



The Berkshire Yeomanry Regimental Association

Newsletter February 2017



Dear members

Introduction from the Chairman, Brig AP Verey QVRM TD DL

It is with great pleasure that I am able to report that your Committee has decided to produce a newsletter three times a year for circulation to all members. The newsletter will contain brief updates on current events in the Association and in the Squadron and I do hope you will find it of interest. The newsletter is to be circulated by email and by social media and will also be shown on the Berkshire Museum website www.berkshireyeomanrymuseum.co.uk. We will however continue to mail a copy to our WW2 veterans and to those who have asked for a printed copy.

Please do get in touch with us, using the contact details shown below, if you have any comments or suggestions for your Committee.

Remembrance Sunday



It was good to see so many members of the Association on parade on Remembrance Sunday in November. As usual Lt Col Geoff Hornsby commanded the Association detachment and the standard of marching was the best it has been in recent times. It was also good to see so many family, supporters and spectators during the ceremony and at lunch in the Army Reserve Centre afterwards. Please do come along this year if you can. Remembrance Sunday is on 12 November 2017 and as usual the Squadron will hold its Annual Dinner, to which we are all invited, on the evening before.



As has been the custom for the last 47 years the Mowat Memorial was awarded after the Parade and this year's winner was Sig Elliot Smith, seen here with Brig Tony Verey.

Annual Dinner and Annual General Meeting 1 April 2017

Notices for the Annual General Meeting of the Association and the Annual Dinner have already been sent to you. Please do try to come along and please let Major Simon Frost have your reply in good time.

Reunion Events in 2017

We are still seeking to hold a veterans' lunch in June this year and we are discussing with them the best way forward for this event especially as many of our veterans can no longer easily travel.

The Royal Signals Association Reading Branch annual dinner is scheduled for 22 July 2017. This branch was established by Alan Foot in the 1970's when he was Squadron Sergeant Major and some of us who served with him still attend the dinner.

The autumn reunion for "Cold War" veterans will be held on 9 September 2017. As usual our venue will be the Anchor Inn in Henley.

Commemorations and Memorials

This year we will be commemorating the centenary of two major battles, involving the Berkshire Yeomanry, which took place in 1917.

On Sunday 23 April 2017 we will be marking the centenary of the Second Battle of Gaza with a service of commemoration at the War Memorial to Major PMN Wroughton and members of D Squadron at Woolley near Wantage. Major Wroughton was one of seven members of the Berkshire Yeomanry killed in action during the battle with the Turks which was fought for three days in April 1917.

On Remembrance Sunday we will be marking the centenary of the 3rd Battle of Gaza fought in November 1917 which included the famous cavalry charge at El Mughar on 13 November 1917.

Welfare

You may be aware that some years ago the Association merged its welfare funds with those of the much larger Yeomanry Benevolent Fund (YBF) which looks after all yeomanry regiments. A number of our

members have been helped by the YBF over the years and, if you know of any of our members in need of financial assistance, please do let us know and we will pass on the details to the YBF.

As many of you know Don Trivett was very active in looking after the welfare of our members, particularly our veterans. Following his passing last year we are now looking for one of our members to join your Committee and become the focal point for welfare. If you are interested in helping please do make contact with the Chairman.

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Dates for your diary

1 April 2017	AGM and Annual dinner
23 April 2017	Commemoration of the 2 nd Battel of Gaza
22 July 2017	RSA Reading Annual Dinner
9 September 2017	Cold War veterans reunion
11 November 2017	Squadron Annual Dinner
12 November 2017	Remembrance Sunday

If you have any comments on this Newsletter, or if you wish us to include any particular items, please contact your Committee via email to Wayne Ratcliffe or write to us at Army Reserve Centre, Bolton Road, Windsor, Berks SL4 3JG.