

The King's Regiment Association Liverpool Branch

A Branch of the Duke of Lancaster's Regimental Association



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DONATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION

The Committee would like to thank the following members who have made a donation to the association:

G BRADY, C CULLEN, K HASTIE, T LYON, G MCCLELLAND, E ROPER,
M TUPPEN, MR & MRS R WRIGHT

YOUR GENEROSITY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.



[NEW WEB SITE](#)

Please note that we now have a new web site designed by Brian Kiggin and the address is:

<http://www.kral.org.uk>

I would like to thank Brian, who I had the pleasure of serving with during the 1960's and the 1970's, for his hard work and endeavours in bringing this associations web site into the 21st Century – well done Brian.

The site is still under development and additional pages/items will be added in the near future.

Brian will be assisted in running & updating the web site by
Lt Col Dave Chadwick TD





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

JUNE 2011.

The closing date for submission is:

MONDAY 23RD MAY 2011.

Please forward to:
Eric Roper
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Mossley Hill
Liverpool L18 1JP

email: eric_roper@blueyonder.co.uk

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 February 2011 draw was made at City Office, New Zealand House, Liverpool on Tuesday 8th February 2011 by Lt Col David Chadwick TD and the winner is:

**1ST PRIZE (£43)
MR C CULLEN FROM NORFOLK
who has returned his cheque as a donation to the Association.**

The March 2011 draw was made at City Office, New Zealand House, Liverpool on Tuesday 8th March 2011 by Mr John Schofield, and the winner is:

**1ST PRIZE (£43)
MR T LYON FROM LIVERPOOL**



† LAST POST †

RON LAWTON (5th Kings/T Force) passed away on the 21st March 2011 in Stoke.

Ron was originally a RM (Landing Craft) and might well have chauffeured some of the 5th on D Day. He was transferred to us in time to take part in NWE and Denmark Operations.

Despite ill health over a long time, he was always a positive thinker.



REGIMENTAL EVENTS/DAYS - JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2011

JUNE

- 4 IJLB Reunion - 1200hrs Park Hall Camp Oswestry (Details on the IJLB Website)
- 10 Guadeloupe Day
- 13 KORBR Liverpool Branch Meeting - 1400hrs Spencers Bar London Road
- 18 Waterloo Day 1815 (LANCS)
- 20 KRAK – Flag Raising Knowsley Civic Centre – Armed Forces Week
- 25 KRAK last day of Armed Forces Week Fundraiser – 2000hrs Railway
- 27 IKRA Committee Meeting 2000hrs
- 29 Turning of the Leaves - Wednesday 1730hrs Liverpool Cathedral Area Sec
- 30 Somme Battlefield Tour – Jimmy Page

JULY

- 1 Somme Day 1916
KRAK P & Y – The Railway
- 7-10 Normandy Battlefield Tour - Lt Col David Chadwick
- 11 KORBR Liverpool Branch Meeting - 1400hrs Spencers Bar London Road
- 14 King's Regiment Association Committee Meeting 1200hrs NZH
- 16 The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment 5th Anniversary Ball - 1930hrs Adelphi Hotel
- 20 KRAK Committee Meeting - 2000hrs Railway Kirkby
- 28 King's Regiment Association Committee Meeting 1200hrs NZH

AUGUST

- 6 One bottle of beer night – 1900hrs H of S
- 8 KORBR Liverpool Branch Meeting - 1400hrs Spencers Bar London Road
- 9 Flag Changing Day – 2 LANCS Cyprus
King's Regiment Association Committee Meeting 1200hrs NZH
- 13 Blenheim Day 1704
KRAK BBQ evening 60s disco fundraiser
- 29 IKRA Committee Meeting 2000hrs

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Regimental Golf Day - Formby Golf Club
KRAK P & Y – The Railway
- 6 King's Regiment Association Committee Meeting 1200hrs NZH
- 12 KORBR Liverpool Branch Meeting - 1400hrs Spencers Bar London Road
- 13 Quebec Day 1759 (LANCS)
Regimental Race Meeting - Haydock Park Area Sec Manchester
- 14 Delhi Day 1857
- 20 King's Regiment Association Committee Meeting 1200hrs NZH
- 21 KRAK Committee Meeting - 2000hrs Railway Kirkby
- 22 Turning of the Leaves - 1730hrs Liverpool Cathedral Area Sec

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RICHARD SHELTON, WRITES:

Eric,

So sorry to hear you have not been too well. Hope you are feeling better with each passing day.

I'm sending you a photo that was sent to me, as you're always asking for such like. I can recognise quite a few of the guys on the photo, which was taken in 1968 at Alma Barracks, Catterick. It would be good to put the names to the faces.

I have revamped our on-line version of our Newsletter and like you will be on the lookout for articles and photos. I wonder if I might on occasion `swipe, a few of your bits? If I get any bits that may interest you, I will certainly return the favour.

Having lost my own secretary for nearly a year, I know how much you will be missed being `in post'. I hope you will sometime in the near future be able to take up the mantel once again.

**Rich
Chairman, KRAK**

Ed Note:

**Rich,
Please feel free to use anything from the newsletter.**

If anyone recognises someone on the photo below, please let me know the name and position.

For those with email, if you would like a copy of the original photo, for easier viewing, please let me know and I will email it to you.



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KEVIN EARL, WRITES:

Apologies for this unsolicited E mail but I am hoping that you may be able to help. I understand that the King's Regiment Museum is currently closed but the website provides your E mail address for archive enquiries.

I am researching the military history of Scriven Hall in Knaresborough, North Yorkshire as part of a Community Archaeology project. The Hall was requisitioned during WW2 and used as an army camp and I am aware that HQ Company of the 5th Battalion, The King's Regiment were stationed here at one time. Although the Hall burned down in 1952 and was subsequently demolished, there is still the remains of a Fire Precautions notice in one of the outbuildings, put up by HQ Company and dated 16 December 1941. This must have been posted very shortly after arrival since the Cameron Highlanders, the previous regiment to have been stationed here, only left Scriven on 9th December 1941.

I am trying to uncover as much information as I can regarding the King's Regiment at Scriven and in particular, the dates of their arrival and departure and a copy of the Battalion war diary for the period in question. We have obtained a photograph of the Company outside Scriven Hall in May 1942 from the Greater Manchester County Record Office but we would be interested in any further photographic or other information you may hold relating to their time at Scriven.

Is this something you could help with and, if so, how much would such research cost the archaeology group?

I can be contacted by telephone on 01423 863196.

Many thanks,

Kevin Earl

Email: kevinearl@gmx.co.uk

TED LANGLEY, CANADA, WRITES:

Eric

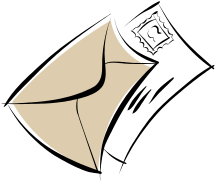
Many thanks for your last newsletter - I am quite frankly still adjusting to the electronic world- but don't give up on me! I am very sympathetic about your health problems and can only wish you well. My own problems centre around the heart as Atrial Fibrillations continue to slow me down.

The Korean community here are planning elaborate commemorative anniversary celebrations which I will keep you informed about. The war broke out 25th June 1950 when I was a crew member on an Elder Dempster freighter ploughing through the jungle swamps in West Africa. Little did I know that I would be transported to another part of the world where the weather was decidedly colder !

Best wishes

Ted Langley

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JOE CHALLONER, PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA WRITES:

Hi Eric,

So you haven't been annoyed with me, you just had the wrong email address! Good old Mo Thomas has been forwarding the newsletter to me, as did Tony Hollingsworth, bless his little cotton socks.

On a more important note, I didn't know that you had been having heart problems. Don't despair, 20 years ago a doctor told me I would be dead in 5 years, with the condition I have and I am "**Still Here**"!

Your contribution to the newsletter has been above and beyond. The newsletter has reached around the world and kept all of us Kingo's informed and updated.

God knows how many times I have sat to read with intense interest the comments and stories written over the years, and the memories that come flooding back at the sight of a name or a place you have not heard of in years.

In a way Eric, you keep reminding all of us we still KINGO'S!

Look after yourself mate and your family, put your feet up have a beer and just enjoy.

Pat and Joe (down under)

Email: rustypatsy@bigpond.com

BRIAN DOHERTY, WRITES:

Eric,

Many thanks for your newsletter, and I hope you are feeling better. Best wishes to everybody

Brian Doherty.

Manchester Regiment (Malayan Veterans Association)

JIMMY SEVILLE, NEW ZEALAND WRITES:

Hi all,

Just to let you know we are all well here after the earthquake (22nd February 2011). A big mess down there, all leave has been cancelled. In the early stages for us up here. See how it pans out by the morning should be in control by then.

Take care

Jimmy

Email: j-e.seville@xtra.co.nz

BUTCH GILBART WRITES:

Eric,

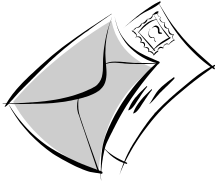
Would you please Advertise 'One Bottle Of Beer Night'. This is now an annual get together for the lads of the regiment,. Always on the 1st Saturday in August, this year 6th of August at the Head of Steam pub on Lime Street at 1900 hours,.

Cheers

Butch

Telephone : 07912 974815

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MAJOR IAN RILEY, WRITES

Dear Eric,

I am very sorry to hear of your health problems although it would be difficult to see that there was any diminution in your efforts judging by the extent and quality of this massive newsletter. It has just kept me from my bed for the better part of an hour despite having a vast pile of A Level exam papers to mark. I have really enjoyed reading it. I think that it is a production with which a professional journalist could be pleased.

I had already heard that you had some medical problems when the King's Regiment Museum Advisory Committee last met. Clearly the cardiac plumbers are working hard on your case and I wish them every success in their efforts and resultant better health to yourself.

Yours aye,

Ian Riley

Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association

THE REVD JOHN S WILLIAMS MBE, WRITES (TO CAPTAIN MICK HUNT):

Dear Mike,

I was glad to see you last evening in HMS Manchester.

Thank you most sincerely for the very kind and most gracious recognition of "The Certificate of Appreciation" from the Regiment, which I will value enormously.

I have enjoyed the company of the Regiment for the past 30 years and it is a great honour and a huge privilege to be asked to serve "The Old Kingo's", and today's Regiment through good times and bad.

Please convey my upmost thanks to all who have sponsored this award.

Yours very sincerely

John

LIEUTENANT COLONEL R HUGHES QVRM TD, LIVERPOOL WRITES:

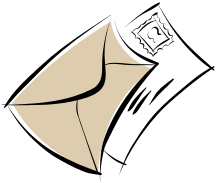
Dear Eric,

I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the Liverpool Branch of the King's Regiment Association. On behalf of all the association members I would like to offer you our sincere gratitude for the outstanding service you have given to the King's Regiment Association Liverpool Branch. As Secretary of our organisation you have toiled long hours to ensure that Kingsmen around the world have had a viable means of communication and were able to stay in touch. The unselfish work ethic you displayed over the years is to be commended, it will be difficult, nay impossible, to replace you as Secretary in the future.

Once again please accept my sincere gratitude for the excellent service you provided The King's Regiment Association over the years and more recently The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment Association. I know we will see you around until a replacement is found, so I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Lt Col Raymond Hughes QVRM TD



MAJOR CHRIS HOLMES, WRITES:

Dear Eric,

Many thanks for the February 2011 Newsletter which I have received today, as always it is both interesting and informative.

The Newsletter has been a great success which has enabled many ex members of the King's to catch up on news of former colleagues and friends. This has only been achieved because of your hard work and dedication and I know I speak for all Association Members when I say "Thank you and well done."

Best regards

Chris Holmes

TED LANGLEY, CANADA, WRITES (TO CAPTAIN ERIC JONES):

Eric,

Thanks for the recent E-mails. I have sent the photos to the President of our local unit so that he can forward them to the membership-once again many thanks. The notice, Emailed out by Eric Roper, about the Korea Vets Reunion, sounds very attractive, I just wish I could be there!

On another note - rather sad - the Canada wide Korea Vets is officially closing down, there is going to be a big ceremony in Winnipeg in August which I may attend. The reason is simply that the numbers of our Korean Veterans are declining rapidly. Our own small unit is planning to carry on by ourselves since we have become such a tight family.

I will see to it that a memorial wreath is laid at the local cenotaph even if I have to buy it myself.

Regards

Ted

TERRY LYON, WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL WRITES:

Dear Eric,

Please find enclosed a cheque in the sum of £100 as a donation towards Association funds,

Hopefully this short note may catch the eye of some of my old platoon mates who I was separated from when we got to Korea in 1952. Names such as my best mate Jimmy Lea from Huyton, also 'Kelly' (not the boxer RIP), Teddy Hornby (ex Coalman) Forshaw the runner and anyone else who can recall me 'fiddling' my way home on the MV Georgic, when the Empire Windrush went down off Gibraltar.

To those of my old platoon who are still with us – Gold Bless each and everyone of you and if you can, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely.

Terry Lyon

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CAPTAIN J WEIR, PRESTON, 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 27th May 2011** commencing 7.30pm.

This year marks 58 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 77 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 the information in this notice to any King's Korean veterans you may know and are not on my mailing list. We hope to get a plug from the Merseyside media, as we usually do. The cost of this year's event is £5.00 including supper. Please let me know if you are attending as soon as possible in order that I can plan the event.

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

LT COL DAVE CHADWICK WRITES

Set out below is request from Gary Campbell for a copy of an article in Issue 43. There is a volume of Kingsman magazines missing at RHQ and it includes this issue:-

I am researching the march that the 2nd Bn of the 8th Regiment made from Fredericton, NB to Quebec City, QC in the winter of 1814.

I have learned that Lieutenant Marshall McDermott wrote about this in his diary. The account was published as "The Winter March of the 2nd Bn. in 1812/1813" in The Kingsman 43 (1956). I was wondering if a member of your association had a copy of this issue and, if so, could I obtain a copy of the article? I would certainly appreciate this if it could be done.

Thank you.

All the best, Gary Campbell.

Email: garcar@nbnet.nb.ca

Cheers

Dave

PAUL MORGAN, WRITES:

Hi I know this is a long shot but I am trying to find out where and with what regiment my Grandfather served in WW1. All I know is that his name was Joseph Lynas and he was from Liverpool. Any information you could find would be fantastic.

Kindest regards

Paul

Email: morganpaul5@aol.com



HUMOUR IN UNIFORM

MARRIAGE GUIDANCE?

After 15 tough years of bickering, Carol and her husband Sam, a Kingsman, decided to go for marriage counselling.

When asked by the therapist to describe the problem, Carol delivered a passionate, painful tirade, listing every negative she could recall over the 15 years.

She went on and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved; an entire laundry list of unmet needs.

When Carol eventually stopped to take in air, the therapist stood up, walked around the desk, and asked Carol to stand. He unbuttoned her blouse, embraced her, caressed her breasts, and kissed her passionately, as Sam watched with raised eyebrow.

Carol, still in a daze, buttoned up her blouse, and quietly sat down.

The therapist turned to Sam and said: "Now listen to me! This is what your wife needs, at least three times a week. Can you do this?"

Sam was quiet for several seconds, in deep thought, but then replied: "Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I play golf with the lads."

BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU EAT AND DRINK

The Medical Officer was addressing a Company of young and not so young Kingsmen

"The material we put into our stomachs should have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is full of steroids and dye. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High transfat diets can be disastrous and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. But, there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and most of us have, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

After several seconds of quiet, a mature Kingsman In the front row raised his hand, and said, "Wedding Cake."

ANY JOBS?

An Ex Kingsman walked into the local job centre, marched straight up to the Counter and said 'Hi, I'm looking for a job'.

The man behind the counter replied 'Your timing is amazing. We've just got one in from a very wealthy man who wants a chauffeur/bodyguard for his nymphomaniac twin daughters. You'll have to drive around in a big black Mercedes and wear the uniform provided. The hours are a bit long but the meals are provided. You also have to escort the young ladies on their Overseas holidays. The Salary package is £200,000 a year'.

The Scouser said 'You're bullshitting me!'

The man behind the counter said 'Well you started it!'



HUMOUR IN UNIFORM

A BLONDE MOMENT?

A Kingsman, walked into a sports bar around 9:58 pm. He sat down next to a blonde at the bar and stared up at the TV.

The 10 pm news was coming on. The news crew was covering the story of a man on the ledge of a large building preparing to jump.

The blonde looked at the Kingsman and said, "Do you think he'll jump?"

The Kingsman said, "You know, I bet he'll jump."

The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't."

The Kingsman placed a £20 note on the bar and said, "You're on!"

Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy on the ledge did a swan dive off the building, falling to his death.

The blonde was very upset, but willingly handed her £20 to the Kingsman, saying, "Fair's fair. Here's your money."

The Kingsman replied, "I can't take your money. I saw this earlier on the 5 pm news, and so I knew he would jump."

The blonde replied, "I did too, but didn't think he'd do it again."

The Kingsman took the money and left...

ASDA SENIOR GREETER

Charles, the new retiree-greeter at ASDA, just couldn't seem to get to work on time.

Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies.

One day the boss called him into the office for a talk. "Charles, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job, but your being late so often is quite bothersome."

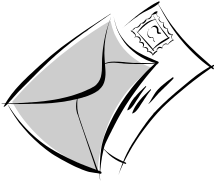
"Yes, I know boss, and I am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear.

It's odd though your coming in late. I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say if you came in late there?"

"They said, "Good morning, General, would you like a coffee, sir?"

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MAJOR KEN JOHNSON, WRITES

Hi Eric,

Many thanks for the February 2011 newsletter and all the previous ones. Sorry to hear you are unable to carry on due to your health, having known you so long I know it must have been a hard decision.

I am just about to leave Australia after almost a month over here and return home to France. It came as an awful shock to read that WO2 (Dave) Appleton, Sgt (Ian) Mylchreest and CSgt (Dave) Ross had passed away.

Dave Appleton was a good friend of mine when he was CSM HQ Coy and TQMS in Chester, Kenya (Exercise) and the Falklands when I was the Chief Clerk. The flight to Nairobi sat next to him is one I will never forget (for many good reasons!!)

Ian Mylchreest came from the QLR into B Company when I was Company Clerk before spending most of his time in the MT, we remained good friends and met up (as you do) at reunions and funerals.

Dave Ross was already in B Company when I arrived in the Bn and was a good friend of Les Larsen. He moved to Sp Coy in Hong Kong. We worked and shared a shack together again in Cyprus (UN) as Corporals and again with 5/8 KINGS when I was Chief Clerk and he was a PSI.

Its always sad to hear the passing of Kingos who have played a part in your life be it social or career. I am sure my sentiments will be supported by the many who knew Ian, Dave (Ross) and Dave Appleton.

My best wishes go to you for the future.

Regards

Ken (Ex B Coy, Chief Clerk and OC HQ Coy 1 KINGS)

MRS M FEEST, SECRETARY ASHTON BRANCH, WRITES

Eric,

I have enclosed a photograph of a stained glass window in St Ann and St Paul's Church, Burlington Street, Aston-under-Lyne. As it shows the King's Regiment badge, I wonder if some of your members would be interested.

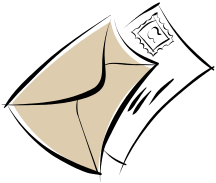
The priest is Fr Simon Firth and he can be contacted on 0161 330 1194.

Kindest regards

Mary

Secretary, Ashton Branch





WAYNE BLACKBURN WRITES:

I am trying to trace a photograph of myself and Kingsman Rafferty in about 1998/1999 as guard for the battalion Colours at a family open day at Weeton Barracks. It was taken by the Battalion photographer and I was hoping that I could somehow acquire a copy if images taken are kept or it might have appeared in the Kingsman magazine. Its a long shot I know but well worth a try.

Any help or advice would be greatly appreciated.

Wayne Blackburn

Telephone : 07743114969

JOE CHALLONER, AUSTRALIA, WRITES:

Hi Eric

Just a short note to say that on 4th March, Pat and I reached our Golden Wedding Anniversary.

We wanted it to be nice and quiet but my daughter contacted the local paper, who came around and took our photo.

We got into trouble with the R.S.L. as they like to make a fuss with cards, cake and so on, and I told them this is what we wanted.

Took Pat out to a top restaurant and gave here 50 long stem red roses. We had a great night and it was one to remember.

I have attached the photo taken by the local news paper.

Hope the you are OK and no more heart problems.

Stay safe stay well

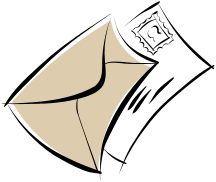
Kindest regards to all

Pat and Joe

Email: rustypatsy@bigpond.com



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MR CHARLES COOPER, WANDILIGONG, N/E VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA, WRITES:

Dear Eric,

The newsletter has been rewarding for me, keeping the old head and pen busy and it plays an important part of my life.

Your newsletter has opened up some unusual contacts of whom I have been able to correspond with over the years. Firstly, Don Maddley of Warracknabeal, Victoria (1st Bn Burma – Dec) giving a full personal about air-born landing and the hard time getting out.. Fred Ronksly Mornington, now almost blind, wounded feet away while attacking Gioela (lost contact). Gladys Impey of Elhurst, Victoria (dec), a lady of the Regiment, a short pleasant interlude. I have written to Service Pals, looking hopefully for Sgt Tony McColough, still no luck, but rewarded with enquiries from a lady in Sittingbourne, Kent – her cousin, to whom I was able to say he dropped on my left shoulder (corresponding). Then another young man who by fortunes of war never knew his father, able to give full details of his service from May 1939. Both of the 26 killed on penetrating the Gothic Line (also corresponding).

Your newsletter expands itself in so many directions, even now with the latest ongoing with David Shonfield's forthcoming story on San-Leolino that I have been able to assist with, along with Carmel Brown. To date, he has not found the house where I found a chicken, which later went into the Platoons hot-pot!

Today, not many of us old thirty-niners are gracing the pages, making room for the new generation of Kingsmen, to uphold the tradition of the regiment that I was privileged to have served with in Italy and Greece, being seconded to the Greek Army along with Sgt Billy Williams.

Now Eric, I wish you the very best, with two simple words – THANK YOU.

I am, Charles Cooper, 5385056 of the O.B.L.I 2nd Kings, 645 L.A.A. Reg and 5th Royal Berkshires

PS:

A curiosity, perhaps you could publish the countries our members are now scattered over. Forgot to mention John Harding (Melbourne) from Berlin 1950.

Ed Note

Thanks for that Charles.

Always great to hear from one of our senior Kingsmen.

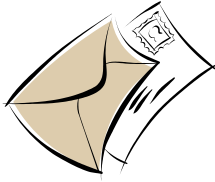
The newsletter is sent out to Kingsmen all over the UK and to Australia, Canada, Dubai, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa, USA and Zimbabwe.

Around about thirty five members in total.

Best regards

Eric

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CAPTAIN BONNER, WRITES:

Two stone memorials were installed in the Regimental Chapel, Manchester Cathedral, yesterday (Thursday 10th March 2011).

They commemorate the soldiers of the Manchester Regiment killed during the Malayan Emergency and those of the King's Regiment killed during Operation Banner in Northern Ireland.

The memorials were hand-carved in Hopton Wood stone from Derbyshire by John Shaw MA FSA. Funds were provided by the Regimental Chapel Committee.

They look splendid and are a considerable asset to the Chapel.

Best wishes,

Bob Bonner

Curator museum of The Manchester Regiment

TONY RITSON, WRITES:

Hi Eric

Thank you for the Newsletter which I have just managed to read. I have sat here reading it with a tear in my eye, recollecting names that I recall and some of the things that we used to get up to when we were fit, and could take on the world which we did in our own way.

I don't know if you can help but you may not know I was a second generation of family in the KINGS and reading that NIGEL PERKINS is still contributing to the life of the King's I thought that I would like to let them know that Hilda Ritson (Wife of) 11451194 CSM William Henry Ritson (Bill) is still alive and very active. Nigel & Joyce knew my father/us very well as do a lot of the older generation from the family of Liverpool/Manchester Reg's.

Nigel will remember me - 24107653 Ritson A C (Tony) born Iserlohn whom he took on and passed driving test at Minden early 70s.

My brother Billy (born Manchester), sister Jean (born Berlin) both send their regards to you both, Lynn was the baby in the family and now lives in USA, she was born in Brentwood but I know she would send her Regards/Love to you both.

We would love to get in touch with anybody who remembers our family, especially people who knew Bill & Hilda, it would really light up Mum's life to hear from old friends.

Kenny Duggan is a big blast from the passed

I would be great full if you would pass on my email address to anyone who would like to get in touch.

My Very Best Regards

Tony

Email: tonyritson1@tiscali.co.uk

PS: I remember you from when I joined the Regiment in Ballykinler.

THE KING'S REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, LIVERPOOL BRANCH LADYSMITH BALL

This years Ladysmith Ball was held at the Britannia Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool on Saturday 26th February 2011. 72 members and guest of the association attended. Our principle guest was the Deputy Lord Mayor of Liverpool Councillor Frank Prendergast.

Grace was said by Mr Russell Start, committee member.

A quintet from The Duke of Lancaster's Band played throughout the dinner.

After the meal Lt Colonel Ray Hughes QVRM TD made the following toasts:

1. The Queen, Duke of Lancaster, our Colonel in Chief
2. The Regiment

A raffle took place and raised the magnificent sum of £236 which will go to the associations general fund. Our grateful thanks go to Linda Tulley, Dennis Pullman (whose father was a Liverpool Pal), the Adelphi Hotel and committee members who freely donated prizes for the raffle.

Lt Col Ray Hughes, Branch Chairman presented Eric Roper, who recently retired as Branch Secretary with the book "Difficulties Be Damned" - A History of The King's Regiment and a pair of Regimental Cuff Links, and thanked him for his sterling work during his time as Secretary. Eric's wife Eileen, in her absence, was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Mr John Schofield (Branch Standard Bearer - KINGS) and his wife Louie were presented with a 'fine bottle of whisky' on the occasion of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Our grateful thanks go to all the Committee members who gave their time and efforts to ensure that the Ladysmith Ball was the success it was.



**Left to right: John Schofield, Mick Hunt
and Stan Castell BEM**



5 KINGS MARKER: SITREP 8 - FEBRUARY 2010

5 Kings Plaque, Townsend Avenue Barracks, Liverpool

It was decided to use the small (£150) balance from the Memorial donations to pay for the installation of a plaque in the WO's & Sergeant's Mess at Townsend Avenue. Townsend Avenue Barracks was the home of 5 KINGS TA, is the home of A (Ladysmith) Company, 4th Battalion, Duke of Lancaster's Regiment and the King's Regiment Association Liverpool use it as a base. The idea is for the plaque to act as a visible link to the memorial in Normandy and a reminder of 5 KINGS exploits on Sword Beach in June 1944.

The Inscription reads:

***This plaque honours 5 KINGS,
who manned Sword Beach, Normandy, from 6th June 1944
and the Kingsmen, their families and friends,
whose contributions made possible
the 5 KINGS memorial at Sword Beach***

Nec Aspera Terrent

On Armistice Sunday 2010, after the parade in Liverpool, the plaque, together with a photograph of the Sword Beach memorial, was unveiled by Lt Col (Retd) David Chadwick TD. Stan Castell BEM and John Schofield assisted in the unveiling as Standard Bearers.

Major & Mrs Holt's Battlefield Guide to Normandy D-Day Landing Beaches

In pursuit of obtaining official recognition of the 5 Kings memorial, contact was made with Major Holt. Major & Mrs Holt's Battlefield Guide and, in particular, their Battle Map of the Normandy D-Day Landing Beaches had proved invaluable to our 5 KINGS Marker project.

Following our approach, it is anticipated that the next editions of Holt's Normandy Battlefield Guide will contain a record and a photograph not only of the 5 KINGS memorial at Sword Beach, but also of the 8 KINGS marker at the Canadian Centre at Juno Beach.

Visit to Normandy 7th to 10th July 2011

David Chadwick is organising a trip to Normandy in July 2011 which will include, of course, a visit to the 5 KINGS and 8 KINGS memorials.

Nec Aspera Terrent

Eric Jones & David Chadwick February 2011

IKRA MEETINGS 2011

All meetings for IKRA take place on the last Monday of every Second Month commencing. February 2011 at The New Derry Social Club, but this might change as it was voted that we move around to get better coverage of our membership. Date's are as follows:

February 28th 2011 - April 25th 2011 - June 27th 2011
August 29th 2011 - October 31st 2011 TBC - December 19th 2011 TBC

All Liverpool Pals Committee meetings (5th March 2011 at 1100hrs) take place in the Adelphi Hotel to allow people travelling from the likes of Manchester/St Helens/Chester and North Wales to use public transport if possible.

95TH ANNIVERSARY BATTLEFIELD TOUR

The 95th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme Battlefield Tour will be taking place from 30th June 2011 to 2nd July 2011.

Tour Leaving 56 Ternhall Rd L9 6BZ at between 0700-0800hrs on 30th June 2011.

Cost £150.00pp

1st July 2011, Early Start for Service of Remembrance at Lochnagar Crater, Remainder of the day will be covering visits to Liverpool/Manchester Pals and Kings Liverpool Memorials. Plus personal visit to Two Grave site's on behalf of Butch Gilbert and one other. Tommie's Cafe booked for afternoon meal at 1300-1400hrs plus afternoon drink. Return to Hotel for Evening drinks/meal if required at the Bar

2nd July 2011, Visit 3 allied (French, Polish and Czech grave sites where a estimated 290,000 graves within all site's are due to mass burials of allied troops), Vimy Ridge and Tunnels, Return to Calais for Duty Free and Home.

Arriving Liverpool 2100hrs 2nd July 2011.

The Battlefield Tour is in aid of the Liverpool Pals Memorial Fund and our forefathers who fought at the Battle of the Somme on the 1st July 1916, this event also celebrates the 95th anniversary of the Battle where a church service will be held at the Lochnagar Crater which was blown at 0728hrs, the service is in the open so please where comfortable clothing. The service ends with poppies being laid at the base of the crater. This is our chance to say thank you to the men of our regiment for what they endured and have done for us to live in peace.

1st July 2011 the tour will cover Lochnagar Crater remembrance service held at 0704hrs on 1st July 2011 then moving around the Somme covering the likes of Guillemont Rd, Mountbain (both where Kings Liverpool Regiments seen action) Froissy (Military Transport Museum) Mametz, Poziers, Ulster Tower and Beaumont Hamill, finishing at Henin Crucifix Cemetery.

2nd July 2011, Will visit Czech, Polish, German and La Targette Cemeteries where there are a total of over 290,000 graves to theses servicemen, from here we will move to Vimy Ridge and its Tunnels and The Givenchy Crater and Cemetery before returning to Calais for duty frees and our ferry back to the UK.

We hope to arrive back in Liverpool before last orders so everyone can get away home.

If you wish to come along please contact Keith Page on 0151 525 8375/ 07915 432595 or

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**TURNING THE LEAVES – LIVERPOOL ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL
THURSDAY 24TH MARCH 2011**



1914-1918

PTE GERALD BLACK
PTE ARTHUR BUTLER
2ND LT HARRY CROOK

TURNED BY
MAJOR DAVID GEE EX 5/8 KINGS



1939-1945

PTE WILLIAM JOLLEY
PTE DENNIS JONES
CPL VINCENT T JOHNSON

TURNED BY
DEREK THOROLD EX 1 KINGS



IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN

KGN ADAM SMITH (I)
KGN ALAN JOSEPH JONES (I)
KGN JASON DUNN-BRIDGEMAN (A)

TURNED BY
NORMAN PICKLES EX 1 KINGS

**TO ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE MARCH 2011 SERVICE
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**THE REMAINING 2011 TURNING OF THE LEAVES CEREMONIES WILL
TAKE PLACE ON:**

WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE 2011 AT 1730 HRS
(CHANGED - ORIGINALLY THURSDAY 23RD JUNE 2011)

THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 1730 HRS

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2011 AT 1730 HRS

HOW THE BRANCH IS RUN

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

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**Association members meet at Townsend Avenue TA Centre between 12 pm and
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Please lend your support and meet up with old friends

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To the Regimental Membership

9th February 2011

THE DUKE OF LANCASTER'S REGIMENT 5th ANNIVERSARY BALL

A celebratory ball will take place to commemorate the 5th anniversary, of the formation of The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment; on Saturday 16th July 2011 in the Britannia Adelphi Hotel, Ranelagh Place, Liverpool, L3 5UL. Members who have attended previous dinners will appreciate the true warmth of Liverpool and will agree it is a most fitting place to hold such an occasion. The management have agreed to keep the cost favourable to allow a broader spectrum of our membership to attend. The cost of the evening will be £26 per person, which will include three bottles of wine on each table of ten guests, a three course meal and entertainment. The Regimental Band of The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment will play throughout the meal, with solo performances from band members. Tables will be named after 'Battle Honours.' All proceeds from the evening will go towards a new Book of Remembrance for The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, dating back to its formation in 2006. The Book will be held in Liverpool Cathedral. Invited guests will include the Lord Lieutenant, Lord Mayor, Colonel of the Regiment, Commander 42 NW Brigade, plus spouses. In addition, families of our deceased, injured soldiers and Chelsea Pensioners who served with our antecedent regiments will also be invited. The hotel is in the heart of the city centre, discounted accommodation is available by calling the hotel reception on 0871 222 0029 and mentioning the occasion. Limited parking for guests is available for £6 on a first come first served basis, additional parking facilities are close by. Enclosed is a return for the occasion which I ask to be returned to the author no later than Friday 1 July 2011, Somme Day! The timings are as follows:

1900hrs	Meet and greet – reception drinks
1930hrs	A display by the Regimental Band, 4 LANCS Drummers and LS Assn Pipers
2000hrs	Dinner served in the Ball Room
2000hrs	Incidental music
2130hrs	Evenings entertainment plus small raffle
0100hrs	Carriages

It is hoped many serving Officers, Warrant Officers, Non Commissioned Officers, Kingsmen and their spouses from 1, 2 and 4 LANCS will be able to join us to add a little colour to this auspicious occasion. The dress for the evening is:

Serving members: Mess kit

Retired members and guests: Black tie, Suit, Regimental Blazer and tie, medals should be worn.

Ladies: Evening wear

With warmest regards

Mick Hunt
Chairman Ball Committee



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5TH ANNIVERSARY BALL 2011

I will be attending The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment 5th Anniversary Ball on Saturday 16th July 2011 in the Britannia Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.

I Will be accompanied by the following guest(s):

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

(The cost of the evening is £26 per person)

**Should you want your tickets in advance, please send a stamped addressed envelope with
your payment.**

Would you please let me know if you or your guests have any dietary requirements?

Please return to Captain M R Hunt at the address given above

LIVERPOOL BLITZ 70
PROPOSED EVENTS FOR THREE DAYS IN CELEBRATION
OF THE SPIRIT OF LIVERPOOL - 30TH APRIL TO 2ND MAY 2011

BLITZ AUCTION

Monday to Thursday (inclusive) during the week running up to the holiday weekend it is hoped that Radio Merseyside will include a "Blitz Auction" in its schedule.

The idea is to secure donations from local businesses & organisations to auction gift items "which money can't buy". Ideally this might take place each day in the Roger Phillips broadcast period and will also serve to publicise the forthcoming event.

The football clubs are being approached to join in with an offer of a „guided tour“ of the ground, and/or a meeting with manager/players featuring autographs and/or signed shirt. This is virtually no cost to the Club yet could be sold to a Liverpool resident at a significant price to contribute to charitable funds, whilst raising awareness of the event.

If Liverpool & Everton & Tranmere will do this, we might only be looking for a couple more items. A "mystery item" is proposed for Thursday (we have an idea for this). Anticipation of the build-up will likely be excellent publicity for the final auction day and the weekend event.

DAY 1 (SATURDAY 30TH APRIL)

10.30am - Air raid siren to sound on Church Street followed by the "All Clear"

Approximately 10.45am to start the Event - Veterans parade with full standards and piper and/or military band

Short service by dignitaries including wreath laying

Static display of one (or two) Spitfire aeroplanes at separated city sites yet to be chosen

Music: "Blitz Spirit Tribute" provided by Kathryn Rudge

Static display of vintage & current Military Vehicles including at least one Anti Aircraft Missile Launcher and Tracked Armoured Vehicle manned by various Army Units and Re-enactors

Duke of Lancaster's Regiment to man and operate a climbing wall for children

1940s Punch and Judy show for children

250 vintage motorcyclists to ride around the city with Union flags fixed to bikes, followed later by static display of motorcycles

Members of the Parachute Regiment to display and operate a zip line which members of the public can try.

A display of watercraft on the river Mersey hosted by the Royal Marines/Navy

A Helicopter flypast/display

Evening – Air Raid Sirens in city centre introducing searchlight and firework display along the river front. Completion signalled by sounding of "All Clear"

LIVERPOOL BLITZ 70
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DAY 2 (SUNDAY 1ST MAY)

Static display of one (or two) Spitfire aeroplanes at separated city sites yet to be chosen

Static display of vintage & current Military Vehicles including at least one anti aircraft rocket launcher and tracked armoured vehicle manned by various army units and Re-enactors

Music "Blitz Medley" provided by the Irish Guards singers

Duke of Lancaster's Regiment to man and operate a climbing wall for children

Adelphi hotel to hold a "Liverpool Blitz 70" 1940s lunch

An interactive zip line display by members of the Parachute Regiment which members of the public can take part and have a go at the zip line.....safety compliant – children welcome

A flypast by modern military aircraft

A display of watercraft on the river Mersey hosted by the Royal Marines & Royal Navy

A helicopter flypast/display

Blitz memorials to be included across the city in church services. A memorial ceremony is expected to take place at the Anfield Cemetery

DAY 3 (MONDAY 2ND MAY)

Static display of one (or two) Spitfire aeroplanes at separated city sites yet to be chosen

1940s Punch and Judy show for children

Royal British Legion and Normandy Veterans gathering (location yet to be chosen) for meeting with public and schoolchildren for question & answer share of blitz memories

"Blitz Jaunty Sing-along" by the ATS ladies of the singing troupe, "Company B"

A flypast by vintage military aircraft – Battle of Britain Memorial Flight

Static display of vintage & current military vehicles including at least one anti aircraft rocket launcher and tracked armoured vehicle manned by various army units and Re-enactors

Duke of Lancaster's Regiment to man and operate a climbing wall for children

Vintage motorcycles to travel around the city with union flags and form a static display.

A static display by Liverpool Motor Club of classic vehicles

An interactive zip line display by members of the Parachute Regiment which members of the public can take part and have a go at the zip line

A flypast display by the microlite association of Liverpool

A helicopter flypast/display