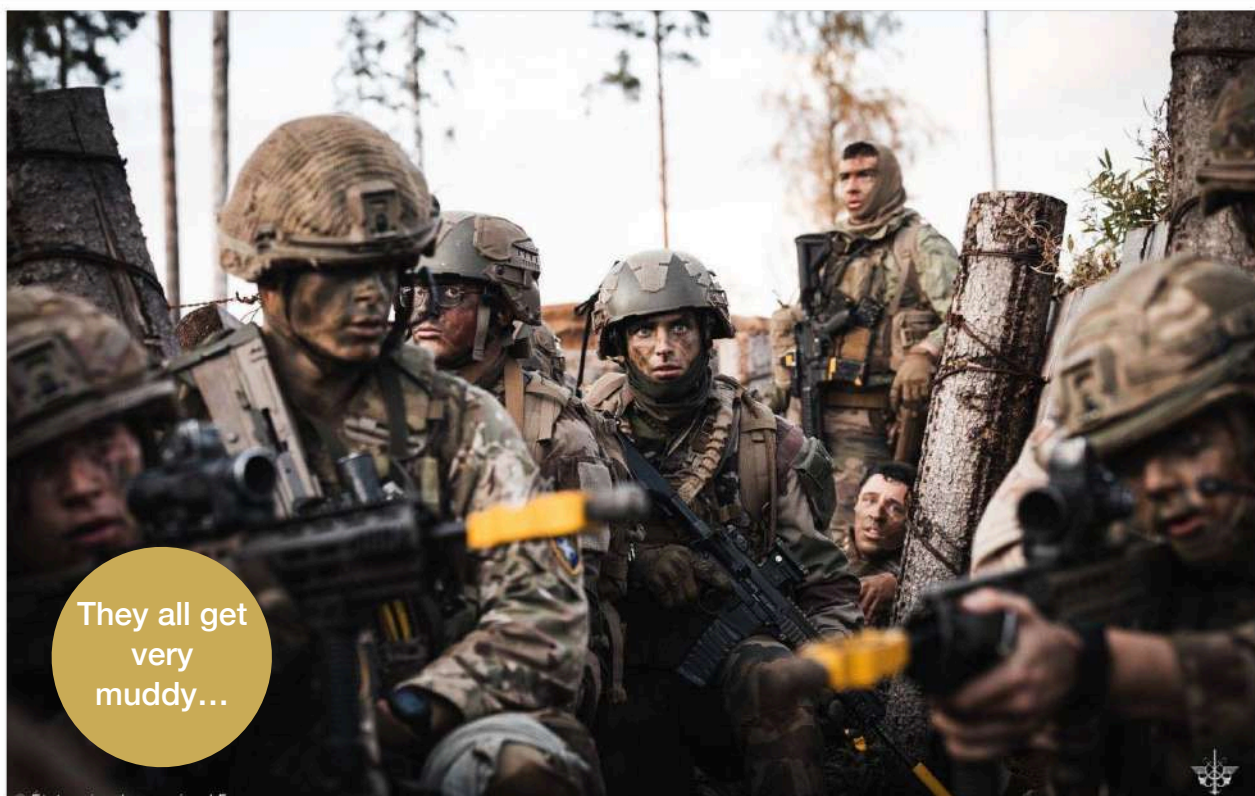


# FUSILIERS NEWS

**The Fusiliers – Forever England, Forever Friends, Forever Family**



Z Company 1 FUSILIERS fighting through the trenches with the French Troupes de Marine, both part of the 1 FUSILIERS Battlegroup in Estonia

## The 1 February 2024 Fusilier Newsletter

In this edition, read about Fusilier awards and promotions, Ex PIPEDOWN skiing competition and our best wished to HMS Diamond, currently in action in the Red Sea

## Colonel of the Regiment's Congratulations



Maj Gen J Swift OBE  
Colonel FUSILIERS

**T**he Col of the Regt and the Fusilier family congratulate the following on their awards and promotions:

- **Colonel Brian Gorski MBE DL**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at The Fusilier Museum, awarded the OBE in the New Year's Honours for services to museums and to the community in Bury, Greater Manchester.
- **Martin Russell DL**, former 1 FUSILIERS and a current Fusiliers ACF Officer awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours for services to the community in the London Borough of Barnet.
- **Lieutenant Colonel Ben Walters MBE** on his selection for promotion to Colonel in 2024. Ben will be taking over from Colonel Peter Stitt (late FUSILIERS) as the Assistant Head Strategy (Army), Directorate of Defence Communication in Spring 2024.
- **WO2 Miller** (CSM Y Coy, acting as RQMS(M) on Op CABRIT 13) who has been confirmed as the next RQMS(M)
- **WO2 Shambayati** (CSM RMAS) who has been selected as the next RQMS(T) 1 FUSILIERS.

## Ex PIPEDOWN

Lt Harry Bridgford, Y Coy, 1 FUSILIERS

**T**he Fusilier Ski Team, comprised of Lt Bridgford, CSgt Andrews, Fus Rowe, and Fus Young, embarked on the Divisional Championships for Ex PIPEDOWN. Having undergone six weeks of rigorous ski training and ski racing on Ex FROSTED BLADE, the team were primed for the heightened competition.



Go! Fus Young starts his attack on  
the Downhill course

The Divisional Championships attracted large units fielding their top talents, vying for a chance to qualify for the Army Championships.

Only one team member had prior skiing experience, and none had attempted the most daunting type of the race, the Downhill, due to dangerous weather conditions in the previous exercise. Broken legs, high speed crashes, skis snapping and being propelled into the air were common as all watched from the bottom awaiting their turn. With some opting not to even take part, it put into perspective why this sport is so applicable to military training. Despite the challenging nature of the Downhill race, the entire team completed it without issues, in the end finishing 17th out of 24 teams in all races.



**The Ex PIPEDOWN Team: Fus Rowe, CSgt Andrews, Fus Young and Lt Bridgford**

Beyond the intense competition, Ex PIPEDOWN fostered unique camaraderie among infantry units. The nightly gatherings, aptly named PIPEDOWN Infantry's 'Come Dine with Me,' saw up to 25 people crammed into each 4 person flat. From Irish Stew to Ramen to Gurkha Curry, each night brought a different Infantry Unit making a different meal, contributing to the camaraderie among diverse units.

The Fusilier Ski Team's journey not only showcased their resilience on the slopes but also highlighted the bonds forged between new people.

## HMS Diamond in action

**A**s most readers will be aware from the news media, our affiliated RN Type 45 Destroyer, HMS Diamond, has been engaged in direct action in the Red Sea, alongside our US allies. We can't comment on operational matters, but the Regiment takes pride in DIAMOND's role and wishes her and all her crew a safe tour and return to shore."

Col JW Denny MBE, Regt Sec



# PEOPLE AND PLACES

## Labour visit 1 FUSILIERS in Estonia

**T**he Leader of the Opposition and the Shadow Defence Secretary visited 1 FUSILIERS on their visit to Estonia.

Both Sir Kier Starmer and John Healy were both genuinely interested in what we are doing and getting the opportunity to speak to soldiers. Both were presented with a CO's coin at the end of the visit.



Shadow Defence Secretary  
John Healy using his  
hackle bottle opener. An  
interesting disco ball  
accessory in his kitchen...

## Fusiliers CONNECT workshop



**O**n 13 January, the Fusilier CONNECT experts from the Fusilier Association (Warwickshire) gathered in the new Warwick Museum for a workshop.

The Association member with the hat slowly realised he was at the wrong Branch meeting...



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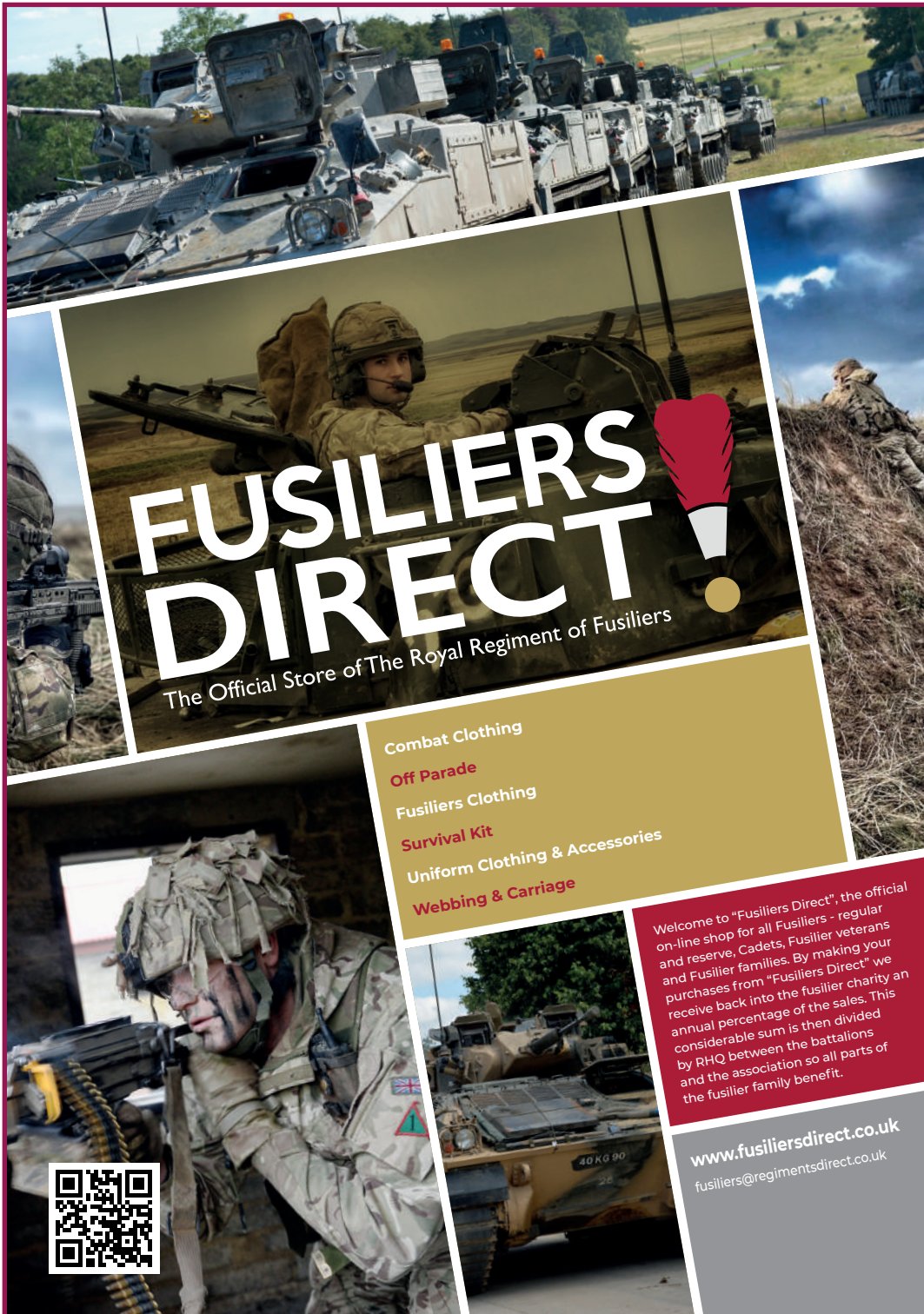
*Last chance to purchase these!*



**T**he annual dinner of the Fusilier Officers' Club (Warwickshire) will be held at Bramcote Officers' Mess Nuneaton on Friday 1 March 2024.

Details from Lt Col R S Gale TD at [richard.gale101@gmail.com](mailto:richard.gale101@gmail.com)

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