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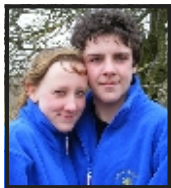
In Feb 2008 Col **Paul Denny**, after 50 years of loyal uniformed service, handed over as Commandant to Lt Col **Kelvin Ives** who was promoted to Col. In turn he handed over to Maj **Bob West TD**, who was promoted to Lt Col.

Dining Out

A Mar 2008 most successful Officers' Training Weekend included a Dinner at the Joint Norfolk/Suffolk Weekend Training Centre in Thetford when Col **Paul Denny** was Dined Out. The guests were: The Right Honourable **Lord Tollemache** KStJ JP, HM Lord Lieutenant for Suffolk; Maj Gen **Tony Pollard** CB CBE DL; Cols **James Aldous** OBE; **Chris Burrell-Saward**; **Julian Lacey** CBE, Secretary Reserve Forces and Cadets Association East Anglia; **Paul Long** OBE, our Suffolk ACF Hon Col; Mr **James Servaes** DL; Mr **Sam Wilson** DL and Lt Col **Mike Smye**.

Cross Country 2008

We again provided 2 runners for Eastern Region at the National Cross Country Championships at Warcop, Cumbria in March 2008: LCpl **Libby Kelly**, A Coy and Cdt **Lee Lockwood**, C Coy. In grueling conditions, they were placed, respectively, 4th and 22nd out of 60 runners in their groups, ensuring Eastern Region yet again were declared 'Overall Champions'.



Presentations

The Right Honourable **Lord Tollemache** KStJ JP, HM Lord Lieutenant for Suffolk, presented awards to members of Suffolk Reserve Forces and Cdts at the TA Centre in Ipswich in Mar 2008. SSI **Roger Austin**, C Coy, received his Cadet Medal, awarded for 12 years of exemplary service. Cadets, selected from the Sea Cadet Corps, ACF, CCF and the ATC, who have achieved exceptional results in training proficiency, bearing and turnout, were appointed as Lord Lieutenant's Cadets for 2008 and received badges, which they will proudly wear on their uniform, and certificates. Cdt Coy CSM **Luke Underdown**, B Coy, was selected to represent SACF, since promoted to Cdt RSM.



Farewell to :

SSIs **Nick Wiseman**, A Coy, on transfer to Norfolk ACF; **Glyn Bown**, **Danny Bayford**, **Mark Hazell** and **Michaela Welham**, C Coy.

Welcome

back Lt **Glen Page** to C Coy and SSI **S Gallagher** to B Coy. SI **K Joynes**, on transfer from Sussex ACF to C Coy; .

Congratulations to :

Cpl **Lauren Stoddart**, C Coy, on being awarded a BTEC Merit.

SMI (Retd) **Ralph Bianco** on his presentation, by the E Region Sports Ctee, of a framed set of military cigarette cards in recognition of his sterling service to Eastern Region Athletics over many years.

Southwold Det on collecting £800 and A Coy collecting £500 for SSAFA. At the Sat 5 Jul Suffolk ACF evening Reception in Lowestoft they presented the £1300 cheque and, for the 2nd year running, receive the SSAFA Trophy for raising the most money.

The **SACF County 'Headshed'**, the Camp Trg Team presenters and all attending the most successful Sennybridge 08 Camp Briefing Weekend at the WETC Croxton Sat 14 - Sun 15 Jun. The briefings were magnificent and the bonding through the inter-unit and Mess Sat evening competitions of 'Volleyball and Archery' and 'Pub Quiz' (for which special thanks to CEO Maj **Bob Potter** MBE) will ensure a 'Good Camp'.

Camp 2008

We deploy in Aug on our 2-week annual camp to Sennybridge, Wales. The Training Coys are named after Suffolk Regt Battle Honours: Arras, Gaza and Mons. A vast range of activities are planned: Adventurous Training, Assault Course, Brecon Beacons Expeditions, Canoeing, Caving, Fieldcraft, First Aid, Initiative Tests, Military Training, Mountain Biking, Orienteering, Paintballing, Rock Climbing, Sailing, Sports, Survival Techniques, Target Rifle Shooting and 'Cultural visits'. We will also welcome a squad from Baytown, Texas. For £75 all-found it must be the best bargain this summer !



Appointments and Promotions 2008

Capt **James Preston** OC C Coy wef 1 Jul 08; 2 Lt **Rob Simpkin**, Mildenhall Det, on commissioning; SI **Jerry Ballam**, B Coy; SSIs **Mark Cummings**, A Coy; **Jason Wade**, B Coy, and **Ian Partridge**, C Coy, on promotion. In Oct 08 the following postings will occur: Maj **Andy Smith** from OC A Coy to Cty HQ as Cty Training Offr; Maj **Glyn French** TD (3 R Anglian dual commission) as Sen Cdt Trg Offr;

Capt **Cathy Bradshaw** from Cty HQ as OC A Coy; Lt **Ted Warren** from Cty HQ as Trg Offr A Coy; Maj **Terry Thacker** (ex-Norfolk ACF) as OC B Coy; Maj **Brian Lawn** JP from OC B Coy to B Coy Staff Offr; Lt **Nick Binks** from Cty HQ as Trg Offr C Coy.

Obituaries

Sadly, we report the death of Sgt **John Hunns** in Feb 2008, aged 70, after a long illness, bravely borne. A former Suffolk soldier, he then served with HQ 6 R Anglian and the Home Service Force in Bury St Edmunds, regularly attending Suffolk ACF camps. Also, Mrs **Jenny Hammond** of Felixstowe, aged 51, died in Feb 2008, after a short but tragic illness. The wife of Falklands Veteran, SI **Mick Hammond**, they had been married for 19 years and had 2 sons, Tom 18 and Ben 10. Jenny regularly assisted at the Felixstowe Detachment and was well loved by all who knew her. The funeral, conducted by our Padre **David Flower** RACHD, was attended by dozens of former and serving Cadets and Adults.

Colonel's Cup 2008

A hotly contested competition was held on the Stanford Trg Area in Feb to select the SACF team for the District 'Combat Cadet' Competition. Team A1 were the winners, aided by 'Fluffy', above. The team was: Cpl **John King** (Wattisham), LBdrs **Josh Row & Matt Tate** (BStE), LCpls **Libby Kelly** (Haverhill), **Owen Pick**, **Emily Simpkin & Ryan Ward** (Mildenhall), **James Cobbold** (Stowmarket), Cdt **James Baxter** (Ixworth).



Coy highlights

A Coy 'presented umbrellas', forming the word 'Blue' at RAF Honington to mark the 50th Anniversary of the 'Blue Peter' TV programme. At Framlingham the word 'Peter' and in E Sussex the logo was displayed.

B Coy Beccles Det paraded 18 Cadets and Adults for the re-dedication of the War Memorial and the addition of the name of LCpl George Davey who died in Afghanistan in May 2007 while serving with 1 R Anglian.

C Coy again performed with mastery at the Suffolk Show and were presented with £719 by Willis Associates after their 'Dress Down Day' in Ipswich for team kit, tents, maps and compasses at Camp Sennybridge for Bronze and Silver DofE Expeditions.