

# THE QUEEN'S ROYAL HUSSARS

(The Queen's Own and Royal Irish)

## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION



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## **FROM THE COLONEL**

### **Brigadier Andrew Bellamy**

The time is fast approaching when 180 officers, NCOs and troopers deploy with C Squadron as the Warthog Group to Afghanistan, just 2 years after the return of the whole Regiment. They deploy in late May/early June. We wish them "God speed" for a professional and successful tour of duty as they help bring the down the final curtain on UK's tactical deployment to Helmand Province.

We will hold them in our prayers in the months ahead as they complete their training and then deploy until they all get back to Sennelager at the end of the year. We will support them as we have these other operational tours in the last 10 years, wear their wrist bands, and help them afterwards both inside the wider Regiment and within the Association.

It is the latter which provides so much support as I see when I visit the Troops across the country enjoying the camaraderie and the events you all lay on. Long may it continue and thank you to all who give their time organising and arranging – the rest of us appreciate it!

As some you know, and others will read in this Newsletter, we have listened to the membership about the OCA dinner in London – we are trying something new this year on Cavalry Memorial Sunday; I hope it may suit many. Do support it if you can and we look forward to your feedback. As the Troops are strong and vibrant we want to make sure we still have the right occasions to get together in a national association for the right sort of events. *Mente et Manu.*"



## **FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

**Lt Col Phil Nunn MBE**

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year brings health and happiness. I would firstly like to pay tribute to the late Chairman of Gulf Troop Ivor (Bogey) Stirling who sadly died last year. Bogey was all things to all men and a wonderful ambassador for the Association. A keen supporter of all Troops Ivor was to be seen at many of our functions throughout the UK and Germany. He will be greatly missed as the Chairman of Gulf Troop a post he filled for many years. To his family and friends we send our deepest condolence.

We have had a few changes at troop level with Lt. Col John Walker handing over as Durham Tp Chairman to Lt. Col Paul Hodgson. Nick Lowe is handing over as Chairman Gulf troop to Andy McRory and Harry McCurry handing over his post as secretary of Ulster Troop to Paul Jones who will be assisted by Robert Campbell. To all those who have departed thank you for all your efforts on our behalf and those that are newly appointed welcome to your new posts.

This year we enter a period of change, which we hope you will support. You have made it clear by your absence that the dinner in the Thistle Hotel was not popular and year after year this dinner became more of a drain on our limited resources, so this year we will try a lunch instead. A lot of effort has gone into the planning of this get-together so please come along and bring a crowd. I hear a whisper this event will be well attended by the Regiment so if you wish to chat with those on the front line you are advised to book early. The details for the lunch are included in this News Letter.

Business over the last twelve months has been very full and varied which is a good indication of our health. This year's events are now finalised and the details are in this edition. Please take a look and attend all that you fancy. A milestone achievement is the first ever Rhodesia Reunion to be held on the 15 March at Weymouth and based on the Wool Troop Dinner. If you were part of the Monitoring Force, back in 1979/80 and would like to attend please contact Albert Hogg, again the details are inside.

I wish you happy gatherings and enjoy your year.

Mente et Manu

Phil Nunn



## ... NEWS FROM THE REGIMENT



**From the Second in Command;**

**Major Matthew Roberts**

My last update was written as the Regiment returned from Exercise Bavarian Charger in Germany and Exercise Prairie Thunder in Canada. Fully trained, but well rested after a much deserved period of Summer leave, we looked forward to confirmation of our role in Afghanistan, and on what challenges would face those not deploying (it was clear that the final deployment, Herrick 20, would be smaller than our last, Operation Herrick 15). This is all now clear:

C Squadron, commanded by Major James Shann, will deploy a 130 strong Warthog Group to Afghanistan. The remainder of the Regiment will continue with armoured training as part of the Brigade Contingency Force (BCF) in preparation for the Brigade and the Regiment's future roles under Army 2020.

C Squadron are making excellent progress through their Individual Mission Specific Training (iMST). This has included the cascading of tactics, techniques and procedures that were taught centrally to key commanders in October, and instruction for the drivers and commanders of the Warthog vehicle. The Warthog (effectively a BV206 on steroids) was used by Major Chris Wildman's D Squadron on Operation Herrick 15, and has in turn replaced the Viking vehicle that was used by Captain Gez Kears's troop in support of the Royal Marines on Operation Herrick 9. We and the rest of the Royal Armoured Corps are no stranger to the vehicle, nor to the role. C Sqn will soon depart for the United Kingdom, where they will begin Collective Mission Specific Training (CMST). This will comprise combined arms live firing (CALFEX) at Castlemartin ranges in Pembrokeshire, a confirmatory field exercise (CFX) in the Stanford Training Area (STANTA) in Norfolk, and will culminate in a Combined Arms Manoeuvre field training exercise (FTX) in Salisbury Plain Training Area (SPTA). Consequently, we will not see much of C Squadron before they deploy in around June.

The remainder of the Regiment have a no less colourful forecast of events. The Duke of Edinburgh's Squadron depart for Challenger 2 live firing in Bergen Hohne at the end of this week; D Squadron will deploy a 130 strong Squadron to Oman in February to conduct a dismounted company exercise, Jebel Storm, alongside a company from the Jebel Regiment; Headquarters and B (Command and Recce) Squadron are supporting not only those activities, but are also providing Real Life Support on behalf of 20 Armoured Brigade to the CFX in STANTA. The rather hackneyed "busy" applies here, but there is also real training value in not only conducting these training events, but in deploying and sustaining them at reach. There will however be periods in the coming months where the numbers in camp will be just sufficient to keep the camp functioning and secure. Indeed, the Second in Command, the Adjutant and the Operations Officer are currently dividing the duties of Guard Commander between them, and the EME will be the Officers' Mess barman.

Looking slightly further ahead, if I can do so with any confidence: the period beyond Easter 2014 will be characterised by two foci. The first of course will be the deployment of (and Regimental support to) C Squadron on Operation Herrick 20. We look forward to providing an update on their progress in the autumn newsletter. The second will provide the remainder the opportunity to conduct more training. This will comprise a further company exercise, Southern Warrior. Conducted in the depths of a Falkland Islands winter, it promises to provide an interesting contrast and a different set of challenges to Jebel Storm in Oman.



## **NEWS FROM THE REGIMENT**

**Continued.....**

There will be a further Challenger 2 range period and a tactical training progression in concert with 1PWRR under the title Teutoberg Warrior. The Regiment is also determined to conduct as many sports and as much adventure training as possible.

To close, we have again experienced the characteristic churn amongst our key Regimental personalities since the last newsletter. Captain Matt Wild-Campbell left a considerable void in the RSM's office upon his commissioning. Mr Rudd is the new RSM, and in turn he has handed his RQMS' empire over to Mr Richardson. We have also started to welcome officers, soldiers and their families from other Royal Armoured Corps Regiments. Over the next six months we will receive nearly 50 new faces from the Royal Tank Regiment, the Light Dragoons, the 9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers and the Queen's Royal Lancers. Their Regiments are either amalgamating or shrinking as a result of Army 2020 changes, and they (as the inevitable dividend) are to be given the opportunity for further service as Queen's Royal Hussars.



## **SSAFA SHORT BREAKS**

SSAFA continues to run annual residential adventure breaks for tri-service families who have a child with additional needs and/or disabilities, and for siblings and young carers. SSAFA covers the cost of the breaks which take place in the school holidays every year.

To apply for a place, families can contact us directly. We also seek volunteers every year to support the project (subject to vetting, selection and training). Interested individuals who wish to take part can get in touch with the team directly via the details below. More information is also available on the SSAFA website.

Hannah Wiltshire  
0207 463 9275/  
[hannah.w@ssafa.org.uk](mailto:hannah.w@ssafa.org.uk)



## **CAVALRY MEMORIAL PARADE AND MEMORIAL SERVICE, HYDE PARK.**

The Combined Cavalry Old Comrades' Parade and Service will be held in Hyde Park on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The Parade assembles at **1030** hours and moves off at **1100** hours. Programmes will be available at the forming up point from the Regimental Secretary. Our Regimental Association wreath will be carried by Jim Haveron and our Banner will be carried by Dominic Colella. Please try to be there to support the Regiment. The Combined Cavalry Old Comrades Association has expressed the wish that berets are **not** to be worn at the Cavalry Memorial Parade. In line with this instruction it is requested that Old Comrades of the Regiment do not wear berets.

**Spectators' Standing Enclosure.** We have been allocated 45 tickets for the standing enclosure. First come first served!!

**Spectators' Seating Enclosure.** We have been allocated 25 tickets for the seated enclosure. If you would like tickets for either of these enclosures you must apply, using the proforma in the centre of this newsletter no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> April. No ticket, no entry!. Names may be checked against a list of ticket numbers at the entrance to the enclosures. Although your ticket will be numbered, you will be able to sit wherever you like in the QRH block. So, let us have your application early. First come first served!!

**Cars in Hyde Park.** A limited number of passes are available to allow those old comrades who are disabled or infirm to alight near the seating area. If you need a pass please complete the details on the application form. We must let the CCOCA know your details by 1<sup>st</sup> May, so please do not delay.



## **CAVALRY MEMORIAL WEEKEND, SUNDAY LUNCH.**

The Household Cavalry Regiment has again kindly arranged a lunch and bar facilities for those who would like it after the parade. Tickets are now required for entry into Hyde Park Barracks, these can be obtained from Home Headquarters, those wishing to have lunch must be smartly dressed in jacket and tie and have some sort of identification with them.



## CAVALRY MEMORIAL WEEKEND – 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014.

### CAVALRY CUP FINAL

This will be at Burton Court, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, kick off at 1030 hrs. As usual, we will not know who is in the final until the last minute so you will need to telephone Home Headquarters to see who has won through. The venue for after match drinks is ‘The Phoenix ‘ public house which is situated in Smith Street, a two minute walk from Burton Court.



### ASSOCIATION LUNCH

This year it has been decided to hold a buffet lunch for all members on the Sunday of Cavalry Memorial Weekend rather than a dinner on the Saturday night. It will be held at the Lansdowne Club which is situated at 9 Fitzmaurice Place, on the corner of Berkeley Square. This is only a ten minute walk from Hyde Park where the Sunday morning gathering and parade are held.

The format will be a glass of wine on arrival, a buffet lunch, with multiple choices of sandwiches, hot and cold items, including wine and soft drinks. There will also be a bar for those who wish to purchase drinks.

The Committee has agreed that the cost will be **£35.00** per person (this includes a subsidy). Members who were Warrant Officers or below, aged 65 or over, and their wives or widows, should pay only **£17.50** per person.

*Cheques or Postal Orders should be made payable to “QRH Association” and be returned with the pro forma which you will find at the centre of this Newsletter, by 28<sup>th</sup> April, latest!*



### THE DERBY DRAW 2014

Once again it is Derby Draw time.

As you know most of our funds to subsidise dinners and run the Association come from the income that we get from your purchasing of our Derby Draw tickets.

We hope that you will all buy your tickets and support your Association. You will find £10.00 worth of tickets, one book, enclosed with this newsletter, which we hope you will sell or buy yourself. More tickets can be supplied on request. Please fill in **all the stubs** so that we can send you your winnings!

There are great prizes form £10 for each horse drawn to £500 for the winning horse.

*Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to “QRH Association” and reach Home Headquarters by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014.*

As per usual a reward of **£25.00** will go to whoever sells the most tickets.

The draw will be made on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 at 1400 hours, at Home Headquarters, ready for the race, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**Don't forget, you have to be in it to win it!!**





## QRIH MUSEUM COLLECTION

For the next few years, one of the display themes at the Redoubt Fortress and Military Museum in Eastbourne will be the Centenary of the First World War.

Curiously, the QRIH Museum Collection has very few artefacts relating to this period in the histories of the two regiments. Loans of objects [medals, documents or other militaria] from this time would be hugely appreciated;

please contact Robert Crichton;

robert.crichton@btopenworld.com tel; 01747 853942

or the Regimental Secretary. "



## BRITISH ARMY LEAVING GERMANY



Please see below a request that has been sent out from HQ BAOR, ( an old friend to many of us! )

The British Army is leaving Germany by 2018, after more than 70 years, our longest overseas deployment since India. And yet there is not a single book to commemorate the two million British citizens who have served there. We at Headquarters British Forces Germany intend to correct this oversight, but we need Legion member's assistance.

We intend to produce a pictorial history of BAOR and RAF (G) to illustrate the everyday life of soldiers, airman and their families. Rather than a dry, chronological history. We will describe life in Germany in chapters covering such subjects as garrisons, schools, healthcare and relation with our German hosts. We would prefer negatives or slides, but can work with good quality prints-the content of the photograph and the story behind it is more important.

Please send your photographs to BFG Book Project, Media and Comms, HQ BFPO 140 or [bfgphotographer@yahoo.com](mailto:bfgphotographer@yahoo.com)

I know that if we get the right photos, we will produce a book that will be a 'must have' for Legion Members. The Legion will be a beneficiary of any profits.

John Henderson  
General Officer  
Commanding British Forces Germany  
President of Royal British Legion Germany





## DEVON HOLIDAY HOME



The Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association has recently purchased a new Mobile Home at Devon Cliffs Holiday Park near Exmouth in Devon. It was funded by a grant from the Libor Fund.

The Mobile Home is comfortably furnished and heated and sleeps eight persons in three double bedrooms and two sofa beds. Accommodation includes a fully equipped kitchen with gas cooking, fridge, microwave, hot and cold running water, bathroom with WC and shower and a separate WC. The sitting room has a southerly aspect with seating for a large family or group. There is decking outside to allow occupants to sit outdoors and enjoy the views over the sea.

Duvets, pillows and blankets are provided, but sheets, pillowcases and towels are not. The Mobile Home has its own designated parking space within a few yards.

Under the terms of the Libor grant we are making the mobile home available to all Regimental Associations for families who they consider deserve a holiday break.

Full details of the Mobile Home, weekly rates and booking form are on our website.

Bookings for the home must originate from our own Home Headquarters.



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## HOME OFFICE FAMILY MIGRATION SERVICES



Following the Government statement of intent on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2013, the Home Office has changed the rules governing family migration into the UK. Special measures have been put into place until the 30 November 2013 to allow the Service Community to continue to apply under the old immigration rules. These special arrangements are for all Serving Personnel who are subject to immigration control. The statement of intent recognises the unique contribution the Armed Forces make to our nation and therefore to ensure that Service Personnel and their families do not suffer a disadvantage as a result of service.

The Home Office opened a dedicated enquiry mailbox for emails enquiring about HM Forces Families Migration changes that were announced on the 4 July 2013 and that will be implemented on the 1 December 2013 via [armedforcesenquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:armedforcesenquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

All enquiries should be clear and precise; individuals should identify themselves by their name, date of birth and nationality. Expected turn around time is approximately 14 days, but this may take longer depending on the complexity of cases. For all details of the Home Office Families Migration: Statement of Intent, please see [www.gov.uk/government/publications](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications)



### **THE MUSEUMS 200 CLUB WINNERS**



We congratulate the following members whose winning numbers were drawn in the 200 Club Monthly draw

October 2013	£15.00	Captain P Cannon
November 2013	£15.00	Captain P Gay
December 2013	£15.00	Maj Gen DJM Jenkins
January 2014	£15.00	Major Sir Michael Parker
February 2014	£15.00	Major RD Stapley
March 2014	£15.00	Mr TF Whittaker

We would like to thank Mrs Julie Nicholls and Mrs Katie Newcombe from the ASU, Regents Park Barracks, for drawing the winning numbers.

Membership of The Queen's Royal Hussars Museums 200 Club is open to all members of the Regiment and Regimental Association. Further information for anyone wishing to become a member is available from Home Headquarters.

**You have to be in to win!!!**  
**Please support your Museums by becoming a member today.**



### **THE LORD KITCHENER MEMORIAL HOLIDAY CENTRE**



The Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Centre is a Grade 2 listed building, situated in the seaside resort of Lowestoft in Suffolk. With extensive views of the North Sea, the centre offers holiday accommodation exclusively to men and women who have served in the armed or merchant services and their partners.

The centre is open from April to October and comprises of centrally heated en-suite rooms (two of which include walk-in showers), two TV lounges, one reading lounge and a dining room. The centre also has easy access to all floors, and two electric buggies which are available for hire.

For more information contact:  
The Manager, Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Centre,  
10 Kirkley Cliff  
Lowestoft, NR33 0BY

[www.kitchener.lowestoft.org.uk](http://www.kitchener.lowestoft.org.uk)



## **DEFENCE DISCOUNT SERVICE**



The Defence Discount Service enables members of the Armed Forces, their families and Veterans to make savings online and on the high street. The discount service is an important development, as part of the Armed Forces Covenant across the UK. Eligible personnel are issued with a membership card which can be used in certain stores, restaurants and venues to obtain a discount.

Call 0150 923 3446

Or apply on line at;

[www.defencediscountservice.co.uk](http://www.defencediscountservice.co.uk)



## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY CALLS SERVICE**



The Royal British Legion offers a 'Poppy Calls Service' which assists eligible individuals unable to carry out small repairs and minor adaptations to their homes. The type of assistance available includes:

- A range of household health checks to ensure safety and warmth.
- Low level maintenance work (such as installing curtain rails, fitting shelves and assembling furniture).
- Basic repairs (such as dripping taps or replacing broken toilet seats).
- The advice and installation of care phones, providing a 24 hour monitoring service for added peace of mind.
- Minor aids and adaptations (such as fitting grab rails or providing access ramps).

For further information please see;

[www.britishlegion.org.uk/can-we-help](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/can-we-help)



## ITEMS FOR SALE



### VIDEO's AND COMPACT DISC's

From the Archives of the Regimental Museums, and in association with The Queen's Royal Hussars Historical Society, the following video's and compact discs are for sale:

QRIH in Borneo 1963	DVD	Cost £10.00
Italian Campaign 1944	Double CD	Cost £10.00
Western Desert 1941/42	Double CD	Cost £10.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Hussars in Korea	Triple DVD	Cost £25.00
QRH AFV's (all Regts)	Booklet	Cost £10.00
QOH Tercentenary 1685-1985	DVD	Cost £10.00

If you wish to purchase any of these items please send a cheque, made payable to the 'QRH Collection Fund', to Home Headquarters. ( this includes Post and Packing)



## ASSOCIATION SHOP ITEMS FOR SALE



Home Headquarters has the following Regimental items for sale.

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| 1. Regimental Ties (all best quality silk)<br>3H, 4H, 8H, QOH, QRIH, QRH (we do not have any 7H ties at the present) | £30.00 each   |
| 2. QRH Enamel Cufflinks, (link or chain)   | £19.50 a pair |
| 3. Regimental Magazines of The Queens Own Hussars<br>Complete set on CD with Acrobat reader                          | £35.00 each   |
| 4. Regimental Magazines of The Queens Royal Irish Hussars<br>Complete set on CD with Acrobat reader                  | £35.00 each   |
| 5. Regimental Magazines of The Queens Royal Hussars<br>Volume 1 Issues 1994 -1998, on CD with Acrobat reader         | £10.00 each   |
| 6. Regimental Magazines of The Queens Royal Hussars<br>Volume 2 Issues 1999 - 2003, on CD with Acrobat reader        | £10.00 each   |
| 7. QRH Lapel Badges - Cap Badge or Crest   | £5.00 each    |
| 8. QRIH Histories (A short history)  | £6.50 each    |

If you wish to purchase any of these items please send a cheque, made payable to the 'QRH Association', to Home Headquarters. (this includes Post and Packing)



## FORECAST OF EVENTS 2014



### **MARCH 2014**

15 Western Counties (Wool) Troop Dinner  
 15 Durham Troop St Patrick's Function  
 22 NW (Gulf) NI Troop Dinner

### **APRIL 2014**

11/13 Fitters Troop Reunion Weekend  
 27 Birmingham and Coventry Troop Lunch

### **MAY 2014**

11 Association Lunch London  
 11 CCOCA Parade and Service - Hyde Park

### **JUNE 2014**

15 Irish Regiments Parade – London  
 28 Worcester Troop Bavarian Night

### **JULY 2014**

5 Dublin Troop Dinner  
 12 Dettingen Troop BBQ

### **SEP 2014**

13 NW (Gulf) NI BBQ  
 21 Museums Lunch Warwick

### **OCT 2014**

11 Dettingen Troop Dinner  
 18 NW Counties and N Wales Troop Dinner  
 25 Balaclava Day  
 25 Ulster Troop Dinner  
 25 Durham Troop Dinner  
 24/25 Southern Counties (Balaklava Troop) Weekend

### **NOV 2014**

2 Alamein Day  
 5 Officers Dinner  
 6 Field of Remembrance, London  
 8/9 Regimental Association Remembrance Weekend  
 9 Cenotaph Parade, London  
 9 Birmingham Remembrance Parade  
 9 Tally Ho Lunch

### **DEC 2014**

6 Birmingham and Coventry Troop Christmas Party



## MUSEUMS OPENING HOURS



**The Queens Own Hussars Museum** is situated in the Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick .

Winter opening hours , Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00-16.00

Summer opening hours (Easter onwards) Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday 10.00-17.00.

(The Museum is always closed on a Saturday because the Lord Leycester Hospital is in use for weddings on that day.)

**The Queens Royal Irish Hussars Museum** is situated in the The Redoubt Fortress and Military Museum, Royal Parade, Eastbourne. East Sussex BN22 7AQ

Opening hours: Open: 29 March to 17 November 2014 - 7 days a week 10am – 5pm

Tel: 01323 410300 e mail: redoubtmuseum@eastbourne.gov.uk



## WATERLOO 2015

Next year will be the bicentenary of the Waterloo campaign in which the 7th Queen's Own Hussars played a significant part and Major Nicholas Haines is arranging a battlefield tour to the area to commemorate the Regiment's deeds at Waterloo, itself, and the battles that led up to it. He'll also try to offer some alternative activities for those like Wives-And-Girlfriends, for example, who might be more interested in the attractions offered by staying in Brussels.

The plan is for a coach and ferry tour with 3-star accn (Park Inn Hotel by Radisson – right by the Gare du Midi) on a B&B basis so folk can do their own thing for lunch and dinner (eating out in Brussels is something even the French rave about). The outline programme would be:

13 Apr 15 - Meet at the Union Jack Club by Waterloo Station in London and drive out to Brussels.

14 Apr 15 - Visit Quatre Bras & Ligny.

15 Apr 15 - Visit Genappe (7H skirmish) & Wavre.

16 Apr 15 - Visit Waterloo, the Battlefield, including as much as possible of what the Battlefield Company has to offer.

17 Apr 15 - Morning in Brussels and return to London at about 1500.

This should give plenty of time to explore and enjoy Brussels and he'll try and work up some touring suggestions for those who don't want to do the battlefields so there'll be absolute flexibility.

The price he's got so far (assuming we get at least 20 entries) is £799 per person based on two sharing a twin/double room (no news on single supplements yet). This is not set in stone yet but he thinks it'll be a pretty good guide.

If you would like to join this tour, please get in touch with Nicholas Haines at [vandnrh@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:vandnrh@tiscali.co.uk) or call him on 01380 818280.



## HAIG HOMES



The Douglas Haig Memorial Homes Trust exists to provide housing for ex-servicemen at low rents. Rental depends on size and location varies between £45 to £90 for a three-bedroom semi detached house. There are also larger and smaller dwellings.

To get further information and to start the application process you should in the first instance contact:

The Housing Officer, Haig Homes, Alban Dobson House, Green Lane, Morden, Surrey SM4 5NS.

Tel: 0208 6855 777. Fax: 0208 685 5778. Website: [www.haighomes.org.uk](http://www.haighomes.org.uk).

Email: [haig@haighomes.org.uk](mailto:haig@haighomes.org.uk)



**THE COMBINED IRISH REGIMENTS'**  
**ASSOCIATION. (CIRAssn)**



The Annual Commemorative Parade and Service of Remembrance owes its origins to that memorable date, the 12th June 1922, when the Southern Irish Regiments were disbanded.

On that day, at a highly emotive and solemn ceremony at Windsor Castle, HM King George V received the colours of five of these Regiments and a regimental engraving on behalf of The South Irish Horse since it possessed no colours or guidon.

Fortunately, the British Army, which served the free world with unsurpassed distinction throughout the second World War, had some superb Northern Irish Regiments whose contribution to ultimate victory is legendary. These Regiments, both cavalry and infantry, provided a rallying point for all Irishmen from both the North and the South to perform traditional selfless service to King and Country in their resolute determination to secure the freedom that we now enjoy.

Our present day Combined Irish Regiments' Association is a direct descendant of arguably the first Regimental Association formed by the late Charles Prior, of the disbanded 18th Royal Irish, in London during late 1922/early 1923. Simultaneously branches were formed in Dublin, Bristol and Guernsey. The London branch, because of its large membership, was influential in the development of these branches. Regimental Associations of the other 'disbanded' regiments were formed at this time and they amalgamated to form the first parade at the Cenotaph in June 1923.

**The aims and objectives of the Association**

- (a) To perpetuate and honour the memory of all soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice whilst serving in an Irish regiment, including those of the regiments disbanded in 1922.
- (b) To perpetuate and honour the memory of all soldiers who have died subsequent to serving in an Irish regiment.
- (c) To commemorate and continue the traditions of all those regiments.
- (d) To sustain and enhance that singular élan and esprit de corps distinguishing all Irish regiments.
- (e) To maintain the tradition of organising an annual Commemorative Parade and Service of Remembrance on the (second) Sunday of June at The Cenotaph. London.
- (f) To create and foster a brotherhood of all ranks who have served in an Irish regiment.
- (g) To provide opportunities for members to keep in touch through organised meetings and activities.

**CIRAssn Cenotaph Parade 2014**

This year's parade will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at the Cenotaph. Please come along and join us, you will be made most welcome.





## VETERANS AGENCY



The Veterans Agency is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for providing information and advice on issues concern to veterans and their families via the Veterans Agency free help line service – 0800 169 2277 or email: [veterans.help@spva.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:veterans.help@spva.gsi.gov.uk)

### **Veterans Initiative**

The Government's Veterans Initiative was launched in clear recognition of the special status of those who have served in the UK Armed Forces and the unique contribution they have made to the country. It works towards a better co-ordination and communications – not only with the veterans community, but also across Government and with charities and the voluntary sector – to improve the level of services and support available for veterans and their families.

### **Who is a Veteran?**

The term 'veteran' is used to mean all those who have served in the UK Armed Forces including their widow(er)s and dependants.

### **What assistance is available?**

Veterans and their families can get help on many different issues for example health, financial, employment and accommodation. The Veterans Agency Free Helpline can also help with enquiries about service records, medals and military graves – these are just a few examples of the type of advice available. A wide range of information of interest to veterans is also available on the Veterans Agency website [www.veterans-uk.info](http://www.veterans-uk.info) including useful links to other organisations and Government Departments

### **The War Pensioners' Welfare Service**

In addition, the Veterans Agency War Pensioners' Welfare Service gives extensive advice and support to all War Pensioners and War Widow(er) s living in the UK and the Irish Republic. They also give advice and assistance to anybody who thinks they may be able to claim a War Disablement/War Widow(er) s Pension.

The Welfare Service works in close partnership with ex-Service organisations, War Pensions Committees and other voluntary groups or statutory bodies such as social services departments in delivering welfare support. They can provide a wide range of advice on:

- Help with financial and employment difficulties
- Disability needs
- Residential and nursing care
- Social contacts and everyday help

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## “EMPTY SADDLES”



**It is with regret that the Regimental Association  
announces the deaths of our  
members and friends. Our condolences go to the families and friends of:**

Name	Regiment & Dates	Date of Death
Sgt. Richard Brimmicombe-Wood	4H, 1944 - 1953	9 August 2013
Cpl. Sidney Bateson	8H, 1948 - 1958	27 August 2013
Cpl. Gerald Hockley	8H, 1956 - 1959	27 September 2013
WO2 Bob Holuj	QRIH, 1972 - 1992	11 October 2013
Mrs Agnes Sweeney	Widow	12 October 2013
Mrs Janet Ellingworth	Wife of Malcolm 7H/QOH	28 October 2013
Harry Holdcroft	3H, 1947 - 1953	30 October 2013
Lt. Col Aubrey Thompson	4H, 1942 - 1946	30 October 2013
Capt. Anthony Weatherall	7H, 1943 - 1956	2 November 2013
Sgt. David Manger	QOH, 1966 - 1985	30 November 2013
Tpr. Robert Courtney	QRIH, 1979 - 1986	12 December 2013
Mr Ron Silburn	not a registered member	13 December 2013
Cpl. Roy Gosney	4H, QRIH, 1954 - 1969	December 2013
Lt Col David Boyall	3H, 8H, 1948 - 1951	December 2013
Tpr Derek Cawte	4H, 1948 - 1953	1 January 2014
Major Jock Colman	4H, QRIH, 1947 - 1967	10 January 2014
Cpl John Purvis	4H, 1949 - 1954	14 January 2014
Major St Clair Tisdall	8H, QRIH, 1942 - 1965	20 January 2014
Tpr Joseph Spence	4H, 1948 - 1953	29 January 2014
Mr Roy Grise	not a registered member	4 February 2014
Tpr Ray Aubry	7H, 1946 - 1948	6 February 2014
Cpl William Thorburn	4H, 1948 - 1953	12 February 2014
Maj Gen John Strawson	4H, QRIH, 1942 - 1965	21 February 2014
Cpl Martin Booker	not a registered member	22 February 2014



May angels and archangels,  
and all the armies of the heavenly host, come to meet thee,  
May all the saints of God welcome thee,  
May thy portion this day be in gladness and peace  
and thy dwelling in Paradise



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We hope that the Autumn Newsletter  
will be despatched during October 2014.  
It will have all the information for the Regimental Association Remembrance  
Weekend in November and any other information that  
we can obtain from the Regimental OCA Troops.

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