



# FUSILIER NEWS

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## **Operational Casualties**

On 20 Aug 10 Rifleman Garth Restall, 5 RRF was shot in the arm by an enemy sniper in Nadi Ali Afghanistan. He was CASEVAC'd to the UK where he is receiving further medical attention. He is making a good recovery after several operations.

The Colonel of the Regiment on behalf of all Fusiliers wishes Rifleman Restall a speedy recovery.

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## **1 RRF**

RRF spent the majority of August on some well deserved summer leave, it certainly made a difference from being on exercise! Like all good things, however, it came to an end and the Battalion is now back into the swing of things. Exercise commitments have already started and companies are conducting low level training as a build up to future formation training. RSM Darren Robinson has also started drill practice for the upcoming Freedom of Nuneaton Parade, which will no doubt result in much ironing and polishing!

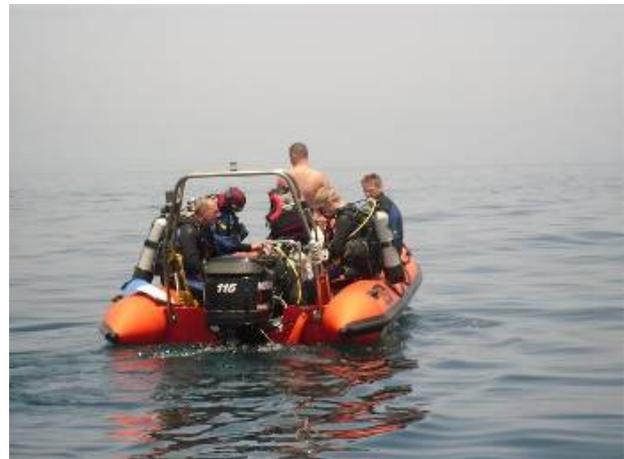
The 1RRF WOs' & Sgts' mess held their Summer Ball, with the theme this year being Glastonbury 1969. That was the cue for mess members to pull out some of their old party clothes and relive the 60's. Luckily, the weather held out which meant the outdoor areas could be used and allowed plenty of room for mess members to show off their dance moves ( particularly Sergeant Major Thomas & Sgt Miller), uninhibited by the usual mess furnishings! As always the food was exceptional with the RCWO and his staff putting on an excellent buffet meal. The entertainment was provided by a 5 piece band playing festival type music and a DJ. Mess members were also given the opportunity to brush up on their driving skills on the dodgems, which was monitored and policed by MT Sgt Trev Ford. There was also the laser clay pigeon shooting for all to try, this was a great success and was enjoyed by all who had a go despite a few issues with bent barrels? After some closely contested blast offs, the competition was eventually won by WO2 Mark Leech.

All mess members made a great effort with their summer festival costumes, RSM WO1 Darren Robinson looked remarkably like top gear presenter Jeremy Clarkson, for reasons that can be put down only to the fact that he got confused with the recent road safety event also organised by the MTWO (WO2 Jim Kenworthy). Overall the event was a great success and all who went had a great time from what they can remember!

Under the stewardship of the training officer (a.k.a the AT officer!!), Capt Paul Cooper, sent a group of budding divers to Gibraltar. With an early morning deployment from Luton airport, they set off with high hopes of some good diving in the sun. On arrival in Gibraltar they made their home in Devil's Camp. The name should have been an indication of what the accommodation would be like, however it was free so no one could complain.



*Sgt Baston auditions for Baywatch*



*Preparing to dive*

The first weekend for the Ocean Divers was spent on theory lessons to qualify them to become Sports Divers. The rest of the expedition team got the opportunity to test the boats and kit, while having a look around the local area. After drawing more kit and a shake out dive, the expedition began more challenging dives. The diving was good on the most part, however some areas in Gibraltar are still a little behind the times and have a 1 inch covering of raw sewage in places - needless to say those sites were bypassed for cleaner water! Other than diving, the expedition also got a 'behind the scenes' look at H.M.S. Chatham (a Type 22 Frigate) which was in port for a few days and received a tour of the famous Gibraltar Rock caves and tunnels.

Eight luck Fusiliers from across the Battalion also escaped the marathon 3-week Ex PASHTUN EAGLE a week early to join four instructors to deploy to the Dolomite mountain range of Northern Italy. The week away from Salisbury Plain was nonetheless busy, with kit issue, vehicle familiarisation, and document checks to be dealt with before setting off at midnight for an epic cross-continent drive to Cortina d'Ampezzo, a small chic town high in the mountains of Italy.



*Fus Scott Chalenor admires the view*



*Cfn Mayhew, Sgt Healey, Fus Brown, Fus Chalenor and Fus Thornton with a tasty climb in the background*

The novice climbers on the trip gained knowledge of kit that they would trust their lives to (with varying degrees of trust, it must be said) and some climbers got their first experience of some of the most exposed and dramatic rock climbing in the world. Throughout the week, all climbers progressed rapidly, moving on from simple beginner's single-pitch routes to harder grades, lengthy multi-pitch climbs involving ascents of more than a vertical half-kilometre and the precarious business of lead climbing. All climbers also feared for their lives at various points along the way, instructors included, but it's fair to say that everyone enjoyed themselves. Although some, like Fus Kirk Brown would only agree to that once their feet were back on terra-firma!



*Lt Selby ascending Myrian*



*A group phot with the Regtl Flag*

## **2 RRF**

Since the last edition of Fusilier News the Second Fusiliers have successfully completed the unit move from Cavalry Barracks, Hounslow to Trenchard Barracks, Celle. The majority of Fusiliers finished their last working day in London on 23 Jul 10 after a rewarding, busy and varied two years. Following a Flag Day of 20 August, the first working day in Celle was 23 August. Although a month between leaving London and starting work in Celle may seem like a long time, this was quickly eaten up by mandatory administration, such as opening bank accounts (not quite as simple as in the UK by any stretch) and re-registering vehicles (a particularly convoluted process). Over the Summer nearly 150 families were moved as well as all of the single serving soldiers. This was a huge task which was completed with minimum disruption. Capt Paul Bland, UWO, Jenny Long AGC Det Comd and their teams deserve formal recognition and thanks.



*The RSM surveys the first drill parade in Celle*



*Bn HQ flies the Union, German and Regimental Flags*

From the minute the Battalion arrived in Celle, the Second Fusiliers have hit the ground running. During the first week the Battalion completed a work place induction package (WIP), covering the information

that the Battalion needed to know about living and working in Germany. As part of their specific WIP, all captains and above also attended an induction day at 7th Armoured Brigade. Socially, the foundations of relationships with key local members of the community, as well as 7 Brigade Staff, were laid with a cocktail party, hosted jointly by the Officers' and the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Messes. The Battalion also received a visit from Commander 7 Armoured Brigade who, following an office call with the Commanding Officer, presented a number of medals and awards to individuals during a battalion parade. With B Company and elements of Fire Support Company deployed to BATUS, A and C Companies, have begun to shake themselves out and have already deployed in the field, conducting low level training in preparation for exercises DRUIDS DANCE / WESSEX WARRIOR and PRAIRIE THUNDER respectively. Fire Support Company also continues to undertake build-up and refresher training. Not wishing to miss out on all of the fun, Battalion Headquarters is in the process of conducting build-up training for both CAST, DRUIDS DANCE / WESSEX WARRIOR and ultimately the Battalion's SSC BG commitment.. And if that was not enough, the BOWMAN training and advisory group (BOWTAG) arrived on 6 Sep to deliver the BCiP 5.4 uplift, in order to train the entire Battalion on the latest iteration of the BOWMAN communications system.

Brig N Welch OBE, Commander 7 Armoured Brigade visited the Battalion on 25 August as they settled in to the new environment in Celle. Following lunch in the Officers' Mess, the Brigadier spoke to the Battalion on parade. It was a massive improvement from any parade held in Hounslow as at no point was it interrupted by the customary low flying 747! The Commander presented a number of awards to individuals in the battalion as follows:

**QUEENS COMMENDATION FOR BRAVERY**

25145331 CPL PASCALL - A COY

25220422 FUS HUGHES - A COY

**MENTION IN DISPATCHES**

555252 CAPT O'HARE – HQ COY

25052989 CSGT HANRAHAN – B COY

**NATO MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL**

25043995 CPL THROSSELL – HQ COY



*Cpl Throssell receiving his NATO Meritorious Service Medal and COMBRITFOR Commendation*



*Fus Tuila receiving his COMBRITFOR Commendation*

### **JOINT COMMANDERS' COMMENDATION**

25201551 LT WILLIAMS – FSP COY  
25084576 CPL (NOW SGT) FOSTER – FSP COY  
25091775 CPL FIDDLER – FSP COY  
30053639 FUS NAKOMA – FSP COY

### **COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES COMMENDATION**

25198632 LT SHAW – A COY  
25061405 CSGT MCCOWLIFF – A COY  
25043995 CPL THROSSELL – HQ COY  
25013809 A/CPL WADDELL – FSP COY  
25182175 FUS TUILA – C COY

### **LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT**

25013640 CSGT DUCKETT – HQ COY  
25034594 SGT PROBERT – HQ COY  
25039162 CPL (NOW SGT) AINSBURY – HQ COY



*Capt O'Hare receives his MID*



*Cpl Probert and family with his LS&GC*

The Battalion congratulates all who received awards (particularly those who managed to avoid being caught for such a protracted period). The Battalion is rightly proud of the recognition afforded to all of those listed above, for their individual and collective efforts, often conducted under the most arduous of conditions.

Having developed such good links with the local community in Hounslow, the Battalion was very keen to get off on the right foot with the local community and the Chain of Command in Germany. To that end the Battalion hosted a cocktail party in the Officers' Mess on 28 August. Those in attendance included a number of key local dignitaries, including the Uber Burgermeister (Lord Mayor) of Celle. Also invited were head teachers from the local schools, reporters from BFBS and members of the Staff of Headquarters 7 Armoured Brigade. The initial plan to hold the party on the veranda of the Officers' Mess was scuppered by the weather, so instead the party was held in the rather grand dining room. The thunder was suitably drowned out by the Battalion Corps of Drums, who played at the close of the party, with some very impressive lighting effects courtesy of the lightning. It was the first time the new Drum Major, Cpl Langshaw led the corps of drums in public but their performance was as polished as ever.

Looking forward to September, the Battalion will complete the BOWMAN uplift training in Celle. At the same time the Rifle and Fire Support Companies will continue to develop low level skills in preparation for EXERCISE DRUIDS DANCE on Salisbury Plain. The Battalion, less those already deployed or deploying to BATUS, will conduct a short field exercise towards the end of the month. This will see the

companies integrated under Battalion Headquarters before it moves down to Sennelager to conduct a CAST exercise. Once CAST is complete the Second Fusiliers will head back to the UK for Ex DRUIDS DANCE early in October.

### **A (Fusilier Coy) 4 MERCIAN**

August is traditionally a quiet month for the TA, a mixture of the permanent staff having block leave and people being away on holiday. In the Midlands this is exaggerated as so many work in the car industry which also tends to have a 2-3 week block leave in August. Two Tuesdays of the month saw the Battalion shut down completely but some training has continued. The Coy had a weekend in Swynnerton which concentrated on low level patrolling skills. This was carried out both in the field and in the DCCT (Dismounted Close Combat Trainer). The DCCT is a large video screen which registers shots from a standard rifle that is fitted with laser and replicates the kick when firing a real round. The Coy used the training area to practice basic skills and then went into the DCCT to practise these skills in a variety of Afghanistan based scenarios. The weekend culminated in an 8 mile CFT (Combat Fitness Test) where the soldiers carried a total of 55lbs and completed the distance in just under 2 hours. From there they went straight into the DCCT to do a shoot and to replicate the reality of operations; any fighting will take place when soldiers are already tired, hot and thirsty.

The Coy also had a fun day based around Birmingham that was organised by Fusilier Buchanan. Fusiliers set off in small teams with a list of tasks to achieve, which included things such as finding out a piece of information, getting a picture with someone such as a policeman or finding a souvenir of which there are now a couple behind the bar. Further elaboration is not necessary!

Next month the Coy will be on Annual Camp and will have a great deal more to report.

### **AHQ NORTHUMBERLAND**

Due to the holiday season things have been quiet in the North East. Colonel Simon Marr has returned safely from a very hard tour in Kabul working for General Nick Parker at ISAF and is enjoying a period of leave before starting London life again as a student at RCDS. The Acting Colonel Northumberland, Lt Colonel Guy Moncur, is busy being shown around Scotland just prior to beginning his new job as Commander Regional Recruiting and working from. His biggest test will be selecting the appropriate tartan to wear and, keeping RHQ happy.

The Recruiting Team continue to put in very hard shifts with the show season still in full swing. The planning for St. George's Day 2011 continues and the Area Headquarters have just been informed that Newcastle Civic Authorities have agreed to allow the Regiment to use the Banqueting Suite for both the Church Service and the after Parade Reception. The emphasis at the Service will be both the Regimental Day and, the commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Imjin where so many RNF lost their lives as part of the 29<sup>th</sup> Independent Infantry Brigade defence against a very large attack by the Chinese Army. It is hoped that other veterans from that action from the Gloucester's and the Ulster Rifles will join in on the day.

The Association is looking forward to travelling South in two weeks time to join fellow Fusiliers at the Fusilier Gathering in Coventry and Warwick. The Area Secretary at St. John's House has assured everyone that it will be a 5 star weekend!

August has regrettably been a sombre month in the North East as a result of the passing of 5 Fusiliers. Edward (sniper) Forrest passed away in Gainsborough. He had seen service in both 1RNF & 1RRF and was a member of the Kirton Lindsey Branch of the Association. Don Price of Wallsend served in 1RNF, 1RRF & 3RRF and Northumbria ACF with distinction and, very good humour. There was an excellent turnout in North Tyneside for his funeral and many of his friends were there to support his widow Margaret. John Orgill served in 1RNF during the Aden tour and 1RRF. He died in Ashington at the end of July. Geordie Spencer served in the 1RNF Drums as a Cpl and left the Bn before Aden in 1966. Norman

Ward died during the August Bank Weekend whilst caravanning with his wife Jean. Norman joined the RNF at 17 but due to his age he was not allowed to serve in Korea. He was sent to serve with the Green Howard's in Malaya and Egypt and then left the army. After a short spell in civvy street he rejoined 1RNF. He married Jean in Hong Kong where the CO, Lt Colonel Robbie Leith-McGregor gave Jean away and, Ken Dalby was the best man. Norman completed his full career with 1 RRF and was employed as a Store Manager by Littlewoods for almost 20 years. Norman was a staunch supporter of the Association and was the first Chairman of the very successful Sunderland Branch that was established only a few years ago.

## AHQ LONDON

The Museum project continues apace and the new development officer, Dale Copley, has settled in extremely well and is forging links with the relevant HRP departments. Both Dale and the Area Secretary recently visited the Jewish Military Museum in Hendon and the Household Cavalry Museum at Horse Guards. The Jewish Military Museum is most keen to be of assistance and are providing some items to add to the display of the Royal Fusiliers Jewish battalions. Dale has also made contact with the National Army Museum and the Imperial War Museum to obtain images for the displays

The Public Catalogue Foundation have expressed an interest in professionally photographing the Regiments collection of oil paintings. This is due to take place in the near future. As well as appearing in their catalogue the museum will receive high resolution copies with all the researched data.

Colonel Nigel Easton attended the South East London ACF Camp at Nescliffe Camp on 13 August. This Sector had a large number of fusilier cadets at camp and an equally large number of Fusilier adults instructors. This, together with the RST and support from the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn demonstrated to the Deputy Commander, London District, Brigadier M Lowe the sheer scale of fusilier support in London. On 24 August, the Area Secretary and Captain Bob Keating attended the visitor's day at the North West London ACF Annual Camp held at Knook Camp near Warminster. They were delighted to meet up with two other Fusilier associates, Mei Sim Lee the regimental auditor and the Reverend Tracey Bateson, chaplain to the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The day was highly organised and very well presented enabling them to meet many of the Fusilier Cadets in the Sector. We continue to channel funds from the Harben Armoury Trust to contribute to fusilier cadets attending camp. This year £ 5635.00 was expended supporting 161 cadets at £35 each. In addition we granted £320 to 16 cadets on achieving their 1 star as a £20 contribution towards their boots.

A mass attestation of recruits was held in the Headquarters on 27 August some of whom are destined for the Fusiliers. CRR London hosted the event and was again ably supported by Fusilier Recruiters.

The Area Colonel hosted the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, Sir David Brewer at the Fusiliers' Officer's Lunch in July. Unusually there were two other knights in attendance, Sir Paul Newall and Sir Pearce Idris.

There are fifteen firm takers to attend the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the battle of Albuhera which is taking place at Albuhera between 13-17 May 2011. The cost is £630 per head and there is still time for late bidders.

The Chapel Committee have put in train some minor improvements to the Regimental Chapel at St Sepulchre's-without-Newgate in Holborn. This is in tandem with the improvements that have already taken place in phase one of the refurbishment. This phase included improved central heating and a re-arrangement of the area around the pulpit. To complement this, the committee has arranged a descriptive narrative explaining the origins of the chapel and a further board to describe the Colours lodged there. The memorial panels have been re-stained and now look in splendid order. The cases holding the memorial book will also be re-stained in time for Remembrance Sunday.

Finally, Major General David Woodford's cousin, Peter Woodford, stayed in the Frontenac Hotel in Quebec and spotted the fine memorial shown in the picture. The memorial commemorates the Royal Fusiliers who defended Quebec in 1775 and 1776 and was erected by permission of King George V.



*The Royal Fusiliers Memorial at Quebec*

## **AHQ LANCASHIRE**

In August the Lancashire Headquarters hosted an important meeting of museum curators from all over the North of England. The curators represented infantry, cavalry and artillery collections from Cumbria, Lancashire, Cheshire, Northumberland, Yorkshire and County Durham. Most of those attending were employed by the MoD but a considerable number represented collections in the care of local authorities. The aim of the meeting was to discuss key museum issues at the tactical level leaving issues at the operational/strategic level to the Annual Regimental Museum Conference in Whitehall run by the Army Museum Ogilby Trust. Brigadier Colin Siburn from the Army Museum Ogilby Trust gave a presentation on current issues affecting the museum world. There were also presentations on recent developments at the Border Regiment museum at Carlisle, the Queen's Lancashire Regiment Museum at Fulwood, Preston and the Museum Of Lancashire also in Preston. Unfortunately a representative from MoD Heritage Branch could not be present as their Travel and Subsistence budget had been cut. It was also good to see Tony Adamson down from the North East representing the Royal Northumberland Fusilier Collection. The baton has now been passed on and the next meeting will be held in Newcastle in the spring of 2011.



*Dr Stephen Bull addressing the Military Curators*

The Bury Lions Carnival took place in Aug. This is an annual event and includes the biggest non military parade to take place in Bury. It is very much a fund raising affair and the Regiment in Lancashire assists where it can. The Fusilier Band and Corps of Drums took a prominent part in the parade, while the Careers Office through the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion provided a Panther Command and Liaison Vehicle. The Museum

was not left out and ran children's workshops. The Carnival raised a considerable amount of money which the Lions traditionally recycle into local worthy causes. This year at a special event in the Town Hall, the Mayor Councillor John Byrne presented cheques to the Fusilier Band and to service charities.



*Sergeant Monaghan, Bury ACIO receives a cheque from the Mayor of Bury Councillor John Byrne.*

The Area Sec was recently invited to attend a ceremony at the Willow Grove Cemetery in Reddish near Stockport south of Manchester. The cemetery had benefited from a Community Spaces Grant which had enabled the Friends of the Cemetery to complete some much need renovation work. The cemetery is also the last resting place of Sgt Lister VC one of the 18 awarded to the Lancashire Fusiliers in the First World War. To assist the Friends the Museum provided information and images that were used in an interpretation board installed by his grave. We often take the Regimental VCs for granted so just as a reminder Sgt Listers citation is as follows:

**No 8133, Sergeant Joseph Lister 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion The Lancashire Fusiliers**

**For most conspicuous bravery in attack during a violent thunderstorm at Passchendale Ridge, Belgium, on 9 October 1917, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of Ypres, when advancing to the first objective, his company came under machine-gun fire from the direction of two "pill-boxes." Seeing that the galling fire would hold up our advance and prevent our troops keeping up with the barrage, 8133 Sergeant Lister dashed ahead of his men and found a machine-gun firing from a shell-hole in front of the pill-box. He shot two of the enemy gunners and the remainder surrendered to him. He then went to the pill-box and shouted to the occupants to surrender. They did so with the exception of one man. Whom Sergeant Lister shot dead, whereupon about a hundred of the enemy emerged from a shell-hole further to the rear and surrendered. This non-commissioned officer's prompt act of courage enabled our line to advance with hardly a check and to keep up with the barrage, the loss of which might have jeopardised the whole course of the local battle.**



The Gallipoli Room at the Lancashire Headquarters is now being used on a regular basis for attestations. The room provides a suitable environment for this important occasion and although it is probably lost on the recruits attempting to recite the oath of allegiance it certainly impresses the parents. Recently seven recruits were attested, they included three Fusiliers, two Royal Logistic Corps one Royal Artillery and one Para who had drifted in from Yorkshire. It has always been made abundantly clear on many occasions that the Careers Office is an Army asset and that there is no cap badge bias, interesting that the three members of staff in the office are badged Fusilier, RLC and RA.



*Fusilier recruits; Mathew ward, Conner Cliff, & Jack Mills with Sergeant Monaghan and Major Mike MacDonald (Ed: I still cant get used to him in a PWRR beret!)*

The Minden Club Annual General Meeting and Dinner took place in the Army and Navy Club on Thursday 2 September. The Dinner was well attended with some 21 former Lancashire Fusilier officers and guests sitting down to dinner. The guest of honour was Lieutenant Colonel Jim Landon MBE, commanding officer of 1RRF. For those members of the Minden Dinner Club who were unable to attend, it was agreed at the AGM to hold the dinner in BURY next year. The 2011 Minden Dinner will therefore take place on Thursday 1 September in the Gallipoli Room at the Fusilier Museum.



*The Minden Club Dinner*

### **Future Events**

This is a first attempt to collate the many regimental events and activities that are taking place on a regular basis in Lancashire. If you are interested in any of these events the Lancashire Headquarters can be contacted on 0161 763 8969

**Friends of the Fusilier Museum Annual General Meeting.** **Date**, 22 September 2010. **Timings**, 1800hrs to 2100hrs. **Location**, Fusilier Museum Bury.

**Army Careers Exhibition, Southport..** **Date**, 4-8 October 2010. **Location**. Altcar Training Camp. **Details**, major schools event in the North West, Fusilier Museum stand in support of Army Careers.

**Band Concert, Bolton.** **Date**, 9 October 2010. **Timings**, 1930hrs. **Location**, The Victoria Hall, Knowsley Street, Bolton. **Contact**, Bury TIC on 0161 253 5111 for tickets.

**The Whitworth Drummers Bash, Rochdale.** **Date**, 16 October 2010. **Timings**, 1900hrs to 0030hrs. **Location**, the Riverside Suite, Whitworth Civic Hall, Rochdale. **Contact**, Peter Stericker on 07594 722796. **Details**, for Fusilier Jamie Fullerton Trust. Event includes, the Fusilier Corps of Drums Lancashire, the Oldham Scottish Pipe Band and the group Facit from Whitworth.

**Band Concert, Ramsbottom.** **Date**, 30 October 2010. **Timings**, 1930hrs. **Location**, Ramsbottom Civic Hall. **Contact**, Bury TIC on 0161 253 5111 for tickets.

**Fusilier Reunion, Liverpool.** **Date**, 30 October 2010. **Timings**, 1230hrs to 0900hrs. **Location**, Head of Steam Public House Lime Street Station. **Contact**, Dave Nolan (ex 3RRF/1RRF) on 07977 426453 or Robbie McNeill (ex 3RRF/1RRF) on 07733 890657, who owns the pub.

**Memorial Service, Bury.** **Date**, 11 November 2010. **Location**, 1100hrs at Fusilier Memorial, Gallipoli Garden, Bury. **Contact**, Lancashire Headquarters, 0161 763 8969

**Visit to Freedom Mayors Bury, Rochdale and Salford.** **Date**, 12 November 2010. **Details**, Colonel Lancashire to pay official visit to all Freedom Mayors.

**Museum Company Board Meeting, Bury.** **Date**, 12 November 2010 commencing at 1300hrs. **Location**, Gallipoli Room, Lancashire Headquarters.

**Inkerman Dinner, Bury.** **Date**, 12 November 2010, commencing at 1930hrs. **Location**, Gallipoli Room, Lancashire Headquarters. **Contact**, Lancashire Headquarters, 0161 763 8969. **Details**, invitations to go out shortly.

**Ultimate Cage Championship, Manchester.** **Date**, 12 November 2010. **Timings**, 1930hrs to 2230hrs. **Location**, the Ritz, Whitworth Street West, Manchester, M1 5NQ. **Contact** Paul Wadsworth on 07966 021395. **Details**, Paul Wadsworth is doing the "Manchester Ground N Pound" in honour of Sgt Simon Valentine. Tickets, £30 unreserved, £50 reserved and going fast. All money raised to Fusilier Aid Society.

**Fusilier Christmas Dinner, Stockport.** **Date**, 4 December 2010. **Contact** Ron Owen, Oldham Branch of the Association

**Christmas Disco, Salford.** **Date**, 18 December 2010. **Timings**, 1930hrs-2330hrs. **Location**, the Royal Arms, Cadishead. **Contact**, Ann Annis on 07892 794257. **Details**, in aid of, the Simon Annis Appeal for the Fusilier Aid Society.

**Fusilier Reunion, Bury.** **Date**, 18 December 2010, starting at 1900hrs. **Location**, Bury Football Club Gigg Lane. **Contact**, Paul Wadsworth, Paul Williams, Spud Taylor(ex 2RRF) or Carol Valentine.

### **Middlesex and Northwest London Army Cadet Force**

#### **Haringey Army Cadets grab the Annual Camp Challenge**

Army Cadets from 212 Haringey Detachment (Royal Regt of Fusiliers ), were among over five hundred teenage Army Cadets from all over North and West London who have just returned from two weeks at their annual Training Camp - this year at Knook Camp near Warminster in Wiltshire.



*The rock climbers pose for a phot*

Rock climbing and mountain walking in Wales, Clay Target shooting, Kayaking, and First Aid were just a few of the varied activities for the cadets over the two weeks of camp. Sports, target shooting and testing against the Cadet syllabus, military skills and many other stretching activities were also part of the programme.



Pictured above are 212 Cadet Lance Corporal Joy Owusu (15) left with and Cadet Lance Corporal Athena Scanlon (16) on the ever popular rifle firing ranges. Among other visitors to the annual camp was Representative Deputy Lieutenant Rosemary Warne seen in the picture below having lunch in the field and chatting to 212 Commanding Officer AUO Daniel Leech.



Colonel Ian Denison, Commandant of the London Sector said “Over five hundred teenage Army Cadets from North West London have enjoyed a real opportunity to develop and hone their skills in the Wiltshire and Welsh countryside. It’s been a really excellent two weeks camp and one which fully engaged the interest of our cadets and staff. It’s the culmination of a lot of hard work throughout the year. Looking after all of these young people is a challenging task and I am really very grateful to the permanent staff and the adult volunteers who give up their time so generously for our future citizens”

The Haringey Detachment will now return to their normal Monday and Thursday parade nights at the TA Centre at the TA Centre Priory Rd Hornsey. For information about Army Cadets go to [www.armycadets.com](http://www.armycadets.com) or call 0845 600 77 99

I R Liles OBE  
Brigadier (Retd)  
Regimental Secretary

**MAJOR WILLIAM (BILL) SIMMONETT MBE**

Sadly we have to report that Major Bill Simmonett died on Saturday 11 September shortly after his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Further details including funeral arrangements will be disseminated when known.

Brig I R Liles OBE  
Regimental Secretary