
FUSILIERS NEWS

The Fusiliers – England's infantry at its very best

Challenger 3
on the left,
Boxer on the right



The BOXER is the Army's latest Infantry fighting vehicle and 1 FUSILIERS have been selected as the first unit to use them

The 1 October Fusilier Newsletter

In this edition, read about the Fusilier Museum (London) volunteers and a comment about the Natal Carbineers.

Fusilier London Volunteer Museum, Balham

Company, 5 FUSILIERS can trace its lineage back to the 13 December 1859 with the formation of the 19th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps. The Company was formed by Thomas Hughes QC and a few friends from the local Working Men's College. 'Thos' as he was known, was the author of Tom Brown's Schooldays and an influential supporter of the Working Men's Colleges in the post Crimean War years.

The Museum Curator, Ed Sokolowski (Ski) had the idea to try to find his grave. Located near Brighton, he, John Chase (ex-Fusilier Cadet Instructor at Balham and Museum Volunteer) and Andy Clyro (ex JNCO C Company back in the 60's and 70's and now Museum Trustee) made their way on a very rainy day



to give the grave a right-old clear up. With permission from the cemetery staff, much hacking and chopping was conducted to reveal the grave. The grave now visible to all that wish to, including literary lovers.

An attempt to find the grave of first Company Sergeant Major, Philip Reed failed. He was originally buried near Croydon but in WW2 the Luftwaffe dropped their load directly on the cemetery, leaving no marker.



The Natal Carbineers

In Christopher Dorman-O'Gowan's account of his recent visit to the Zulu War battlefields, he mentions individual regimental memorials at Isandlwana. One is particularly poignant

*"Tell them in
England those
who pass us by,
here faithful
to their charge her
soldiers lie"*

*Natal Carbineers -
22-1-1879.*

The Natal Carbineers later became the Ingobamakhosi Carbineers, an infantry unit of the South African Army.

*(Courtesy of Richard
Adams)*

NOTICES

One-off payment for eligible war widows



Widows of serving personnel who forfeited their pensions, prior to 2015, could be eligible for a one-off payment of £87,500. Previously, rules meant that bereaved spouses, civil partners and eligible partners forfeited their pensions if they remarried or cohabited before 2015.

The new joint initiative from the [Ministry of Defence](#) and the [Treasury](#) and is justified under a key principle of the Armed Forces Covenant. A key principle of the Covenant is that special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given so much, such as the injured and the bereaved. The scheme and one-off payment are designed to support those

whose spouses' death was attributable to service. And is part of the government's continued support for the armed forces, their families and veterans.

How to apply

The application window will open later this year. And all those who are eligible are strongly encouraged to come forward and apply. The process will remain open for two years with support for applicants provided by the [Veterans UK Call Centre](#).

Welfare support will be available through the [Veterans Welfare Service](#) for those who require emotional support during the process.

Minister for Defence People, Veterans and Service Families, Dr Andrew Murrison said:

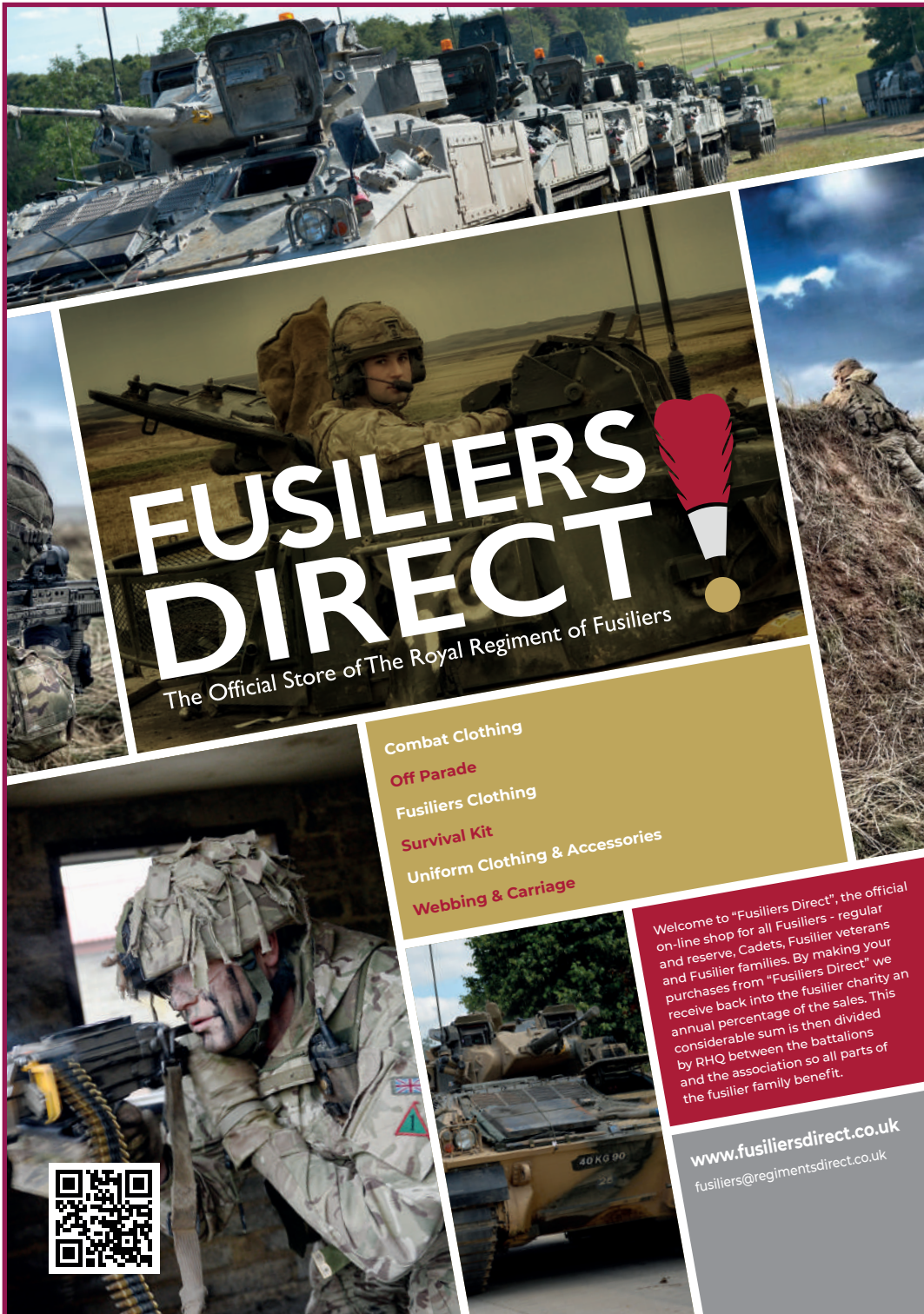
Our war widows have made a great sacrifice for our country and we will continue to support them in every way we can. This payment is a small but important step towards continuing to honour the commitment we have made to these brave people and we will continue to ensure they receive the recognition and support they deserve.

And Chief Secretary to the Treasury John Glen said:

The legacy of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country endures, and it's only right that we honour that service by doing right by their loved ones.

"This government will always stand behind our armed forces, their families and veterans and this payment is a token of our continued commitment to them."

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