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Welcome from the Webmaster

By Michael Collins

I would like to start this news letter by thanking all you Queen's men that have offered words of support since this site was started. When I first started this site I knew there was a requirement because not all of the battalions had websites to go to, however I was not expecting the flood gates to open as quickly as they did in the first few days.

And at first the site was heavy with 1st battalion names then word spread and members of all battalions were sending in their details. And helping out with the history for each battalion, suddenly I had a second full time job, if I wasn't posting names I was working on photo's and putting them on the boards. It was at this time I knew that the doubts spread that a site was not needed; were wrong it became clear that it was in fact just what the Regiment needed.

The size of the site has changed three times since it was first published and the feedback I am getting is there is more required, so a further

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The Forgotten Battalion

By Michael Collins

It is my own personal quest to try to bring back to the site as much information as possible on the forgotten battalion namely the 4th Battalion the Queen's (DCO Middlesex) although never truly forgotten a lot of the history from battalion members went to all the other battalions

Before their disbandment in 1970 the battalion undertook postings to Northern Ireland, Warminster, and finally Knook.

Although we have a couple of photo's on the site we could really do with more, photo's that show them wearing their own unusual dress customs of the time. I.E the famous maroon jumpers and cravat worn in place of the tie.

Photo's of the battalion operating as the demonstration battalion, a role that from what I can understand was a administrative nightmare but

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*"ONCE A DIE-HARD,
ALWAYS A DIE-HARD."*

The Story So Far

By Mick Collins

The month of May has been an interesting time the site is becoming more populated each month. Which is good, the stats below are taken at the time of print for the news letter.

- MEMBERS
- 1st Battalion 34 members
- 2nd Battalion 25 members
- 3rd Battalion 69 members
- 4th Battalion 7 members
- 5th Battalion 3 members
- 6/7th Battalion 7 members
- PHOTO`S
- 1st Battalion 85
- 2nd Battalion 58
- 3rd Battalion 45
- 4th Battalion 4
- 5th Battalion 3
- 6/7th Battalion 3

The word is spreading and with the work that is going on at the time of this going to print we should see more members joining us as the months

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expansion of the site is planned for some time in June.

Due to this I put out word that I am going to need some help in the future and once again the names and offers of help flooded in. thank you to everyone that has offered to help out and as time goes on I will be taking you up on your offers.

I have started by taking up the offer from Dave Hammond of the 1st battalion who is going to run the fun side of the site, Dave will do this by putting a joke on the message board as often as he can and providing some laughs for the news letter. I am sure you all will join me in thanking Dave for this and I am sure that you will soon be bombarding him with jokes to keep him busy as well.

*"More photo`s needed to
show the history in
pictures as well as
words."*

Secret Code

By Dave Hammond

After numerous rounds of "We don't know if Osama is still alive," Osama himself decided to send George Bush a letter in his own handwriting to let him know he was still in the game.

Bush opened the letter and it appeared to contain a single line of coded message:
370HSSV-0773H

Bush was baffled, so he E-mailed it to Condi Rice. Condi and her aides had no clue either, so they sent it to the FBI. No one could solve it at the FBI so it went to the CIA, then to the NSA.

With no clue as to its meaning, they eventually asked Britain's MI-6 for help.

A minute later MI-6 cabled the White House with this reply:

"Tell the President he's holding the message upside down."

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something the battalion did very well. Even though they already knew they were to be disbanded. And when they were disbanded every man serving with the battalion was given a certificate signed by the commanding officer reminding him, ONCE A DIE-HARD, ALWAYS A DIE-HARD.

For this site to be a true history of the regiment we must get a photo of one of those certificates along with photos of the battalion 1966-1970 and 1970-1973 when it operated as a cadre company. Of course it is well known if this announcement had come in time it would have been manned by a complete company of the 4th battalion.

When the battalion was disbanded members as we know went to all battalions and that is where you all come into this we need to get the names on the site and to do this we have to track the members down they are an important part of the Regiments history.

For me another thing I remember is if the battalion had survived there is a likelihood I would have been a die-hard, as I came from Middlesex.

"I would have been a die-hard."

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go on. I have had a long talk with Maj Steve Bream at RHQ and in September I will be spending a day there and will have access to some of the photo`s and items at RHQ. I am sure you will all join me in thanking RHQ for the support they are giving to the site. I will also take the time to visit the TA battalions at the same time to see what we can do there as well. As most of the 1st Battalion guys are aware Joe dormer has got a function planned for the 31st may I will attach a list of those going so far

for all 1st Bn guys I hope you all have a good night, and take some photo`s for the site. I would like to thank the 1st bn for the invite you gave me for the night but it looks like I will be in Liverpool that day. However Dave Hammond will be spreading the word of the site so thanks Dave and Joe.

Plans for the future of the site

By Michael Collins

There have been some requests for some changes /ideas for the site. This is what is in the pipe line at the moment.

- **PRI PAGE** this will be a list of stuff available from RHQ and from outside companies.
- **CONTACT LIST** you will receive an email about this to vote on and details of how it will be protected.
- **GENERAL PHOTO`S** this will cover any thing including reunions photos of what we look like now and anything of interest.
- **MESSAGE BOARD** it is planned to make more use of this and even get members to champion certain subjects / forums.
- Would the site benefit from having a

committee so all Battalions are represented and get a say in the running of the site. After all I am here for you guys if it can be done I will do it for you.

- We have to remember there will be guys out there who are not on line and we need to let them know about the site, so they can put forward their details and memories as well.
- In the long term I will pay for a proper name for the site which will say Queen`s regiment in it but first I need to get the layout right and once that is done I will change the address accordingly, but it is not going to happen overnight.
- **FINALLY I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANKYOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE SITE, IT IS NOTHING WITHOUT ITS MEMBERS. AND IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ON THE SITE LET ME KNOW AND I WILL SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE.**

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