



The Pioneer

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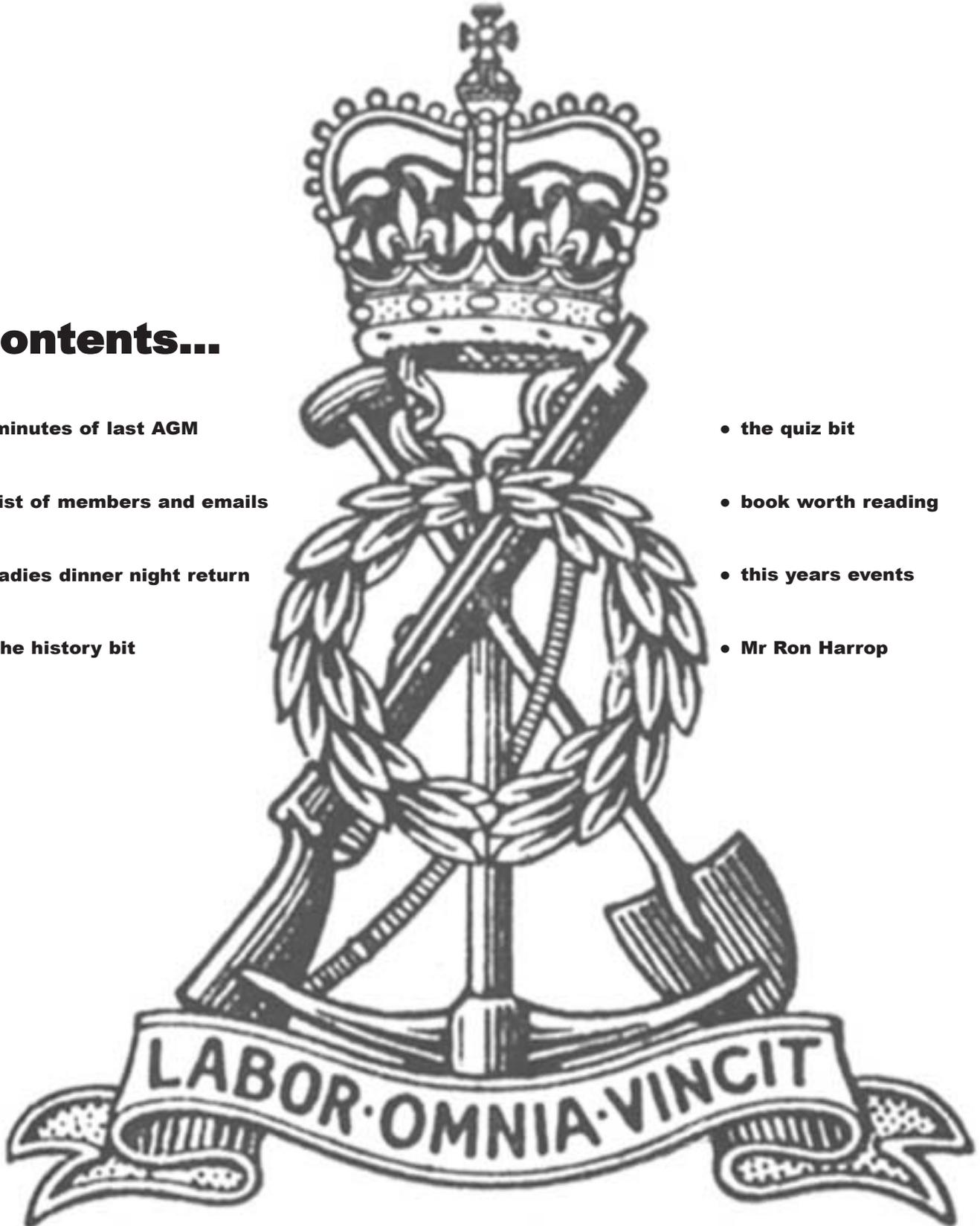


WOs & SNCOs PIONEER REUNION CLUB

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2001

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Editorial



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The following are attached to this Newsletter:

- Copy of the minutes of the last AGM - from these you can obtain the dates of next year's events.
- A list of members - this includes the members who are paid up to date for subscriptions - if you are overdue please forward your monies soonest.
- A list of members who have forwarded their e-mail address - we will not be sending a hard copy to them only an e-mail telling them to look at our Web Site (more details of the web-site are contained in the Newsletter). If you have an e-mail address and have not forwarded it please do so.
- A return for the Ladies Dinner Night to be held at Bicester on 13 October. (please forward your returns as early as possible - remember last year we had to turn people away because we were over subscribed).

this years events >>

It was intended to hold the April dinner at Blackdown and the July dinner at Grantham, although the intention was good the reality was different. Blackdown said the minimum cost would be £29 per head so the venue was quickly changed to Bicester and it is pleasing to report that we had 52 members attend. However, the Grantham dinner planned for 7 July had to be cancelled due to low number of returns received by the cut-off date, only 18. A further 10 were received after the decision had been made to cancel, if these had been received on time this dinner would have been held. There were quite a few reasons for the low number the main one being that part of the Regiment were going on Exercise (or holiday) to Oman 3 days after the dinner.

Mr Ron Harrop >>

From time to time one is privileged to be associated with a man of the calibre of Ron and, there-after, to be influenced wholly for the better by his character and personality. He had great sincerity and integrity but perhaps his abiding quality was a tremendous charm. When allied to a generous sense of humour, kindness and considerable ability, it was not difficult to accept him truly for what he was - a Nottingham born, Lancashire bred but a Scot in heart **Gentleman** .

Although he never served with the Pioneers he became an honorary member of the Sgts Mess in Simpson Barracks, became a member of the old Central Sgts Mess then the Pioneer Reunion Club, then an honorary member of 23 Pnr Regt Mess and finally because he was held in such high esteem a Life Member of 23 Regt Mess. Only the second person to elected as such. At his funeral because he was so well liked the church was packed with people travelling from great distances. In the Great War of 14-18 the 9 Bn Gordon Highlanders were converted to Pioneers in 1915, we can now say Ron was the last Gordon Pioneer!

To have known him was a privilege to have had him as a friend was an honour.



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS PIONEER REUNION CLUB HELD AT 23 PIONEER REGIMENT WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS MESS, BICESTER ON SATURDAY 30 JUNE 2001

CHAIRMAN: WO1 (RSM) A TOPPING RLC
MEMBERS PRESENT: 16

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs APPLEYARD & KIRBY.

The Meeting opened at 1300 hrs.

MINUTE 1

The Chairman thanked all for attending and informed the meeting of the recent sad loss of Mr Ron Harrop, he commented on the large turn-out of Club members at his funeral.

MINUTE 2

Proposed By: Mr BRYANT

Seconded By: WO2 EAST

That the minutes of the previous meeting be passed as read.

CARRIED**MINUTE 3**

As the financial statement had not been received from the Treasurer the Secretary gave the details which had been presented to the Apr committee meeting

After minute note: the following figures are as at 3 Jul:

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| Cash | £80.00 |
| Cash at Bank | £1974.47 |
| Total Assets | £2054.47 |
| Liabilities | £287.15 (Dinners) |

MINUTE 4

The Secretary then gave an update on membership numbers. 132 members of which 95 are currently paid up to 1 Apr 2001 or beyond.

MINUTE 5

Proposed By: WO2 KILBRIDE

Seconded By: SSgt DAY

That the following be elected as the Executive Committee:

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| Chairman: | RSM 23 PNR REGT RLC |
| Treasurer: | WO2 J WOLLEY AGC |
| A/Treasurer: | Sgt C LARTER AGC |
| Secretary: | Mr N BROWN |
| Committee: | Mr A APPLEYARD |
| | Mr P N THOMAS |
| | Mr I DEWSNAP |
| | SMSs from 144,518,187, 206&522 Sqns |
| | RSM 5 TA REGT RLC |
| | RQMS 23 PNR REGT RLC |
| | WO2 A PEACH |

CARRIED**MINUTE 6**

Proposed By: Mr THOMAS

Seconded By: Mr DEWSNAP

That a vote of thanks be recorded for the work of Mr KIRBY who has been a member of the Executive Committee for 8 years.

CARRIED**MINUTE 7**

The Chairman then spoke on the Apr dinner which had been changed from Blackdown to Bicester because of the costs at Blackdown and the July dinner which had been cancelled due to the low number of attenders, this was partially due to Ex Safe Saren which was due to commence 3 days after the dinner. After discussion it was agreed that future dinners be held at Bicester.

MINUTE 8

The Chairman then gave details of future events:

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| 13 October 2001 | Ladies Dinner Night |
| (SSgt SHEEHAN organiser, WO1 COTTAM to preside) | |
| 27 April 2002 | Stag Dinner |
| 14 September 2002 | Stag Dinner |
| 12 October 2002 | Ladies Dinner Night |

MINUTE 9

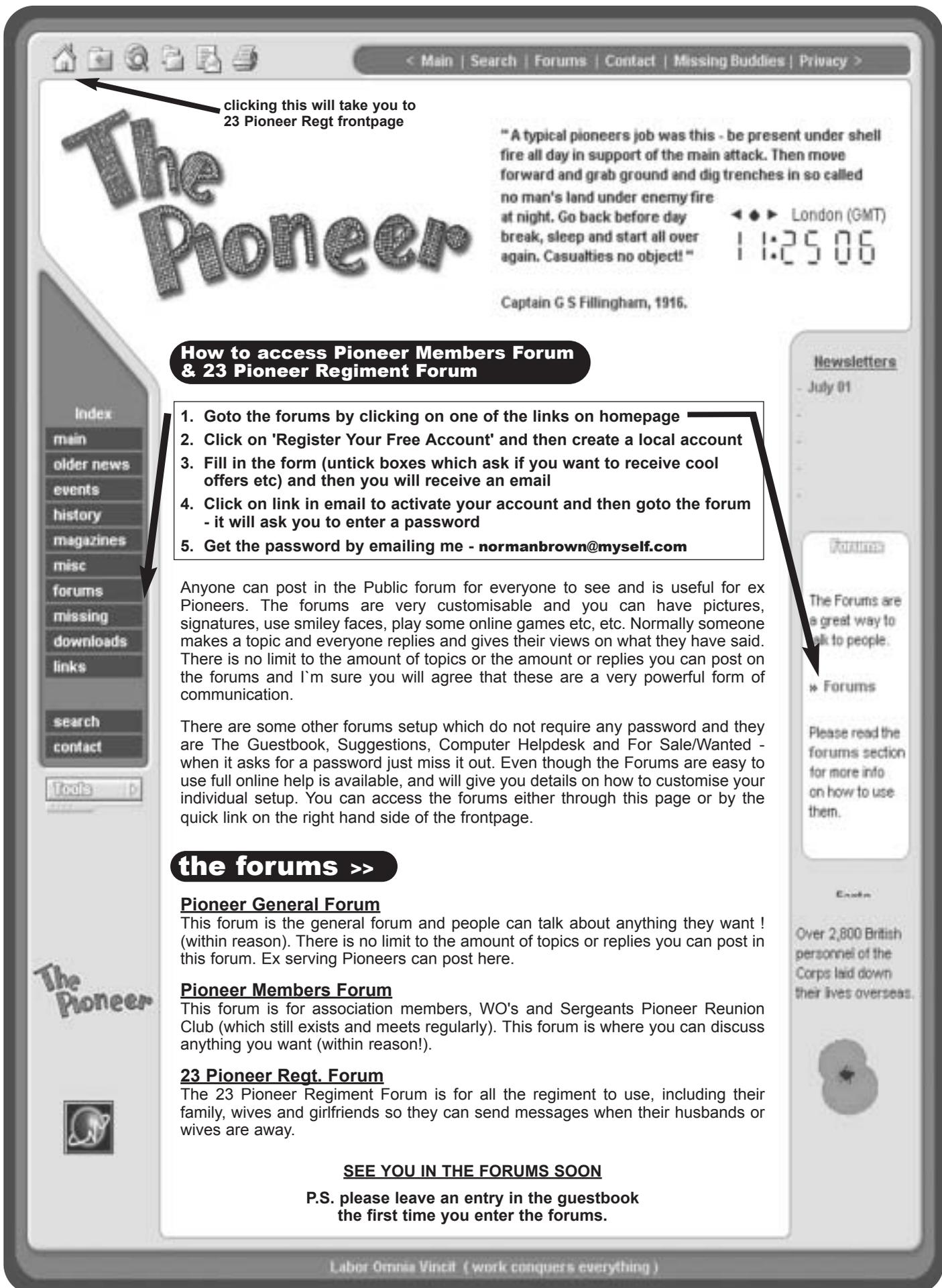
Discussion then took place regarding additional events to the normal dinners. The possibility of having another BBQ and a Pub Crawl from Simpson Bks to Northampton via the Queen Eleanor (re-tracing our roots) were to be investigated.

MINUTE 10

The Secretary then informed the meeting that the Royal Pioneer Corps website was now up and running. Old photographs were required for this and should be forwarded to the Secretary who would return them.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1230 hrs.

N BROWN**Secretary**



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The Pioneer

"A typical pioneers job was this - be present under shell fire all day in support of the main attack. Then move forward and grab ground and dig trenches in so called no man's land under enemy fire at night. Go back before day break, sleep and start all over again. Casualties no object!"

London (GMT)
11:25:06

Captain G S Fillingham, 1916.

How to access Pioneer Members Forum & 23 Pioneer Regiment Forum

1. Goto the forums by clicking on one of the links on homepage
2. Click on 'Register Your Free Account' and then create a local account
3. Fill in the form (untick boxes which ask if you want to receive cool offers etc) and then you will receive an email
4. Click on link in email to activate your account and then goto the forum - it will ask you to enter a password
5. Get the password by emailing me - normanbrown@myself.com

Anyone can post in the Public forum for everyone to see and is useful for ex Pioneers. The forums are very customisable and you can have pictures, signatures, use smiley faces, play some online games etc, etc. Normally someone makes a topic and everyone replies and gives their views on what they have said. There is no limit to the amount of topics or the amount or replies you can post on the forums and I'm sure you will agree that these are a very powerful form of communication.

There are some other forums setup which do not require any password and they are The Guestbook, Suggestions, Computer Helpdesk and For Sale/Wanted - when it asks for a password just miss it out. Even though the Forums are easy to use full online help is available, and will give you details on how to customise your individual setup. You can access the forums either through this page or by the quick link on the right hand side of the frontpage.

the forums >>

Pioneer General Forum

This forum is the general forum and people can talk about anything they want ! (within reason). There is no limit to the amount of topics or replies you can post in this forum. Ex serving Pioneers can post here.

Pioneer Members Forum

This forum is for association members, WO's and Sergeants Pioneer Reunion Club (which still exists and meets regularly). This forum is where you can discuss anything you want (within reason!).

23 Pioneer Regt. Forum

The 23 Pioneer Regiment Forum is for all the regiment to use, including their family, wives and girlfriends so they can send messages when their husbands or wives are away.

SEE YOU IN THE FORUMS SOON

P.S. please leave an entry in the guestbook the first time you enter the forums.

warrant officers and sergeants pioneer reunion club membership list >>

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|------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| SGT D AINSLEY | APR 2002 | MR A FOSTER | APR 2001 | MR CW MULLANE | APR 2001 |
| MR N ALCORN | APR 2002 | MR R FOX | APR 2002 | SGT K NEARY | APR 2002 |
| SSGT C ANDERSON | APR 2002 | MR D FREEMAN | APR 2001 | MR W NELSON | APR 2000 |
| MR T ASPPLEYARD | APR 2000 | MR D GATES | APR 2005 | SGT F NICHOL | APR 1998 |
| MR R BARFIELD | APR 2001 | MR T GOULD | APR 2000 | SGT S NORMAN | APR 2002 |
| SSGT G BARKER | APR 2001 | MR W GOULD | APR 2002 | WO2 G PAINTER | APR 1998 |
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| MR E C BATES | APR 2005 | MR D GRAVES | APR 2004 | SSGT P PATTERSON | APR 2002 |
| MR J BENETT | APR 2000 | SSGT D HAGGART | APR 1999 | MR G PATON | APR 2002 |
| MR K BLUNDELL | APR 2002 | SGT HAINES | APR 2002 | MR T PEGG | APR 2002 |
| MR N BROWN | APR 2002 | WO2 J HAMILTON | APR 2002 | MR W ROBERTS | APR 2002 |
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| MR D BRYANT | APR 2002 | SGT HORRELL | APR 2004 | MR K SHIELD | APR 1998 |
| SGT G BUCKNALL | APR 2002 | MR B HUGHES | APR 2002 | MR J SHIELDS | APR 2000 |
| MR C BUNN | APR 2003 | SGT T HULLS | APR 2000 | SGT T SIMM | APR 2000 |
| SGT N CALDWELL | APR 2002 | MR S HUMPHRIES | APR 2000 | MISS E SMART | APR 2001 |
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| MR P COLLINS | APR 1998 | WO2 D KILBRIDE | APR 2001 | WOW M STAPLES | APR 1998 |
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| MR K CHURCH | APR 2004 | MR A KENT | APR 1998 | MR T TAYLOR | APR 2000 |
| MR T CROSSLAND | APR 2000 | MR R KIRBY | APR 2005 | WO2 T TEAGUE | APR 2001 |
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| MR H DANCE | APR 2001 | SGT J LEACH | APR 1999 | MR J THOMPSON | APR 2002 |
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if any addresses are wrong than email myself and I will correct them.

England's Last Hope

A boy soldier in 1942 who retired as 521 CSM in 1969, Cloggy Compton, has published his illustrated autobiography. In its 2nd printing and told with humour, it mentions many of our members. If you would like a copy please send a cheque for £7.50 to include postage and packing, payable to: Mr G K Compton, at 24 Huntwick Road, Featherstone, WF7 5JF. Phone: 01977 796701,

Synopsis - He is a man who has led a very uncommon life, packed with more experiences than most people would dare to imagine for themselves. His story starts in a poor coal mining community in Pontefract in the late twenties and takes us up to 69 when he left the army for the last time. The story spans the world, from the coalfields of Yorkshire to Europe and North Africa and on to the jungles and swamps of the Far East,

Society's expectations for lads like Gerry should have led to a life, possibly a short one, down the pit. Instead, he rebelled and joined the Army as its youngest boy soldier in 1942. During his training and because of his size in comparison to the kit he had to carry, he was laughingly referred to as 'England's Last Hope'. Throughout his military career, the characters and events he encountered were, at times, terrifying, infuriating, hilarious, exciting and deeply saddening, as were the duties that he was called upon to perform as a British soldier.

Whilst he was both physically and mentally very tough, his story is laced with moments of moving compassion, as when a good friend was killed at his side and high farce - one episode resulted in him having to exit the Stone Dog brothel in Khartoum via an upstairs window and having his fall broken by a pile of camel dung.

The book is an accumulation of the fascinating and true anecdotes and tales of derring-do and comeuppance that he has entertained his family and friends with over the years. An accomplished musician, he played in the regimental band and found that the ladies were attracted to musical performers. He lost his virginity under the supervision, and with the connivance, of his comrades while supposedly convalescing after a serious illness.

He saw his first military action in Burma in 1945 with the York and Lancaster Regiment. Shortly afterwards in Singapore and Malaya, he was involved in the mopping up operations after the liberation from the Japanese. He witnessed the aftermath of Japanese occupation and acts of revenge against former captors. In the post war police actions in India, prior to independence and partition, he saw the horrors of the inter-community conflict and the accompanying massacres that the authorities sought to hush up by denying that they ever took place. The photographs that he took at the time capture the truth of what happened.

He was a sergeant by the age of 19 and a private again shortly thereafter because of his part in a violent disagreement arising from rivalry and resentment between British and American troops. Subsequently, he transferred to the Green Howards Regiment and spent some time as a medical orderly in a military hospital in India. He recounts some hair-raising tales of the treatment methods of the day.

Owing to a high venereal disease infection rate whilst in India, his regiment received a punishment posting to Khartoum in the Sudan instead of repatriation. Mischief followed them there and amongst their many experiences was learning how to avoid the spectators' swords during a football match. A posting to Egypt followed, where the locals were quite hostile. In fact, British troops found themselves constantly being harassed and injured until a well-orchestrated act of retaliation caused the harassment to cease.

He returned to England in 1949 to attend the Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall. Following this, he rejoined his unit in Malaya in 1951 to fight the communist bandits in the jungle and to bring musical entertainment to the troops in the field. In one skirmish, after a close friend had been killed, he was threatened with being put on a charge for the way he dealt with one particular bandit. When Colonel Mike Calvert set about looking for suitable candidates for the establishment of a regiment of jungle fighters, for deep penetration missions against the bandits, Gerry volunteered. After a rigorous selection process he joined the original A Sqn of the regiment who were to be called the 22nd Special Air Service Regiment (Malayan Scouts).

In 1953, he rejoined his regiment for a posting to Austria and Germany for garrison duties, facing the Red threat from the East. In 1955, he was due for discharge from the Army and returned to England for his demobilisation. On leaving the army, he worked as a prison officer and saw a very different mode of existence for 13 months. He encountered several famous prisoners, including the 'Babes in the wood' murderer. Again, this episode is full of fascinating events, stories, people and observations of life in prisons at that time.

In 1956 he was called back from the Reserves to the Colours for the ill-fated Suez campaign. As a result of this experience, he decided to re-enlist and was posted to the Army Basic Training Unit (ABTU) as a Sergeant. The colourful characters that he encountered and their antics, are amazing, appalling and amusing. Conscription was still in force and the ABTU had to deal with a lot of very awkward characters who didn't want to be there and made that fact very clear.

1959 saw a two year posting to Hanover with the Pioneer Civilian Labour Unit. There, the German sense of humour was sorely tested and some great friendships both army and local, were forged in the midst of beer festivals and military exercises. In 1964, it was back to the jungle again, this time on the island of Borneo. The Brunei Rebellion was under way and a conflict ensued with Indonesia. Here, he recounts incredible tales of bags of gold, whores, head-hunters and heart stopping helicopter rides.

1966-69 saw Gerry complete his army career back in the UK and ceremonially returned to civilian life after a mock court martial. This is where the book ends.

He worked in a bank for a while but the restrictions of the job didn't suit Gerry. After a brief spell with the MOD Police, he decided that it was time to start anew somewhere else. In 1971 he and his family emigrated to Australia, where he joined the Australian Army and SAS and the adventure continues.

Sadly his beloved wife Beryl passed away in 1996 and Cloggy has now decided to return to UK to be re-united with the part of his family that he left behind who want to care for the 'Old Codger before he loses his marbles'.

It was very pleasing to see Cloggy at this year's Reunion Weekend, let us hope that he now joins the Reunion Club.

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**Airfield Construction
by 198 Coy Royal Pioneer Corps
(By Major W.E. Carter -
late Commanding 198 Coy)**

This Coy was engaged on the construction of Airfields and Landing Grounds in Sicily and Italy during the war, (except for a short period when we worked at an emergency Railhead).

It is interesting to record what part a Pioneer Company played in making emergency Airfields and Landing Grounds possible.

In the case of the airfield now referred to, this Company was first to arrive on site, which was then a barren waste of land and sand on the shores of the Adriatic Sea.

The Runway was first 'Pegged' out on the sand just by the sea. Whilst many of the men worked on this preliminary task more were employed in making the camp habitable, and on the erection of tents, latrines, cookhouses, etc. Meanwhile a Mechanical Equipment Section of the Royal Engineers had arrived. Bulldozers soon got to work levelling the site of the Runway, and filling in gaps in the sand-dunes where there was a possibility of the sea breaking through in wild weather. Each day saw the large area becoming more level and smooth, the complete Runway was 2,000 yards long. Many sections of it had to be 'filled up', others needed levelling. 'Dumpers' of the ME Section did useful work, either taking materials away from or bringing them to the site, according to requirements. Our men were kept busy after the Bulldozers had done their work, for instance they constructed a Bailey Bridge over a dyke, widened existing bridges to allow motor transport to reach the runway, repaired approach roads and made them fit for traffic, levelled the runway and so on.

When the site has been levelled the next task is the laying of PSP (Pierced Steel Plating). Starting from the centre of the Runway. This steel is laid outwards towards each end of the Runway, working in this way it is possible for two parties to be laying at the same time. The material is brought up by train to the nearest station and thence by lorries to the airfield. One section of Pioneers would lay about 300 yards of PSP each day (A section consists of 26 men)

The steel materials were imported from America, each piece interlocked and no bolts were used. The responsibility for the work rested with OC Pioneers, including unloading and loading at station, and Airfield, and laying PSP. Certain joints have to be concreted, and this job was usually carried out by one complete Pioneer section, who mixed and laid the concrete.

At all costs the runway had to be kept level and smooth. As work progressed taxi-tracks and dispersal areas came into being. A dispersal area is really a parking place for the planes - one dispersal area for each plane, the Taxi-tracks were laid from the Runway to these areas, and for all Taxi-tracks and dispersal areas the PSP material is used. On this particular field there were no less than 90 dispersal areas provided for single planes and this particular task included about 6,000 yards of Taxi-tracks.

During the course of the work many unforeseen jobs have to be done. In one case ballast was needed for mixing concrete - this ballast was available in a dried up river bed, but due to the bad state of the ground it was impossible to get motor transport to the site for loading. We sent a Pioneer Section out and they made a road through thick mud, using Somerfield Track, the English counterpart of the American PSP. The work was difficult owing to extremely bad weather conditions, but the road was quickly constructed and ready for use in spite of snags and the weather.

Weather played an important part during the course of this work. A wind at gale force for days on end, and everything that could fall from the heavens did fall including rain, snow, hail, ice, sleet, and one day even a real thick fog swept in from the sea. In conditions like this the men got wet through every day, and after a good hot meal the one thought was to get to bed - the only really warm and more or less dry place.

The Runway is the first job finished - a long flat stretch of PSP stretching away in the distance along the sea front, soon the first plane lands, circling round about 3 times it comes in to make a perfect landing. The Pioneers rest from their labours and watch the landing - well pleased with their work, and then all available labour is put on the Taxi-ways and Dispersals - some clearing sites, others levelling, laying PSP and so on. The men were keen, worked extremely hard, took a keen interest in the progress of the work, and the main topic amongst them was how work as a whole was going, and how quickly they could complete it.

Soon the planes arrived, and we packed and moved off to another barren spot and construction of another Airfield with its varying problems was tackled and in due time completed. When we saw the Bombers and fighters winging their way towards the enemy, we felt that we had played no small part in making the devastating raids possible.

The technical survey details of work to be done and so on were prepared for the Airfield by an Airfield Construction Group of the REs, but Pioneers took on a vital and very large share of the work - a fact so often overlooked.

the quiz bit >>



It was disappointing that only one member volunteered the correct answers to the last quiz namely Mr Ted Bates, you will receive your prize at the next function you attend Ted.

**The answers were
Mr Tom Appleyard and Mr Roy Palmer**

This time the questions are...

1

What is the date our title was changed to Pioneer Corps ?



2

What is the date when the new "Royal Pioneers" cap badge was brought into service ?



3

Who were the 2 WO1s serving in the Falklands who were pictured with the Prime Minister - this picture appeared on the front cover of the Corps Magazine No 153.



**First correct answer
picked wins a prize !**

ladies dinner night >>

WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS PIONEER REUNION CLUB

**LADIES DINNER NIGHT
SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2001**

To: SSgt T SHEEHAN
WOs & SNCOs Reunion Club
518 Sqn
23 Regt RLC
St Davids Barracks
London Road
Bicester
Oxon, OX6 OJU

FROM:
ADDRESS:
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.....
TEL NO:

I wish to attend the above Dinner Night and will be accompanied byguests.

I enclose a cheque to the value of £..... (£20 per head) made payable to the WOs & SNCOs Pnr Reunion Club.

I would like vegetarian meals.

I require/do not require * accommodation (*delete as appropriate)

Accommodation is basic and is supplied on a first come first served basis.

RETURNS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 3rd OCTOBER 2001

extend your membership >>

SAVE CHEQUES - EXTEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP

From:
Address:
.....
Tel No:
E-mail address:

I enclose a cheque to the value of £..... (£5 per year) made payable to the WOs&SNCOs Pnr Reunion Club please extend my membership for a further yrs

