

## OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Dear Old Comrade

The events planned for 2014 are summarised below: (Please note these dates):

<b>FRIDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	-	Grand Military Race day	-	Sandown Park
<b>FRIDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b> race course	-	Leicester & Derbyshire Yeomanry Cup	-	Leicester
<b>FRIDAY, 21 MARCH</b>	-	Pre - Derby Reunion Drinks	-	Aston Court Hotel, Midland Rd Derby
<b>SATURDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH</b>	-	Derby Reunion & Museum Day	-	Derby
<b>SATURDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b>	-	Wessex Reunion	-	Sherborne
<b>SATURDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b>	-	Derbyshire Yeomanry Dinner	-	Derby
<b>SATURDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	-	OCA AGM & Reunion Dinner	-	London
<b>SUNDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	-	Combined Cavalry Parade	-	Hyde Park
<b>SUNDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	-	Officers' Luncheon	-	London
<b>TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE</b>	-	Dress rehearsal Founders Day	-	Royal Hospital Chelsea
<b>SATURDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE</b>	-	9/12L Welcome Home Parade	-	Northampton
<b>SUNDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE</b>	-	9/12L Welcome Home Parade	-	Leicester
<b>TUESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> JULY</b>	-	9/12L Welcome Home Parade	-	Derby
<b>THURSDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY</b>	-	9/12L Welcome Home Parade	-	Chesterfield
<b>27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST</b>	-	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mons Moy Battlefield Tour	-	France
<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	-	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration	-	Montcel France
<b>12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	-	9 <sup>th</sup> Lancer Band Reunion	-	York
<b>SUNDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	-	Memorial Service/Luncheon	-	Canterbury
<b>TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> Arboretum	-	OCA gathering at Regimental Memorial	-	National
<b>THURSDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	-	Field of Remembrance Poppy Planting Ceremony/Luncheon	-	London
<b>FRIDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER</b>	-	OCA Christmas Luncheon	-	London

A proforma is included for return with your subscriptions to the Regimental Journal, the 200 Club and the OCA 150+ Club. On this same proforma members are requested to tick where indicated if they hope to attend and would like to receive details later of the following events: **Derbyshire Yeomanry Dinner, Canterbury Service, OCA gathering at the Regimental Memorial, Field of Remembrance Ceremony and Luncheon, and the OCA Christmas Luncheon.** Please do not forget to do this. **REMEMBER "NO TICK - NO CIRCULAR LETTER".**

## INTERNET

Home Headquarters has a web-site and is developing a new look to the website- please check from time to time for changes. It will be a tremendous help to all of us if you could let this office have your e-mail address. You can, of course do this through the Internet. Details are:

Website	<a href="http://www.delhispearman.org.uk">www.delhispearman.org.uk</a>
Regimental Secretary	<a href="mailto:pocock@delhispearman.org.uk">pocock@delhispearman.org.uk</a>
Assistant Regimental Secretary	<a href="mailto:watson@delhispearman.org.uk">watson@delhispearman.org.uk</a>

In future newsletters will only be sent by mail to those of you without email. This will save us a great deal of money.

Attached is a questionnaire (**pages 17&18**) which we have used before, and we would ask those who have not previously replied to complete. When completed, please return the questionnaire to Home Headquarters.

The reasons are very simple, namely to maintain and update our records, but also with the advent of the new computer system to create an accurate database that can give accurate lists for 9L, 12L, 9/12L and 27L of all ranks together with as many email addresses as possible.

One of our regular and sad duties is to notify the relevant people of deaths and other events. If we could create an accurate and rapid (near automatic) system, it would save the Association a great deal of time and money. Providing that the programme is correctly set up, those that cannot be contacted electronically will receive a letter.

## REUNIONS AND EVENTS

### THE LEICESTER & DERBYSHIRE YEOMANRY CUP FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014



An invitation from the LDY Association has been extended to any past and present members of 9/12L to join them in their private box at Leicester Race Course on **Friday 7<sup>TH</sup> March 2014**, first race at 2.10pm. The cost, which will include a buffet luncheon, entrance to the Members enclosure and free car parking is **£36.00**.

The race course gates and the cash bar will be open from 12.15pm with the buffet lunch from 1.00pm. For full details you can contact the organizer, Major Luke Smith TD **by 21<sup>nd</sup> Feb**, on [lukesmith967@btinternet.com](mailto:lukesmith967@btinternet.com) Tel: 01509 413 141

### REGIMENTAL MUSEUM DAY

This will be held at the Museum in the Strand in Derby on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014, and the museum will be open from 1000 hours onwards, where coffee will be available. The first presentation will commence at 10.30

hours. We will then stop for lunch at 1300 hours. Lunch will cost £9.50 per head. If you would like to attend please complete the **separate proforma at page 15** and return it to reach Home Headquarters by the Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

**The following programme has been proposed:**

<b>1030-1035</b>	Welcome and Introduction	Captain C D Glyn-Jones CBE (Chairman of Museum Trustees)
<b>1035-1115</b>	Moncel – 7 <sup>th</sup> September 1914	Major P A Watson: Assistant Regimental Secretary, 9/12L
<b>1115-1145</b>	British Medals of the First World War	Colin Hook Esq
<b>1145-1205</b>	Book Launch: 9 <sup>th</sup> Lancers in the Anglo-Sikh Wars	Dr John Rumsby: Author
<b>1205-1235</b>	Regimental Update	Regimental 2IC
<b>1235-1250</b>	Update: The Museum and the Digitisation Project	Dr Mike Galer Lt Col J Hutchins
<b>1250-1255</b>	Closing Remarks	
<b>1300</b>	Lunch	

**DERBY REUNION**

A reunion of **all** Old Comrades will be held on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 at The Spot, Derby the same evening, after the Museum Day. This event has increased in popularity every year. It is hoped that as many of you as possible will come again this year as it promises to be a very good evening. There will be a charge of £18.00 per head towards the buffet supper. Timings are 7.00 for 7.30 pm. As tickets sell very quickly, members wishing for more details should contact **Mr G Arnold at 95 Highfield Lane, Chaddesden, Derby DE21 6PJ. Tel: Derby 01332 660 407 or Mobile: 07737 660 307. E Mail – [derby.reunion@ntlworld.com](mailto:derby.reunion@ntlworld.com)**

A Revised venue for the 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday night, is to be held at the Aston Court Hotel, Midland road Derby. A Buffet and music are provided. The start time will be 1900hrs. This is one of the Hotels that we have booked; anyone coming by car can use the hotel car park. For more details contact **Mr G Arnold** as above.

**WESSEX REUNION**

The Wessex reunion will be held at the Sherborne Hotel, Horsecastles Lane, Sherborne DT9 6BB on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2014.** Members wishing for further details, please contact **Mrs Draper direct at 2 Winters Lane, Portesham, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 4ES. Tel: (01305) 871316.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER**

It has been decided by the Committee to hold this year's AGM and Reunion Dinner in London on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The London Scottish Regimental HQ, 95 Horseferry Road, Westminster, SW1P 2DX has been booked for the occasion. Tickets will be £18.00 each. This will include three glasses of wine. A cash bar has been arranged. The timings are: **AGM - 1800 hours. Dinner - 1830 hours for 1900 hours.** It would assist the Security Staff if all OCA members carried their membership cards. If you would like to attend please complete the **separate proforma at page 16** and return it to reach Home Headquarters by the **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014.** During the evening a collection will be made for poppies and crosses at the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey. Dress: Lounge Suit or Blazer. **Members are requested to wear medals.**

**COMBINED CAVALRY MEMORIAL PARADE**

The Combined Cavalry Memorial Parade will take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 1100. OCA Members who take part in the march should form up at 1030 hours six abreast on Broad Walk West, Hyde Park Corner. Medals (**not miniatures**) should be worn. It is hoped that as many members as possible will give support on the day.

HHQ holds a limited number of tickets to the seated enclosure for the service. Applications should be made to HHQ. Priority will be given to OCA Members who can no longer march, wives and widows.

### **Post Parade Drinks**

The Regimental Sergeant Major has asked that the OCA join him and members of the serving Regiment in the Tea Clipper Public House in Knightsbridge for drinks after the parade. This Pub is about 5 minutes walk from Hyde Park.

### **DERBYSHIRE DINNER**

The Derbyshire Yeomanry Comrades Association has extended an invitation to members of the OCA and serving members of the Regiment to join them for their annual dinner on **Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014**. The dinner will be held at the Hallmark Hotel, opposite the entrance to the Railway Station, Midland Road, Derby. The evening commences 19.00 for 19.30 p.m. Tickets are a subsidised price of £22.00 each. Dress is blazer or lounge suit, medals to be worn. It is regretted that ladies are not present at Yeomanry dinners; therefore, they are not included in the invitation. However, they are invited to join the party after dinner from 2200 hours. It is hoped that as many members as possible will support the evening. If you wish to attend the dinner, please indicate this on the proforma on **page 14** and return it to reach Home Headquarters **no later than Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014**.

### **FOUNDER'S DAY – THE ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA GOVERNOR'S REVIEW – TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2014**

The Governor's Review is a full Dress Rehearsal (with Band and Fanfares etc) taking place at 11.00 am (please be seated by 10.30 am). It is open to the Public, and Association members are welcome to attend. Entry is by the Chelsea Gate (next door to National Army Museum). Seating for this parade can be booked through the Royal Hospital Events Department on 0207 881 5303 so that they can give further details, and also have some idea of how many people are likely to come.

### **100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF MONS/MÖY**

**OCA BATTLEFIELD TOUR - 27-29 AUGUST 2014 – Details enclosed – [only 33 places left](#)**

### **DETAILS**

- Cost **not to exceed** £280 per person sharing Twin/Double (£70 Single room supplement).
- Maximum capacity 70 personnel (first come first served). Deposit of £100 per person to confirm booking. Payable to **9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers – CHECK AVAILABILITY BEFORE SENDING DEPOSIT**
- Transport vehicle Executive standard coach with toilet, drinks machine, air-conditioning & DVD.
- Buzzline Travel Ltd and Trans Channel DFDS Seaways – Dover to Dunkirk return.
- Insurance – you must have travel insurance and an EHIC Card for minimum medical cover.
- Coach timings to follow.

If you wish to attend, please indicate the fact on the proforma at **page 14** then details of the arrangements will be sent to you in due course.

### **9L BAND REUNION**

The Band of the 9<sup>th</sup> Queens Royal Lancers will hold their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion at the **Monkbar Hotel, York** on **Friday, Saturday & Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014**. Anyone who is interested in attending should contact **Mr WD Haydock direct at 20 Birkdale Drive, Bury, Lancashire BL8 2SG**.  
**Tel: 0161 764 0186 or by email at [Haydockdenis@aol.com](mailto:Haydockdenis@aol.com)**



### **CANTERBURY MEMORIAL PARADE**

At 1230 hours on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014 a wreath will be laid at the 9th Lancers Memorial in the nave of the Cathedral. A short service will follow. A luncheon afterwards is arranged for those who would like to attend. The price of the luncheon will be £32.00 per person. If you wish to attend the service and luncheon, please indicate the fact on



the proforma at page 14 then details of the arrangements will be sent to you in due course.

Attendance at Canterbury has been falling off for a number of years and we are seriously considering for how long we can continue holding our service in the Cathedral. It would be a tragedy if it were to cease especially as we have two very fine memorials, one in the Cathedral and the other in the Cloisters. If you are in a position to attend we would very much like to see you there.

### **OCA GATHERING (National Arboretum)**

A Wreath laying ceremony will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, at the Regimental Memorial at the National Arboretum. All those wishing to attend are to meet at the Chapel 10.50 hrs. After the proceedings we will retire to the Royal British Legion at Alrewas for a buffet lunch.

### **FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE POPPY PLANTING CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON**



The Field of Remembrance Poppy Planting Ceremony will be held at Westminster Abbey at 1100 hours on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Last year His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh honoured us with his presence. It is hoped that as many Old Comrades as possible, who are able will attend.

#### **(ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY)**

Afterwards a luncheon will be held at the Union Jack Club at a cost of £25-00 pp. If you would like to attend, please tick the appropriate section on page 14 and return it to Home Headquarters.

**OCA CHRISTMAS LUNCH & REUNION** - Date 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014, The London Scottish Regimental HQ.

### **OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST TO OLD COMRADES – 2014**

#### **DID YOU SERVE WITH THE JUNIOR LEADERS AT BOVINGTON BETWEEN 1952-1993?**

Many ex Boy Soldiers, ex Junior Leaders and ex Junior Bandsmen along with ex Permanent Staff of all ranks are joining the Junior Leaders' Regiment, RAC, Old Boys' Association. The object of the Old Boys' Association is – "to bring together in true comradeship and friendship, those who have served in the Boys' Squadron and Leaders' Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps." For further information on how to join the Old Boys' Association and receive details of reunion, visit the website at <http://www.jlrrac.co.uk> or write to: The Secretary, JLR RAC OBA, Centurion House, Park Road West, Huddersfield HD4 5RX.

#### **DELHI SPEARMAN 2013 EDITION**

The Regimental Journal for 2013 will be ready for distribution in **May 2014**. Producing the Journal a little later than usual allows for a completed year of regimental life to be covered i.e. **January – December 2013**.

#### **CAP BADGES, LAPEL BADGES, BLAZER BADGES ETC**

Members are reminded that the Treasurer keeps a supply of cap badges, lapel badges, blazer badges and a number of other items with regimental connotations. Contact **Mr NAS Higginson, 9 Coach Drive, Hothfield, Kent, TN26 1DY** in the process of moving

## **JOURNAL 200 CLUB**

The Journal 200 Club helps to finance the Regimental Journal. The annual subscription is £6.50 per number. Quarterly draws are held for prizes of £90, £60, £30 and £15. Membership of the Journal 200 Club **does not** include the cost of the Regimental Journal.

May I appeal for your continued support. There are at present vacant numbers available, so if you do not already belong, please join this year.

### **The Journal 200 Club winners in 2013 were:**

<b><u>1<sup>st</sup></u></b>	<b><u>£90.00</u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>	<b><u>£60.00</u></b>
C Squadron	188	C Squadron	189
Major General G M G Swindells	31	Mr B J Greenham	21
Mr D A Beaumont	134	N C Wright Esq	86
Sir Richard Peek	173	Mr W Matthews	186
<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	<b><u>£30.00</u></b>	<b><u>4<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>£15.00</u></b>
Mr R Ward	35	HQ Squadron	189
Mr W D Haydock	129	Major M C Wilkinson	135
A Squadron	178	Sgts Mess	36
Major A H Bell	18	Mr M J Collins	153

## **OCA 150+ CLUB**

The Club supports Old Comrades Association funds. The annual subscription is £5.00. There are 3 draws per year (April, August and December) for prizes of £80, £50, £25 and £15.

Please support the OCA by continuing your membership.

### **The OCA 150+ Club winners in 2013 were:**

<b><u>1<sup>st</sup></u></b>	<b><u>£80.00</u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>	<b><u>£50.00</u></b>
Lieutenant Colonel J M Barrington	94	Mr J Worley	17
P R A L Baty Esq	6	Mr J A E Mawer	99
Mr P Aspinall	58	Mr J A Edmonds	107
<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	<b><u>£25.00</u></b>	<b><u>4<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>£15.00</u></b>
Mr P N Wright	175	Mr S W Harris	134
Mr E Stanley	95	Mr R H Inglis	154
Mr R C Fullilove	83	Lieutenant Colonel J M Barrington	94

## **HOME HEADQUARTERS RECORDS**

If you are moving house, please let us know, so that we can keep our records up to date.

## **ACCEPTANCES AND WEARING OF FOREIGN AWARDS**

You are reminded that the acceptance and wearing of foreign awards is subject to very strict rules. These have recently been revised in the light of the British Armed Forces' increasing involvement in operation with allies. In all circumstances the Sovereign's permission is required before a UK citizen or a member of the Armed Forces may accept or wear an order, decoration or medal offered by a foreign government. Certain awards, such as some UN Medals, have already been sanctioned by HM The Queen and may be worn by those entitled to wear them at all times. If you are in any doubt whether you are allowed to accept or wear a foreign award you should seek guidance from: Defence Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Metropole Building Northumberland Avenue, LONDON WC2N 5BL

## **WELFARE**

### **9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> ROYAL LANCERS (Prince of Wales's) CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION**

The Members of the Old Comrades Association are the eyes and ears of Home Headquarters. We rely on all of you to keep us informed about any Old Comrade or his widow or other dependants who are in need of help from the Regimental Charitable Association. Last year the Charitable Association was able to help in 45 cases when we distributed some £24810-00, but none of this would have been possible without the help of the wonderful SSAFA caseworkers who investigate all cases of hardship that we pass on to them. Their recommendations are invaluable in assessing the amount of help that should be given, and once that has been agreed by the Trustees SSAFA again make sure that the money granted is applied directly to the problem.

Please always remember that the Charitable Association was set up specifically to help Old Comrades who through no fault of their own require assistance.

## **VETERANS AGENCY**

The Veterans Agency is the focal point within the Ministry of Defence for providing information and advice on issues concern to veterans and their families via the Veterans Agency free help line service – 0800 169 2277 or email: [veterans.help@spva.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:veterans.help@spva.gsi.gov.uk)

### **Veterans Initiative**

The Government's Veterans Initiative was launched in clear recognition of the special status of those who have served in the UK Armed Forces and the unique contribution they have made to the country. It works towards a better co-ordination and communications – not only with the veterans community, but also across Government and with charities and the voluntary sector – to improve the level of services and support available for veterans and their families.

### **Who is a Veteran?**

The term 'veteran' is used to mean all those who have served in the UK Armed Forces including their widow(er)s and dependants.

### **What assistance is available?**

Veterans and their families can get help on many different issues for example health, financial, employment and accommodation. The Veterans Agency Free Helpline can also help with enquiries about service records, medals and military graves – these are just a few examples of the type of advice available. A wide range of information of interest to veterans is also available on the Veterans Agency website [www.veterans-uk.info](http://www.veterans-uk.info) including useful links to other organisations and Government Departments

### **The War Pensioners' Welfare Service**

In addition, the Veterans Agency War Pensioners' Welfare Service gives extensive advice and support to all War Pensioners and War Widow(er) s living in the UK and the Irish Republic. They also give advice and assistance to anybody who thinks they may be able to claim a War Disablement/War Widow(er) s Pension.

The Welfare Service works in close partnership with ex-Service organisations, War Pensions Committees and other voluntary groups or statutory bodies such as social services departments in delivering welfare support. They can provide a wide range of advice on:

- Help with financial and employment difficulties
- Disability needs
- Residential and nursing care
- Social contacts and everyday help

**Contact Details for the Veterans Agency:**

Free helpline: 0800169 2277  
 Overseas: 44 1253 866043  
 Free Minicom: 0800 169 3458  
 Email: [veterans.help@spva.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:veterans.help@spva.gsi.gov.uk)  
 Website: [www.veterans-uk.info](http://www.veterans-uk.info)  
 Address: Service Personnel and Veterans Agency, Norcross, Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire, FY5 3WP

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – SSAFA/FH**

SSAFA Forces Help is a leading National Service Charity, established to relieve hardship and to assist Service and ex-Service personnel and their families. They care for over 80,000 people every year.

Caseworkers, Visitors, Team Leaders, Treasurers and Fundraisers are required in many parts of the United Kingdom. The volunteers are the last line of defence for the 14 million people entitled to call on SSAFA/FH for help. They meet the ever-increasing needs of the **past** and **present** Service people and their dependants, among them an ageing Wartime Generation. SSAFA/FH offer training, all out of pocket expenses and job satisfaction. For more information contact them on 0207 403 8783 or 0845 1300 975 or write to them at 19 Queen Elizabeth Street, London SE1 2LP or visit [www.ssafa.org.uk](http://www.ssafa.org.uk).

**HAIG HOMES**

The Douglas Haig Memorial Homes Trust exists to provide housing for ex-servicemen at low rents. Rental depends on size and location varies between £45 to £90 for a three-bedroom semi detached house. There are also larger and smaller dwellings.

To get further information and to start the application process you should in the first instance contact: The Housing Officer, Haig Homes, Alban Dobson House, Green Lane, Morden, Surrey SM4 5NS. Tel: 0208 6855 777. Fax: 0208 685 5778. Website: [www.haighomes.org.uk](http://www.haighomes.org.uk). Email: [haig@haighomes.org.uk](mailto:haig@haighomes.org.uk)

Get in touch with Home Headquarters if you have difficulties contacting the Haig Housing Trust.

**EX-SERVICE HOMES REFERRAL AGENCY – ESHRA**

The service is provided for older people who served in the armed forces and their dependants. ESHRA has details of all care homes providing residential and nursing care and independent living accommodation managed by ex-Service charities and organisations as well as sheltered/retirement accommodation, if this is more appropriate for the needs of the individual. The advisers can provide guidance regarding Social Services assessments/funding; welfare benefits, service charities and other organisations that provide help for the elderly.

For further details, contact ESHRA by post to ESHRA, Royal British Legion, 199 Borough High Street, London SE1 1AA or telephone 0207 839 4466. Alternatively, you can email ESHRA: [eshra@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:eshra@britishlegion.org.uk) or visit ESHRA online at [www.eshra.com](http://www.eshra.com).



## LIFE AT THE ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

### “WHAT ME? A CHELSEA PENSIONER? GET AWAY!”

I have lost count of the number of times I hear this when talking to old soldiers. “I’d never qualify”, they say. “Didn’t you have to be in the war? A Sergeant’s Mess member? Have lots of medals?”

The answer is emphatically “No!” The Royal Hospital Chelsea was founded by Charles II towards the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century as a refuge for old soldiers and that is precisely what it is today – an oasis of calm in a busy world, a residential care home for 300 Pensioners, who go about their daily lives exactly as they would if in any other old-peoples home, but with a small military accent. Of course, this alone may be enough to put some men and women off. “I’ve done more Church Parades then you’ve had hot dinners, sonny, and I ain’t about to start that again!”

Well you can’t please everyone, but very few people realize that it is remarkably easy to apply for a berth at the Royal Hospital, that each applicant is given a chance to see it for him or herself before deciding, and that once in residence there is a huge amount on offer. Whether your interests lie in socialising, sports (nothing too strenuous!), military history, travel, music, handicrafts or gardening. The Royal Hospital Chelsea has all this on offer and more besides, and all in congenial surroundings where the accent is on informality and friendship and where experiences and freedom from worry add to the quality of life. And we are always looking for Pensioners who can bring their skills to bear in the day – to – day administration of the Royal Hospital.

Facilities (all free of charge) include full bed and board, uniform, laundry, cleaning and full-time in-house medical and nursing care. Visits from families, friends and regimental associations are encouraged and Pensioners are free to come and go as they please whether to the shops, the bookie’s (very popular) or further a field on outings and cruises.

“Too good to be true”, I hear you say. “There must be a catch”. Well no, not really. To qualify as a Chelsea Pensioner all you have to be is:

- Aged 65 or over (though exceptions may be made)
- Free from the obligation to support a family – i.e. single
- In receipt of an Army Pension or an Army Disability Pension. You Surrender this on entry to the Royal Hospital, but you keep any State and Occupational Pensions you are entitled to.

“Not such a bad deal after all”, I hear you murmur. No indeed! Interested? Then ring the Head of Administration 0207 881 5204 or visit our website [www.chelsea-pensioners.org.uk](http://www.chelsea-pensioners.org.uk) for further information.

### REGIMENTAL JOURNALS ON CD ROM

By popular demand HHQ have now had the following journals put on to CD ROM. For ease of searching, all come with their own search engine. They may be purchased from HHQ or if visiting, from the Regimental Museum at the following cost:

#### PRODUCT

A	9L & 9/12L	-	1948 – 1969	=	£31.50
B	12L & 9/12L	-	1946 – 1969	=	£31.50
C	9/12L	-	1960 – 1985	=	£31.50
D	9/12L	-	1980 – 2002	=	£31.50
E	9L & 9/12L HISTORY	-	1715 – 1985	=	£40.00
F	12L & 9/12L HISTORY	-	1715 – 1985	=	£40.00

To: HHQ 9/12L  
TA Centre, Tigers Road,  
Wigston, Leicester LE18 4UX

1. Would you please forward the following CD ROMs .....
2. I enclose a cheque for £.....payable to **Museum Trust 9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers** to cover the cost.

Name: .....(block letters please)

Address: .....

Date: .....

### **REGIMENTAL HISTORIES**

The following Regimental Histories and Historical Records are available for purchase. If you would like a copy please return the slip below to Home Headquarters enclosing the appropriate cheque or postal order payable to Museum Trust 9<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers.

1. A Short History of the 9<sup>th</sup> Queen's Royal Lancers 1715-1949  
Soft cover, 71 pages, black and white and colour plates  
£2.50 inclusive of package and postage
2. History of the XII Royal Lancers 1715-1945  
Hardback, 515 pages, black and white and colour plates.  
£7.50 inclusive of package and postage
3. A Short History of the 9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers 1960-1985  
By Major General JM Brockbank CBE MC DL  
Hardback, 139 pages, well illustrated.  
£6.50 inclusive of package and postage
4. 'One Young Soldier' (The Memoirs of a Cavalryman)  
By Major Tim Bishop  
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By Major Bruce Shand MC DL  
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By Monty Woolley

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To: HHQ 9/12L, TA Centre, Tigers Road, Wigston, Leicester LE18 4UX

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1. Would you please forward a copy of .....
2. I enclose a cheque for £.....payable to Museum Trust 9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers to cover the cost  
Name: ..... (Block letters please)  
Address: .....  
..... Post Code .....

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**9<sup>TH</sup> /12<sup>TH</sup> ROYAL LANCERS OLD COMRADES**  
**ASSOCIATION PROFORMA 2014**

**Please return to:** MAJOR P A WATSON, HOME HEADQUARTERS, 9<sup>TH</sup> /12<sup>TH</sup> ROYAL LANCERS, TA CENTRE, TIGERS ROAD, WIGSTON, LEICESTER LE18 4UX

**TO REACH HHQ BEFORE 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2013**

A remittance is enclosed for the following:		£	P
Voluntary donation to RCA	..@.. £.....		.....
<b>2013</b> Edition of Regimental journal	..@.. £10.00		.....
Journal 200 Club Annual Subscription	..@.. £ 6.50		.....
OCA 150+ Club Annual Subscription	..@.. £ 5.00		.....
		<b>TOTAL</b>	.....

**NAME** .....

**ADDRESS**.....

.....**Post Code** .....

**TEL No:** .....**Fax No:**.....**Email:**.....

**Please make cheques/postal orders payable to: 9<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers.**  
**Or if you would prefer to pay by banker's order, a Banker's Order Form is on the last page of this Newsletter.**

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DUE TO THE COST OF POSTAGE, RECEIPTS WILL **NOT** BE SENT. MEMBERS WANTING A RECEIPT ARE REQUESTED TO ENCLOSE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.  
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IF YOU HOPE TO ATTEND AND **WISH TO RECEIVE DETAILS** OF ONE OR MORE OF THE REUNIONS LISTED BELOW - **PLEASE TICK OPPOSITE THE APPROPRIATE EVENT(s)**

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|---------------------|---|-------|
| <b>26 APRIL</b>     | <b>DERBYSHIRE YEOMANRY DINNER</b>                               | ..... |
| <b>27-29 AUGUST</b> | <b>MONS MOY BATTLEFIELD TOUR (100<sup>th</sup> anniversary)</b> |       |
| .....               |   |       |
| <b>21 SEPTEMBER</b> | <b>CANTERBURY MEMORIAL SERVICE &amp; LUNCHEON</b>               | ..... |
| <b>4 NOVEMBER</b>   | <b>OCA GATHERING, ARBORETUM</b>                                 | ..... |
| <b>6 NOVEMBER</b>   | <b>FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE &amp; LUNCHEON</b>              | ..... |
| <b>5 DECEMBER</b>   | <b>LONDON REUNION CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON</b>                        | ..... |

**NAME:** ..... **(BLOCK LETTERS) PLEASE)**



**TO REACH HHQ BY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

To: Regimental Secretary  
Home Headquarters  
9th/12th Royal Lancers  
TA Centre, Tigers Road  
Wigston, Leicester  
LE18 4UX

**REGIMENTAL MUSEUM DAY**  
**DERBY MUSEUM - SATURDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH, 2014**

1. I shall be attending the Regimental Museum Day on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014.
2. I will be accompanied by:
3. I would like ..... luncheon ticket(s) @ £9.50 each and enclose my cheque (payable to **Museum Trust 9<sup>th</sup>//12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers** to cover the cost.

NAME: .....  
(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

ADDRESS: .....

.....Post Code: .....

Tel No: .....



**TO REACH HHQ BY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014**

To: Major P A Watson  
Home Headquarters  
9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers  
TA Centre, Tigers Road  
Wigston  
Leicester LE18 4UX

**OCA ANNUAL DINNER TO BE HELD AT  
THE LONDON SCOTTISH REGIMENT HQ. 95 HORSEFERRY ROAD, WESTMINSTER SW1P2DX  
SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014**

1. I shall be attending the OCA Annual Dinner on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014.
2. I will be accompanied by:  
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3. I enclose my cheque for £.....@ £18.00 each (payable to 9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers)  
to cover the cost of .....ticket(s)

Name: ..... (Block letters please)

Address: .....  
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Date: .....

**STAFF-IN-CONFIDENCE**  
(When Completed)

**Questionnaire**

Regiment: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**MILITARY SERVICE**

Have any of your forebears served in the Armed Forces and in particular in

9L 12L 22L 27L 9/12L? Who and where? \_\_\_\_\_

Honours and Awards (with dates): \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you join the Army? \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you serve in the Ranks? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you do your Officer training? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Commissioning: \_\_\_\_\_

Which Regiment were you commissioned into? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you do your basic training? \_\_\_\_\_

When and where did you join the Regiment? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you transfer to another Regiment? \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Rank attained during service in the Regiment: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Rank attained in the Army (and in what appointment): \_\_\_\_\_

Brief outline of service career (with dates) in particular what Regimental appointments you held and which Squadrons you served in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Regimental Sports & Games (did you represent the Regiment at any time?) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Any other achievements or anecdotes? \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

**CIVILIAN CAREER**

Date and Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Schools (with dates): \_\_\_\_\_

University (with dates): \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Brief outline of career outside the Army:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**(Attach CV if you find this easier)**



## **NOTES FOR OFFICERS AND PAST OFFICERS**

### **THE LEICESTER & DERBYSHIRE YEOMANRY CUP FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

An invitation from the B (LDY) Sqn RY has been extended to past and present members of 9/12L to join them in their private box at Leicester Race Course on **Friday 7<sup>TH</sup> March 2014**, first race at 2.10pm. The cost, which will include a buffet luncheon, entrance to the Members enclosure and free car parking is **£36.00**. The race course gates and a cash bar will be open from 12.15pm with the buffet lunch from 1.00pm. For full details you can contact the organizer, Major Luke Smith TD **by 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**, on [lukesmith967@btinternet.com](mailto:lukesmith967@btinternet.com) Tel: 01509 413 141

### **THE GRAND MILITARY GOLD CUP FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

Please note that this is the 151<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Military Gold Cup at Sandown. Information regarding discounted tickets from the Regimental Secretary.

### **OFFICERS' LUNCHEON - SUNDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014**

Luncheon for officers, past officers and friends will be held at the Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, London W1J 7PX after the Combined Cavalry Memorial Parade. Please contact HHQ for an application proforma and costs of luncheon.

### **OFFICERS' DINNER**

The Officer's Dinner this year will be held in February 2015, the provisional date to save in your diaries is 26<sup>th</sup> February – confirmation will go out with the Regimental Journal.

**9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> ROYAL LANCERS OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION**

**To: Regimental Secretary, 9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers OCA**

**I (Name) .....No: .....Rank.....Regt.....**

**wish to become a member of the 9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers OCA.**

**My home address for correspondence is:**

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**Post Code:.....Telephone No:.....Fax No:.....**

**Email:.....**

**Date: ..... Signature: .....**

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**RECORD OF SERVICE**

**Joined Regiment (Location and Date):.....**

**Countries served in:.....**

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**Medals/Decorations:.....**

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**Squadron:.....**

**Date of Release:.....**

**Additional Information:.....**

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**Date:..... Signature:.....**

This information will be held on archive at Home Headquarters and may be used in assisting in the maintenance of contact between members of the Association. I will inform Home Headquarters of future changes of address.



I understand that the details on this form may be passed to Branch Secretaries and that my contact details may be given to other Association Members on request.

**BANKER'S ORDER FORM**

**To: The Manager** (insert the name and address of your bank)

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**Pay to:** Royal Bank of Scotland Plc, Holts Branch, Lawrie House,  
Victoria Road, Farnborough, Hants GU14 7NR for credit to:

**9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> ROYAL LANCERS OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION**

**Account No: 14839518 Sort Code 16 19 26**

**Now and hereafter ANNUALLY on 1<sup>st</sup> January the sum of ..... (Please insert amount)**

**Date:** .....

**Signature:** .....

**Account No:** .....

**Name**.....(Block letters please)

**Address:**.....

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Please return the completed form to HHQ 9/12L, TA Centre, Tigers Road, Wigston, Leicester LE18 4UX.

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF MONS/MÖY  
OCA BATTLEFIELD TOUR - 27-29 AUGUST 2014**

**DETAILS**

- Cost **not to exceed** £280 per person sharing Twin/Double (£70 Single room supplement).
- Maximum capacity 70 personnel (first come first served). Deposit of £100 per person to confirm booking. Payable to **9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers**.
- Transport vehicle Executive standard coach with toilet, drinks machine, air-conditioning & DVD.
- Buzzline Travel Ltd and Trans Channel DFDS Seaways – Dover to Dunkirk return.
- Insurance – you must have travel insurance and an EHIC Card for minimum medical cover.
- Coach timings to follow.

**ACCOMMODATION AND FEEDING**

- 27<sup>th</sup> Aug: Ibis Saint Quentin Basilique Hotel, Saint Quentin, Dinner at the Hotel.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Aug: Best Western Flanders Lodge, Ypres, 28<sup>th</sup> Aug: Breakfast at the Hotel (hot/cold buffet).
- 29<sup>th</sup> Aug: Breakfast at the Best Western Flanders Lodge (cold buffet).

**PROVISIONAL ITINERARY**

**Day 1: Wed. 27th Aug 2014**

- Coach will pick up passengers at Wigston, Leicestershire and the UJC in London early enough to allow travel to Dover for the 1200 DFDS ferry to Dunkirk. (Lunch on ferry at own expense)
- Travel to the Ibis Saint Quentin Basilique Hotel via stops including:
  - Audrégnies where the 9<sup>th</sup> Queen's Royal Lancers (9L) and 4DG charged the German guns
  - Other locations TBC
- Check into hotel upon arrival at Saint Quentin, Dinner provided in the hotel, evening at leisure, and overnight in hotel.

**Day 2: Thu. 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2014 - Breakfast included in the hotel**

- Baggage will be loaded onto the coach.
- Departure at 0900 for Möy de l'Aisne for whole day of events with local authorities.
- Coach transfer from Möy de l'Aisne to Ypres.
- Check into the Best Western Flanders Lodge upon arrival in Ypres.
- Remainder of the afternoon and evening at leisure to explore the town.
- Optional attendance at the 'Last Post Ceremony' at the Menin Gate at 2000.
- Overnight in hotel.

**Day 3: Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> Aug 2014 - Breakfast included in the hotel**

- Baggage will be loaded onto the coach
- Tour will include visits to the following:
  - Menin Gate
  - St. George's Memorial Church
  - Vlamertinghe to visit the grave of VC winner Francis Octavius Grenfell, VC
  - Other locations TBC
- The coach will arrive in Dunkirk in time for the ferry at 1200 to return to Wigston via the UJC in London