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SITREP

THE military history of Cumbria extends beyond the King's Own Royal Border Regiment. In this issue we have a family tree of all the Cumbrian units that over almost 500 years became part of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment. But there is more to come.

WITH the help of a former member of 4 KORBR, a history of the changes that the Territorial Army has gone through since 1947 is in preparation. We are working with the Royal Engineers on an article on their history.

MILITARY FESTIVAL

ON 3 and 4 June 2022 our first Cumbria Military Festival will celebrate the achievements of all of Cumbria's military and their families. More in our next edition.

Peter Green
Editor

Military Festival
June 2022

Regimental roots

THE British Army has evolved over the centuries; shaped by pressure from the Monarchy, politicians, county aristocracy, public opinion and of course the Treasury.

FOR almost 200 years Britain feared regular soldiers. Experience with Cromwell had shown the dangers of rule by force of arms. The Navy protected Britain: an army might subjugate it. One Government minister told George II:

"There was nothing so odious to men of all ranks and classes in this country as troops."

CREATING our modern army has not been a tidy process, but ultimately the Regular Army, Militia, Yeomanry and volunteer units in Cumbria, have become, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment.



REGULAR ARMY

THE restoration of the Stuart Monarchy in 1666 included an agreement with Parliament that a small army was essential to guard the Monarch, secure various strong points around the Country and provide a garrison first for Tangier - the dowry of Charles' Queen - and later for other colonial 'plantations'. National defence, if the Navy allowed an invader to land, would be provided by the locally raised Militia.

THE King wanted trained professional troops: Parliament wanted control over the military, but did not want to spend money. In the end the King got his army, but it was smaller than he wanted and Parliament had control of the budget.

WHEN there was a need for a field army, new regiments were raised that were disbanded at the war's end. Gradually

Cover

The badges are arranged by date.

- 1. Penrith Local Militia, cross belt badge, early 18C
- 2. 34th Regiment of Foot shako plate, mid-19C
- 3. 55th Regiment of Foot, shako plate, mid-19C
- 4. The Border Regiment Special Reserve, Officer's Helmet Plate, early 20C
- 5. The Royal Cumberland Militia, cap badge, 19C
- 6. The Westmorland & Cumberland Yeomanry Cavalry, cap badge, late 19C
- 7. The Cumberland Rifle Volunteers, cap badge 1900
- 8. The Westmorland Rifle Volunteers, cap badge 1900
- 9. 11th Battalion (Lonsdale) The Border Regiment, cap badge WWI
- 10. The Royal Artillery, cap badge WW2
- 11. The Border Regiment cap badge, 20C
- 12. The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, cap badge 20C

Notes

- ¹ The first reference to the Militia in Cumbria
- ² Facing colours were chosen by the Colonel. Originally grey, it was fixed as yellow by 1742.
- ³ Renumbered in the autumn of when the 50th and 51st Foot surrendered to the French at Oswego.
- ⁴ There were many local volunteer units, the list here is not necessarily complete.
- ⁵ The complex changes to the Territorial Army from the 1960's are for a later date



more regiments were created than disbanded and the size of the army grew. By the end of the 19th Century economy drives and clamours over invasion scares led to a series of reforms that brought the various infantry units together in county groupings. In 1881 The Border Regiment was born.

THE MILITIA

TROOPS that were only paid when called out had existed from the earliest times. The first record of Cumbrian Militia is in 1539, it would have existed in some form before this. In the 17th Century troops which were not under the direct control of the Monarch were a political objective. From these two themes came the Militia. They were only liable for service in Britain. The reform of the militia during the Seven Years War, introduced the ballot to provide recruits, since too few men volunteered. With it came the option to avoid the ballet by paying a fine. They become the Regular Army reserve in late 19th Century reforms.

THE long peace after Waterloo saw the Militia become militarily moribund, though it was a significant factor in County society and politics. In mid-century the Westmorland Militia was even renamed as 'Light Infantry'. The end of the Century reforms brought the militia into the County Regimental structure. They became a reserve for the regular battalions – the 'Special Reserve'.

LOCAL MILITIA

LOCAL Militia, liable to serve only in their own county, were created during the Napoleonic Wars.

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

AT times of National crisis there were men who wanted to serve their country without the commitment required of the Militia or the Regulars. Volunteer units were formed for service only in Britain and for hostilities only.

VOLUNTEERS MID-19C

MEN with a stake in their communities and armed with rifles were proposed as a solution to fear of invasion from first France and then Germany. Initially they were small units recruited from the middle-classes, though over time they recruited more widely. The Company-sized units were combined to form battalions, in return for some government funding. Most were infantry, but they included Artillery and Engineers. Cumberland's Engineer Volunteers may have existed for only a few years (see page 4). In the 20th Century the Volunteers became part of the new Territorial Force.

YEOMANRY

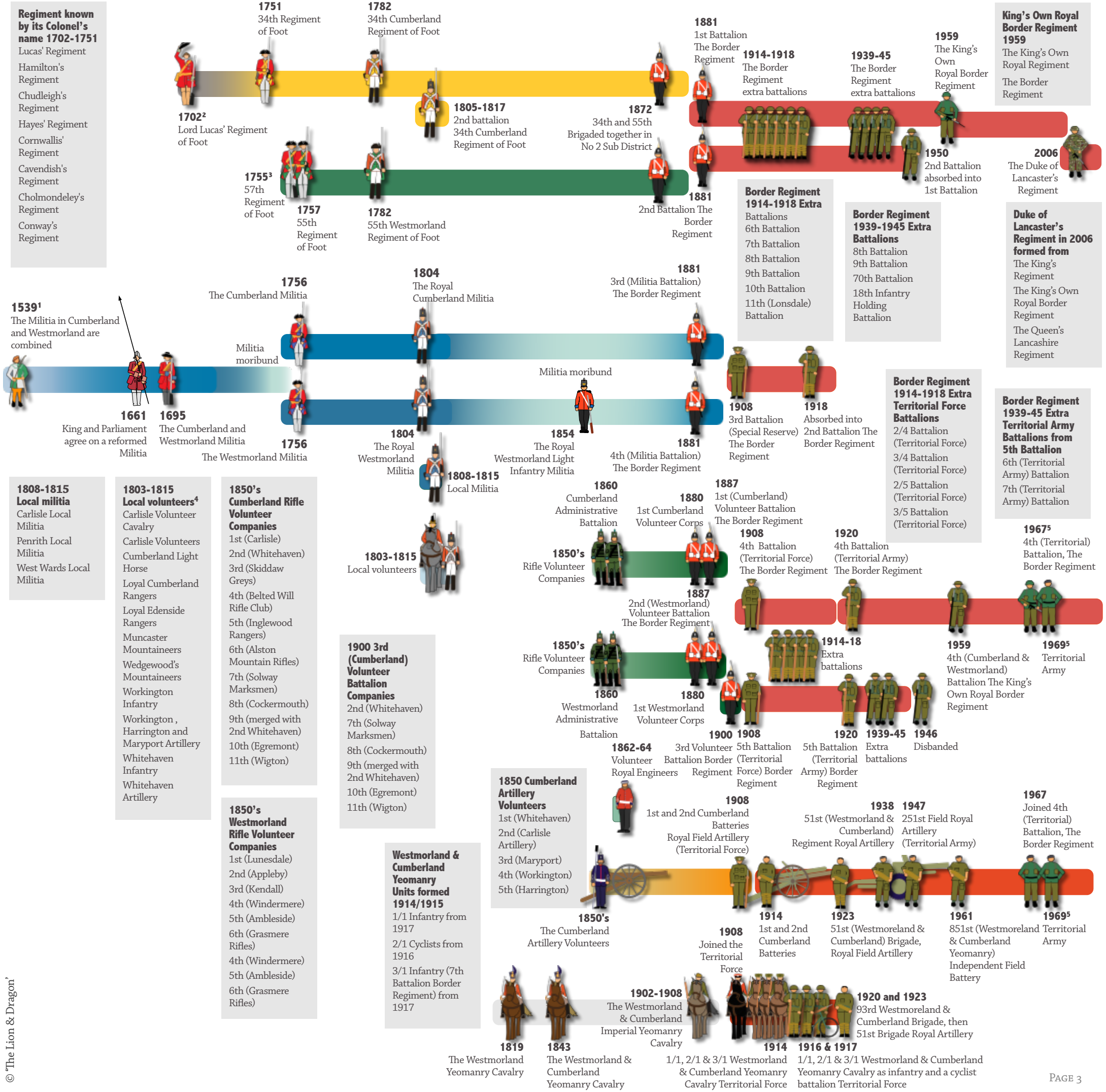
THE Yeomanry were volunteer cavalry units. They had to provide their own horses and were recruited from landowners, farmers and their sons. Intended for service only in Britain they proved effective in maintaining order at a time when there was no police force. During the Boer War volunteers for overseas service were formed into Companies of the Imperial Yeomanry and served as mounted infantry. The Yeomanry joined the Territorial Force in 1908.

TERRITORIAL FORCE

THE Force was created as the final stage of reforms that brought the Regular, Special Reserve and Volunteer battalions together. Although disbanded at the end of WWI, the Force was quickly recreated as the Territorial Army'. In 2011 it became the Army Reserve.

APOLOGIES

WE hope to have more about other Corps – including the Royal Engineers, REME, RAMC, what was, until 1992, the Women's Royal Army Corps, and the Home Guard – in future editions.



Rob Griffith

Rob has always loved history, of all periods, but when he began reading the Sharpe, Hornblower, Ramage and other novel series he became fascinated by the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

He wrote a series of novels set during the Napoleonic Wars and then joined a living history group to immerse himself further. He then was asked to write his first non-fiction title, 'Riflemen', and fell in love again. This time with sitting in dusty archives and uncovering the real lives of those caught up in momentous events.

Rob will speak at Cumbria's Military Festival next June and sign copies of his exhaustive account of a key moment in the Regiment's history.



AS a Salopian, author Rob Griffith, could not fail to be aware of General Rowland Hill. Hill was also born in Shropshire and his column - wider and taller than Nelson's - stands on the London-Holyhead road at Shrewsbury.

welcome news in Britain. Rob continued:

“You could say that Arroyomolinos was caused by the Royal Navy,” Rob commented. “Wellington’s army was supplied by food and goods coming into Lisbon and then being moved

Drums in the rain

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Rob Griffith, author of a new book about the battle of Arroyomolinos 'At the point of the bayonet', published by Helion, talks to 'The Lion & the Dragon'.



HILL was a daring, very effective, but also caring General. Known to his troops as 'Daddy Hill'. He was also responsible for two very significant victories during the Peninsular War: at Arroyomolinos in Autumn 1811 and Almaraz in Spring 1812.

VICTORY PLAYED WELL AT HOME

THE 2nd Battalion, 34th Foot took part in both battles. Winning their unique battle honour at the first.

“Arroyo was not just important for the 34th, but was a great morale raiser in Britain. 1811 had been a difficult year for Wellington,” commented Rob.

The French defeat and the elimination of a French Division at Arroyo was

in a sophisticated logistics operation.” The French had to live off the land, which was what the French General Jean-Baptiste Girard was doing when Hill attacked.”

HILL saw that if he moved quickly he had the opportunity to take the French by surprise. Helped by bad weather and despite Spanish warnings to Girard that Allied troops were closing in on him, Hill's Division of British, Portuguese and Spanish troops achieved their objective.

AND of course the 2nd Battalion of the 34th Foot captured the drums and drum major's staff of the French 34e Régiment d'infanterie de ligne. They also gained the right to wear the French regiment's white

and red pom-pom on their shakos. When the British Army itself changed to red and white pom-poms on their shakos, the 34th were given the battle honour in its place.

METAL DETECTOR

SOULT may have been able to assure Napoleon that

“L'honneur des armes est sauvé; les Aigles ne sont pas tombés au pouvoir de l'ennemi - The honour of the army is saved; the Eagles did not fall into the hands of the enemy,”

BUT that doesn't necessarily mean that they remained in French hands, as Rob remarked:

“There's a gentleman from Madrid who visits Arroyomolinos once a year with his metal detector, convinced that at least one Eagle was buried by the French.”

GIRARD blamed the weather and his cavalry picquets for his defeat. Nevertheless he was recalled to France. He was wounded at Ligny during Napoleon's 100 Days and died of his wounds in Paris on 27 June 1815.

HILL was a Corps Commander at Waterloo and went on to succeed Wellington as Commander-in-Chief of the British Army. Hill is buried in his native Shropshire at Hadnall. Rob's opinion was that Hill's achievements deserve greater recognition.

SIGNIFICANT BOOK

THIS is a book that anyone interested in the 34th Foot should have on their book shelf.

NOT only does it provide more information on Arroyomolinos, but the account of Almaraz throws light onto an action that has been over-shadowed in Cumbria by the triumph a few months earlier.

The Editor

An Airborne Sweetheart badge

A piece of military heraldry from the Editor's family



THIS is my mother's 'Sweetheart badge' that she wore during the War to remember my father.

THE embroidered badge 50mm x 45mm has been cut from its cloth background. It has a small safety pin sewed on the reverse with black thread. The original badge was issued to airborne units.

SWEETHEART badges first appear in large numbers during WW1. Sometimes made by jewellers; at others men would give metal regimental badges to their mothers, wives, girlfriends or even their children

MY father joined The Border Regiment in October 1942, after they had become part of the new Airborne forces. The badge must date from sometime after that.

MY parents married in 1943 and my mother told me she wore it after Operation Market Garden as she hoped against hope that 'missing' meant that my father had been captured and not killed at Arnhem.



THE good news newspaper cutting is from the 4th December 1944.

TODAY the Museum celebrates all of Cumbria's military heritage, but in the earlier days of the Museum, items were sometimes donated that were not part of the Border Regiment's history. And they were put aside for later review.

THIS Royal Engineer Volunteer's jacket is a fascinating example of such an item.

IT belonged to a trumpeter. And he must have been slim, perhaps a teenager?

THE fashion for volunteer units in the mid 19th Century often led to the creation of short-lived units. Not just rifle volunteers but artillery and engineers too.

THE jacket dates from the early 1860's, which was the high point of the volunteer movement and is possibly from Cockermouth.

IF you can add anything to our knowledge please get in touch with the Museum.

Volunteer Engineer's jacket puzzle

The editor looks at the uniform of a short-lived 19th Century volunteer unit, possibly from Cockermouth



A croquet club in Eastbourne is not the most obvious site of a grave with links to The Border Regiment. However in February 1915 the club became the last resting place of 'Harlequin' the mascot of the 9th Battalion.



A Border memorial in Eastbourne

A poignant story from 1915 and the 9th Battalion of the Border Regiment and the result of an appeal for support.

THE Battalion had been raised in Carlisle as part of Kitchener's New Army in September 1914. The battalion included many men from County Durham. By the end of 1914 they were billeted on the Saffrons Sports Ground, Eastbourne, prior to moving to France and then on to Salonica.

THEY were designated a Divisional Pioneer Battalion an elite infantry unit tasked to fight and dig.

HARLEQUIN

ON Saturday 12 December 1914 they were presented with a foxhound as a mascot. Harlequin had been donated by Mr J E Rogerson, Master of the North Durham foxhounds and was wearing a collar given by Miss Watson of Burnopfield, County Durham.

THE presentation was made by the wife of Lieutenant-Colonel Browne, who also presented a silver bugle¹ to the battalion.

THE Eastbourne Chronicle quoted Colonel Browne describing the dog as:

“Looking rather sorry for himself, but I hope he will be

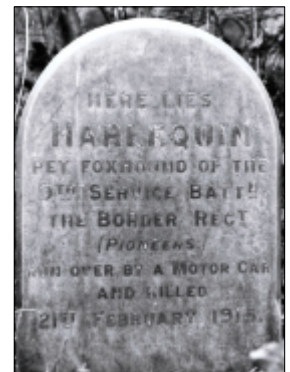
happier when he gets to know us better.”

Browne continued:

“He will march at the head of the regiment, and I hope that he will bring us luck.”

SADLY Harlequin did not get a chance to bring the Battalion luck. He was run over by a motor car on 15 February 1915, presumably on Compton Place Road, the road next to his grave in the grounds of Compton Croquet Club².

THE gravestone remained unknown to most people. It was then damaged when it was buried under a pile of rubbish. John Crisford, the Club's Groundsman



rediscovered the grave and has made some temporary repairs.

RESTORATION

THE Museum has raised the £500 through gifts from 'Paws to Rest' - animal cemetery, the Regimental Association, 'Animals in War', and veterans from regiments including the KORBR.

TOBY Robson from Black & White Conservation, a Swindon-based architectural restoration company, who is doing the work, told 'The Lion & the Dragon', "This is a lovely memorial from a sad time in our history. I am pleased to help keep the memory of Harlequin and the men of the Ninth Battalion alive."

The Editor

Captions

1. General Rowland Hill, 1772 - 1842, by an unknown artist, in the collection of the National Galleries of Scotland
- 2 & 3. The Volunteer Engineers Jacket front and back
4. Trumpeter badge
5. Button reads: "Volunteer Engineers"
6. John Crisford, Groundsman of the Compton Croquet Club, Eastbourne, stands alongside Harlequin's grave that he rediscovered.
7. An early photograph of the gravestone with its original inset metal lettering. The stabilising of the gravestone will not replace the metal lettering. The intention is to preserve the evidence of its past.

Notes



¹ The bugle presented to the Ninth Battalion is in the Museum's collection. It is currently on display in the WW1 section.

² The Compton Croquet Club was founded in 1898 and is one of the oldest Croquet Clubs in the world. It is on land owned by the Duke of Devonshire, whose family name is 'Cavendish'. The Cavendish Family provided Colonels for the 34th Foot from 1742-9 and again from 1760-1797. The family still has links with Eastbourne, Carlisle and Cumbria.

Book shelf

New books and ones that you may have missed. All can be ordered from 'Bookcases', Castle Street, Carlisle.

History's waiting room

Extracts from original copies of 'The Lion and the Dragon', in this case from 1988.

FORWARD BY GENERAL MILLER

HAVING been Colonel now for the past seven years, and having been away from the army for the last two. I believe it is now appropriate and timely for me to handover to my natural successor. I will be succeeded by Major General Bob Hodges who will take over after the Regimental week-end in May this year.

ONE of my recent preoccupations has been to follow the progress of the Ministry of Defence studies into a more stable army. I am delighted to be able to report that the Army Board has concluded that the threatened much longer tours for infantry battalions, particularly in BAOR, with all the implications this would have had for a "small" regiment like ours, would be counter-productive.



REGIMENTAL WEEKEND

GENERAL Miller inspects the WRAC Detachment

VISITORS TO CARLISLE CASTLE

...CARLISLE City Council have announced plans to develop the Tullie House area of Castle Street, increasing the size of the Museum and building a Heritage Centre depicting the history of the Border.

To the Editor

The Editor is always pleased to have comments, and corrections via email, Facebook or post.

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ARROYO DISCOVERY

... I visited your museum over 10 years ago and I was made most welcome by your staff. I was particularly fascinated by the drums and the Drum Major's Mace that were captured at Arroyos dos Molinos in 1811 and I have always wondered who the French drum Major was. I have been doing some research in the French Military archives and I came across his service record...

Keith Mathews

[More from Keith in a later edition – Editor]

‘HARLEQUIN’

HOMING carrier pigeons, horses, mules, donkeys and dogs were vital in all wars and conflict for this country all through history. The Animals at War Group hope that Harlequin's gravestone can be mended. A great and most worthy cause.

Animals at War Group
Cumbria

A NEW AUTHOR FROM THE REGIMENT

I am contacting you today on behalf of our author John Grant Jackson based in County Durham. John Grant is releasing 'The Ensign's Story' a Historical fiction book on 30th July 2021. The Ensigns Story vividly tells the story of daily life in an infantry battalion in the 1800's.

JOHN Grant Jackson was educated at Wellington and Sandhurst. He was commissioned into the King's Own Royal Regiment and later the King's Own Royal Border Regiment.

Jessica Harris,
Austin Macauley Ltd.

Still serving

News from the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, our successor regiment, and the local Cadet Force.

UK STANDBY BATTALION

THE 1st Battalion were UK Standby Battalion (NORTH), during the summer; ready to respond in support of councils and civil authorities across the North West.



Museum, Friends and Supporters

News from those who proudly support our heritage in Cumbria and beyond.



SILVER FOR STUART

ON 11 September 2021 Colonel Andrew Kennedy presented Stuart Eastwood, the retired Museum Curator, with the Regimental Medal for his service to the Regiment.

ANDREW Dennis, Chair of the Museum Trustees said:

"Stuart has created a museum that is now able to play such a great role in the life of the Regiment, and the community, both within Carlisle and beyond. The trustees are delighted that the Regiment saw fit to award the Duke of Lancaster's Regimental Medal to Stuart."

MUSEUM REPORT

AFTER a great August with lots of visitors, we are preparing for the autumn and winter months. We secured £98,700 from the Heritage fund for our 'Resilient Alma' project. As part of this three year project we will up skill staff, develop income generation opportunities and our digital offer to put us in a better place for the future. Some of this funding will be used for a Learning and Access Assistant for three years to continue the Museum's learning programme.

OUR family summer Wednesday workshops restarted, most of which took place outside. It has



been reassuring that schools have booked sessions for the autumn term. Our temporary exhibitions will restart in 2022.

WE welcomed Anna and Megan, two kickstart placements earlier this year, but sadly their six months at the Museum finishes this autumn. We have benefitted from their enthusiasm and dedication, and have been pleased to see how well they have fitted into the team. We wish them well on their future endeavours.

DONATIONS

WE have been lucky enough to be given a Korean medal group and some Boer War items that include an original leaf from South Africa which includes an inscription from the soldier dated 1900.

RISING CHALLENGE

THE Museum stair lift that gives access to the upstairs lecture and meeting rooms needs replacing, the cost is estimated at a challenging £40,000.

CHANGE TO THE FRIENDS

THE Trustees have agreed to a revised relationship with the Friends that brings the Friends even closer to the Museum. The change will make it possible to claim gift aid more easily, one immediate change is that the Friend's Newsletter is now the 'Museum's Magazine' - produced by the Friends'.

SUPPORT FOR THE MUSEUM

THE Friends purchased a new laptop for the temporary employees and will fund all-weather display panels.

FRIENDS PATRON

THE Honourable Caroline Haughy QC has taken over from Lady Ballyedmond as our patron.

FRIENDS COMMITTEE

THERE have been some changes to the committee. We said goodbye and thank you to Doreen Parsons, Geoff and Barbara Stitt and

Jim Henderson and wish them well.

CHAIRMAN is Nigel Lewis, Deputy Chairman - Mike Milbourn, Treasurer - Carl Stitt, Secretary - Khal Moualem, Membership Secretary - Mike Rosling and Magazine Editor - Peter Green; Committee members are Mark English, who also represents The Trustees, David Allardice, who also represents the Carlisle Branch of Regimental Association, Mary McArdle and George McGarr.

WE are trying to expand the committee to cover other Cumbrian military groups.

ONLINE FUND RAISING

HAVE you used Easyfundraising yet? After only a couple of months with very few users we have £26 in the bank. So please use it.

MEMBERSHIP CHARGES – NO CHANGE

THE Friends Membership charges will remain unchanged for the next 12 months. They are:

Senior £10
Overseas £10 (digital magazine)
Individual £20
Family £30
2 adults + 3 children
Corporate £200
Life Member £300

YOU can join or renew your membership via the Museum web site. Setting up a Direct Debit makes the Membership Secretary's job easier.



ANIMALS IN WAR

ONE of the sponsors of Harlequin's grave repair is Cumbria's 'Animals in War' Carlisle group. Here's Stephen Glencross with one of the plaques to remember the role of animals in war erected in Workington.

Diary

Please check the Museum web site, for any last minute changes to times, dates or venues

2021

15 November 1230-1430
Veterans lunch

13 December 1230-1430
Veterans lunch

2022

17 January 1230-1430
Veterans lunch

21 February 1230-1430
Veterans lunch

6-8 May, King's Own
Royal Border Regimental
Weekend

Friday – Meet at the Apple Tree Pub, Carlisle. More information from David Israel.

11 May, Monday
Fontenoy Day, Regimental anniversary, 34th Foot



Cumbria's
Military Festival
3-4 June Friday and
Saturday

Military Vehicle Trust display at the Museum

4 June, Saturday
Cumbria's First Military Festival - speakers and displays in the Museum.

Our headline speaker is Brigadier Allan Mallinson, historian, novelist and former KORBR officer. Allan's theme is "Why dwell on the past?"

Talks will be ticket only, but will include access to the Museum. Discount for Friends at the Museum shop.

28 October

Arroyo Day, Regimental anniversary, 34th Foot, commemoration of our unique battle honour.

And almost finally

Memories of Regimental life by Alex Paterson, former KORBR. Our first memory is from Stephen Felton, former KORBR.

THE HEXI STOVE

by Stephen Felton

The hexi was a cooking stove. If you actually got time to use one, you were lucky.



Use the hot water for a brew if you've got that far.



But then you'd get the call. "Prepare to move", or "Gas Gas Gas!"



The meal was lost and the hexi too hot to pack away.



Tin cans could be buried in your trench or fired out of the exhaust of the 432 into the woods.



ENDEX

A miscellany of military history, some serious, others less so, from all periods and from all countries.

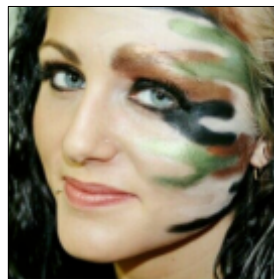
THE TIMES APRIL 1945

"Let us be clear ... all battles and all wars are won in the end by the infantryman..."

Field-Marshal, Lord Wavell

FOOT WABLER

"A contemptuous term for a foot soldier, frequently used by the cavalry", from Grose, 'A Classical Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue', published 1796.



MILITARY STYLING

An advert for Face Paint.

WAR?

"War seldom ever leads to good results."

George Kennan, former US Ambassador to the USSR

BANG CRASH WORD

plofstof – Afrikaans explosive, ie puff/bang stuff

FANTASY REGIMENTS

FROM various Goon Shows from the 1950s.

1st Heavy Things

1st Knitted Cummerbunds
"They served at Balaclava" – Bloodnok

3rd Armoured
Thunderboxes

3rd Heavy Nudists
"Oh, what a cap badge they had!" – Bloodnok

3rd Mounted Cash Registers
Cash register sound, "Oh, that tune, how it haunts me; it's my regimental march," – Bloodnok

3rd Mounted NAAFI



Our Heritage

Cumbria's military heritage includes the Militia, the Yeomanry, Territorials, as well as the regular battalions and specialist units.

THE regiment that became the 34th Foot and then the 1st Battalion of the Border Regiment was raised in Essex in 1702, as Robert, Lord Lucas's Regiment.

FROM the mid 18th Century regiments became known by their number, not by their Colonel. In 1782 the 34th was given the regional title 'Cumberland'.

THE 55th Foot were raised in 1755 by Charles Perry Esquire. They were originally the 57th Foot, but when two lower numbered regiments were disbanded in the summer of 1756, they became the 55th Foot.

In 1782, the 55th Foot were given the territorial title 'Westmorland'.

THE 34th were combined with the 55th in 1881 to form 'The Border Regiment'. At the same time the Militia were re-organised as the Special Reserve and in 1908 the Rifle Volunteer battalions became the Territorial Force.

In 1923 the 51st Field Regiment, Royal Artillery was created that included the Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry. In time the Gunners joined the Territorial Army battalion of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment.

THE King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster) joined the Border Regiment to become the King's Own Royal Border Regiment in 1959.

In 2006 the King's Own Royal Border Regiment were merged with other regiments to create 'The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment'.



Border Regiment, 1896



55th Foot, Light Company pouch plate, mid 19C



Eighth Army 51st Field Regiment, Royal Artillery 1940-42 and 1 Border 1943

Lest we forget

Events, distinctions and memorials of our local regiments and their men.



24 October - 3 November 1918, Vittoria Veneto, Italy, Border Regiment

The battle that broke the back of Austro-Hungarian resistance in Italy. The photograph shows Austrian prisoners.

November 1914, Ypres, France, Border Regiment

THE first battle of Ypres came towards the end of attempts by both the Allies and the Germans to outflank each other.



10 November 1813, River Nivelle, France, 34th Foot

Wellington's army, which included the 2nd Battalion 34th Foot, having advanced into France defeated Soult in a series of battles on the Nivelle immediately south of Bayonne. General Service Medal with Nive and Orthes [Orthez] clasps *Picture: Creative Commons, Auckland War Memorial Museum.*

14 November 1918, Italy, Rest in Peace, Private Private Thomas Samford Lishman, 'A' Company, 2 Border 16331, Boscon British Cemetery, Italy
Son of William and Jane Lishman, of Spiggot House, Crook, Kendal.



18 December 1778, Battle of Morne de la Vierge, St Lucia, Caribbean, 55th Foot

The victory, during the American War of Independence, led to the capture of St Lucia, in the Caribbean, from the French.

January 1803, 34th Foot, India

The Regiment provided garrisons in Sri Lanka and India during the 2nd Maratha War between the East India Company and the Maratha Empire.



27 January 1917, Sergeant Edward John Mott VC, Border Regiment, Le Transloy, France

"For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative when in an attack, the company to which he belonged was held up at a strong point by machine gun fire. Although severely wounded in the eye, Sergeant Mott made a rush for the gun, and after a fierce struggle seized the gunner and took him prisoner, capturing the gun. It was due to the dash of the non-commissioned officer that the left flank attack succeeded."

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21 February to 31 March
Saturday - Thursday 10 am
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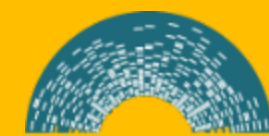
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