



*Tonbridge and Malling Freedom Parade.
Lt Col John Powell with Mr Don Brown who at the age of 19 landed at Normandy on 22nd June and fought with the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment all through Germany to Bremerhaven*

2 PWRR – Rome Parade

Thirty soldiers from A Coy participated in the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the unification of Italy. This parade was held in Rome and involved more than 5000 marchers, including an array of Italy's armoured vehicles and a fast jet flypast. The parade was witnessed by over 40 heads of state and the Foreign Secretary William Hague. The celebrations occur every year on June 2nd and this was the first time that British troops were involved. Flowers of Remembrance were laid at two Commonwealth war cemeteries at Orvieto and Cassino where many soldiers from our forebear Regiments are laid to rest. In amongst the busy schedule of rehearsals there was even time to visit the tourist sights of Rome, a local leisure lake and Tarquinia Beach.



2nd Lt Farren and A Company march past the Colosseum in the 150th celebration of Italian Unification



*Major R Corbett
commanding the Freedom
Parade at Tonbridge*

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- 1st Battalion** - Armoured Warrior Battalion based in Paderborn, Germany.
- 2nd Battalion** - A Light Role Infantry Battalion based at Royal Artillery Barracks, Woolwich, London SE18 4BB.
- 3rd Battalion** - An Infantry Territorial Battalion with Centres in Canterbury, Dover, Rochester, Farnham, Portsmouth, Brighton, Camberley & Worthing.
- B Company** - **The London Regiment**, an Infantry Company based in Edgware, London.

1st Battalion are due to deploy to Afghanistan supported by the 3rd Battalion and the 2nd Battalion continue with high profile public duties and deployment to the Falkland Islands.

1st BATTALION NEWS

The Battalion is in the middle of training in preparation for their forthcoming tour of Afghanistan (Operation Herrick 15). The Battalion has taken on the lead for the Police Mentoring Role in Afghanistan and, under the control of Fire Support Company, has formed the Police Mentoring and Advisory Group – clearly marked as the Brigade Commander's Main Effort. The three rifle companies have been designated as ground holding companies and will deploy into Nadi Ali (South), Nar e Saraj (South) and Lashkar Gah Battle Group areas of operation. Having completed Hybrid Foundation Training (which culminated in a Battle Group exercise in BATUS (Canada) the last six months has seen the Battalion concentrate its training in a wide variety of individual mission-specific courses. This has included specialist vehicle qualifications, language training, weapon training and medical training. Once the individuals have been trained the companies have been collectively tested in live firing exercises at Otterburn and by Castle Martin and by OPTAG with the Confirmatory Test Exercise held in Thetford. They are now preparing for the final exercise element of their training – due to be held on Salisbury Plain in August.



BATUS Training - Nov 2010

Although the main effort has been preparing for operations, the Battalion has also maintained its strong work and play ethos. As such it has continued to celebrate Regimental Events and participated in both individual and team representative sport. In particular the Battalion has achieved notable success in rugby, sailing, football, athletics and boxing over recent months and sent a team to support the 200th Anniversary celebrations at Albuhera. Running concurrently with preparation for deployment is the 'Tigers in Afghanistan' charity fundraising initiative. This has been focused on raising funds for the welfare of soldiers within the Battalion, and has a target of £60,000. Within the 1st Battalion, significant amounts have already been raised through 'Taches for Tigers' (a moustache growing competition) and a boxing evening. We have also been humbled by the support we have received from within the recruiting area from families and friends who continue to publicise and fundraise on behalf of our soldiers. In conclusion the 1st Battalion, through the combination of training, sport, and a little fun, has earned the right to enjoy a little 'Fierce Pride'.



A gentle march with the PTI

2nd BATTALION NEWS



Route Lining - L/Cpl Ratulevu, presenting arms

THE ROYAL WEDDING - 210 Personnel from the 2nd Battalion took part in the Royal Wedding as street liners from Parliament Square to Whitehall with the CO being in command of the sector from Westminster Abbey to Horse Guards. Marching on to packed London streets was quite bizarre but the soldiers performed magnificently and were well appreciated by the crowds that were listening in to the wedding service on the public broadcast system. All too quickly the time came for the "Royal Salute, Present Arms" and the front row seats occupied by 2 PWRR offered great views of the married couple and a whole procession of royalty, including the Colonel in Chief. As the crowds streamed towards Buckingham Palace 2 PWRR marched back to Wellington Barracks with the CO and Ops Ofrr leading on horseback with the Corps of Drums beating and the Colours flying. An impressive and enjoyable day, the event being enjoyed by our families at a street party in Woolwich watching on our own big screen.



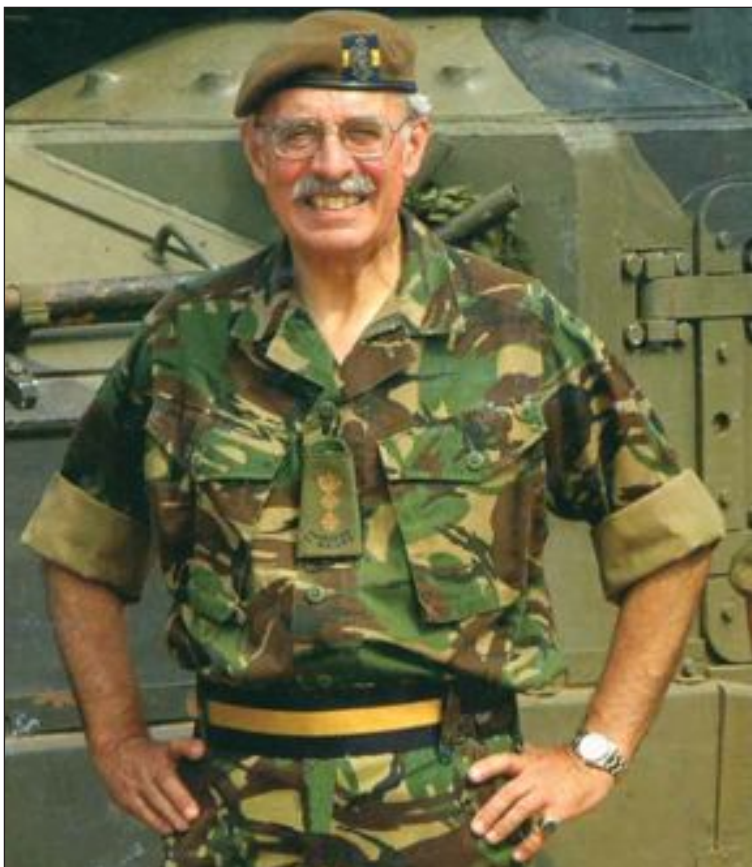
Joining the Regiment If you wish to join the Regiment either visit your local recruiting centre or phone 0800 169 5808 or go to www.army.mod.uk/pwrr.

The Late Brigadier ER Holmes, CBE, TD, JP

29th March 1946 - 30th April 2011

The Colonel of the Regiment, 1st Sept 1999 - 1st Feb 2007

Memorial Service held 8th June 2011



The Memorial Service for Brigadier Holmes was held at The Chapel at Royal Military Academy Sandhurst where over one thousand one hundred assembled to pay their respects



The packed Chapel at Sandhurst - Members of 2 PWRR acted as route liners on the approach to the Chapel outside and Officers acted as ushers inside



Mrs Elizabeth Holmes and her two daughters arrive at the Chapel



Mr Keith Simpson, MP (centre) gave an excellent eulogy for Brigadier Holmes



Friends and Relatives entering the Chapel

2nd Battalion continued



The Commanding Officer Lt Col Adam Crawley and Capt L Bucknall, the Ops Officer lead the mounted section of the Battalion at the Wedding



Preparing for Route Lining



2nd Lt J Beckett leads B Coy Group yomping in the Falklands

2 PWRR FREEDOM PARADES

During a busy two weeks in June personnel from 2PWRR marched through seven towns to mark the award of a new Freedom or to exercise an existing Freedom. With “Bayonets Fixed, Drums Beating and Colours Flying” 2PWRR received on behalf of the Regiment the Freedoms of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council and Waverley Borough Council (Farnham) and exercised the Freedoms of Kingston upon Thames, Tonbridge and Malling, Brighton, Reigate and took part in a Homecoming Parade in Crawley. The local populations showed great support and the PWRR and Forebear Associations and Cadets were very much in evidence. Bronze Tigers were presented to the towns and local Councils provided both gifts to mark the occasion and a good degree of hospitality to the soldiers and their families. The parades were great occasions to reaffirm the Regiment's links with the populations of our recruiting area and finishing the last parade on Armed Forces Day in Reigate was a fitting end.

2 PWRR B COY FALKLANDS

B Coy Group deployed as the Falkland Islands Roulement Infantry Coy (FIRIC) in May for 6 weeks. The Coy has been engaged in a three way rotation between quick reaction force, patrols and live firing. The weather has had an impact on everything we do with snow, ice and volcanic ash clouds (Chilean, not Icelandic) causing mayhem to air and aviation. The opportunities for training in the Falklands are excellent with the RN, RAF and other Army assets providing great support. Interoperability is important, but this is underpinned by good working relationships – infantry snobbery would only result in us walking an awfully long way!



Major Ronnie Corbett escorts the Mayor of Brighton and Hove at the Freedom Parade



The 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Albuhera, Spain

The photograph shows The Colonel of the Regiment (centre), Lt Col Paul Corden (back row, third left), Capt James Sexton (back row, third right) and Capt Jamie Lawrence (left) with members of the 1st Battalion and 2 Buglers from the 2nd Battalion in front of the Regimental Memorial at the end of the Commemorative Parade at Albuhera on the 16th May 2011.



The Annual Prize for the best pupil at English at the Instituto Jose Virel, was Sandra Chinarro Franco who received the Cup and Certificate from the Colonel of the Regiment



Colonel Henning Larsen awaits to lay a wreath on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, Colonel in Chief. The Spanish Army was also on parade.



Regimental Comrades await the start of the Ceremony at the Regimental Memorial, Albuhera

3rd BATTALION



Members of 3 PWRR and guests prepare to take part in The Albuhera Silent Toast at Leros Barracks, Canterbury



Colonel JG Cluff DL, Honorary Colonel 3 PWRR (centre) talking to guests at the Albuhera Dinner



Members of the Band of the 3rd Battalion, Albuhera Dinner

HONOURS AND AWARDS 2011

New Years Honours Awards - MSM - WO2 SJ Hawkins - 3 PWRR
Operational Awards - MC - Lt Col JR Martin
Queen's Birthday Honours Awards - MBE - Maj SJ Taylor, MSM - WO2 MA Curtis, MSM - WO2 C Russ, QVRM - WO2 Holley
Award of Freedoms - The Regiment accepted the Freedoms of Waverley Borough Council and Epsom and Ewell Borough Council in June 2011