



The Fusiliers Newsletter

Catch up with the Regiment at work, rest and play

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Regimental Strategy and Op Order – 2018 Update



In July 2016, the Colonel of the Regiment issued **Regimental Orders at RMA Sandhurst**. The Colonel's orders were based on the Regimental Strategy and Op Order. There are 6 Lines of Operation (LOO):

- Promote and enhance our reputation.
- Promote and support the Regiment.
- Support the wider Regimental Family.
- Preserve our proud heritage.
- Maximise our talent.
- Finance.

Each is owned by a senior Fusilier officer, but contributions are needed from all the Regiment.

2018 Update

The 2016 Strategy looked out for five years.

However, following the Army 2020 Refine work and other recent changes, it was decided to review and update the Strategy at the mid-way point. The updated Strategy reflects the new environment which we as a Regiment face, and the Regimental Council has agreed the update.

- The updated Regimental Strategy can be downloaded here: [2018 Update of Regimental Strategy](#)
- The supporting 2018 Op Order can be downloaded here: [Fusiliers Regimental Op Order 18-19 final](#)

All Fusilier family are encouraged to read them.

134 (Fusilier) Detachment New ACF Centre



On 9 July the General Officer Commanding London District

(GOC), Major General Ben Bathurst CBE, opened the newly built ACF centre for 134 Detachment at Merton in south west London.

The cadets paraded elsewhere during the demolition of their old centre and the construction of their brand new purpose built one on the same site.

There was a good turnout on the day from across London ACF's SW sector and local dignitaries, including the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Merton, Mrs Clare Whelan OBE DL FRSA.

During the evening, the Detachment Commander, Paul Cameron, was promoted to Lieutenant by the GOC.

197 Fusilier (Feltham) Detachment ACF Visit HM Tower of London

Several cadets and Cadet Force Adult Volunteers from 197 Detachment visited the Fusilier Museum at HM Tower of London on Sunday 15 July.



It is always good to welcome our affiliated ACFs into RHQ. In particular, it gives the chance for the Maj Mick McCarthy, Area Secretary (South), to enlighten the young people on the history of the Fusiliers' connection with London and the Tower.

197 Detachment Commander, Dan Frost, has a strong unit with a number of them very new to the ACF and the Fusiliers. Dan was keen to impress on them what is so special about being part of the Fusilier family.

It is quite simple to organise a Cadet visit to the Fusilier Museum (London). Any Detachment Commander or Adult Instructor from our affiliated ACFs and CCFs across the country who would like to arrange a visit should email Major Mick McCarthy at lonsec@thefusiliers.org

The 'Northern Ireland Remembered' Dinner 2018



On the 15 – 16 June 2018 the St. George's Day 1968 Club RRF, with great support from the Colonel of the

Regiment, held its annual 'Northern Ireland Remembered' Dinner at the Wychwood Park Hotel Crewe. Once again, it was a great success with Fusiliers travelling from as far afield as Canada to meet friends for the first time in many years.

The weekend started with on the Friday night with 42 members enjoying a great meal at a nearby restaurant. After a hearty breakfast on Saturday morning, there were several activities on offer:

- shooting, with some mature snipers adding a competitive edge;
- golfing on a challenging and tiring PGA course;
- and spa treatments for the ladies (although also open to men).

There was no fishing this year as many of the fishermen opted for the shooting.

Susan Taylor, the Club Secretary together with Helen Hughes, the Club Charity Co-ordinator dressed the function room. They do this every year to make sure it looks spectacular rather, than taking part in any of the activities; this year was no exception.

Capt (ret'd) Michael Taylor, the Club Golfing Manager and the Dinner's compere organised the taking of Fusilier 50 anniversary photos before the Dinner began, and then everyone made their way to the function room to start the evening.

After a warm welcome from Michael, he handed over to Brig (Ret'd) Ian Liles, the Club's President to say a few words of welcome and thanks. Next was the Colonel of the Regiment, Major General Paul Nanson, who spoke on how the Regiment was faring, and on future plans.



Brig Ian Liles then announced two unexpected and well deserved presentations. General Nanson firstly awarded Michael Taylor with the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers' Medal for all the work he has done for the Regiment, the Fusilier Aid Society, his charity work with

the homeless, the Fusilier Golf Society and the work he puts in to the St. George's 1968 Club.

Next General Nanson awarded Michael's wife, Mrs Susan Taylor, with her Regimental Medal, for all her help and support to the Regiment, Fusilier Aid Society, charity work and to the St. George's 1968 Club. Both Micheal and Susan were most surprised and pleased at this excellent start to the evening.

Once the meal was over and the Regimental Drummers from Bury marched in. What a fantastic display of drumming - they did the Regiment proud that night.



Next came the Presentations. The Golf's final Trophy went to the overall winner, Mrs Nancy Denny. Gary Wickenden took first place in the shooting as overall winner. This year, there was a new trophy, 'The Nappa Blore Shooting Trophy' in honour of Kenny Blore who sadly died last year. This year's President's Awards went to two ladies who have done so

much for the Club, Mrs Lesley Cochrane and Mrs Debbie Brewer. It was then onto the raffle and then the dancing started.

It was another fine evening for the St George's Day 1968 Club RRF.

5th Fusiliers Cpl Clough is the best AGC (SPS) Reservist in 3 (UK) Division



Corporal Clough of the Army's Staff & Personnel Support Branch (SPS) provides a highly professional service to HQ Company, 5th Fusiliers and the wider Battalion.

For this, Cpl Clough was awarded the **Lightfoot Trophy** for being the best AGC(SPS) Reservist within 3 (UK) Division. It was awarded on the basis on her achievements

this year:

- She has an extensive understanding of her core responsibilities and continues to develop herself both professionally in her HR Administrator role, and within the wider combat space.
- She always makes herself available to support SPS Special to Arm Training at Company and Battalion level, both in barracks and in the field.
- She is now qualified for promotion to SNCO and has passed the specialist Instructors Course enabling her to deliver training to our Infantry cohort.
- She has been chosen to participate in HQ Field Army's very high-profile UK/US Exchange Programme next year.
- She was selected for the 5th Fusiliers team for the highly demanding Ex PASSCHENDAELE PEDAL. They cycled from Newcastle upon Tyne to Passchendaele, to pay respects to fallen Northumberland Fusiliers at the 100th anniversary of the Battle. During the ride, she raised a significant amount of money for both the ABF and The Fusilier Aid Society.

Fus Harris, 5th Fusiliers, writes about the Regular PJNCO cadre

“Finding myself with enough free time this summer, for my promotion cadre I decided to attend the Regular Fire Team Commander’s Course (aka PJNCO) run by Queen’s Division Courses (QDC) in Sennybridge.

I’ll admit that the prospect of attending the Regular Army promotion course rather than the shorter Reservists version initially seemed a bit daunting, but I soon found out that I had no need to worry.

Arriving in Sennybridge, I found that I was the only Reservist attending the full 7 week course, as QDC normally offer only the final two weeks to Reservists. However, I was immediately welcomed by not just those from 1st Fusiliers, but also by other Queens Div Battalions. Having settled in, the work began.



Fus Harris, 5th Fusiliers, in Patrols Week on his Regular JNCO Cadre

The first week contained several physical events to prove your right to attend the course. Every man was tested to the same standard, Regular or Reserve. This was followed by a week of navigation skills, then two weeks of range and fieldcraft qualifications.

Going into the final 3 weeks and the tactical phase of the course, the pace started to pick up with the Patrols Week, the Attacks Week and the Final Test Exercise. At this point, members of the platoon start to compete for their

places in the final course rankings, and it was good to see everyone up their game.

Every member of the section rotated through command appointments, to prove their worth as potential NCOs, and to start to form their own future leadership styles. This was when all the bonds made over the previous 4 weeks were really tested, and it

was good to feel that by this stage I was treated exactly like my Regular counterparts, with no distinction between us. The end result is based on merit alone, and with a bit of hard work, any Reservist can prove that the “One Army” concept really does exist. Good teamwork and leadership rewarded everyone (including those Reservists who arrived for the final two weeks) with the outcome they deserved.

One of my concerns before the start of the course was that there would be a large skill gap between myself and my Regular counterparts. Long before my 7 weeks was up, I realised that this should never have bothered me, as the quality of training delivered to 5th Fusiliers these days puts every committed Reservist in good stead to attend Regular courses if they should wish to do so.

I’d highly recommend other members of the Battalion to make the most of these opportunities, and take of advantage of the extra training, mentoring and friendships that the Regular Army can offer us. I’m truly grateful to 1st Fusiliers and the wider Queen’s Division for showing me that “This is Belonging” is more than just an empty advert platitude.”

Fus Harris, 5th Fusiliers, PJNCO pass

People & Places

The Colonel bumps into Warwickshire ACF Cadets



As he was leaving Cellini Village after visiting RMAS Junior Intake on exercise, the Colonel of the Regiment spotted the hackles of Warwickshire ACF cadets on their summer annual camp at Dixie's Corner.

He promptly went over to chat with them and to sympathise that they had to train in probably the bleakest training area in the UK...

...whilst back at Sennybridge Training Camp...



Warwickshire ACF Minden Company parade for their Minden Day parade on August 2018, regardless of capbadge. The Royal Artillery and Royal Signals cadets look delighted to be sharing a Fusilier Regimental Day...

Ann Lyon's Tour of the Fusilier Museums

To mark her retirement from full-time work at the age of 58, Ann Lyons did three cycling journeys for the main service charities.

The second journey was for the ABF and FAS, and was a circuit of the four Fusilier Museums, taking in the Fusilier Memorial at the Arboretum, and finishing at RHQ.

Ann is ex-Signals Platoon 6 RRF from the early 80s. Here she is departing St John's House on 31 Jul.



Ypres 100 Days Ceremony Aug 18



The Regiment was represented at the Ypres 100 Days Ceremony by various Association members from across the Fusilier family. Mr Brian Straughan attended as the Regimental Standard Bearer and Col JA Matthews OBE laid a wreath on behalf of the Colonel of the Regiment.

Over 1000 RBL standards were on parade and over 1000 wreaths were laid.

The Pte Harry Smith Walk



David Seeney and Ray Shorthouse unveil the *Pte Harry Smith Walk* in Eardisland, Herefordshire. The Village have dedicated local walks in memory of villagers who fell in WW1. Harry served in 1 Royal Warwickshire Regt and was killed on the 8th of August 1918.

A special year for the Leamington Branch, Fusiliers Association (Warwickshire)



2018 is not only the Regiment's special Fusilier 50 year and the centenary of the end of the 1st World War, it

also marks the 70th birthday on the **Leamington Branch**. This was celebrated at on 1 August at The Fusiliers Museum (Warwickshire) and afterwards at the Antelope Inn, Warwick.

Those present included the Midlands Recruiting Team, the Warwickshire Band Quartet, "B Company 2nd Battalion the Royal Warwickshire Regiment" re-enactors, and the Standards of Leamington and Warwick Branches.

An Antelope figurine was presented to Mr Tony Hoffman, Secretary and Treasurer of Leamington Branch for his many years of service to the Branch. A Fusilier ice bucket was presented to the Antelope Inn who supplied the buffet and each Branch member present received the Fusilier 50 Lapel badge. As part of this celebration donations were given as follows:

- A themed case of wine for auction at the Museum Golf Day.
- A themed case of wine for auction by SSAFA.
- A themed case of wine and a bottle of Fusilier 50 gin for auction to raise funds for 'Team Ethan'.

Ethan is a 3 year old boy who is very severely disabled from birth and incapable of independent movement. His grandfather served in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and is a member of the Leamington Branch.

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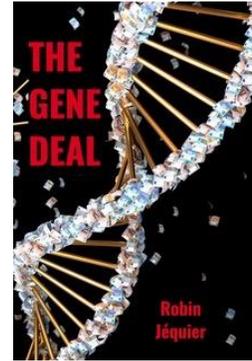


Two copies of the caricatures of The Officers' Mess 2nd Battalion in Cyprus August 2012 - August 2014 are available for purchase.

Bids, with a modest contribution to The Fusiliers Museum Warwick, to Lt Col (Ret'd) John Rice on ajrice43@talktalk.net

“The Gene Deal” by Robin Jequier

Major (Ret’d) Robin Jéquier has had his first novel published. “The Gene Deal” is an absorbing tale of science, high finance and greed. On completing his military service, Robin worked in Fundraising Management and Consultancy.



Now retired, Robin wrote this novel inspired by his interest in gene therapy and gene editing, and it can be found on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) or at www.RobinJequier.com where there is also an opportunity to get a free Kindle version of his next novel (work in progress....).

In support of the Fusilier Museum (Bury)



Three former Fusilier officers, Brian Gorski, Simon Leadsom and Simon Coatsworth, will carry out a 14 day trek in the Himalayas to reach Everest Base Camp, crossing the three highest passes en-route. They will trek over the Ngozumba and

Khumba glaciers and face various challenges, the biggest being the oxygen deprivation at heights above 1500m.

The Museum is dedicated to conserving artefacts from the Lancashire Fusiliers and the growing collection from the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers since 1968. In addition, the Museum contains some very valuable items in the archive that require continual attention.

The Museum is housed in a Grade 2 listed building in the centre of Bury and requires regular maintenance and attention. It attracts 30,000 visitors a year, but more importantly supports Key Stages 2-4 for schools throughout Bury, Rochdale and Salford.

The team welcomes support for the Museum’s valuable work and maintenance. To do so, please visit the following website to contribute: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/himalayastrek2018/473195>

Saturday Fund-raising talks at the Fusilier Museum (Warwick) - 2017

To be held at St John's House, Warwick, CV34 4NF at 1400 each Saturday listed. The entry charge will be £5 for the Talks and £1 per item to be valued on Valuation Day (except for Friends and Volunteers of the Museum)

- **29 September** The Warwickshire Yeomanry in World War One by Philip Wilson (Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum)
- **27 October** The Battle of the Somme by David Seeney
- **24 November** The Warwicks and the Xmas Truce by Alan Reed (Military Guide and Author)

How to contribute

Contributions are welcome from anywhere in the Fusilier Family. Articles should be no more than 150 words, ideally with a good photo and caption. Get them to midsec@thefusiliers.org by the 25th of each month.

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