guy from Bristol to fix the wall.'

'Done!' replies the government official.

And that friends, is how it all works.

BUILDING BRIDGES

A Kingsman on his Harley was riding along a California beach whilst on leave, when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, God said, 'because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish.'

The Kingsman pulled over and said, 'Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want.'

God replied, 'Your request is materialistic; think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking; the supports required reaching the bottom of the Pacific and the concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help man kind.'

The Kingsman thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, 'God, I wish that I, and all men, could understand women; I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, why she snaps and complains when I try to help, and how I can make a woman truly happy.'

God replied: 'You want two lanes or four on that bridge?'



HUMOUR IN UNIFORM



WHO ARE YOU?

A 54 year old ex Kingsman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital.

While on the operating table he had a near death experience.. Seeing God he asked "Is my time up?"

God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, he decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction and a tummy tuck.

He even had someone come in and change his hair colour and brighten his teeth! Since he had so much more time to live, he figured he might as well make the most of it.

After his last operation, he was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on his way home, he was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, he demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?"

God replied: "I didn't recognize you!"

CLEVER ANSWER

A elderly ex Kingsman drove his brand new BMW Z4 convertible out of the car salesroom. Taking off down the motorway, he floored it to 100mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left.

"Amazing!" he thought as he flew down the M1, enjoying pushing the pedal to the metal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a police car behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring.

"I can get away from him - no problem!" thought the ex Kingsman as he floored it to 120mph, then 140mph then 160mph. Suddenly, he thought, "What on earth am I doing? I'm too old for this nonsense!" So he pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the police car to catch up with him.

Pulling in behind him, the police officer walked up the driver's side of the BMW, looked at his watch and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 10 minutes.

Today is Friday and I'm taking off for the weekend. If you can give me a reason why you were speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The old man, looked very seriously at the policeman, and replied, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, Sir", said the policeman

LETTERS PAGE



JEFFREY ANDERSON, WRITES:

Hello,

I am searching for information about my Great-Grandfather, James Woods (Regimental Number : 268092 – Served : WWI)

By using a picture of him with his cap on, and identifying the badge, I have discovered he served in the Kings, and I was told he would have started in Liverpool based on where he lived.

I was told when I was younger he died in France in a train. Some research led me to 4th Kings L'pool Reg and placed his death 18 Apr 1918. When I found where the grave was, however, there was also a J Woods who died 09 Apr 1918 (part of 6th Bn. Kings Reg L'pool) and is in the same cemetery, leading to some ambiguity.

The SN of the J Woods who died on the 9th was 268092. Graves did not know his age or survivors, and I am hoping that you would have more details than the grave registry, which would either allow me to verify his connection or rule him out as an ancestor. I am not certain what resources you have available, but I viewed the \"Turning of the Leaves\" portion of the web-page and thought perhaps you could point me in the right direction for finding this information.

Many thanks,

Jeffrey

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SHARON FITZGERALD, WRITES:

I am searching for information on my Great Grandfather Michael Conway. He joined in Liverpool 13/12/1915 - Regimental Number : 242652 - Regiment/Battalion : 1/6th.

He has 2 4 digit regiment numbers as well as the one above 1) 5860 5th Bn and 5406.

He was killed in action on 1/07/1917

I can only find 2 pages of his pension records and wondered if there was any further information out there on him.

His last known address in 1917 was 7 Luke Street Liverpool ,his wife was Sophia Conway.

Can anyone assist me further please.

Sharon

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BLAST FROM THE PAST - BY MAJOR PETER OAKLEY MBE

Eric,

Sorting out a box from the attic I came across a number of photo albums and copied a couple of photos from the battalions deployment to Kuwait in 1961.

Sitting in the sand all day (except after stand down when the RSM made us run around the wire to keep fit) we invented a game called 'Hodding'.

Basically we called the 'Shovels L/W' a hod. About ten feet away a 2'x 2' square was made out of bits of wood which was called the 'haft'. A team had two players and each had three throws. Standing at the ochre the 'hod' was tossed at the haft and had to make complete back flip landing blade fist in the haft. That was one point and if you did it twice you got three points. First to 15 was the winning team.

In picture 1 are my team - myself and John Sweeney and the other is Fred Winstanley and Frank Zdrenka. The man on the left was, I think a medic, who was the umpire.

In picture 2 I am about to toss the 'hod' and looking on with the hat is 'Gabby' Hayes' who seemed to spend his time drinking gallons of hot tea and doing little else but amending pamphlets in the Orderly Room!

Regards and best wishes
Peter



Picture 1



Picture 2

Ed Note:

Cpl Fred 'Gabby' Hayes, along with Cpl Ernie Whittingham, Lcpl Mick Ward, Lcpl Ken Johnson/Johnston, who later transferred to RAOC(?), Lcpl Mike 'Spud' Murphy, Sgt Russ Taylor (ORS), and WO2 (ORQMS) Andy Howitt, were all in the Battalion Orderly Room when I joined the Battalion from Preston in 1964 (Ballykinler). I seem to remember 'Gabby' passing on the job of amending those blessed pamphlets to me and requesting tea every twenty minutes for him and Ernie Whittingham!

TRIBUTE TO BURMA WAR HERO

A fascinating tribute has been paid to a hero St Helens soldier who sacrificed himself for his colleagues in Burma during the Second World War. Peter Lea recently discovered a poignant tribute to Earlstown soldier Ellis Grundy penned by his father Frank on an old typewriter.

Frank Lea and Ellis Grundy both served in the far east with the 13th King's Regiment in the 1940's.

Frank wrote: "We of the first Wingate expedition had been ambushed by the Japanese while on our way back to India. Having fractured my wrist a week earlier I was unable to fire my rifle but was able to render assistance to a few who had been wounded."

"One was Ellis Grundy. He had been shot in the upper arm and I believe his humerus was fractured. After dressing the wound and improvising a splint and arm sling, I found that the main body of soldiers had split up and six were alone. We set off in a general north westerly direction and collected other stragglers along the way."

"Grundy kept dropping back so I brought him to the front because he was holding us up. For four days he kept going – in considerable pain – because of the rough terrain. Clambering up river gorges was arduous even for those with the use of two arms. I took his rifle to make his task a little easier and each day borrowed another field dressing to dress his wound."

"On the fourth day after the ambush we stopped at a friendly village called Kashang and it was here that Grundy resolved to stay until his wound had healed. I tried to persuade him to carry on but he was adamant and the head man of the village promised to look after him and provide a shelter a distance away from the village in case enemy troops passed through."

Frank Lea added: "Twelve months later I revisited Kashang with a patrol of Burma Rifles. Upon questioning the head man of the village – who recognised me – I was told that Grundy only stayed there one night before setting off the next morning on his own. I realised then that Grundy's actions was but heroic subterfuge and he had never intended to stay at the village but, knowing that he was slowing the rest of us down, he pretended to stay."

"Everybody has heard of Captain Oates of Scott's Antarctic expedition – who went out in a blizzard so that his compatriots would have a better chance of survival. Until now few have known of the hero Ellis Grundy – a son of Earlstown who gave his life for others – and I can tell of one man's bravery which has been hidden for so long."

"No medals were worn but a hero was made. If there are any of Grundy's relatives living in the area, let them be proud of this little place which only appears as a dot on a map, but is where Ellis Grundy came from."

- **Do you know Ellis Grundy – call the St Helens Reporter on 01744 611011**

Acknowledgement: Chris Amery, St Helens Reporter

The above article was sent in by KRAL member Norman Pickles.

NEW BRANCH SECRETARY

The King's Regiment Association, Liverpool Branch is pleased to announce that John Schofield has been appointed as our new Branch Secretary.

I am sure that you will all join me in thanking John for volunteering his time .

I have no doubt that all of you will give John the support that you gave me during my time as your Secretary.

Eric Roper

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*The 2nd Battalion the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment
will be posted back to the UK from Cyprus
later this year.*

*A Regimental Weekend and Homecoming Parade is
being planned in Weeton Barracks for the weekend
24th September 2011.*

*Further details will be published as soon as they are
received.*

KOREAN VETERANS REUNION
TOWNSEND AVENUE TAC, LIVERPOOL
FRIDAY 27TH MAY 2011

Captain (Ret'd) Jimmy Weir welcomed the Korean Veterans and non Korean Veteran guests from the King's Regiment Association, Liverpool Branch to the 2011 Reunion and thanked them for their attendance.

Captain Weir then requested everyone stand, whilst he read out:

'THE ROLL OF HONOUR'



KGN CLIFFORD BROUGHTON
CSM WILLIAM CHAPMAN
KGN ROY CAIG
KGN WILLIAM RALPH CATON
KGN PETER EDWARD DAVIS
KGN WILLIAM JAMES DAVIES
KGN YOU JIN DEUK
KGN JAMES EVANS
CPL JOHN GIVINS
CPL BERNARD GILLELAND
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CPL JOHN ROBINSON
CPL ROBERT SCOTT
CPL ALFRED JOSHUA STONE
MAJOR PETER BERNARD STEPHENSON MBE
KGN LEE YOU WON

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."

A special thank you to the Chefs from the 4th Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, who provided an excellent and extremely tasty Supper.

DUKE OF LANCASTER'S REGIMENT TROOPS TO MARK FIFTH ANNIVERSARY



The 'Year of the Lion' will see a 12-month celebration of the North West's army regiment.

It is now five years since the creation of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment.

And to mark the landmark, and also the fact that many of the battalions saw action in Afghanistan last year, a year of celebrations is to take place.

A series of events will see parades in Bolton and Kendal, open days at local barracks, an anniversary ball in Liverpool, and a family festival.

The Regiment, known as the Lions of England, recently completed a homecoming march in Blackburn, Lancaster, Carlisle, Warrington and Manchester and a freedom parade through Clitheroe.

It recruits exclusively from Cumbria, Lancashire, Merseyside, Greater Manchester and the Isle of Man.

Lt Dan Brooks said: "This year is a very important one for the regiment.

"The time is now right to mark the new regiment.

"On top of the joint heritage that all of the previous regiments had, we can now be proud of our own regiment's achievements.

"We have now deployed to Afghanistan and proven our worth, not that it was ever in doubt."

A six-month tour of duty from April last year saw the 1st Battalion complete Operation Mostarak, or big push, against the Taliban.

Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion also served last year in the war zone, while part-time Territorial Army troops from the 4th Battalion returned from a tour of duty in November.

Last week a number of soldiers from the regiment were given bravery awards.

Lt Brooks said: "The lion is part of our cap badge and we are proud to call ourselves the Lions of England.

"This year we want to thank everyone in the North West for their support and to really raise our profile under our new name."

TROOPING THE COLOURS

The 2nd Battalion the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment - the former "Theatre Reserve Battalion" in Cyprus - has recently held a Trooping of the Colour ceremony at Happy Valley in Episkopi, Cyprus, in front of their families and distinguished guests which included Defence Secretary Liam Fox who presented members of the Battalion with campaign medals following their recent tour in Afghanistan



YOUNG KENDAL SOLDIER SET FOR PROMOTION



KENDAL'S Daniel Appleby will become one of the youngest soldiers to achieve the rank of Lance Corporal on his promotion in April.

Daniel, 18, has served with the 2nd Battalion Duke of Lancaster's Regiment since joining the army at the Army College aged 16.

He has just completed and passed a 10-week 'All Arms Physical Training Instructors' course in Aldershot, having previously passed his Lance Corporal's course.

The former Heron Hill Primary School and Kirkbie Kendal School student is currently stationed in Cyprus as a physical training instructor.

When on leave, he is an active member of Kendal Boys' Club and has represented Kendal Boxing Club.

**BRITISH KOREAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION
RED ROSE BRANCH
ANNUAL REUNION
6TH FEBRUARY 2011**

This years British Korean Veterans Association, Red Rose Branch Annual Reunion took place at the Stretton Hotel, Blackpool and was a great success.

I have enclosed a photograph of those Kingsmen in attendance at the reunion, who served with the Regiment in Korea.

It was great to see members of the Regiment attending.

**Terry Byrne
Treasurer**



**Left to Right:
Dick Harrison, Terry Byrne, Richard Clementson,
Doug Phillipson, Colonel George Gadd OBE,
Arthur Horrocks, Peter Prescott, Eddy Sharpe, Syd Woods**

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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Please lend your support and meet up with old friends.

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