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Introduction

Welcome to the RMPA Newsletter, which we produce on a monthly basis and contains news and information about the Association activities. This is your newsletter and we welcome submissions and can only include what you submit, so please send a short narrative and ideally photographs of your events and activities.

The newsletter is available on our Website and RMP related Social Media pages. It also goes out by email to members who do not use social media, so it is the ideal way to show them what the Association is up to. Should you not wish to receive a copy of it please unsubscribe using the link in the email or notify secretary@rmpa.org.uk

Photographs.

Photographs used in this Newsletter are available to view by branch and function on the RMPA website. www.rmpa.org.uk. The website is full of up-to-date information relating to all RMPA matters.

Can I request that if you are submitting photographs, please include names if possible.

Squad Photographs.

On our website we have a large archive of Squad photographs, going back as far as 1946 and we would welcome copies of any that we are missing or where the existing image is a poor quality. Please check for your squad and if we have a gap please submit a copy on the webpage link and we will add it to the collection. Ideally scan the image but if you are unable to do so photograph it and if you have names of individuals please provide them as well.

https://rmpa.org.uk/image-galleries/squad-photo-archive/

External News

Cateran Yomp 2026 – 1st Regiment Royal Military Police

Eleven members of 1st Regiment Royal Military Police recently took part in the Cateran Yomp, an arduous 54-mile challenge over the Cairngorm foothills, raising over £3300 for the Army Benevolent Fund. Both the Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major along with seven other members, completed the full 54 miles, comfortably within the 24-hour time limit. The event is a serious test of military fitness, endurance and discipline as competitors marched through bogs, crossing rivers and up over mountain summits, working well into the night braving the infamous Scottish weather.



Job Done

Royal Ascot

At the end of June members of 1st Military Police Brigade joined forces with Thames Valley Police to provide policing support to Royal Ascot. The joint team dealt carried out high profile patrolling and dealt with a wide range of incidents, including moving traffic offences, drug possession, safeguarding vulnerable children and anti-social behaviour outside the venue.





RMP & Thames Valley Police at Royal Ascot, with Rooal Family Arriving in background

AGC Annual Memorial Parade at the National Memorial Arboretum

On Tue 7th July 2026, the AGC held their annual memorial parade at the National Memorial Arboretum, with serving members from their various branches on parade, with a large contingent of RMP. They were joined by AGC Association members, family representatives of the recently fallen and members of the RMPA. One of the highlights of the day is that the marching contingent managed to keep in step to and from the AGC Memorial Plot, and given that those on parade included all ranks including officers from across the branches and RMPA members, this was no mean feat.

The event was fortunate to have glorious sunshine although slightly too hot and after the service a buffet luncheon was held in the Conference Centre. A Calendar event worth attending.



AGC Corps Corps Sergenat Major James Radcliffe briefing the troops





Stu Reilly, John Yoward, Trev Bassett and Standards from the AGC, RMPA & WRAC



The Art of Remembrance – National Memorial Arboretum

The National Memorial Arboretum officially opened 25th years ago this summer. As part of their schedule of events over the summer period (18th July – 30th August) they have a number of art based activities taking place, designed to use art to interpret complex stories with honesty and sensitivity, providing a safe space for discovery, reflection and understanding. The activities have been designed for all ages and further information can be found on the following link.

https://thenma.org.uk/what's-on/events/the-art-of-remembrance?





Family Theatre & NMA Stones of Memory

New Provost Marshal Appointment

We are pleased to be able to announce that Colonel David Dray MBE will become the 42nd Provost Marshal (Army) of the modern era (since 1861), in the rank of Brigadier, in succession to Brigadier Sarah Pringle-Smith.

Colonel David began his career as an enlisted Parachute Regiment soldier before commissioning into the Royal Military Police, rising to command at both sub-Unit and Unit level, including 110 Provost Company on Operation TELIC and 4 Regiment RMP. He has extensive operational and staff experience across key defence organisations, with operational deployments to Northern Ireland, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Sierra Leone.

Recognised for his leadership and service, he was appointed MBE in 2015 and received a Joint Commander's Commendation for his role on Operation GRITROCK.

The proposed formal handover between Provost Marshals is scheduled to take place at the Royal Hospital Chelsea RMP / RMPA parade & chapel service on the 2nd Aug 2026. Brigadier Dray will become president of our Association and we look forward to welcoming him and every success in his new role.

We also wish to thank Brigadier Sarah Pringle-Smith for her support to the Association over the last few years and wish her well with her ongoing career.

RMPA News & Updates

Trustee Roles & Responsibilities

Trustees are developing a 3 year strategy for the association, and have looked at the various roles & responsibilities to improve the day to day management of the association and the central support we provide to branches. As part of this process, we have decided that there is currently no requirement to co-opt a Vice Chair which was discussed at the previous AGM. We will continue to keep under review.

With the uplift in the number of Trustees it provides us with additional flexibility and the ability to appoint deputies to certain roles as well as creating additional areas of responsibility. We have moved away from dedicated Trustees for England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales with Trustees now allocated a number of Branches based on regions. The Regional Trustees will be responsible for engaging with their respective branches on a regular basis for updates and see how we can support them centrally.

Position	Name	Deputy
National Chair	Stuart Reilly	
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Regional Trustees		
Irene Furlong	Northern Ireland Republic of Ireland Scotland North East Branch Mounted Troop	
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Barry Shaw		Bereavements & Standard Bearers
Steve McManus	Family Engagement	

A couple of areas we wish to look at and develop further is Welfare and family engagement. With Welfare we believe this is primarily wayfinding as there are support services already in place so we need to ensure that individuals are aware of what assistance is available and how they obtain the necessary support as quickly as possible. We will be working with RHQ to carry out a gap analysis between what is currently in place and see where we can provide additional support where necessary given the limited resources we have, which will be fully aligned with the Defence Transition Referral Protocol (DTRP). We will also be looking to engage more with the families of our veterean community and encourage them to also become actively involved with the Association.

Standard Bearers

For those of you who attended this years AGM, we notified members of the changes to the Chair Tenure reducing the post from five to three years, which is now aligned with our 3 Year Strategy. The Trustees have also recently discussed and agreed to implement a tenure period for the National Standard bearer, which has been carried out by Pete Watson for the last 17 years. We have taken the decision to implement a 5 year tenure for the role, and have asked Pete to hand over to the new appointee at the next AGM. We would like to formally thank Pete for his commitment and professionalism in the role during his tenure.

We are also recruiting for a new National deputy standard bearer, after Ray Spence made the decision to stand down earlier this year. We will shortly be posting details on the application and selection process and welcome individuals to apply for the posts. Ideally we are looking at individuals with experience given the prestigious nature of the post, who are able to commit their time to the role in attending events.





Pete Watson – National Standard Bearer & Standard Bearers at NMA

Branch Standard Bearers

We have a number of Branches that currently do not have standard bearers and have struggled to recruit individuals for the role. Again we would welcome individuals to consider applying to become a branch standard bearer or a reserve, which will allow greater flexibility. Some of our existing standard bearers are ageing and unfortunately will get to the stage where they are unable to carry out the role. Experience is not necessary, as training will be provided.

Standard Bearer Training

The association subject matter expert for standards is Jeff 'Sammy' Gantschuck and we have asked him if he will look to set up a training program for standard bearers, and have allocated a budget to do so. We will update branches at a later date.

In the meantime we will canvas branches to establish what we currently have in place and look to recruit where necessary.

Blessing of the new Standard of the North Hampshire & Surrey Branch RMPA

On the 24th June 2026 at St Andrews Church in Aldershot Garrison, the new RMPA Standard for North Hampshire & Surrey Branch was blessed. The service was attended by over 60 serving personnel from 160 Provost Company and RMPA veterans, demonstrated the enduring strength and camaraderie of the Royal Military Police Association.

During the event, the former Aldershot Branch Standard was formally presented to 160 Pro Coy RMP, ensuring its continued custodianship within the Corps and preserving its legacy for future generations. The day also carried deeper meaning as it marked the 23rd anniversary of the deaths of the RMP 6, serving as a poignant reminder of sacrifice, service, and the lasting legacy of those we remember.

Our thanks go to those that organised and supported the event, ensuring it was both a fitting celebration and a respectful commemoration. A Proud and Reflective Occasion

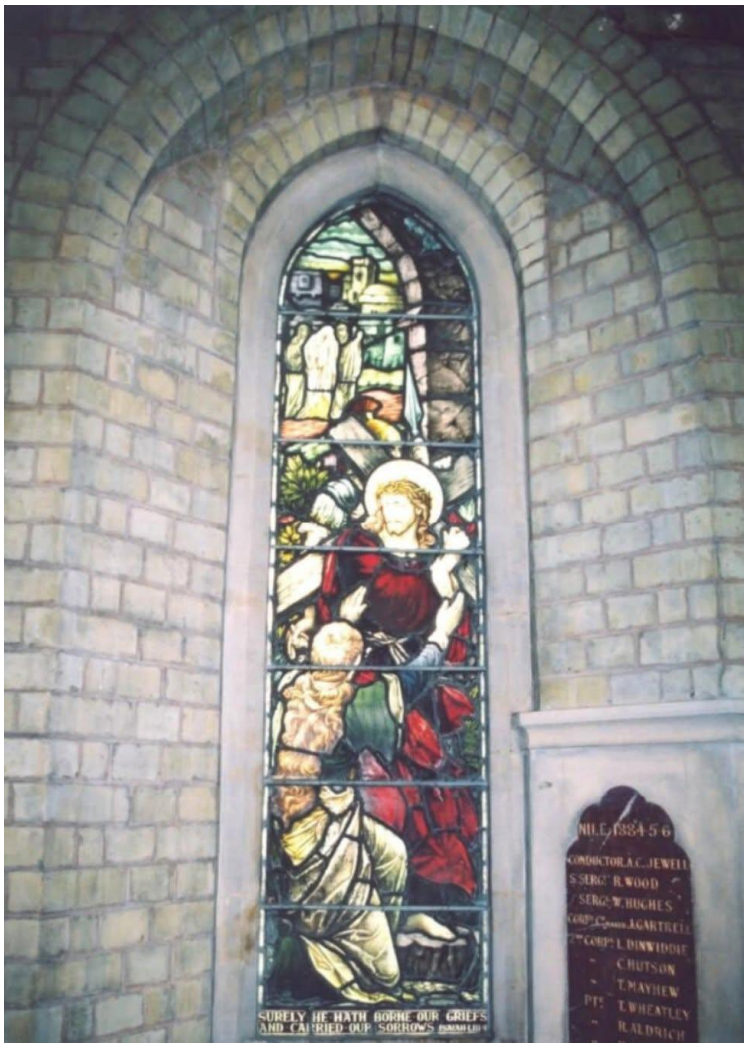


160 Pro Coy RMP & RMPA Members outside Aldershot Church

Military Police trace our presence in Aldershot back to 1855, when the Mounted Military Police was originally formed from cavalry regiments to maintain order and discipline around the Garrison. It become a permanent corps in 1877, and was renamed the Corps of Military Mounted Police (MMP). An equivalent Corps of Military Foot Police (MFP) followed in 1885.

Historically, the two Corps shared a Depot at Aldershot, trained and undertook many duties together. The Roman Catholic Cathedral Church of St Michael and St George on Queens Avenue in Aldershot is home to one of our oldest memorials for Military Police that lost their lives during the Boer War between 1899 – 1902. The Memorial includes a stained glass window a dedication brass plaque and a memorial stone listing the six NCO's that died in the campaign







Memorial Stone adjacent the stained glass window

Armed Forces Day Events

Members of the Association took part or attended various Armed Forces events across the UK and it was good to see members from 158 Pro Coy in Salisbury. Meanwhile in sunny Jersey, 84 year old Barry Gale ex CMP managed to squeeze in a small ice cream to stay cool and his old cap helped keep the sun out of his eyes .

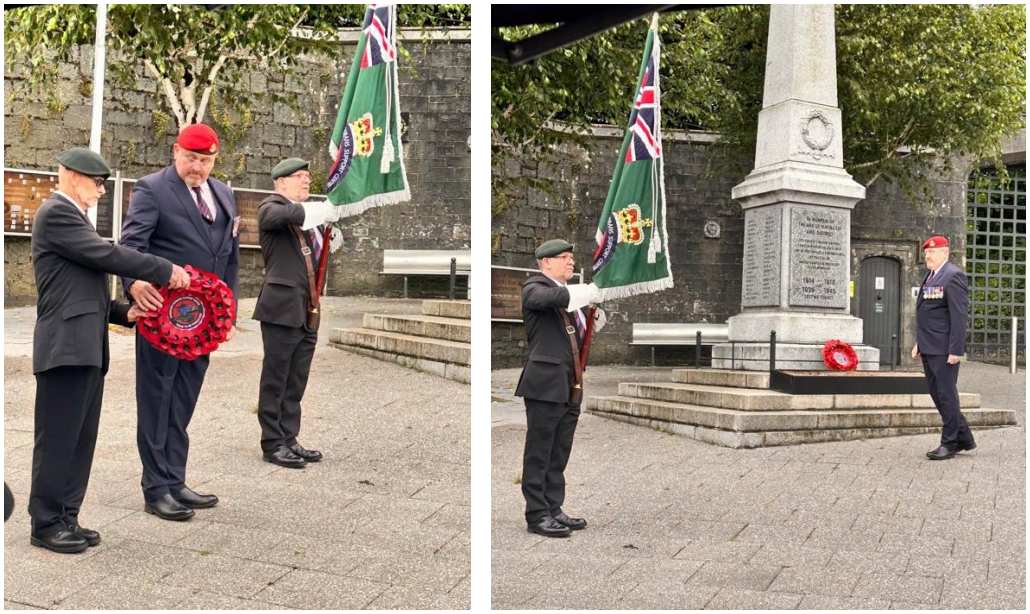




Salisbury AFD, & Nicholas O'Donnel Troy and 84 Year old Barry Gale in Jersey

Battle of the Somme Act of Remembrance

On 1st July 2026 Andy Field had the honour of taking part in the Act Of Remembrance and laying a Wreath in Remembrance of the Battle of the Somme on behalf of Tandragee Veterans Support Centre in County Armagh, Northern Ireland



Andy Field laying a wreath in remembrance of Battle of the Somme

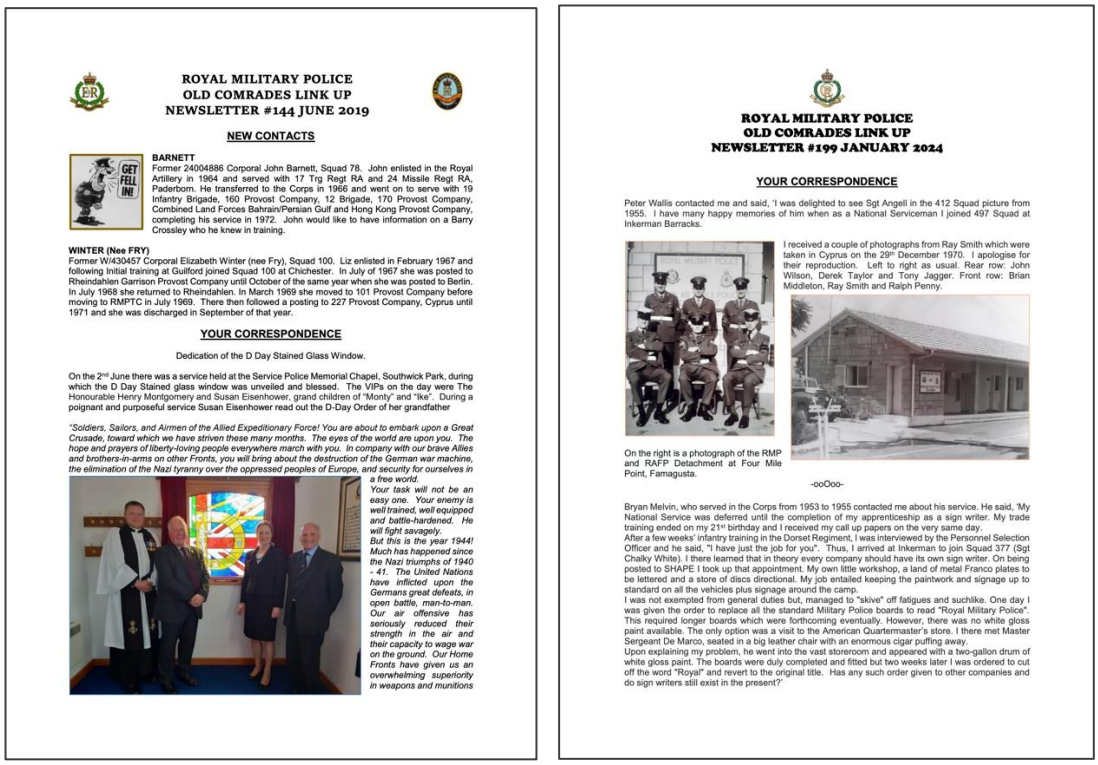
Old Comrades Link Up Newsletter



This month saw announcement by Bob Eggleton that he has unfortunately decided to no longer produce the excellent Old Comrades newsletter, which he has diligently produced on a monthly basis for over 20 years. Bob took over the OCLU from the late Derrick Palmer who was the previous link up co-ordinater for 10 years and the suggestion for the newsletter was came from the late Tony Bowdler. Since its inception, Bob has produced a total of 228 editions, which are crammed with articles and photographs from former members of the Corps. The body of work is now a valuable historical archive and copies are held by our Museum for future reference. We are also in the process of collating copies of all the newsletters, which will be made available on our Website.

Bob's decision was not taken lightly and he feels that it is now taking up too much of his detracting from other more important things in his life, family, with expanding brood of great grandchildren. He stated that he also has several other projects to complete and we wish him well with these.

On behalf of the Association we would like to thank Bob not only for his outstanding work on the newsletters but also his dedication and unwaivering commitment to the RMPA over the years.



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NEW CONTACTS

BARNETT
Former 24004886 Corporal John Barnett, Squad 78. John enlisted in the Royal Artillery in 1964 and served with 17 Trg Regt RA and 24 Missile Regt RA, Paderborn. He transferred to the Corps in 1966 and went on to serve with 19 Infantry Brigade, 160 Provost Company, 12 Brigade, 170 Provost Company, Combined Land Forces Bahrain/Persian Gulf and Hong Kong Provost Company, completing his service in 1972. John would like to have information on a Barry Crossley who he knew in training.

WINTER (Nee FRY)
Former W/430457 Corporal Elizabeth Winter (nee Fry), Squad 100. Liz enlisted in February 1967 and following Initial training at Guilford joined Squad 100 at Chichester. In July of 1967 she was posted to Rheindahlen Garrison Provost Company until October of the same year when she was posted to Berlin. In July 1968 she returned to Rheindahlen. In March 1969 she moved to 101 Provost Company before moving to RMPTC in July 1969. There then followed a posting to 227 Provost Company, Cyprus until 1971 and she was discharged in September of that year.

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

Dedication of the D Day Stained Glass Window.

On the 2nd June there was a service held at the Service Police Memorial Chapel, Southwick Park, during which the D Day Stained glass window was unveiled and blessed. The VIPs on the day were The Honourable Henry Montgomery and Susan Eisenhower, grand children of "Monty" and "Ike". During a poignant and purposeful service Susan Eisenhower read out the D-Day Order of her grandfather

"Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force! You are about to embark upon a Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hope and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of the Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944! Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940 - 41. The United Nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions

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YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

Peter Wallis contacted me and said, 'I was delighted to see Sgt Angell in the 412 Squad picture from 1955. I have many happy memories of him when as a National Serviceman I joined 497 Squad at Inkerman Barracks.

I received a couple of photographs from Ray Smith which were taken in Cyprus on the 29th December 1970. I apologise for their reproduction. Left to right as usual. Rear row: John Wilson, Derek Taylor and Tony Jagger. Front row: Brian Middleton, Ray Smith and Ralph Penny.

On the right is a photograph of the RMP and RAFP Detachment at Four Mile Point, Famagusta.

-ooOoo-

Bryan Melvin, who served in the Corps from 1953 to 1955 contacted me about his service. He said, 'My National Service was deferred until the completion of my apprenticeship as a sign writer. My trade training ended on my 21st birthday and I received my call up papers on the very same day.
After a few weeks' infantry training in the Dorset Regiment, I was interviewed by the Personnel Selection Officer and he said, "I have just the job for you". Thus, I arrived at Inkerman to join Squad 377 (Sgt Chalky White). I there learned that in theory every company should have its own sign writer. On being posted to SHAPE I took up that appointment. My own little workshop, a land of metal Franco plates to be lettered and a store of discs directional. My job entailed keeping the paintwork and signage up to standard on all the vehicles plus signage around the camp.
I was not exempted from general duties but, managed to "skive" off fatigues and suchlike. One day I was given the order to replace all the standard Military Police boards to read "Royal Military Police". This required longer boards which were forthcoming eventually. However, there was no white gloss paint available. The only option was a visit to the American Quartermaster's store. I there met Master Sergeant De Marco, seated in a big leather chair with an enormous cigar puffing away.
Upon explaining my problem, he went into the vast storeroom and appeared with a two-gallon drum of white gloss paint. The boards were duly completed and fitted but two weeks later I was ordered to cut off the word "Royal" and revert to the original title. Has any such order given to other companies and do sign writers still exist in the present?'

Copies of Old Comrades Newsletters

We would like the Old Comrades Newsletter to continue and would welcome individuals who are willing and able to take over the process to reach out to me directly and we will look at how best to continue. We have asked Bob to request those on his mailing list and points of contact for permission for his 'black book' of contacts to be passed on to us for future use and hopefully ongoing distribution of the OCLU newsletters.

Contact: secretary@rmpa.org.uk

West Yorkshire Branch RMPA Dinner Night

On Saturday 4 July 26 the West Yorkshire Branch RMPA hosted 50 guests and members at their Annual Dinner Night. Our Guest of Honour was Maj Joshua Stribling the Officer Commanding 150 Pro Coy RMP in Catterick. The event took place at the Best Western Bradford Guide Post Hotel, with guests travelling from across the UK. Another successful event for the West Yorkshire Branch and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Thanks to Sheila Paynter, Sam and Gillian Jackson, Liz Usher, Angie Wallwork and Val Giles for their hard work with the Raffle, which raised £366.

Dave Paynter comment on the event: *"I really cannot thank everyone attending enough, you all certainly make the evening the success I believe it was….and hope to see you all again next year."*



West Yorkshire Branch Annual Dinner

NI Branch Annual BBQ

On Saturday 18th July, a hungry and happy horde of members and their loved ones from the Northern Ireland Branch thoroughly enjoyed their annual Branch BBQ. Once again hosted by the Branch President Graeme Woodock and his charming wife Alison.

Attendees dined on a mix of burgers, bratwurst, chicken, and assorted selection of prize winning sausages made by accomplished butcher, Michael, who is Branch member Wendy Helliewell's son. Fortunately the recent heatwave had eased, making for a very pleasant al fresco dining experience.

Most people remained outdoors until late, although those of a more delicate disposition retreated into the conservatory for a good old chinwag! There were a couple of attendees stating it took them a couple of days to recover





Northern Ireland Branch Annual BBQ

Hameln Reunion

The weekend of 18th July, a large group of RMP veterans made their annual pilgrimage to Hameln for their reunion weekend, with the obligatory German sausage consumption and the odd glass of local beer.

A great time was had by all, if you served in Hameln why not join them next year.





Hameln Reunion with Dave Higgins & Dave 'Scouse' Godwin off duty





Dave 'Scouse' Godwin & Dave Higgins on duty & Mr Higgins Lunch

Bereavement Notifications

We generally do not list those that we have recently lost in this newsletter, as details were published in the Old Comrades publication, on RMP Gone but Not Forgotten, and on our Website '*In Memorium Page'* and in the RMP Journal. There will be occasions where individuals will be mentioned, where we feel it warranted.

RMP Gone But Not Forgotten

https://www.facebook.com/groups/155192807881784

In Memorium

https://rmpa.org.uk/news-updates/in-memorium/



RMP Gone But Not Forgotten

Bereavement – James 'Jim' Nylan



James 'Jim' Nylan

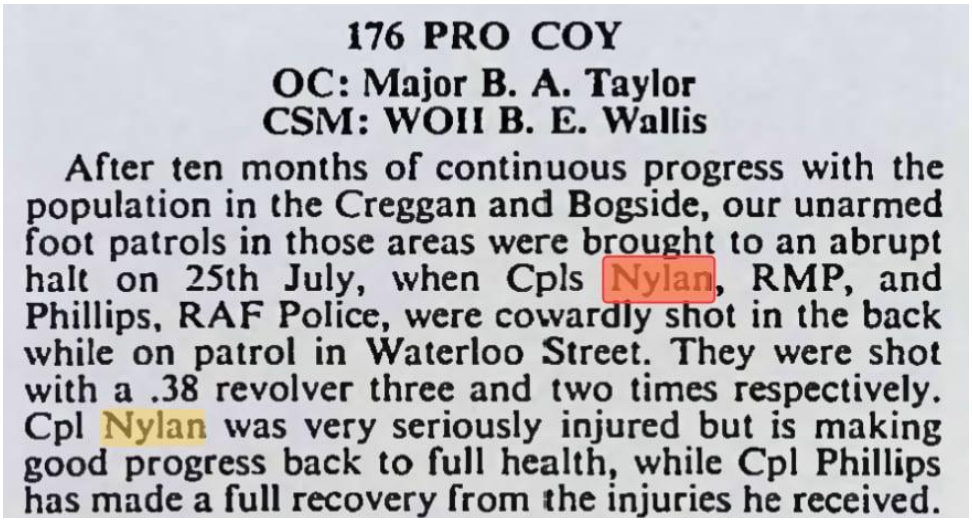
Our Association was informed of the passing of Jim Nylan on the 8th Jul 2026. Jim had been valiantly fighting cancer for a number of years and had been at home for the last three months, cared for by his three daughters Harriet, Amy & Molly, whilst receiving palliative care. He was a stalwart of the RMPA and was the West Yorkshire Branch secretary for a number of years and a vital cog in its operation.

He joined RMP in 1971, transferring from the Queens Regiment and was posted to 170 Pro Coy RMP in Edinburgh on completing his basic training at Chichester. During this posting, he was sent on an emergency six month roulement tour to Northern Ireland at the height of the troubles. On the 25th July 1973, he was carrying out an unarmed foot patrol of Waterloo Street in Londonderry with Cpl Phillips, a member of the RAF Police[1].

Both NCO's were shot in the back by IRA terrorists, who fired 5 rounds into them. As a result of the attack, Jim was seriously injured, and both fortunately survived the attack, although the wounds caused Jim ongoing medical issues throughout his life.

The attack thankfully changed the policy of RMP patrolling unarmed and without body armour. Sincere condolences go out to Jim's three daughters and his grandchildren

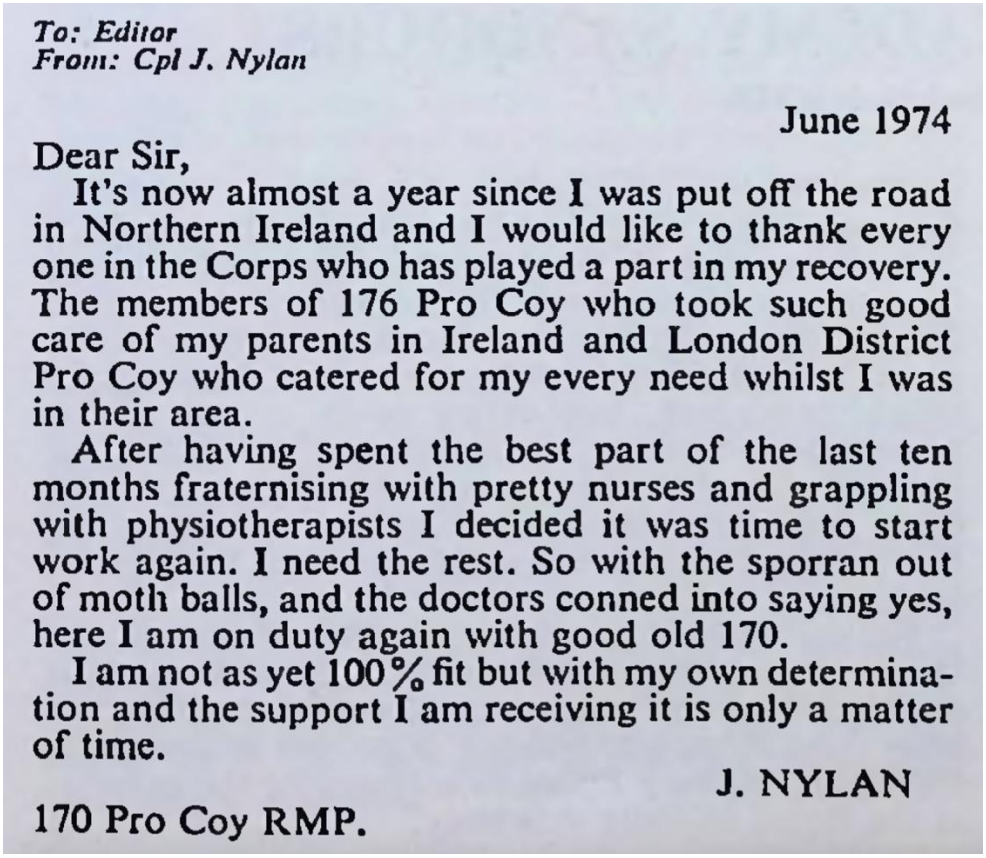
[1] At the time these were carried out in No.2 Dress uniform, as RMP were seen as a neutral police force by the Catholic community, with RMP patrolling hard line Republican areas. RAFP were attached to bolster numbers.



176 PRO COY
OC: Major B. A. Taylor
CSM: WOII B. E. Wallis

After ten months of continuous progress with the population in the Creggan and Bogside, our unarmed foot patrols in those areas were brought to an abrupt halt on 25th July, when Cpls Nylan, RMP, and Phillips, RAF Police, were cowardly shot in the back while on patrol in Waterloo Street. They were shot with a .38 revolver three and two times respectively. Cpl Nylan was very seriously injured but is making good progress back to full health, while Cpl Phillips has made a full recovery from the injuries he received.

RMP Journal – 3rd Qtr 1973



To: Editor
From: Cpl J. Nylan

June 1974

Dear Sir,

It's now almost a year since I was put off the road in Northern Ireland and I would like to thank every one in the Corps who has played a part in my recovery. The members of 176 Pro Coy who took such good care of my parents in Ireland and London District Pro Coy who catered for my every need whilst I was in their area.

After having spent the best part of the last ten months fraternising with pretty nurses and grappling with physiotherapists I decided it was time to start work again. I need the rest. So with the sporran out of moth balls, and the doctors conned into saying yes, here I am on duty again with good old 170.

I am not as yet 100% fit but with my own determination and the support I am receiving it is only a matter of time.

J. NYLAN

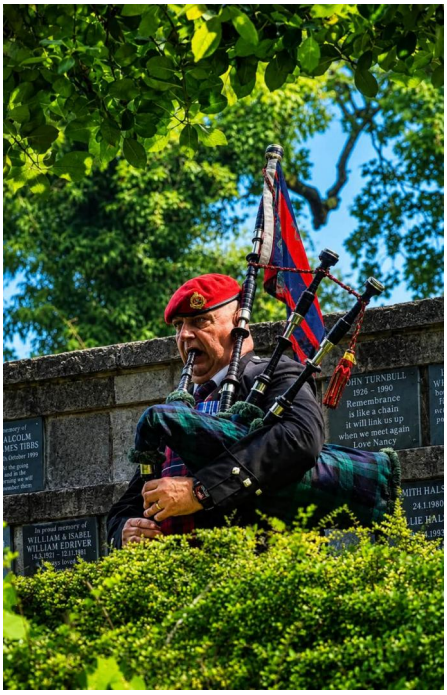
170 Pro Coy RMP.

RMP Journal – 2nd Qtr 1974

Jim's funeral took place on 21st July 2026 at Burnley Crematorium with RMP veterans attending from across the country to pay their final respects.



Jim's Final Parade





Historical Pieces

Belsen – Solving the Mystery of who is who.

One of the key things we ask people to do when submitting photographs is to annotate them where possible with the Five W's: who, what, when, where & why. This not only helps tell the story but is useful historical information. The image below without the Five W's shows a shirtless man in the back of a jeep with CMP NCO's and what looks like a cheering crowd in the background. The shirtless man is SS-Haupsturmfuehrer Josef Kramer the infamous Camp Commandant of Auschwitz-Birkenau (from 8 May 1944 to 25 November 1944) and Bergen Belsen (from December 1944 to its liberation on 15 April 1945). Commonly known as the 'Beast of Belson' and the photograph was taken shortly after the liberation of Bergen-Belson concentration camp and his arrest.



SS-Haupsturmfuehrer Josef Kramer being driven around Belsen

Lt. Colonel Richard ("Dick") Taylor commanded the 63rd Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery, which was the first British unit to enter and take control of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in April 1945. An enraged Lt. Colonel Taylor ordered Kramer dragged out of his cell He ordered his men to strip Kramer to the waist and remove his braces and his boots. Hobbling over the sharp gravel, his great fat stomach and back naked to the wind, Kramer made his way to the Jeep, which was then driven about the compound to the site of a large mass grave.

The crowds of women whom he had treated so vilely clapping and dancing and making little hoarse whispering sounds as they tried to cheer. During this time, Kramer was subjected to further physical and verbal abuse as he was dragged

We have identified Sgt George Robinson CMP as the individual towering over Kramer escorting him back to his cell having removed his boots and shirt, much to the delight of the watching inmates. The image below was taken prior to this and the identity of the NCO with glasses who is also in the Jeep image at present remains unkown.



Photograph taken shortly after the camp liberation with Kramer handed over to Sgt George Robinson CMP 12th April 1945

The scene was later described by a war correspondent who was present at the time:

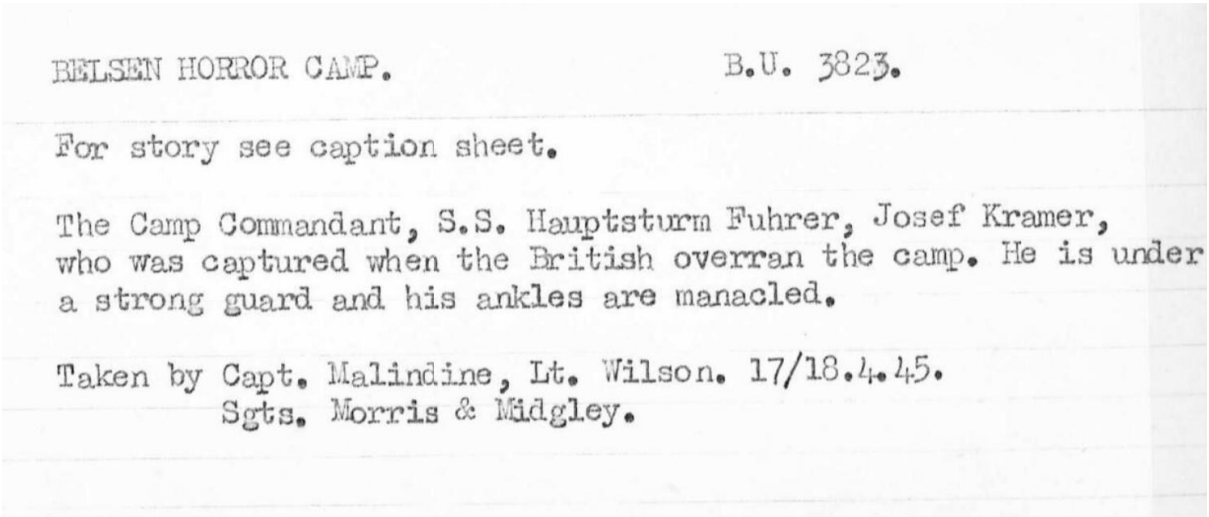
> *"He stood there, this colossus of a man, his eyes unwinking, his face expressionless. The Brigadier General Staff (BGS), VII Corps, turned a white face to the interpreter. "Tell him," he said venomously, "that when he hangs I hope he hangs slowly." The interpreter translated. Kramer was unmoved.*
>
> *The BGS turned to the military policemen and told them he would hold them personally responsible if Kramer committed suicide.*

The suicide watch order was given as a result of a number of high ranking German officers managing to commit suicide rather than face capture and trial. This was to ensure that he faced a formal military tribunal rather than escaping through suicide, to establish an undeniable, transparent judicial record of the Holocaust to expose the atrocities factually, provide a voice for survivors, and prove that following illegal orders was no defense for crimes against humanity.

There are numerous photographs of Joseph Kramer being detained, which were taken by Capt Malindine from No.5 Army Film & Photo Section. The identity of the CMP members guarding him were unfortunately not listed on the original photographs as can be seen in the image below.



Kramer being guarded by previously unidentified CMP NCO (Pte Albrow)



BELSEN HORROR CAMP. B.U. 3823.

For story see caption sheet.

The Camp Commandant, S.S. Hauptsturm Fuhrer, Josef Kramer, who was captured when the British overran the camp. He is under a strong guard and his ankles are manacled.

Taken by Capt. Malindine, Lt. Wilson. 17/18.4.45.
Sgts. Morris & Midgley.

Photograph Annotation on the reverse

A series of photographs were taken showing Kramer under CMP close escort, many of which have been subsequently published in books covering the war and appear in the Museum at Bergan-Belsen . The most famous of these shows Kramer in leg-irons shuffling along in stockinged feet, with a member of the CMP, revolver drawn, in close attendance, with another pointing a rifle at him. Like the other photographs in the series, none of the Redcaps are named.



Josef Kramer, Belsen camp commandant, photographed in leg-irons 17 April 1945



Albert Donkersloot and Edward Albrow escorting Kramer

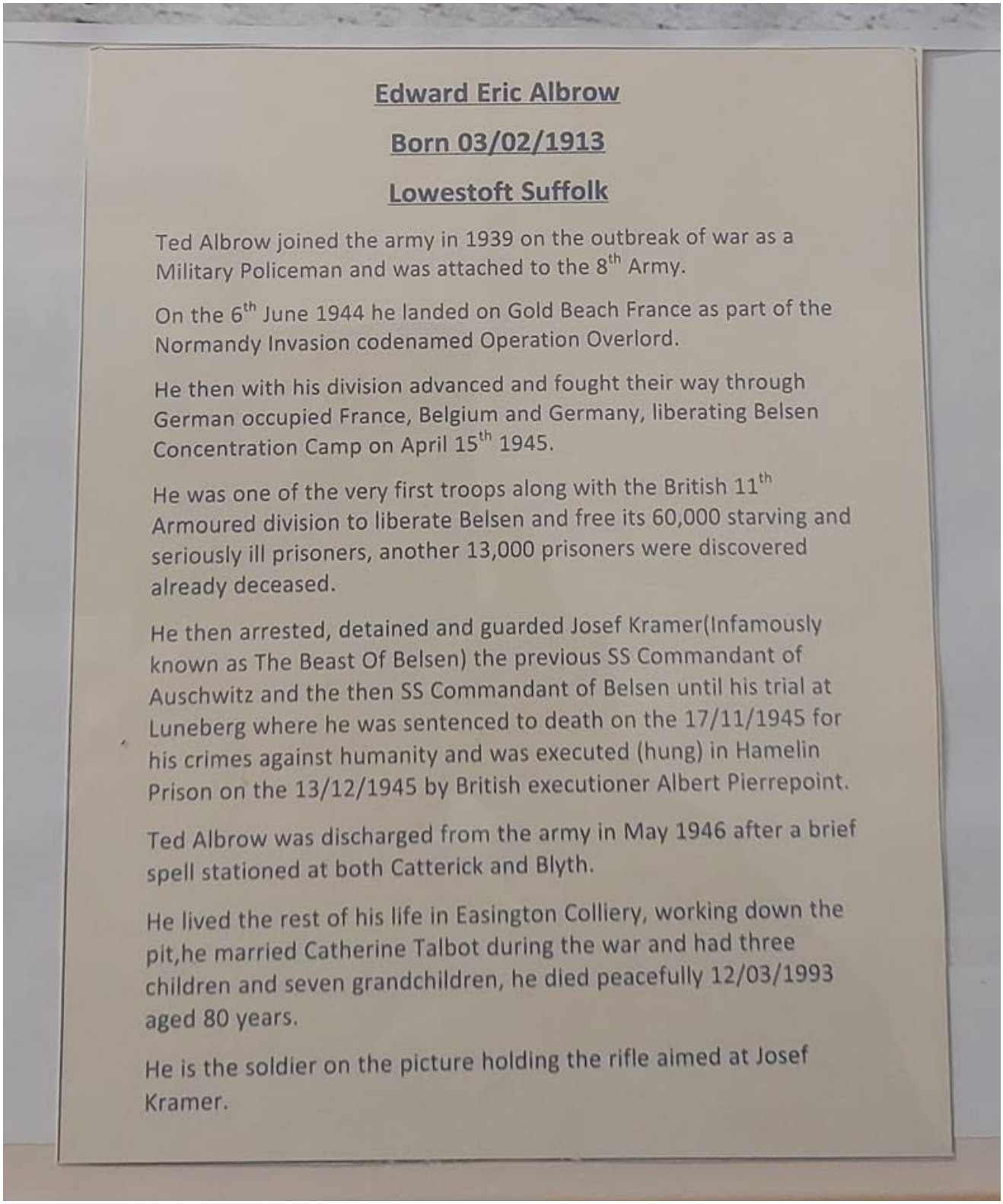
Fast forward to 2021 and the archive of 4806193 Sergeant Ernest Albert Donkersloot was found for sale online, which was purchased by the RMP Museum and now forms part of their collection. The archive contained a copy of the famous photograph and an account of the period, which has allowed a positive identification of the man with the revolver as one Ernest Donkersloot and thus a 76-year old mystery was solved.

On 17th April 1945, Ernest was posted to the Prisoner of War cage at Celle to guard former members of staff from the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp. The highest ranking of these was Allgemeine SS Hauptsturmführer Josef Kramer, the Camp's infamous Commandant.



Auction Image of Ernest Donkersloot Archive

Fast forward to 2024 and one of our members discovered a framed copy of the photograph showing Kramer under escort with a description on display in a social club, which identified the NCO pointing the rifle at Kramer was 13074319 Pte Edward Eric Albrow CMP. VP



Edward Eric Albrow

Born 03/02/1913

Lowestoft Suffolk

Ted Albrow joined the army in 1939 on the outbreak of war as a Military Policeman and was attached to the 8th Army.

On the 6th June 1944 he landed on Gold Beach France as part of the Normandy Invasion codenamed Operation Overlord.

He then with his division advanced and fought their way through German occupied France, Belgium and Germany, liberating Belsen Concentration Camp on April 15th 1945.

He was one of the very first troops along with the British 11th Armoured division to liberate Belsen and free its 60,000 starving and seriously ill prisoners, another 13,000 prisoners were discovered already deceased.

He then arrested, detained and guarded Josef Kramer(Infamously known as The Beast Of Belsen) the previous SS Commandant of Auschwitz and the then SS Commandant of Belsen until his trial at Luneberg where he was sentenced to death on the 17/11/1945 for his crimes against humanity and was executed (hung) in Hamelin Prison on the 13/12/1945 by British executioner Albert Pierrepoint.

Ted Albrow was discharged from the army in May 1946 after a brief spell stationed at both Catterick and Blyth.

He lived the rest of his life in Easington Colliery, working down the pit,he married Catherine Talbot during the war and had three children and seven grandchildren, he died peacefully 12/03/1993 aged 80 years.

He is the soldier on the picture holding the rifle aimed at Josef Kramer.

A little poetic license regarding him arresting & detaining Kramer

On 17 September 1945, a British military tribunal convened in Lüneburg, Germany, to begin the trial of Josef Kramer and 44 other former SS men, women and kapos from the Bergen-Belsen and Auschwitz concentration camps. CMP and ATS Provost were responsible for prisoner escort, security of the court room and prisoner security.





Searching witnesses and spectaors prior to entering the court





Court Room Security





Transporting prisoners to and from the Court Room





Prisoners inside the courtroom being managed by ATS and CMP NCO's

On November 17, 1945, Joseph Kramer was sentenced to death for crimes against humanity. Kramer was hanged at Hamelin Prison at 1211hrs on December 13, with 10 others by the British Hangman Albert Pierrepoint, who was assisted by 8 x CMP LCpl's, which was recorded in one of our official war diaries.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT - GERMANY

MILITARY COURT - WAR CRIMINALS

DEATH WARRANT

TO: The Director or Officer in charge of ZUCHTHAUS, HAMELIN.

WHEREAS one JOSEF KRAMER was on the seventeenth day of November One thousand nine hundred and forty five convicted by a Military Court at LUNEBERG of a war crime and sentenced by such Court to the penalty of death by judicial hanging and

WHEREAS in accordance with Army Order number 81 of 1945, such sentence has come before me for confirmation and after due consideration and in exercise of the powers conferred upon me, I have confirmed the sentence of death by judicial hanging so imposed.

NOW THEREFORE I hereby order you to execute such sentence within twenty four hours of receipt of this warrant by judicial hanging and for so doing this shall be sufficient warrant.

Upon execution of said sentence the return below will be completed and forwarded to this Headquarters (A(PS.4)).

B. L. Montgomery

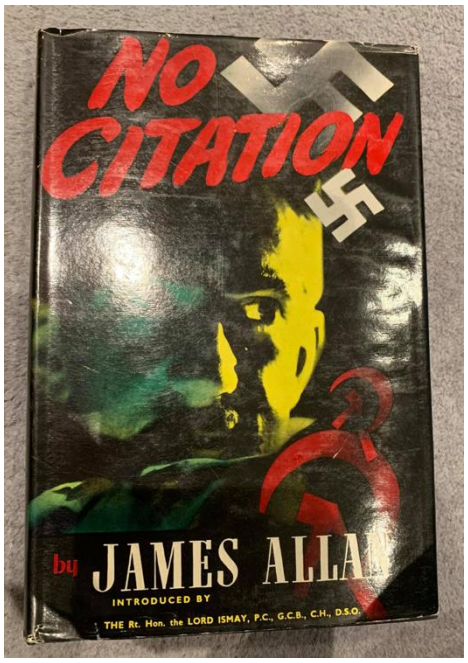
7 December 1945.
TEUTOBURG.

Field Marshal, Commander in Chief.
Confirming Authority.

Death Warrant signed by Field Marshal Montgomery

WW2 Prisoner of War James Allen DCM





James Allen after his Investiture at Buckingham Palace in Mar 1942 and his book

In our last edition we had a piece on David Bowie who was a Prisoner of War in WW2 who managed to escape from a number of POW camps. On a similar theme 2693403 LCpl James Snodgass Allan escaped from a Stalag in Poland in WW2 and was later surrendered to Russian Troops in Poland and was then detained for 13 months in six POW prisons in Moscow, where he was tortured on suspicion of being a spy. He was later released and was sunsequently awarded a DCM (*Distinguished Conduct Medal Gazette Date: 1941-12-28 Gazette Issue: 35363 Gazette Page: 6875).* He later wrote a book of his exploits called 'No Citation' copies of which can still be found for sale.

Extracts from the book were featured in the Evening Post

The Evening Post article last Friday about Russian slave camps had drawn confirmation from a person peculiarly well qualified to give it - a Bradford man who has had personal experience of Soviet prison conditions. He tells his grim story in the following interview. Dreams of the inhuman treatment torture and floggings suffered during 13 months imprisonment in the hands of the Russians during the Second World War still awakens former Lance Corporal James S Allen, DCM of the Military Police

I received a head wound near Lille on 18 May 40 and was taken to the hospital at Camiers, which on 20 May was taken over by the Germans. On 1 July, with other wounded, I was moved, in a lorry through Hesdin, Lille (2 July) and Renaix (4 July) to Loekeren (6 July), where we were packed like sardines in barges and, after 3 days reached Emmerich. We were then taken on to Dortmund. While I was there 7

Irishmen and 4 Welshmen were interviewed by a German official in the presence of an individual who bore, on the lapel of his coat, a badge with the letters IRA. None of the men interviewed subscribed to these efforts to win him over and all of them rejoined us. By this time I was convalescent and on about 16 July was taken by rail, a 4 days' journey, to Thorn (Poland), Stalag XXA. After a fortnight I was transferred to a working camp (No354) at Pischnitz (Popolaska) also known as Hoch Stublau. This camp was about 50km south east of Danzig and prisoners were employed on roadwork on a new road which is to run from Berlin to Danzig.

Although an NCO I was compelled to work, but prisoners who were unfit, at the instigation of a British Medical Officer Major Tucker, RAMC were excused from this levy. This officer did magnificent work in attending to sick prisoners, although he had little equipment and constant hindrance. By contrast at Thorn, RSM Davidson (the camp leader) and a Private Puttinger (who wore the crown of a Sergeant Major) curried favour with the Germans and were very harsh with prisoners. Similarily, CSM Dean, at the working camp, insisted on our working, to the limit of our capacity, in order to placate and win personal favour from the Camp Commandant.

The guards at both camps could be divided into two categories, those who were over 25, who treated us fairly and those who were younger and brutal. As far as I know no guard would accept a bribe. While I was a prisoner at Pischnitz (4 August - 17 September 1940) we received a parcel on 28 August, which was divided between 41 men; my portion being 12 cigarettes and half a tin of kippers. Camp rations were poor; we had two meals a day. All money and valuables were confiscated. Each man was given one blanket and all overcoats and spare clothes were taken from us.

There was no issue of soap or towels, so that we were generally lousy and filthy. The first requisite for escaping is a large scale map of the vicinity of the camp. I was able to make a copy of a map, which had been brought into the camp by some white Russians who were awaiting repatriation. Poles came into the camp and worked alongside us on the road. They did not give us any escape materials but were practically to a man, willing to help escapers. On the 17 September 1941, 20 of us were out working under one guard. We were digging up bombs, made of iron and concrete. The guard left us and we remained under the charge of a German Pole. Myself , Lance Corporal Green and Gunner Clark seized our opportunity and slipped away and, once out of sight, made off in an easterly direction. (I was wearing a Polish Uniform, Green had a Polish tunic and British army trousers and Gunner Clark was in battledress.)

Our course was Gostynin, Borazanov and Kenpa. At Kenpa I was parted from the other two as the Poles thought it better to split us up. On about 1 October 1941, I was guided by way of Sochechiev to Warsaw, where I was sheltered and looked after by the official Polish organisation. Later I was taken by train to the Russian frontier, passing through Siedlice and Nemmoijki. I crossed the river Bug in a boat, while Polish scouts kept a watch for any German patrol. I climbed over the barbed wire fence into Russia and handed myself over to the authorities within five minutes of crossing the frontier. I was searched very thoroughly and everything was taken away from me. I was put in a small cell for one night. I was taken on to another place (I did not know the name) and stayed there for 10 days in company with Polish prisoners.

The food was terrible and the conditions were extremely bad. There was no room to lie down in the cell at night. I then went to Minsk where conditions were just as bad. On the 6th January I was sent to Moscow where the conditions were better. I was in a room with 25 English and French. The food was good and cigarettes were provided. While I was at Minsk I had leant two Russian sentences. 'I must speak to the prison governor.' and 'When can I speak to the prison governor?' which I used in the Moscow prison but with no result. With me at this time were: Lovegrove, Briggs, Bateman, Boughton. We were given paper to write to England, but I did not avail myself of this opportunity as I thought the letters would not be sent. In order to force the Russians to allow us to see the Governor we went on a hunger strike for five days. On the third day of this strike I was taken away and put in a cell by myself as I was considered to be the ring-leader.

At the end of the five days my friends were moved to another room where I joined them. This was about the 6th February. Three or four days later my friends were taken away and from then on I did not know anything about them. The following day I was taken from my cell and put in another room with three Frenchmen. I stayed there until about the 25 February when I was taken out and put in a cell alone. I was there for five weeks and, at the end of the time, was beaten up by the prison guards, During this period I was perpetually interrogated and asked why I had come to Russia and also questioned concerning the Secret Police organization in England. I told them the story of my escape and asked to see the British consul. I stayed another nine weeks alone in the cell, during which time I was again beaten up.

The Russian-German war then broke out and we were taken to Capatob to a very bad prison; 10 men were packed into one small cell and there was scarcely room to stand. I stayed there until the 7th September, when the deputy governor came to my cell and brought me out. I was then placed in the first class part of the prison and given cigarettes and all the food I could eat. My clothes were washed and they made a great fuss of me.

The following morning I was taken to Moscow under escort of two Lieutenants. I stayed in the Lubianka prison for one night where I was extremely badly treated. The following morning I was taken back to my old prison, but put in a third class part where I stayed alone in a cell for three weeks.

They then came and gave me a bath, haircut etc., but refused to give me any food. They then took me before two civilians who questioned me as to my name, etc. and then told me I was free. I asked for some food and this was brought immediately. They told me the address of the British Embassy but as I did not know my way about Moscow they had to take me there in a car. They pointed out the Embassy to me and then stopped the car 300 yards away from it. I rushed straight in. During the period I was in prison I was forced to sign certain documents in Russian which, naturally, I could not understand. A revolver was used in order to persuade me to do this.

On board HMS London a full account of my experience was taken down in shorthand under instructions from either Lord Beaverbrook or Lt General Ismay, in Lord Beaverbrook's cabin. It took about two hours. I told them the story of my escape with particular emphasis on my experiences in Russia. I mentioned the name of a Pole who had helped me but was immediately warned by General Ismay that I must, on no account, mention names. (The above details were taken from the book, 'No Citation' by J Allan and published by Angus and Robertson in 1955.)

The official DCM citation was never released.

Scotland Yard & the Creation of the SIB in WW2

The following article on the history of the SIB was recently published on the British Forces & Commonwealth Facebook Group[2] regarding the formation of the SIB in early 1940.

The Special Investigation Branch (SIB) of the Royal Military Police (RMP) was created in early 1940 through the secondment of experienced civilian detectives from Scotland Yard (Metropolitan Police). This transferred professional detective expertise into the military to tackle serious crime within the armed forces.

History:

When the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) deployed to France in 1939–1940, large quantities of military stores, equipment, and supplies became vulnerable to theft, pilfering, black-market activity, and fraud by both British troops and local criminals. Embezzlement of service funds and other offences were widespread.

The War Office recognised that regular military police (provost) units lacked the specialist investigative skills needed for complex criminal cases. They turned to civilian policing expertise.

The War Office requested assistance from Scotland Yard…

Detective Chief Inspector George Hatherill (a senior Metropolitan Police officer) was sent to France to investigate the scale of the problem and recommend solutions.

Hatherill's report concluded that a dedicated unit of experienced detectives was required. He proposed creating a specialist "Investigation Unit" staffed by civilian detectives who would operate under military authority.

The Special Investigation Branch was formally established on 29 February 1940.

It became part of the Corps of Military Police and focused on the BEF in France.

A small team of 19 experienced detectives from Scotland Yard were selected and hastily assembled. They received a short period of military training at the Military Police Depot in Mytchett, Surrey.

A twentith founding member joined shortly afterwards.

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[2] https://www.facebook.com/groups/2364216161/user/100076255182685/



"YARD" MEN TO GO TO FRANCE

FOLLOWING conferences between the War Office and Scotland Yard it has been decided that selected detectives will cross to France in a few days to assist the military police in the prevention of petty thefts from the B.E.F. bases.

It is understood that they will be in the charge of Supt. C. E. Campion, of the Criminal Records Department.

With him in France will be detectives who have had similar experience and have familiarised themselves with the methods adopted by thieves in stealing from dumps and storehouses in England.

Newspaper

The detectives were seconded, but to conform with military law also had to be commissioned or enlisted into the Army. They were integrated into the military structure while retaining and applying their civilian detective skills.

Leadership:

Command was given to Detective Superintendent Clarence Campion, head of Scotland Yard's Criminal Record Office. He was commissioned into the Army as a Major. Other seconded detectives received appropriate military ranks (often as NCOs or junior officers). One early member, Frank Elliott, was later posted to Cairo, Egypt, showing rapid expansion of the SIB beyond France.

Operational Deployment:

The initial SIB unit deployed to France to investigate offences. Clarence Campion was the only SIB casualty in the BEF — he was killed by shrapnel during the Dunkirk evacuation (20 May 1940).

After Dunkirk, the SIB was placed on a permanent, full-time footing and expanded significantly. The inital secondments came from the Metropolitan Police (Scotland Yard). The 20 detectives were experienced CID/investigative officers. Scotland Yard was chosen because of its national reputation for detective work and because the War Office made a direct request to it.

While the founding group and initial expertise came overwhelmingly from the Met, the SIB quickly grew beyond this. It expanded into multiple sections deployed across the UK and all major overseas theatres (Middle East, North Africa, Italy, Northwest Europe, etc.). Subsequent investigators were drawn from serving military personnel who showed investigative aptitude and received specialist SIB training. Additional volunteers or transfers from other UK police forces (provincial/county forces contributed detectives as the branch scaled up). The Met remained influential due to its size and expertise, but the model was adopted force-wide within the RMP.

The SIB became a major specialist branch of the RMP. By the end of the war it handled complex investigations (organised theft, fraud, serious crime) across the entire British Army and worked alongside civilian police when cases crossed jurisdictions.

Key Characteristics of Police Secondment

Officers were not merely "attached" — they were commissioned or enlisted into the Army and operated under military law and discipline, while bringing civilian detective doctrine (shaped by 1930s UK policing reforms) into military investigations.

WW1 Military Police Detectives

The Military Police had detectives in World War 1 that operated as plain-clothes agents and investigators within the Military Foot Police and Military Mounted Police. They investigated military crimes, tracked deserters, and conducted covert operations against troop unrest and alleged Bolshevist agitation immediately behind the front lines. In a Corps diary from WW1 from 1916:

July 26 Detectives. Letter from AG authorising the formation of a force of detectives, 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl and 6 other ranks, with special rate of pay, men not to be finally appointed and paid until they prove their ability - circular to APM's asking for recommendations.

8 Feb 1917 Balleul Caestre. Return of Detective L/Cpl Beale to 2 Army at PM's request. He is too well known and has discovered nothing.

https://cmp.rmpa.org.uk/?cmp_record=soldier&cmp_id=10728&cmp_q=Beale

4 Jun 1917 Detective Sgt Teasdale and 3 men report for special duty in connection with enquiries as regards looting of the dead.

https://cmp.rmpa.org.uk/?cmp_record=soldier&cmp_id=1039&cmp_q=Teasdale

28 Nov 17 Detective. PM 2 Army sent Cpl Gray MFP for duty in IX corps area.

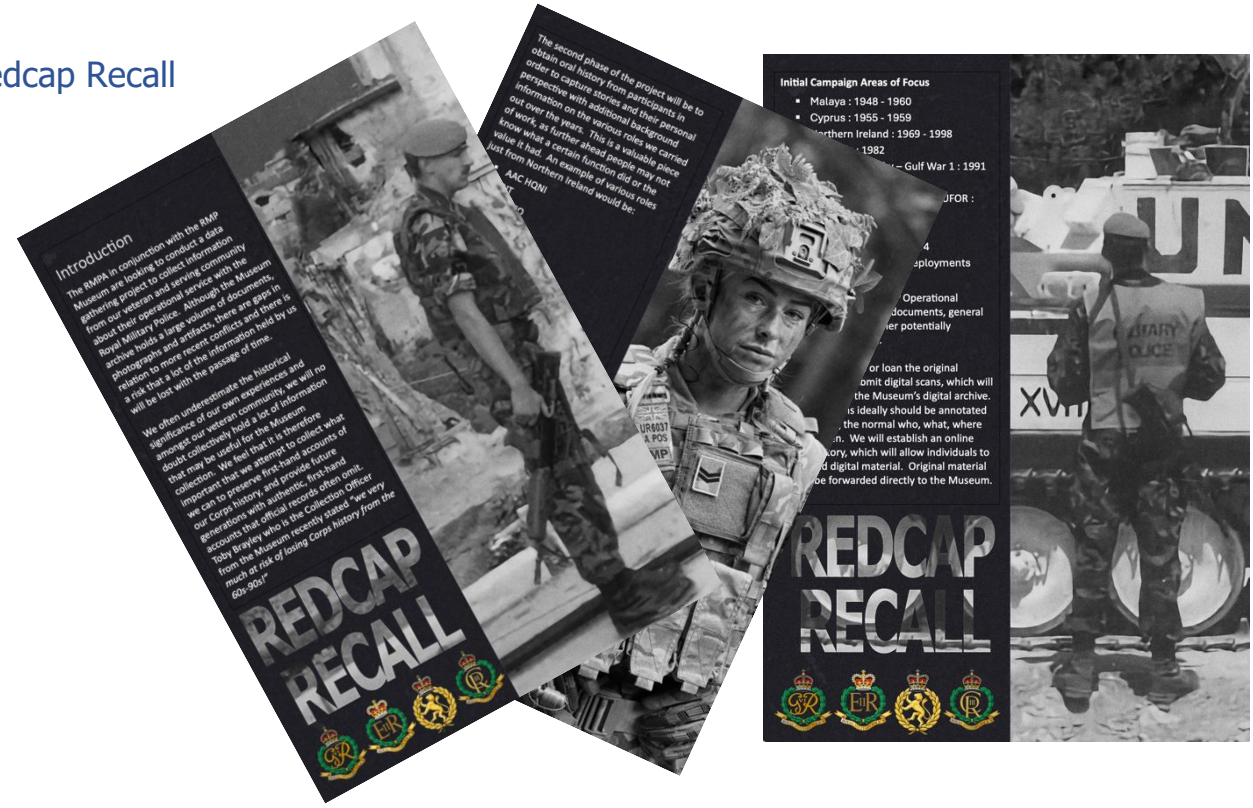
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27 April 18 Detectives. Applied to PM., GHQ. for 2 detectives.

4 May 18 Detectives. P/9992 Sergt. Stichling and p/9996 L/Cpl Greig arrived from GHQ. for detective duty

https://cmp.rmpa.org.uk/?cmp_record=soldier&cmp_id=1365&cmp_q=9992

Redcap Recall



The RMPA in conjunction with the RMP Museum are looking to conduct a data gathering project to collect information from our veteran and serving community about their operational service with the Royal Military Police. Although the Museum archive holds a large volume of documents, photographs and artifacts, there are gaps in relation to more recent conflicts and there is a risk that a lot of the information held by us will be lost with the passage of time.

We often underestimate the historical significance of our own experiences and amongst our veteran community, we will no doubt collectively hold a lot of information that may be useful for the Museum collection. We feel that it is therefore important that we attempt to collect what we can to preserve first-hand accounts of our Corps history, and provide future generations with authentic, first-hand accounts that official records often omit. Toby Brayley who is the Collection Officer from the Museum recently stated *"we very much at risk of losing Corps history from the 60s-90s!"*

Initial Campaign Areas of Focus

- Malaya : 1948 - 1960
- Cyprus : 1955 - 1959
- Northern Ireland : 1969 - 1998
- Falklands : 1982

- Operation Granby – Gulf War 1 : 1991
- Operation Grapple - Balkans/IFOR/SFOR>KFOR/EUFOR : 1992 - 1995
- Op Telic : 2003 - 2011
- Op Herrick : 2002 - 2014
- Any other Obscure Deployments

So what are we after? Operational photographs, maps, documents, general memorabilia, or other potentially historical material.

You can donate or loan the original material or submit digital scans, which will be added to the Museum's digital archive. Photographs ideally should be annotated indicating the normal who, what, where and when. We will establish an online depository, which will allow individuals to upload digital material. Original material can be forwarded directly to the Museum.

The second phase of the project will be to obtain oral history from participants in order to capture stories and their personal perspective with additional background information on the various roles we carried out over the years. This is a valuable piece of work, as further ahead people may not know what a certain function did or the value it had.

https://rmpa.org.uk/redcap-recall-introduction/

Forthcoming Events

RMPA Diary of Events. 2026 / 2027

2026			
Date / Time	**Event**	**Location**	**Further Information**
04 Jul 26	West Yorkshire Dinner	Bradford	Secretary.WestYorkshire@RMPA.org.uk
07 Jul 26	AGC Memorial Parade	NMA	https://rmpa.org.uk/agc-annual-commemorative-service/
02 Aug 26	RHC Parade	Chelsea London	secretary@rmpa.org.uk
12 Sep 26	NIVA Parade	NMA	secretary@rmpa.org.uk
19 Sep 26	Hull & East Riding Dinner Night	Hull	Secretary.HullAndEastRiding@RMPA.org.uk
9 – 11 Oct	Rats Reunion	Bromsgrove Hotel Birmingham.	Moffatandy29@gmail.com
17 Oct 26	Scotland Dinner	Edinburgh	Secretary.Scotland@rmpa.org.uk
17 Oct 26	North East Branch Dinner	Newcastle	Secretary.NorthEast@rmpa.org.uk
05 Nov 26	Opening Garden Of Remembrance	Westminster Abbey	secretary@rmpa.org.uk
07 Nov 26	RMP / MPS Memorial Parade.	Westminster Abbey Garden of Remembrance.	secretary@rmpa.org.uk
06 Nov 26	Informal Gathering Pre Remembrance	Civil Services Club London	vice.chair@rmpa.org.uk
8 Nov 26	Remembrance Parades	London	secretary@rmpa.org.uk Stuart.reilly@rmpa.org.uk

2027			
Date / Time	**Event**	**Location**	**Further Information**
2 Feb 27	Tower Of London Parade	London	Dates and Timings TBC
9th – 11th Apr 27	RMPA AGM and Reunion	Isle of Wight	Briefing document to be submitted to RMPA Trustees early July 2026
05 Jun 27	RMP Memorial Service	NMA	secretary@rmpa.org.uk
Jul 27	AGC Memorial Parade	NMA	Date TBC
Sep 27	NI Vets Parade	NMA	secretary@rmpa.org.uk
04 Nov 27	Opening Garden Of Remembrance	Westminster Abbey	secretary@rmpa.org.uk
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Event Information

Royal Hospital Chelsea Parade, Chapel Service and Luncheon – 2nd Aug



We are pleased to announce that we have been granted permission to hold a small parade and Chapel Service at the Royal Hospital Chelsea on the 2nd of Aug 2026. The event is capped at 100 for guests and those parading so we will initially cap guests at one person.

Serving cohort will be allocated 40 places and Association members 60, which is inclusive of guests. We require people to register their interest, and we will notify successful applicants sometime in May that they have places.

The event will be followed by a curry luncheon in the In-Pensioners bar, which will cost £21.95 per head.

Register at: https://rmpa.org.uk/royal-hospital-chelsea-chapel-parade/

NI Veterans Parade at the NMA – 12th Sept 2026



The Northern Ireland Veterans Association (NIVA) hold an annual Remembrance Parade at the NMA, which is attended by Veterans from All Arms. The RMPA normally has a good contingent on parade. We also felt that we should look to hold a Northern Ireland Reunion in Derby on the same day, with no specific unit just Op Banner operational service.

We will post further details later but just wanted to put the diary date out there in case you need to apply for a leave pass.

Ride to The Wall – 3rd Oct 2026

Each year on the first Saturday in October, thousands of motorcyclists make their annual pilgrimage to the Armed Forces Memorial at the Arboretum to pay tribute to those who can 'no longer ride by our side'.

To date, £1.9 m has been raised through RTTW's activities, helping to care for the Nation's year-round place to remember, and to ensure that the baton of Remembrance can be passed on to future generations.

Listen out for the sound of motorcycles returning to the Arboretum on 3 October when they will welcome RTTW 2026. I am sure that our own motorcyclists will be a part of this event.

Rats Reunion - Fri 09 Oct - Sun 11 Oct 2026

The above event will be held at the Bromsgrove Hotel, Birmingham Rd, B61 0JB. Further information can be obtained from: Moffatandy29@gmail.com All other details available on the Rats Reunion Facebook page.

Opening of the Royal British Legion (RBL) Field of Remembrance 05 November 2026

The Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey will be opened by His Majesty The King or His representative. This event is being coordinated by Peter Vorberg, the Association's National Secretary. **This is a ticketed event**.

Remembrance Weekend Pre-Event Drinks Friday 06 Nov 26

For those attending Remembrance Events in the Capital this year, London Branch of the RMPA are looking at hosting welcome drinks on the Friday evening. All are welcome if you are in London for the weekend, either attending the Field of Remembrance Service at Westminster Abbey on the Saturday morning or participating in the RBL Cenotaph Parade on the Sunday. Come and join us for a social gathering all are welcome. Further details to follow.

RMP / MPS Memorial Service Saturday 07 November 2026.

Attendance at this event is open to all serving or retired members and their families, tickets are not required, and the service begins at 1200hrs. It is recommended that you arrive at Westminster Abbey by 1130hrs in order for any security checks to be completed. Afterwards attendees normally gather at the Westminster Arms for lamp swinging and reunion type chat.

RMPA Attendance at the Cenotaph Parade 08 Nov 2026.

The RBL Remembrance Parade & Muster will take place on Sunday 8th Nov 2026. The RMPA generally receives 70 tickets, and we shall receive confirmation on numbers sometime in June.

The Association has already received 10 applications to take part this year, and we need individuals interested in attending to register their interest. We have created an online registration form on the rmpa.org.uk website, on the Calendar of events page.

Alternatively use the following link:

Cenotaph Registration. https://rmpa.org.uk/cenotaph-registration/ or request an application form from Stu Reilly. Stu.reilly@rmpa.org.uk. No one should feel excluded from attending this event if you are experiencing any problems registering, please contact me directly.

Tower of London Church Parade 07 Feb 2027

We are pleased to announce that next year we will return to the Tower of London for our annual Church Parade, which we have unfortunately had to cancel over the last two years due to repair works to the Chapel. This is a prestigious event that brings together our veteran and serving community. The day includes a small parade through the Tower of London, a church service in the Chapel and refreshments in the Yeoman Warden's bar. You can register for the event on the following link.

https://rmpa.org.uk/tower-of-london-church-parade/

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RMP Shop

The RMP Museum at Southwick Park has a small shop that sells RMP related merchandise that can be purchased directly from them. Full stock list and online ordering facilities are available at: https://rhqrmp.org/shop/RMP_Shop-server/index.php

Please note that RHQ & The Museum currently only have the one contact telephone number in place due to system upgrades. The temporary contact number is: 0331-1457 616

RMP Uniform	Cards	Miscellaneous Items
Clothing	Badges	
Prints	Tie Clips & Cufflinks	
Plaques.	Jewellery	
Books & Publications	Mugs and Coasters	

The shop is managed by Mrs Pauline Bailey who can be contacted on the following email shop@rhqrmp.org.

RMP Journal

The RMP Journal is published three times a year (April, August, and December) and is packed with a diverse range of articles. The publication, providing updates on regimental news from Provost Companies, historical articles, and RMPA events and is available in both print and digital formats.

> **Annual Print Subscription:** Approximately £15.00 per year via RHQ. Contact Clare Kelly-White at pa@rhqrmp.org to subscribe.
>
> **Single Issue:** Available for £3.00 via the RMP Shop.
>
> **Online Access:** A digital version is also available.

We recommend readers subscribe to the Journal which is an invaluable read

RMP Journal Digital Archive

Copies of the RMP Journal from 1950 – 2023 have been digitised and are available on the RMPA website.

https://rmpa.org.uk/members-area/corps-journals/

RMPA Merchandise

Blazer Badges

Adding onto our merchandise list we are currently in the process of producing new gold braid blazer badges, for ERII, CIII and the Association Emblem, which are shown in the image below. These will be available from our website and will retail at £14.50 plus P&P. These will hopefully be available early August.



Commemorative Coins

We have still have a number of commemorative coins available that we commissioned to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Royal Prefix being granted and the centenary of the amalgamation of the Military Foot Police and the Mounted Military Police to form the Corps of Military Police. The coins can be purchased separately or with presentation boxes



We also have RMPA Ties & Scarves available with the prices recently reduced, so grab a bargain.

RMP 2026 Poppy Pin

The association will be producing a new style poppy pin for this year's Remembrance activities, which will are available to purchase from our website.

https://rmpa.org.uk/2026-rmp-poppy-pin/

The pins will be 32mm x 25mm and similar standard as last year's pin, which is shown below. The design unfortunately cannot feature cap badges, due to MOD copyright. Proceeds from the sale of the pins will go to the RMPA & CBF and helps support the work we do.



2026 Poppy Pin Design