



## FORWARD FROM THE COLONEL LT GEN TOM BECKETT CBE



In the six months since the Autumn Newsletter, the Regiment and the Regimental Association Troops have been busy. The Second-in-Command's and the Association Chairman's notes will provide the detail but suffice it for me to note that the Regiment and Association are in extremely good shape and looking forward to another event-filled year. The vast majority of the Regiment will deploy to Canada in early summer and another round of Association gatherings will begin on 7 May at the Cavalry Memorial Parade, which will be followed by the Association Lunch. I encourage all Association members to join the parade and attend the Annual Lunch at the Lansdowne Club. The latter is very good value and great fun.

I am grateful to the Troop Chairmen and Secretaries around England, Ireland and Germany, for all they do organising social events and supporting members who sometimes need help and support. The importance of the Regimental Association cannot be understated. It provides a forum for all former soldiers, of all ranks, of whatever length of service, to keep in touch. The Troops and their Secretaries are at the centre of a really worthwhile network – please support them.

By now, I hope you will have heard that the Regimental Trustees have decided to buy a building to become The Queen's Royal Hussars Museum. You will find more detail about this on pages 8 and 9. Bringing together the historical artefacts of our antecedent regiments and blending them with those of the current Regiment will enable us to tell the full story of our proud history and traditions. It will also enable us to preserve our artefacts for generations to come. But we need the help and support of every single Hussar if we are to achieve our goal. Every donation, loan or contribution, regardless of how big or small, will help and will be truly appreciated. If everyone contributes as much as he can we will have a museum to be proud of and, importantly, we will be the masters of our destiny for decades to come. Please support the appeal in any way you can but if I can leave you with a thought: "whatever you're thinking of donating, double it" – please.

Lastly, you will know that David Innes-Lumsden will hand over the reins of HHQ to Jim Austin at the end of April. David's contribution to the Regiment and Association during his sixteen-year tenure as Regimental Secretary has been remarkable. In all he did, Margaret ably supported him. They have been a true team; both have given of their time freely, and to an astonishing degree – way, way beyond the call of duty. The Queen's Royal Hussars and the Regimental Association will miss them greatly. David's retirement will be marked at a number of events, but I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of you all, to thank him sincerely for his loyal service as the Regimental Secretary of The Queen's Royal Hussars and to wish him and Margaret a very happy retirement.

Mente et Manu

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**FORWARD FROM THE CHAIRMAN**  
**LT COL PHIL NUNN MBE**



On writing this forward I suddenly realize not all of you take the Regimental magazine, so for the sake of the all informed net I find myself in danger of repetition so sorry for that. For those who do not receive Crossbelts but would like to, please contact Home HQ and they will give you the details. I wrote that it has become my habit at the end of every year to tot up the number of association members who have attended our different events. Last year 1,126 of you gathered to meet, greet, and remember. Other RAC Associations often ask me how this is possible; I am convinced it is due in no small part to the Regimental Secretary Major David Innes Lumsden who has worked tirelessly on our behalf. You will all agree that he is a great supporter of our Troop system and will visit most during the year; traveling a great many miles in his effort to support us. David as you read this will be in his final months in a post he has held for the past 17 years. Made even more remarkable by the fact he was initially asked to hold the fort for only a year. His willingness to continue epitomizes DIL who has aided the Association as a trusted member for over 53 years. I will not labour the point of how lucky we have been to have had this outstanding Hussar at the centre of things, as much will be made of David in the 2017 issue of Crossbelts. Needless to say, we owe him a great debt of gratitude, one perhaps we can never repay.

I note that the coming year is full and dates have already been set by our Association Troops; details of which you will find in this addition. With Association parades and parties in mind I would ask you one thing which is that we all know of ex Regimental members (Officers and Enlisted) who are lost to the Association. Please look them up and get to register with HHQ so we can send them the Newsletter – it won't cost them anything! Then encourage them to attend one of our gatherings, especially Remembrance in Birmingham, the Combined Cavalry Old Comrades Parade in London, or a local Troop gathering. Don't do this for me, the Association, or even for yourself, do it for them. I can guarantee after the dinner, hog-roast, or parade, they will all say, "Why did I leave it so long."

I wish you all happy gatherings.  
Mente et Manu  
Phil Nunn

**SERVICE OF BLESSING FOR THE HEADSTONE OF JAMES CHAMPION VC**

I am told by the Victoria Cross Trust that the new headstone should be erected sometime late April 2016. With that in mind I would like to invite you all, especially those who donated to the appeal, to the Service of Blessing, which will coincide with the Cavalry Memorial Weekend. The service will take place at 1500hrs 7 May 2016 at Margravine (or Hammersmith) Cemetery London W6 8RL. This fits nicely just after the Cavalry Cup Final at Burton Court. I hope to have some family members of James Champion in attendance. The Regiment has kindly agreed to provide a piper to play a lament before and after the ceremony. The service will be taken by the Padre of the Middlesex & NW London ACF. This local ACF are also keen, with the family's permission, to look after the grave in the future.  
**Transport links:** Nearest tube: Barons Court (District and Piccadilly) Buses: 190, 211, 220, 295  
**Dress:** As per CCOCA with medals, which I know you will have in your inside top pocket; because you will be wearing them the following day in Hyde Park. (Can't bluff an old RSM). Those attending the football are authorised to parade in smart casual. I have not authorised anything for years so enjoyed that.

Provided we are in the final you will be keen to have a pint with the footballers after the game. However, Margravine Cemetery is very close to Burton Court so if you can attend this blessing for our Regimental hero that would be most fitting and much appreciated. All assemble by 1445hrs at the graveside, guides to its location will be provided by the ACF starting from the two main gates of the Cemetery.

Thank you and see you there.

Phil Nunn

**..... and from the REGIMENTAL SECRETARY**

Welcome to the Spring Edition of the Regimental Newsletter.

Those of you who receive the Historical Society Newsletter should have received issue No 14 by now. I hope you enjoyed it and thank you to the majority of readers who agreed to receive it by email. More and more of our members are agreeing to receive all of our information by email, including this newsletter, thanks to all of you, it saves the Association a great deal of funds in postage!

We are now preparing for Cavalry Memorial Weekend in May, please do come along and support the Parade in Hyde Park, as our numbers were disappointing last year. However, the lunch in the Lansdowne Club is proving to be very popular. Please do not forget to buy your Derby Draw Tickets; the income really helps us to keep our costs down and to keep subsidising Association Dinners.

As most of you are now aware, I finally step down as your Regimental Secretary at the end of April and I would like to thank you for all your support during the last 17 years. I wish Jim Austin, every success as he takes over the Chair and I wish you all the very best for the future.

I also look forward to seeing many of you during the year.

David Innes-Lumsden



## **NEWS FROM THE REGIMENT** **MAJ TOM JEFFORD 2IC QRH**



The last six months began with the Regiment still spread across the globe, but ended with all elements of The Queen's Royal Hussars briefly reunited in Athlone Barracks as we turn our attention to the Training Year. A Sqn returned from employment as the demonstration squadron on Salisbury Plain, appreciative of a great deal of welcome experience on armour, but thankful for the luxury of our German accommodation after the privations of Knook Camp. C Sqn reappeared from Canada having given both the 1 MERCIAN and HCR BGs a good bashing as the BATUS OPFOR, and with the most made of the chance to savour Canadian culture. Those in HQ, B and D Sqns who had remained in Germany had not been left idle, with a good deal of training achieved. Of note we supported our reservist sister regiment, the Royal Wessex Yeomanry, on their annual camp in Sennelager, lending them our tanks and taking part in their training. Most impressive was the Regiment's performance in the inaugural 3 (UK) Division Mounted Gunnery Competition held in October, to which we sent two Challenger 2 crews and a CVR(T) Scimitar crew. In the Scimitar competition our Recce Tp crew finished an excellent second out of nine crews from across the Royal Armoured Corps and Infantry. They also managed to come second in the falling plate competition that pitted CVR(T) against Jackal, only defeated by another RAC regiment in the final. In an even better result the Challenger 2 crew from A Sqn, commanded by Lt Ross, finished first of eight crews in the Challenger 2 competition (D Sqn's crew were respectably placed in the middle of the pack) and also won the Challenger 2 vs Warrior falling plate competition defeating the RTR in the final in a tank head-to-head. A superb set of results for the Regiment, which, by our reckoning at least, make us the best gunnery regiment in the Army!

Since Christmas leave (the build up to which was suitably festive and uncondusive to work...) the focus of the Regiment has now turned towards preparing for our Training Year which will culminate after BATUS with 20<sup>th</sup> Armoured Infantry Brigade becoming the British Army's high readiness brigade. At the moment that is a very far off prospect; however, we have been busy putting down the groundwork required. The main event to date has been our annual gunnery camp at Bergen-Hohne. The build up to and execution of AFV Ranges is always a high paced and intense period of time, and this year was no different. Crews completed their pre-deployment simulator training to ensure that they were at the required start state in every position, with gunners and commanders destroying virtual enemy armour in the turret simulator and loaders nervously trying to recall the various stoppage drills under the watchful gaze of the gunnery instructors. The squadrons also had to find a lot of time in their programmes to get the tanks in good order to be transported to Bergen-Hohne ready to fire at 0800hrs on the first day. However, the CO's tank inspection was a success and the fact that we deployed with 23 tanks, all of which fired over the range package is testament to the hard work put in on the tank park by the troops.

Once ranges began the level of gunnery on show from the Regiment was the best we've seen for a number of years. Annual Crew Test (ACT) scores were very impressive across the squadrons, with 92% of the crews on all variants passing first time and 95% on Challenger 2 alone. Of these, 20% managed to achieve the highest grade – a level 6. Despite terrific gunnery across the board a single troop has to be singled out to win the Churchill Cup and this year it was 3<sup>rd</sup> Tp, D Sqn led by Lt Spink. Throughout the camp it was noticeable how strong morale was across the ranks as squadrons came together in their core role; attendance in the squadron 'common rooms' was high and reports suggest that the squadron smokers were enjoyed by all. As ranges are invariably the most impressive demonstration of the capability of the Regiment and its Challenger 2s there were inevitably a lot of visits. In particular, we were honoured to host the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and the Brigade Commander, Brigadier Ian Mortimer (late QRH) on the same day, which was judged by the Mayor's companion as "better than meeting the Queen" (I think she was referring to the tanks).

Other Regimental commitments have been varied but always enjoyable. In November the officers travelled to London for the annual Officers' Dinner which was well attended and as pleasurable as always, before joining the wider Regiment in Birmingham for the Remembrance Weekend. As well as being a marvellous city in which to pay our respects to the fallen, it was a great opportunity as usual to catch up with members of the Regimental family past and present. The Pipes and Drums travelled to London in February to play at the gatherings to mark 25 years since The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars' deployment on Op GRANBY, to first Gulf War and liberation of Kuwait. As ever they were very well received and gladly accepted any drinks bought for them at the bar. The Regiment also had a fantastic time celebrating St Patrick's Day. Shamrocks were presented and gunfire was drunk through gritted teeth as we enjoyed a packed day of inter-squadron and inter-mess sports competitions and an evening of partying.

In sport the Regiment has had another successful few months. We held our own during the RAC's Hodson's Horse competition, despite being the only regiment still in Germany and therefore unable to send bespoke teams for each event. Rugby remains in fine fettle with a 7s squad travelling to Dubai in December for an international competition. Members of the Regiment have also been chosen to represent BAG Rugby, unexpectedly finding themselves playing the Belgian and Danish international teams. Both skiing teams deployed and returned safely (though not unscathed) with decent results. LCpl Riddell and Capt Nicholas in particular were very impressive moving downhill, nearly claiming Army jumpers, while a very inexperienced team moved more slowly and less gracefully uphill under the tutelage of Lt Col Bromley Gardner. SSgt Meenan also deserves a mention for conceiving and organising the inaugural Regimental Sports Awards Night where Colours were awarded and everyone's achievements celebrated. The main awards, Sports Personality of the Year and Lifetime Achievement went to Cpl Webb, for rugby, and Maj Burgess, for golf.

Looking ahead we will no doubt all thoroughly enjoy a well-earned break over Easter leave before reconvening and turning our minds to BATUS. With each squadron deploying on different exercises we will have another year with the Regiment spread to the four winds but we will return in the Autumn ready to play a leading role in the Army's high readiness Brigade.

Mente et Manu.



**“EMPTY SADDLES”**



It is with sadness and regret that the Regimental Association announces the deaths of the following members and friends since our last Newsletter.  
Our condolences go to the families and friends of:

Name	Regiment & Dates	Date of Death
Bdsm Norman Frost	4H, 1951 – 1956	September 2015
SQMS Leslie Thomas Barnett MM	3H/8H, 1936 – 1949	14 September 2015
WO2 Maurice Bradbury	QOH, 1959 – 1975	04 October 2015
SSgt George Jackson REME	QOH, 1967 – 1973	05 October 2105
WO2 John Bradbury	7H/QOH, 1958 – 1977	12 October 2015
Tpr William Ainsworth	7H, 1946 – 1948	31 October 2015
Sgt Timothy Whittaker	7H/QOH 1947 – 1969	09 November 2015
Capt Richard Daghish	4H/QRIH 1955 – 1959	15 November 2015
Lt Col Charles Rich	4H/QRIH 1954 – 1978	21 November 2015
Maj Keith Hubbard	3H/QOH 1949 – 1965	29 November 2015
Tpr Richard Tull	3H 1954 – 1957	09 December 2015
Tpr Peter Lawton	7H, 1955 – 1959	05 January 2016
Cpl Colin Biddle	QOH, 1967 – 1990	07 January 2016
Mrs Letitia (Tisha) Venner	Widow	14 January 2016
Sgt Norman Davies	7H, 1940 – 1946	16 January 2016
Mrs Joan Wilkinson	Widow	January 2016
Tpr Malcolm Davis	QOH, 1967 – 1973	21 January 2016
Timothy Parker	QOH, 1967 – 1973	28 January 2016
Mrs Joan Wilkinson	Widow	February 2016
Mrs Inge Smith	Wife of Maj Bob Smith	6 February 2016
Cpl Ronald Perry	QOH, 1974 – 1982	9 February 2016
Mrs Helen Rooke	Wife of Maj John Rooke	11 March 2016

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and all  
May all



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





## RETURN TO THE FOLD

***We welcome the following former serving members of the Regiment who have registered with the Association in the past year.***

NAME	REGIMENT IN WHICH SERVED	DATES
Ex Tpr Daniel BENOURETS	QRH	2010 - 2015
Ex LCpl Ralph BLORE	QRIH	1974 – 1982
Ex Tpr Samuel CAIRNS	QOH	1963 – 1969
Ex Cpl Reggie CAMPBELL	QRIH/QRH	1982 – 1995
Ex SSgt Martin CATTELL	QOH/QRH	1968 – 2005
Ex WO2 Brian CHAPMAN	QRIH	1972 – 1973
Ex LCpl Dan COLLINS	QRH	2011 – 2015
Ex Tpr John CONWAY	QOH	1963 - 1969
Ex Sgt Lance COOMBER	QRIH/QRH	1984 – 2002
Ex Tpr Luke DENTON	QRH	2011 – 2015
Ex Cpl Michael FERGUSON	QRH	2014 – 2015
Ex Tpr Christopher FINCH	QRIH	1988 – 1991
Ex Cpl Peter FIRKINS	QOH	1972 – 1978
Ex Tpr David HANCOX	QOH	1965 – 1971
Ex Tpr Brian HAWES	4H	1948 – 1953
Ex Cpl Anthony HOLLIS	QRIH	1970 – 1980
Ex LCpl John HOWARD	4H	1954 – 1956
Ex Cpl Gareth JONES	QOH/QRH	1991 – 2003
Ex LCpl Sean KNELLER	QRH	2010 – 2015
Ex LCpl Kevin LARKINS	QRIH	1970 – 1980
Ex Cfn Jamie LEE	QRH (REME)	2011 – 2015
Ex Tpr Bradley LOWE	QRH	2012 – 2016
Ex Cpl Zygmunt LUKOMSKI	3H	1947 – 1953
Ex LCpl Kyle MCKIE	QRH	2009 – 2015
Ex LCpl Stephen MULHOLLAND	QOH	1980 - 1989
Ex WO2 Nigel PEARCE	QRIH/QRH	1987 - 2009
Ex LCpl Percy PEWSEY	3H/QOH	1957 – 1960
Ex LCpl Michael RICH	QOH	1976 – 1980
Capt (Retd) Richard SIMPSON	QRH	1998 - 2003
Ex LCpl Joel SKYNER	QRH	2015
Ex Cpl Keith TERRETT	QRIH	1974 – 1985
Capt (Retd) A TISDALL	3H	1952 - 1953
Ex Cpl John TREVOR	QRIH	1964 – 1972
Ex Sgt David WILLIAMS	7H/QOH	1958 - 1971
Ex Tpr Anthony WINTERS	QOH	1967 – 1970



## THE QUEEN'S ROYAL HUSSARS MUSEUM SUPPORT FUND



Many of you will have heard by now that The Regimental Trustees have decided to purchase a building to house a new Queen's Royal Hussars Museum. For those of you who haven't, the following is background to the decision and how we propose to finance the venture now and in the future:

### BACKGROUND

The Regiment's two existing museums for the QOH and QRIH have to be closed in 2017 – their displays need to have a place in the future. The Colonel and Trustees cannot conceive of not having a Regimental Museum when we have such a glorious past and so much to show – and tell. We need to update and modernise and we are sure Members agree. Additionally, the operations in which QRH has been involved since 1993 need inclusion in the new museum – Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan as well as life in Germany after the Cold War. We are not able to rely on the use of other buildings to house our Museum – local Councils have too many other demands on their space. We want to be the masters of our own destiny for the Museum rather than relying on others.

### THE VENTURE

- We will buy 1 Trinity Mews, Warwick and furnish it as our new Museum in time for an opening in 2018 – it will cost £650,000.
- The project will involve some rebuilding works: create a museum entrance under the existing archway; make some internal changes to provide access to the second floor; update the building to last for 30 years – it will cost £150,000.

### THE PROPOSAL AND OFFER

- We propose to raise the funds required through “crowdfunding” – all of us joining together to enable the Charity to own the building.
- Gifts are the way to be a real part in the project. Loans could be the way to make it possible.
- In 30 years' time the loans will be repaid sharing in the increase in the value of the building.
- A loan of £100 might be one share out of 8000 – supposing we have no gifts!
- Such a loan could be worth £300 in 30 years' time.
- Equally a loan of £1000 (10 shares) could become £3000
- A loan of £10,000 (100 shares) could become £30,000.
- All based on capital appreciation of the building at a reasonable 4% compound rate.
- Loans and the eventual repayment will be secured by the issue of “Loan Notes” from the Charity which will provide for repayment of the loan and a share in the increase in value of the building.
- Finance aside, the real offer is to be involved in a venture like this together as a Member of the Regiment, party to creating a Regimental museum, securing our Collection, and continuing as earlier generations have shown us.
- Donations have already started to arrive and every donation will be welcomed, small or large, with or without the Gift Aid and every donor will be recorded as a contributor to the project. Donation forms can be downloaded from the Museum website [www.qrhmuseum.co.uk](http://www.qrhmuseum.co.uk). Alternatively, you can request a form to be sent in the post by contacting Maj Jim Austin at Home Headquarters.



## ABOUT THE MUSEUM

- The new museum is located in Warwick. The address is 1 Trinity Mews, Priory Road CV34 4NA. Parking is available very close by; the railway station is a short walk; there is a very good pub opposite; Warwick Castle is a stone's throw away.
- The building was built originally as a Glass works but was then used by both the Warwickshire Yeomanry and the TA for most of the last century. 25 years ago it was used by QOH as their Home Headquarters, which gives us a very welcome connection to the building. It is currently an architect's practice.
- The building is very sound but whilst we are making the changes necessary to improve access and display of our regimental collection we will also update as necessary the electricity, plumbing and fire protection systems to make it last another 30 years.
- The museum will be created by Regimental volunteers working under the direction of the Collection Trustees. We will have the support of a number of museum consultants.
- Our crowd-funding of the building will be supported by other applications to museum related grant making bodies to create the best displays.
- The Museum will be attended and research support/advice will be provided.
- We hope to make the museum available to members to hold small parties/receptions amongst the displays. Catering will have to be brought in from the outside.

## MORE ABOUT SUPPORTING THE PROJECT

- We hope to have answered some of your initial questions about this great opportunity and venture. Where you have more questions please contact Home Headquarters in the first instance. One of the team will get back to you by telephone or email.
- The QRH Museum Appeal organisers are Brigadier Andrew Bellamy and Capt Paul Turner who are supported by a number of others closely involved with the project. All are working under the direction of the Colonel of the Regiment and the Regimental Trustees.
- Although this particular appeal is coming to you Via the Spring Newsletter 2016, we will be providing the same information on the Museum website, where we will post updates and answers to the most frequently asked questions.



## 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; prices include P&P.



### ASSOCIATION SHOP ITEMS FOR SALE



Home Headquarters has the following Regimental items for sale.

1. Regimental Ties (all best quality silk) 3H, 4H, 8H, QOH, QRIH, QRH (regrettably, we do not have any 7H ties) - £30 each
2. QRH Enamel Cufflinks, (link or chain) - £19.50 a pair
3. QRIH, QOH or QRH Cufflink and Tie pin sets - £20.00 per set
4. Regimental Magazines of The Queens Own Hussars (complete set on CD with Acrobat reader - £35.00 each
5. Regimental Magazines of The Queens Royal Irish Hussars (complete set on CD with Acrobat reader - £35.00 each
6. Regimental Magazines of The Queens Royal Hussars (Volume 1 Issues 1994 -1998, on CD with Acrobat reader) - £10.00 each
7. Regimental Magazines of The Queens Royal Hussars (Volume 2 Issues 1999 - 2003, on CD with Acrobat reader) - £10.00 each
8. QRH Lapel Badges - Cap Badge or Crest - £5.00 each
9. QRIH Histories (A short history) - £6.50 each
10. QRH Journal 'The Crossbelts' (years 1993 – 2015) - £7.50 each

If you wish to purchase any of these items please write to HHQ requesting the item you require and include a cheque, made payable to the 'QRH Association' for the cost of the order. Alternatively, you can email you order to [regsec@qrhussars.co.uk](mailto:regsec@qrhussars.co.uk) and arrange to make payment by BAC transfer; prices include P&P.





**CAVALRY MEMORIAL WEEKEND EVENTS – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016.**  
**THE CAVALRY CUP FOOTBALL FINAL**  
**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016**

The Cavalry Cup Final will be played at Burton Court on Saturday 7th May, kick off at 10:30 hrs. The finalists are not yet known but, regrettably, the Regiment will not be appearing in the final having been knocked out at the quarter final stage by the LD (4 - 2). For those attending the final, the venue for after match drinks is 'The Phoenix' public house which is situated in Smith Street, a short walk from Burton Court.



**CAVALRY MEMORIAL PARADE AND MEMORIAL SERVICE,**  
**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016 HYDE PARK.**



The Combined Cavalry Old Comrades' Parade and Service will be held in Hyde Park on Sunday 8<sup>h</sup> May. The Parade assembles at **1030** hrs and moves off at **1100** hrs. Programmes will be available at the forming up point from the Regimental Secretary. 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 and Seating Enclosures.** We have been allocated 45 tickets for the standing enclosure and 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 by no later than the 22nd April. **NO TICKET, NO ENTRY!** Names will 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 car pass, please complete the details on the proforma. We must let the CCOCA know your details by 29 April, so please do not delay.



**THE ASSOCIATION LUNCH**  
**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2106**



The Association will hold a lunch at the Lansdowne Club, which is situated at 9 Fitzmaurice Place, on the corner of Berkeley Square. The Club is only a 10-minute walk from Hyde Park where the Sunday morning gathering and parade is held and a buffet lunch, with a selection of sandwiches and rolls; hot and cold savouries; wine and soft drinks will be served from 12:30 hrs. There will also be a bar for those who wish to purchase alternative drinks. The Committee has agreed that the cost will remain at **£35.00** per person (this includes a generous subsidy from The Association). Members who were Warrant Officers or below, aged 65 or over, 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 **22nd April, latest please!***



## **FORECAST OF EVENTS 2016**

### **APRIL 2016**

6<sup>TH</sup> – Troop Secretaries AGM and Lunch  
9<sup>th</sup> – Fitters Troop Dinner  
19<sup>th</sup> - Trustees Lunch  
20<sup>th</sup> – 4H Lunch  
24<sup>th</sup> – Birmingham & Coventry Troop St George's Day Lunch

### **MAY 2016**

7<sup>th</sup> – Cavalry Cup Final  
7<sup>th</sup> – Blessing of RSM Champion Headstone  
8<sup>th</sup> - CCOCA Parade and Service - Hyde Park  
8<sup>th</sup> – Association Lunch

### **JUNE 2016**

12<sup>th</sup> - Irish Regiments' Parade – London  
18<sup>th</sup> – Band Reunion Dinner  
25<sup>th</sup> - Worcester Troop Smoker  
27<sup>th</sup> - Dettingen Day

### **SEP 2016**

QOH Museum Lunch (date tbc)

### **OCT 2106**

15<sup>th</sup> - NW Counties and N Wales Troop Dinner  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Southern Counties (Balaklava Troop) Dinner  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Ulster Troop Dinner  
25<sup>th</sup> - Balaklava Day

### **NOV 2016**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Alamein Day  
9<sup>th</sup> – Trustees Meeting  
9<sup>th</sup> – Officers' Dinner  
10<sup>th</sup> - Field of Remembrance, London  
12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> - Regimental Association Remembrance Weekend Birmingham

### **DEC 2016**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Durham Troop Christmas Party  
17<sup>th</sup> – Birmingham & Coventry Troop Christmas Lunch



## THE DERBY DRAW 2016



A considerable amount of the funds used to subsidise the cost of events (i.e. The Association Lunch); grants to assist the Regiment (i.e. cleaning of the War Memorials outside RHQ) and our Troops (i.e. purchase of banners etc.), as well as help the running of The Association, come from the income that we generate from your continued support of The Derby Draw and purchase of tickets, for which we are extremely grateful.

For those receiving this Newsletter by post, you will find a book of tickets (£10) enclosed, which we hope you will either sell or buy yourself. More tickets can be provided on request. Please fill in and return **all the stubs** so that we can enter them into the draw and send you your winnings! ***Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to "QRH Association" and reach Home Headquarters by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015.***

For those receiving this Newsletter by email, you can request tickets by emailing [chclk-regsec@qrhussars.co.uk](mailto:chclk-regsec@qrhussars.co.uk) and either pay by cheque or BAC transfer (bank details will be provided on request of tickets). Your ticket numbers will then be emailed to you and the original stubs will be entered into the draw. You will receive an email if you win a prize.

Prizes range from £10 for each horse drawn to £500 for the winning horse.

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

The draw will be made on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 at 1400 hours, at Home Headquarters, ready for the race, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

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



## MUSEUMS OPENING HOURS



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

Summer opening hours (Easter onwards) are:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday 10.00 -17.00.

Winter opening hours are:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00-16.00

(The Museum is always closed on a Saturday because the Lord Leycester Hospital is in use for weddings on that day and always closed on a Monday as it is the Brothers day of rest).

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

23rd March - 13th November (opening times March - September 10am - 5pm and October - November 11am - 4pm).

Tel: 01323 410300

email: [redoubtmuseum@eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:redoubtmuseum@eastbourne.gov.uk)



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



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

April 2015	£15.00	Mr John Benstead
May 2015	£15.00	Mr Frank Chambers
June 2015	£15.00	Mr Jonathan Cope BEM
July 2015	£15.00	Sir Michael Parker KCVO CBE
August 2015	£15.00	Capt (Retd) Bernard Sharp
September 2015	£15.00	Capt (Retd) Robert Gourlay

We would like to thank Major Jim Austin and Mrs Julie Nicholls 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**



### **E MAIL COMMUNICATIONS**



As you are all aware we are taking great "strides" at Home Headquarters to produce and distribute as much information as we can by email. This is not because we expect you all to be electronic wizards, but to enable us to save on the astronomical bills that we pay for postage.

Firstly, thank you to those of you who have offered to receive this newsletter by email, we now have more than 170 receiving it by this means which is a saving of just under £100 to the Association fund. However, we still send just over 2,000 copies by post, which costs the fund approximately £1200. Should anyone else decide that they would like to receive newsletters by electronically please just drop me an email to let me know.

Secondly the same Thanks to those Historical Society members who have also opted to receive the Chronicle electronically. Of the 250 copies we were despatching by post, we are now down to about 35; a saving of approximately £1,000 to the Association.

We routinely send out all death notices and other items of news or interest by email, thus enabling us to get information out as swiftly as we can. If you haven't given us your email address, you will be missing out on important news flashes!

## **THE CENOTAPH CEREMONY 2016**

### **EXTRACT FROM A LETTER TO ALL REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**The following is an extract from a letter sent to all Regimental Associations from The Assistant Director of Engagement, The Royal British Legion.**

The Royal British Legion remains hugely grateful for the enthusiastic participation of all Regimental Associations and Veteran's Groups and their participating members each year at the National Service of Remembrance at The Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. The Legion very much recognises that it is the poignant act of military veterans marching past the Cenotaph and paying their respects to those that went before, which guarantees that the event endures and makes it so compelling to the watching public.

In light of this, I regret that it falls to me to highlight a discernible reduction in the standard of turnout and bearing of some of those participating in the parade. Both suggest a lack of respect for either the occasion or the senior guests attending, and neither, as I am sure you agree, are acceptable. Whilst I am sure that there has been no commission behind this decline, and that no one participating wishes to appear anything less than impressive or professional in the eyes of their contemporaries or the watching public, the fact remains that educated observers who witnessed the various components of the parade in November have raised concerns that need to be addressed. In terms of dress, a collar and tie should be the agreed minimum standard for male participants. Moreover, some formed bodies need perhaps to reflect on the solemnity of the occasion as they march and the recent innovation of taking photographs whilst saluting the dais is entirely unacceptable.

Please accept that these comments do not apply to all; it is the exceptions that catch the eye. Furthermore, whilst the Remembrance Sunday event falls within the organisational bailiwick of the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), to the watching public and those around the world watching on television, it is the Serving, the Veterans and The Royal British Legion whose reputations are most at stake. I therefore ask for your support in recalibrating standards to a level we would all recognise and with which we would all be more content.

The National Service of Remembrance ensures that no-one is forgotten as the nation unites to honour all who have suffered or died in war. It falls to The Royal British Legion and the veteran community representing the Armed Forces, Fishing Fleets and Merchant Air and Navy to maintain the standards that the nation expects. I trust that I can count on your support in this endeavour.

Bob Gamble OBE  
Assistant Director of Engagement



## OPERATION OFFICERS' ALBUM PROJECT (OAP)



Our predecessors of the Victorian age were punctilious in recording many aspects of their lives, including the keeping of photograph portraits of those who have held a commission in the Regiment. Sadly, those who followed – especially in the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century - have been less than conscientious in this regard and the albums (placed in the officers' mess) are far from complete.

Operation OAP seeks to put this right by enlisting the help of officers – serving and retired – to bring the albums up to date by providing a photograph of themselves (though not, please, a 'selfie').

### Photos should:

- Be in colour (though black and white is perfectly acceptable)
- Be no greater than 4" x 3" in size
- Preferably be a 'hard' print, though anything IT-driven is fine (nothing too advanced, please).
- Be taken in uniform (though plain clothes are better than no photo at all)
- Date from near the start of the officer's service, when hair was leonine and clothes a more comfortable fit
- Be submitted no matter the length of an individual's commissioned service, including, for example, long attachments by yeomanry officers (SSVC) and those who served with us under the Gap Year scheme (SSLC).

### Biographical Notes. Please include a note showing:

- Name (i.e. TLP Thomas (Terry))
- Date/ place joined regiment (i.e. joined 7H Hohne 1956)
- Any transfer of regiment (i.e. QOH 1958)
- Significant appointments (i.e. Adjt RMLY 1963/64)
- Significant achievements (i.e. represented GB at swimming Olympic Games Rome 1964)
- Date retired.

If commissioned from the ranks, please add the date and place of your enlistment and date of commissioning

**Belt and Braces.** Although you may well have had a photograph taken when you joined the Regiment, I ask that you to send a second.

**The Younger Generation.** Serving officers will be contacted separately by the Regiment – who will update the QRH album and ensure that the custom of taking an initial 'mug-shot' of newly arrived officers is restored.

**I Wonder What Happened to Him?** We will spread the word as much as we are able- but there will be many who do not hear the call. Please brief any fellow officer you may know so that no one is left out.

**What Next?** Photographs and notes should be sent to:

Lt Col (Retd) Bobby Noone

c/o HHQ QRH

Regents Park Barracks

Albany Street

London NW1 4AL

- marked: OFFICERS' ALBUM PROJECT

**Thank You for a swift reply**



## **THE QUEEN'S ROYAL HUSSARS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT – 'WHILE MEMORY SERVES'**

Many will know that the Imperial War Museum and the National Army Museum have amassed – over the last 40 years and more – an invaluable collection of interviews with veterans of conflict across a wide range of campaigns.

At regimental level, a project to focus on our own 'in house' witnesses to history has so far yielded a fine set of taped conversations dealing with the Korean War (copies are on sale through HHQ). Further recordings have been taken of Regimental Historical Society study days dealing with the Western Desert and Italy campaigns (also available from HHQ). Now it is time to build on the success of these efforts.

In this endeavour we encourage individuals to put themselves up for interview. Additionally, Association Troop Chairmen/Secretaries are asked to suggest names of suitable individuals from their troops or patch who have a tale to tell. They should:

- Have relevant operational experience.
- Be fit enough to be interviewed (in a conversational style) for an hour or so and lucid in order to tell their story clearly.

**Rank.** Rank is not a factor in selection – we should aim for as wide spread as we can.

**Location of Interviews:** Ideally, we would like to interview individuals at Home Headquarters in London. However, that will not always be practical; a 'road trip' may be necessary.

**Subject Areas:** Below is a list of operations in which the Regiment has been involved and for which there should or may be individuals available to interview:

3/4/7/8 Hussars World War 2 (and acknowledged as unlikely): Western Desert, Italy, Crete, Java, Normandy to Berlin,

Post World War 2:

QOH: Aden, Singapore, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Northern Ireland

QRH: Korea, Malaya, Cyprus, Iraq 1991, Bosnia, Northern Ireland

QRH: Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan

The Association chairman has given the project his full support. May I ask you to give it your urgent attention? Time is not on our side as *anno domini* takes its toll and even veterans of recent operations become less reliable witnesses. With the plan to open a new regimental museum progressing well, now is the time to gather personal accounts to complement our superb collection of artefacts.

A simple note including the name, former regiment and experience of the potential interviewee together with his contact details is all that is required initially.

Thank you for helping in this important work. Should you wish to contact me, please do so c/o Home Headquarters.

Lt Col (Retd) R A (Bobby) Noone



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### 1<sup>st</sup> DURHAM TROOP DATABASE

As the Troop Chairman I am trying to update our database and need your help and support. If you live in the North East (from Lincs/York border) and Scotland and are, or would like to be a troop member, I would appreciate you sending me an email to [pers.ebenezer@btinternet.com](mailto:pers.ebenezer@btinternet.com) to register your address and Tel No so that I can ensure you are always made aware of our annual function. Alternatively, ring the Chief Clerk or post your details to Home Headquarters, quoting Durham Troop data base, the contact information is at the back of this letter.

Paul Hodgson