

COMMEMORATION

There has long been a need for National commemoration of the military leaders of the Second World War. The Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force wish to commemorate theirs separately so the Army has decided that it should erect a Soldier's Memorial.

The Memorial will be formed of ten plaques round the walls of the chamber in the Crypt of St Paul's Cathedral which contains the Duke of Wellington's sarcophagus. Each plaque will commemorate individually one of the ten distinguished soldiers, who were created Field Marshal during or immediately after the War. These are:

Field Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke
Field Marshal Earl Alexander
Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck
Field Marshal Sir John Dill
Field Marshal Viscount Gort

The plaque to Viscount Slim is already in position having been sponsored by the Burma Star Association. Happily Sir Claude Auchinleck is still with us and knows of the project.

Field Marshal Lord Ironside
Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery
Field Marshal Viscount Slim
Field Marshal Earl Wavell
Field Marshal Lord Wilson

Great Britain and the Commonwealth should be given the opportunity to subscribe to this National Memorial at St Paul's.

TAVR Associations are subscribing to the project and any individuals who wish to subscribe can do so through their Regimental Associations or by sending a donation direct to Williams and Glyn's Bank, Holt's Branch, Kirkland House, Whitehall, London SW1 for the credit of the account for "Commemoration of Great Soldiers Fund" (A/C No. 33365805). Cheques should be made payable to "Commemoration of Old Soldiers Fund". In the interests of economy, receipts will not be sent unless specially requested.

Anyone who wishes to get further details of the project or its progress may do so from: Viscount De L'Isle, VC, KG, c/o Adjutant General's Office, Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB or Colonel J. A. Aylmer, Project Co-ordinator, Room 7198, Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (01-218 4024 or 01-218 6893).



There will also be two dedicatory plaques in the Chamber which will show that the memorial is intended to commemorate all, British, Imperial and Allied who served with the Field Marshals in war. A taped commentary will be available in the Chamber for visitors and will outline the contribution the Field Marshals made to victory.

It is intended that the memorials will together create a shrine in this part of the Crypt and focus attention on soldiers who have served their country in war.

This proposal is supported by the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's, The Army Board, The Duke of Wellington, the families of the Field Marshals, and all Colonels of Regiments in which the Field Marshals served. Viscount De L'Isle has agreed to head a committee to arrange completion of the memorials. Dr Bernard Feilden will act as consultant to the project and Mr John Skelton as co-ordinating sculptor. Her Majesty The Queen has graciously approved the project.

The estimated cost of the memorial and its dedication is £35,000. No public funds are available to meet any part of this sum.

All branches of the British Army are subscribing what they can towards it, but they have no great funds at their disposal and cannot meet the whole cost. It is therefore felt right that all who served in the war, all who had close connections with the Field Marshals, and the public in

FOUR IN A ROW

For the fourth year running, D Coy 6/7 Queens (V) have proved themselves the best shots in the London Borough of Wandsworth. On 19 February the various teams met at Pirbright. In an atmosphere not unlike that of Bisley, with careful attention being paid to the rule-book, the Queensmen fought off a strong challenge from C Coy 5RRF. Sgt Bicker, Queens, was the highest scorer, closely followed by Lt Railton of 5 RRF. In the Falling Plate competition both winners and runners-up came from 6/7 Queens. The final placings were:

1	D Coy 6/7 Queens (V)	
	'A' team	229 points
2	C Coy 5 RRF (V)	
	'A' team	220 points
3	83 Sig Sqn, 31 Sig Regt (V)	
	"a team"	209 points
4	210 Sqn RCT (V)	
	'B' team	166 points
5	83 Sig Sqn, 31 Sig Regt (V)	
	'B' team	150 points
6	D Coy 6/7 Queens (V)	
	'B' team	137 points
7	D Coy 6/7 Queens (V)	
	'C' team	119 points
8	210 Sqn RCT (V)	
	'A' team	85 points

The winners retain the Wandsworth Borough Trophy, a handsome piece of silver showing piled rifles, with the crests of previous winners around the plinth.

VOLUNTEER OFFICERS BALL

The Volunteer Officers Ball, held in Edinburgh on Friday, 17 February at the George Hotel, was very well attended. In spite of adverse weather conditions Officers and Ladies came from as far north as Inverness and Fraserburgh. Our VIP guests for the evening were three Danish Reserve Officers and Ladies. Major and Mrs Bent Jegson from Haderslev, Major and Mrs Ole Neimann from Nørresundby and Lt Per Lange from Copenhagen.

Our next major function takes place in Glasgow on Saturday 6 May with a 'NATO' type party being held at the RAMC TAVR Centre, Yorkhill Parade. Make a note of the date now and be certain of your ticket.

WRAC JOIN REGULARS

With the aim that TAVR members do their basic training as part of the regular training companies, the WRAC TAVR have joined the regulars at the WRAC Centre, Guildford. This is something of a crash course as they compress as much as possible of the regulars' six weeks course into a fortnight and participate in the Passing Out Parade at the end.

The permanent staff had a few surprises on the first course. They thought they were seeing double when Pte Adrienne Taylor of 38 Sig Regt TAVR arrived, as her twin sister Pte Sonia Taylor had completed her training as a regular only a few months previously. Another surprise was Pte Carol Collins who had visited Guildford only a few weeks earlier to see her daughter Pat pass out as a regular. Pte Pat Collins is now serving in Germany.



Pte Adrienne Taylor

OFFERS AND WANTS

Uniforms for sale

No 2 Dress complete and Mess kit complete; 40in chest, 38in waist, height 6ft 1in, plus Hats, size 7 $\frac{3}{8}$. Queen's Regiment. Please contact Major R. G. White, London District Provost Coy RMP, 76D Rochester Row, London SW1 J1PU. Tel: 01-834 4661.

Mercian Brigade pattern No 2 Dress; 42in chest, 34in waist, 32in inside leg, height 6ft 1in. No 1 Dress Hat and a side Hat, Staffordshire Regiment pattern, size 6 $\frac{7}{8}$. All in good condition. Please contact Captain M. P. Watson, 113 Provost Coy, RMP, Winterbourne Barracks, BFPO 17.

THE TERRITORIAL ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION

The Individual Short Range Championships were once again shot during the period of November to January with each competitor firing six cards. The original entry of 260 was possibly the largest so far but, sadly, only 99 competitors completed the course. The Firemen's Strike and the use of Drill Halls by the Green Goddess Crews could have had some effect, however, those who completed the course managed to overcome that problem.

Congratulations to Capt Turney of the Devon ACF for a very good score of 596 and to Major Boucher who equalled the score but is a retired competitor and is therefore not eligible for the Main Competition.

The Silver Medal went to Capt Roberts on his first occasion in the Top Thirty and the Bronze Medal to Lt Collier who, for the first time has shot into the Medals having been a long standing member of the Top Thirty.

The overall standard was higher than usual this year and it is hoped that this standard will continue to improve for the Inter-Services Short Range Match.

PRIZES

RA Individual Championship	
Gold Medal, Capt Turney.....	596
Silver Medal, Capt Roberts.....	594
Bronze Medal, Lt Collier.....	593
Treen Trophy for retired members	
Major Boucher.....	596
Serving Members Prize	
Capt Turney.....	596
WRAC Prize	
Capt Mackintosh.....	590
Young Soldier Prize	
O/Cdt Guthrie.....	582
SCC/RAFVR Prize	
Lt D. H. Read.....	565
Wales ACF Prizes	
(1) Capt Roberts.....	594
(2) Major Knight.....	571
(3) A. I. Drabble.....	564
Scottish ACF Prizes	
(1) Major McKenzie.....	585
(1) SMI Davidson.....	585
(3) SSI McDougal.....	581
Top 30 for Inter-Services Match	
Capt Turney, Devon ACF.....	596
Capt Roberts, Wales ACF.....	594
Lt Collier, Royal Anglian ACF.....	593
Lt Mackay, Bedford ACF.....	591
Capt Mackintosh, Queens U OTC.....	590
Capt Farnan, Queens U OTC.....	590
X Capt Dafforn, 6/7 Queens.....	589
Lt Roads, Cambridge U OTC.....	587
L/Cpl Hurley, 201 PCCU RE.....	586
L/Cpl Todd, 289 Commando Bty RA.....	586
Major McKenzie, Strathtay Bn ACF.....	585
S/Sgt Wiltshire, 286 Sqn 163 MC Regt.....	585
Cpl Pickett, 281 Fld Wksps.....	585
Major Aitken, 3/51 Highland.....	585
SMI Davidson, 1 Coy 1 Cadet Bn QOH ACF.....	585
Capt Matthews, C Coy 5 LI.....	585
Capt Allan AGE, 308 BSU RAMC.....	584
Sgt Evans, E Coy 1 Wessex.....	584
O/Cdt Tittmar, Queens U OTC.....	584
Capt Hutton, CVHQ RA.....	583
Major Britto, Gibraltar Regt.....	582
O/Cdt Guthrie, Queens U OTC.....	582
SSI McDougal, 1 Cadet Bn A & SH.....	581
S/Sgt Bate-Jones, E Coy 1 Wessex.....	580
Sgt Jones, 2 Wessex.....	580
Cpl Napoli, Gibraltar Regt.....	577
S/Sgt Garcia, Gibraltar Regt.....	576
L/Cpl Love, 265 (KSY) Sigs Sqn.....	576
WO2 Affleck, 210 Gen Hosp RAMC.....	574
WO2 Needs, E Coy 1 Wessex.....	574



Helen Hicks (left) a 23-year-old secretary from Bath and a member of 6th Bn LI is a driving instructor. She has recently gained an 'A' grading on the regular Army's MT course at Leconfield and is now MT Cpl. She is seen here in the cab of a Green Goddess with colleague 35-year-old MT Sgt Alan Wheeler (centre) also from Bath where he has lived all his life except for 9 years when he was a regular with 1 LI. He is married with three children and is a permanent staff member of 6 LI. With them is one of the men they trained and tested to HGV 3 when the TAVR were hosts to Navy and RAF firefighters at the TAVR Centre, Upper Bristol Road, Bath.

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