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Battle Honours borne on The Colours

*The Regimental Colour:*

"Tangier, 1662-80," "Namur, 1695," "Gibraltar, 1704-5," "Blenheim," "Ramillies," "Malplaquet," "Dettingen," "Louisburg," "Guadeloupe, 1759," "Quebec, 1759," "Martinique, 1762," "St. Lucia, 1778," "Serragapatam," "Maida," "Vimiera," "Corunna," "Douro," "Talavera," "Albuhera," "Ahnaraz," "Badajoz," "Salamanca," "Vhtoria," "Affghanistan, 1839," "Punniar," "Moodkee," "Sobraon," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "Lucknow," "Taku Forts," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1879," "Nile, 1884-85," "Burma, 1885-87," "Chitral," "Relief of Ladysmith," "Relief of Kimberley," "South Africa, 1899-1902," "Korea 1950-51."

*The Queen's Colour:*

"Mons," "Marne, 1914-18," "Aisne, 1914," "Ypres, 1914-15-17-18," "HU1 60," "Festubert, 1915," "Somme, 1916, 18," "Albert, 1916, 18," "Vimy, 1917," "Cambrai, 1917,18," "Hindenburg Line," "Italy, 1917-18," "Macedonia, 1915-18," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Gaza," "Jerusalem," "Palestine, 1917-18," "Defence of Kut al Amara," "Mesopotamia, 1915-18," "N.W. Frontier India, 1915, 1916-17," "Dunkirk, 1940," "Normandy Landing," "North West Europe, 1940, 44-45," "Abyssinia, 1941," "Omars," "Alam el Haifa," "El Alamein," "Longstop Hill, 1943," "North Africa, 1940-43," "Sicily, 1943," "Sangro," "Salerno," "Anzio," "Cassino," "Italy, 1943-45," "Malta, 1940-42," "Malaya, 1941-42," "Hong Kong," "Defence of Kohima," "Burma, 1943-45."

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**HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARGRETHE II of Denmark**

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*2nd Battalion*—Lt.-Col. C. G. CHAMPION

*3rd Battalion*—Lt.-Col. S. T. W. ANDERSON, QBE, MC

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**Notes** (1) To Howe Barracks Canterbury in 1980  
(2) To Colchester in 1979

*Message from The Colonel of the Regiment*

I believe that the greatest honour that can be bestowed on any officer is that of Colonel of his Regiment. It is an appointment unique to The British Army, for The colonel is the head of a 'Regimental Family'; he must be the guardian of tradition in the best sense—that mystical element that emerges from a Regiment's service and history, indefinable in words but so meaningful to those who have 'soldiered in the files'. The Colonel must be available to The Regiment to give advice based on his experience; to protect its interests when these are threatened and, when necessary, to give leadership in the direction of its affairs.

Most important in my view, holding such an office will enable me to make some return, albeit in small measure, to the many officers, NCOs and soldiers, past and present, who made my own career in The Army so enjoyable and full of good comradeship. It is therefore with humility that I have assumed the appointment of your Colonel. I pledge to do my best on your behalf.

If there is one aspect above all others to which I wish to dedicate myself during my Colonelcy it is to that of our 'Regimental Family'. After a decade of existence we have recently carried out a major Regimental re-organisation. I believe that this gives us a new and exciting opportunity to cement our family relationships: The Past—our founding Regiments with all the glorious warrior traditions they passed on to us; The Present—regular soldiers and volunteers, both in my view as an 'Old Soldier', unsurpassed in their professionalism and dedication, often in adversity; and the Future—our Cadet Forces who quietly exemplify all that is best in the youth of today, at a time when others of their generation gain so much adverse publicity. Ours is a splendid family. Each branch rightly has its own separate and living identity but all can give strength and sap to the whole.

I am sometimes told that we still have a 'problem of identity' in our Regimental area; my reply is 'We are The Queen's Regiment'. This is the proudest and most ringing title in The Infantry and is especially appropriate in this, the second Elizabethan era in our nation's history. Take that message to the four corners of South East England and beyond and our Regiment will be the best known in the land.

I look forward very much to my visits to you in the coming months; to renew old friendships and to make many new ones.

Rowley Mans,

Major General.

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**The Colonel of The Regiment**

# EDITORIAL

A warm welcome is extended to Major-General Rowley Mans, our new Colonel, whose enthusiasm and energy have already been felt throughout the Regiment. In his first "message" (on page 5) The Colonel sets the stage for a genuine and positive move towards cohesion and a true Family spirit. In this context, all the Presidents of our former Regiments' Associations are now ex-officio members of The Regimental Committee; and, with an eye to the "Future", County Commandants of our Affiliated Cadets are to meet at an annual conference chaired by The Colonel or his Deputy at Canterbury.

On 12th May, The General had lunch with The Mayor of Canterbury and, in a speech (published in the local press), he emphasised The Regiment's desire to establish Canterbury as The Regiment's true "Home"—particularly since Howe Barracks is to be occupied by the 1st Bn. in 1980 and, hopefully in due course, by one of our regular battalions whenever it is based in UK.

The Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Margaret Scott-Knight, confirmed the City's delight and pleasure in fostering its close relationship with the Regiment and accepted with appreciation the gift of a Regimental Plaque which the General presented to her.

On 23 May, to mark his appointment to the Coloneley, the General was received in audience by HM Queen Juliana at Soestdyk Palace; he was accompanied by Lt.-Col. John Holman (1st Bn.), the first occasion on which a Commanding Officer of a BAOR-based Battalion has been honoured in this way.

Having established themselves as BAOR Boxing Champions, the 1st Bn. team met 1 PARA in the Army Championships at Aldershot and won; a great achievement for the Regiment and we wish the battalion God speed during its tour of Northern Ireland.

The 2nd, when it completes its tour in Gibraltar next August, will be stationed at Colchester where Lt.-Col. Crispin Champion will be handing over command to Maj. Peter Barrow.

The 3rd Battalion's unique and potentially hazardous experience in fire-fighting (when Lieut. Charles Lambert was awarded a Queen's Commendation for Bravery) was followed by the move to Dover. Here the Battalion immediately began to register the Regiment's presence—for the first time on "home ground". A hectic round of activities including "Spearhead" culminates (in July) in a move to Wamwright (Canada) for a month's training.

A change of command in the 5th (V) Bn. occurred in April when Lt.-Col. Simon Boucher succeeded Lt.-Col. Paul Courtenay. And, at the end of this year, Lt.-Col. Foster Herd will be handing over command of the 6th/7th (V) Bn. to Major Michael Dudding, his present Second in Command.

In the RHQ building, we welcome Mr. David McDine, OBE on his appointment as PRO SE District (Kent and Sussex). A former Deputy Director of PR for the Army, his expertise and experience (as well as a penchant towards the Regiment) should ensure that our activities are widely proclaimed.

This writer thanks all those who sent in their views about the future viability of the Journal in its present form and in relation to rising costs. It is with regret that from now on, the subscription is to be raised to £3.00 per annum. This is a decision by the Regimental Committee after carefully reviewing income and expenditure and taking into account rising printing costs in the nature of 10% or more per annum. The Committee were kind enough to refer to the Journal as a "quality production" and deprecated any idea of cheapening its appearance or placing restrictions on its contents.

## Mainly About People

It is with deepest regret that we announce the death, on 13 May, in Gibraltar, of Capt. B. M. (**Brian**) **Morris**, Quartermaster of 2 QUEENS.

We congratulate Col. J. B. Ogilvie, OBE, ID on his appointment of ADC to The Queen, 31 Mar. '78.

**Lt. G. K. Yonwin** gained a BSc (2/2) in Applied Science following studies at the RMCS, Shrivenham (Sep. '74-Jun. '77).

**Lt.-Col. D. H. Woolstencroft** was appointed Housing Cmdt. Eastern District in March '78.

We congratulate **Capt. K. J. Haley** (HQ UKLF) and **WOII Frost BEM** (2nd Bn.) for their awards of a Mention in Despatches for service in N. Ireland (1 May-21 July '77).

We also congratulate the following on their awards in the New Years Honours List 31 Dec. '77:—

### KCB

Lt.-Gen. Sir Timothy Creasey, CB, OBE.

### OBE

Lt.-Col. S. T. W. Anderson, MC.

### MBE

Maj. E. A. Taylor.

WO2 M. J. Aylward.

### BEM

WO2 C. W. Garton.

**Col. J. W. (Toby) Sewell**, who retired on 13 Jan., has been appointed SLO S.E. District.

### Appointments

**Brig. H. C. Millman, OBE** is to be Divisional Brigadier (vice Brig. David Carter) in late July '78.

**Col. P. D. Johnson** was appointed AAG MOD(A) on 13 Dec. '77.

**Col. R. R. McNish** was appointed AAG PS4(A) on 17 Jan. '78.

**Col. A. G. Jones** was appointed Col. Q LS2 Log Exec (A) on 30 Mar. '78.

**Lt.-Col. R. D. Fisher, MBE** is to be GS01 Ops BRIXMIS on 1 Sep. '78.

**Lt. R. J. Knight** was awarded a BSc (International Politics) (2/1) degree at the end of the 76/77 Academic year at Aberystwyth.

**Pte. Everard** of 6/7 QUEENS, obtained an outstanding grading on Regtl. Water Duties Course 524 at the RAMC Trg. Centre in Nov. '77.

### Selection for Staff Training

**Capt. M. C. Willis** (2nd Bn.)—Div. 2, Jan. '79; **Maj. R. A. M. Christmas** (IJLB), **Capt. C. G. F. Charter** (3rd Bn.) and **Capt. T. C. Wilson** (1st Bn.)—Div. 3, Oct. '79.

**Capt. P. D. McLlland**, having passed the written exam in Nov. '77 is qualified for staff training.

### Boxing

Individual finalists in the Army Boxing Championships at Aldershot, 16 Feb. were: Ptes. Golding, Geddes and Lewis and Cpl. Jean-Pierre (1 QUEENS).

## HIGHEST DANISH MILITARY HONOUR FOR GENERAL LING

When Gen. Ling, former Colonel of the Regiment, paid a farewell visit to Queen Margrethe at the Danish Embassy in London on 1 Dec. last, he received from Her Majesty the highest military Order of The Dannebrog—The Grand Cross of The Order.

**Mr. Spencer Eade** resigned from his post as AFRO S.E. Dist. (Surrey and Kent) on 31 Mar. We thank him for all his assistance to the Regt. and wish him well in his new job with Scan PR Ltd. of Shoreham and welcome his successor at Canterbury, Mr. David McDine (formerly Deputy Director of APR).

**Lt. J. C. Dawson**, now at the IJLB, has been playing rugby for the Army.

Congratulations to **Mr. David McDine, APR**, S.E. Dist. (Kent and Sussex), on his being made an OBE in the Birthday Honours List.

### NOTE TO READERS

The Editor is always grateful for news of Queens-men who have now left the Service, for inclusion in this column.

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# The 1st Battalion

**WE** are the champions—The Army Boxing Champions—and we hope that all our readers will share our pleasure at having put the name of The Queen's Regiment on the trophy. If such a truculent show of pride seems unseemly or ion-British, please forgive us, because it is only too rare nowadays for an Infantry battalion to break through the stranglehold of the Corps and the large static units on most of the Army's major sporting trophies.

Details of the boxing appear elsewhere in an article by Capt. (QM) Les Wilson who masterminded the team's success. There is also an article by Lt. John Noble on his no-less-enterprising and even more dangerous expedition to Mont Blanc at Easter, when the whole of Europe had some of the worst weather for years.

Since last November our principal military activity has been to take our part in the formation of 3 Armoured Division as part of BAOR; this has entailed a great deal of exercising, most of it in deep and heavy snow, at a time when BAOR battalions are normally safely indoors conducting cadres. It has been a very worthwhile time, culminating in a Divisional Exercise at Soltau in March, when B Coy. (Maj. Paddy Panton) occupied a defensive position which excited the admiration of all who saw it, including the Corps Commander. The enemy, who didn't see it until far too late, were also impressed.

We are now starting our training for Northern Ireland, having welcomed the recee party back just in time for our NITAT presentations. We have found a great spirit of optimism and many significant improvements in the situation since our last tour in 1976. It will not be easy to adapt to the changed conditions where the hard area Catholics now politely pass the time of day with soldiers, but it is good to feel that we are getting somewhere towards normal living at last.

Readers may have seen references in the Press to improved physical training standards in the Army and will have guessed that this has been simply another change in the long saga of the Annual Fitness Tests. So far as we are concerned, that is about right, but the big innovation is that now **everyone** in the Army is to take part—even in the MOD. This doesn't make the new tests any easier, but it does make them more satisfying.

As old BAOR hands will understand, all this training has taken place around the unruffled feathers of Exercise "Snow Queen". At Hinterstein, 119 officers and men learnt to ski at what must be the best bargain prices anywhere; we also entered the Divisional Ski Competition.

Band Sergeant Major Rothwell leaves us on the way to retire after 23 years continuous service with our Battalion Band; many officers, NCOs and men will remember him and may meet him again in Canterbury.

RSM Ormerod has also left us for the peace and tranquillity of the RSM's office at the National Defence College, Latimer and has been replaced by RSM Jamieson, an ex-Fusilier whose unfamiliar Northern cadences are rapidly being mastered.

Maj. David Dickins (2IC) is now BM 39 Bde. in Belfast and Padre Mike Walters has left us for Ballykelly. We shall retain happy memories of those Welsh sermons with their rugby playing references.  
Battalion Commendation

For steadiness under fire to Sgt. Crane (MT) when he commanded the enemy for a Gunner Regt. in one of the Divisional Test Exercises, and the RA Quartermaster did not know the difference between blank and plastic ammunition.

## 1st BATTALION THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT BOXING TEAM by Capt. Les Wilson

On 18 Nov. the Battalion boxed 1 Royal Scots and became the BAOR Inter-Unit Boxing Champions. It brought back many happy memories because it was the same Gymnasium in the 1967 Championships that 1 Queen's Surreys emerged the BAOR Champions; sadly, a month later, that Battalion met 1st Bn. The Parachute Regt. in The Army Final and were defeated 6 bouts to 5.

On the night of 18 Nov. 1977, the boxing was of a very high standard and the final result of 8 bouts to 3 does not really reflect a true picture.

Our team consisted of Ptes. Golding, McKatherine, Geddes, Harrison, Smith (48), Lewis, L/Cpls. Worrell and Barrell, Cpls. Jean-Pierre and Coley. A particular mention must be made of L/Cpl. Barrell who broke his hand in the second round but went on to win.

We were then all set for the Army Finals to be held in the Army Boxing Stadium at Aldershot on 15 Dec. against the same rivals of 10 years previously—1 PARA. There was one change in the team; L/Cpl. Barrell was unfit (due to his hand injury) and Pte. Walker, one of our ACC cooks, took over the Light Heavyweight slot. The final score was 6 bouts to 5 and we became Army Champions for 1977/78.

It would be wrong to single out any particular boxer but mention must be made of Cpl. "Dutch" Holland, who from 1965 to 1969 had boxed for 1 PARA; he then left the Army but rejoined the Queen's Regt. and was posted to us. We believe Cpl. Holland has the unique distinction of holding two Army Winners' Medals having represented two different units. The "Maroon Hordes" did not give him an easy time and after a very plucky performance he was beaten on points by Pte. Gorman.

We were unable to have the volume of support from our own unit and that of 3 QUEENS and the Depot that we would have liked. Since the latter were engaged in fire fighting. However, a call went out to the 6/7 QUEENS and our Cadets Units and what magnificent support they gave us. After some

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1ST BATTALION THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT



THE ARMY BOXING CHAMPIONS

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**(Top): The CO and Boxing Officer with the team  
(Lower): The gladiators return, happily, from  
Aldershot**

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quick coaching by myself and some boxing stalwarts from the Depot, they gave some very creditable performances of our battle cry of "OGGY OGGY OGGY"!! On behalf of the whole battalion, I would like to thank them all for coming to Aldershot and supporting us so well.

Immediately after the result, one Company Commander was heard to say "Thank God, we can now

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### **3/4 DIVISION SKI MEETING 1978**

At Ischgl (Austria) in January, the Battalion took part for the second time in the 3/4 Div. Ski Meeting, entering teams as follows:

**Langlauf—WO2 Ryan, L/Cpl. Hurman, Fte.  
Rutherford, Pte. Quarmby.**

**Downhill—Capt. Beattie, Capt. Mievill, Capt. Wilson,  
Cpl. Smith.**

Although not up to Cavalry and Gunner standards, we were much improved from last year and the Langlauf team did especially well with Rutherford and Quarmby starting from scratch. Capt. Clive Wilson combined the duties of paymaster for the Meeting with a place in the Downhill team, captained by Capt. Anthony Beattie. The downhillers performed on some very fast and steep courses gaining a lot of experience which should stand them in good stead for the next two years (provided the new 3 Armoured Division continue the Meeting).

### **'NEVER IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN ENDEAVOUR' HAVE SO FEW CAUSED SO MUCH TROUBLE TO SO MANY ... OR 'A CLIMBER'S TALE'**

by Lt. J. C. Noble

After three months of planning and the submission of 107 pieces of paperwork, an enormous heap of climbing equipment, food and clothing was assembled in my room. In the few days before block leave, Cpl. Hayes, Wallace, David Langhorne and myself were avidly poring over large scale maps to decide the best route to reach the summit of Mont Blanc, Europe's highest mountain (4807m). As soon as block leave started we packed our Landrover and trailer with equipment and rations and set off on a dull rainy morning; exactly 40 minutes later we were retrieving the rear wheel of the Landrover from across the motorway after it parted company with the rear axle, jumped a car and decided to do a bit of adventure training of its own.

have our soldiers back." But it was not to be: as Boxing Officer, I had entered seven boxers for the two-day BAOR Individual Championships in January and before a home crowd, 1 QUEENS produced 6 BAOR Champions who immediately qualified to be entered for the Army Championships in Aldershot. On 16 Feb. we produced the Army Middleweight Champion in the shape of Cpl. Jean-Pierre and the Army Heavyweight Champion in the person of Pte. "Cuddles" Lewis (at 15 stone!); Ptes. Smith, Geddes and Golding were Runners Up in their respective weights.

We would like to end by thanking all those Officers, SNCOs and soldiers from all units in the Queen's Division who travelled to Aldershot to support us; and 2 QUEENS from Gibraltar, who signalled "QUEENS RULE OK!!" Comments from a certain Parachute Regt. Officer at Soest cannot, however, be repeated!

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That night we camped outside Heidelberg and enjoyed the hospitality of notable pubs in that town, waking up with a hangover the next morning. At the French border (Mulhouse) a gauloise-smoking Customs official had trouble trying to understand my French; undeterred, we headed for Chamonix through the beautiful French countryside. As French petrol coupons were unavailable, it was going to be an initiative test fuelling our thirsty Landrover, but I had the idea of throwing ourselves at the mercy of our NATO allies. Quite by chance, we found out the location of a Commando training unit in a tiny hillside village and, whilst the others waited with the Landrover, I entered the medieval guardroom to ask for the Duty Officer. In the ten minutes it took to locate him, I had drunk half a bottle of raw Algerian wine but was able to explain what I wanted and then everything happened like clockwork.

After extricating the Landrover from deep snow in the middle of their lawn, we filled up with petrol (it was Sunday evening of the Easter week-end) and were invited in for an enormous meal. We spent the evening in the Officers' Mess bar and by midnight Cpl. Hayes had managed to amass a large number of souvenirs, whilst I talked to the Hungarian wife of an ex-Legionnaire, trying to concentrate on my French and not on her skin tight ski suit! We awoke to a glorious morning and, after an enormous bowl of coffee, set off for Chamonix and our first view of the Alps bathed in glorious sunshine.

Here we sorted out our equipment for the climb and headed for the cable car to take us up the first 500m. but, due to high winds and blizzards at the top, it was not running so we wasted a day waiting for the weather to clear. The morning was also bad but during a brief break in the weather, a party of maintenance men went up and we followed. On reaching the first station, we stepped out into almost zero visibility but having roped up, we climbed in the approximate direction hoping the mist would lift.

The conditions were terrible; ten days of snow had made walking, even with snow shoes, very difficult. The route in summer would have been easy, but now the small valleys we had to cross looked like mountain ranges and progress was very slow.



**"Crossing the  
Ice fall"**

On two or three occasions we had total 'white-out' when we could not see anything at all. I, as lead climber, could not even tell whether I was going uphill or downhill, left or right, and the others in the rear had to guide me. (At one stage we found ourselves on a steep rock face covered thinly with snow and if anyone had lost his balance, we would all have fallen. At 11 p.m. we were still walking and finally took shelter in a disused alpine cable car station half way to the hut we intended to reach and camped in the old house, formerly used by the maintenance men. It was full of snow but we cleared an area for sleeping and lit a fire using odd bits of wood gathered from the inside of the building.

The next day was even worse: it had been snowing all night; our tracks were covered and visibility was down to ten metres. We decided to stay put. The weather worsened so we made our temporary home more comfortable; Wallace even made himself a set of shelves for his equipment and to keep warm, we removed a fair proportion of the inner walls!

Next morning, although conditions were again bad, we pressed on across the Boissons Glacier and a deeply crevassed ice field. Progress was again extremely slow and the only moment of humour came when Cpl. Hayes lost his helmet which rolled down the mountain gathering snow and creating small avalanches as it went; we didn't discover how big it was when it reached the bottom but Cpl. Hayes intends to look for it in August, when the snow melts!

Reaching the Grandes Mulettes after a 12-hour day, we located the hut. We were all wet through and a little dispirited; it had now become evident that we could not reach the summit as, in these conditions, it would take at least four more days even if the weather was good. The question now, was how long could we afford to

wait for good weather before coming down; we could not retrace our steps as it would take too long.

By 8 o'clock the next morning the weather was fairly clear so we decided to return to Chamonix as we had only one day's rations left. We roped up and then slid, fell and rolled as far as we could before walking around obstacles. It was in the middle of one of these 'toboggan runs' that Cpl. Hayes went down a crevasse, lost his pack and David Langhorne, Wallace and I had to pull him out. There were lighter moments when we reached the tree line; the first two climbers would decide to go left of the tree and the other two to the right causing an argument about which pair should climb up and go around it! The last part of the journey was spent walking along a stream waist deep in snow but we finally emerged—soaked through but happy—at the mouth of the Chamonix road tunnel.

Naturally, we were, disappointed at not reaching the summit but under the extremely difficult conditions we had done well to get as far as we did. On the morning we left there was brilliant sunshine and, as we drove out of Chamonix, we saw much evidence of avalanches; it was unlikely that anyone would be able to reach even as far as we had, for at least another three weeks.

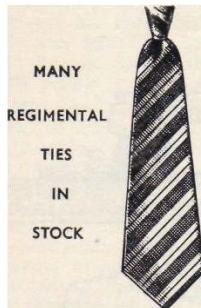
We returned to the Commando Camp for more petrol, but were sent off to another French unit where our experiences were rather different; the Colonel had to ring Brigade for authority and three hours later (and with bad grace) we were finally given what we wanted. Thirty-six hours later we were in Werl.

What had the team achieved during its two-week trip? Well, it had not reached the summit but we had all taken part in the organising of the expedition. We had found out which equipment was available

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for adventure training and we had all shared the experience of team work under difficult conditions. Young David Langhorne thinks the trip has aged him by five years and is already looking for grey hairs. Cpl. Hayes vows to return in the summer to find his helmet. Wallace intends to set up a 'crevasse rescue advisory service' and I ... would simply love to hear from a Hungarian lady wearing a tight ski suit!!

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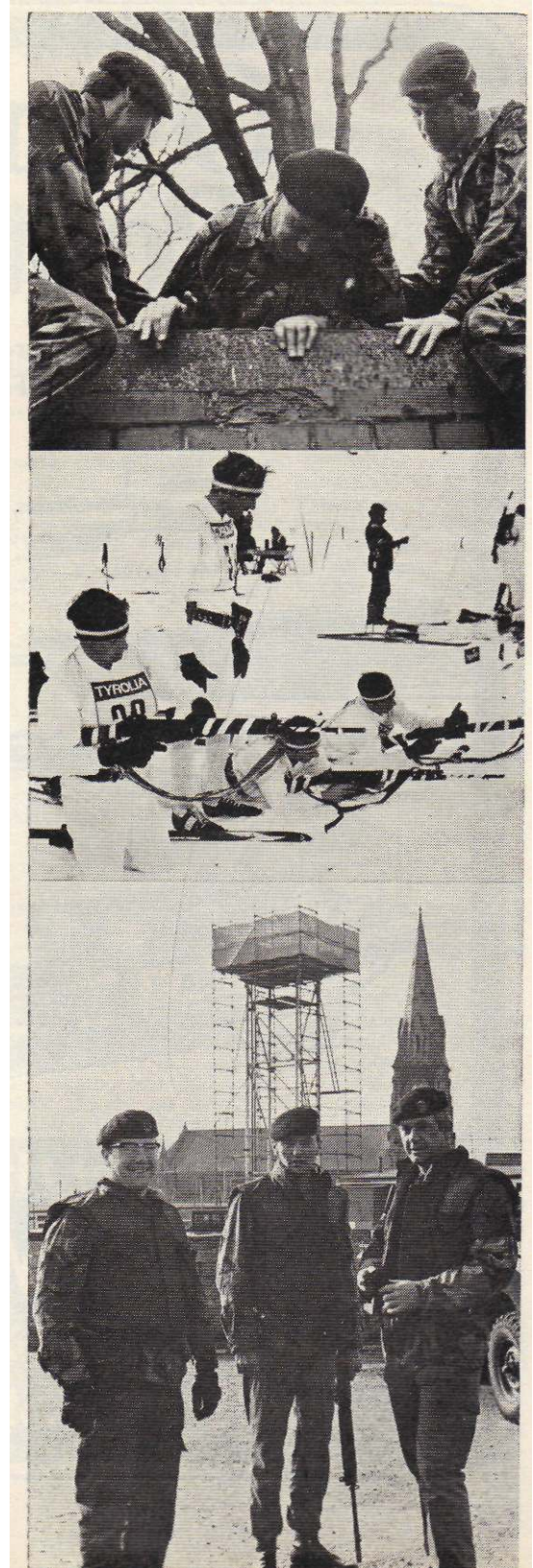
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(Top): "Uurgh! Sir—what have you done?!"  
"I wouldn't mind but the wall is only 2 inches high!"

(L to r): Pte. Brown (64), Maj. Panton and CSM Ebbens

(Centre): WO2 Ryan's Langlauf Team (try using them with magazines on!)

(L to r): Cpl. Hurman, WO2 'Paddy' Ryan, Ptes. Quarmby and Rutherford  
(Lower): Seagull is happy to be back—I to r—Adj., RSM and CO



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## Extracts from Supplements

### Appointments

Maj.-Gen. R. S. NT. Mans, CBE is appointed Colonel, The Queen's Regt. 31 Dec. '77 in succession to Maj.-Gen. F. A. H. Ling, CB, CBE, DSO, DL, tenure expired; he relinquishes the appointment of Deputy Colonel (Surrey), tenure expired.

Brig. B. R. Coleman is appointed Deputy Colonel The Queen's Regt. 31 Dec. '77, a new appointment; he relinquishes the appointment of Deputy Colonel (Sussex), tenure expired.

Col. J. N. Shipster, CBE, DSO relinquishes the appointment of Deputy Colonel (Middx.) 31 Dec. '77, tenure expired.

Col. J. B. Ogilvie, QBE, TD, late Queens TAVR is appointed A.D.C. TAVR to The Queen, 31 Mar. '78 in succession to Col. J. K. L. Thompson, MBE, TD, tenure expired.

Lt.-Col. B. D. O. Smith is appointed to the Special List, 26 Apr. '78.

### Commands and Staff

Col. J. W. Sewell retired on retired pay 13 Jan. '78.

Col. D. E. Blum, OBE retired on retired pay 12 Feb. '78.

### REGULAR ARMY

### Honours and Awards

Mention in Despatches for service in Northern Ireland 1 May to 31 July '77:

Lt. (Actg. Capt.) K. J. Haley. WO2 J. A. Frost, BEM.

### Promotions (31 Dec. '77)

Lt.-Cols. P. D. Johnson and N. B. Knocker to be Cols, with seniority 30 Jan. '77.

Capt. R. Gancz, M. J. A. Kealy, DSO, N. P. Harris and R. M. M. Low to be Maj.

The following 2/Lts. to be Lts. 6 Mar. '78: J. Barr, L. S. P. Mans and P. J. Newman.

Lts. (from SSC) M. J. Ayling and L. H. Hart to be Capt. (QM) 1 Apr. '78.

Lt- N. H. Carter to be Capt. 14 Apr. '78.

### Retirements

Maj. P. M. P. Broadbank retired on retired pay 8 Jan. '78.

Lt.-Col. J. A. W. Hyde retired on retired pay 31 Jan. '78.

Maj. B. Goring, MBE retired on retired pay 1 Feb. '78.

Lt.-Col. A. D. Peckham, MBE retired on retired pay 10 Mar. '78.

Maj. F. G. V. Bellers retired on retired pay 29 Mar. '78.

Capt. P. A. Tawell, at his own request, resigns his Commn. 1 Apr. '78.

Maj. C. D. B. Butler retired on retired pay 30 Apr. '78.

### Special Reg. Commns.

2/Lt. H. W. R. Egan to be Lt. 8 Nov. '77. Lt. K. J. Haley to be Capt. 4 Dec. '77. Lt. J. P. S. Mills to be Capt. 30 Mar. '78. Lt. J. C. Dawson to be Capt. 14 Apr. '78.

### Short Serv. Commns.

2/Lt. R. K. Wilkinson relinquished his commn. 21 Dec. '77.

Capt. B. W. Edcy retired on retired pay 11 Mar. '78.

Lt. M. J. Featherstone to be Capt. 10 Mar. '78. 2/Lts. H. Beaston, S. F. N. Lalor and C. W. K.

Robinson to be Lts. 6 May '78.

### Short Serv. Vol. Commns.

2/Lt. C. G. Lambert to be Lt. 15 Jan. '77. Lt. P. A. D. Storie-Pugh from TAVR Gp A 6/7 QUEENS to be Lt. 1 Feb. '78.

### RMAS

The following 2/Lts. from Gen. List (subject to confirmation) are confirmed in their commns., 8 Apr. '77 and are transferred to The Queen's Regt. w.e.f. 5 Nov. '77: A. J. Bickersdike, J. C. F. Gamlin (Reg. Commns.); K. S. Haines (SRC, with Seniority 24 June '76); M. E. Cowan-Aston (from SRC).

The following O/Cdts. to be 2/Lts. 10 Dec. '77: M. S. Glenister; R. E. Moody.

### Short Serv. Limited Commns.

O/Cdt. M. R. McNish to be 2/Lt. (on probation), 1 Apr. '78.

### TAVR

### Awards

Col. J. B. Ogilvie, OBE, ADC, TD has been awarded the 1st Clasp to his Territorial Efficiency Decoration.

Majs. R. E. Lowans, M. A. G. Roberts, TD and Capt. R. A. Metcalf were awarded the Efficiency Decoration (TAVR).

Lt.-Col. F. B. Herd, TD was awarded the 1st Clasp to his Efficiency Decoration (TAVR).

2/Lts. (on probation) P. S. F. McCardle, W. D. Milne and S. J. C. Thompson (5 QUEENS) are confirmed as 2/Lts., 24 Oct. '76.

Capt. (Actg. Maj.) R. E. Lowans (6/7 QUEENS) to be Maj. 25 Feb. '78 with seniority 1 Apr. '76.

2/Lt. M. H. Mortimer (5 QUEENS) to be Lt. 22 Jan. '78.

Capt. (Actg. Maj.) B. A. Carte, TD (6/7 QUEENS) to be Maj. 7 Aug. '77 with seniority 1 Oct. '73.

Lt. S. J. Manchip (5 QUEENS) is granted the actg. rank of Capt. 2 Nov. '77.

Lt. (Actg. Capt.) M. C. Mercer, 6/7 QUEENS from TAVR Gp. A 5R ANGLIAN to be Lt. (Actg. Capt.) 20 Mar. '78 with seniority 25 Sep. '77.

WOII P. J. Chapman, 6/7 QUEENS to be 2/Lt. (on probation) 15 Feb. '78.

Capt. A. J. Wilkin 6/7 QUEENS is granted the actg. rank of Maj. 1 Apr. '78.

*Marriages and Deaths*

**MARRIAGES**

- FRAZER—PARNELL. On 9 July '77, at Colchester, L/Cpl. R. Frazer to Miss Vanessa Teresa Parnell.
- BASHFORD—COLLIER. On 16 July '77, at Sidley, Pte. G. O. Bashford to Miss Jacqueline Rochell Collier.
- REDDICK—JENNINGS. On 3 Sept. '77, at Catterick, Pte. T. W. Reddick to Miss Karen Jennings.
- MacNAMARA—FOWLER. On 3 Sept. '77, at Catterick, L/Cpl. N. MacNamara to Miss Janet Mary Fowler.
- WALLER—DA VIES. On 17 Sept. '77, at Trumpington, Lt. G. A. Waller to Miss Susan Davies.
- SUCCO—McPHIE. On 24 Sept. '77, at Kettering, Pte. A. Succo to Miss Linda Anne McPhie.
- HAWKER—KING. On 24 Sept. '77, at Colhurn, Pte. A. R. Hawker to Miss Angela Elizabeth King.
- BOWDREY—SPENCE. On 24 Sept. '77, at New Seaham, L/Cpl. K. Bowdrey to Miss Margaret Stuart Spence.
- MILLER—McCONNELL. On 1 Oct. '77, at Royston, Cpl. B. Miller to Mrs. Irene Ann McConnell.
- AETHERIS—MITCHELL. On 8 Oct. '77, in London, Pte. S. A. Aetheris to Miss Sandra Elizabeth Mitchell.
- GRUBB—SHORE. On 8 Oct. '77, at Cleveland, Cpl. D. W. Grubb to Miss Patricia Shore.
- HIGGINS—DENNIN. On 29 Oct. '77, at Barley, Cpl. M. Higgins to Miss Anne-Marie Dennin.
- DIXON—BELFIELD. On 11 Nov. '77, at Salford, Pte. R. C. Dixon to Miss Michele Belfield.
- SELLEN—WHYTE. On 12 Nov. '77, at Andover, Pte. S. R. Sellen to Miss Elizabeth Margaret Rose Whyte.
- HARDING—SCHNEIDER. On 16 Nov. '77, at Sutton, L/Cpl. R. Harding to Miss Hedwig Elizabeth Schneider.
- STEVENS—LITTLE. On 19 Nov. '77, at Catterick, Bds. R. B. Stevens to Miss Jean Little.
- COLEMAN—BRANDT. On 19 Nov. '77, at Guildford, Pte. S. Coleman to Miss Ursula Brandt.
- WALDRAN—COLES. On 19 Nov. '77, in Canterbury, Pte. D. Waldron to Miss Dorothy Violet Cardine Coles.
- GOLD—SURCH. On 21 Nov. '77, at Meriden, Pte. K. Gold to Miss Ann Surch.
- WRIGHT—ROBBIE. On 2 Dec. '77, at Thanet, WO2 B. M. Wright to Mrs. Valerie Patricia Ann Robbie.
- TROLLOPE—WELLER. On 3 Dec. '77, at Brighton, Pte. P. G. Trollope to Miss Cherry Anne Weller.
- WOOLLEY—PARKER. On 3 Dec. '77, at Bradford, Pte. G. Woolley to Miss Sandra Ann Parker.
- DRUMMOND—BENNISON. On 3 Dec. '77, at Catterick, L/Cpl. P. B. Drummond to Miss Valerie Ann Bennison.
- DAVIES—CAROLAN. On 6 Dec. '77, at Maidstone, Pte. R. M. Davies to Miss Marian Ann Caralan.
- MURPHY—RODDY. On 8 Dec. '77, at N. Yorks., Pte. J. G. Murphy to Miss Maureen Roddy.
- GREENHAIGH—PFEIFFER. On 10 Dec. '77, at N. Yorks., Pte. C. Greenhaigh to Miss Sylvia Gladys Pfeiffer.
- HARBINSON—SOMERVILLE. On 10 Dec. '77 at Catterick, L/Cpl. G. O. Harbinson to Miss Jane Allison Somerville.
- PRATTEN—LEAHY. On 17 Dec. '77, at Douai Abbey, Capt. J. N. Pratten to Miss Veronica Anne Leahy.
- ATKINS—HUTCHINSON. On 17 Dec. '77, at Barking, Pte. G. Atkins to Miss Karen Maria Hutchinson.
- HOWES—MATTHEWS. On 17 Dec. '77, at Catterick, Pte. C. M. Howes to Miss Valeric Lillian Matthews.
- GOULDEN—MILES. On 17 Dec. '77, at Werl, Kries, Lt. A. M. Goulden to Miss Penelope Ann Miles.
- EVANS—HILL. On 21 Dec. '77, at Stockport, Pte. D. A. Evans to Miss Kathleen Ann Hill.
- JONAS—KISOVAR. On 23 Dec. '77, at Badsassendorf, L/Cpl. P. Jonas to Miss Hannelore Kisovar.
- RYDE—MURPHY. On 24 Dec. '77, at Liverpool, Pte. N. P. Ryde to Miss Karen Murphy.
- FARNFIELD—BAMFORD. On 24 Dec. '77, at Folkestone, Pte. R. Farnfield to Miss Julie Kim Bamford.
- OWEN—STANLEY. On 24 Dec. '77 in London, Pte. S. F. Owen to Miss Sonia Stanley.
- BRADLEY—CARTER. On 29 Dec. '77, in Hertfordshire, Pte. W. Bradley to Miss Diane Rose Carter.
- ARNOLD—ORMOXD. On 7 Jan. '78 at Liverpool, Pte. J. Arnold to Miss Diane Orraond.
- JARVIS—WREN. On 7 Jan. '78, at Richmond (Yorks.), Pte. B. E. Jarvis to Miss Karen Wren.
- MEACHEN—SMITH. On 7 Jan. '78, at Northallerton, L/Cpl. A. R. Meachen to Miss Nancy Smith.
- DOLLING—O'SULLIVAN. On 14 Jan. '78, in Gibraltar, L/Cpl. W. H. Dolling to Miss Karen O'Sullivan.
- LYONS—HARWOOD. On 14 Jan. '78, at Catterick, Pte. M. A. Lyons to Miss Susan Harwood.
- HUNTER—HAYMES. On 19 Jan. '78, at Manchester, Pte. P. C. Hunter to Miss Janet Haymes.
- GRINHAM—MONTGOMERY. On 21 Jan. '78, in Surrey, Pte. A. Grinham to Miss Carol Lesley Montgomery.
- TRENT—FLETCHER. On 21 Jan. '78, at Littlehampton, Pte. P. Trent to Miss Susan Hamilton Fletcher.
- CHURCHER—TINKLER. On 21 Jan. '78, at Darlington, L/Cpl. P. J. Churcher to Miss Dawn Tinkler.
- McMICHAEL—MIDDLEMISS. On 4 Feb. '78, at Darlington, Pte. T. McMichael to Miss Susan Middlemiss.
- TAYLOR—FRICKE. On 17 Feb. '78, at Aldershot, Pte. S. Taylor to Miss Csela Fricke.
- MARLOW—De SOTO. On 21 Feb. '78, in Gibraltar, Pte. K. D. Marlow to Miss Sonia Maria De Soto.
- DIQUE—ROSENDAAL. On 2 Mar. '78, at Iserlohn, Pte. K. Dique to Miss Elke Erika Emmi Rosendaal.
- WOODCOCK—AYRE. On 4 Mar. '78, in N. Yorks, L/Cpl. L. E. C. Woodcock to Miss June Marie Ayre.
- PEPPER—SENIOR. On 10 Mar. '78, in Gibraltar, L/Cpl. C. S. Pepper to Miss Sandra Senior.
- PULLEN—PENFOLD. On 11 Mar. '78, at Ashford, L/Cpl. J. M. Pullen to Miss Karen Anne Penfold.

LAWRENCE—Y AXES. On 17 Mar. '78, in Gibraltar, Pte. S. Lawrence to Miss Marilyn Yates.

HOCKLEY—COOK. On 18 Mar. '78, at Isleworth, L/Cpl. D. Hockley to Miss Elaine Jean Cook.

ROBERTS—RAY. On 18 Mar. '78, at Ryedale, Lt. A. Roberts to Miss Julia Jane Angela Ray.

ALBRECHT—BEACH. On 25 Mar. '78, at Worthing, Cpl. A. B. Albrecht to Miss Susan Lynn Beach.

PARSONS—SUTTLING. On 31 Mar. '78 in Gibraltar, Pte. R. E. Parsons to Miss Lesley Sharon Suttling.

KING—RICHARDSON. On 8 Apr. '78, at Richmond (Yorks.), L/Cpl. C. S. King to Miss Linda Patricia Richardson.

HOARE—VOISEY. On 8 Apr. '78, at Reigate, Pte. A. D. D. Hoare to Miss Amanda Jane Voisey.

PALMER—LAWS. On 8 Apr. '78, at Lewisharn, Pte. M. F. Palmer to Miss Carol Ann Laws.

#### FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

##### **Capt. C. J. Pearce and Miss V. J. Reynolds**

The engagement is announced between Capt. Corin Pearce, the Royal Anglian Regiment, eldest son of W/Cdr. and Mrs. D. Pearce, of Eaton Socon, Cambridgeshire, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Brig. and Mrs. M. F. Reynolds, of Eastbourne, Sussex.

##### **Lt.-Col. T. L. Trotman and Second Officer R. E. S. Long, WRNS**

The engagement is announced between Lt.-Col. Timothy Lionel Trotman, The Queen's Regt., elder son of the late Rev. L. W. Trotman and of Mrs. Trotman, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and Rachel Elizabeth Stuart, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. V. S. Long) of Weston-super-Mare, Avon.

##### **Mr. D. A. Sykes and Miss S. P. Jones**

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sykes, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Susan, daughter of Col. and Mrs. A. G. Jones, of Orcheston, Salisbury, Wilts.

##### **Mr. 3- J- Weymouth and Miss S. M. Thienot Charbonneaux**

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Maj. and Mrs. Guy Weymouth, of Hythe, Kent, and Sylvie, daughter of M. and Mme. Francois Thienot Charbonneaux, of Paris.

##### **Mr. B. J. Cutts and Miss H. R. Calver**

The engagement is announced between Barry John, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cutts, of Stoke Newington, and Hannah Rosemary, daughter of Maj. and Mrs. P. E. Calver, of Mistley, Essex.

##### **Mr. R. S. Fletcher and Miss A. L. Duffy**

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mrs. Mary Fletcher and the late Brig. J. S. Fletcher, CBE, of Petersneld, Hampshire, and Liisa, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Duffy of Firedon, Northants.

##### **Capt. J. D. K. Russell and Miss V. A. de C. Pielow**

The engagement is announced between John, only son of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. E. C. Russell, of St. Martin, Cornwall, and Virginia, only daughter of Brig. and Mrs. B. A. M. Pielow of the British Embassy, Paris.

##### **Mr. R. J. Knight and Miss C. M. S. G. Hinton**

The engagement is announced between Lt. Robert James Knight, the Queen's Regt., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Knight of Blackheath Rise, London, and Catherine, eldest daughter of Maj. and Mr. E. G. Hinton, of Bexley, Kent.

##### **Mr. I. R. Harrison and Miss P. S. Neve**

The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Harrison, of Weybourn Norfolk, and Patricia, elder daughter of Maj. and Mrs. R. W. Howe, of Littlebourne, Kent.

#### DEATHS

BRADY—On 10 Oct. '77, son of Pte. and Mrs. P.V. Brady, Stephen died at RNH Hospital Gibraltar.

BROWN—On 25 Nov. '77, Maj. R. A. W. Brown MC, died in his 96th year.

MANUEL—On 16 Dec. '77, wife of C/Sgt. J. Manuel, Dooren Manuel, died at Werl, Germany.

MATTHEWS—On 3 Mar. '78, daughter of L/Cpl R. Matthews, Julie Matthews, died at Werl W. Germany.

LOVELL—On 23 Mar. '78, Lt.-Col. H. O. Lovell died peacefully at home; he was formerly of Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt., widower of Mary Murray.

MORRIS—On 13 May '78, in Gibraltar, Capt (QM) B. M. Morris of 2 QUEENS.

MacDONALD—On 17 May '78, Mrs. 'Trish MacDonald, wife of Lt.-Col. (Retd.) E. W. (Bill) MacDonald

## Obituaries

### *Lt.-Col. T. C. COATH, TD*

There could be no more typical Infantryman than Tom Coath who died suddenly on 5 February.

Tom's robust and stolid figure became as well known in his Regiment as it had been on the rugby field as a young man playing for the great Sidcup side. Born on 3 July 1916, he was educated at Merchant Tailors from 1928 - 33.

The first phase of his military career began in 1939 when he joined the Queen's Own and quickly rose to Corporal

When subsequently commissioned in 1940, he was posted to 4 RWK little knowing he would one day command that battalion

Tom commanded the A/Tk PL at the battle of Alam Haifa and El Alamain where the Battalion suffered grievous losses. In 1943, under the command of Lt.-Col. Laverty, the Battalion sailed for Burma and took an active part in the Arakan campaign leading up to the epic Defence Kohima, which was to become a unique battle honour for the Regiment