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INTRODUCTION BY THE HONORARY COLONEL COLONEL THE LORD HAWKE, TD

For Members of the Association, 2000 will be marked by the sudden death in July of Colonel The Viscount Leverhulme. Details of his service to the Cheshire Yeomanry are recorded on page 5, but for approaching 60 years his loyalty, and support in all its forms, to the Regiment and to the Association was unequalled. I do not recall any Cheshire Yeomanry event at which he was not present and only last spring he attended three different Yeomanry reunions followed by hosting the annual garden party at Thornton Manor on 25th June, at which he appeared in very fine form, but not 10 days before his very sad death. A true Cheshire Yeoman whose loss will be felt by all.

For the Squadron, 2000 was a year of consolidation following the re-organisation into the RMLY and all the changes that had taken place the previous year. As will be read in the Squadron's Report by Capt. Ledsham, they had an exceptionally full and busy year, the highlight being Annual Camp in the Ardennes in Belgium, close to the Luxembourg border. I visited the Squadron and despite almost continuous rain for the preceding five days they were doing exceptionally well in surviving and practising their essential crew skills and living and training in the field.

The RMLY's role is to provide trained crewmen for Challenger 2 regiments. The re-organisation and new role means that the Regiment has 'started from scratch' in learning their new skills but during 2000 forty Crewman trained as Gunners/Loaders. The emphasis in 2001 is individual crewmen training with groups going on courses in Germany and the United Kingdom with the objective that all members of the Regiment up to the rank of Corporal will do a gunnery course in 2001. There will be no Regimental camp which will be a loss but with a complex new role to be mastered quickly this is the only practical solution.

Trained reservists, with the Army's current manpower shortages, are increasingly important to the Regular Army. This has resulted in requests for members of the Regiment to serve with the Regular Army on the basis of full time reserve service for periods of 3 months or more. The RMLY currently have 17 serving on this basis and they do of course then bring back to the Regiment huge expertise which benefits all. Our Squadron currently have two away with two to go this year, probably to Cyprus and Bosnia.

In the best traditions of the Yeomanry it is certainly not 'all work and no play'. The Regiment was strongly represented at the Yeomanry Skiing Championship in Switzerland and in the summer entered two teams for the RAC Sailing Regatta on the Isle of Wight. Team A won the overall regatta - the Gold Cup and Yeomanry Trophy now residing at RHQ.

The Cheshire Yeomanry and Association have a very significant input into the Cheshire Military Museum. Last year was a major year for fund raising with a view to re-organising and upgrading the Museum. Rather than have Regimental displays in individual areas, much more emphasis will be placed on telling the story of all the Soldiers of Cheshire over the last 300 years. To fund the work £150,000 was raised locally and in addition a Lottery Grant of £362,000 has been received. Work has started and the Museum is now closed until Easter when it will re-open with the work being finished in the summer.

ASSOCIATION AND BENEVOLENT FUND REPORT

MAJOR J. D. BALDWIN, TD DL

Association Chairman

There have been two notable events in the past year: the death of Viscount Leverhulme on 4th July and the formation of a new Branch of the Association for those who served in 'C' Squadron in the Queen's Own Yeomanry or Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry.

There is a summary of Lord Leverhulme's service with the Cheshire Yeomanry on the opposite page. What this does not emphasise is that by being appointed Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire at such an early age he was deprived of the chance of commanding his Regiment - something which he would have dearly loved to have done and always missed. When he presented the Guidon to 'C' Squadron QOY at The Dale in October 1971, he suggested that he should wear the uniform of Honorary Colonel but was persuaded that the presentation of a Guidon was a duty on behalf of the Sovereign, and that his Lord Lieutenant's uniform would be more appropriate.

His modesty would not allow an address at the Service of Thanksgiving for his life held in Chester Cathedral on 5th October. Nor does it allow us to give details in this Newsletter of his support for our Regiment but be assured that his love for his Yeomanry was shown in many ways, both great and small. We are all proud to have known him and it is a privilege for us to be able to refer to him as a fellow Yeoman. How poignant yet timely that we should hold our Garden Party at Thornton Manor just ten days before he died.

I should also record with great sadness the death at the age of only forty three of Major M. Brown, Squadron Commander of 80 (Cheshire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron. Mike died while on exercise at Altcar in October. We send our sincere condolences to his family.

On a positive note, I am glad to welcome a new branch to our Association for what might be called younger Yeomen, i.e. those who served in the QOY and or RMLY. Ex SSM Steve Hartley is the Chairman and the drive and enthusiasm which he brought to his service in 'C' Squadron is already evident with a full programme of events for next year. The Honorary Colonel and I attended the Branch Inaugural Dinner on 25th November.

Captain Jim Boardman retired at the last Annual General Meeting as Hon. Treasurer after 8 years during which time he ably masterminded the Association's financial affairs which have grown considerably in their complexity. We are sincerely grateful to him for all his hard work on the Association's behalf. In his place we welcome Captain David Higham, a former 'C' Squadron Adjutant, who has now assumed the role of Hon. Treasurer.

Greatly appreciated is the donation of £679 earned (and I mean earned!) for our Benevolent Fund by 'C' Squadron's five man team which took part in the sponsored Triathlon in Nantwich; an outstanding achievement. Well done and thank you!

Finally, you will see that this year we have two advertisements. We had hoped for four, but this is a start. We are very grateful to Waltons the Jewellers, Chester Racecourse and Bangor-on-Dee Races for supporting us and ask you to support them whenever you can.

THE VISCOUNT LEVERHULME KG TD
1st. July 1915 - 4th. July 2000



**Viscount Leverhulme at the Association's Garden Party
at Thornton Manor on 25th. June.**

Viscount Leverhulme was commissioned into The Regiment as a 2nd Lt in 'C' Squadron in 1938. He left England with The Regiment for Palestine in 1939 where he was appointed Assistant Adjutant and in 1941 Adjutant in the rank of Captain. Viscount Leverhulme remained with The Regiment when it was transferred to the role of a Signals Regiment and in 1942 he became 2i/c No 1 Signal Squadron. After The Regiment returned to Europe in 1944 he became a Major in command of No 2 Squadron. In 1945 The Regiment came back to the UK and Viscount Leverhulme was demobilised. On The Regiment being reformed in 1947 he was appointed Squadron Leader of 'C' Squadron which post he held until he was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire in 1949. In 1967 on the death of The Fourth Duke of Westminster Viscount Leverhulme was appointed Honorary Colonel of The Regiment which he remained until 1981. During the latter years he was also Honorary Colonel of the Queen's Own Yeomanry.

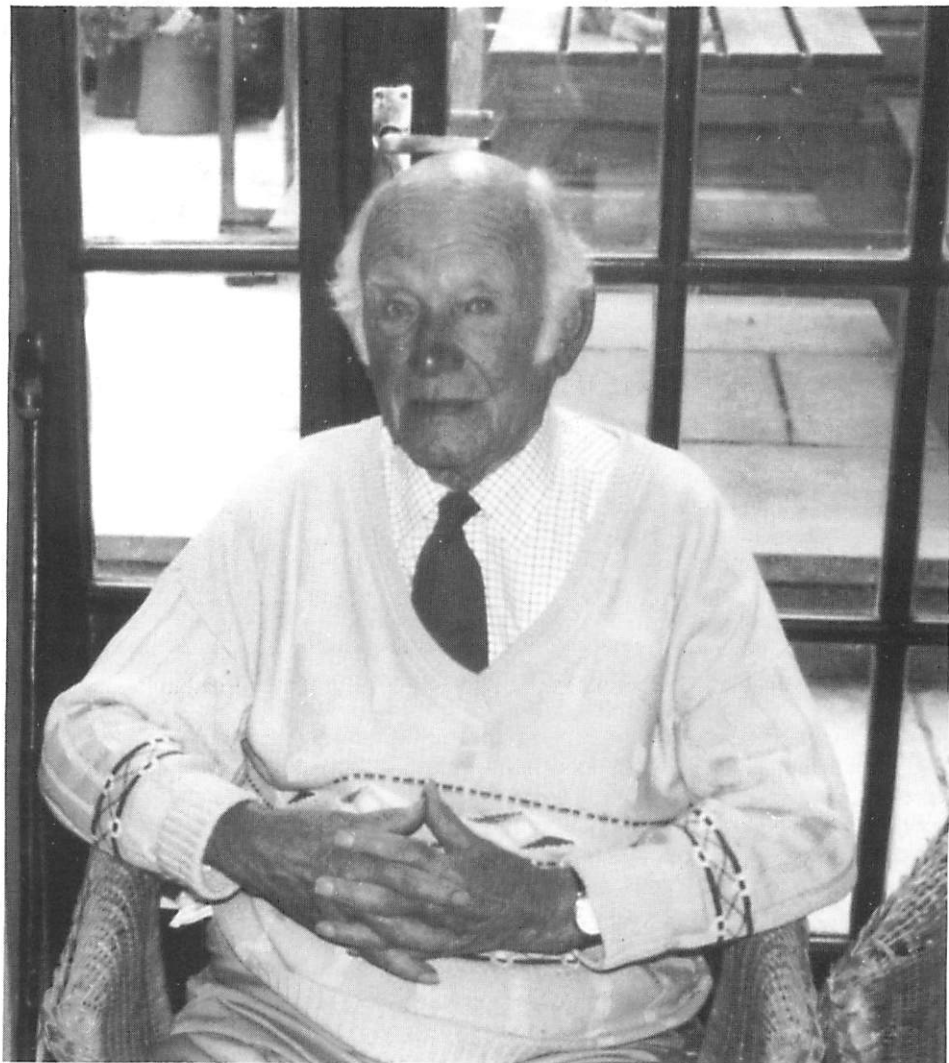
NINETY THREE AND STILL GOING STRONG

Lieut. E. Vincent Ellwood

Affectionately known as 'Vin' he recently celebrated his 93rd. birthday and still enjoys a sandwich and a beer with the Boys.

As far as is known Vin is The Regiment's oldest Old Comrade having joined the Cheshire Yeomanry 'C' Squadron as a trooper in January 1928. He became Troop Sergeant No. 3 Troop under the Command of The Hon. P. W. B. Lever who subsequently became Colonel The Viscount Leverhulme, KG. TD.

Vin we wish you well.



YOUR RACING DATES IN 2001

CHESTER RACECOURSE

(all meetings Flat racing)

01244-323170

MAY

Tuesday 8th. The Chester Vase
Wednesday 9th. The Chester Cup
Thursday 10th Ladies' Day

JUNE

Wednesday 6th. (Evening Racing)
Saturday 30th. Roman Festival

JULY

Friday 13th. (Evening Racing)
Saturday 14th.

AUGUST

Sunday 5th. Family Fun Day
Friday 31st.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1st. Ladies' Day
Wednesday 26th.

BANGOR-ON-DEE RACES

(all meetings NH racing)

01978-780323

FEBRUARY

Friday 9th.

MARCH

Wednesday 7th.
Saturday 24th.

APRIL

Saturday 21st.
Merseybeat Appeal Day

MAY

Friday 4th. Wynnstay Hunt Evening
Saturday 19th. Point to Point Final

AUGUST

Friday 3rd.
Saturday 18th.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 15th. Wrexham Race Day

OCTOBER

Saturday 13th.
Monday 29th. Countryside Day

NOVEMBER

Friday 30th.

DECEMBER

Wednesday 19th.

NEW ASSOCIATION BRANCH FORMED QOY/RMLY BRANCH CHESHIRE YEOMANRY ASSOCIATION

**PRESIDENT: THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER OBE TD DL
CHAIRMAN: S. E. HARTLEY
SECRETARY: A. GASSON**

It was realised some ago that there was a requirement for a branch of the Cheshire Yeomanry Association for those Yeomen, retired and serving, who had worn either the QOY or RMLY cap badge or both.

To this end an inaugural meeting was held at Fox Barracks on 11th. May 2000. This meeting was attended by 24 Yeomen and it was from this humble beginning that the Queen's Own Yeomanry/Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry Branch of the Cheshire Yeomanry Association was born.

Although less than one year old, the branch has gone from strength to strength. Meetings are held every three months and at the meeting held on 9th November 2000 it was reported that the membership had grown to 66 members with new applications being received almost daily.

The branch, still in its infancy, plans to have a full calendar of functions. These started with an inaugural dinner that was held at Fox Barracks on 25th. November 2000, attended by thirty plus members.

In attendance were:

Col. Lord Hawke
Col. R. G. Sparrow
Col. A. W. A. Spiegelberg
Maj. J. D. Baldwin
Capt. C. Ledsham (Serving Squadron)
SSM T. Hartley
29 other ranks

Special mention was made of the role of both Col. Sparrow and SSM 'Ted' Hartley in raising the QOY Squadron in 1971 and getting it off to a fine start.

All had a most enjoyable evening, 35 were seated at the inaugural dinner and this was considered to be a good start to the QOY/RMLY branch of the Cheshire Yeomanry Association. The hope is that next year there will be 100 seated.

Set out on the page opposite are details of events which have already been arranged for the Branch. At this stage there are no more definite dates but it is intended to hold another Stag Dinner in the Autumn. Details of this event will be confirmed when we have agreed a date which suits the Duke of Westminster's very heavy diary.

REGULAR ASSOCIATION BRANCH MEETINGS

'A' Squadron

In April or May and again in October there will be Pub lunches for members of the Squadron, and invited guests.

As in the last two years there will be a joint lunch with N. E. Area in early Winter to which ladies will be invited.

'B' & HQ Squadrons

Members of 'B' & HQ Squadrons meet the first Wednesday of January - March - May - July - September - November for an informal lunch at the Royal British Legion Club, Heath Road, Upton-by-Chester, for lunch 12 noon for 1 pm. All are cordially invited. A Xmas Lunch, to which ladies are invited, will be held in December. All will be notified of this occasion.

'C' Squadron

The Annual Luncheon is to be held at Heatherlands Restaurant, Thurstaston, Wirral during April 2001 (12 Noon for 1 pm). The actual date will be advised in due course. Members of other Squadrons will be most welcome.

North East Area

On 18th. November 2000 sixty nine Yeomen, their ladies and guests enjoyed an excellent lunch followed by Comedian John Bryan. This event took place at Hazel Grove Golf Club and was a huge success. It is hoped to repeat the event in Autumn 2001.

QOY/RMLY Branch

- February 22nd. Branch meeting at Fox barracks at 2030 hrs.
March 3rd. Cabaret night [with Ladies] at Fox Barracks at 2000 hrs.
(Cabaret kindly donated by Mr. Bruce Yardley.)
April 28th. Cheshire Yeomanry Association All Squadrons Dinner.
May 9th. Branch Annual General Meeting at Fox Barracks at 2030 hrs. Please note this meeting is a Wednesday meeting to facilitate full attendance.
May 11th/13th. Cavalry Memorial Weekend in London. Contact the secretary at Fox Barracks if interested.
August 16th. Branch meeting, at Fox Barracks, at 2030 hrs.
It is intended that other events will be arranged in due course.

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At this stage in the year many of the above events are only tentative. For further details of these and other Association events please contact the Branch Secretaries who are shown on page 2 of this Newsletter.

It would be a great help if members of each Branch could ensure that their Branch Secretary is kept advised as to changes of address and other information relevant to their Branch Membership. Thank you.

2000 REPORT ON THE SERVING SQUADRON 'C' (CHESHIRE YEOMANRY) SQUADRON ROYAL MERCIAN AND LANCASTRIAN YEOMANRY

**by
CAPTAIN C. LEDSHAM**

It is with immense pleasure that I am able to report on another outstanding year of achievement that should encourage Cheshire Yeoman, past and present, to have confidence in the continued professionalism and esprit de corps that has always characterised our Regiment. As we approach the close of this first year of a new century it is interesting to reflect on how much has changed, and yet realise that certain fundamental traditions and values both remain, and flourish within the serving squadron. One such characteristic is loyal service and before I look at this year's events I feel it is essential to reflect on the close of 1999.

After camp and in the run up to Christmas individual skills training again took precedence although the Remembrance Parade in Chester was particularly poignant being the last of the Millennium and the first as part of RMLY. At this time we were also saying good bye to many old friends as part of the reduction in strength imposed by our new organisation, from 124 to 73 all ranks. In particular W02 Steve Hartley, Sgt "Pablo" Woods, Sgt "Hughie" Green and SSgt Arthur Gasson whose collective service and dedication to the Cheshire Yeomanry has been nothing short of exemplary. They will be sadly missed but not forgotten as we shall see them regularly as founder members of the new QOY/RMLY Branch of the Cheshire Yeomanry Association.

The new year kicked off smartly with the Regimental Skill at Arms Meeting at Altcar ranges culminating in 3rd Troop being narrowly defeated in the final of the falling plate competition by CO's RHQ team, suggestions the match was "thrown" for political reasons are entirely unfounded however. PRE preparation in February was successfully negotiated under the expert eyes of SSM White and SSgt Crowton, evidenced by an outstanding report from the inspecting team.

After Easter the Squadron Leader organised a survival exercise for the Squadron on the Gunnerside Estate in North Yorkshire. All aspects of survival were covered from huntin' and trappin' to extracting water from ditches and "purifying" using soil and one of Sgt Green's old socks! A squadron route march finished the course with a 14 kilometre tab crossing the Pennine Way at a height of 2,200 feet and this author can testify to every single one of them. Later in the month a large contingent of the Squadron again attended the Cavalry Memorial Parade in Hyde Park as this year every cavalry and yeomanry guidon was to be paraded. Under SSM Tommy Hallam all preparations went smoothly until the rehearsal in the park - the SSM had arrived in London without bringing the guidon from Chester! Luckily the day was saved by an ex member of the Squadron, Captain Rick Manning of the Blues and Royals who happened to be in Chester on a recruiting tour and he rushed the article swiftly to London and the parade passed off immaculately.

In June annual camp began to dominate events and at the end of the month the Squadron left on a 900 kilometre move, in vehicles, to join the regiment at Camp Bastin deep in the Belgium Ardennes. Here the large area available allowed all ranks to improve their armoured training particularly in practising the drills that make a Challenger 2 regiment function successfully. It is with particular pride I can report that the Squadron was singled out for praise on its professionalism and skill in putting our new role into practice. Once again the Squadron performed admirably at camp reflecting the hard work and dedication shown by all members since joining the Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry and acquiring our new role. On return to Chester the entire Squadron moved directly to the Roodee on 14th. July for the Cheshire Yeomanry Stakes rounded off with a great party at Fox Barracks - as ever, well done to SSgt Crowton and his team for the organisation and hard graft involved.

Other notable events this year included a shooting team organised by Lt Hodgkinson which formed part of the Regimental team at 143 Bde SAAM and also took part in the Territorial Army Small Bore Match and achieved a creditable 12th place. A Cheshire Yeomanry team consisting of Maj Compston, Lt Hodgkinson, Sgt Noon, Cpl Bretherton, Cpl Manning, Cpl Garbutt, Cpl Stubbs and Tpr Pinkam competed in the Crewe and Nantwich Triathlon in July and all enjoyed the event and raised over £600 for the Benevolent Fund.

Later in the year a recruit cadre was run by Sgt Clegg, assisted by Cpls Speed and Eckford and this proved extremely successful with eight new troopers entering the ranks by November. Once again the Squadron paraded in Chester for Remembrance Sunday with a very good turn out followed by drinks in the Town Hall as guests of the City. November also saw the inaugural dinner of the new QOY/RMLY Branch of the Association at which some 35 past members attended. This is a very promising start and I am sure it will gather momentum in the coming year.

Sadly this year has seen more familiar faces retire from our ranks, notably SSgt Hammond, Sgt Groom, Sgt King and Sgt McCormick. A particular mention must go to SSgt Frank Nugent who retires following 40 years service with the Cheshire Yeomanry. His period of service puts our current changes into sharp perspective and leaves us all with a sense of optimism and enthusiasm for the future, after all he has seen the Cheshire Yeomanry evolve from an armoured regiment through "cadre-isation" to joining the QOY and now the RMLY! He has performed his tour with the "colours" in an exemplary fashion and he will be remembered with great affection. We also said farewell to Viscount Leverhulme who died in early July. He will be greatly missed at Squadron events but we give thanks for his great contribution to the Cheshire Yeomanry over the last half century.

All in all I think it is right to comment that the Cheshire Yeomanry Squadron has achieved a measure of success, since joining with the RMLY, that we had all hoped for but scarcely expected. Whilst we may be fewer in number, the traditions of excellence that have been passed on to us continue to flourish and, I believe, a strong foundation for a long and vigorous future has been firmly established.

80 (CHESHIRE YEOMANRY) SIGNAL SQUADRON **by** **CAPTAIN A. C. HOPKINS**

80 (Cheshire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron entered a team into the Blandford Tower Run this year. Ssgt (Foreman of Signals) Mark Riley took the reins and trained the team for the event. Sadly there were not quite enough volunteers so he had to compete himself! The team consisted of Captain Ken Sirr, Foreman of Signals Mark Riley, Sgt Karl Davies, Sgt Paul Richards and Sigs Smudge Smith and Dave Hendrix. The team did well over the hilly course and are looking forward to next years after race party!

The intrepid Captain Ken Sirr took a group of Squadron members to Kiel for ten days sailing which they all enjoyed. Each was awarded the competent crew certificate and Sgt Ronnie Stowers came back with the "Best Novice Skipper" Award. Participants included Captain Sirr, Sgt Stowers, Cpl Jim Adams, Cpl Paul Bermingham, Lcpl Jon Clothier, Lcpl Rory Haddock, Sigs Nancy Dunbavin and Adrian Kay. The highlight of the week was coming second in the sailing competition.

Sadly, during this period, Major Mike Brown died whilst on training leaving the Squadron without a commander. He will be very sadly missed by all ranks and was very highly respected. Captain Ken Sirr has stepped into the breach temporarily.



Captain Ken (Thumbs Up) Sirr being chauffeured by Signaller Kay whilst training at Kiel



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THE CHESHIRE YEOMANRY IN NORWAY

by C. A. SALTER

Secretary 'A' Squadron Branch

In Autumn 1944 after serving almost five years overseas the Regiment, which was by now somewhat dispersed, returned to the UK to regroup as one unit. This was not to be because we were called upon to provide a Wireless Troop to join Force 134 Signals in Scotland to train for the re-occupation of Norway. Troop 196 W/T (Cheshire Yeomanry) was formed at Parkgate under command of Capt. Higgin and Lieut. Weir with myself as Troop Sergeant and my good pal Arthur Batty as second Sergeant, together with 56 other ranks.

On Boxing Day 1944 we moved to Dalmeny Park at Queensferry, Edinburgh, Lord Rosebery's home. It was covered in snow and our Nissan Huts, whilst adequate, were extremely cold. After years in warmer climes this came as a shock. Morale was high and, after a Scottish New Year, a great bunch of men settled down to train for the invasion of Norway. How I recall Arthur Batty and myself sitting in a freezing Nissan Hut checking lists for our requirements and then ordering the appropriate stores - string vests, battledress (snow camouflage), special drinking mugs and whistles that would not stick to lips in sub zero temperatures. We were never to use them nor any of our fine equipment.

We had eight powerful transmitters each in a cabin carried on a five ton FWD truck towing a generator and capable of working over several hundred miles on rod aerial, even for R/T (speech). Training was carried out with control in Edinburgh and sets as far away as Thurso in the north and Truro in the south and the troop soon became highly efficient but, with the men who had been selected, this came as no surprise. Not only did we have good operators and technical men but also eight excellent Driver/Mechanics.

The Troop also boasted some very good Rugby players and we fielded a side which soon made its mark. Our opponents included Service teams and a number of Edinburgh clubs such as Musselburgh and we were beaten only once - by a New Zealand Naval fifteen. Revenge was sweet when in a return game on a Murrayfield practice ground we beat them.

Towards the end of February leave was granted but after four days, we were recalled. Norway, here we come! Not so: our destination was Brussels where 196 W/T were ordered to join 21 Army Group in Germany with a view to operating '10' Sets (non interceptable radio) in forward areas. We used our own vehicles, which meant taking our own sets and towing our generators, first to Suchteln then on towards Hanover. I remember crossing the Rhine at Wesel, on a pontoon bridge of course, and passing through a town about the size of Altrincham but now just a heap of rubble. After a night in a bier keller near Minden we awoke to be told we were returning to Brussels. Shades of Acre 1940 - Rugs on, Rugs off!

We stayed just one night in Brussels, and then on to Ostend, stopping on the roadside to make use of our sets to listen to Winston Churchill telling us the war in Europe was over. We sailed to Tilbury and then drove up the A1 to Edinburgh, a two day journey with an overnight stay in Catterick. Next day we sailed on LSTs to Norway, four sections(sets) to Oslo and one section each to Kristiansand, Stavanger, Bergen and Trondheim.

Off the Norwegian coast minesweepers had been at work which was evident by the number of loose mines still floating on the water. Were they dangerous? Well the CO of our LST certainly thought so and, with a cargo of vehicles and fuel, he was more than a little concerned. The mines provided target practice for gunners but without any success. Fortunately nothing happened and, on a beautiful morning in May 1945, we sailed serenely up Oslo Fiord. A day and a sight I shall never forget. German gun emplacements, some on small islands and some on the mainland, served to remind us what might have been. It was evident that suitable landing beaches were very limited.

At that time there were two crack German divisions encamped near Oslo. They had marched down from the Arctic circle where they were no longer required. They were much needed in NW Europe but to prevent them getting there the Navy closed the sea routes and the small but remarkably efficient Norwegian Underground destroyed most of the road and rail links.

We took over the German wireless station which was more or less bombproof deep under rock at Holmenkollen, with air conditioning and sleeping quarters for duty personnel. Initially the Germans seemed quite happy to operate the circuits which included 21 Army Group, Scottish Command and our own outstations at Kristiansand, etc. Imagine our surprise when operating to 21 Army Group to find our operators were chatting with fellow Yeomen at the other end - Harry Leah and Ben Bailey to name but two. The war being over plain language over the air was now permissible. As for our own sets, they were doomed never to be used except for training and our vehicles were all jacked up at Unit HQ.

Oslo was unforgettable and we really were made welcome. We had six months of 'work hard, play hard' and I doubt if British troops anywhere can have experienced such hospitality over such a long period. The summer was warm and dry and for months we were in shirt sleeve order. We took full opportunity to see as much as possible of this really beautiful country. All good things come to an end and in December, with very mixed feelings, we sailed home. If I say each of us left something behind it may be misconstrued but there it is. Was it ever the intention to invade Norway or was it a ruse so the Germans kept a larger force there than would otherwise have been necessary? I think the latter.

ITEMS FOR SALE

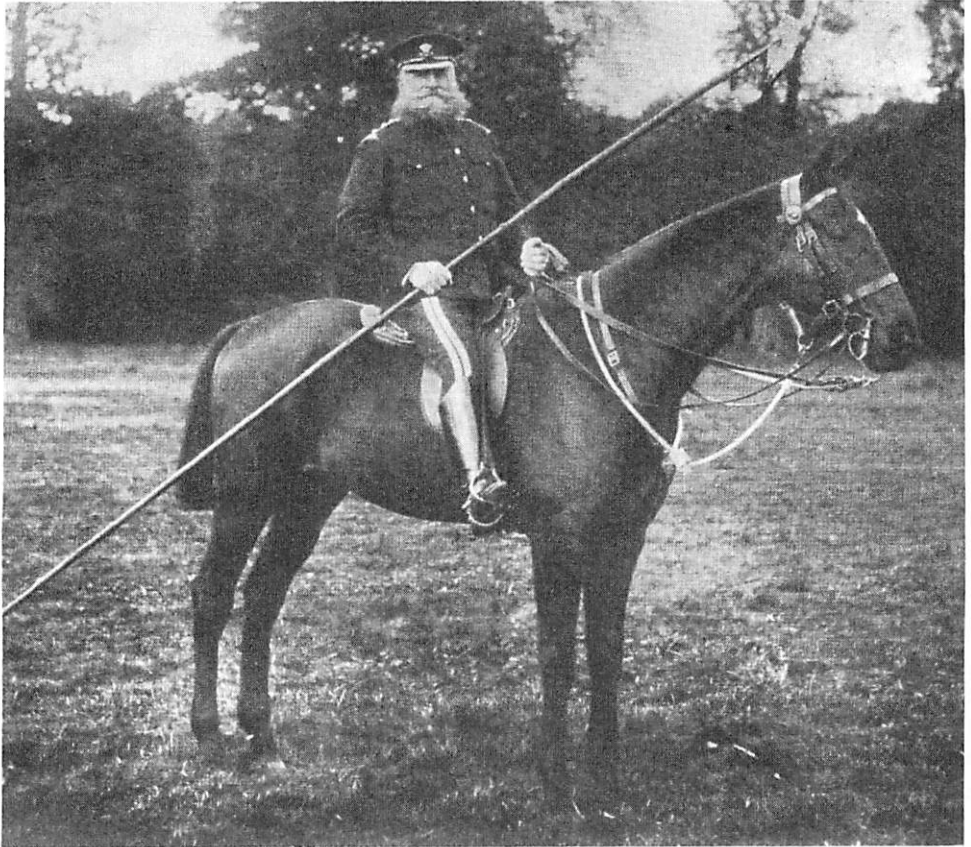
The Association has the following for sale. These may be obtained either from Laurie Curry (01244-881037) or from the Squadron Office (01244-381050).	
The Cheshire Yeomanry by Lt-Col Sir Richard Verdin, OBE, TD.	£25.00
Freedom Parade Print (unframed)	£20.00
Bicentenary Plate	£15.00
Video 'Yeoman - the Story of the Cheshire Yeomanry'	£12.00
Regimental Blazer Badge	£11.00
Regimental Tie	£5.50
Prince of Wales's Feathers Tie Tack	£3.25
Association Lapel Badge	£3.25
Linen Tea Towels (with Yeomanry Crest)	£1.75

(prices include UK packing and postage: items collected will be reduced accordingly)

COLONEL THE EARL OF HARRINGTON (1844-1917)
Honorary Colonel 1905 - 1917
by
COLONEL A. W. A. SPIEGELBERG, MBE, TD, DL.

Lord Harrington joined the Congleton Troop of the Cheshire Yeomanry in 1866 in the rank of Cornet. He was 22 and then Viscount Petersham. Although his family home was Elvaston Castle near Derby, the Gawsorth Estate outside Macclesfield was also owned by them. In 1881 he succeeded his father as the 8th Earl of Harrington. He commanded the Cheshire Yeomanry for over six years until 1905 when he was appointed Honorary Colonel, a rank which he held until his death in 1917.

Lord Harrington should best be remembered in the Regiment as a great sportsman. He took a Regimental team to the Royal Military Tournament in London on many occasions, personally competing in and winning competitions like tent pegging, tilting at the ring, lance v. lance, sword v. lance and lemon cutting. Furthermore under Lord Harrington's leadership the Regiment won many point-to-point and polo trophies.



**CHESHIRE YEOMANRY REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION
DONATION FORM**

I enclose a donation of £ to the Association; (cheques should be made payable to the **Cheshire Yeomanry Regimental Association**, please.)

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Please note that you must pay an amount of income and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax which the Association reclaims on your donation in the relevant tax year (currently for the Fiscal Year 2000/01, 28p for each £1 you give).

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5. Please notify the Association if you change your name or address.

Signature Date

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The Treasurer, Cheshire Yeomanry Association, Fox Barracks, The Dale, Chester, CH2 4BU.

In Memoriam

Our deepest sympathy is extended to relatives and friends of the following members whose have died since the last Newsletter was published:

J. Arling	June	NE Area
V. Arstal	January	NE Area
M. Brown	October	80 Signals Squadron
J. Cheynoweth	October	NE Area
N. G. Cleverley	December	'A' Squadron
W. Cox	December	'A' Squadron
E. A. Hughes	January	'C' Squadron

The Viscount Leverhulme, KG TD

	July	Honorary Colonel
W. Massey	April	'C' Squadron
E. Murphy	February	NE Area
E. Nicklin	December	HQ Squadron
N. Taylor	November	'A' Squadron
A. D. Paterson	August	'C' Squadron
G. E. Rowbotham	October	'A' Squadron
H. L. Wright	September	'B' Squadron
H. Woolf	March	'A' Squadron

MAJOR EVENTS IN 2001

SATURDAY 28TH. APRIL

ALL SQUADRONS' DINNER at FOX BARRACKS, CHESTER

SUNDAY 13TH. MAY

CAVALRY MEMORIAL PARADE at HYDE PARK

SUNDAY 8TH. JULY

GARDEN PARTY at EATON HALL

FRIDAY 13TH. or SATURDAY 14TH. JULY

THE CHESHIRE YEOMANRY STAKES at CHESTER RACECOURSE

SATURDAY 15TH. SEPTEMBER

THE CHESHIRE YEOMANRY TENT at BANGOR-ON-DEE RACES

If you wish to attend any of the above Events but do not receive notification, please call 'C' Squadron Office or your Branch Secretary.

THE REGIMENT

'C' (CHESHIRE YEOMANRY) SQUADRON, THE ROYAL MERCIAN AND LANCASTRIAN YEOMANRY

Fox Barracks, The Dale, Chester

Hon. Colonel	Colonel The Lord Hawke TD
Squadron Leader	Major J. R. Compston
Permanent Staff Administration Officer	Captain J. McBride BEM
Squadron Sergeant Major (V)	WO II T. Hallam
Permanent Staff Instructor	Sgt S. Watson, Scots DG

80 (CHESHIRE YEOMANRY) SIGNAL SQUADRON, 33 SIGNAL REGIMENT (VOLUNTEERS)

Crown Estate Barracks, Crown Gate, Runcorn

Squadron Commander	Captain K. Sirr
Permanent Staff Admin Officer	Captain A. C. Hopkins
Squadron Sergeant Major	WO II F. Hale

ARMY CADET FORCE DETACHMENTS

Frodsham Detachment (Main Street, Frodsham)	2nd Lt. M. Peterson
Northwich Detachment (Darwin Street, Northwich)	Under Officer. S. J. Manning