

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 who have made a cash donation to the general association funds:

MR DAVID FACHIRI, MRS MARGRETE MOORE

YOUR GENEROSITY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.



***Colonel Chris Owen took up his appointment as
Regimental Secretary
The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment
effective from Monday 16th April 2012.***



Colonel Owen on a visit to the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral (26th April 2012)



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

AUGUST 2012.

The closing date for submission is:

MONDAY 23RD JULY

Please forward to:

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

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

'100' CLUB

The APRIL 2012 draw was made at City Office, Liverpool on Tuesday 4th April 2012 by Committee member Major E McMahon & the winner is:

1ST PRIZE (£50)

MR W SEFTON

The MAY 2012 draw was made at Townsend Avenue TAC, Liverpool on Friday 25th May 2012 by Korean Veteran Terry Clarke, & the winner is:

1ST PRIZE (£50)

MR R WAIT

Please be advised that the July quarterly committee meeting scheduled for 1130 hrs 15th July 2012 at Townsend TAC has been cancelled.

The July quarterly committee meeting will now take place at Walker House, Liverpool on Tuesday 3rd July 2012 at 1200 hrs.

CAPTAIN BOBBY FACHIRI MC - OBITUARY BORN 4TH AUGUST 1919 – DIED 18TH MARCH 2012

Captain Bobby Fachiri, who died aged 92, won an MC serving with T-Force, an elite Army formation, in the final weeks of the Second World War.



At the instigation of Ian Fleming, then with Naval Intelligence, a detachment of Commandos known as 30 Assault Unit (30AU) began, in the wake of the invasions of North Africa and Italy, to seize key items of enemy technology. These included coding machines as well as secret weapons. T (for Target)-Force operated on the same principle during the drive into Germany, often racing against time to secure research facilities before they were destroyed, or to find prominent scientists and industrialists before they fell into the hands of the Soviets.

The 5th Battalion the King's Regiment (Liverpool) was part of the force, and on 30th April 1945 Fachiri, commanding its reconnaissance platoon, was ordered to take nine reconnaissance cars to the Lübeck-Travemünde area on the Baltic coast. His objective was to prevent the destruction of the seaplane base and the Luftwaffe experimental station there.

He arrived at Travemünde soon after dawn to be met by about 4,000 German troops, armed, and in what was later described as "an uncertain mood of acceptance of the surrender". Having persuaded them to lay down their arms he found that the only road east was jammed by thousands of civilians, trying to flee the Russians. To prevent his unit from being swamped, and thereby endangering his mission, Fachiri closed this road and mounted a guard.

Mindful of the dangers of last-minute sabotage, he then used 20 French PoWs whom he had found to guard the airfield and the Luftwaffe research base. As he was still short of men, he then crossed back over the river and mobilised the local police. "Within half an hour," he wrote later, "Hauptmann Baumgarten appeared with the finest array of toughs I have ever seen. They were just what we required to control the unruly mass of humanity which was still on the road."

When 1st Battalion the Northamptonshire Regiment arrived a little later, Fachiri was able to borrow a rifle company to guard the German Institution of Aviation works and the experimental base for seaplanes. But Fachiri found that the Blohm and Voss flying boat factory, repair station and assembly yards were still occupied by German troops. Heading straight there with three reconnaissance cars, he was greeted by several German staff officers on the steps of the officers' mess. A clerk already sitting behind a typewriter typed out a formal surrender of 30 officers and engineers, 200 soldiers and all buildings and equipment. A drive around the station revealed that there was enough material to assemble 150 aircraft.

Fachiri then had to make arrangements for the feeding of 4,000 PoWs as well as the German civilians. He organised a conference between the senior German officers, the Bürgermeister, the chief of police and the telephone exchange supervisor at which it was decided that the police would be responsible for feeding the soldiers from their reserve rations, and that the Bürgermeister would be responsible for feeding the civilians .

Over the next few days advance parties of the RAF Regiment took over the aerodrome and the Blohm and Voss works, while the Royal Navy took over the seaplane experimental base at Travemünde. Fachiri handed over the assembly station to the US Army. On the 8th May the war ended and he rejoined the battalion. He was subsequently awarded an MC.

Robert Fachiri was born into a family of cotton traders at Sefton Park, Liverpool, on 4th August 1919 and educated at Liverpool College. He began work in the city's Cotton Market, and on the outbreak of war joined the Royal Artillery before being commissioned into the King's Regiment (Liverpool). He took part in the D-Day landings in Normandy with the 5th Battalion. The citation for his MC also paid tribute to the skill and determination with which he had kept six anti-tank guns in position for six days in Normandy despite constant sniping and infiltration by enemy patrols.

Fachiri retired from the Army in 1946. The Cotton Market was not reopened for several years and he worked for the Bank of England in Liverpool before starting his own insurance broking firm.

He was a talented painter and, from 1967, made his living as an artist. His pictures have been sold all over the world, and three hang in the Bank of England.

In retirement, he lived in the Wirral.

Bobby Fachiri married first, in 1939, Betty Lord. She predeceased him in 1948, and the next year he married Mary Beardmore, who also predeceased him. He is survived by a son and a daughter of his first marriage and a son and two daughters of his second.

† LAST POST †

KENNETH DAVID WILLIAMS (23928208) (LATE 1 KINGS)

It is my sad duty to inform you that Kenneth David Williams passed away on Monday 12th March 2012, aged 67 years.

His funeral service took place on Monday 19th March 2012 at St Andrew's Church in St Helens.

WILLIAM (BILL) LAWRENCE METCALF (LATE THE KING'S REGIMENT)

Bill passed away peacefully on Thursday March 29th 2012, aged 83 years.

His funeral Service took place on Friday 13th April 2012 at Springwood Crematorium, Springwood Avenue, Garston, L25 7UN. The Committal took place immediately after at Toxteth Park Cemetery, Smithdown Road, L15 2HD.

Bill was originally from Kirkdale and attended St Athanasius School, prior to it being bombed! Both Bill's father and brother both served in the King's Liverpool Regiment.

Reunited with his beloved Winnie. Loving dad of Peter. William will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his loving family and friends, especially his sister-in-law Gladys and brother-in-law Rod.

† **LAST POST** †

MICHAEL (MICK) DOHERTY REME - 5/8 KINGS (NRPS)

Mick passed away on Tuesday 3rd April 2012 at the East Cheshire Hospice, Macclesfield.

His cremation took place at the Cypress Chapel, Stockport Crematorium, Stockport on Tuesday the 17th April 2012 and afterwards at the Davenport Golf Club, Poynton.

NORMAN WOODS (22723158 KOREAN VETERAN) EX 1 KINGS (1952-1954)

Norman passed away on Wednesday 25th April 2012, aged 78.

His funeral service took place at Holy Trinity Church, Southport, followed by cremation at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 2nd May 2012.

Former Kingsmen Eric Lupton, Vincent Maloney, Hughie Hodgson and Bill Thompson attended.

GEORGE MEDWAY

Just a note to inform anyone who knew **GEORGE MEDWAY**, who came from Liverpool, that he passed away on 18th May 2012, aged 83.

He served in the King's Regt 1946-1950, King's Own 1950 - 1956 and King's Own Border 1956 - 1967 (Korea 1953 -1954).

I know he served in the following locations: MELF, East Africa, Egypt, BAOR, Korea, Hong Kong, West Africa. He finished his career in charge of Ulverston TA. He was proud to serve. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who knew my father.

Robert Medway

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REGIMENTAL DIARY DATES JUNE – AUGUST 2012

JUNE

Sat 16

The Queen's Birthday Parade

London

21-25

King's Regiment Dining Club Dinner

Rome

Details to follow should Col Mike wish to attend?

Thu 28

Turning of the Leaves

Liverpool

Anglican Cathedral

JULY

Sun 1

AFD plus 30th Anniversary of the FIs

12-16

KRAL Battlefield Tour

Somme/Arras/Ypres

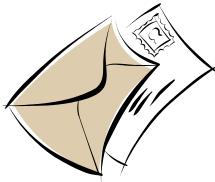
AUGUST

Sat 11

One Bottle of Beer Night (1900 hrs)

Liverpool

The Head of Steam



KEITH ALTHAM WRITES:

Hi Eric,
Thanks for the April 2012 Newsletter

As you probably know from John Schofield, I have been living in Spain for the passed 15 years and I don't get to UK much.

I am sending you some old photos mainly of C Company, which I had the privilege to be in for quite a long time.

Best regards.

Keith Altham (Ex Cpl - Charlie Company 1 KINGS)

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Top left:
? (left) , Keith Altham (Centre),
Derek Taylor (Right)
BERLIN

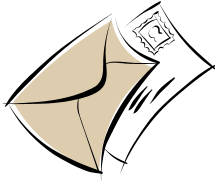
Left Centre:
Charlie Company
Dragon Boat Race
STANLEY, HONG KONG

Bottom Left:
BATTALION ON PARADE
Brigadier A E Holt ADC
Colonel of the Regiment (left),
Keith Boardman (with axe)
Captain C R N Coleman (right)
STANLEY FORT, HONG KONG

Below:
Geoff Horner & Danny Main
WEETON CAMP 1972?



LETTERS PAGE



MARGRETE MOORE, WRITES:

Hello Eric,

Hope all is well in Liverpool and thank you for keeping me on the newsletter mailing list.

I did indeed answer Peter Watson regarding the Seaforth Barracks in Goslar (newsletter Feb 2012), but don't know why he suddenly has promoted Ken to Major in his letter in this newsletter! That certainly didn't come from me.

As I still have all Ken's 5 KINGS files - paper as well as electronic, I was able to go back and fetch a page published in a copy of an old Free Lance concerning all the locations, where T Force was stationed in Goslar. Seaforth not amongst them, nor have I ever heard it mentioned.

Otherwise, sad to see that Bobby Fachiri has passed away.

I am now settled in Denmark on the west coast of Jutland in Staby, although it does not quite feel it is home. Just about to start business - teaching the Danes and possibly Germans to use all of the edible crab (haven't spent 17 years near Cromer for nothing). Here the use of a whole crab is almost unheard of and they only use the claws and discard the rest.

Can you please give me your branch bank details including IBAN and Swift, as I would like to make a donation - without a UK chequebook that is easiest done by transfer from here.

Have a good Easter,

Best Wishes,

Margrete

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NICOLA JOHN, WRITES:

Dear Eric

I was wondering if you could help. I am looking for this chap who was in Kenya with the King's Regiment in 1959/60. He knew my parents ROGER (TAFFY) & JOAN JOHN. He was known as "Eifion".

I found this reference to him in the London Gazette, which is how I now know his first name is William rather than Eifion.

KINGS - NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

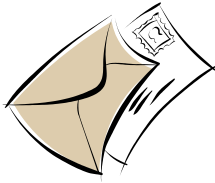
2360057 CADET WILLIAM EIFION EVANS (463464) - to be 2nd Lt, 5th Dec. 1959.

I was just wondering if he is a member of your association or that someone might be able to put me in contact with him.

Many thanks for your help

Nicola John

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JANET SMITH, WRITES:

Dear Eric,

Thank you for the copy of the April 2012 KRAL newsletter which contained my query regarding my uncle, Reginald Leak.

As a result, I have received excellent help from David Dunbabin who has sent me some very useful copies of documents. I have also received some very good information from Sam Naomi in the USA.

Thank you once again and if anyone else can shed any light on Reginald Leak's death on the 7th June 1944, I would be very grateful.

All the very best.

Janet Smith

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ROY HUGHES WRITES:

Hi Eric

The amount of effort and hard work you put into the publication of the Newsletter amazes me. It is an excellent read, full of memories, loads of humour, I could go on, you have heard it all before. If and when you finally stand down, I don't think anyone could follow your act! Well done.

Many Thanks

Roy

I have attached a copy of a military poem (Entry to Heaven), sent in by a John A Evans, associate member Preston Branch :-

ENTRY TO HEAVEN

A soldier stood at the 'Pearly Gate', his face was scarred and old.

He stood before the man of fate, for admission to his fold.

What have you done, St Peter asked, to gain admission here.

I was Infantry, Sir, he said, for many and many a year.

***The Pearly gate swung open wide as St Peter touched the bell,
Inside he said and choose your harp, you've had your share of "Hell"***

STEPHEN WILLIAMS, WRITES:

I am writing to inform you that my Dad **Kenneth David Williams** passed away on the 12th March 2012, aged 67.

I don't know much about his army days apart from his number (23928208), his regiment (1 KINGS) and that he served in Ballykinler, Northern Ireland. He served for 12 years 54 days. He was a Kingsman. He played the drums.

Can you help me find some info and photographs of him as I have none? The family would be very grateful for any assistance.

Stephen Williams

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LETTERS PAGE



RAY ALLEN, WRITES

My mother-in-Law is researching her Uncle, **GEORGE ALBERT SHEARS** - born 3rd June, 1913 Army Number 3766618 who served in The King's Regiment. He died in an explosion in Scotland, he is buried in Plymouth Efford Cemetery.

We have reached a dead end as far as his death is concerned. He was killed in Scotland on the 10th August 1945 in an explosion, which also took the life of at least one other man, who was from a different regiment.

Additional Information:

GEORGE ALBERT SHEARS - born 3rd June, 1913 - seventh child and fourth son of Arthur Edward Shear and Harriet, nee Moreton.

Following Harriet's death in 1923 George was placed in a children's home - possibly in Scotland.

Married 27th September, 1935 to Olive May Reed. Occupation on marriage certificate - Bandsman Second Battalion King's Regiment 3766618.

Death recorded on 11th August 1945 - died 10th August 1945. No official death registration found in civil registers or war death. Entry found on Scottish People Website.

Death in the District of Daviot and Dunlichity in the County of Inverness
George Albert Shears Corporal King's Regiment Married to Olive May Reed
August 10th: 11.30am, Weals Daviot, usual address 10 Green Street Plymouth
Male 31 years

Father given as Richard Arthur Shears (Richard being name of grandfather) and Harriet Shears M.S. Morton

Accidental Explosion. Instantaneous death certified by W.E. Brigg, Cameron Barracks.

War Graves Commission has entry:

In memory of Corporal George Albert Shear 37766618, The King's Regiment (Liverpool) who died on Friday 10th August, 1945.

Corporal Shears, Sec. C. Cons. Remembered with honour Plymouth (Efford) Cemetery, Devon, United Kingdom. This grave has the standard War Graves headstone but is not with the other war graves in this cemetery.

According to enquiries at The Imperial War Museum this regiment was serving in the Mediterranean at the time of George's death.

This is a summary (almost complete) of information.

Can you help with any info or perhaps point us in the right direction?

Many thanks.

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HUMOUR IN UNIFORM



ICE COLD IN AFGHANISTAN

A fleeing Taliban, desperate for water, was plodding through the Afghan desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he hurried toward the oasis only to find a Kingsman selling regimental ties.

The Taliban asked, "Do you have water?"

The Kingsman replied, "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only £5."

The Taliban shouted, "Idiot! I do not need an over-priced tie. I need water! I should kill you, but I must find water first!"

"OK," said the Kingsman, "It does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie and that you hate me. I will show you that I am bigger than that. If you continue over that hill to the east for about two miles, you will find the Sergeant's Mess. It has all the ice cold water you need. Shalom."

Cursing, the Taliban staggered away over the hill.

Several hours later he staggered back, almost dead & said,

"Your RSM won't let me in without a tie!"

REVERT TO ROLL

The Band of The Irish Guards was performing in concert at the Loughborough Town Hall organized by the Quorn Branch of The Royal British Legion.

The Director of Music was addressing the audience. "Being the Irish Guards we ought to do something Irish, any suggestions?"

Quick as a flash a Kingsman from the back of the audience yelled "Dig up the car park!"

SNOTTY RECEPTIONIST

Norman, an ex Kingsman, had an appointment to see the urologist who shared offices with several other doctors.

The waiting room was filled with patients. As he approached the receptionist's desk, he noticed that the receptionist was a large unfriendly woman who looked like a Sumo wrestler.

He gave her his name.

In a very loud voice, the receptionist said, "yes, I have your name here; you want to see the doctor about impotence, right?"

All the patients in the waiting room snapped their heads around to look at the very embarrassed man. He recovered quickly, and in an equally loud voice replied, "no, I've come to enquire about a sex change operation, but I don't want the same doctor that did yours."



HUMOUR IN UNIFORM

GARRISON PUB QUIZ....

And the final question to win the £1000 is:

Take That's first album consisted of four words, the first two were "Take That" so what were the second two?

There was a long pause then Dennis, a serving Kingsman stands up and says:

Was it - "Yer Bastard"...?

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

A petrol station owner in Catterick was trying to increase his sales. So, he put up a sign that read, 'Free Sex with Fill-Up for all Kingsmen.'

Terry, a Kingsman, pulled in, filled his tank and asked for his free sex. The owner told him to pick a number from 1 to 10. If he guessed correctly, he would get his free sex.

Terry guessed 8, and the proprietor said, 'You were close. The number was 7. Sorry. No sex this time.'

A week later, Terry, along with his friend Brian, pulled in for another Fill-up. Again he asked for his free sex.

The proprietor again gave him the same story, and asked him to guess the correct number.

Terry guessed 2 this time. The proprietor said, 'Sorry, it was 3. You were close, but no free sex this time.'

As they were driving away, Terry said to Brian, 'I think that game is rigged and he doesn't really give away free sex.'

Brian replied, 'No it ain't, Terry. It's not rigged at all. My wife won twice last week.'

OLYMPICS

Three Kingsman want to get into the Olympics, but they haven't got tickets.

The first Kingsman picks up a manhole-cover, tucks it under his arm and walks to the gate.

"McTavish, Scotland ," he says, "Discus," and in he walks.

The second Kingsman picks up a length of scaffolding and slings it over his shoulder.

"Waddington-Smythe, England ," he says, "Pole vault," and in he walks.

The third Kingsman looks around, picks up a roll of barbed wire and tucks it under his arm.

"O'Malley, Ireland " he says, "Fencing."



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Reference:

01 May 2012

Dear Eric,

Trust you are well? I am currently working at the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine as OC Patient Support Services. In a nutshell, my team and I are responsible for the welfare of all our military patients that arrive at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham (QEHB) for treatment. 50% of our work obviously comes from Afghanistan however the remainder come from everywhere else in the world where our forces are serving.

You will be acutely aware that we receive a number (not advertised in the media) of seriously injured casualties from Afghanistan with devastating life changing injuries. These soldiers and their families spend months at the QEHB prior to them moving to Headly Court and we do everything in our power to make their stay here as comfortable as possible, nothing (within reason) is insurmountable. To enable us to provide them with those 'little extras' we have to use money generously donated to the Patient Welfare Fund by the public, mainly in the Birmingham area however we do receive donations as far as the South Coast and Edinburgh.

One of my responsibilities is to fundraise and although most of my time is taken up with my primary role, for the sake of the Patient Group, I am finding myself having to focus more and more of my time to raising awareness of the fund and obviously fundraising. With this in mind I am trying to encourage as many people as possible to get involved in increasing awareness and or fundraising. The general perception is that when we start pulling out of Afghanistan in 2014 there will be no need to give anymore and we are already starting to see a drop in donations.

I have attached one of our flyers to this letter which will give you more information and there is more on our website which I must add is currently being updated. I have written to all our Regimental Association groups asking for assistance. I would be more than happy to visit one of your monthly/annual meetings or fund raising events in order to present what we do here in more detail. You will be aware that the First Battalion deploys in Sep and the Second Battalion early next year with members of the Forth Battalion likely to be attached. I am aware that a number of charities rely on our associations for fundraising and I fully understand that it is a big ask however any assistance you could provide, even if it is just signposting the fund to your contacts, would be greatly appreciated. Please pass on my warm regards to all your members.

yours Aye

J A Harker MBE
Major
Duke of Lancaster's Regiment
SO2/OC Patient Support Services

John Harker.

**For further information or to make a donation,
please visit:**

RCDM WEB SITE:

<http://www.rcdm-patientwelfarefund.com>

LETTERS PAGE



KATHARINE STEPHENS WRITE:

I am Tristram Mayhew's PA. He is organising a twenty year reunion of his intake of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (Marne Coy, Standard Graduate Course (SGC) 921). I am trying to track down to invite as many past students of RMAS SGC 921 intake as I can. Inevitably, Tristram has lost touch with many of his old comrades.

I would be very grateful if you might forward this email to I I Edwards (all I have on him is that his initials are I I) and that he attended the Marne 921 course at Sandhurst.

If you have contact details for him, who I believe served in the King's Regiment, please ask him to get in touch with me and/or Tristram. I am sorry that I am not aware of his current rank or even whether he is still serving.

The basic details of the Reunion are:

MARNE COY: Standard Graduate Course 921 RMA Sandhurst (Jan-Aug 1992).
DATE: Evening of Sat 17 Nov 2012, with accommodation available
VENUE: Old College, RMAS.
ORGANISER: Tristram Mayhew, ex-RDG (and 3 Plt, Marne Coy, SGC 921).
Tele: Work: 01284 852214 **Email: Katharine.Stephens@goape.co.uk**

Many thanks in advance.

**Yours gratefully,
Katharine**

HEIDI SWANN, WRITES:

My Father, CSgt K A Flynn, 5/8 KINGS, was based at Peninsular Barracks, Warrington. I remember him deploying for Crusader 80 when I was a child & him always having trophies for shooting (especially in the 70's).

I would be grateful for any further information etc of his time with 5/8 KINGS.

Heidi Swann

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COLONEL MARTIN G C AMLÔT OBE DL



Martin Amlôt was born in the Wirral in 1947 and educated at the King's School Chester, and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. He served with the King's Regiment and in staff appointments in Great Britain, the Caribbean, Germany, Canada, Norway, Hong Kong, the Falklands, Kenya, Ulster and the United States. He was Second in Command of 1st Battalion the King's Regiment in the late 1980s and he commanded the TA Battalion of his Regiment during the post Cold War 'Options for Change' reorganisation of the TA. He was appointed OBE at the end of this tour.

His last regular army posting was as Secretary to the Commanders in Chiefs' Committee (Germany). He left the Army in 1994 and took up the appointment of Regimental Secretary of the King's Regiment. This was a Ministry of Defence Civil Service post running the home headquarters of his Regiment, usually filled by a retired officer with service in the Regiment. He held this post for 12 years.

In 2006 the King's Regiment merged with the King's Own Royal Border Regiment and the Queen's Lancashire Regiment to form the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment. Martin Amlôt was appointed the Regimental Secretary of the new Regiment.

Despite holding a busy Civil Service appointment, he also found time for youth work, becoming Commandant for five years of the fifth largest Army Cadet Force County in the country. He has chaired the regional Army Cadet Force Public Relations and Recruiting Committee and was Deputy Chairman of the Regional Joint Services Cadet committee. He became a governor and a trustee of the Royal School for the Blind Liverpool. He was Chairman of the Committee of the Merseyside and Deeside Outward Bound Association, Chairman of a national working group set up to reorganise the volunteer arm of the Outward Bound Trust; Director, then Commissioner and finally Commander of St John Ambulance Merseyside until late 2011. For a time he was Chairman of Governors of his local village school and a member of the Parochial Church Council. He took over the role of Chairman of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen's and Families Association Forces Help (SSAFA Forces Help) Merseyside Branch in 2010. He was appointed to the honorary rank of Colonel after his TA service as ACF commandant and in December 2000 he was appointed Deputy Lieutenant in Merseyside. In 2008 he was appointed a Serving Brother of the order of St John and he received the service medal of the order in 2011. At the end of 2011, he retired from the Ministry of Defence Civil Service. In April 2012 he was installed as the High Sheriff of Merseyside.

Martin Amlôt was widowed in 1987 and later married Daphne. Martin and Daphne Amlôt live on the Wirral. They have two sons from Martin's first marriage and two grandchildren.

His tours in Germany gave him the opportunity to teach his wife Daphne to ski, having himself learned in Norway at the Army's expense at the end of the 1960s. Skiing remains a passion for them both and Martin has wide interests, enjoying hill walking, church bell ringing, web design, photography, nature, and an amateur and still untutored interest in geology.

We all wish Colonel Martin a very long and happy retirement.

NOTICES

COMBINED ASSOCIATION BALL SATURDAY 21ST JULY 2012

It is with regret that the Combined Association Ball which was to be held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Saturday 21st July 2012 has had to be cancelled.

2012 V2 MEMORIAL PARADE

This years V2 Memorial Parade will take place at the King's Regiment Northern Ireland Memorial in St John's Gardens, Liverpool on Saturday 27th October 2012.

This years Memorial Parade falls on the same date as the 5th Anniversary of the untimely death Major Jack Singh.

WANTED

Items of interest in respect of the King's Regiment post 1958.

Anything considered for my collection.

Your price paid if I don't already have it.

Ron Boardman

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**KOREAN VETERANS REUNION
TOWNSEND AVENUE TAC, LIVERPOOL - FRIDAY 25TH MAY 2012**

Captain (Ret'd) Jimmy Weir welcomed the Korean Veterans and non Korean Veteran guests from the King's Regiment Association, Liverpool Branch to the 2012 Reunion and thanked them for their attendance.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Regiments embarkation and departure from Liverpool to Korea, via Hong Kong, aboard RMS Devonshire.

Captain Weir requested everyone stand, whilst he read out:

'THE ROLL OF HONOUR'



**LCPL CLIFFORD BROUGHTON
KGN ROY CAIG
KGN WILLIAM RALPH CATON
CSM WILLIAM CHAPMAN
KGN PETER EDWARD DAVIES
KGN WILLIAM JAMES DAVIES
KGN YOU JIN DEUK
LT VICTOR ALEXANDER DUNLOP
KGN JAMES EVANS
CPL BERNARD GILLELAND
CPL JOHN GIVINS
KGN GWYNNE PARRY GOODFIELD
LCPL EDWARD HANNEN
KGN ALBERT HIGHAM
KGN ARNOLD IRETON
KGN WILLIAM LOGAN
2ND LT ALAN JOSEPH McBRIDE
KGN LESLIE MONTGOMERY
CPL JOHN MOONEY
KGN TERRENCE NEIL NORTH
LCPL JOHN ELVEY NUTTALL
KGN PETER O'NEIL
LCPL KEITH STANLEY OGBORN
CPL ARTHUR ROBERT PURCELL
KGN JOHN BRENDON ROBERTSHAW
CPL JOHN ROBINSON
CPL ROBERT SCOTT
MAJOR PETER BERNARD STEPHENSON MBE
CPL ALFRED JOSHUA STONE
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.

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SOLDIERS CONQUER GREENLAND'S PEAKS



A team of North West soldiers have returned from Greenland after conquering eight unclimbed peaks in the treacherous fringes of the Arctic.

The mountaineers, all from the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment based at Weeton Barracks near Blackpool, overcame temperatures as low as -30C to complete their task while raising more than £10,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

The three-week expedition, named Exercise Northern Lion, was made up of soldiers from Fleetwood, Blackpool, Blackburn, Oldham, Kirkham and Kendal.

It tackled peaks in a region of Greenland called Liverpool Land which was named by whalers from the city. The area is home to mountains up to 1,400 metres in height.

The harsh conditions made even simple tasks, such as dressing, difficult, and even the team's portable cookers froze up.

Sergeant Major Adam Diver, who took part in the expedition, said: "The temperature was a massive challenge. Some of us had been out to the Falklands in temperatures of -10C to -15C, but the temperatures out in Greenland hit -30C. We had the right equipment and the right training, but it gets quite difficult in those temperatures.

"Climbing eight peaks was an excellent feat, we did not think we would be able to scale so many. We were aiming for three but we were well trained and well motivated."

Army soldiers regularly take part in demanding expeditions to help build fitness, team spirit and self-reliance, but this was also seen as an opportunity to raise money for a good cause. The team chose to help the Cystic Fibrosis Trust because a friend of one soldier has a son who suffers from the illness.

The expedition unofficially named one of the peaks in honour of him, Adam said: "If you climb a route for the first time here in the UK you get to name it, so we did the same. We called it Brandon after the little boy who we were raising funds for."

Brandon Beech, aged nine and from Chorley in Lancashire, helps raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust through Brandon the Lion, a mascot named after him. His dad Chris explained: "We try to raise awareness about Brandon's illness through the lion mascot, soldiers of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment are known as The Lions of England so it just came together. The soldiers even took a Brandon mascot cuddly toy with them."

CLITHEROE WAR HERO'S PALS STEP OUT FOR CHARITY



Friends and family of a war hero maimed in an Afghanistan bomb blast organised a seven-mile walk as part of a bid to raise £100,000 for charity. The walk took place on Sunday May 6th 2012.

Sgt Rick Clement, 32, (pictured left with the Mayor of Ribble Valley, Councillor Simon Hore), a former Clitheroe Royal Grammar School pupil, lost his legs and part of an arm, after stepping on a mine during a six-month tour of duty in Afghanistan in May, 2010.

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

More than 20 of his family and friends joined by the Mayor of the Ribble Valley, Councillor Simon Hore, took part in the walk around Stocks reservoir in the Forest of Bowland, to raise funds as a thank you to the charities.

Olympic torchbearer Rick, from Chatburn, was unable to take part in the event but is hoping that it attracted lots of support. The walk was chosen as it is accessible to residents with restricted mobility.

Rick's mum, Kay Plant, who is an accounting technician for Ribble Valley Council helped to organise the event. She said: "I really wanted to do something to help Rick reach his £100,000 target. "We are not only doing this to try to raise the money but to show our support to The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment." So far Rick has raised £5,150. Over the next 12 months he plans to complete a sponsored parachute jump and swim in the ocean next to great white shark.



GEORGE METCALF (EX 1 KINGS)



George Metcalfe, ex Bn, Army and CSBA boxer was appointed Lord Mayor of Keighley on 17th May 2012.

George left the Battalion in the late 1970s to turn professional and became the Central Area Champion at Light Weight.

He worked for Keighley Council, joined 3 DWR achieving the rank of Captain and remains the Chairman of the RBL at home.

George is married to Annette and has three children and three grand children.

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THE VETERANS DIAMOND JUBILEE ROSETTE APPEAL



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The Duke of Lancaster's Regimental Association

Attention:

The Association County Secretary

5th May 2012

Dear Sir,

THE VETERANS DIAMOND JUBILEE ROSETTE

A small group of veterans representing all three services have commissioned a lapel pin rosette to honour Her Majesty the Queen in this her Diamond Jubilee Year.

The initiative for this project was prompted by the announcement that the Diamond Jubilee Medal was not being awarded to any veterans. The MoD spoke of expense and then passed the responsibility on to the Ministry of Culture. We feel that sales of the rosette could make a valuable contribution to veterans charities and we are calling for a million veterans to help other veterans while at the same time showing Her Majesty our gratitude for her faithful service of 60 years.

This will be a once only appeal and full details of the constitution are available on our web site. We therefore ask you to circulate as widely as possible this appeal.

An order form and further information can be downloaded from our website:

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