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The new Fusilier Museum (Warwick), Pageant House, Warwick

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Fusilier and former Fusilier Appointments

The Colonel of the Regiment and all Fusiliers congratulate the following on their selection published on the No 5 Board dated on 23 March 2023 to the following appointments:

- **Major P Witkowski** to OC C Coy (Balham) 5th Bn wef Aug 23.
- **Major M Selby** to SO2 Capability Design Authority wef Aug 23.
- **Major R Halloran** to SO2 Log CSTT CAST (S) (extension in tenure).
- **Maj J Chacksfield** to SO2 Plans (to become SO2 Brand and Reputation) wef Jul 23

The Colonel also congratulates **Mr Paul Lincoln** on his appointment to Second Permanent Secretary at the MoD from 8 May 2023. Paul served as an officer in the Regiment for a time during the 1990s, before beginning his career with the Civil Service. Paul brings with him a wealth of experience from his time in other national security roles across Government and industry.

Fusilier Connect is now live !

A promotional graphic for the Fusiliers Connect app. It features the text 'FUSILIERS CONNECT' with a red Fusilier crest icon. Below this, it says '900+ Fusiliers' and 'Fusiliers have joined already'. A bulleted list includes: 'Search and Connect with members', 'Join Fusilier Groups and Events', 'Get latest Fusilier updates', and 'Access a wide range of Support'. The website 'fusiliersconnect.com' is listed at the bottom. The graphic also shows a laptop, a smartphone, and a tablet displaying the app interface, along with a collage of photos of Fusiliers. A red banner at the top right says 'DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW'.

The Fusiliers Connect App is now ready to download with over 900 members already having joined the community.

Click this link from your smartphone and follow the instructions:

<https://www.fusiliersconnect.com/fusiliers-connect>

Fusiliers Groups Access Code: **FC23**

(please **DO NOT** share on public groups)

The link above has a step-by-step guide and app support. If you are still having issues, please email help@militaryapp.org

We also have a new website which has been developed as part of the project – have a look now at <https://www.fusiliersconnect.com/>

Many thanks to Fusiliers Direct (AMMO)

Members of the London ACF wearing the new Fusilier Jackets provided by the Regiment. Due to a sizing mistake, the manufacturer made over 520 Fusilier Jackets in Gurkha sizes as opposed to the sizes requested by 1 FUSILIERS.



94 (Blackheath) Detachment proudly wearing the FUSILIERS jackets

The jackets were procured for a fraction of the price. They were then divided equally between our three ACF Counties (Northumbria, Warwickshire & West Midlands, and Lancashire) and the four London ACF sectors. These gifts will enhance the Fusilier brand across the ACF.

Many thanks to Fusiliers Direct (AMMO & Co) for their goodwill in making this happen. You will also be pleased to know that 1 FUSILIERS now have jackets that fit them...



B (Badajoz) Company 1 FUSILIERS 1992 - 93

5 May 2023 marks the 30th anniversary of the

disbanding of B (Badajoz)
Company of 1 FUSILIERS

following their return from a unique operational tour in

Northern Ireland. The Company was raised in August 1992 following the merger of 1 and 3 FUSILIERS specifically to meet the requirements of an emergency tour in County Fermanagh under command of the 1st Battalion Irish Guards (1 IG). The Company initially formed up in Warminster in August 1992 where 1 FUSILIERS was the Combined Arms Training Centre Battle Group before moving to Pirbright in September and deploying to N Ireland on 1 November.

Under the Defence Review 'Options for Change' in 1991 following the end of the Cold War, the Tory government imposed heavy cuts on the military budget and specifically on Infantry battalions. It was decided by the powers that be that the FUSILIERS would lose a Regular battalion and 1 and 3 FUSILIERS would merge. The Irish Guards had not been on the Op BANNER roster due to its obvious connections with both northern and southern Ireland. However, 1 IG was now about to embark on its first tour of N Ireland and needed to be backfilled urgently. 1 FUSILIERS with a surplus of manpower from its merger had the capacity to provide and duly did so.

In general the Company was made up with Fusiliers and JNCOs from 1

FUSILIERS, and SNCOs from 3 FUSILIERS. Major James Sayer was OC, Captain Guy Briseldon 2IC and WO2 Mark Mooney CSM. The 3 FUSILIERS members were highly experienced having just returned from the Gulf War and many of the 1 FUSILIERS members were newly joined and were about to undertake their first operational tour. Despite not knowing each other it was a great reflection on the Fusilier family that the unit gelled very quickly and happily.

As to the tour itself, it was a busy time with the Company being augmented with a Troop of RHG/D and an IG platoon and given the whole of the border from Lisnaskea to Belleek to cover. Mainly operating out of Permanent Vehicle Check Points (PVCPs) and RUC stations, the tour got off to a tragic start with the murder of RUC Constable Corbett at Belcoo by a sniper, in which Fusilier Donathy was later awarded a MiD. Later in the tour, the PVCP at Mullen Bridge was attacked by mortar fire fortunately without casualties; this saw the first ever cross-border air to ground return of fire by an Army Lynx helicopter which was carrying the QRF in response. In the follow up operation led by the late Lt Matt Thorpe, the author and the Brigade Commander were landed by helicopter in the Republic erroneously by a few



yards (in the days before GPS !) and had to hot foot it back to N Ireland.

1992/93 was a busy time for the Regiment in N. Ireland especially with 2 FUSILIERS operating out of

Ballykinler at the same time. B (Badajoz) company was a unique unit and it is no surprise that many of the Fusiliers and NCOs went on to have excellent careers in the Regiment and the wider Army.

The Centenary of the 17th Royal Fusiliers Memorial, Warlingham

On Thu 20 April, Fusiliers joined members of the community to mark the Centenary of the dedication of the 17th Royal Fusiliers War Memorial at All Saints Church in Warlingham.

The 17th Battalion RF were billeted in this small Surrey village, during their preparation to fight in WW1. A very strong friendship between the Battalion and Warlingham was created.



The King's Colour was laid up in the Church and the Battle Honours sewed on by local women, including Kate Fox, the then Duchess of Kent's former nanny and friend. The last CO of the Bn was a certain Lt Col BL Montgomery.

The Fusiliers were represented by serving members of 5 FUSILIERS as well as Fusilier Cadets from Balham and a number of Fusilier Association members.

Regimental Medal and Certificate of Merit to Peter Galloway

The Regimental Medal and Certificate of Merit was awarded to Peter Galloway on Sat

22 April at the 1RF/RRF Branch Dinner held at HM Tower of London. The medal was presented by Brigadier J Lamb MC, Colonel London.

Peter Galloway was born in 1933. In 1951 he enlisted as a Regular soldier in the Royal Fusiliers. After recruit training he was posted to the 1st Battalion in Germany. In 1952 the Battalion was sent to fight in Korea and Peter went as a member of the Mortar Platoon. In February 1954, on return to the United Kingdom, he volunteered to serve with the Parachute Regiment and was selected. His engagement ended on 1 July 1956. Four days later he was recalled from reserve service at the beginning of the Suez crisis. He made an operational jump at Suez in the short campaign later that year, before ending his Army engagement on 1 January 1957.

Peter's wife, Myrtle, died in 2016. This was an extremely difficult period for him but he continued to support the Fusilier Association throughout.

Peter has been a keen member of the 1 RF/RRF Branch of the Fusiliers Association since its formation in 1968, and became a Standard Bearer for the Branch in the mid 1990s, an



appointment he fulfils to this day. He is tireless in his charitable collections and can be seen regularly supporting the Taxi Charity for Military Veterans.

Aged just under 90, Peter still responds to requests for a Regimental Standard Bearer in London and the Home Counties. Thus, he parades in this capacity on Remembrance Sunday, at other Association events and at funerals. His service to the Fusilier Association over the past thirty years or so has been



outstanding. The Regimental Council has therefore awarded Peter a

Regimental Medal and Certificate of Merit.

60 Years since the Royal Warwicks joined the Fusiliers

1 May 2023 is the 60th anniversary of the start of The Royal Warwickshire Regiment's journey to become Fusiliers. On 1 May 1963, the 1st Battalion



The new hackles and badges are brought on Parade
C/Sgt. Franklin, R.Q.M.S. Hoare, C/Sgt. Carter

Fusiliers.

paraded at Gordon Barracks in Hameln, West Germany, to receive their new Fusilier cap badges and hackles in blue and orange (best known as "royal blue over old gold, with a touch of Dutch pink"). From that date onward, they were called The Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers joining the other three Fusilier Regiments to form the Fusilier Brigade whose headquarters and training depot were at St George's Barracks in Sutton Coldfield in what was then Warwickshire. Almost five years later, the Brigade became The Royal Regiment of



People & Places

St George's Day at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA)



Fusiliers from Northumberland and Warwickshire gathered at the NMA's Fusilier Memorial on St George's Day 23 April 2023 in the traditional rain. Both Associations laid wreaths and enjoyed a trip around the NMA on the 1/4 ton train.

Edinburgh Castle Reunion

On 11 April in Edinburgh, Col Guy Harnby, former 2 FUSILIERS, in his capacity as Commandant Cumbria ACF, and Edinburgh resident Lt Col James Sayer, former 1,2 and 6 FUSILIERS, met with the High Commissioner for Antigua and Barbuda who joined their detachment visit to Edinburgh Castle and the firing of the One O'Clock Gun. Guy had earlier led a team of cadets from Cumbria to Antigua and this was the return visit from Antigua. In 1986 both Guy and James were in B Company 2 FUSILIERS which provided the Edinburgh Castle Guard whilst based at Catterick, so it was an appropriate place to meet up again after so long.



Greetings from Salalah



Maj Alex Mills writes:

"Here's my neighbour - Rich Lamb FUSILIERS - and I having a drink for St George's Day in Salalah!

Rich arrived in December and will be here in Dhofar for at least 2 years.

I've already warned him off for a journal article later in the year!" (*Well done – Ed*)



Notices

ABF Curry Lunch

The event below is being led by Fusiliers in Warwickshire and the West Midlands. For more details and application forms, contact Col Bob Carruthers, Chairman Fusilier Association (Warwickshire), at bjcarruthers@gmail.com



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CURRY LUNCH
SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2023

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Tickets £30 per person: Drinks reception at 12:30

Display by the Warwickshire Army Cadet Force Corps of Drums



RHQ FUSILIERS Events - 2023

The following events will take place on the dates shown:

- Thu 29 Jun 1830-2030 – Officers Regimental Cocktail Party at HM Tower of London
– **please note corrected date**
- Fri 8 Sep – Fusiliers Regimental Dinner at Mercers Hall

Calling notices will follow in due course.

Fusiliers Association annual trip to Marne – 7-11 Sep

A few places remain for this year's Association annual event commemorating the 1st Battle of the Marne in 1914, visiting France 7 – 11 September. Wives and partners are welcome and it is not expensive.

This is not a battlefield tour. The Marne battle was one of pre-trench warfare manoeuvre and took place over a very large area. It would require at least two weeks to cover as a battlefield tour.

Rather it is a long weekend in the beautiful sunny Marne (Champagne) region of France where we attend a few ceremonies to commemorate this great battle at the outset of WW1 in which all four antecedent regiments of the FUSILIERS fought alongside our French allies to defeat the invading German armies.

Additionally, and importantly, we enjoy comradeship and sampling the delights of this beautiful region of France.

Contact Richard Adams on richardadams5@hotmail.com or 07961 452182 to express interest or ask questions.

Central Branch RRF Annual Dinner – Sat 7 Oct 23

The Central Branch RRF Annual Dinner will be held on Sat 7 Oct 23 at the Village Hotel, Coventry Business Park, Dolomite Avenue, Coventry CV4 9GZ.

For more information contact: Peter Fazakarley, email: petedeb@talktalk.net or mobile 07896 478623.



Fusiliers Direct Warehouse Operative vacancy at Birmingham

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- Maintain high levels of Health and Safety standards.
- Carry out other miscellaneous duties appropriate to the role that may arise from time to time, as directed by your line manager or shift leader.
- Keep the warehouse in good, clean order, regularly sweeping and tidying work area and surrounding floor space.

The ideal candidate will be a strong team player, able to assist other areas of the warehouse as and when needed. They will be computer literate, a strong communicator with the ability to work at a good pace under pressure. You can understand and follow direction effectively, taking tasks to completion with attention to detail.

Working hours – 0800 -1645 Monday – Thursday, 0800 - 1600 Friday. Occasional weekend overtime may be requested.

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Obituaries are published in the annual Fusilier Journal, not this Newsletter. Significant deaths of Fusiliers during the year are reported by a Notice sent out by RHQ FUSILIERS.

