



“Soldier an' Sailor too”

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PREFACE

On the occasion of the Royal Marines 350th Birthday perhaps it is worth listing some of their achievements. This booklet takes the form of a day by day diary covering the variety of tasks they have undertaken. A few dates are chosen to show the diversity of the tasks undertaken and the variety of locations where marines have served.

Over the course of time they have acquired a remarkable reputation. Their loyalty to the Sovereign is only surpassed by that to their mates.

They have fought all over the Globe from Murmansk in the Arctic in 1919 to the Antarctic in more recent years. They fought in desert, jungle and in snow. At sea they have fought in every sort of vessel from battleship to canoe on the surface and also operated below the waves. They have flown in action both fixed wing aircraft and helicopters. They rode into battle on horses and camels plus used reindeer and mules as pack animals.

When tragedy strikes be it earthquake, deadly diseases like Ebola, volcano, flooding or fire they have appeared to help with the relief. The Government has used them to cover for striking firemen or control displaced Scottish crofters. The UN has used their services in Peace keeping roles.

Several British regiments from the Grenadier Guards to some of the Light Infantry are proud to have served as marines and old enemies like the US and Dutch marines are now the firmest of friends.

The Royal Marines have a saying that at the end of their life they cross the harbour bar. They only die if they are forgotten. So please read and remember them and all those in the Royal Navy, the Army and the RAF, who fought and died with them.

Rudyard Kipling sums up a "Bootneck" or "Jolly" very well in his poem

Soldier an' Sailor too

(The Royal Regiment of Marines)

As I was spittin' into the Ditch aboard o' the Crocodile,
I seed a man on a man-o'-war got up in the Reg'lars' style.
'E was scrapin' the paint from off of 'er plates, an' I sez to 'im, "'Oo are you?"
Sez 'e, "I'm a Jolly—'Er Majesty's Jolly—soldier an' sailor too!"
Now 'is work begins by Gawd knows when, and 'is work is never through;
'E isn't one o' the reg'lar Line, nor 'e isn't one of the crew.
'E's a kind of a giddy harumfrodite—soldier an' sailor too!

An' after I met 'im all over the world, a-doin' all kinds of things,
Like landin' 'isself with a Gatlin' gun to talk to them 'eathen kings;
'E sleeps in an 'ammick instead of a cot, an' 'e drills with the deck on a slew,
An' 'e sweats like a Jolly—'Er Majesty's Jolly—soldier an' sailor too!
For there isn't a job on the top o' the earth the beggar don't know, nor do—
You can leave 'im at night on a bald man's 'ead, to paddle 'is own canoe—
'E's a sort of a bloomin' cosmopolouse—soldier an' sailor too.

We've fought 'em in trooper; we've fought 'em in dock, and drunk with 'em in between,
When they called us the seasick scull'ry-maids, an' we called 'em the Ass Marines;
But, when we was down for a double fatigue, from Woolwich to Bernardmyo,
We sent for the Jollies—'Er Majesty's Jollies—soldier an' sailor too!
They think for 'emselves an' they steal for 'emselves, and they never ask what's to do,
But they're camped an' fed an' they're up an' fed before our bugle's blew.
Ho! they ain't no limp'in' procrastitutes—soldier an' sailor too.

You may say we are fond of an 'arness-cut, or 'ootin' in barrick-yards,
Or startin' a Board School mutiny along o' the Onion Guards; (1)
But once in a while we can finish in style for the ends of the earth to view,
The same as the Jollies—'Er Majesty's Jollies—soldier an' sailor too!
They come of our lot, they was brothers to us; they was beggars we'd met an' knew;
Yes, barrin' an inch in the chest an' the arm, they was doubles o' me an' you;
For they weren't no special chrysanthemums—soldier an' sailor too!

To take your chance in the thick of a rush, with firing all about,
Is nothing so bad when you've cover to 'and, an' leave an' likin' to shout;
But to stand an' be still to the Birken'ead drill is a damn tough bullet to chew,

An' they done it, the Jollies—'Er Majesty's Jollies—soldier an' sailor too!
Their work was done when it 'adn't begun; they was younger nor me an' you;
Their choice it was plain between drownin' in 'eaps an' bein' mopped by the screw,
So they stood an' was still to the Birken'ead drill, (2) soldier an' sailor too!

We're most of us liars, we're 'arf of us thieves, an' the rest are as rank as can be,
But once in a while we can finish in style (which I 'ope it won't 'appen to me).
But it makes you think better o' you an' your friends, an' the work you may 'ave to do,
When you think o' the sinkin' Victorier's (3) Jollies—soldier an' sailor too!
Now there isn't no room for to say ye don't know—they 'ave proved it plain and true—
That whether it's Widow, or whether it's ship, Victorier's work is to do,
An' they done it, the Jollies—'Er Majesty's Jollies—soldier an' sailor too!

(1) Long ago, a battalion of the Guards was sent to Bermuda as a punishment for riotous conduct in barracks.

(2) In 1852 the Birkenhead transport was sunk off Simon's Bay. The soldiers aboard her went down as drawn up on her deck. In similar fashion the Royal Marines on HMS Victoria lined the deck when she was sunk

(3) Admiral Tryon's flagship, sunk in a collision in 1893

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JANUARY

1st January

1915 HMS Formidable, pre-Dreadnought battleship, sunk in English Channel Torpedoed by U.24.



The number of Royal Marines killed was 85: **ALLEN**, Henry, Private, RMLI, 16544 (Ply): **ARNOLD**, Lewis T, Private, RMLI, 17910 (Ch): **BANTON**, Thomas G, Private, RMLI, 17969 (Ch): **BEAMS**, Frederick J, Private, RMLI, 14035 (Ch): **BENNETT**, William, Private, RMLI, 17875 (Ch): **BENTLEY**, Frank W, Private, RMLI, 17273 (Ch): **BIGG**, Percy, Private, RMLI, 17624 (Ch): **BONFIELD**, George J, Private, RMLI, 17916 (Ch): **BOOTH**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, 16099 (Ch): **BRIERLEY**, Jesse, Private, RMLI, 17913 (Ch): **BUCKLAND**, Sidney J, Private, RMLI, 17386 (Ch): **BURBAGE**, David, Private, RMLI, 16043 (Ch): **BURLEY**, William A, Private, RMLI, 10463 (Ch): **CHAPMAN**, Herbert T M, Bugler, 17928 (Ch): **CHEEK**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 17917 (Ch): **CHILDS**, Ernest J, Private, RMLI, 16112 (Ch): **CLAPHAM**, Alfred G, Private, RMLI, 16398 (Ch): **COLLINS**, George W, Private, RMLI, 13674 (Ch): **CROXFORD**, John H, Private, RMLI, 11454 (Ch): **DEED**, John C, Captain, RM (Res): **DINGWALL**, William J, Corporal, RMLI, 16667 (Ch): **DOSWELL**, Edward, Private, RMLI, 17570 (Ch): **DOUCE**, Albert F, Private, RMLI, 8462 (Ch): **DYKE**, Thomas, Colour Sergeant, RMLI, 8738 (Ch): **FAULKNER**, George T P, Private, RMLI, 17168 (Ch): **FITCH**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, 15332 (Ch): **FLINT**, Walter E, Private, RMLI, 14098 (Ch): **FUGGLES**, George F, Corporal, RMLI, 14856 (Ch): **GOOCH**, Frank G H, Private, RMLI, 15290 (Ch): **GRAVES**, Arthur C, Corporal, RMLI, 16300 (Ch): **GRIMSHAW**, Benjamin N, Private, RMLI, 17915 (Ch): **GUYMER**, William H C, Private, RMLI, 17587 (Ch): **HARRIS**, William, Private, RMLI, 16501 (Ply): **HATHORN**, George H V, Lieutenant, RM: **HEBBARDS**, Charles W, Private, RMLI, 18005 (Ch): **HOPE**, John G, Private, RMLI, 16593 (Ch): **HOPKINS**, George H, Private, RMLI, 15895 (Ch): **HORWOOD**, Ernest W, Corporal, RMLI, 10615 (Ch): **HUDDLE**, William G, Private, RMLI, 17518 (Ch): **HUXTABLE**, Francis, Private, RMLI, 19290 (Ch): **INGS**, George R J, Private, RMLI, 17919 (Ch): **JACKSON**, Harold, Private, RMLI, 17298 (Ch): **JONES**, Charles J W, Private, RMLI, 17866 (Ch): **KEMP**, Robert W, Private, RMLI, 12234 (Ch): **KING**, George F, Private, RMLI, 14743 (Ch): **LANE**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 14623 (Ch): **LAWRENCE**, Robert A, Private, RMLI, 18064 (Ch): **LEE**, Frederick A, Private, RMLI, 16931 (Ch): **LESLIE**, Richardson D, Petty Officer 1c (RFR B 4471), 187766 (Ch): **LEWIS**, Fred T, Private, RMLI, 17291 (Ch): **LITTLE**, Robert A, Private, RMLI, 17286 (Ch): **LIVSEY**, John W, Private, RMLI, 17279 (Ch): **MARTIN**, Frederick J, Private, RMLI, 17543 (Ch): **MAY**, Henry G, Private, RMLI, 17143 (Ch): **NAYLOR**, Samuel T, Private, RMLI, 17000 (Ch): **NEWELL**, William J, Private, RMLI, 17878 (Ch): **NEWTON**, George, Warrant Electrician, RNR: **NICHOLLS**, Herbert E, Private, RMLI, 14768 (Ch): **NOBES**, Ernest E, Private, RMLI, 16945 (Ch): **OSTICK**, Harry W, Private, RMLI, 17306 (Ch): **OWENS**, Joseph J J, Private, RMLI, 16582 (Ch): **PARRY**, Robert R, Private, RMLI, 17831 (Ch): **PASCALL**, Henry, Private, RMLI, 17276 (Ch): **PHILLIPS**, Herbert S, Private, RMLI, 12415 (Ch): **REED**, John L, Sergeant, RMLI, 11358 (Ch): **ROLLINGS**, James, Private, RMLI, 17544 (Ch): **ROYES**, Frank L, Private, RMLI, 17899 (Ch): **RUSSELL**, James H, Private, RMLI, 17912 (Ch): **SAMPSON**, Cecil A, Private, RMLI, 16024 (Ch): **SEXTON**, Maxwell H B, Private, RMLI, 17675 (Ch): **SLATTIE**, John, Private, RMLI, 17141 (Ch): **SMITHIES**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 17800 (Ch): **STIGGANTS**, Walter H, Private, RMLI, 15057 (Ch): **SUTTON**, Albert M, Sergeant, RMLI, 10877 (Ch): **THACKER**, James H, Private, RMLI, 17955 (Ch): **THORPE**, John W, Corporal, RMLI, 14928 (Ch): **TORAH**, Herbert C, Private, RMLI, 16728 (Ch): **TUNGATE**, Arthur J, Private, RMLI, 17920 (Ch): **TURNER**, Alfred J, Private, RMLI, 17274 (Ch): **WARBURTON**, James, Private, RMLI, 17219 (Ch): **WATKINS**, Reginald J, Private, RMLI, 16890 (Ch): **WESTON**, Henry W, Private, RMLI, 13788 (Ch): **WHITE**, Thomas H, Sergeant, RMLI, 9383 (Ch): **WILKINS**, William G, Private, RMLI, 13156 (Ch): **WOODS**, Roland W, Private, RMLI, 17519 (Ch): **WRIGHT**, Victor E, Private, RMLI, 17864 (Ch): **YORKE**, Bert P, Private, RMLI, 16853 (Ch)

2nd January

1858 A detachment from HMS Shannon gave artillery support to the Highland Brigade during the Indian Mutiny at the Battle of Fatehgarh January 1858. During the winter of 1857 campaigning season, General Campbell had re-established his communications with Delhi and with Calcutta. He also received fresh reinforcements from Britain and built up a substantial transport and supply column. The capture of Fatehgarh on 1 January, 1858 allowed him to establish control over the countryside between Cawnpore and Delhi,

3rd January

1941 HMS Illustrious provided air cover for HM Battleships WARSPITE, BARHAM and VALIANT involved in Fleet bombardment of Bardia in Libya, just over the border from Egypt. The British Army continued to advance into Libya and Bardia was taken on the 5th

4th January



1951 In the Inchon area the cruisers Kenya and Ceylon plus RAN destroyers Warramunga and Bataan; together with USS Rochester and Evertsen (Dutch) formed the Gunfire Support Group, providing artillery support for the land forces.

Inchon was stated as evacuated by 8th January. A total of 68,913 personnel, 1,404 vehicles and 62,144 tons of supplies were lifted from Inchon to Taejon and Pusan

5th January

1962 Marine John **SMITH**: Service Number RM 12193 Ship HMS Loch Alvie died in Aden during the terrorist campaign

6th January

1916 HMS King Edward VII departed Scapa Flow at 07:12 on a voyage around the northern coast of Scotland to Belfast, where she was scheduled to undergo a refit. At 10:47, she struck a mine that had been laid by the German auxiliary cruiser SMS Möwe off Cape Wrath. Her crew were rescued and King Edward VII capsized at 20:10 and sank around nine hours after the explosion.

7th January

1915 HMS Doris received wireless orders off the Syrian coast on 7 January to prevent the Turks from sending troops and supplies to Alexandretta and thence to Aleppo by way of the Beilan Pass. Captain Larkin saw that the Turks were bypassing the destroyed bridge using a temporary road and he decided to land his marines and sailors to attend to the problem. A demolition party under Lieutenant J.R. Edwards RN was sent ashore with a Royal Marine Light Infantry escort of one officer and nine men. The party encountered effective and persistent sniping by the Turks, which forced it to withdraw. RMLI Corporal G.A.S. **Warburton** was shot dead through the heart but was brought back to the Doris

8th January

1815 The final battle of the American war of 1812 was fought at New Orleans. This battle was a decisive victory for the Americans. At the end of the day, the British had 2,042 casualties: 291 killed (including Generals Pakenham and Gibbs), 1,267 wounded (including General Keane) and 484 captured or missing. The Americans had 71 casualties: 13 dead; 39 wounded, and 19 missing. The only British success was on the west bank of the Mississippi River, where Thornton's brigade,

comprising the 85th Regiment and detachments from the Royal Navy and Royal Marines attacked and overwhelmed the American line.

1916 Gallipoli: *".....movement, & was particularly quiet. The last parties to leave the trenches did so at 23.45. Only one casualty was sustained, a slight one. On the Beach there was the usual sporadic shelling, but nearly all fell into the water. The timetable was well kept throughout, & the last troops embarked in HMS Grasshopper shortly after 03.00 on 9th Jan. In the days immediately preceding the final evacuation some 3.400 all ranks of the Division were evacuated"*

9th January

1916 Gallipoli evacuation complete. In the few months this campaign ran 942 Royal Marines were killed from the Royal Naval Division and a further 94 serving with the supporting ships.

1917 Cornwallis, pre-Dreadnought battleship, torpedoed and sunk by U.32 in Mediterranean.

2 Royal Marines were killed. **EVANS**, William H, Private, RMLI, 18385 (Ch): **GRAY**, Albert E, Musician, RMB, RMB 2120

10th January

1941 Aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious on arrival south of Malta took passage with Force A to meet military convoy on passage from Gibraltar to Alexandria. Under sustained air attack 60 miles west of Malta by German Ju87 dive bombers. Sustained major damage from direct hits causing many casualties including 8 Royal Marines killed. HMS Illustrious was escorted by HM Destroyers HASTY and JAGUAR to Malta. The following Royal Marines were lost.

BLUNDY, Stanley F, Marine, PLY/22076: **FLOYD**, Abraham, Marine, PLY/22407: **FRENCH**, Ronald J, Marine, PLY/X 3790: **HADLEY**, Jack, Marine, PLY/19943: **HORRELL**, Alfred H, Marine, PLY/20788: **SELDON**, Thomas H G, Marine, PLY/X 22557: **WHYLER**, George, Marine, PLY/X 1898: **WILSON**, Philip C, Marine, PLY/X 3366,

11th January

1917 WESTERN FRONT 11 January-13 March operations on the River Ancre by 63rd (RN) Division, including action of Miraumont 17-18 February. The rationale was: *"After the success of the 63rd Royal Naval Division's attack on Beaumont Hamel and Beaucourt sur Ancre in November 1916, the problem was how to exploit these gains to best advantage. The whole German position in this area now depended on the line from Serre to Puisieux and from there to Beaugarde Dovecote, Miraumont and Pys. If these could be broken, the Germans might be driven back on a wider front; the depth of the attack on the German defences at Miraumont and Pys was not very great. An advance from Beaucourt sur Ancre would give the British command of the ridge overlooking Grandcourt. If Grandcourt fell it would need only a short advance on either side of the Ancre to carry the British on to the two spurs that commanded the eastern and western approaches to Miraumont and also covered the German artillery positions which alone allowed them to hold Serre and Puisieux".*



1941 Loss of cruiser HMS Southampton from bombing off Malta. Under attack by dive bombers SE of Malta and hit by two delayed action bombs which caused very extensive damage. In the face of continual air attacks repair work was impossible and the ship was abandoned after the survivors had been rescued by the destroyer HMS DIAMOND. She was sunk by torpedoes from HM Cruisers GLOUCESTER

and ORION. 7 Royal Marines killed: **CATLIN**, Christopher T, Marine, CH/X 2895: **JONES**, Horace, Act/Corporal, RM, CH/22362: **LEE**, William G, Marine, PLY/20883: **PENFOLD**, Charles, Marine, CH/24460: **PINN**, Mark F, Marine, CH/X 358: **SHACKLETON**, Henry E F, Major, RM: **WATSON**, Robert, Marine, CH/X 2456

12th January

1917 Royal Marines capture Salif in the Yemen from the Turks. Five British ships were involved the Northbrook close inshore to the south, then Minto, Topaze and Odin to the north. Espiegle was ordered to sail north around the Salif peninsula and operate from the bay there. Northbrook's men landed on the shore and took up a position to the right of the town. The men from Minto, Topaze and Odin landed at Salif pier.

13th January

1878 Operations in the Transkei. *"After marching about six miles, halted two hours for breakfast, and then proceeded past the Centain mountain, and had halted and commenced pitching camp and cooking men's dinners, when a messenger from Major Owen, giving information concerning the movements of the enemy, arrived. Tents were at once struck, and column hurried forward.*

The detachment of 24th Regiment and Marines were ordered by Colonel Glyn to be kept in hand, and strike in when required. Soon after hearing the musketry fire, running up from right to left, Captain Nixon, R.E., brought orders from Colonel Glyn to move those troops towards the left flank. On coming over a sharp rise we could see the enemy in considerable numbers in a strong position. The detachment extended from its right, and by a rapid advance, firing, succeeded in driving back the enemy in confusion. Inspector Bourne, Frontier Armed Mounted Police, on our left, asking for reinforcements, Lieutenant Ansty with one company, 1st battalion, 24th, Regiment was ordered to strengthen him. Owing to the formation of the ground, we were able to flank the enemy immediately in front of the 88th, and by our cross fire drive the Kaffirs from their position.

The men of the 24th Regiment and Royal Marines behaved splendidly; in spite of their long march, they came on for the last quarter of a mile at a steady double, and when hotly engaged did not fire except when ordered.

The total number of rounds fired by the detachment was 1,700. Lieutenants Dowding, Royal Marines, and Ansty, 1st battalion, 24th Regiment, commanded their companies with the greatest coolness and judgment, and both non-commissioned officers and men did their duty right well.

I have, &c., (Signed) RUSSELL UPCHER, Captain 1st Battalion, 24th Regiment, Commanding 1st and 2nd Column.

1915 Viknor, armed merchant cruiser, lost, possibly foundered in heavy weather off Northern Ireland, no survivors. There were 35 Royal Marines killed in this event

DAVIS, Frederick, Private, RMLI (RFR B 151), 8648 (Po): **DAY**, Ernest W G, Private, RMLI (RFR B 853), 6628 (Po): **DENYER**, John, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1281), 11453 (Po): **DIX**, George, Private, RMLI (RFR B 97), 4905 (Po): **EXTANCE**, Caleb, Private, RMLI (RFR B 956), 8844: **GRIFFIN**, James, Private, RMLI (RFR B 644), 7084 (Po): **GUY**, Albert, Private, RMLI (RFR B 596), 8245 (Po): **HARRISON**, John, Private, RMLI (RFR 914), 6508 (Po): **HINDER**, Richard J, Private, RMLI, 16033 (Po): **HOCKIN**, Ernest, Bugler, RMLI, 17078 (Po): **HOUNSOME**, Henry G, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1100), 9897 (Po): **KIMBER**, Alfred, Private, RMLI (RFR B 943), 9818 (Po): **KITCHINGHAM**, Thomas H, Private, RMLI, 16658 (Po): **LUCAS**, Herbert V, Private, RMLI (RFR B 915), 8584 (Po): **MARRIOTT**, Walter, Private, RMLI, 16719 (Po): **MCCLOUGHLIN**, Henry, Private, RMLI (RFR B 878), 8360 (Po): **MUSGROVE**, Frederick, Corporal, RMLI, 13347 (Po): **NEWMAN**, John J, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1393), 14929 (Po): **NOEL**, Herbert C, Private, RMLI, 12081 (Po): **PALMER**, Edward, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1230), 10910 (Po): **PITTERS**, Ernest A, Private, RMLI (RFR B 920), 8385 (Po): **ROWE**, George, Private, RMLI (RFR 500), 6361 (Po): **RUSHTON**, Thomas, Private, RMLI (RFR B 887), 13258 (Po): **RYAN**, William T, Private, RMLI (RFR A 1342), 11760 (Po): **SNELL**, Frank, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1357), 15041 (Po): **SNOOK**, Alfred H, Private, RMLI (RFR B 943), 13097 (Po): **SPENDLOVE**, John, Private, RMLI (RFR B 821), 10720 (Po): **STEELE**, William, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1335), 11558 (Po): **SUTTON**, Thomas J, Corporal, RMLI, 10715 (Po): **TOWLE**, George H, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1310), 11752 (Po): **WARREN**, Frederick, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1119), 10020 (Po): **WEAVER**, Charles W, Private, RMLI (RFR B 482), 9516 (Po): **WILDES**, Harry, Colour Sergeant, RMLI, 2064 (Po).

14th January



1945 RM 47 Commando, Dutch operations. Operation “Horse” was an assault on the island of Kapelsche Veer planned for the night 13/14 January. The assault started at 01:00 hours with Q Troop and No. 5 (Norwegian) Troop, No. 10 (Inter Allied) Commando attacking the right flank supported by armour and artillery from the mainland, while the rest of No. 47 attacked on the left flank. Attacking from both flanks simultaneously under heavy mortar fire caused heavy casualties. By 05:00 hours it became obvious that the objective was far too heavily defended for a lightly armed commando unit to capture alone so No. 47 was withdrawn.

RM 47 Commando, Dutch operations

ADAM, Ian W, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **DYKE**, Frederick J, Ty/Corporal, RM, CH/X 103842: **EVANS**, Cyril, Marine, PLY/X 113855: **GREENHALGH**, Samuel, Marine, PO/X 112375: **STICKINGS**, Brian J, Ty/Act/Captain, RM: **STOVELL**, William C, Marine, PLY/X 110734: **WILLIAMS**, Raymond, Marine, PLY/X 108521.

RM Engineer Commando

THOMSON, Donald, Ty/Act/Ty/Corporal, RM, PO/X 110320, killed

15TH January

1945 Formation of 30th Battalion RM and Disbanded 7/11/1945. They lost 8 men killed in fighting in Holland and North West Europe.

WADE, Norman R, Marine, CH/X 112783: **COOPER**, Ernest W, Marine, CH/X 116414: **HADNUTT**, John, Marine, CH/X 107613: **JOHNSON**, Geoffrey A, Marine, PLY/X 109071: **SCOUGALL**, James S, Marine, PLY/X 104256: **WRIGHT**, Thomas, Marine, PLY/X 110591: **COOK**, Arthur J, Marine, PO/X 103502: **GREEN**, Joe, Marine, PLY/X 120020.

2007 L/Cpl Mathew Ford, of 45 Commando Royal Marines, died during an attack on a Taliban fort in the Helmand province. When his colleagues regrouped and found he was missing, they flew back. Four strapped themselves to two Apache helicopters which



landed inside and outside the fort's wall. But they discovered he was already dead. It has been a tradition in the Royal Marines not to leave fallen comrades in the hands of the enemy if it is at all possible.



16th January

1809 Royal Marines took part in the Battle of Corruna against the French allowing the British Army under Lieutenant-General Sir John Moore to embark in waiting ships.

17th January



1885 The battle of ABU KLEA was fought by 1400 British troops sent to relieve Khartoum besieged by some 14000 of the Mahdi's troops. In the event they failed to reach Khartoum in time & General Gordon was killed on the 26th January a "Flying Column" was formed from elite troops mounted on camels. The Guards regiment of the camel corps was formed from the Royal Marine Light Infantry, the Grenadier, Coldstream and Scots Guards and the Mounted Infantry regiment from line infantry regiments. 9 Royal Marines were killed on the 17th January.

Private Arnold - 25th Company, Royal Marines; **Private Burney** - Naval Brigade
Corporal Carey 37th Company, Royal Marines; **Private Holland** - 21st Coy.

Royal Marines: **Private Meade** - 41st Coy, Royal Marines Light Infantry; **Private Mitchell** - 24th Coy. Royal Marines Light Infantry; **Private Nye** - Naval Brigade **Private Walter** - Guards Camel Regiment (Marines) Service number 4; **Private Lucking** - RMLI probably Guards Camel Regiment (Marines) Service number 16.

18th January



1919 When the troops were first landed in France the system had been to engage local labour in the ports, but the increasing drain on the French manpower had diminished the supply of labour, which was now becoming totally inadequate to meet the increasing demands.

To meet this difficulty the Army had formed two A.S.C. (Naval Labour) Companies, supplemented by fatigue parties from the troops at the base; these companies were formed of stevedores and men accustomed to the work of loading and discharging ships, but they were under the control of the local A.S.C.



officers and Army staffs and the Naval Transport Officers found great difficulty in obtaining the parties they required, whilst the personnel were frequently changed. Under these circumstances, it was proposed to raise R.N.V.R. men under the Admiralty to carry out the work but the question arose as to whether they would be amenable to the local Military discipline and the orders of the local Commander and the matter was under discussion throughout 1916. Conferences were held at the Headquarters of the Inspector General of Communications in France and also in London at which the A.G., R.M. was represented and it was finally decided, after delay, that the Royal Marine system of organisation would best meet the case, for they would be subject to the standing orders and discipline of the ports under the local commanders but would be entirely at the disposal of the Divisional Naval Transport Officers as regards the control and distribution of their work; a principle which had been settled many years before between the Admiralty and War Office.

Under these circumstances, the Royal Marine Labour Corps came into existence and fully justified its formation.

The personnel of the two A.S.C. Companies were transferred to the Royal Marines on 2nd February, 1917, the Commanding Officer, Major J. F. Cable, A.S.C., an expert in all dock matters, being granted a commission in Royal Marines and appointed to the Staff of the Principal Naval Transport Officer in France, as technical officer in charge Labour; his extensive knowledge of mercantile ports was invaluable in organising the work and equipment of the ports in France.

Private JOHN EDWARD **CORNFORD**, Royal Marine Labour Corps. (Dunkerque) Age: 45 Died of pneumonia. He died on this date.

19th January



1945

Marine Ronald **HANDSCOMBE** Royal Marine Engineers Died of wounds Service No: 16351 on this date.

Royal Marine Engineers had been reformed in March 1940. The unit had been disbanded at the end of WW1. By 1/8/1945, the Engineers strength had reached 257 officers and 7,764 other ranks in the battalions.

20th January

1918 Louvain, armed boarding steamer, torpedoed and sunk by UC.22 in Aegean. 9 Royal Marines killed. Also HMS Raglan, monitor, was sunk on the last sortie of the German Goeben and Breslau in the Aegean with the loss of 7 Royal Marines. In the same action M28, monitor another Royal Marine was killed

HMS Louvain's casualties: **APPS**, Robert E, Private, RMLI, 20937 (Ch): **BOXALL**, Alfred W, Sergeant, RMLI (RMR A 1072), 7565 (Ply): **KEEP**, Robert A W, Private, RMLI, 20953 (Ch): **ROWLEDGE**, James, Bugler, RMLI, 13992 (Ch): **SMITH**,

Charles A, Private, RMLI, 17309 (Po): **TUCKER**, James E, Gunner, RMA, RMA 6308,; **VINEY**, William J, Private, RMLI, 17013 (Po): **WARREN**, Lewis C, Private, RMLI, 18637 (Ply): **WHITE**, George W, Private, RMLI, 5884 (Ply),

HMS Raglan's casualties: **GRUNDY**, Samuel H, Private, RMLI, 19261 (Ch): **JEWELL**, Robert H, Private, RMLI, 15434 (Ch~): **LEWIS**, George, Private, RMLI, 13094 (Ply): **LYNN**, John, Private, RMLI, 9385 (Ch): **MAWBEY**, Wilfred, Corporal, RMLI, 15976 (Po): **SHERBURN**, Harry, Private, RMLI, 17711 (Po): **WELLS**, Edwin H C H, Bugler, RMLI, 20986 (Ch).

M28's casualty: **MCDONALD**, Donald, Private, RMLI, 9097 (Ply)

21st January



1954 Corporal H.**MORRIS**: RM/8206. 45 Commando RM was killed on active service in a vehicle "accident" in the Suez Canal Zone. Many of these "road accidents" were caused by locals leaving obstacles on dark stretches of road, leaving oil slicks at bends and stretching wires across the road to decapitate despatch riders.

22nd January



1944 Amphibious landings were made during the Italian Campaign against German forces in the area of Anzio and Nettuno, Italy. The British 1st Division plus No 6 Commando and 43 RM Commando landed some 6 miles north of Anzio. Unfortunately failure by the US general in charge of the main body to capitalize on the element of surprise resulted in the Germans controlling the high ground and the initiative. The following Royal Marines were killed:- **HURST**, John, Marine, CH/X 112964: **KLINCKE**, Edward S, Marine, CH/X 3417, killed

23rd January



1945 44 Commando RM as part of 3rd Commando Brigade were given the task of assaulting the Arakan Peninsula at Myebon. Here they were to take and hold the dominant features of the southern Chin Hills. If they could achieve this, they would cut off the supply and escape routes of the Japanese to Rangoon and secure the bridgehead. The battle for Hill 170 was the crisis of the Arakan operations, and its outcome broke the spirit of the Japanese 54th Division

RM 44 Commando, Burma operations

ASHWORTH, John M, Marine, PLY/X 110603: **BEACH**, George E, Marine, PLY/X 3568: **BOLAM**, Edward C, Marine, PO/X 120358: **FLEMING**, Robert F, Ty/Act/Ty/Corporal, RM, CH/X 101416: **HEATH**, Alfred, Lance Corporal, RM, EX/3962: **KIRBY**, Peter, Ty/Corporal, RM, EX/3358: **LEWIS**, Frank G, Marine, EX/33125: **MARSHALL**, Arthur A, Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 103365: **MCDONALD**, Dennis, Marine, PLY/X 110563: **MORRISON**, James, Marine, PO/X 105540: **PAYNE**, Leonard W, Lance Corporal, RM, CH/X 100442: **PINKNEY**, James, Marine, PLY/X 108764: **RICHARDSON**, Leon, Lance Corporal, RM, CH/X 105684: **SCOTT**, Douglas, Marine, PLY/X 109330: **SHEATHER**, Allan C, Marine, PO/X 113117: **TERNENT**, John W, Marine, PO/X 101801.



1945 During their advance on Linne in Holland on 23 January 1945, 45 RM Commando was held up by well-prepared positions behind the Montforterbeek dyke. After hard fighting in

bitterly cold weather and over flat ground covered in snow, the leading Troops achieved their objectives. Meanwhile Command Headquarters and the remainder of the unit, lying in the snow and frozen with cold, were subjected to heavy shelling from self-propelled guns and suffered numerous casualties. It was during this action that the actions of Lance Corporal H E Harden, RAMC, the medical orderly attached to 'A' Troop earned a VC. In spite of a determined night counter-attack during which hand-to-hand fighting took place in front of the slit trenches, the captured German positions were held until the unit was relieved by No 6 Commando in the morning



Citation: The citation in the London Gazette of 9th March, 1945, gives the following details: *“In North-West Europe on 23rd January, 1945 the leading section of a Royal Marine Commando Troop having come under intense machine-gun fire was ordered to make for some houses close by. Four of the section had been wounded and were left lying in the open. Under continuous fire Lance Corporal Harden at once went forward and with great coolness and bravery attended to the four casualties. He then carried one of them back to cover. He was ordered not to go forward again and an attempt was made to bring in the remaining casualties with the aid of tanks, but this proved unsuccessful owing to the heavy and accurate fire of anti-tank guns. A second attempt under a smoke-screen also proving unsuccessful, Lance Corporal Harden insisted in going forward with a volunteer stretcher party and succeeded in bringing back another badly wounded man. He went out a third time, and whilst returning with the stretcher party, he was killed. Throughout this long period Lance-Corporal Harden displayed superb devotion to duty and personal courage of the highest order. His action was directly responsible for saving the lives of the wounded brought in, while his complete contempt for all personal danger, and the magnificent example he set of cool courage and determination to continue with his work, whatever the odds, was an inspiration to his comrades and will never be forgotten by those who saw it.”*

RM 45 Commando, Dutch operations

COCKS, John S, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, CH/X 114915: **LYON**, Charles A, Marine, EX/3407: **RUSSELL**, James G, Marine, PLY/X 108574: **WALE**, Frederick E, Marine, PO/X 120575, DOWS

24th January

1915 BATTLE OF THE DOGGER BANK. A decoded radio intercepts had given the British advance knowledge that a German raiding squadron was heading for the Dogger Bank, so they dispatched their own naval forces to intercept it. The British found the Germans at the expected time and place; surprised, the smaller and slower German squadron fled for home. During a stern chase lasting several hours, the British slowly caught up with the Germans and engaged them with long-range gunfire. The British disabled Blücher, the rear German ship, which they subsequently sank. The British flagship HMS Lion sustained heavy damage requiring her to go in for repairs lasting several months. Only Royal Marine casualty was Private W. Groom: RMLI, Chatham 14239, who was very slightly wounded

25th January

1917 SS Laurentic, armed merchant cruiser, mined and sunk off Northern Ireland. She was carrying 3200 gold bars to the USA in payment for munitions. 32 Royal Marines were killed.

ASTBURY, Herbert T, Corporal, RMLI, 8778 (Ply): **ATKINSON**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, 18693 (Ply): **BAKER**, William A, Private, RMLI, 18143 (Ch): **BOWER**, Alwyn, Private, RMLI, 17305 (Ch): **CARTER**, Norman, Private, RMLI, 20284 (Ch)
CATLIN, Albert F, Private, RMLI, 17516 (Ch): **COCHRAN**, John, Private, RMLI, 18904 (Ch): **CULL**, Joseph W, Private, RMLI, 20242 (Ch): **CUNNINGHAM**, William, Private, RMLI, 18574 (Ply): **FISHER**, Charles A, Private, RMLI, 18880 (Ch): **GENTLE**, John, Private, RMLI, 18345 (Ch): **GOODALL**, George, Private, RMLI, 18168 (Ch): **HAGAN**, William, Sergeant, RMLI (RFR A 619), 3160 (Ply): **HANCOCK**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, 17678 (Ch): **HARGATE**, Leonard, Private, RMLI, 18352 (Ch): **HARTILL**, Harry, Private, RMLI, 17537 (Po) **HAWKES**, Edward J, Private, RMLI, 20165 (Ch): **HEDGE**, John A, Private, RMLI, 15351 (Ply): **HITCHIN**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 20234 (Ch): **HYDE**, George E, Private, RMLI, 15426 (Ply): **KEELY**, Bernard, Sergeant, RMLI (RFR A 1039), 4488 (Ply): **LESTER**, Joseph R, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 13181 (Ch): **MICKLEBURGH**, Sidney A, Private, RMLI, 17998 (Ch): **MILLER**, Andrew, Private, RMLI, 17680 (Ch): **PENNEY**, Edward J, Private, RMLI, 20445 (Ch): **SMITH**, John R, Private, RMLI, 20393 (Ch): **SNELGROVE**, Frederick J, Private, RMLI, 20447 (Ch): **STUBBINGS**, George, Private, RMLI, 20271 (Ch): **SUTTON**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, 18110 (Ch): **WENT**, Frederick A M, Private, RMLI, 18255 (Ch): **WORSFOLD**, William, Corporal, RMA, RMA 13209: **YARNTON**, Edwin J, Private, RMLI, 18342 (Ch).

1964 Mutiny by the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Tanganika Rifles quelled by a Company from 45 Commando RM in Dar es Salaam.

The first alarm came from Kenya on January the 20th. The men of the 1st **Tanganyika Rifles**, quartered near the capital Dar-es-Salaam, had risen up against their British officers, had locked them up, seized the airport, and arrested the British High Commissioner. With the mutineers holding the airport at Dar-el-Salaam, they released the British officers and NCOs from both the 1st and 2nd Battalions-some 30 from each-complete with their families and sending them to Nairobi where they arrived safely. President **Nyerere** retained control of the government and formally made an appeal to Britain for help. It had already been decided at HQ Middle East Command at Aden that it was a task for 45 RM Commando. Hastily embarked on the carrier H.M.S. Centaur with 815 Naval Helicopter Squadron, they set sail at midnight Jan 20th and on the 24th lay off Dar-es-Salaam. At first light on the 25th, Z Company made a helicopter lift to the football field next to the mutineers' barracks, while a gunboat put down diversionary fire to a flank.

With all weapons blazing, the Commandos rushed and seized the barrack entrance. The mutineers were then called upon to surrender. The answer was a burst of firing, to which the Commandos retaliated by demolishing the roof of the guardroom with an anti-tank rocket. It produced a sad stream of Askaris emerging with hands up. The helicopters meanwhile were completing the lift of Commandos, so that the town could be dominated and the remnant of the mutineers rounded up. Since many of the mutineers had broken out of barracks this latter task called for extensive searching. One civilian Englishman, with total disregard for his own personal safety, brought back to the guardroom one fully armed Askari festooned with ammunition and grenades. Despite his menacing attire the Askari was only too delighted to surrender to the civilian. X Company was despatched to secure the airfield and the broadcasting station, while Y Company was sent into Dar-es-Salaam. This was designed to be a two-pronged advance, with X Company's move by helicopter. However it turned out to be a parade rather than an attack



26TH January

1788 Captain Arthur Phillip RN lands at Botany Bay with 21 officers and 192 marines and 40 wives, who had volunteered for a 3 year posting.

1915 Turks attack the Suez Canal in campaign lasting to 4th February 1915. Artillery support provided by the battleship HMS Swiftsure in the Bitter Lakes.

1917 **SS** Ava, steamship, sailed from Liverpool on 26th, sunk on this date, possibly by U45. 2 RMA gunners killed: **GREEN**, Frederick C, Gunner, RMA, RMA 9752: **MOORE**, Joseph R, Bombardier, RMA, RMA 9296

27TH January

1761 The British Army which comprised 14,000 troops from England, Belle-Isle, North America and the West Indies also included 900 marines under General Monckton attacked Fort Royale in Martinique held by the French. On the afternoon of January 27, before Monckton had time to launch an attack on them, the French entrenched at Morne Grenier suddenly debouched in 3 columns and launched an attack upon Haviland's brigade and the Light Infantry of the army, on Monckton's left. During this attack, one French column exposed its flank to the Highlanders and was almost instantly routed. The two remaining columns thereupon gave way, and the whole fled back to Morne Grenier with the British in chase. The pursuers plunged down into the intervening ravine after the French and swarming up Morne Grenier "by every path, road, and passage where men could run, walk, or creep," hunted the fugitives headlong before them. Night came on, but the British officers would not stop until they had cleared every Frenchman off the hill and captured all the works and guns. Monckton at once sent off more troops to support the pursuers.

28th January

1916 The RM Detachment from HMS Prince George occupied Fort Touzia in Salonika.



1945 45 Commando RM involved in Dutch operations at NEDERWEERT 10 Royal Marines killed Thursday, 1st March 1945 Lieutenant Peter Stanley **Winston**, age 20; Corporal John Joseph **Duchan**, age 27; Corporal James Hardie **Laing**, age 21; Lance Corporal Herbert **McNulty**, age 33; Marine C. **Mosley**, age 22; Marine William **Purvis**, age 27; Marine Dennis Percy **Sweet**, age 19; Marine Robert Leonard **Symes**; Marine John Robert **Timmins**, age 27 Marine Frank **Wild**, age 32.

29th January

1942 Formation of the Plymouth–Argylls Battalion from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders plus the Royal Marines from the 2 lost battleships HMS Repulse and Prince of Wales. The Unit was formed in Singapore with 'A' and 'B' from men of 2nd A & SH, 'C' Company of mainly Marines from HMS Prince of Wales, and 'D' Company from HMS Repulse. In action 8–15 February in Malaya before Singapore troops were ordered to cease fire. They delayed the Japanese capture of Singapore and when they marched across the causeway on to the island the garrison lined the streets to greet them.

In 1945 when the war was over 3 members were found in the Malayan Jungle where they had continued to fight. Some others made their way to Ceylon to continue with the war.

1944 Loss of AA Cruiser HMS Spartan at Anzio during Italian Campaign. Hit on port side abaft after funnel by Hs 293 Glider which exploded in the engine room? Compartment flooded and fire started in after superstructure causing explosions. Capsized and abandoned after an hour when fires could not be controlled. Sank in position 41.26N 12.41E.523 Survivors were rescued by HM Cruiser DIDO, HMS LAFOREY and HMS LOYAL. The Royal Marines lost were: - **BISHOP**, George H, Marine, PLY/X 3167: **BROADRIBB**, Henry W, Ty/Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 294: **COLE**, William G E, Marine, PLY/X 2875: **KENT**, Albert, Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 101429: **LUNN**, Alfred V, Marine, PLY/X 3227: **SELKIRK**, George, Marine, PLY/X 1550.

30th January



1951 Marine Robert **NEEDS**: aged 18 Service Number RM 9257 of 41 Independent Commando RM died while a prisoner of the North Koreans.

31ST January



1945 42 & 44 Commando RM win Battle of Kangaw in Burma. After two days of hand-to-hand fighting the Japanese had been driven from the ridge and no sooner were they dislodged than they subjected it to heavy artillery fire. After a lull of several days, the Japanese counter-attacked at dawn on 31 January 1945. The enemy attacked repeatedly. In spite of heavy casualties to the Commando, the Japanese were finally beaten off, and withdrew, leaving their dead

and dying among forward Commando positions. In a Special Order of the Day to 3 Commando Brigade, Lieutenant General Sir Philip Christison, Commander of XV Corps, concluded "***The Battle of Kangaw has been the decisive battle of the whole Arakan campaign, and that it was won was very largely due to your magnificent defence on Hill 170***".

47 Royal Marine members of 3 Commando Brigade were killed and 2 died of wounds in this last phase of fighting. Those dying on this day were: **BATEMAN**, Walter, Marine, CH/X 100600: **BENT**, James, Ty/Act/Ty/Corporal, RM, EX/1184: **BOSWELL**, Thomas W, Marine, CH/X 111764: **CRACKNELL**, Frederick G, Marine, EX/4376: **CRILLEY**, John H, Lance Corporal, RM, EX/3297: **DELL**, William J, Ty/Act/Ty/Corporal, RM, EX/3192, killed: **ELLIS**, Raymond F, Marine, PLY/X 109351: **GROVES**, John, Marine, EX/3635: **HALL**, Roger, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **JONES**, Jack G, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **KING**, Herbert R, Marine, EX/4389, DOW: **PHILPOTT**, Ronald H, Marine, CH/X 106487: **RADLEY**, Charles W, Marine, CH/X 2018: **RAWLINSON**, James, Ty/Act/Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 106012: **SHUTTLEWORTH**, Charles D, Marine, PO/X 122001: **THORNEYCROFT**, Eric W, Lance Corporal, RM, EX/3643: **WHITEHEAD**, John, Ty/Act/Ty/Corporal, RM, EX/1219, killed



TAUKKYAN WAR CEMETERY

FEBRUARY

1ST February



1915 The Plymouth and Chatham Marine Battalions together with their staff left Blandford for the Mediterranean Sea and ultimately Gallipoli.

2ND February

1917 Operations on the River Ancre by 63rd (RN) Division The capture of Puisieux Trench
“After a short spell out of the line, the Hood battalion returned on the night of 1-2 February 1917 with the aim of attacking the two German trenches commanding Grancourt. The attack was planned to begin at 23.00. The attacking forces from the RND were given their separate objectives: the Hood was detailed to attack a well defined sector of German trench and an ill defined group of posts in the valley. They were on the extreme right of the attack, closest to the river. An effort had been made to link up the shell holes into a continuous trench in which the attacking sailors could assemble. It gave them little cover, but it was here that the companies lined up at 21.00 on the evening of 03/02/1917. There was a hard frost (the water froze in their bottles) and a bright moon.

The distance to the German first line (Puisieux trench) was about 300 yards, with barely another 100 yards to the second line in River trench. The Hood probably assembled just downhill from the Bois d'Hollande. There was to be no attack on either flank, so the Germans would be able to rectify very quickly to this assault.

The men set off behind a creeping barrage and soon occupied the first trench without too much opposition. There was, however, a machine gun position in a fortified emplacement to the left of the Hood's attack. In the confusion of the battle, the whole of the Hood ended up attacking the German posts in the valley; the left platoon should have carried on up the hill with the Hawke battalion to their left. The commanding officer of the Hood was wounded and his role was taken by Lt. Commander Asquith. He managed to get the Hood back into the correct alignment by 08.00 On 04/02/1917” 9 Royal Marines were lost in this phase.



RND, 2nd RM Battalion, France

COOPER, Edward, Private, RMLI, 16393 (Po): **DWYER**, Dennis, Private, RMLI, 16200 (Ply): **HAMILTON**, Matthew, Private, RMLI, S 273 (Po): **HOPKINS**, Leonard J, Private, RMLI, S 1288 (Po): **SHAW**, Robert, Private, RMLI, S 881 (Ply), killed **SHARPE**, Herbert, Private, RMLI, S 1441 (Po), DOW on the 3rd and **GOLBY**, Thomas E, Sergeant, RMLI, 15512 (Ply), DOW: **MATTHEWS**, Wilfred, Private, RMLI, S 1154 (Ply) on the 4th.



RND, 190th Brigade Machine Gun Company, France

EASTWOOD, Henry H, Colour Sergeant Major, RMLI, 10417 (Ch)

3rd February

1762 Capture of Fort Royale in Martinique after a week of fighting in very difficult terrain.

1915 Clan MacNaughton, armed merchant cruiser, lost, believed foundered off NW Scotland, no survivors. 36 Royal Marines were lost.

ALLEN, William, Private, RMLI, 10096 (Ch): **ARTHY**, Charles J, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1405), 8514 (Ch): **BANKS**, William, Private, RMLI, 18934 (Ch): **BENSTEAD**, Thomas R, Private, RMLI, 14324 (Ch): **BINGHAM**, Charles E, Private, RMLI, 13192 (Ch): **DOUGLAS**, Frank, Private, RMLI (RFR B 850), 11044 (Ch): **FULLER**, Walter R, Bugler, RMLI, 18174 (Ch): **HOLLANDS**, James H, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1385), 10016 (Ch): **HOLMES**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 10637 (Ch): **GALTRESS**, Arthur, Corporal, RMLI, 16717 (Ch): **HOWITT**, Joseph V, Private, RMLI, 18312 (Ch): **HUNT**, William H, Private, RMLI, 4538 (Ch): **JOYCE**, Benjamin G, Colour Sergeant, RMLI, 8920 (Ch): **MACEY**, George J B, Private, RMLI, 12392 (Ch): **PAVEY**, Henry F, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1214), 11585 (Ch): **POTTER**, Herbert, Private, RMLI (RFR B 828), 9034 (Ch): **PRATT**, Percy, Private, RMLI, 18185 (Ch): **PRICKETT**, Richard, Private, RMLI, 18318 (Ch): **RICHARDSON**, Albert E J, Private, RMLI, 5514 (Ch): **ROBBSHAW**, Edward W G, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 17320 (Ch): **SPENCER**, William D, Private, RMLI, 12558 (Ch): **STREET**, William, Private, RMLI, 18322 (Ch): **STUART**, William, Private, RMLI, 8958 (Ply): **TICKNER**, Henry A, Private, RMLI (RFR B 764), 8392 (Ch): **WELLS**, Arthur F, Private, RMLI, 15654 (Ch): **YOUNG**, William E, Private, RMLI (RFR A 625), 13984 (Ch)

4TH February



1779 Captain Cook and his shore party killed in Hawaii. *“On February 4, 1779, the British ships sailed from Kealahou Bay, but rough seas damaged the foremast of the Resolution, and after only a week at sea the expedition was forced to return to Hawaii.*

The Hawaiians greeted Cook and his men by hurling rocks; they then stole a small cutter vessel from the Discovery. Negotiations with King Kalaniopuu for the return of the cutter collapsed after a lesser Hawaiian chief was shot dead and a mob of Hawaiians descended on Cook's party. The captain and his men fired on the angry Hawaiians, but they were soon overwhelmed, and only a few managed to escape to the safety of the Resolution. Captain Cook himself was killed by the mob. A few days later, the Englishmen retaliated by firing their cannons and muskets at the shore, killing some 30 Hawaiians”

5th February

1793 Marines under Captain T. Oldfield stormed the trenches of Saint Nicholas mole and took Martinique. The whole Island was now in British hands.

6th February

1806 Naval Battle of San Domingo. The French fleet comprised 5 ships of the line, 2 frigates, 1 corvette under Admiral Leissègues. The British were led by Vice-Admiral Sir John Thomas Duckworth and had 7 ships of the line, 2 frigates and 2 brigs

Sailing with the wind westwards along the coast, Leissègues formed a line of battle to meet the approaching British squadron, which had split into two divisions. Although his divisions separated during the approach, Duckworth's lead ships remained in a tight formation and successfully engaged the head of the French line, targeting the flagship *Impérial*. Under pressure, the French squadron broke apart with the British isolating and capturing three ships before concentrating on the main combat around the French flagship. Severely damaged and surrounded, Leissègues drove *Impérial* ashore to avoid capture. The remaining French ship of the line, *Diomède*, followed him. Although most of the crew of these ships scrambled ashore, British boarding parties captured both vessels and set them on fire.

7th February

1878 Battle of Quaintana Mountain in the Transkei. A Naval Brigade from HMS Active of 200 seamen and marines with 7 guns completed the rout of the Galekas and Gaikas who had provoked the war when they had attacked the Fingoes, a tribe under British protection.

8TH February

2014 Flood relief in the UK. Royal Marines worked to build sandbag defences across the region, as well as assisting with the evacuation of residents during the flooding in the Somerset Levels

9TH February



1956 RSM A. WHEELER: of 45 R.M. Commando and Marine B. BLAKEWAY of HQ 3 Commando Brigade both died of exposure when their vehicle fell into mountain gully during blizzard. This was during the campaign waged by a Greek terrorist organization, EOKA, with the aim of achieving union of Cyprus with Greece against the wishes of the Turkish community

2008 Award of George Cross to L/CPL M. Croucher. *The Royal Marine reservist was awarded the nation's highest honour after he dived on a live grenade to save his comrades in Afghanistan. L/Cpl Croucher was part of the Commando Reconnaissance Force tasked on 9 February 2008 to conduct reconnaissance of a compound in which it was suspected that Taliban fighters manufactured Improvised Explosive Devices.*



L/Cpl Croucher was at the head of the team as they moved silently through the darkened compound when he felt a wire go tight against his legs. This was a trip-wire connected to a grenade booby-trap,

positioned to kill or maim intruders in the compound. He heard the fly-off lever eject and the grenade, now armed, fell onto the ground immediately beside him.

He quickly acted on instinct and threw himself beside the grenade, pinning it between his day-sack and the ground to absorb the explosion. Amazingly, he survived virtually unscathed when his body armour and the rucksack on his back absorbed most of the explosion.

10th February



1917 RND, 190th Brigade Machine Gun Company, France

The following men were killed: Sergeant **GRANT**, William N, RMLI, 12167 (Ply): Private , George H, **KNOTT**: RMLI, S 1226 (Po): Private Ernest **WILSON** RMLI, S 1107 (Po)

11th February

1918 During 1917-18 the WESTPHALIA operated as decoy "Q" ship under the names CULLIST, HAYLING, JURASSIC and PRIM, being lost as "CULLIST" due to a torpedo from the German submarine U-97 on 11/02/1918 in Irish Sea.

46 lives were lost including Royal Marines **MCROBBIE**, William, Corporal, RMLI, 16334 & **STEBBINGS**, Henry E, Private, RMLI, 1485.

12th February

1944 Convoy from Mombasa came under attack by Japanese submarine I27. Troopship KHEDIVE ISMAIL was hit by two torpedoes and sank very quickly. She was carrying 1,115 personnel of whom only 214 were rescued. After ASDIC contact two destroyers carried out depth charge attack on I27. Sadly some depth charges fell amongst the survivors and caused many deaths. The then current Admiralty policy required attacks to be made on submarines regardless of danger to survivors in the water; the Captains were thus not blamed for the deaths of any of the survivors from KHEDIVE ISMAIL. The submarine surfaced and was then engaged by surface gunfire from both destroyers. A torpedo from the escort ultimately sank I27 at a range of 1,000 yards.

The Royal Marine casualties were: **NEWMAN**, George H, Boy Bugler, CH/X 3867 and **PERRY**, Joseph, Marine, PLY/X 106094

13th February

2014 An intrepid team of Royal Marine commandos started an event that lasted five months, covered several thousand miles and helped celebrate the 350th birthday of the Corps.

More than 400 km north of the Norwegian Arctic Circle, 19 Royal Marines set off for the launch of the Royal Marines 1664 Challenge. They were the team of skiers who kick-started a chain of events which culminated in a marathon around London in July.



But before they got there teams of Royal Marines, starting with the 19 in Norway, skied 1,664 km from Porsangermoen to Stavanger and sailed 1,664 miles from Stavanger to Cadiz in Spain. This was one of hundreds of events organized to celebrate the Birthday.

14th February

1953 HMS Snipe lands one officer, 2 corporals and 10 marines at the British base on Deception Island in Antarctica, which was occupied by 2 Argentine seamen, who were arrested and shipped out by HMS Snipe.

15th February

1915 A detachment of Royal Marines from HMS Cadamus assisted in quelling a mutiny in Singapore.

16th February

1797 Capture of Trinidad by a British Fleet based on the Leeward Isles.

1942 Heavy casualties aboard HMS Sultan during the evacuation from Singapore including Royal Marines.

ANDERSON, Archibald D, Marine, PLY/X 1565, (ex-Prince of Wales): **BLOHM**, Robert H, Marine, PLY/X 100330, (ex-Prince of Wales): **BOYD**, David W, Marine, PLY/X 3052, (ex-Prince of Wales): **DAVIS**, Sidney J, Marine, PLY/X 3902, (ex-Prince of Wales): **GIBBONS**, Thomas W, Marine, PLY/X 100144, (ex-Prince of Wales): **HARRY**, Ernest D, Marine, PLY/X 3051, (ex-Prince of Wales): **HOLLAND**, Arnold, Marine, PLY/X 2119, DOW: **LEAVER**, Francis S, Marine, PLY/X 2492, (ex-Repulse): **LIGHTFOOT**, Norman, Marine, PLY/X 100429, (ex-Prince of Wales): **MCKILLEN**, Robert, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1456,: **MCNAMARA**, Francis F, Marine, PLY/X 100129, (ex-Prince of Wales): **PASSMORE**, George W H, Marine, PLY/X 871, (ex-Prince of Wales): **ROGERS**, Albert M, Marine, PLY/X 100021, (ex-Prince of Wales): **ROY**, Peter, Marine, PLY/X 100017, (ex-Prince of Wales): **SKINNER**, James, Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 1020, (ex-Prince of Wales): **STANFORD**, Raymond D, Marine, PLY/X 3805, (ex-Prince of Wales): **WALLACE**, Thomas, Marine, PLY/X 100720, (ex-Prince of Wales): **WESTERN**, George E, Marine, PLY/X 1976, (ex-Prince of Wales): **WILLIAMS**, Stanley, Marine, PLY/X 100178, (ex-Prince of Wales): **YOUNG**, Robert A V, Marine, PLY/X 2214, (ex-Prince of Wales),

17TH February

1917 Operations on the River Ancre by 63rd (RN) Division 17-18 February, Action of Miraumont. 1st and 2nd Battalions RMLI involved. *“Advance commenced at 5.45am on barrage opening. Our dispositions were, from right to left D, B, C, A Companies were extended at 2 paces interval, & in two waves at 20 paces distance. The lines were subjected to heavy bombardment by 77mm at about 5am necessitating a call for retaliation by our artillery. Reports were received at 6.40am to effect that the Battalion had gained their objective; & that the PIMPLE had been captured”*



RND, 188th Brigade Machine Gun Company

WALLACE, James, Private, RMLI, 18495



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

ANDREWS, Edwin S, Private, RMLI, S 1172 (Ply): **AUSTIN**, Charles N, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 16935 (Ch): **BACON**, Robert C, Private, RMLI, 12103 (Ch): **BARNES**, George, Private, RMLI, 16858 (Ply): **BASSETT**, Richard, Private, RMLI, S 866 (Po): **BATE**, Charles H, Private, RMLI, S 1164 (Ply): **BEWLEY**, James R, Corporal, RMLI, 17442 (Ch): **BLACKBURN**, Lawrence A, Private, RMLI, S 1223 (Ch): **BROWN**, Harry C, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM: **BRUCE**, Harry E, Sergeant, RMLI, 16361 (Ch): **BURTON**, Cecil R, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM: **CLAXTON**, Harry, Private, RMLI, S 1200 (Ch): **CLEWS**, George J, Private, RMLI, S 602 (Ch): **CONLAN**, Patrick, Private, RMLI, S 1190 (Ch): **CORNISH**, Charles, Private, RMLI, S 1008 (Po): **COULSON**, Harry G C, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **CROMBIE**, Alexander, Private, RMLI, 17027 (Ply): **DAVIS**, Horace W H, Private, RMLI, 19808 (Ch): **DEXTER**, Robert H, Private, RMLI, 19524 (Ch): **DINGWALL**, Robert J T, Corporal, RMLI, 16411 (Ch): **DOUGHERTY**, Tom, Private, RMLI, 16989 (Ply): **EDEN**, George F, Corporal, RMLI, S 1270 (Po): **EVANS**, Charles E, Private, RMLI, S 39 (Ch): **FELLINGHAM**, Harry, Private, RMLI, 19815 (Ch): **FINCH**, Frederick, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 16828 (Ch): **FLANAGAN**, Wilson, Private, RMLI, S 420 (Ch): **FORD**, Donald, Private, RMLI, S 1330 (Ch), DOW: **FOSTER**, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 1228 (Ch) **GILLINGWATER**, Victor, Private, RMLI, S 1473 (Ch): **GODFREY**, Harold, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 17487 (Po): **GORDON**, Walter, Corporal, RMLI, S 1057 (Ply): **GREEN**, Robert C, Corporal, RMLI, 9184 (Ch): **HALKETT**, Alexander, Private, RMLI, 17028 (Ply) **HALL**, Wilfred L, Private, RMLI, 17799 (Ply): **HALLIDAY**, Leonard A, Corporal, RMLI, 16315 (Ch): **HARBOURNE**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, S 1250 (Ch): **HARRINGTON**, Clifford N, Private, RMLI, 18809 (Ch): **HOBBS**, Reginald, Private, RMLI, 17634 (Ch) **HOLMES**, George J, Private, RMLI, 19838 (Ch): **HURN**, William J, Private, RMLI, 19848 (Ch): **JOHNSON**, Ernest J, Private, RMLI, S 55 (Ch): **LASHAM**, Leslie A V, Private, RMLI, 18727 (Ch): **LAWTON**, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 1398 (Po): **LIGGINS**, Reginald J, Private, RMLI, S 1375 (Po): **LLOYD**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, S 1459 (Ch): **MAIDEN**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, S 1029 (Ply): **MERRELL**, David C, Private, RMLI, S 1400 (Po): **MONKS**, Harold, Private, RMLI, S 1513 (Ch): **NORMANDALE**, Robert W, Private, RMLI, S 1007 (Ch): **OKELL**, Alan A, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM: **PARROTT**, Albert, Private, RMLI, 17913 (Ply): **PERRY**, Frederick W A, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **PESSOL**, Samuel T, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 362 (Ply): **PHILLIPS**, Douglas A A, Private, RMLI, 18660 (Ch): **PURCHASE**, Douglas H, Private, RMLI, S 237 (Ch): **PYLE**, James, Private, RMLI, 13002 (Ch): **RICHARDS**, William A, Private, RMLI, S 725 (Ch): **RILEY**, Richard, Private, RMLI, S 137 (Ch): **ROACH**, Percy, Private, RMLI, S 979 (Ply): **ROBINSON**, Lawrence W, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **ROGERS**, John G, Private, RMLI, S 1437 (Ply): **SAVAGE**, Frank, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM: **SCOTT**, George E, Private, RMLI, S 1244 (Po): **SELTH**, Ernest T, Private, RMLI, 19777 (Ch): **SHEARER**, James, Private, RMLI, 17881 (Ply): **SIMEONE**, Reginald G, Private, RMLI, 19292 (Ch): **SMITH**, Wallace N, Private, RMLI, 18435 (Po): **SMYTH**, Reginald A, Private, RMLI, S 979 (Ch): **SOPP**, Edward, Private, RMLI, S 1498 (Po): **THOMPSON**, Leonard N, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1277 (Ply): **TURNER**, Charles, Private, RMLI, S 1399 (Po): **WARD**, Alfred J, Private, RMLI, 18685 (Ch) **WARNER**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, 18788 (Ch): **WATSON**, William S, Private, RMLI, S 1207 (Ch): **WILD**, Herbert, Corporal, RMLI, S 1329 (Ch): **WILKINSON**, Wilfred, Private, RMLI, S 970 (Ply): **WILSON**, Rennie, Private, RMLI, S 157 (Ch): **WOOD**, Albert, Private, RMLI, S 1246 (Ply): **WRIGHT**, John, Private, RMLI, S 1212 (Ch)



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ASPINALL, Richard, Private, RMLI, S 350 (Po): **CURTIS**, Michael M, Private, RMLI, S 938 (Po): **GITTINGS**, Joseph, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 421 (Ply): **KING**, Ernest, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 18380 (Po): **LYALL**, Alexander, Private, RMLI, S 638 (Po): **SHARP**, Arthur T N, Private, RMLI, S 986 (Po): **TAYLOR**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, S 1257 (Ply): **WHITFIELD**, Archibald, Private, RMLI, S 502 (Po)



RND, 3rd (RN) Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

COOPER, Charles G, Private, RM, S 4143 (Deal), illness

1944 Light Cruiser HMS Penelope following the bombardment at Anzio and during the passage to Naples to replenish ammunition was hit by an acoustic torpedo (T5) fired from U410 35 miles west of Naples off Cape Circe.

Royal Marine casualties: **BAILEY**, Tom, Marine, CH/X 3058: **BLANDFORD**, Leonard W, Musician, RMB/X 727: **BRINDLEY**, George A, Marine, PO/X 777: **BROWN**, Alfred F, Marine, CH/X 3102 **CAIRNS**, Frank, Marine, CH/X 2352: **CHANT**,

Charles A, Marine, PO/X 100312: **CLEWER**, John T, Ty/Corporal, PO/X 3207: **DUTTON**, Stanley, Marine, RFR, PO/X 628: **GUEST**, Cyril W, Marine, PO/X 108705: **HORTON**, John V, Marine, PO/X 5120: **HUDDLESTON**, Arthur V, Marine, PO/X 3996: **HURST**, Kenneth W, Marine, CH/X 3842: **JONES**, Joseph, Marine, PO/X 108706: **KELLY**, Thomas B, Marine, PO/X 5096: **LANGFORD**, Cyril J, Bandmaster 2c, RMB/X 298: **LOCKYER**, Cyril J, Marine, PO/X 101729,: **MALE**, Leslie N, Ty/Corporal, PO/X 100106: **NICHOLSON**, William, Musician, RMB/X 1656: **PENDERED**, George S C, Marine, PO/X 5094: **PICKETT**, Henry E, Musician, RMB/2741: **ROBINSON**, Bernard W P, Sergeant, RM, PO/X 782: **WOODHOUSE**, Joseph, Marine, PO/X 4302.

18th February

1917 Operations on the River Ancre by 63rd (RN) Division 17-18 February, Action of Miraumont. 1st and 2nd Battalions RMLI involved. *"102 Prisoners were taken, 1 77mm gun & 2 MGs were captured. The enemy counter attacked on 3 occasions. On 1 occasion taking advantage of thick mist, he counter attacked, without artillery preparation, 2 Battalions strong, on 1 ½ mile frontage. SOS message was sent, the artillery replying with great promptitude, causing many casualties. The Battalion on the left, turned & fled, & was almost immediately followed by the right Battalion. The line from Battalion HQ to the front line had only just been repaired when SOS was asked for. Total casualties suffered by the Battalion in the attack, capture & consolidation of the objective - SUNKEN ROAD - Officers - 7 killed, 6 wounded. Other Ranks - 57 killed, 193 wounded, 27 missing"*



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

HOGSETT, Gordon, Corporal, RMLI, S 243 (Ch), DOW: **NEAL**, John F, Private, RMLI, S 908 (Ch), DOW: **OVER**, George J, Private, RMLI, S 1537 (Ch), DOW: **WARREN**, John J, Private, RMLI, 15753 (Ply), DOW:



RND, 2nd RM Battalion, France

ARCH, Arthur J, Corporal, RMLI, 13806 (Po): **GREENHOUGH**, George W, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 853 (Ply): **HAMILTON**, Charles R, Private, RMLI, 14848 (Po): **LAYTE**, Albert, Private, RMLI, S 1024 (Po), DOW: **NUTTYCOMBE**, Henry J, Sergeant, RMLI, 13320 (Ply): **STATE**, Richard, Private, RMLI, S 158 (Po): **SWALE**, John, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM, DOW: **TURNER**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, S 153 (Ply): **TURNER**, Thomas A, Private, RMLI, S 1242 (Po), DOW. RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

19th February

1915 GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN – First Bombardment of Outer Dardanelles Forts

20th February



1964 Corporal Reginald **CHAPPELL**: Service Number RM 15686 of 42 Commando RM. He was killed in action during the Confrontation with Indonesia. He was shot whilst approaching a house where his section were to set up an ambush

21st February

1915 Plymouth Battalion RMLI plus the headquarters of the Royal Marine Brigade on "Braemar Castle" and the Chatham Battalion sails on "Cawdor Castle" arrive at Lemnos

22nd February

1812 Naval engagement in the Adriatic where HMS Victorious captured the French ship of the line Rivoli (74 guns), which was eventually defeated with much of her crew being killed and wounded. Rivoli was captured once the skirmish came to an end and she later served in action as a Royal Navy warship against the French

23RD February

1915 The island of Lemnos in the Aegean occupied by Royal Marines

24th February

1944 The Royal Marines have a saying "That once a marine always a marine". This entry concerns Tony Smith, who had served at Gallipoli then on the Western Front. He was invalided out of the Corps having lost his middle three fingers on the 17th February 1917. Post war he earned a living as the chimney sweep at Buckingham Palace.



At the outbreak of war in 1939, Tony became a member of the Heavy Rescue Section of the Civil Defence Rescue Service at Chelsea in London. He served with them from the 5th September 1939 until 1st July 1945. On the night of February 23rd /24th 1944, at World's End, Chelsea, bombs intended for the Lots Road Power Station fell on nearby streets. The hardest hit was Edith Grove, where a whole terrace of houses was demolished, the water main ruptured and the gas main set alight. It was for his actions during this raid that Tony was awarded the George Cross. The citation in the London Gazette dated 30th May 1944 reads:-

"During an air raid, bombs demolished a number of four-storey houses, leaving standing only the party walls, which were in a precarious condition. Gas and water mains were fractured and the gas ignited, setting fire to the buildings and wreckage, the whole of which became a raging inferno. Two floors had pancaked forming a huge pile of blazing debris but Smith burrowed a way through the burning ruins and managed to reach a casualty trapped in a front basement underneath. He released the victim, but by this time the front of the building was a solid wall of flame, the upper floors were collapsing and his escape was cut off.



Carrying the casualty, Smith made his way through the flames and smoke to the rear of the house and there found a 6-inch aperture in the wreckage. He forced a way through and managed to pass the casualty to safety just as the remaining portion of the front wall collapsed into the area. Smith's eyebrows and hair were burnt and he was almost overcome by smoke but, undeterred by his ordeal, he immediately went to the assistance of a comrade who was endeavouring to rescue a woman trapped in the basement of an adjoining building, the walls of which were in a very dangerous condition. Here, working for an hour up to his waist in water, and with walls and floors on the point of collapse, Smith helped to release her. He then obtained a change of clothing and carried on until

his squad was relieved. Smith displayed outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty in conditions of the utmost danger and difficulty."

25TH February

1915 GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN Second Bombardment of Outer Dardanelles Forts Attacks continued until 18 March

26TH February

1918 SS Dalewood, Admiralty-hired collier, torpedoed and sunk by U.105 in Irish Sea 2



RMLI gunners killed including John E. Brown AM. He had been awarded the Albert Medal :-"On the 31st Jan., 1917, while the Steamship" Rhydwen "of Cardiff was lying at Genoa, a fire broke out in the ship's magazine. A fire signal was immediately hoisted, but before assistance arrived Bulmer and Brown went below, unlocked the door of the magazine and got the hose at the seat of the fire.

Water was then played on the magazine and the ammunition was taken out on deck and, owing to the prompt action of the ship's crew, the fire was extinguished. Considerable risk was incurred by Bulmer and Brown in rendering the service."



27TH February

1942 Battle of the Java Sea: An Allied naval force of 5 cruisers and 11 destroyers based at Surabaya attacked a Japanese naval group in the Java Sea, which was supporting a Japanese invasion convoy bound for Java. The American-British-Dutch-Australian Command (ABDA) force comprising the cruisers: - British HMS Exeter, the United States Houston, the Australian HMAS Perth, and the Dutch De Ruyter and Java, supported by 11 destroyers took on the Japanese force of two heavy cruisers, two light cruisers and their 14 destroyer escorts.

This running battle commenced and Exeter was soon hit reducing her speed, the Dutch destroyer Kortenaer was torpedoed and sunk, the British destroyer Electra was sunk by gunfire, and another British destroyer HMS Jupiter sunk by a Dutch laid mine.

28TH February

1916 SS Alcantara, armed merchant cruiser was sunk in action with German auxiliary cruiser Greif in the North Sea.

7 Royal Marines lost: **ANGEL**, George F, Private, RMLI (RFR B 552), 7599 (Po): **GLUE**, Alfred, Private, RMLI (RFR B 668), 10138 (Po): **HORNE**, Leonard, Private, RMLI, 17724 (Po): **LAMB**, George W, Private, RMLI, 16720 (Po): **STEVENSON**, Jack E, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1022), 12180 (Po): **UNWIN**, James W, Private, RMLI, 17862 (Po): **WADDINGHAM**, James, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1072), 12494 (Po)



1941 At Malta as part of the air defence in World War 2, the Royal Marines were given two Bofors, guns, which were mounted on the Upper Barraca, one of the highest points in the

Grand Harbour. By collecting all of the available N.C.Os signallers, an officer's servant, a boy bugler, and one of the Admiral's orderlies, it was found possible to muster two guns' crews, and one for relief's and replacements. The men had never fired Bofors before, but learnt after one-weeks training under a Royal Malta Artillery instructor.

In the early hours of 28th February the battery claimed its first definite victim; a minelayer, believed to be a Junkers 88, was hit, and was last seen diving steeply and clearing the breakwater by only a few feet.

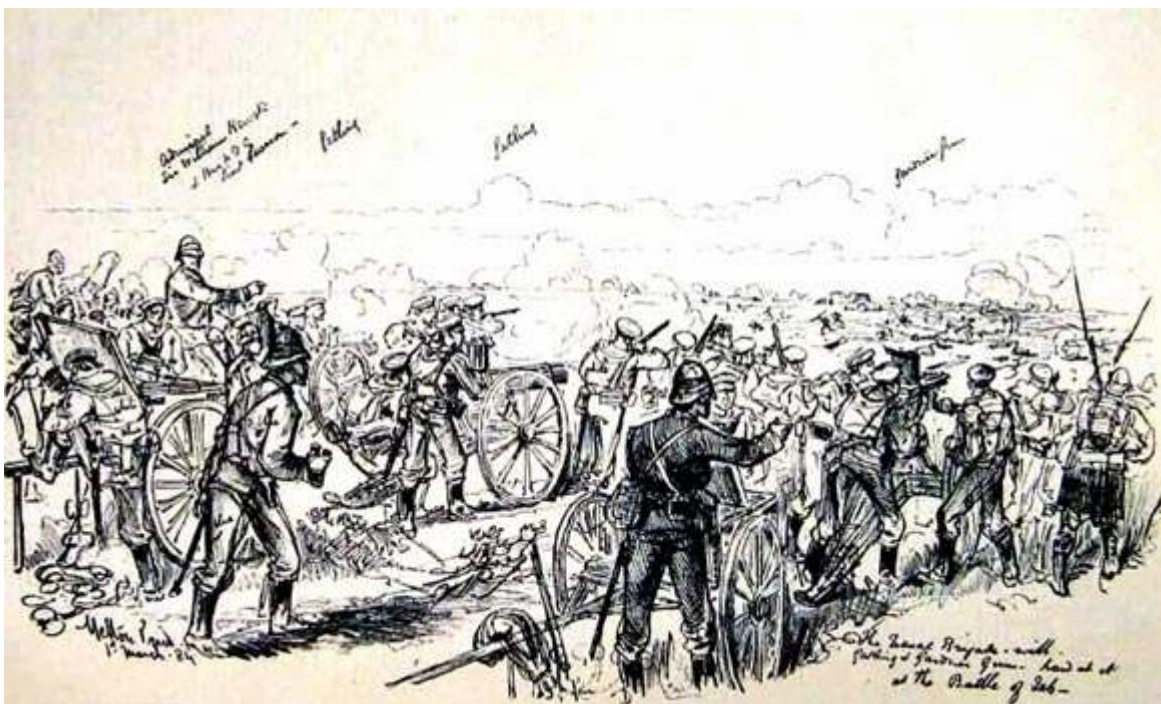
1942 About midnight on the 27/28th of February during the Battle of the Java Sea, the Dutch light cruisers De Ruyter and Java were blown to pieces by Long Lance 24 inch torpedoes emanating from the Japanese cruisers Nachi and Haguro in the Sunda Strait, where they met the main Japanese invasion fleet for West Java in Bantam Bay. The Allied ships were engaged by at least three cruisers and several destroyers. In a ferocious night action that ended after midnight on 1 March, Perth and Houston were sunk. HMS Exeter was damaged at this stage in surface action but later in this battle was sunk.

HMS Exeter lost: **COX**, Harry, Marine PLY/X 518, killed and **LAMB**, William, Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1780, killed

29TH February



1884 Second Battle of El Teb during the Sudan campaign. On 29th February 1884 the infantry brigade formed a square and began the advance to the hamlet of El Teb, some 2 ½ miles inland along the track to Tokar, where Osman Digna's Mahdists lay in position.



The Royal Navy contingent firing Gatling guns at the battle of El Teb

The front of the square was formed by the Gordon Highlanders and the rear by the Black Watch, both in company columns of fours at company intervals. The right flank was formed by the 2nd Royal Irish Fusiliers and 3rd KRRC, the left flank by 1st York and Lancaster and RMLI, all in open column of companies. The angles of the square were filled by guns manned by Royal Artillery and Royal Navy personnel. Colonel Buller commanded the infantry brigade. The only baggage animals taken with the force carried spare ammunition. The cavalry, 10th and 19th Hussars and Mounted Infantry commanded by Colonel Stewart, followed the square at a distance.

At 11.20am the Mahdists opened rifle and artillery fire, using the small arms and Krupp guns captured from the Egyptian forces they had annihilated in the course of the revolt.

The British square halted and the infantry were ordered to lie down while the guns and machine guns fired on the Mahdists. The effect of this bombardment was to silence the Krupps guns in the hands of the Mahdists. The square stood up and continued its advance under rifle fire. The British began to take casualties.

When the square was within two hundred yards or so of the earthworks, the Mahdist tribesmen abandoned their firearms and charged the square with spears and swords. Large numbers of the tribesmen were shot down by the infantry with rifle fire and by the Gardiner and Gatling guns of the Naval Brigade. None broke into the square.

Following this assault, the tribesmen fell back and the square reformed and resumed its advance. At this point Colonel Stewart's Cavalry Brigade advanced past the right flank of the square and charged the massed Mahdist tribesmen, leading to a confused struggle with the tribesmen in the broken country covered by thorn bushes. The cavalry suffered heavy casualties in the scrimmage.

As the British infantry reached the earthworks, the battalions moved out of square formation and, forming line, stormed the tribesmen's positions at the point of the bayonet.

At around 1pm General Graham's troops took the hamlet of El Teb and the Mahdists began to stream away into the surrounding country.

Casualties: The British casualties were 5 officers and 24 non-commissioned ranks killed and 17 officers and 142 non-commissioned ranks wounded. 4 Royal Marines killed, one from the RMA & three from the RMLI. Also 20 were wounded. The Mahdists suffered around 2,500 killed and an unknown number wounded.

MARCH

1st March

1942 During the Battle of the Java Sea the cruiser HMS Exeter was ambushed by Japanese cruisers HAGURO and NACHI and four destroyers. She became engaged in a running fight. HMS Exeter was abandoned after 3 hours in action. Finally she was sunk by torpedo. 54 of the ship's company were killed in this action and 651 were rescued by Japanese ships and became POWs.



Royal Marine Casualties were: **BANTHORP**, Gordon J, Marine, PLY/X 100024: **BURSTON**, Stanley J, Marine, PLY/X 100339: **CURRIE**, Hugh, Marine, PLY/X 100023: **NICHOLLS**, Frank, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1734: **SPICE**, Albert P, Marine, PLY/100022:

2nd March



1939 Award of Albert Medal to Lieutenant Turner:-*"On 2nd March 1939 at 06.40 hours HMS Ramillies was off Gozo making preparations to enter Grand Harbour, when one of the davits broke loose whilst making the ladders ready to hoist out, and carried Sergeant Young overboard. Lieutenant Turner immediately dived into the rough sea in an attempted rescue and was last seen about 40 yards away from the ship swimming towards Sergeant Young. However both men disappeared beneath the waves and their bodies were never found."*

3rd March

1960 HMS TYNE and HMS DARLASTON delivered relief stores after an earthquake at Agadir. Around 12,000 people (about a third of the city's population of the time) were killed and another 12,000 injured with at least 35,000 people left homeless, making it the most destructive and deadliest earthquake in Moroccan history.

4th March

1915 RND Plymouth Battalion lost 23 members during demolition and shore party landings in the Kum Kale area of the Dardenelles.



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ALLKINS, Wilfred S, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 387 (Ply):**BALDWIN**, Alfred B, Colour Sergeant, RMLI (RFR 880), 4690 (Ply), DOW: **BEAN**, Joseph H, Private, RMLI, 16765 (Ply): **CASKEN**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, S 178 (Ply): **DYTER**, William G, Private, RMLI, 17661 (Ply): **FREEMAN**, Thomas S, Sergeant, RMLI (RFR B 1045), 5864 (Ply): **GATES**, Samuel, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 14982 (Ply): **GIBSON**, Sydney E, Private, RMLI, 16373 (Ply): **GOODENOUGH**, Walter, Private, RMLI, 11957 (Ply): **JONES**, John, Private, RMLI, S 305 (Ply): **JONES**, Norman, Private, RMLI, S 398 (Ply): **MCGUIRE**, Patrick, Private, RMLI, S 150 (Ply): **MINNS**, Arthur W, Sergeant, RMLI, 11711 (Ply): **PILL**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 16343 (Ply): **POWER**, James, Private, RMLI, S 240 (Ply): **RAWLINSON**, Bertram, Private, RMLI, S 9 (Ply): **ROUNDS**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 16404 (Ply): **ROWSON**, Harold, Private, RMLI, S 474 (Ply): **SCOTT**, James, Private, RMLI, 16410 (Ply): **SNOWDEN**, John W, Private, RMLI, S 119 (Ply): **TAYLOR**, Willie, Private, RMLI, S 121 (Ply): **WARNOCK**, Robert, Private, RMLI, 16727 (Ply): **WHITWAM**, Bertie, Private, RMLI, 17618 (Ply)

5th March

1858 HMS PEARL during the Indian Mutiny had brought troops to Calcutta



HMS Pearl

Captain Sotheby volunteered her crew to assist. On September 12th part of the crew transferred to the paddle-steamer Chunar. This detachment, of 158 men, had two 12-pounder Howitzers & two 12 pounder mountain guns.

They also had 24-pounder rockets, ultimately reached Myrwa. By that time another detachment, under Lieutenant Radcliffe, had joined from Calcutta, bringing up the force of the Pearl's Brigade to about 250 in all. A few had been raised from among volunteers from the merchant vessels at Calcutta; but the vast majority were seamen and marines belonging to the corvette. The force with Gurkhas & Sikh troops fought in a major battle at Amorha on the 5th March taking on ten times their number. The Naval Brigade had 1 officer killed & 15 men wounded.

1921 These drums are in memory of the 143 ranks of the Band Service who lost their lives in the Great War. They were paid for by voluntary subscriptions from all ranks of the Royal Naval School of Music and were dedicated at Eastney on the 5th March 1921."



6th March



2007 Marine Ben REDDY: of R.M. 42 Commando (4 Troop K Company): Age 22: Killed in action at Kajaki, Helmand Province, Afghanistan (Operation Achilles) Operation Achilles was a NATO operation, part of the war in Afghanistan. Its objective was to clear Helmand

province of the Taliban. The operation began on March 6, 2007. The Royal Marines successfully cleared a large Taliban complex near the Kajakai Dam

7th March

1915 HMS Nelson and Agamemnon bombard the Turkish Forts at the Narrows of the Dardanelles.

8th March



1975 Captain W.N.**MARSHALL** Royal Marines seconded to the Sultan of Oman's Armed Forces Jebel Regiment was shot down in AB206 near Hagaif

9th March

1901 Start of the 2nd Boer War. The monument to the Royal Marines, who died in the Boer War and Boxer rebellion, is shown on the right. The statue is located by Admiralty Arch on the Mall in London



10th March

1916 Number 9 RM Battery in action at Latema-Reata in German East Africa.

2014 To raise funds for charity, 2 Royal Marines abseil down the British Telecom Tower in London



11th March

1915 SS Bayano, armed merchant cruiser, torpedoed and sunk by U.27 in North Channel.

20 Royal Marines were killed: **ABSALOM**, George H, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1120), 10079 (Po): **ARCHER**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, 16725 (Po): **ATKINSON**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 16352 (Po): **BAILEY**, Albert C, Private, RMLI, 17189 (Po): **BAIN**, Alexander G, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1024), 7542 (Po): **BURRIDGE**, Albert H, Bugler, RMLI, 16789 (Po): **CHANT**, John F C, Private, RMLI (RFR B 873), 9061 (Po): **FOX**, William J, Private, RMLI (RFR B 438), 4246 (Po): **FRAMPTON**, James G, Private, RMLI, 16702 (Po): **GILBERT**, Charles, Private, RMLI (RFR B 732), 5703 (Po): **HILL**, Ernest A, Private, RMLI (RFR B 508), 8407 (Po): **HOOK**, Walter G, Private, RMLI, 17190 (Po): **HUBBARD**, Frederick F, Sergeant, RMLI (RFR A 784), 12012 (Po): **JEWER**, Henry J B, Private, RMLI, 13442 (Po): **JONES**, Stephen J J, Private, RMLI (RFR B 645), 8978 (Po): **KING**, Arthur G, Sergeant, RMLI (RFR A 741), 5237 (Po): **LLOYD**, Walter J, Corporal, RMLI (RFR A 690), 4669 (Po): **REES**, Alfred, Private, RMLI (RFR A 546), 6396 (Po): **STERN**, Wallis, Lance Corporal, RMLI (RFR A 861), 6156 (Po): **SUMMERS**, James H, Private, RMLI, 16698 (Po)



1944 RM 44 Commando, Burma operations made their 1st landings behind Japanese lines on the Irrawaddy river at ALETHANGYAW. They landed at night in old leaky landing craft and had

problems from Japanese snipers and machine gun posts which resulted in the deaths of Corporal, John **BEDFORD**: EX/3270 and Walter Sergeant Walter **HODNETT**: RM, EX 991. Both were members of 44 RM Commando.

12th March



1945 Lieutenant Peter COLLINS MC: "A" Troop 48 R.M. Commando. Age: 24 was on a raid across the River Maas into Holland where he was injured and captured along with his MOA PLY/X 120111 Marine Arthur Douglas Coleman, both later being reported to have died. {MOA stands for marine officer's attendant}

13th March



1966 Captain Alan WOODMAN serving on secondment from the Royal Marines with the Sultan of Oman's Northern Frontier Regiment was killed when ambushed in Wadi Naheez

14th March

1884 Battle of TAMAAI part of the Sudan campaign. British forces moved from Suakin to attack the Mahdists main camp at Tamaai. The British advanced in squares against a very determined enemy over very difficult broken ground with thorn bushes. Although forced back at one stage the British finally triumphed. Following this battle the British withdrew their troops to Egypt leaving General Gordon with only very limited resources to defend Khartoum. 5 Royal Marines were killed and 15 wounded in this action.

Royal Marine casualties

Thomas **O'Brien** - Naval Brigade and Benjamin **Parrick** - Naval Brigade were both killed at Tamaai 14th March 1884

Private William Lock - 24th Company. Royal Marines Light Infantry: **Private Arthur Giles** - 42nd Company Royal Marine Light Infantry : Gunner Thomas **Tustin** of the 8th Company RMA. These 3 were killed at Tamaai on the 13th March 1884



1915 After the Battle of the Falklands SMS Dresden eluded her British pursuers for several more months, until she put into Robinson Crusoe Island in March 1915. Her engines were worn out and she had almost no coal left for her boilers; the ship's captain contacted the local Chilean authorities to have Dresden interned. There, she was trapped by British cruisers; HMS Kent, Glasgow and Orama. The British violated Chilean neutrality and opened fire on the ship in the Battle of Más a Tierra. The Germans scuttled Dresden and the majority of the crew escaped to be interned in Chile for the duration of the war.

15th March



2012 At an award ceremony held at Handel Street Army Reserve Centre in Bloomsbury on 15th March 2012 marine HOLDER was presented by the Greater London Reserve Forces and Cadets Association (GLRFCA) with an award for his outstanding achievements over the past 12 months. The citation read: *“Marine Holder volunteered for operational service in Afghanistan in July 2010 and served with 40 Commando at a forward operating base in SANGIN. As a result of his heroic actions in Combat he was awarded the American Bronze Star Medal with Combat V Clasp (denoting Valour)”. This is a United States Armed Forces individual military decoration, signed by President Obama and awarded for acts of bravery and heroism. It is the fourth highest combat award of the US Armed Forces and the ninth highest military award in the US military. It is exceptionally rare for a non US Serviceman to be awarded this – only 6 have been awarded previously and it equates to the UK Military Cross/Queens Gallantry Medal (MC/QGM).”*

16th March

1917 German Raider Leopard was sunk in the North Sea near the Faeroes by armoured cruiser HMS Achilles and armed boarding steamer Dundee. She went down with all hands including Dundee's boarding party of one officer and five men. No Royal Marine casualties. The boarding party were all RNR or RNVR men.



1966 Lieutenant Ian **Clark** RM was killed in action during Operation Claret carried out near village of Sebedang, Borneo, in action with Indonesian forces during Operation Lively Cricket. Marine **Collins** was killed likewise 2 days later. Both were members of 42 Commando RM.

17th March



1941 SS Medjerda (sailing to Middlesbrough with a cargo of iron ore from Pepel) was straggling from convoy SL.68 when she was torpedoed and sunk by U-105. The position was 17N, 21W (E of the Cape Verde Islands). The master (Charles Edward Banks), fifty-one crew members and

four DEMS gunners lost their lives and are commemorated on Tower Hill, Panel 69. There were no survivors. One of the DEMS gunners was **PRESTON**, Edward J, Marine, PO/16614. The other 3 were seamen.

18th March



1982 Royal Marines, Mortar Troop, live fire training exercises on Otterburn Ranges, Northumberland: Marine Peter **BUTCHERS**, P041519X, 45 Commando: Marine Anthony **HELSTRIP**, P037325K, 45 Commando and Marine Glenn **MILLER** P031476P, Comacchio Company. All 3 were killed



2005 Colonel Paul Anthony Jobbins, a Royal Marine Reservist was honoured for his actions in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2004 with the award of the George Medal. Col Jobbins was responsible for tactical control of all UN forces in Bukavu, the major city in the eastern Congo, when serious fighting broke out and the city fell to insurgents in June 2004. Women were raped, innocent children murdered and homes pillaged. Throughout this dangerous period, unarmed and at great personal risk, Col Jobbins worked ceaselessly to conduct negotiations with faction commanders, arrange the withdrawal of all forces and rescue UN personnel and Congolese civilians. Col Jobbins drove through crossfire to meet with a dissident General, persuaded him to halt his advance, and personally rescued many terrified civilians, often under fire. He personally ensured the safety of thousands of civilians and is cited for his commitment and courage, and his gallant leadership under fire. The citation reads, "*Unarmed, Col Jobbins' repeatedly gallant actions throughout the crisis were in the finest traditions of the British Armed Forces and clearly went well beyond the normal limits of UN peacekeeping.*"

19th March

1915 HMS Inflexible, battlecruiser, mined and damaged with considerable loss of life while bombarding Turkish positions in the Dardenelles. She suffered flooding forward and had to be towed to Malta. On completion of the repairs by the end of May 1915 she then returned to Rosyth. Only 2 Royal Marines killed in the action. **LOWER**, Charles, Musician, RMB 1640: **TAYLOR**, Frederick G, Corporal, RMLI, 15864

1918 SS Motagua armed merchant cruiser, in collision with US destroyer Manley off Irish coast. She was damaged by her exploding depth charges. 9 RMLI killed.

BEANEY, Ernest E, Private, RMLI, 15681 (Po): **BROWN**, Francis S, Private, RMLI (RMR B 582), 8971 (Po): **CARVER**, Edward J, Private, RMLI (RMR B 712), 8331 (Po): **LEVETT**, Percy E C, Private, RMLI (RMR B 1153), 10347 (Po): **MCMILLAN**, John, Private, RMLI (RMR B 1166), 10066 (Po): **ORAM**, Bert, Private, RMLI, 17178 (Po): **POWELL**, Albert, Private, RMLI (RMR B 809), 9440 (Po): **WYATT**, Albert W, Corporal, RMLI, 15005 (Po): **WYKES**, Gordon V, Private, RMLI, 17799 (Po).

20TH March



2003 Battle of Al Faw Iraq. In a classic airborne night assault, the 40 Commando and US marines landed by helicopter, encountering light resistance. They captured their three strategic objectives without loss and captured over 200 prisoners.

21st March

1918 21st -23rd March Battle of St Quentin (First phase of First Somme 1918 – The Kaiserschlacht) involving the 63rd Division.

Over the course of the winter the Germans transferred troops no longer needed on the Eastern Front to the West. They sought to make a decisive move to drive the British out of the war before the Americans could swing the advantage to the Allies. They believed that the British were exhausted by the 1917 campaigns at Arras, Messines, Passchendaele and Cambrai. In fact many units had partially been brought up to strength by drafting in rebadged men, who had recovered from wounds and men from the Service Battalions reassigned as infantry.

The offensive would comprise two phases, the first striking the Somme and the second confirming the breach in French Flanders.



Flamethrower used by the Germans (C) IWM

Launched on 21 March 1918, Operation Michael came as a complete surprise to the British troops who bore the brunt of its violence. Using to great effect their numerical superiority (fifty-eight divisions against sixteen), the Germans created a wide breach in the British front in the space of a few hours. Several divisions were literally annihilated those units which were not dislocated made a fighting retreat through the increasing chaos, the congested roads and German artillery adding to the general panic. Amiens soon came under threat and this forced the British to field large numbers of reserves to fill the breach.

Heavy German shellfire had hit all areas of British front occupied by Fifth Army, which included the RND, most of the front of Third Army, and some of the front of First Army. At 4.40am the main weight of attack fell between Arras and a few miles south of Saint-Quentin

The tactics involved a number of new features. The rear echelons involving communications, HQ, heavy guns, railways were subjected to a massive bombardment not only with high explosives but with gas. At the same time storm troopers with flame throwers had punched holes in the Allied lines and continued on to the Allied rear lines. Isolated pockets of Allies were then eliminated by the following German troops. German infantry began attacking between 7.00am and 9.40am.. Many of

the besieged and engaged British posts and defended villages held out, and only fell once entirely surrounded and hopeless.



RND, 63rd Machine Gun Company, France

WORSLEY, John, Private, RMLI, S 1425 (Ch), DOW



RND, 148th RN Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit

TYSON, Joseph, Private, RM, S 4322 (Deal)

2003 U.S. Marine CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter crashed in Kuwait, killing the 4 US aircrew and **CECIL**, John, Colour Sergeant, RM, P043777V, UK Landing Force Command Support Group (UKLF CSG): **EVANS**, L. K, Lance Bombardier (Army), 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery: **GUY**, Philip S, Captain, RM, N029162R, UK Landing Force Command Support Group: **HEDENSKOG**, Sholto B, Marine, P057659Y, UK Landing Force Command Support Group: **HEHIR**, Les, Sergeant (Army), 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery: **SEYMOUR**, Ian, Operator Mechanic (Communications) 2c, D227999G, RN, 148 Commando Battery Royal Artillery, UK Land Forces Combat Support Group: **STRATFORD**, Mark, Warrant Officer 2c, RM, P043484J, UK Landing Force Command Support Group: **WARD**, Jason, Major, RM, N028273Y, UK Landing Force Command Support Group

22nd March

1885 Osman Digna's army attacked the British near Tofrek taking advantage of high thorn bushes & dry wadis to conceal their movements. In the ensuing fight the British troops resisted strongly & overwhelmed their attackers. 8 Royal Marines killed. Private W. Butcher - Royal Marines Private C. Eastel: Private E. Hockey: Private C. Hutchings: Sergeant J. Mitchell: Private E. Smith : Private W. Stanton: Private R. Willon: **Lieutenant Houston Stewart**



Royal Marines mopping up after the battle at Tofrek

1918 The 2nd day of the Battle of St Quentin. 13 Royal Marines killed. 2nd Battalion RMLI repulsed an attack at Havrincourt Wood.



RMA, Howitzer Brigade, France

STANLEY, Joseph, Gunner, RMA, RMA S 1617



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

EDGE, Thomas, Corporal, RMLI, 16124 (Po), DOW: **O'CONNELL**, William C, Private, RMLI, 20441 (Ch): **PARKES**, John W, Private, RMLI, 10628 (Ch)



RND, 2nd RM Battalion, France

COLLIER, Edward W, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM: **GLASSPOOL**, Arthur J, Private, RMLI, S 1774 (Ply): **JEROME**, Jesse, Private, RMLI, S 2112 (Ply): **LARGE**, Charles, Private, RMLI, S 1772 (Po): **TREASURE**, Francis, Private, RMLI, S 2084 (Ply): **WITTING**, Stanley N, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RMLI: **WOOTTON**, Herbert, Private, RMLI, S 2370 (Ch)

RND, 63rd Divisional Train, France

KEEP, Frederick, Private, RM, S 1881 (Deal)



RND, 149th RN Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

POCOCK, Frederick L, Private, RM, S 3470 (Deal)

1942 Second naval battle of Sirte was a naval engagement in which the escorting warships of a British convoy to Malta frustrated a much more powerful Italian Navy squadron. The British convoy was composed of four merchant ships escorted by four light cruisers, one anti-aircraft cruiser, and 17 destroyers. The Italian force comprised a battleship, two heavy cruisers, one light cruiser, and eight destroyers. Despite the initial British success at warding off the Italian squadron, the battle delayed the convoy's planned arrival before dawn, which exposed it to intense air attacks that sank all four merchant ships and one of the escorting destroyers in the following days

23rd March

1918 The 3rd day of the Battle of St Quentin. 14 Royal Marines killed.



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

BRODLEY, Fred, Private, RMLI, S 2447 (Ply), prisoner of war, DOW: **KNIGHT**, Alec J, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 15196 (Ply): **LEANING**, Lewis, Corporal, RMLI, 17957 (Po): **MACE**, William J, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 2441 (Ch): **PEGGS**, John, Private, RMLI, S 1737 (Ply): **WAKELAM**, Albert, Private, RMLI, S 2017 (Ch)



RND, 1st RM Battalion, attached Howe Battalion, France

BLOOMFIELD, Harry, Private, RMLI, S 893 (Ch)



RND, 2nd RM Battalion, France

BEAVIS, Edward C, Private, RMLI, S 762 (Ply), DOW: **COURTNELL**, George, Private, RMLI, S 2199 (Ply), DOW: **FRISBY**, George H C, Corporal, RMLI, 16068 (Ply): **GIBBINS**, George, Ty/Captain, RM: **HEAP**, Samuel T, Private, RMLI, S 359 (Po), DOW



RND, 63rd Machine Gun Company, France

GAINE, William J, Private, RMLI, S 1051 (Ch)



RND, 150th RN Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

SOUTHGATE, Francis G, Private, RM, S 3452 (Deal), DOW

1944 46 Commando RM crossed the Rhine establishing a bridgehead and helped to clear Wesel next day. Operation Plunder, in which 46 Commando RM was involved, began at 9 pm on the evening of 23 March, and by the early hours of the morning of 24 March Allied ground units had secured a number of crossings on the eastern bank of the Rhine. This was followed by Operation Varsity in which British & American Airborne troops were involved

24th March

1918 24th -25th March First Battle of Bapaume (Second phase of First Somme 1918) involving the 63rd Division 24 Royal Marines killed. The German commander Ludendorff changed his plan and pushed for an offensive due west, along the whole of the British front north of the River Somme. This was designed to separate the French and British Armies and crush the British forces by pushing them into the sea. The German armies suffered many casualties and were unable to maintain supplies to the advancing troops. The battle field was the difficult terrain fought over in the Somme battles of 1916 and the Germans lost momentum when the hungry troops liberated British food dumps. The failure to achieve their objectives saw the Pendulum swing to the Allies.



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

ACKERMAN, George, Private, RMLI, S 2324 (Ply): **BELL**, Frederick J, Sergeant, RMLI, 16277 (Ch): **CAVILL**, James, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1399 (Ch): **CLEGHORN**, Alexander, Private, RMLI, S 750 (Ch): **CLIFFORD**, John F, Private, RMLI, S 2468 (Ch): **FORD**, Alfred W V, Private, RMLI, S 1541 (Ply): **FOWKES**, Ernest A, Private, RMLI, S 2313 (Ply): **GREENWOOD**, Ernest, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, S 199 (Ch), DOW: **HILL**, Francis H C, Private, RMLI, S 903 (Po): **JESTY**, Wilfred, Private, RMLI, S 2223 (Po):

KING, Robert V, Corporal, RMLI, 17041 (Ch): **MEDLOW**, James, Private, RMLI, 17452 (Ply): **SHAW**, James, Sergeant, RMLI, S 801 (Po): **SMITH**, James A, Private, RMLI, S 2305 (Po): **WAKE**, Henry A, Private, RMLI, S 1940 (Ply): **WHALE**, Howard H, Private, RMLI, S 2354 (Ply)



RND, 2nd RM Battalion, France

ADAMS, Henry, Private, RMLI, S 1773 (Ply): **CUDMORE**, William, Private, RMLI, S 1189 (Ply): **DAY**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 922 (Ply), DOW: **FARQUHARSON**, Cecil G, Act/Lieutenant Colonel, RMLI, DOW: **PASSMORE**, Archibald E, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 2099 (Ply), DOW: **WALSH**, Victor A, Private, RMLI, 18595 (Ply), DOW



RND, 149th RN Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

LEWIS, Benjamin, Private, RM, S 3797 (Deal), DOW



RND, 188th Brigade Light Trench Mortar Battery, attached 2nd RM Battalion, France

ROGERS, Harry E, Private, RMLI, S 2122 (Ply)

25th March

1918 The 2nd day of the First Battle of Bapaume (Second phase of First Somme 1918) involving the 63rd Division 5 Royal Marines killed



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

BEARD, Albert E, Private, RMLI, S 1052 (Ply): **EMMOTT**, Ambrose, Private, RMLI, 13074 (Ch)



RND, 2nd RM Battalion, France

ALBRIGHTON, Arthur, Private, RMLI, S 2398 (Po), DOW: **STYLES**, Alfred J, Private, RMLI, S 1745 (Ply), DOW.



RMA, Howitzer Brigade, France

HART, Leonard C, Gunner, RMA, RMA 1460, DOW

26th March

1918 The 3rd day of the First Battle of Bapaume (Second phase of First Somme 1918) involving the 63rd Division 7 Royal Marines killed



RMA, Howitzer Brigade, France

CLARKE, James W, Gunner, RMA, RMA S 1656: **EVANS**, David, Gunner, RMA, RMA 8330, DOW: **HANCOCK**, Herbert, Gunner, RMA, RMA 1066, DOW: **SKUCE**, Albert E, Gunner, RMA, RMA 12475



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

CAPEL, Albert J, Private, RMLI, S 2366 (Ply), DOW: **MEACHAM**, Ralph H, Private, RMLI, S 1740 (Ply), DOW: **ROGERS**, Reginald C, Colour Sergeant Major, RMLI, 15594 (Ch)

27th March

1918 The 4th day of the First Battle of Bapaume (Second phase of First Somme 1918) involving the 63rd Division. 188 Brigade made a counter attack in Aveluy Wood. 24 Royal Marines killed



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

EDWARDS, Sidney, Private, RMLI, S 2309 (Po): **HALL**, Dudley W R, Ty/Lieutenant, RM, DOW: **SUTTON**, Ernest G, Private, RMLI, S 2282 (Ply): **WILLIAMS**, Walter, Private, RMLI, S 2047 (Ply), DOW



RND, 1st RM Battalion, attached RM Medical Unit, France

RAVENSCROFT, William, Private, RM, S 3123 (Deal)



RND, 2nd RM Battalion, France

BUCKLEY, John A, Corporal, RMLI, S 782 (Ply): **BULLOCK**, Arthur E, Private, RMLI, S 2357 (Ply): **CHAPPELL**, Hubert H, Private, RMLI, 13088 (Ply), DOW: **DAVENPORT**, Horace, Private, RMLI, S 1375 (Ply), DOW: **HARRIS**, Percy, Private, RMLI, S 2290 (Ch): **HAZELL**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, S 1884 (Ch): **HIGGINS**, William, Private, RMLI, S 2452 (Ply): **HUNT**, Walter, Private, RMLI, S 1929 (Ch): **JOHNSON**, Harry, Private, RMLI, S 19 (Ply): **PARKINS**, Thomas A, Sergeant, RMLI, 13414 (Ply): **SHARPE**, James E, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1171 (Ply): **SMITH**, Joseph A, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM, DOW: **SMITH**, Roy B I, Private, RMLI, S 2473 (Ply): **STONEMAN**, William, Private, RMLI, S 2089 (Po): **STUTTEN**, John, Private, RMLI, S 1613 (Ply): **TOMLINSON**, Jack, Private, RMLI, S 1222 (Po), DOW: **WHITE**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, S 2157 (Po): **WILLS**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, S 1388 (Ply): **WOODLANDS**, Albert H, Private, RMLI, S 1805 (Ply)

28th March

1916 HMS Conquest, light cruiser was anchored off Harwich. Members of the ship's crew aboard the ship's boat were returning from shore leave in Harwich and became lost in a snow storm and foundered. All 38 crew members on board drowned including 3 members of the RMLI.

AUSTIN, Arthur F, Private, RMLI, 15717 (Ch): **BROOKER**, Frederick G, Private, RMLI, 16332 (Ch): **HUNT**, Walter J, Private, RMLI, 9468 (Ch).

29th March



1942 Cruiser HMS Trinidad torpedoed by malfunction of own torpedo in action during protection of Arctic Convoy PQ 13. RM Band personnel were prominent amongst casualties due to their action station being in the magazine supplying the ammunition hoists to the guns.

BENNETT, Stanley B, Musician, RMB/X 228: **BONFIELD**, Leonard, Musician, RMB/X 310: **COLLINGE**, Wilfred, Musician, RMB/X 1557: **DAVIS**, Harold A, Bandmaster, RMB/2978: **FIELD**, Albert E W, Musician, RMB/X 493: **GLASS**, Arthur E, Musician, RMB/X 985: **MASON**, Cecil H, Musician, RMB/X 1577: **SULLIVAN**, Charley J H, Musician, RMB/X 269.

30th March



2008 Two Royal Marines were killed in an explosion in southern Afghanistan. The marines, serving with 40 Commando Royal Marines, were conducting a patrol near Kajakai, in Helmand Province, shortly before 5pm local time when their vehicle was caught in an explosion. Medical treatment was provided before both soldiers were taken to the field hospital at Camp Bastion but they died as a result of their wounds.



Marine David **MARSH**



Lieutenant John **Thornton**

APRIL

1ST April



1945 Battle of Commachio involving 43 Commando RM. As a preliminary to the main operation, a commando assault (Operation Roast) was launched across Lake Comacchio on 1 April to secure the right flank of the Eighth Army for the coming battle to seize "the Spit", the narrow isthmus between the eastern shore of Lake Comacchio and the Adriatic Sea

2nd April

1801. The Battle of Copenhagen. At 8am on 2nd April 1801 the assault began with His Majesty's Ship Edgar leading the division from its anchorage and tacking from the Outer Deep into the Royal Passage. Immediately disaster struck Nelson's division as Agamemnon, Nelson's old ship, unable to weather the turn into the channel, ran aground on the shoal known as the Middle Ground. Polyphemus taking over Agamemnon's lead role made the U turn into the Royal Passage and came under heavy fire from the Danish ship Provesteen.

The following ships, Isis, Glatton and Ardent, made the turn and anchoring engaged the Danish vessels they had been allocated. Attempting to pass these ships Bellona grounded on the Middle Ground shoal, as did the following Russell. Stuck fast these ships fired on the Danes as best they could, but several of the guns on Bellona burst killing their crews, due to the age or the miscasting of the barrels or overcharging in an effort to achieve greater range.

The grounding of Agamemnon, Bellona and Russell caused the Trekroner to be left unmarked, requiring Riou to carry out the bombardment with his squadron of smaller vessels, the billowing smoke concealing his ships and protecting them initially from excessive damage. Nelson in Elephant took the anchorage allocated to Bellona, with Ganges and Monarch anchoring immediately in front of Elephant. With the line in place the battle fell to a slogging gunnery match between the British ships and the Danish ships and batteries, floating and land, which lasted some two hours. By 2pm much of the Danish line ceased firing, with ships adrift and on fire, several having surrendered, their captains on board Elephant



1879 A naval brigade took part in the Zulu war at the Battle of Eshowe. The column was formed into two divisions. The advanced division under Lt Col Law RA comprised of 350 men of the Naval Brigade. The rear division was under the command of Lt Col Leigh Pemberton of the 3/60 and consisted of 190 naval personnel and a company of Royal Marine Light Infantry. The column artillery was manned entirely by the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

By April 1st the relief column was seen from Eshowe forming into a Laager (defensive camp) on the south bank of the Inyezane River, near the Zulu kraal of Gingindhloue, which had been bombarded some weeks before by No 1 column.

While the Laager was being constructed it was reported that the Zulu's were massing on the far side of Umibi Hill. There were about 12,000 of them; all the regiments which had taken part in their victory at Isandhlwana.

After a night of steady rain the day dawned misty. The entire Zulu charging "Buffalo" formation closed in at the rear on three sides of the Laager. The British defenders under General Garnet J. Wolseley, opened fire between 300 & 400 yards range. The Zulu's made persistent rushes to get within stabbing range but failed. After about 20 minutes the heart went out of the attack and the Impis crumbled away. No group of warriors got nearer than 20 yards from the square, and bodies counted afterwards totalled over 1000 killed.

In a final battle at Ulandi the defeat of the Zulu nation was complete

1917 Award of VC to Brigadier General F. W. Lumsden DSO



The VC was "Awarded for *most conspicuous bravery, determination and devotion to duty. Six enemy field guns having been captured, it was necessary to leave them in dug-in positions, 300 yards in advance of the position held by our troops. The enemy kept the captured guns under heavy fire. Maj. Lumsden undertook the duty of bringing the guns into our lines.*

In order to effect this, he personally led four artillery teams and a party of infantry through the hostile barrage. As one of these teams sustained casualties, he left the remaining teams in a covered position, and, through very heavy rifle, machine gun and shrapnel fire, led the infantry to the guns. By force of example and inspiring energy he succeeded in sending back two teams with guns, going through the barrage with the teams of the third gun. He then returned to the guns to await further teams, and these he succeeded in attaching to two of the three remaining guns, despite rifle fire, which had become intense at short range, and removed the guns to safety.



By this time the enemy, in considerable strength, had driven through the infantry covering points, and blown up the breach of the remaining gun. Maj. Lumsden then returned, drove off the enemy, attached the gun to a team and got it away."

3rd April

1918 RM Detachment from HMS Suffolk land at Vladivostok in Siberia

1945 Corporal Thomas Peck Hunter awarded VC during the Italian campaign.



"The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the VICTORIA CROSS for valour to: — The late Corporal (Temporary) Thomas Peck HUNTER, CH/X. 110296, Royal Marines (attached Special Service Troops) (43rd Royal Marine Commando) (Edinburgh). In Italy during the advance by the Commando to its final objective, Corporal Hunter of "C" Troop was in charge of a Bren group of the leading sub-section of the Commando. Having advanced to within 400 yards of the canal, he observed the enemy were holding a group of houses south of the canal. Realising that his Troop behind him were in the



open, as the country there was completely devoid of cover, and that the enemy would cause heavy casualties as soon as they opened fire, Corporal Hunter seized the Bren gun and charged alone across two hundred yards of open ground. Three Spandaus from the houses and at least six from the North bank of the canal opened fire and at the same time the enemy mortars started to fire at the Troop. Corporal Hunter attracted most of the fire, and so determined was his charge and his firing from the hip that the enemy in the houses became demoralised. Showing complete disregard for the intense enemy fire, he ran through the houses, changing magazines as he ran, and alone cleared the houses. Six Germans surrendered to him and the remainder fled across a footbridge onto the North bank of the canal. The Troop dashing up behind Corporal Hunter now became the target for all the Spandaus on the North of the canal. Again, offering himself as a target, he lay in full view of the enemy on a heap of rubble and fired at the concrete pillboxes on the other side. He again drew most of the fire, but by now the greater part of the Troop had made for the safety of the houses. During this period he shouted encouragement to the remainder, and called only for more Bren magazines with which he could engage the Spandaus. Firing with great accuracy up to the last, Corporal Hunter was finally hit in the head by a burst of Spandau fire and killed instantly. There can be no doubt that Corporal Hunter offered himself as a target in order to save his Troop, and only the speed of his movement prevented him being hit earlier. The skill and accuracy with which he used his Bren gun is proved by the way he demoralised the enemy, and later did definitely silence many of the Spandaus firing on his Troop as they crossed open ground, so much so that under his covering fire elements of the Troop made their final objective before he was killed. Throughout the operation his magnificent courage, leadership and cheerfulness had been an inspiration to his comrades”



1982 Invasion South Georgia by Argentine Ships “Guerrico” arrived with “Bahia Paraiso” in Battle for Grytviken opposed by 22 Royal Marines. Argentines lost a puma helicopter and Guerrico was holed by anti-tank weapon

4th April

1808 A naval engagement off the coast off Rota near Cadiz, Spain where Royal Naval frigates Mercury, Alceste and Grasshopper intercepted a large Spanish convoy protected by twenty gunboats and a train of batteries close to shore.

At 4 p.m. the shot and shells from the Spanish gun-boats and batteries passing over them, the British ships opened their fire. The Alceste and Mercury devoted their principal attention to the gun boats; while the Grasshopper, drawing much less water, stationed herself upon the shoal to the southward of the town and so close to the batteries. Using grape shot from her carronade Grasshopper drove the Spaniards from their guns, and at the same time kept in check a division of gun-boats, which had come out from Cadiz to assist those engaged by the two frigates. The situation of the Alceste and Mercury was also rather critical because of the wind direction, as they had to tack every fifteen minutes close to the end of the shoal.

The first Lieutenant of the Alceste Lieutenant Stewart intended to board the convoy with boats. Accordingly the boats of the Alceste with marines set off and the boats of the Mercury quickly followed. As they came across the convoy, the two divisions of boats, led by Lieutenant Stewart, soon boarded and brought out seven merchants, from under the very muzzles of the Spanish guns and from under the protection of the barges and pinnaces of the Franco-Spanish squadron of seven sail of the line; which barges and pinnaces had also by that time effected their junction with the gun-boat

5th April

1942 While on passage to Ceylon HMS Cornwall came under heavy and sustained attacks by dive bombers from the aircraft carriers AKAGI, SORYU and HIRYU. Deficient AA armament and careful manoeuvring by enemy aircraft gave ship little defence and she was quickly disabled. She sank within 15 minutes with heavy casualties including 190 killed or missing. 21 of those lost were Royal Marines. HMS Dorsetshire suffered a similar fate with the loss of 234 lives, 24 of whom were Royal Marines.



HMS Cornwall lost:- **BARRETT**, Cyril E, Musician, RMB/2928: **GARWOOD**, Anthony H, Marine, CH/X 2174: **GLOYNS**, William S, Band Corporal, RMB/X 299: **GOODWIN**, Donald F, Marine, CH/X 1405,: **HOWELL**, Bernard J, Musician, RMB/X 1089: **HUDSON**, Alfred G, Musician, RMB/X 796: **LONG**, Bernard W, Musician, RMB/X 234: **METHERELL**, Denis R, Band Corporal, RMB/X 356: **MODERATE**, Herbert T, Marine, CH/X 2072,: **MULLINS**, Stanley W, Musician, RMB/X 783: **NOBLE**, Bertie G, Marine, CH/23264: **O'NEILL**, Robert J, Marine, CH/X 3059: **PERRYMAN**, Horace C, Ty/Corporal, RM, CH/X 2842: **POWELL**, Frederick G, Stoker 1c, C/KX 107140: **PRODGER**, Sydney S, Musician, RMB/X 438: **REID**, David S, Lieutenant, RM: **REVELEY**, Ronald H, Musician, RMB/X 440: **ROBINSON**, Richard W, Marine, CH/24858,: **ROTHNIE**, Norman A J, Corporal, RM, CH/X 1200: **SIFLEET**, Ernest G, Marine, CH/X 1970,: **SMITH**, Harry, Marine, CH/X 102195: **WINCHESTER**, Kenneth A, Musician, RMB/X 887,



HMS Dorsetshire lost:- **ANGUS**, Robert B, Marine, PLY/X 100031,: **BAGNALL**, Joshua, Marine, PLY/X 1210: **BAGWELL**, Donovan, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 541: **BAINES**, Thomas F, Marine, PLY/X 2702: **COCKERHAM**, Frank, Marine, PLY/X 100085: **COLEMAN**, William J, Marine, PLY/X 2511: **DANBY**, Henry A, Marine, PLY/X 1185: **DENTON**, Bertram J, Marine, PLY/X 3492: **DUFFY**, Thomas P, Marine, PLY/X 1280: **FARLEY**, Walter, Marine, PLY/X 101352: **GIBBIN**, Joseph, Marine, PLY/X 100111: **GREEN**, Thomas, Marine, PLY/X 100090: **HALLAM**, Joseph, Colour Sergeant, RM, PLY/22313: **HICKMAN**, Raymond

G, Marine, PLY/X 422: **KEAT**, Albert, Marine, PLY/X 3488: **MACKAY**, Alexander L, Marine, PLY/X 100697: **MERRICK**, Vincent, Marine, PLY/X 100112: **SHELDON**, Charles J, Marine, PLY/X 3427: **TAFT**, Leonard, Marine, PLY/X 3287,: **TAYLOR**, Harry, Marine, PLY/X 100107: **THURSTON**, Walter J, Marine, PLY/X 3165: **WILSON**, Roland, Marine, PLY/X 1758: **WOOD**, Thomas, Marine, PLY/X 100110: **WRIGHT**, Frederick S, Marine, PLY/21651



HMS DORSETSHIRE

6TH April

1857 *The 2nd Opium War on April 6th, the two vessels, with the tenders, Hongkong and Sir Charles Forbes, stood into Deep Bay, as far as the depth of water would permit, in search of some junks, and, finding several, sent their boats, and those of the Sibylle and Nankin, up a creek, where 11 junks and 2 lorchas were taken and destroyed. Numerous other craft were taken or burnt up and down the coast during the six or seven weeks following; and in the course of that period the British force in the river was reinforced.*



7TH April

1761 First landings at Belle Isle in a campaign lasting until 8th June. After an initial British attack was repulsed, a second attempt under General Studholme Hodgson forced a beachhead. A second landing was made, and after a six-week siege the island's main citadel at Le Palais was stormed, consolidating British control of the island. A French relief effort from the nearby mainland was unable to succeed because of British control of the sea. The British occupied the island for two years before returning it in 1763 following the Treaty of Paris.

1793 The King's Own Regiment serving as marines were involved in the capture of Saint Lucia in the West Indies.



1951

Raid by 41 Independent Commando RM on the Railway at Sorye Dong South

Korea

8th April



1951

3 Commando Brigade were deployed in a counter insurgency campaign against Communist guerrillas up till 1952 in Malaya. Marine R.**CHERRY**: Service Number RM 9447 of 40 Commando RM Aged 18 was killed on this date.

Other Royal Marines lost in this campaign:- **ALEXANDER** Charles Rank Marine Service Number RM 9324 Unit 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 25 February 1932 Age 19 Date of Death 19 January 1952: **BARNETT** Terence William Rank Marine Service Number RM 9203 Unit 45 Commando RM Date of Birth 24 August 1931 Age 19 Date of Death 12 November 1950: **BUDGEN** Paul Kindersley Rank Lt 45 Commando RM Date of Birth 08 January 1928 Age 23 Date of Death 06 June 1951: **CHADWICK** James Rank Marine Service Number PO/X 5282 Unit 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 07 February 1925 Age 26 Date of Death 07 July 1951: **CLARK** Robert Anthony Rank Marine Service Number RM 8810 Unit 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 09 April 1931 Age 20 Date of Death 28 November 1951 Cemetery: **COOP** James Barry Rank Lt Marine t 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 25 September 1925 Age 25 Date of Death 02 April 1951: **DAYES** George Alan Marine Service Number RM 8330 unit 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 14 July 1930 Age 21 Date of Death 05 October 1951: **DOWLING** Michael George Lt 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 11 April 1927 Age 23 Date of Death 14 January 1951: **DOWLING** Michael George Lt 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 11 April 1927 Age 23 Date of Death 14 January 1951: **EAMES** Rex Hugh Victor Rank Marine Service Number RM 7792 Unit 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 12 March 1931 Age 20 Date of Death 09 April 1951: **EATOUGH** Bryan Rank Marine Service Number RM8111 Unit 42 Commando RM Date of Birth 28 April 1931 Age 19 Date of Death 22 December 1950: **FORDHAM** Peter Dennis Marine RM8250, 45 Commando, RM. Date of Birth 10 June 1931 Age 20 Date of Death 25 September 1951: **GENGE** John Thomas Head Acting Sergeant CHX4107, 45 Commando, RM Date of Birth 09 February 1925 Age 26 Date of Death 11 July 1951 Died of natural causes at British Military Hospital Kamukting: **HENRY** John Rank Cpl Service Number CH/X 5389 Unit 45 Commando RM Date of Birth 04 June 1930 Age 20 Date of Death 10 January 1951: **HOWE** Norman Stanley Cpl. PLY/X 4758 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 22 June 1928 Age 23 Date of Death 11 December 1951: **IRELAND** Leonard Colin Rank Cpl Service Number CH/X 4492 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 14 November 1928 Age 23 Date of Death 18 January 1952 **KEYES** David Charles Marine RM8028, 45 Commando, RM .Date of Birth 26 May 1931 Age 19 Date of Death 14 September 1950: **LAMB** Ernest Rank Marine Service Number RM 7798 Unit 45 Commando RM Date of Birth 14 April 1931 Age 20 Date of Death 16 July 1951: **MACKAY** Peter Lewis MC Captain 42 Commando RM. Awarded the Military Cross (M.C.). Date of Birth 07 June 1919 Age 31 Date of Death 05 May 1951 *Mention in Despatches. & London Gazette Issue 39300 published on the 31 July 1951. Page 1 of 42 Admiralty, Whitehall, S.W.I. 31st July, 1951. The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award for gallant and distinguished service with 42 Commando, Royal Marines, in operations in Malaya. The Military Cross. The late Captain Peter Lewis MACKAY, Royal Marines. MID*  **MATHIESON** Kenneth Rank Marine Service Number PLY/X 5721 Unit 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 06 January 1930 Age 20 Date of Death 03 November 1950: **MILLER** Leslie Oliver Rank Marine Service Number RM 7305 Unit 45 Commando RM Date of Birth 14 February 1931 Age 19 Date of Death 10 January 1951: **NEVARD** Ernest John Rank Marine Service Number CH/X 4772 Unit 45 Commando RM Date of Birth 25 July 1922 Age 28 Date of Death 14 September 1950: **ORR** Samuel Rank Sgt Service Number PO/X 127316 Unit 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 21 November 1925 Age 25 Date of Death 27 December 1950: **ROSE** Harry Howard Marine RM8908, 42 Commando RM Died of accidental gun shot wound in Ipoh General Hospital 16 or 17 July 1950. Aged 23: **ROWE** William Richard Norman Rank Cpl Service Number PLY/X 3615 Unit 42 Commando RM Date of Birth 13 July 1925 Age 25 Date of Death 24 September 1950: **RYDER** Raymond Thomas Rank Marine Service Number CH/X 4147 Unit 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 28 March 1930 Age 21 Date of Death 02 April 1951: **SMITH** Derek Marine. RM9883 45 Commando RM Service Number RM 9883 Date of Birth 31 May 1931 Age 20 Date of Death 24 March 1952: **STOREY** John Marine RM7049, 42 Commando RM. Died in an accident on 21 November 1950. Aged 20: **TAYLOR** Maurice Jack Rank Sgt Service Number CH/X 1620 Unit 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 18 January 1918 Age 33 Date of Death 28 July 1951 Kamunting: **TURNER** Leslie James Rank Marine Service Number CH/X 5369 Unit 45 Commando, RM Date of Birth 27 August 1930 Age 20 Date of Death 28 December 1950: **WESTWOOD** George Rank Service Number PLY/X 4229 Unit 45 Commando RM Date of Birth 19 April 1925 Age 25 Date of Death 10 January 1951: **WRIGHT** Robert Marine RM8227 42 Commando RM (Died of Encephalitis ?) 12 Sep 1950



9th April



1942

Aircraft carrier HMS Hermes under attack by Japanese aircraft off Ceylon sank after being hit by no fewer than forty 250 lb Bombs. 306 of her ship's company lost their lives.

28 of those lost were Royal Marines: **BARNES**, Ronald L, Musician, RMB/X 461: **BELL**, Alexander N, Marine, PLY/X 2071: **BRADY**, Robert W, Marine, PLY/X 905: **COOMBES**, John J, Musician, RMB/X 323: **COOPER**, James W A, Marine, PLY/X 2256: **COWIE**, Alexander B, Marine, PLY/X 1563: **EASTERBROOK**, Reginald F, Marine, PLY/X 2869: **FITZGERALD**, Thomas, Band Corporal, RMB/X 533: **GRADY**, Ernest L, Marine, PLY/X 3953: **GRIFFITHS**, Thomas B, Marine, RFR, PLY/X 316: **HALL**, Robert A J, Musician, RMB/X 1131: **HEMMING**, Glyn, Musician, RMB/X 846: **HENLY**, Harry, Musician, RMB/3025: **HORRILL**, John E, Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1596: **HULL**, Henry W B, Marine, PLY/X 3002: **JONES**, Thomas N B, Marine, PLY/X 2881: **LAWRENCE**, Alfred W, Marine, PLY/X 3929, DOW: **LOMAX**, Wilfred, Musician, RMB/X 249: **MARTIN**, Frederick W, Musician, RMB/2724: **NEWCOMBE**, William J H, Marine, PLY/X 1120: **ROE**, Frank C, Bandmaster 1c, RMB/2927: **STRACEY**, Joseph R, Marine, PLY/X 3934: **TURNER**, Edward T, Marine, CH/X 2449: **WARBURTON**, John S, Marine, PO/X 3355: **WATKINS**, Ivor, Marine, PLY/X 478: **WEYMOUTH**, Ernest M J, Musician, RMB/X 905: **WILLIAMS**, Tom I, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 983: **YOUdle**, Gilbert T, Marine, PO/22821.

10th April



1940

Sinking of the German cruiser Konigsberg at Bergen in Norway. Royal Marine pilot Captain **McIVER** RM of 803 Squadron scored a hit amidships. His wing was hit by flak and he died on the 14th

11th April



1951 Marine Stanley **SKELTON**: aged 19 Service Number RM 8648 of 41 Independent Commando RM died as prisoner of the North Koreans

12th April

1782 Battle of Providien was the second in a series of naval battles fought between a British fleet of 11 ships of the line under Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Hughes and a French fleet with 12

ships of the line under the Bailli de Suffren near India during the American Revolutionary War. The battle was fought off the east coast of Ceylon, near a rocky islet called Providien, south of Trincomalee.

The battle began to turn against the French. Around 6 pm a storm arose, and the combatants, close to a lee shore, broke off the battle to attend to the risks the storm presented. Darkness from the storm and then nightfall precluded further battle that day.

13th April



1940 Faeroe Islands - On the 13th April, following the German invasion of Norway, an advance guard of Royal Marines was landed on the Faeroe Islands, northwest of the Shetland Islands with the eventual agreement of the Danish Governor.

14^h April



1940 Captain F. H. Pegram of the cruiser HMS Glasgow, accompanied by the Cruiser HMS Sheffield and ten destroyers, landed a small party of Royal Marines in Namsos, north of Trondheim. They soon attracted German aircraft. Lieutenant General Sir Adrian Carton De Wiart, V.C., designated force commander, flew in the next day (April 15). De Wiart was an energetic and competent commander who inspired his troops by his bravery during air attacks. But no Allied aircraft were available over Namsos to provide protection against the Luftwaffe. De Wiart made the decision, because of unopposed enemy air activity, to divert his large, slow and vulnerable troopships one hundred miles northwards to Lillesjona in Nesna where they would be offloaded to destroyers for a fast run into Namsos. He himself arrived there on April 16 to supervise the trans-shipment. Less than an hour into the process, German bombers arrived, and the British naval commander ordered the destroyers to sail with the troops and equipment they had on board. HMS Afridi, Nubian, Matabele, Mashona and Sikh got under way for Namsos carrying De Wiart with 36 officers and 1,208 other ranks. Though repeatedly attacked during their voyage, they arrived unscathed and got into Namsos on April 16th

15th April



2010 It was announced on the 15th April that HMS Chatham was involved in a three-day pursuit before the dhow - named Vishvakalyan - ran out of fuel. NATO said the pirates, armed with rocket propelled grenades and AK47 rifles, fled in a skiff after leaving the dhow east of the Gulf of Aden. A NATO spokesman said the Indian crew were unharmed and added the operation was overseen by Royal Marine marksmen.

Commander Simon Huntington, HMS Chatham's commanding officer, said: "*We have actively disrupted a group of pirates who had hijacked this dhow, taking the crew hostage, and they were obviously intent on seizing a larger merchant vessel and its crew, for criminal means.*"

16th April



1940 Detachments from the cruisers H.M.S. Sheffield and H.M.S. Glasgow landed at Namsos in Norway on 16th April 1940; seven days after the Germans had entered the country. They secured the harbour and road bridges to ensure an unopposed landing for a larger military force which was due to follow two days later.



1945 An airstrike was made on Emmahaven, PADANG; SUMATRA by Force 63 under Vice Admiral HTC Walker in Queen Elizabeth other ships included HMS Cumberland and London with Richlieu (French) D26 destroyers Venus Verulam Verdant and Virago. Carriers HMS Emperor and Khedive with FAA 808 Squadron (Hellcats)-nine officers and men were given awards for the strike. RM pilots were involved.

17th April

1919 HM ships were in operations off Sevastopol and they also crushed a Bolshevik attack on Kertch.



1940 British cruiser HMS Suffolk shelled the German-controlled airfield of Sola at Stavanger, Norway. Suffolk's Walrus seaplane, used to drop flares over the airfield, was shot down early in the bombardment, thus the shelling was largely inaccurate and destroyed only 4 aircraft. After sunrise, Suffolk was repeatedly attacked by German aircraft. She was hit twice and heavily damaged, and was placed out of action until Feb 1941. 17 Royal Marines killed.

BAYLDON, Bertram F, Marine, PO/X 1062, killed: **BENNETT**, Arthur E, Marine, PO/X 3707, killed: **CHENEY**, Denis C, Marine, PO/X 3856, killed: **CONNELLY**, George E, Marine, PO/X 3527, killed: **DUNGEY**, Percy J, Marine, PLY/20929, killed: **ELLIOTT**, Albert J, Marine, PO/X 1135, killed: **FAIRLEY**, James G, Marine, PO/3620, killed: **HARGREAVES**, William, Marine, PO/X 3629, killed: **JONES**, Charles T, Marine, PO/X 3782, killed: **KING**, David J, Marine, PO/X 1229, killed: **LANE**, William C, Marine, CH/X 2217, killed: **LONG**, Walter S, Marine, PO/22666, killed: **MARTIN**, Arthur D, Corporal, PO/X 1778, killed: **NAPIER**, Robert, Marine, PO/X 1557, killed: **NICHOLS**, Peter N, Marine, PO/X 3928, killed: **PARKER**, Joseph R, Corporal, PO/X 2350, killed: **TOVERY**, Norman, Marine, PO/X 2803, killed: **WILLIAMSON**, Thomas B, Marine, PO/X 3422, killed



1992 Royal Marines served as part of a NATO peace keeping force, during a civil war in the former Yugoslavia. Marine **Coates** 42 Commando RM was shot in Sarajevo, Bosnia

18th April



1945 The following members of 43 R.M. Commando lost their lives in Italy on this date and are buried at Ravenna :- Marines F.**BEALE**: Service No: PO/X 108058: R.**HEY**: Service No: EX/3746: L. **HIRST**: Service No: EX/3313: Corporals C. **LASKEY**: Service No: EX/3154: R.**SMITH**, Service No: PLY/X106635 were all killed in action. Marine E. **WEBB** of 43 R.M. Commando, who was serving in 58th Field Dressing Station died of wounds Service No: EX/1221

19TH APRIL



1775 The battle at Concorde during the American War of Independence. *“There follows the Particulars of what passed on 19th of April 1775: between a detachment of the King's Troops in the Province of Massachusetts Bay, and several Parties of Rebel Provincials*

The Americans had acquired a large store of arms and ammunition at Concorde. A British Force was sent under Lieutenant Colonel Smith of the 10th Regiment comprised Light Infantry companies of the 4th, 5th, 10th, 18th, 23rd, 38th, 43rd, 47th, 52nd & 59th Regiments of Foot.



The marines under Major Pitcairn landed from boats on the Charles River to surprise the garrison.

“Lieutenant Colonel Smith finding, after he had advanced some Miles on his March, that; the Country had been alarmed by the Firing of Guns and Ringing of Bells, dispatched six " Companies of Light Infantry, in order to secure two Bridges on different Roads beyond Concord, who, upon their Arrival at Lexington, found a Body of the Country People drawn up under Arms on a Green close to the Road ; and, upon the King's Troops marching up to them, in order to inquire the Reason of their being so assembled, they went off in great confusion and several Guns were fired upon the King's Troops from behind a Stone Wall; and also from the Meeting-House and other Houses, by which one Man was wounded, and Major Pitcairn's Horse shot in two Places. In consequence of this Attack by the Rebels, the Troops returned the Fire, and killed several of them ; after which the Detachment marched on to Concord, without any Thing further happening where they effected the Purpose for which they were sent, having knocked off the trunnions of three Pieces of Iron Ordnance, burnt some new Gun Carriages, and a great Number of Carriage Wheels, and thrown into the river a considerable Quantity of Flour,- Gunpowder, Musket-Balls, and other Articles. Whilst this Service was performing ,great Numbers of the Rebels assembled in many Parts, and a considerable Body of them attacked the Light

Infantry posted at one of the Bridges, on which an 'Action ensued, and' some few were killed and wounded

On "the Return" of the Troops from Concord, they were very much annoyed, and had several Men killed and wounded, by the Rebels firing from behind Walls, Ditches, Trees, and other ambushes ;but the Brigade under the Command of Lord Percy having joined them at Lexington, with two Pieces of Cannon, the Rebels were for a while dispersed ; but as soon as the Troops resumed their March, they began again to fire upon them from behind Stone Walls and Houses, and kept up in that Manner a scattering Fire during the Whole of their March of Fifteen Miles by which Means several, were killed and wounded ; and such was the Cruelty and Barbarity of the Rebels,, that they scalped and cut off the Ears of some of the wounded-Men, who fell into their Hands.

It is not known what Numbers of the Rebels were killed and wounded; but, it is supposed, that their Loss was very considerable. –“

General Gage says, that too much Praise cannot; be given to Lord Percy, for his remarkable Activity during the whole Day and that Lieutenant Colonel Smith and Major Pitcairn did everything that man could do; as did all the Officers in general; and that the Men behaved with their usual Intrepidity.”
Excerpt from despatch sent by General Thomas Gage

MARINE CASUALTIES: Captain **Souter**, Second Lieutenant **M'Donald**, wounded. Second Lieutenant Isaac **Potter**, missing.-. Subsequently found to have been wounded & captured, 1 Serjeant killed, 2 wounded. 1 missing.1 Drummer killed: 25 other ranks killed, 36 wounded, 5 missing.



1951 HM Submarine Affray was lost during a training exercise in the Channel in April, 1951. It took 60 days before the sub was found in 86m near the Hurd Deep, though long before that, all hope had been given up for the 75 men aboard.

Navy divers then found that the snorkel mast was snapped off and lying head-down over the side. This fracture was almost certainly the cause of the sinking. It would have let tons of water into the sub and filled her within moments. Sgt **Andrews** and marines **Hooper, Jarvis** and **Shergold** were aboard.



20th April



1949 HMS Amethyst & the Yangtse Incident. The most notable event in this period was the attempt by HMS London to rescue HM Sloop AMETHYST which had been trapped in the Yangtse River whilst in action with HM Sloop BLACK SWAN against Chinese Communist shore batteries. The London was hit by 23 shells which caused major damage. Both warships then had to return to Shanghai. HMS LONDON returned to UK on 18th June 1949 and arrived in Chatham on 8th

September. There were two RM casualties: Sergeant William **FISHER** Royal Marines Service Number P0/X3600 & Marine Lawrence **JARVIS** Royal Marines Service Number CH/X 4348.

21ST April

1806 A minor engagement between a French frigate and British forces off South Africa during the Napoleonic Wars. The Île Bonaparte and Île de France constituted French outposts in the Indian Ocean, from which privateers and frigate squadrons could engage in commerce raiding and disrupt British shipping. After encountering a strongly escorted British convoy, the 40-gun *Cannonière* attempted to flee, but was attacked by the 74-gun HMS *Tremendous*. In the ensuing battle, Captain Bourayne displayed superior seamanship and managed to fend off his much stronger opponent by a combination of manoeuvres that rendered the batteries of *Tremendous* ineffective, and threatened her in turn with raking fire. The French frigate thus managed to evade and escape

22ND April

1915 A RM Detachment from HM *Egmont* sank an Austrian monitor on the River Danube.



1991 In a protective capacity 45 Commando RM was deployed to Iraq under Operation Safe Haven to protect the Kurds from Saddam Hussein's Army.

23RD April

1917 The Second Battle of the Scarpe started including operations by 63rd (RN) Division. The Naval Battalions took extremely heavy casualties. The Royal Marine Battalions were not so heavily involved.



The 1st RM Battalion losses were Corporal Charles **BIRCH** RMLI, 19875 (Ch): Private Albert **FITZJOHN** RMLI, 19562 (Ch): Lance Corporal William **HOLLAND** RMLI, 17862 (Ply), Lance Corporal George **POVEY** RMLI, 16867 (Po), Private Robert **RYE** RMLI, S 1414 (Po).



The medics also took casualties: **RND, 3rd Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit** Private Isaac **MATTHEWS** RM, S 4206 (Deal) and RND, Drake Battalion, attached RM Medical Unit: Private Frederick **ROBINSON** RM, S 3259 (Deal), Died of wounds.

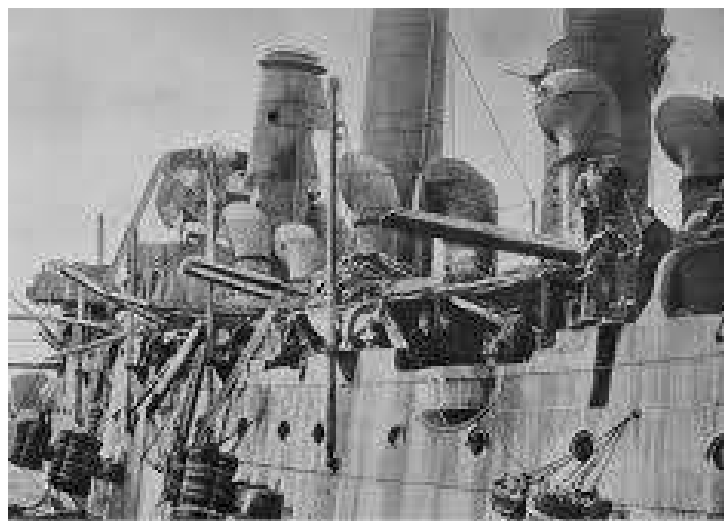
1918 ZEEBRUGGE RAID. *“Zeebrugge was an outlet for German U-boats and destroyers based up the canal at Bruges, and the British planned to sink three old cruisers *Iphegenia*, *Intrepid* and *Thetis*, in the channel to block it. These would have to pass a long harbour mole (a causeway or pier), with a battery at the end, before they were scuttled. It was decided therefore to storm the mole using another old cruiser, HMS *Vindictive*, and two Mersey ferries, *Daffodil* and *Iris II*, modified as*

assault vessels. Two old submarines were to be used as explosive charges, under the viaduct connecting the mole to the shore.

The attack went in on the night of 22-23 April, under the command of Commodore Roger Keyes. Vindictive was heavily hit on the approach, and came alongside in the wrong place. Despite much bravery by the landing party, the battery remained in action. One submarine did succeed in blowing up the viaduct, but the first block ship was badly hit and forced to ground before reaching the canal entrance. Only two (Ipheginia and Intrepid) were sunk in place”

The Royal Marine casualties from the 4th Battalion were: ADAMS, Roy M, Private, RMLI, 21203 (Ch):

ATKINSON, Arthur P, Private, RMLI, 9214 (Ch): ATTWOOD, Ernest E, Private, RMLI, 12578 (Ply): BARNES, Henry, Private, RMLI, 19273 (Po), DOW: BOSTOCK, John, Private, RMLI, 19897 (Ch): BREWER, George H G, Corporal, RMA, RMA 11430: BROWNE, Harold, Gunner, RMA, RMA 16405: BUTLER, Francis R, Private, RMLI, 2092 (Ch): BUTTERWORTH, William G, Private, RMLI, S 2140 (Po): CLARKE, Harry M, Private, RMLI, 18205 (Po): COLLIGAN, James, Private, RMLI, 14384 (Ply): CONKEY, Henry D (real name, but served as Henry D Campbell), Private, RMLI, 16188 (Ply): COOMBES, Ernest W, Private, RMLI, 19845 (Po): CORDNER, Alexander A, Major, RMLI: CORNFORTH, William, Private, RMLI, 19029 (Ch): COWLEY, William G, Gunner, RMA, RMA 13151: CROFT, Thomas H, Private, RMLI, 17698 (Ch): DALE, Joseph T, Private, RMLI, S 2001 (Ch): DAVIS, Henry C, Private, RMLI, 21211 (Ch): DEMERY, David J, Private, RMLI, 18918 (Ply): DOLLERY, William H, Lieutenant, RMLI: DRURY, Leonard C, Private, RMLI, 10162 (Ch): EAGLES, Charles E C, Major, RMLI: EDE, William H, Private, RMLI, 18154 (Ply): EDNEY, Albert G, Private, RMLI, 21257 (Ch): ELDRIDGE, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 11534 (Ch): ELLIOTT, Bertram N, Lieutenant Colonel, RM: FREEMAN, Fred, Private, RMLI, 16308 (Ply): GARLAND, Isaac, Sergeant, RMLI, 15128 (Po): GATEHOUSE, Reginald C E, Private, RMLI, 19258 (Ch): GILES, Samuel W R, Private, RMLI, 16459 (Ply), DOW: GOULDEN, William E, Private, RMLI, 21771 (Ch): HAND, Cecil J, Gunner, RMA, RMA 15026: HARBOUR, William J, Private, RMLI, 16516 (Ch): HARPER, Leonard, Private, RMLI, 2137 (Po): HEFFERMAN, Charles, Bugler, RMLI, 7357 (Ch): HENDERSON, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 2404 (Ply): HUDSON, Walter J, Gunner, RMA, RMA 15450: HUGGINS, William, Private, RMLI, 12926 (Po): HURLEY, Benjamin A, Private, RMLI, 2417 (Ch): HURST, Gerald W, Gunner, RMA, RMA 15033: INSKIP, Sydney H E, Lieutenant, RMLI: JACKSON, Tom H, Private, RMLI, 17316 (Ply): JAMES, Stanley, Private, RMLI, 17833 (Ch): JONES, George W, Private, RMLI, 20137 (Ch): JONES, John, Corporal, RMLI, 19114 (Ch): JONES, Richard T, Private, RMLI, 2278 (Ch): LANE, George, Private, RMLI, 9337 (Po), DOW: LATIMER, David R, Private, RMLI, 21084 (Ch): LOXLEY, Albert V, Private, RMLI, 1921 (Po): MANN, William A, Gunner, RMA, RMA 14216: MASON, Alexander W, Private, RMLI, 20357 (Ch): MATTHEWS, Albert W, Private, RMLI, 16141 (Ply): MAY, William E, Private, RMLI, 18145 (Ch): MAYLED, Victor W, Private, RMLI, 18934 (Ply): MERCER, Harold, Private, RMLI, 2055 (Ch): MERRITT, Frank, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 9984 (Ply): MIDDLETON, George, Private, RMA, RMA 23064: MOORE, Thomas W, Private, RMLI (RMR B 736), 9334 (Ply): NEATE, Richard H R, Private, RMLI, 18066 (Ch): O'NEIL, Hugh, Private, RMLI, 18487 (Ch): ORMEROD, Vincent, Gunner, RMA, RMA 14785: OSBORNE, George A, Corporal, RMLI, 16683 (Ply): PACKER, William, Gunner, RMA, RMA S 1479: PARKS, George C C, Private, RMLI, 21276 (Ch): PEARSE, Robert W, Gunner, RMA, RMA 13569: PRANGNELL, Harold, Private, RMLI, 19762 (Ch): REEDER, Charles E, Private, RMLI, 17982 (Ch): ROBERTS, Harry L, Private, RMLI, 1881 (Ply), DOW: ROLFE, Frank, Private, RMLI, 2580 (Ch): RUMSBY, William H, Gunner, RMA, RMA 13753: RUSSELL, Robert W, Gunner, RMA, RMA 14196: SCOTT, Walter E, Private, RMLI, 2480 (Ch): SHAW, Robert R, Private, RMLI, 21108 (Ch): SILLITOE, William E, Act/Lieutenant, RMLI: SMITH, George A, Private, RMLI, 11530 (Ply): SMITH, Samuel, Corporal, RMLI, 14547 (Ch): SNEYD, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 17455 (Ch): SPARKES, Bertram V, Sergeant, RMLI, 16534 (Ch): SPIERS, William, Private, RMLI, 1890 (Ply): STANTON,



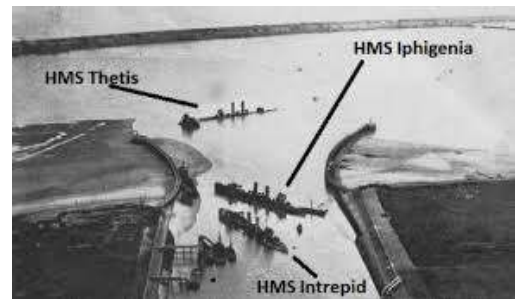
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Robert G O, Ty/Lieutenant, RMLI, DOW: **STEER**, Charles, Corporal, RMLI, 16666 (Ch): **SUNSHINE**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 19072 (Ch): **SWAN**, Frederick T, Private, RMLI, 19349 (Ch): **THATCHER**, William, Private, RMLI, 2093 (Ch), DOW: **THOMAS**, Haydn B, Private, RMLI, 18127 (Ply): **THWAITES**, Albert G, Private, RMLI, 19653 (Ch): **TICKNER**, Frederick W T, Private, RMLI, 18066 (Po): **TIDMAN**, James A, Gunner, RMA, RMA 13251: **TOWERS**, Gilbert F J, Gunner, RMA, RMA 13244: **TUCKEY**, Charles P, Captain, RMLI: **TYSOE**, Stanley J, Private, RMLI, 18795 (Ply), DOW: **VINE**, Sidney F, Gunner, RMA, RMA 10769: **WARE**, Herbert H, Private, RMLI, 19554 (Ch), DOW: **WEST**, George T, Private, RMLI, 13569 (Ch): **WHITE**, Joseph I, Gunner, RMA, RMA 14601: **WICKWAR**, Edward A, Private, RMLI, 18816 (Po): **WILLAVISE**, William G, Private, RMLI, 17462 (Ply): **WOOD**, George A, Private, RMLI, 19673 (Ch)

RM, attached to 4th Battalion: **BATT**, Ernest A, Private, RMLI, 9317 (Po) (ex-Hindustan, pre-Dreadnought battleship): **JACKSON**, Joseph, Lieutenant, RMLI (from Iris, assault ship): **JACKSON**, Stanley, Private, RMLI, S 515 (Ch) (from Vindictive, assault ship): **LINKIN**, Percy G, Private, RMLI, 17284 (Ch) (from Iris): **MISSLEBROOK**, William, Private, RMLI, 21177 (Ch) (from Iris): **RIGBY**, Charles N B, Lieutenant, RMA (ex-Barham, Dreadnought battleship): **O'SULLIVAN**, David, Private, RMLI, 21243 (Ch) (ex-Hindustan)

Members of RM, 4th Battalion who subsequently died of wounds: **ALDRIDGE**, Richard, Private, RMLI, S 1898 (Ply), DOW in UK: **GREEN**, Arthur W, Gunner, RMA, RMA 14077, DOW: **HOLDER**, Harry A, Private, RMLI, 19547 (Ch), DOW: **CLARK**, Albert G, Private, RMLI, 16838 (Ply), DOW: **HEWLETT**, **George H, Gunner, RMA, RMA 13981, DOW: HILDRED**, Bertie, Private, RMLI, 19730 (Ch), DOW: **BIRD**, Thomas G, Private, RMLI, 8615 (Ch), DOW: **SIMMONS**, Thomas, Gunner, RMA, RMA 14066, DOW: **ERSKINE**, Arthur C, Private, RMLI, S 1870 (Ply), DOW: **WHITLEY**, Walter, Private, RMLI, 2594 (Po), DOW



Award of the VC during this action to Captain Edward Bamford DSO RMLI & Sergeant Norman A. Finch RMA

Captain Edward Bamford's Victoria Cross Citation, London Gazette, 23 July 1918: " For conspicuous gallantry at Zeebrugge. April 1918. This officer landed on the Mole from "Vindictive"

with Nos. 5, 7 & 8 platoons of the Marine Storming Force in the face of great difficulties. When on the Mole under heavy fire, he displayed the greatest initiative in the command of his company, and by his total disregard of danger, showed a magnificent example to his men. He first established a strong point on the right of the disembarkation, and when that was safe, led an assault on a battery to the left with the utmost coolness and valour". Captain Bamford was selected by the officers of the R.M.A & R.M.L.I detachments to receive the Victoria Cross under Rule 13 of the Royal Warrant, dated



26 January 1856



Sergeant Norman Augustus Finch, R.M.A., No. R.M.A./12150.

“For most conspicuous gallantry. Sergeant Finch was second in command of the pompoms and Lewis guns in the foretop of Vindictive, under Lieutenant Charles N. B. Rigby, R.M.A. At one period the Vindictive was being hit every few seconds, chiefly in the upper works, from which splinters caused many casualties. It was difficult to locate the guns which were doing the most damage, but Lieutenant Rigby, Sergeant Finch and the Marines in the foretop, kept up a continuous fire with pompoms and Lewis guns, changing rapidly from one target to another, and thus keeping the enemy’s fire down to some considerable extent. Unfortunately two heavy shells made direct hits on the foretop, which was completely exposed to enemy concentration of fire. All in the top were killed or disabled except Sergeant Finch, who was, however, severely wounded; nevertheless he showed consummate bravery, remaining in his battered and exposed position. He once more got a Lewis gun into action, and kept up a continuous fire, harassing the enemy on the mole, until the foretop received another direct hit, the remainder of the armament being then completely put out of action. Before the top was destroyed Sergeant Finch had done invaluable work, and by his bravery undoubtedly saved many lives. “

This very gallant sergeant of the Royal Marine Artillery was selected by the 4th Battalion of Royal Marines, who were mostly Royal Marine Light Infantry, to receive the Victoria Cross under Rule 13 of the Royal Warrant dated 29th January, 1856.

24th April



1991 During Operation Safe Haven in Iraq 45 Commando was retasked to an operation in Zakho, which involved all four rifle companies in patrolling the streets, identifying police, secret police, and army barracks, and then ejecting their occupants. It was a huge task. Iraq was a country with an enormous military presence in northern Iraq and it's people were in the grip of terror, but with constant patrolling Northern Ireland style, the right of the secret police to kill and beat their subject population was challenged by these Marine patrols, and the first days on the streets were remarkable as people came out of their houses, free for the first time. As the days passed, thousands of refugees returned to Zakho

25th April



1915 GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN Main Allied Landings around Helles and “Anzac Cove”.
RND, Plymouth Battalion casualties: **BROWNE**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, S 298 (Ply): **EXELL**, George H, Private, RMLI, 8584 (Ply): **HITCHEN**, Samuel, Private, RMLI, S 613 (Ply): **MCGUIRK**, John, Private, RMLI, 7415 (Ply), DOW: **MURPHY**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 101 S (Ply)



1982

Liberation of South Georgia and the Sandwich Islands from Argentina. On 25 April 1982 the Royal Navy damaged and captured the Argentine submarine Santa Fé at South Georgia. The Argentine garrison in Grytviken under Lieut.-Commander Luis Lagos surrendered without returning fire, and on the following day so did the detachment in Leith Harbour commanded by Captain Alfredo Astiz.

26th April

1915 Royal Marines helped repel a German assault on the South African held town of Trekkopjes during the South-West Africa Campaign of World War I. The South African Major Skinner had been ordered to defend Trekkopjes, and came into contact with a German column advancing on that town. Skinner withdrew back into Trekkopjes and dug in his forces. The German attack was repulsed with the help of armoured cars, leaving the South Africans victorious. The Battle of Trekkopjes saw the last German offensive in German South-West Africa leaving them on the defensive for the remainder of the campaign.



1915

RND, Plymouth Battalion in Gallipoli lost the following men: **BERRY**, George, Bugler, RMNLI, 13674 (Ply): **BROWN**, Samuel, Private, RMLI, S 114 (Ply): **BULL**, William R, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, 8276 (Ply): **BURGESS**, John, Corporal, RMLI (RFR A 1093), 15001 (Ply): **CLARKE**, William, Private, RMLI, S 192 (Ply): **DALE**, Samuel, Private, RMLI, S 308 (Ply): **DAWE**, Geoffrey W, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 443 (Ply): **DEWS**, William, Private, RMLI, S 196 (Ply): **DURANT**, John W, Private, RMLI, S 110 (Ply): **FINN**, Martin, Private, RMLI, S 361 (Ply): **FISHER**, Harold, Private, RMLI, S 225 (Ply): **FOY**, George, Private, RMLI, S 218 (Ply): **GALE**, George, Private, RMLI, S 1750 (Ply): **GARRETT**, Thomas W, Private, RMLI, S 163 (Ply): **GUNNINGHAM**, Edwin, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 14651 (Ply), DOW in HS Guildford Castle: **HATFIELD**, William, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 11731 (Ply): **HIGGINBOTTOM**, Bertie, Private, RMLI, S 53 (Ply): **HUNT**, James, Private, RMLI, S 168 (Ply): **JORDAN**, Thomas, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1077), 6303 (Ply): **KING**, John W, Private, RMLI, 16256 (Ply): **LAURENCE**, Arthur B, Private, RMLI, S 36 (Ply): **LONG**, Samuel, Private, RMLI, S 471 (Ply): **MACKAY**, Alec, Private, RMLI, S 167 (Ply): **MAHER**, John J, Private, RMLI, 16802 (Ply): **MARSH**, Albert, Private, RMLI, S 394 (Ply): **MAY**, John F, Lieutenant, RM: **MCNALLY**, John, Private, RMLI, S 486 (Ply): **MILLS**, Thomas A, Private, RMLI, 16717 (Ply): **MORRIS**, Charles R, Private, RMLI, S 378 (Ply): **MORTON**, John, Private, RMLI, S 377 (Ply): **OWENS**, Francis W, Private, RMLI, S 16366 (Ply): **PETZEL**, Charles (real name, but served as Charles Patterson), Private, RMLI, S 234 (Ply): **PICKERING**, Percy, Private, RMLI, S 108 (Ply): **PRIEST**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, S 113 (Ply): **REAKES**, Leonard M, Private, RMLI, S 389 (Ply): **ROBINSON**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, S 463 (Ply): **SANDELL**, Walter, Sergeant, RMLI (RFR 1081), 6525 (Ply): **SCARLETT**, Vivian B, Private, RMLI, S 595 (Ply): **SHAW**, John, Private, RMLI, S 160 (Ply): **SNELL**, John J H, Sergeant, RMLI, 9254 (Ply): **STOKES**, John, Private, RMLI, S 127 (Ply): **TAYLOR**, Alfred H, Private, RMLI, 16379 (Ply): **TAYLOR**, William, Private, RMLI, S 138 (Ply): **THURLOW**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 16450 (Ply): **TURNER**, James, Private, RMLI, 16831 (Ply): **VOCE**, William, Private, RMLI, S 400 (Ply): **WHEELER**, George, Act/Sergeant Major, RM (RFR 879), 5647 (Ply): **WILSON**, William, Private, RMLI, S 459 (Ply), DOW in HS Guildford Castle: **WOOD**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, S 21 (Ply).

27th April

1916 Battleship HMS Russell mined and sunk off MALTA in a mine field laid by U.73.

10 Royal Marines lost. **BULLARD**, Ivy O, Private, RMLI, 7238 (Po): **BUTTERWORTH**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, 18668 (Ch): **CARPENTER**, Albert H, Private, RMLI, 11270 (Po): **CREED**, James G, Private, RMLI, 19153 (Ch): **DEEKS**, William,

Private, RMLI, 17839 (Ch): **ESSON**, William, Major, RM: **PHILLIPS**, Francis W, Private, RMLI, 19751 (Ch): **ROWLAND**, Harry, Private, RMLI, 16298 (Ch): **SIMPSON**, William N, Private, RMLI, 19661 (Ch): **TANNER**, John P, Corporal, RMLI, 14919 (Ch).

1916 In Ireland as part of the response to the so-called 'Easter Uprising', a RM battalion was landed at Queenstown, county Cork. The Haulbowline Dockyard and Admiralty House were secured whilst a detachment proceeded to Galway to guard the naval establishments. Another detachment landed at Fenit near Tralee to protect the naval base there. Signal stations were particularly vulnerable so a section was sent to the stations at Sybil Head, and Cahirmore near Berehaven. During the evening of 1st May the signal station at Sybil Head was attacked, and three Marines were wounded. The attackers were counter-attacked and although met with a heavy return fire, escaped. The detachment at Galway made landings on some of the islands in Galway Bay, and, in conjunction with the RIC, (Royal Irish Constabulary), rounded up suspects

28th April

1915 GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN First Battle of Krithia



RND, Plymouth Battalion: **OLLIER**, George V, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, 11802 (Ply), DOW in hospital ship Guildford Castle.



RND, Chatham Battalion lost the following men on the 29th: **BRANCH**, William, Private, RMLI, 15250 (Ch): **DEAR**, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 261 (Ch): **HARWOOD**, George W, Private, RMLI, 18748 (Ch): **HATTON**, Edward A S, Captain, RMLI: **HOLMES**, John, Private, RMLI, 168 S (Ch): **HOLMES**, William, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1102), 6899 (Ch): **LLOYD**, William, Private, RMLI, 307 S (Ch): **MORGAN**, George H, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1250), 13372 (Ch): **OULD**, Herbert H, Private, RMLI, S 396 (Ch): **POPE**, William J, Private, RMLI, S 296 (Ch): **SILVER**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, SS 443 (Ch): **ALLEN**, John, Private, RMLI, S 466 (Ch),

On the 30th they lost: **ADLAM**, William, Private, RMLI, 10232 (Ch), DOW in HS Mashobrah: **BURGIS**, Edwin G, Act/Quartermaster Sergeant, RMLI (RFR A 525), 4692 (Ch): **CLISSOLD**, William H, Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 1808), 8820 (Ch): **GOLDSMITH**, Charles N, Private, RMLI, S 386 (Ch): **HEATH**, Richard, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 7675 (Ch): **HUCKLE**, Frederick C, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1187), 7577 (Ch): **JOHNSON**, Clive, Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 2025), 14377 (Ch): **KILLEN**, James, Private, RMLI, 473 (Ch), DOW: **LAWES**, James, Private, RMLI (RFR B 515), 5613 (Ch): **LILLEY**, Lewis, Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 2026), 12999 (Ch): **LOVE**, Walter G, Private, RMLI, 16863 (Ch): **NEALE**, Ernest W, Private, RMLI, 12572 (Ch): **NEWMAN**, George, Private, RMLI (RFR B 733), 10533 (Ch): **PHILLIPS**, Morgan H, Private, RMLI, 18448 (Ch): **PLATT**, John T, Private, RMLI (RFR B 2021), 13155 (Ch): **RAYNER**, Edmond I, Private, RMLI (RFR B 549), 7977 (Ch): **STABLER**, George, Private, RMLI, S 14 (Ch): **STAMP**, Henry, Sergeant, RMLI, 8944 (Ch): **STORER**, William H, Private, RMLI, S 156 (Ch): **TERRY**, Frank E, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1894), 12482 (Ch)



RND, Drake Battalion Lost the following man on the 29th: **BARKER**, Godfrey, Ty/Major, RM (Res).



RND, Deal Battalion on the 30th lost: **INGHAM**, Robert, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1009), 8324 (Ch)



RND, Portsmouth Battalion on the 30th lost: **KEEN**, Trevor G, Act/Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 808), 7935 (Po), DOW in hospital ship: **LOWE**, George T, Private, RMLI, S 362 (Po): **PARKER**, John G, Private, RMLI, S 156 (Po)

1917 28-29 April: BATTLE of GAVRELLE involving operations by 63rd (RN) Division. Capture of the windmill by 2ND Battalion RMLI. These were the worst losses the Royal Marine ever suffered in one day. *“B” Company of the 1st RM Battalion reconnoitred the previous night found that extensive barbed wire fences in front of a major defensive position they were scheduled to attack the following day was still intact . This proved to be a major contributing factor to the very high losses. Virtually all the casualties listed below were killed in action but were not identified at the time of burial. This includes at least one man recorded as dying of wounds yet having no known grave, as was the case where according to a local paper, a padre wrote to a mother that her son “ has been found on the battlefield & buried by some officers & men of his Battalion, the church burial being said by me”*



RMA, Howitzer Brigade: **HODGKING**, Thomas H, Act/Bombardier, RMA, RMA 6217, killed



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France: **ANNETTS**, Christopher G, Private, RMLI, S 1616 (Ch), killed: **BARNES**, Charles F, Private, RMLI, S 1726 (Ch), killed: **BENNETT**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, S 1229 (Ply), killed: **BENNETT**, Edward, Private, RMLI, 17583 (Po), killed: **BEST**, Thomas J, Private, RMLI, 18158 (Ch), killed: **BETTLEY**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, S 1048 (Po), killed: **BIDEWELL**, Bertie B, Private, RMLI, 19260 (Ch), killed: **BIRD**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, S 1618 (Po), killed: **BLAND**, Edgar, Private, RMLI, S 1659 (Ch), killed: **BOLLAND**, Henry, Private, RMLI, 16794 (Po), killed: **BRADSHAW**, Edward, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 16976 (Ply), killed: **BRETT**, William E, Private, RMLI, 19870 (Ch), killed: **BREWER**, William, Private, RMLI, 17471 (Po), killed: **BRIGGS**, Ernest E, Private, RMLI, 16972 (Ply), killed: **BRITTON**, George, Private, RMLI, S 1651 (Ply), killed: **BROOKE**, Peter, Private, RMLI, S 905 (Po), killed: **BROWN**, Horace R, Private, RMLI, S 1429 (Po), killed: **BUCKLEY**, Basil, Private, RMLI, S 1225 (Ch), killed: **BULCOCK**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, S 750 (Ply), killed: **BYGRAVE**, Robert J, Private, RMLI, S 1794 (Ch), killed: **BYRNE**, Peter S, Private, RMLI, 17016 (Ply), killed: **CARTWRIGHT**, John, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 16865 (Ply), killed: **CHAMBERS**, William T, Private, RMLI, S 838 (Ch), killed; **CHAPMAN**, Arthur E, Private, RMLI, 17445 (Ch), killed: **CHARLESWORTH**, Edward, Private, RMLI, 18942 (Ch), killed: **CHECKLEY**, Tom, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 16909 (Ch), killed: **CLARKE**, Edward H, Private, RMLI, 17165 (Po), killed: **CLARKE**, Ernest V, Private, RMLI, S 1435 (Ch), killed: **CLARKE**, George W, Private, RMLI, S 1544 (Ch), killed: **COLLETT**, William A, Private, RMLI, S 1902 (Ch), killed: **COLLIVER**, Archibald T G, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1440 (Ply), killed: **COMFORT**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, S 730 (Ch), killed: **CONNOLLY**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, 17631 (Po), killed: **COOKE**, Arthur E, Private, RMLI, S 1669 (Ch), killed: **COWAN**, John, Private,



RMLI, S 507 (Ch), killed: **COX**, Frederick W, Private, RMLI, S 410 (Ch), killed: **CRAWFORD**, Albert G T, Private, RMLI, S 1621 (Po), killed: **CULVER**, Horace, Private, RMLI, S 887 (Ch), killed: **DAINS**, Alfred W A K, Private, RMLI, 14635 (Ch), killed: **DAVIES**, Harold, Private, RMLI, S 228 (Ch), killed: **DAVIS**, George W, Private, RMLI, S 1552 (Po), killed: **DENNETT**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, S 1588 (Po), killed: **DODSON**, John, Private, RMLI, 18037 (Ch), killed: **DRURY**, William G, Private, RMLI, 17359 (Ch), killed: **EAGLES**, William L, Private, RMLI, 16940 (Ply), killed: **EAMES**, Alfred J, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1455 (Po), killed: **ELLIOTT**, Alfred R, Private, RMLI, S 1793 (Ch), DOW: **ELLIS**, Gilbert, Private, RMLI, S 1281 (Ply), killed: **ELLIS**, Hubert, Private, RMLI, S 1482 (Ch), killed: **EYRE**, John A, Private, RMLI, S 852 (Po), killed: **FIELDING**, James, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM, killed: **FLOWER**, Walter, Private, RMLI, S 1259 (Ply), killed: **FORBER**, William J, Private, RMLI, S 966 (Ply), killed: **FOREMAN**, Gilbert, Private, RMLI, S 1656 (Ply), killed: **FORSTER**, William R, Private, RMLI, 17539 (Po), killed: **FORTH**, Harry, Private, RMLI, S 1547 (Ch), killed: **FOSTER**, George, Private, RMLI, S 1194 (Ch), killed: **FOSTER**, Robert, Corporal, RMLI, S 1035 (Ch), killed: **FRANKLIN**, William J W, Private, RMLI, 18736 (Ch), killed: **FRICKER**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, 17915 (Ply), killed: **FURBER**, Charles J, Private, RMLI, S 1080 (Ch), killed: **GALE**, Albert, Private, RMLI, S 1620 (Po), killed: **GANNON**, George W, Sergeant, RMLI, 18137 (Ch), killed: **GARDNER**, Harry, Private, RMLI, S 1684 (Ply), killed: **GLADHILL**, John, Private, RMLI, S 1091 (Ch), killed: **GOODACRE**, George A, Private, RMLI, 18877 (Ch), killed: **GOODCHILD**, William W, Private, RMLI, S 1531 (Ply), killed: **GRAY**, Henry, Private, RMLI, 18594 (Po), killed: **GREEN**, William J, Private, RMLI, S 1635 (Ch), killed: **GRINNAL**, Henry J, Private, RMLI, S 1795 (Ch), killed: **HALL**, Henry, Corporal, RMLI, 9638 (Ply), killed: **HAMPSHIRE**, Tom, Private, RMLI, S 1298 (Ch), killed: **HARDING**, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 1564 (Po), killed: **HARRIMAN**, Wilfred, Private, RMLI, S 1021 (Po), killed: **HARRIS**, Frederick G, Private, RMLI, S 1758 (Po), killed: **HARTILL**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 1392 (Po), killed: **HEATH**, Herbert, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1792 (Ch), killed: **HEMBURY**, William G, Private, RMLI, S 1744 (Po), killed: **HERDMAN**, Walter, Private, RMLI, 16986 (Ply): **HERRICK**, John, Private, RMLI, 13186 (Ply), killed: **HIGGINS**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, S 1462 (Ch), killed: **HIGGS**, Donald W, Private, RMLI, S 1638 (Po), killed: **HIGGS**, Thomas H, Private, RMLI, 16054 (Ch), killed: **HILTON**, George, Private, RMLI, S 801 (Ply), killed: **HINCHCLIFF**, William C, Private, RMLI, S 551 (Ch), killed: **HOBBS**, Herbert, Private, RMLI, S 1402 (Ply), killed: **HODDER**, George F J, Private, RMLI, S 1106 (Po), killed: **HODGETTS**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, S 1565 (Po), killed: **HOLMES**, Henry C, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM, killed: **HOLT**, Clarence E, Private, RMLI, S 294 (Ch), killed: **HUCKVALE**, John C, Private, RMLI, S 1539 (Ply), killed: **HUMPHREYS**, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 1428 (Ply), killed **HUMPRIES**, James, Private, RMLI, S 1674 (Ch), killed: **HUNT**, Albert, Private, RMLI, S 1638 (Ch), killed **HUNT**, Henry, Private, RMLI, S 468 (Ch), killed: **HUSSEY**, Charles F, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 14789 (Ch), killed: **HUTCHINGS**, Frederick J, Private, RMLI, S 1415 (Po), killed: **ILLINGWORTH**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, S 1448 (Ch), killed: **JAMES**, Ernest G, Private, RMLI, S 1679 (Ply), killed: **JAMESON**, Harry, Private, RMLI, S 1141 (Ch), killed: **JOHNSON**, William J, Private, RMLI, S 1034 (Ch), killed: **JONES**, John, Private, RMLI, 16980 (Ply), killed: **JONES**, Philip L, Private, RMLI, S 1233 (Ply), killed: **KEYWOOD**, George, Private, RMLI, 19598 (Ch), killed: **KIPPEN**, Richard, Private, RMLI, 19497 (Ch), killed: **LATHAM**, Percy, Private, RMLI, 1870 (Ch), killed: **LAWRENCE**, Sidney C, Private, RMLI, S 1745 (Po), killed: **LEE**, John, Private, RMLI, S 1021 (Ply), killed: **LEGGATT**, Herbert, Corporal, RMLI, S 297 (Ch), killed: **LEWIS**, Sidney, Private, RMLI, S 1518 (Ch), killed: **LEWIS**, William C, Private, RMLI, S 1406 (Ch), DOW: **LINDSAY**, William E, Private, RMLI, S 1418 (Ply), killed: **LION**, Neville I, Ty/Lieutenant, RM, killed: **MARSH**, Frank S, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM, killed: **MARTIN**, Ernest H, Private, RMLI, S 1401 (Po), killed: **MCALINDEN**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 726 (Ch), killed: **MILNER**, Robert V, Private, RMLI, S 1284 (Ch), killed: **MITCHELL**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, S 863 (Ply), killed: **MORGAN**, James A, Private, RMLI, S 1598 (Ch), killed: **MUSSON**, Leonard, Private, RMLI, S 1427 (Ch), killed: **MYERSCOUGH**, John, Private, RMLI, S 1361 (Ply), killed: **NAPIER**, James T, Private, RMLI, S 1572 (Ply), killed: **NEALE**, Victor G, Private, RMLI, S 1678 (Ch), killed: **O'FLAHERTY**, William E, Private, RMLI, S 1590 (Ply), killed: **PATERSON**, Alexander, Private, RMLI, S 606 (Ch), killed: **PITMAN**, George, Private, RMLI, 17041 (Ply), killed: **PLATTS**, Edgar L F, Ty/Lieutenant, RM, killed: **RANGER**, Frederick W (real name, but served as Frederick Waller), Private, RMLI, S 994 (Ch), killed: **ROE**, Cyril C, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM, killed: **ROE**, Stanley H, Private, RMLI, S 1599 (Po), killed: **ROLFE**, William C, Private, RMLI, 18843 (Ch), killed: **ROWE**, George R, Private, RMLI, 16412 (Po), killed: **SANDERSON**, William E, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, 19479 (Ch), killed: **SARSON**, Percy, Private, RMLI, 19404 (Ch), killed: **SHAW**, George, Private, RMLI, 16869 (Ch), killed: **SIMMONDS**, Albert B, Private, RMLI, 16139 (Po), killed: **SINCLAIR**, Jack W, Private, RMLI, S 1156 (Po), killed: **SMALLWOOD**, Benjamin, Private, RMLI, S 1237 (Po), killed: **SMITH**, Henry C, Private, RMLI, S 1246 (Ch), killed: **SMITH**, Walter C, Private, RMLI, S 1294 (Ch), killed: **SMITH**, William H, Private, RMLI, S 1327 (Po), killed: **SMYTH**, William, Private, RMLI, S 960 (Ch), killed: **SNELL**, Albert J, Private, RMLI, S 1626 (Ch), killed: **SPICER**, Frederick T, Private, RMLI, S 839 (Ch), killed: **STAGLES**, William E, Private, RMLI, 19846 (Ch), killed: **STAVERS**, Robert, Private, RMLI, S 1090 (Ch), killed: **STEER**, George W, Private, RMLI, S 230 (Ch), killed: **STEPHENS**, Albert E, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 17563 (Po), killed: **STORER**, Cyril, Private, RMLI, S 20 (Ch), killed: **STREET**, George S, Private, RMLI, S 1285 (Po), killed: **SULLIVAN**, Ernest E, Private, RMLI, 17582 (Po), killed: **SULLIVAN**, Gilbert E, Private, RMLI, 17035 (Ply), killed: **SURRIDGE**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, 18863 (Ch), killed: **SWALWELL**, Harold, Private, RMLI, 19242 (Ch), killed: **TEMPLE**, George W, Private, RMLI, 17439 (Ch), killed: **TILLEY**, William J A, Corporal, RMLI, 13677 (Ch), killed: **TOWNEY**, James, Private, RMLI, S 1514 (Ch), killed: **TREVES**, Albert L, Private, RMLI, S 1467 (Ch), killed: **TRINDER**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 1819 (Ch), killed: **TRUDGEON**, Cecil L, Private, RMLI, S 1624 (Ch), killed: **UPSON**, Frederick H, Private, RMLI, S 761 (Ch), killed: **WALKER**, William, Private, RMLI, S 886 (Ch), killed: **WALTON**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 19786 (Ch), killed: **WARD**, Benjamin, Private, RMLI, S 131 (Ch), killed: **WHITTAKER**, Henry T, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1492 (Ch), killed: **WILTON**, Henry E, Private, RMLI, 19262 (Ch), killed: **WINDER**, Louis A, Private, RMLI, S 1680 (Ch), killed: **WINTERBOTTOM**, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 1396 (Po), killed: **YATES**, Percy, Private, RMLI, S 1528 (Ply), killed: **YOUNG**, Harry C, Private, RMLI, S 1565 (Ply), killed.



RND, 2nd RM Battalion, France

AGAR, George A, Private, RMLI, S 1307 (Po), killed: **ANDREWS**, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 1470 (Ply), killed: **ASH**, George, Private, RMLI, S 1732 (Ch), killed: **ASLETT**, George H, Private, RMLI, S 1662 (Ply), killed: **BALLANCE**, Robert, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 605 (Po), killed: **BARFOOT**, Alfred B, Act/Sergeant, RMLI, 14384 (Po), killed: **BARLOW**, Charles H, Private, RMLI, S 677 (Po), killed: **BATTENSBY**, Albany B, Private, RMLI, S 553 (Po), killed: **BEARD**, Harold, Private, RMLI, S 1646 (Ply), killed: **BENNETT**, Stafford N, Private, RMLI, S 1066 (Ply), killed: **BENSON**, Clarence, Private, RMLI, S 1203 (Po), killed: **BRACEY**, Albert, Private, RMLI, S 1131 (Ply), killed: **BRANSON**, William H, Private, RMLI, S 332 (Po), killed: **BROOKS**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 711 (Ply), killed: **BROOM**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, S 480 (Ply), killed: **BROOMFIELD**, Samuel F, Private, RMLI, S 1624 (Ply), killed: **BRUCKSHAW**, Horace, Private, RMLI, S 229 (Ply), killed: **BURROWS**, Ernest H, Private, RMLI, S 1484 (Ply), killed: **BURTON-FANNING**, Newel E E, Ty/Captain, RM, killed: **BUTT**, Ernest L, Private, RMLI, S 1612 (Ch), killed: **CAMPBELL**, John, Ty/Captain, RM, killed: **CARRUTHERS**, Bertie, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 632 (Po), killed: **CASTRO**, James, Private, RMLI, S 1446 (Po), killed: **CHAMBERS**, Robert H G, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 16471 (Po), killed: **CHAPPELL**, Herbert, Private, RMLI, S 807 (Ply), DOW: **CHATTAWAY**, Louis, Private, RMLI, 16262 (Ply), killed: **CHAVASSE**, Fred, Private, RMLI, 17956 (Ply), killed: **CLARKE**, George, Private, RMLI, 18473 (Po), killed: **CLARKSON**, Fred, Private, RMLI, S 1057 (Po), killed: **COOPER**, Cyril V, Private, RMLI, S 1495 (Po), killed: **COX**, William G C, Private, RMLI, S 1604 (Ply), killed: **CROWTHER**, Norman, Private, RMLI, S 1340 (Ch), killed: **CULVERWELL**, Cecil, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 15984 (Ply), killed: **CURTIS**, Alfred D, Sergeant, RMLI, 14805 (Po), killed: **DENISON**, Joe M, Private, RMLI, S 1271 (Po), killed: **DEWHURST**, Charles, Private, RMLI, S 303 (Ply), killed: **DICKINSON**, William J, Private, RMLI, S 1354 (Ch), killed: **DIXON**, Herbert, Private, RMLI, S 1112 (Po), killed: **DUNN**, George H, Private, RMLI, S 1103 (Po), killed: **EASTMAN**, Theodore A, Private, RMLI, S 1720 (Ply), killed: **ELMES**, James R, Private, RMLI, S 1560 (Po), killed: **EVANS**, Thomas F, Private, RMLI, S 1105 (Po), killed: **FARMER**, George, Private, RMLI, S 1553 (Po), killed: **FAWCETT**, Harry, Private, RMLI, S 1280 (Po), killed: **FAWTHROP**, George A, Private, RMLI, S 1465 (Po), killed: **FISH**, Wilfred, Private, RMLI, S 706 (Po), killed: **FORRYAN**, John E, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 269 (Ply), killed: **FREEMAN**, Frank, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 172 (Po), killed: **GANDY**, George R, Private, RMLI, S 689 (Po), killed: **GIBSON**, George Y, Private, RMLI, S 1016 (Po), killed: **GREEN**, John, Private, RMLI, S 1456 (Ply), killed: **GREEN**, Sydney, Private, RMLI, S 1455 (Ply), killed: **GREENING**, Leonard G, Private, RMLI, S 1258 (Ply), killed: **GREGORY**, Victor C, Private, RMLI, 13458 (Po), killed: **GRICE**, Henry J, Private, RMLI, S 1304 (Ply), killed: **GRISWOLD**, John N, Private, RMLI, 18541 (Po), killed: **GUEST**, A, Private, RMLI, S 467, killed: **HALTON**, William, Private, RMLI, S 1016 (Ply), killed: **HARDING**, Ewart F, Private, RMLI, S 1662 (Ch), killed: **HARDY**, Philip E R, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM, killed: **HARRIS**, Sydney, Private, RMLI, S 1077 (Ply), killed: **HARROD**, John W, Private, RMLI, S 1260 (Ply), killed: **HARTLAND**, Harold, Private, RMLI, S 1818 (Ch), killed: **HEARD**, Elijah, Private, RMLI, S 867 (Po), killed: **HOLT**, Albert R, Private, RMLI, 16274 (Ply), killed: **HORNBY**, William A, Private, RMLI, 17593 (Ply), killed: **HORNE**, Bramwell, Private, RMLI, S 1437 (Po), killed: **HOWARTH**, Fred, Private, RMLI, S 1358 (Po), killed: **HUNTER**, George, Private, RMLI, 16036 (Ply), killed: **HUTTON**, Charles A, Private, RMLI, S 1898 (Ch), killed: **INCHLEY**, Percy C, Private, RMLI, S 1686 (Ply), killed: **JACKSON**, Edwin, Private, RMLI, S 1144 (Po), killed: **JENKINS**, Harold, Private, RMLI, S 1025 (Po), killed: **JONES**, Henry Mc P, Private, RMLI, 17220 (Ply), killed: **JOYCE**, Charles W, Corporal, RMLI, S 887 (Po), killed: **KEARNEY**, Charles H, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM, killed: **KING**, Arthur R, Private, RMLI, S 1548 (Po), killed: **KNOWLES**, David, Private, RMLI, S 456 (Ply), killed: **LAKE**, William A, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM, killed: **LAMBERT**, Edward, Private, RMLI, S 396 (Po), killed: **LANDERS**, Bruce, Private, RMLI, S 146 (Ply), killed: **LANE**, George, Private, RMLI, S 1472 (Po), killed: **LEE**, George, Private, RMLI, S 1696 (Ply), killed: **LEWIS**, Gilbert, Private, RMLI, S 1051 (Ch), killed: **LINCOLN**, Alfred J, Private, RMLI, S 1492 (Po), killed: **LIPTROT**, William, Private, RMLI, S 1443 (Ch), killed: **MACKENZIE**, Ian, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1425 (Po), killed: **MACNAMARA**, John J, Private, RMLI, S 1441 (Ply), killed: **MAIDENS**, Robert, Private, RMLI, S 1315 (Po), killed: **MARRINER**, Percy, Private, RMLI, 18240 (Po), DOW: **MARSH**, William H, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 741 (Ply), killed: **MASTERS**, Alfred G P, Private, RMLI, S 1750 (Po), killed: **MASTERTON**, Charles, Private, RMLI, S 1122 (Ply), killed: **MATTHEWS**, James E, Private, RMLI, S 1612 (Ply), killed: **MAY**, Cecil, Private, RMLI, S 1533 (Po), killed: **MAYCOCK**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, S 1611 (Ch), killed: **MCMULLEN**, Dennis, Private, RMLI, S 1621 (Ply), killed: **MEACHER**, John H, Private, RMLI, 16215 (Po), killed: **MILNE**, Richard, Warrant Officer 2c, RMLI, 10828 (Po), killed: **MOORE**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, S 1422 (Ch), killed: **MORGAN**, Percival J, Private, RMLI, S 1643 (Ply), killed: **MOYLE**, Conrad, Private, RMLI, S 1554 (Ply), killed: **MYERS**, Stanley, Private, RMLI, S 963 (Ply), killed: **NEWMAN**, William, Private, RMLI, S 1651 (Po), killed: **NUTTER**, Thomas W A, Private, RMLI, 17156 (Ply), killed: **OAKLEY**, Walter G, Private, RMLI, S 1256 (Ply), killed: **PARDINGTON**, Fred B, Private, RMLI, S 1713 (Ch), killed: **PARVIN**, William G, Private, RMLI, S 1718 (Ply), killed: **PAULL**, William G, Private, RMLI, S 1704 (Po), killed: **PEACH**, William F, Private, RMLI, S 1460 (Ply), killed: **PEARCE**, Albert W, Private, RMLI, S 1291 (Po), killed: **PEGG**, Charles, Private, RMLI, S 249 (Po), killed: **PETTIFORD**, Edward H W, Private, RMLI, S 1811 (Ch), killed: **PLATTEN**, Robert T, Private, RMLI, S 911 (Ply), killed: **POLLARD**, Alfred P, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 15953 (Po), killed: **PRICE**, Sydney, Private, RMLI, S 676 (Po), killed: **PRITCHARD**, Frederick S, Private, RMLI, S 1694 (Ply), killed: **PUGH**, Albert C, Private, RMLI, S 1643 (Po), killed: **QUINN**, John, Sergeant, RMLI, 14226 (Ply), killed: **RICH**, Gerald J, Sergeant, RMLI, 14525 (Ply), killed: **ROBINSON**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 116 (Po), killed: **ROSSER**, Ernest V, Private, RMLI, 18624 (Po), killed: **ROWLEY**, Charles E C, Private, RMLI, S 1377 (Ply), killed: **RUSS**, William H, Private, RMLI, S 1710 (Ch), killed: **SALMON**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, S 1209 (Ply), killed: **SAUNDERS**, Albert, Private, RMLI, 17274 (Po), killed: **SAUNDERS**, James, Private, RMLI, S 332 (Ply), killed: **SCHOFIELD**, Tom, Private, RMLI, S 1356 (Po), killed: **SCRATCHARD**, Edgar, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, 14374 (Ply), killed: **SEWARD**, Leslie, Private, RMLI, S 1661 (Po), killed: **SEXTON**, George J, Private, RMLI, S 858 (Ch), killed: **SLADE**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, S 1825 (Ch), killed: **SLADE**, George C,

Private, RMLI, 17928 (Po), killed: **SPENCER**, George, Private, RMLI, A 1568 (Ply), killed: **STAFFORD**, Walter E, Private, RMLI, S 1689 (Ply), killed: **STOCKS**, Charles E, Private, RMLI, S 1728 (Po), killed: **STONE**, Cecil S, Private, RMLI, S 1686 (Po), killed: **SULLIVAN**, Thomas, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1211 (Ply), killed: **THOMPSON**, Josiah, Private, RMLI, S 1246 (Ply), killed: **THOMPSON**, William S, Private, RMLI, S 885 (Ply), killed: **TREMLETT**, Christopher C, Private, RMLI, S 1749 (Po), killed: **TUPPEN**, Alfred J H, Private, RMLI, S 1221 (Ply), killed: **TYSOE**, Wilfred, Private, RMLI, S 397 (Ply), killed: **VICARS**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 1140 (Ply), killed: **VINALL**, Arthur B, Private, RMLI, 18223 (Po), killed: **WAGNER**, Lawrence B, Sergeant, RMLI, 14151 (Ply), killed: **WAKEHAM**, Richard, Private, RMLI, S 7915 (Ply), killed: **WALKER**, David H, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM, killed: **WALKER**, George, Private, RMLI, S 1901 (Ch), killed: **WALTERS**, Edwin W, Private, RMLI, S 1746 (Po), killed: **WALTERS**, Ivor A, Private, RMLI, S 956 (Po), killed: **WALTERS**, Leslie J F, Private, RMLI, S 1723 (Po), killed: **WARDLEWORTH**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, S 1733 (Ch), killed: **WEST**, Albert J, Private, RMLI, S 1567 (Po), killed: **WEST**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, S 1477 (Po), killed: **WEST**, George W, Private, RMLI, S 38 (Ply), killed: **WHALLEY**, John, Private, RMLI, S 1348 (Po), killed: **WHEELER**, John, Private, RMLI, S 1700 (Ply), killed: **WHITE**, Horace L, Private, RMLI, S 822 (Ply), killed: **WILCOCK**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, S 1462 (Ply), killed: **WILKINSON**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, S 826 (Ply), killed: **WILLIAMS**, Albert, Private, RMLI, S 1325 (Ply), killed: **WILLIAMSON**, Stanley, Private, RMLI, S 1389 (Po), killed: **WILLIS**, Richard F, Private, RMLI, S 785 (Po), killed: **WOOD**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, S 484 (Ply), killed: **WOODS**, John E, Private, RMLI, S 1199 (Po), killed

29th April



1802 King George III bestowed the title of “ROYAL” to the Marines. This added the Lion & Crown to the cap badge of the new Royal Marines and signified them as a Royal Regiment. Earl St. Vincent instigated this move in recognition that the marines serving with the fleet had not mutinied with the sailors at Spithead or the Nore.

1918 The remnants of the marine contribution to the RND which had originally been 4 Battalions at the start of the war had now been reduced to a single battalion even though large numbers of men had been drafted in to bring the battalions back to strength. Only the 1st Battalion RMLI remained.



30th April

1915 Private. Thomas Henry Hoskins, R.M.L.I., No. Ch. 12888 (R.F.R. B. /1952) was awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal

“For conspicuous gallantry at Gaba Tepe, on the 30th April, 1915, when, after volunteering for the duty, he moved across the open under very heavy and very close range fire to another sector of the outpost line with an urgent message for ammunition and water. Having delivered the message, he courageously attempted to return to his unit, and in doing so was twice wounded. “

MAY

1ST May



1915 Award of VC to Lance Corporal W. R. Parker RMLI – Gallipoli. On the night of 30th April/1st May, 1915, a message asking for ammunition, water and medical stores was received from an isolated fire trench at Gaba Tepe.

A party of Non-commissioned Officers and men were detailed to carry water and ammunition, and, in response to a call for a volunteer from among the stretcher bearers, Parker at once came forward; he had during the previous three days displayed conspicuous bravery and energy under fire whilst in charge of the

Battalion stretcher bearers.

Several men had already been killed in a previous attempt to bring assistance to the men holding the fire trench. To reach this trench it was necessary to traverse an area at least four hundred yards wide, which was completely exposed and swept by rifle fire. It was already daylight when the party emerged from shelter and at once one of the men was wounded: Parker organised a stretcher party and then going on alone succeeded in reaching the fire trench, all the water and ammunition carriers being either killed or wounded. After his arrival he rendered assistance to the wounded in the trench, displaying extreme courage and remaining cool and collected in very trying circumstances. The trench had finally to be evacuated and Parker helped to remove and attend the wounded, although he himself was seriously wounded during, this operation.



2ND May

1942 Light cruiser HMS Edinburgh on Arctic convoy QP11 engaged German destroyers making torpedo attacks and hit SCHOEMANN which was abandoned by her crew and subsequently sank. One of the torpedoes fired by the German destroyer Z24 hit HMS Edinburgh on the port side amidships abreast the hangar. Further major damage amidships sealed her fate as it was unlikely that the structure could remain intact. As salvage was clearly impracticable the ship had to be abandoned. 790 men of the 847 in the complement were taken off by HM Minesweepers HARRIER and GOSSAMER before HMS FORESIGHT was ordered to sink the ship by torpedo. The final casualty list recorded that 78 men were killed and 43 wounded. Fortunately no Royal Marines were killed

3rd May

1919 Royal Marine Field Force captured Maselskaya in North Russia.

4th May

1915 Landing at Gaba Tepe from HMS Triumph, Bacchante and Dartmouth during Gallipoli campaign. The Royal Marines had the following casualties at Gallipoli on this day:



RND, 1st Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit lost: **GRIFFITHS**, Tom, Private, RM, S 3464, DOW in HS Dongola.



RND, Chatham Battalion lost: **CLADD**, William J, Private, RMLI (RFR B 948), 11547 (Ch): **CLANCHY**, Sherry, Private, RMLI, S 409 (Ch): **CURTIN**, Morris, Lieutenant, RMLI: **DRAPER**, James H, Sergeant, RMLI, 9972 (Ch): **FARMER**, Samuel, Private, RMLI, S 111 (Ch): **GOSS**, Herbert W, Private, RMLI (RFR B 2008), 10137 (Ch), DOW in hospital ship: **JACKSON**, Harry, Private, RMLI, S 372 (Ch): **KINGSTON**, Arthur F, Private, RMLI, 18546 (Ch): **LEDGER**, Arthur, Lance Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 293), 9067 (Ch): **VERNON**, Enoch, Private, RMLI, S 179 (Ch), DOW in HS Gloucester Castle



RND, Portsmouth Battalion lost: **HOPTON**, Robert W, Private, RMLI, S 457 (Po), DOW in hospital ship: **HOSKYNS-ABRAHALL**, Christopher H, Major, RMLI (Ret), DOW in HS Dongola: **KYLE**, Alexander, Private, RMLI, S 245 (Po), DOW in hospital ship: **NAYLOR**, John E, Private, RMLI, S 206 (Po).

5th May

Landing at Gaba Tepe from HMS Triumph, Bacchante and Dartmouth during Gallipoli campaign. The Royal Marines had the following casualties at Gallipoli on this day:



RND, Chatham Battalion lost: **BELCHER**, Edward, Private, RMLI, S 333 (Ch): **BOWNES**, John E, Private, RMLI, S 48 (Ch): **DOUBLE**, Everard, Private, RMLI, S 293 (Ch): **DUBERY**, Stanley L, Private, RMLI, S 356 (Ch), DOW: **KELLY**, Charles P, Private, RMLI (RFR B 824), 10360 (Ch), DOW in hospital ship: **MALE**, James, Private, RMLI, S 38 (Ch): **MUCKELL**, John H, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1857), 11968 (Ch): **POTTER**, William H, Private, RMLI, S 30 (Ch): **ROWLAND**, Ernest E, Private, RMLI, 18474 (Ch): **SMITH**, James, Private, RMLI, S 126 (Ch): **TAYLOR**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 18512 (Ch), DOW: **WALDRON**, Robert, Private, RMLI, S 41 (Ch): **WILSON**, Jack, Private, RMLI, S 316 (Ch)



RND, Plymouth Battalion
GILLILAND, James, Private, RMLI, 16837 (Ply), DOW: **HILL**, Frederick C, Colour Sergeant, RMLI (RFR B 954) 3676 (Ply), wounded 25/26 April 1915, DOW on hospital ship:



RND, Portsmouth Battalion
COLEMAN, Norman, Private, RMLI, S 655 (Po), DOW in hospital ship: **COLEY**, Sidney A, Private, RMLI, 17372 (Po), DOW: **ELLIOTT**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, S 211 (Po), DOW in hospital ship: **MEWES**, Joseph E, Private, RMLI, S 579 (Po), DOW in hospital ship: **ROBINSON**, William, Private, RMLI, S 16025 (Po), DOW

1915 Zeppelin shot down at Salonika by HMS Agamemnon

6th May

1915 GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN: 6th-8th Second Battle of Krithia. Following the initial landings at Helles and Anzac in April 1915 the allied forces made several attempts to break through the Turkish lines. The Second Battle of Krithia aimed to capture the peak of Achi Baba which overlooked the whole southern end of the Gallipoli peninsula. Several attacks on 6 and 7 May, and the morning of 8 May, made little progress. Late in the afternoon of 8 May the 2nd Australian Brigade took part in the final attempt to reach and break through the Turkish lines. The Australians made a courageous advance, mostly across open ground and under heavy fire, advancing the line around 500 metres, but failing to reach the Turkish lines. In barely an hour the Brigade suffered over 1,000 casualties from a complement of 2,900 men. The Royal Marines also took heavy losses: -



RND, Chatham Battalion lost **BLUNDELL**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, 18831 (Ch) and **WILLSHER**, Charles D, Act/Sergeant Major, RMLI, 6430 (Ch).



RND, HQ RM Brigade lost **SHATTOCK**, Henry J, Private, RMLI, 8498 (Ply)



RND, Plymouth Battalion lost **THOMPSON**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 131 S (Ply) and **TURNER**, George B, Sergeant, RMLI, 10892 (Ply)



RND, Portsmouth Battalion lost **ARCHER**, Raymond, Private, RMLI, 12287 (Po): **ARMSTRONG**, Harold G B, Major, RMLI: **ASHMAN**, Charles E, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, 15163 (Po): **BARLOW**, Fred, Private, RMLI, S 345 (Po): **BEARDMORE**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, 30 S (Po): **BEAUCHAMP**, William, Sergeant, RMLI, 15611 (Po): **BLANCHARD**, Frank, Colour Sergeant, RMLI (Pens), 6754 (Po): **BRADBURY**, Ellis, Private, RMLI, S 37 (Po): **BROSTER**, Joseph, Colour Sergeant, RMLI, 8804 (Po): **BUNDY**, William G, Private, RMLI, 17233 (Po): **BURKMAR**, Frank E, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 549 (Po): **BURNETT**, Harry E, Private, RMLI, 15066 (Po): **BUTLER**, Harry, Private, RMLI, S 527 (Po): **CLARK**, Edgar G, Private, RMLI, 17053 (Po): **COPELSTON**, William, Private, RMLI, S 495 (Po): **COX**, James J, Corporal, RMLI, S 115 (Po): **CRAFTS**, Frank H, Colour Sergeant, RMLI (Pens), 6400 (Po): **DREWRY**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, S 317 (Po): **ELSON**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 17374 (Po): **EMERY**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, S 136 (Po): **FARMER**, Oscar F, Private, RMLI, S 749 (Po), DOW in HS Dongola: **FARRANT**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 8853 (Po), DOW in Alexandria: **FORSTER**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 260 (Po): **FULFORD**, George, Private, RMLI, S 489 (Po): **GAMBLIN**, Walter R G, Private, RMLI, 15352 (Po): **GOODALL**, John T, Private, RMLI, S 183 (Po): **GOODYEAR**, Arthur W, Private, RMLI, S 548 (Po): **GREGORY**, William, Private, RMLI, S 262 (Po): **GRIFFITHS**, Edward, Private, RMLI, S 264 (Po): **GUNN**, James, Private, RMLI, 16142 (Po): **HALL**, William, Private, RMLI, S 295 (Po): **HARDING**, Ernest G, Private, RMLI, 17229 (Po): **HEMSLEY**, Frederick J, Private, RMLI, 17244 (Po): **HOLROYD**, James, Act/Sergeant, RMLI, 13688 (Po): **HOPE**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, S 339 (Po): **HOUGH**, James, Private, RMLI, S 755 (Po): **HUMBLE**, George, Private, RMLI, S 607 (Po): **ILES**, Albert E, Colour Sergeant, RMLI, 9412 (Po): **INNES**, William G, Private, RMLI, S 274 (Po): **IRVINE**, William, Private, RMLI, 17656 (Ch): **JAMES**, William R, Private, RMLI, S 701 (Po), DOW: **JOHNSON**, William H, Private, RMLI, S 48 (Po): **KENLEYSIDE**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, S 648 (Po): **KENT**, Arthur, Lance

Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 1198), 10738 (Po): **LAMPARD**, David, Private, RMLI, S 492 (Po): **LAWLESS**, Francis, Private, RMLI, S 717 (Po): **LEWIN**, George A, Private, RMLI, S 583 (Po): **LYNAS**, Charles F H, Private, RMLI, S 353 (Po): **MATTHEWS**, Francis W, Corporal, RMLI, S 140 (Po): **MAYER**, Henry, Private, RMLI, S 713 (Po): **MCCLELLAND**, Alexander, Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 1329), 11304 (Po): **MCHUGH**, John, Private, RMLI, S 696 (Po): **MOORHEAD**, John, Private, RMLI, S 615 (Po): **OLIVER**, Alexander S, Private, RMLI, S 559 (Po): **PATTERSON**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, S 614 (Po): **PEET**, Frank A, Private, RMLI, 17351 (Po): **PETERS**, William R, Private, RMLI, S 625 (Po), DOW: **RAWSON**, Roland, Private, RMLI, S 199 (Po): **REEVES**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 567 (Po): **ROBERTS**, John S, Private, RMLI, S 679 (Po): **ROBINSON**, George, Private, RMLI, S 271 (Po): **ROSEBLADE**, Herbert, Private, RMLI, 16133 (Po): **ROY**, Samuel, Private, RMLI (RFR 25), 6197 (Po): **RUSHTON**, Bertie, Corporal, RMLI, 14423 (Po): **SAMPHIRE**, Charles H, Private, RMLI (RFR 595), 5928 (Po): **SCOTT**, Gilbert, Sergeant, RMLI, 8797 (Po): **SHEPHERD**, William J, Private, RMLI, 17400 (Po): **SHERGOLD**, Ernest F, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 17008 (Po): **SHERGOLD**, Walter E, Corporal, RMLI, 15595 (Po): **SKELTON**, Cyril H, Private, RMLI, S 194 (Po): **SMITH**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, S 714 (Po): **SMITH**, Joseph C, Lance Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 1017), 9084 (Po): **SMITH**, William H, Private, RMLI, S 541 (Po): **STOBART**, William, Private, RMLI, S 591 (Po): **STURROCK**, James L N, Private, RMLI, 17416 (Po): **SWAN**, William, Private, RMLI, 17417 (Po): **TAYLOR**, John, Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 1163), 13719 (Po): **THOMPSON**, John J, Private, RMLI, S 622 (Po): **TYLER**, Frederick, Colour Sergeant, RMLI (RFR B 782), 5127 (Po): **VOCKINS**, Edgar W, Private, RMLI, S 335 (Po): **WEBSTER**, Harry, Private, RMLI, S 258 (Po): **WEST**, William, Private, RMLI (RFR 391), 9779 (Po): **WHITE**, Harry, Private, RMLI, S 38 (Po): **WHITMORE**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, 16312 (Po): **WILLOUGHBY**, Frederick A, Private, RMLI, 17327 (Po): **WOODHOUSE**, Thomas H, Private, RMLI, S 704 (Po): **WOODYATT**, George H, Private, RMLI, S 592 (Po): **YOUNG**, Ernest V, Private, RMLI, 17283 (Po): **YOUNG**, George, Private, RMLI, S 234 (Po)



RND, RM Divisional Engineers lost: **POUNTAIN**, William H, Sapper, RM, 1011 S (Deal) and **SPICER**, Ernest J, Sapper, RM, S 869 (Deal)



1942 Madagascar Campaign waged to deny the island as a base for the Japanese. At about 2000 hours on 6th fifty Royal Marines from HMS Ramillies commanded by Captain Martin Price, R.M., sailed from anchorage in destroyer Anthony at high speed and, after running the gauntlet of shore batteries in the dark, landed on the quay at Antsirabe. After storming the French army barracks and taking the troops there by surprise, the marines captured the arsenal and took 500 prisoners. Antsirabe is the third largest city in Madagascar and the capital of the Vakinankaratra region. HMS Anthony again ran the gauntlet to leave harbour and return to the anchorage

7th May



1940 Norwegian campaign HMS Aurora sustained serious damage during air attacks with two turrets disabled and the loss of a RM gun crew. **BECK**, Robert, Marine, P/X 3610, killed: **HUGHES**, George H, Corporal, PO/X 1033, killed: **SAYER**, Frank, Marine, PO/K 3778, killed: **TARGETT**, William H, Marine, PO/22132, killed: **TINKLER**, Walter, Marine, PO/21560, killed: **TOLFREE**, Edward G, Marine, PO/20882, killed: **WALKER**, Leslie, Marine, PO/X 2628, killed

8th May

1915 Further casualties at Gallipoli:



RND, Chatham Battalion lost: **BROWN**, John, Lance Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 1995), 13110 (Ch): **COURT**, John, Private, RMLI, S 72 (Ch): **ELLIS**, John S, Private, RMLI, S 162 (Ch): **HOBBS**, Reginald, Private, RMLI, 18461 (Ch): **JOHNSON**, Audley De L, Private, RMLI, 18467 (Ch): **ONWIN**, Herbert, Private, RMLI (RFR B 312), 8811 (Ch): **ORR**, David E, Private, RMLI, S 340 (Ch): **REDGATE**, John, Private, RMLI, S 141 (Ch):



RND, Deal Battalion lost **DRUMMOND**, George, Private, RMLI, 14853 (Ch), DOW.



RND, Plymouth Battalion lost **CHRISTENSON**, Thomas P, Private, RMLI, 16827 (Ply): **FROST**, Alfred E, Private, RMLI, 14454 (Ply): **MELLOR**, Willoughby, Private, RMLI, S 63 (Ply): **PRICE**, Leonard, Private, RMLI, 16734 (Ply)



RND, Portsmouth Battalion lost: **CHIVERTON**, Arthur W, Private, RMLI, 13179 (Po): **DENNIS**, Oliver, Private, RMLI, S 196 (Po): **GIBBONS**, Michael, Private, RMLI, S 268 (Po), DOW: **LEE**, William A, Private, RMLI, S 479 (Po): **LEES**, Robert A, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1169), 10494 (Po): **MARKS**, Leonard, Private, RMLI, S 108 (Po), DOW in hospital ship: **NIXON**, William H, Private, RMLI, S 436 (Po): **TANNER**, Herbert E, Private, RMLI, S 346 (Po): **VICKERS**, Cecil, Private, RMLI, S 627 (Po)

1919 Royal Marine Field Force captured Medveyja Gora in North Russia.

1940 At 1130 hours RESOLUTION was anchored at Tjeldsund, approximately 30½ miles north west of Narvik when she was hit and badly damaged by a 1000kg bomb dropped by a Ju88 aircraft of II/KG 30. The bomb hit the starboard side of the quarterdeck and penetrated three decks before detonating in the Marines mess deck. Marine **YOUNG**, Cecil J, CH/X 2629 was killed and 22 Marines and 4 ratings were wounded. The structural damage was slight and was repaired temporarily by the ship's staff and she remained operational.

9th May

1940 On the 9th May H.M.S. Birmingham and eight destroyers, on a sweep towards the Jutland Bank, encountered enemy motor torpedo boats, one of which succeeded in torpedoing H.M.S. Kelly. This boat then rammed H.M.S. Bulldog, without causing any serious damage to that ship, and was herself sunk. H.M.S. Kelly was towed to the Tyne, arriving there at 1530/13 after persistent but unsuccessful bombing by enemy aircraft. No RM casualties.

10th May

1915 **Chatham RMLI Battalion** took Turkish trenches at Quin's Post ANZAC. The battalion lost **HAYWARD**, Arthur F, Ty/Lieutenant, RM DOW in Alexandria.



RND, Deal Battalion lost **HUTTON**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 16336 (Po)



RND, Plymouth Battalion repulsed Turkish counter attack at Helles and lost **FLETCHER**, Jesse, Private, RMLI, S 461 (Po): **HUDSON**, George, Private, RMLI, S 123 (Ply)



RND, Portsmouth Battalion lost **PHILLIPS**, Thomas J, Private, RMLI, S 670 (Po), DOW in Alexandria and **PILGRIM**, Arthur E, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 431 S (Po), DOW



1940 A force of Royal Marines was landed in Iceland by H.M.S. Berwick and H.M.S. Glasgow on the 10th May and they were received in a friendly manner by the inhabitants, though an official protest was made. Three merchant vessels (2 Swedish and 1 Danish) were found there and sent to the United Kingdom. The German Consul and staff and 20 prisoners were taken off

11th May

1745 The Siege of Louisbourg took place when a New England colonial force aided by a British fleet captured Louisbourg, the capital of the French province of present-day Cape Breton Island during the War of the Austrian Succession

12th May

1940 On the 12th May, 200 Royal Marines were landed at The Hook of Holland and were reinforced next day by the Irish Guards. This force was withdrawn on the 14th May, after the demolition of the oil tanks at Rotterdam and Amsterdam had been completed.

13th May

1915 HMS Goliath, pre-Dreadnought battleship, torpedoed and sunk by a German-commanded, Turkish torpedo boat. Royal Marine casualties were: -

ALLCOAT, Tom J, Private, RMLI (RFR B 815), 10182 (Ply): **ASHTON**, Tom, Private, RMLI (RFR B 950), 11443 (Ply): **BARBER**, Cyril F, Major, RM: **BARRETT**, William, Private, RMLI, 16097 (Ply): **BARTINGALE**, William, Private, RMLI, 13252 (Ply): **BAXTER**, Samuel G, Private, RMLI, 9970 (Ply): **BRATBY**, James F, Private, RMLI (RFR B 247), 3145 (Ply): **BREMNER**, Peter, Gunner, RMA, RMA 9872: **BRYANT**, William J, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 14998 (Po): **CAMPBELL**, Alexander, Gunner, RMA, RMA 6197: **COLES**, Edward N, Private, RMLI, 12418 (Ply): **COLLETT**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 10685 (Ply): **COOPER**, Henry, Private, RMLI (RFR A 798), 4531 (Ply): **COX**, John, Private, RMLI (RFR Immed CI 86), 10475 (Ply): **DEAN**, Francis R, Private, RMLI, 16002 (Ply): **DEAN**, John, Private, RMLI (RFR B 678), 8665 (Ply): **DICKERSON**, Charles, Corporal, RMA, RMA 7127: **DYMOND**, Walter, Private, RMLI, 12783 (Ply): **ESCOTT**, Frederick A, Private, RMLI (RFR Immed CI 094), 14291 (Ply): **EVANS**, Charles E, Private, RMLI, 16016 (Ply): **FARMER**, Ernest, Private, RMLI (RFR B 460), 6748 (Ply): **FUDGE**, Arthur J, Private,

RMLI, 11180 (Ply): GERRARD, Arthur O, Private, RMLI (RFR B 907), 11034 (Ply): **GILLMAN**, Sidney A, Private, RMLI, 16094 (Ply): **GOWER**, Samuel F, Private, RMLI (RFR A 684), 3615 (Ply): **GRAINGER**, William M, Private, RMLI, 14274 (Ply): GULLEY, James, Private, RMLI (RFR Immed CI 91), 10782 (Ply): **HALL**, Henry F, Colour Sergeant, RMLI, 6863 (Ply): **HARKNESS**, Alexander, Private, RMLI, 11869 (Ply): HUNT, Cornelius, Gunner, RMA, RMA 11543: **HUTCHINSON**, Robert, Private, RMLI (RFR Immed CI 93), 10742 (Ply): **INSCH**, George, Private, RMLI, 13832 (Ply): **JACKSON**, Sidney J, Private, RMLI, 14746 (Ply): **JEFFERIES**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 7783 (Ply): **JENKIN**, John C, Private, RMLI (RFR Immed CI 96), 10961 (Ply): **JENNINGS**, Thomas P, Gunner, RMA, RMA 6552: **JERRETT**, Edward, Private, RMLI, 8550 (Ch): KANE, Samuel, Private, RMLI, 11848 (Ply): **KEILAUS**, Frederick, Private, RMLI (RFR B 408), 8633 (Ply): **KINSBURY**, George E, Private, RMLI, 13358 (Ply): **KNAPMAN**, Robert J, Private, RMLI, 15467 (Ply): **KNIGHT**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 12572 (Ply): **KOCH**, William P, Private, RMLI, 16247 (Ply): **LEWIS**, Edward A G, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 13443 (Ply): **LEWIS**, Ernest W, Private, RMLI (RFR Immed CI 99), 10526 (Ply): **LIGHT**, Charles F, Private, RMLI, 9807 (Ply): **MALCOLM**, Alexander, Private, RMLI (RFR B 742), 11459 (Ply): **MAYES**, Charles G, Private, RMLI, 15083 (Ply): **MIDDLETON**, Tom, Private, RMLI (RFR B 778), 4342 (Ply): MUMFORD, Alfred H, Bugler, RMLI, 16371 (Ply): **NOTT**, Edwin R, Private, RMLI, 16092 (Ply): **OLDFIELD**, John H, Private, RMLI (RFR B 245), 10183 (Ply): **PALMER**, Alfred E, Private, RMLI (RFR B 991), 11812 (Ply): **PARRY**, Thomas G, Private, RMLI, 15060 (Ply): **PEARCE**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 10460 (Ply): **PEDLAR**, Leslie J, Private, RMLI, 16086 (Ply): **PEERS**, Edwin J, Private, RMLI, 14913 (Ply): **PENTNEY**, James K, Gunner, RMA, RMA 3448: **PEPLER**, Frederick, Private, RMLI (RFR Immed CI 83), 12005 (Ply): **PEPPER**, Wilfrid, Gunner 2c, RMA, RMA 13437: **PHILLIPS**, Frederick, Private, RMLI (RFR Immed CI 100), 11087 (Ply): **POTTER**, George, Sergeant, RMA, RMA 3418: **RADCLIFFE**, Charles, Private, RMLI (RFR Immed CI 101), 10480 (Ply): **RICE**, Albert W, Private, RMLI, 13612 (Po): **ROBINSON**, Fernleigh J, Bugler, RMLI, 14964 (Ply): **ROMIA**, William H C, Private, RMLI, 7904 (Ply): **ROSS**, John, Gunner, RMA, RMA 5126: **SALISBURY**, Harry, Private, RMLI (RFR Immed CI 92), 12904 (Ply): SHEPHERD, Benjamin, Private, RMLI, 16104 (Ply): **SHOPLAND**, Henry, Private, RMLI (RFR B 971), 13492 (Ply): **STONE**, George B, Private, RMLI, 8953 (Ply): **STONE**, Horace C, Bugler, 13948 (Ply): **TILLSON**, Thomas E, Private, RMLI, 11286 (Ply): **TOWNSHEND**, Samuel, Private, RMLI, 16093 (Ply): **VANSTONE**, Albert E L, Private, RMLI, 5681 (Ply): **WALKER**, Percy, Private, RMLI (RFR B 734), 12985 (Ply): **WALL**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 10861 (Ply): **WEBB**, William, Private, RMLI (RFR Immed CI 84), 13573 (Ply): **WOODRUFF**, Harold A, Corporal, RMLI, 12906 (Ply): **WORTLEY**, Ernest J, Private, RMLI, 13194 (Ply)

14th May

1921 IRA volunteers, led by Paddy Daly and Emmet Dalton seized an armoured car on the North Circular Road in Dublin, killing two British Royal Marines. The car was then used to gain entrance to Mountjoy Prison in an effort to free IRA prisoner Sean MacEoin. However, the plot was discovered and the IRA volunteers in the car had to shoot their way out of the prison. The car was later abandoned in Clontarf. The Royal Marines killed were: - **FRANCIS**, BERNARD Gunner Royal Marine Artillery and **PARKER**, WILLIAM Gunner Royal Marine Artillery.

15th May

1942 Light cruiser HMS Trinidad while on an Arctic Convoy came under heavy dive bombing and torpedo attacks. She was hit by several bombs in the forward structure which wrecked repair work and caused an outbreak of several fires. The ship was abandoned when fires could not be controlled and threat of further attacks by aircraft during daylight period. 63 of ship's company were killed. Amongst the number were the following Royal Marines: **BIRD**, Arthur, Marine, PLY/22675, MPK: **DENNIS**, William J, Marine, PLY/22787, MPK: **ELTHAM**, George E, Marine, PLY/X 3666, MPK : **EVANS**, Harold B, Marine, PLY/X 2567, (ex-Edinburgh), MPK: **HICKS**, Frank O, Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 314, MPK: **HOLORAN**, Maurice G, Boy Bugler, PLY/X 3915, MPK: **MILLIGAN**, Benjamin, Marine, PLY/X 101460, MPK: **PARKIN**, Sidney J, Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 18, MPK : **PAVITT**, Arthur H, Marine, PLY/X 3169, (ex-Edinburgh), MPK : **PAYNE**, Archibald R, Marine, PLY/X 1385, MPK: **PROWSE**, John E S, Act/Corporal, RM (Pens), PLY/21021, MPK:

2000 Following unrest in Sierra Leone a task force was sent to restore order including 42 Commando Royal Marines, onboard HMS Ocean as part of Amphibious Ready Group arrived 15th May 2000 left for the UK on 21st June 2000.

17th May



1953 During Active Service deployment to the Canal Zone the plane carrying S Troop of 40 Commando RM crashed on take-off from Luqa in Malta. A Valetta aircraft (70 Squadron) force landed on the grass when its aileron jammed & hit the runway control caravan and burst into flames. Marine **Burtenshaw** and L/CPL **Don** were killed.

Colour Sergeant Oswald Falconer was awarded the George Medal for going back into the burning plane to get the men out.



1967 Marine D. **Calway** was gunned down by unknown Arabs in the back streets of the Crescent area of Aden while in civilian clothes. This was during the Aden Emergency which was an insurgency against the British Crown forces in the British controlled territories of South Arabia which now form part of the Yemen



1972 Members of SBS parachute on to the liner QE 2 in Atlantic to deal with a bomb threat

2000 Two Royal Marine commandos were the first Britons to reach the geographical North Pole without outside support, braving severe weather conditions on as little as half a cup of porridge a day. Corporal Alan Chambers, 31, and Marine Charlie Paton, 29, spent 70 days dragging 250lb sledges 700 miles across the ice. Perilously short of food in the final days of the expedition, the pair broke into their emergency rations as they ran out of food a day before reaching the Pole



18th May

1918 Outpost raid by 1st Battalion RMLI at Hamel on the Western Front. Casualties were posted on the 19th



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

HORSEFIELD, James, Private, RMLI, S 299 (Ply), killed: **LOVETT**, Harry F, Colour Sergeant Major, RMLI, 14482 (Po), DOW: **MARSHALL**, Walter, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, S 910 (Ply), killed: **SMITH**, Frank E, Private, RMLI, S 2407 (Ply), killed: **WHITE**, Charles G, Private, RMLI, S 2201 (Ch), killed



RND, 1st RM Battalion, attached RM Medical Unit, France

HENDERSON, Edward, Private, RM, S 3531 (Deal), DOW

19th May

2011 Marine Nigel Dean **Mead**, from 42 Commando Royal Marines, was flown back to RAF Lyneham from Afghanistan. The 19-year-old died during an operation to search a compound in the Loy Mandeh Wadi area of the Nad-e Ali (North) district of Helmand Province on May 15. His company, Lima Company, were conducting a cordon and search operation of compounds with the Afghan National Security Forces. Marine Mead was fatally injured by an IED blast shortly after his helicopter landed and his company began to move towards the compounds

20TH May

1858 Capture of the Pei-ho Forts in the 2nd Opium War. *"...The Chinese have used every exertion to strengthen the forts at the entrance of the Pei-Ho ; earthworks, sand-bag batteries, and parapets for the heavy gingalls, have been erected on both sides for a distance of nearly a mile in length, upon which, 87 guns in position were visible, and the whole shore had been piled to oppose a landing. As the channel is only about 200 yards wide, and runs within 400 yards of the shore, these defences presented a formidable appearance..... In the rear, several entrenched camps were visible, defended by flanking bastions, and it was known that large bodies of troops had arrived from Peking. All the forts and the camps were covered with the various coloured flags under which the "troops of the eight banners," as the Tartar soldiers are styled, range themselves..... No answer having been returned to the summons by 10 o'clock, the signal agreed upon was made, and the gun-boats advanced in the prescribed order, led by the Cormorant. The Chinese opened fire immediately, and the signal engage was made a few minutes afterwards from the Slaney. By the time all the vessels had anchored in their respective stations, the effects of our well-directed fire had become very apparent. The first fort was entirely dismantled and abandoned, and the second partially so, whilst those on the north side had been completely subdued by the Cormorant and two French gun-boats...Directions were now sent to Captain Sir F. Nicolson and Capitaine Leveque to advance and capture the two forts up the river, which had kept up a smart fire. This movement was successfully executed, under the supporting fire from the Bustard, Staunch, and Opossum. Several entrenched camps were also destroyed..... massive embrasures of mud were levelled by shells. At the end of an hour and a quarter, the enemy's fire ceased. The landing parties were then pushed on shore, the one for the north forts, under the orders of Captain Sir F. Nicholson and Captain Levequie, and that for the south forts, under Captains Hall and Reynaud, Flag Captains, the Royal Marines on each side being commanded by Major Robert Boyle and 1st Lieutenant McCaiium. Owing to the destructive fire from the gun boats, but little opposition was made to our landing, and the Chinese troops were observed moving off in masses, whilst our people were in the boats. When all the vessels had taken up their positions, a bold attempt was made to send down upon them a long array of junks, filled with straw in flames, and drawn across the river; but they fortunately grounded, and though the people, guiding them down the river with ropes, made great efforts to get them off, a few shells from the*

Bustard drove them away, and the vessels burnt out without doing any damage.” Excerpt from despatch M. SEYMOUR, Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

1917 Paxton (Q.25), cargo steamer decoy Q-ship, sunk by U.46, SW of Ireland. Casualties included: **MITCHELL**, Godfrey, Sergeant, RMLI, 14477 (Po):

1941 Battle for Crete which lasted 20th May until 1st June.

RM 1st AA Regt, fighting in Crete: **MURRAY**, John, Marine, EX 1711, killed.

RM 2nd AA Regt, fighting in Crete: **SHEPHERD**, Eric, Marine, EX/5694, killed: **STILL**, John A, Marine, EX/1473, killed

RM 3rd AA Regt, fighting in Crete: **WRIGHT**, William, Marine, CH/X 103328, died

RM MNBDO: **DUNSTAN, Francis E, Marine, CH/X 3477, killed**

21st May

1919 Russian Intervention in the CASPIAN SEA. A small British Army formation in 1918 had been assisting a local Russian force to hold a Turkish advance. In August they were joined by a RN force which armed a number of Russian ships and that December prevented the Bolsheviks gaining an ice-free port on the Caspian Sea, a sea of 600 miles from north to south and up to 300 miles wide, with nearly 1,000 sizeable vessels on its waters in 1918. The flotilla flew the Imperial Russian ensign before 2 March 1919, when it came under British command. Ashore a force of Royal Marines had set up coast guns at Petrovsk (Makhachkala in 1980) on the western shores of the Caspian, several hundred miles north of Baku, and from 1918 had garrisoned this advanced base. After January 1919 the 160 Marines of this defence force were attacked several times, but held the port after street fighting.

HMS Emile Nobel, gunboat, ex-Russian tanker, Caspian Sea, in action off Alexandrovsk. Her RM Bugler Harold **Wheaton** killed.

1921 IRA Ambush carried out at Ballyvaughan of a section of 10 members of the British 8th Royal Marine Battalion RMLI under the command of a Sergeant. 2 RMLI killed: **CHANDLER**, HENRY Private RMLI CH/19831 **BOLTON**, ISAAC ROBERT RM RMLI : CH/21743 . and 2 RMLI wounded

1982 3 Commando Brigade RM land at Saint Carlos Bay in the Falklands

22nd May

1941 Loss of cruiser HMS Gloucester off Crete. After a series of heavy air attacks during withdrawal from Kithera Channel she was hit by three bombs which caused internal explosions and major flooding. Major fires broke out and could not be controlled. Disabled ship had therefore to be abandoned. RM casualties:-



ADAMS, Arthur A, Marine, PLY/X 2710: **BAINES**, Harold, Marine, PLY/X 1887: **BAXTER**, James, Marine, PLY/X 3380: **BELL**, Clifford, Musician, RMB/3038: **BESSENT**, Robert J J, Marine, PLY/X 1111: **BROWN**, Charles E, Marine, CH/X 3274: **BROWN**, Leslie H C, Marine, PLY/X 2270: **BROWN**, Martin C, Lieutenant, RM: **BURKE**, Frederick, Marine, PLY/22192: **COLLINGWOOD**, Robert, Marine, PLY/X 2704: **COLOMBO**,



Harold O, Musician, RMB/X 84: **DAVEY**, Charles E, Marine, PLY/X 1963: **DAVIES**, Cyril, Marine, PLY/X 2523: **DAVIS**, George H F, Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 554: **DILLON**, Reuben, Ty/Band Corporal, RMB/X 504, MPK : **DOWDING**, Thomas C C, Marine, PLY/X 3133: **ELLIS**, William G E, Musician, RMB/X 897~: **FALLOWELL**, Norman B, Marine, PLY/X 1868: **FINDLEY**, William, Marine, PLY/X 1110: **FISHER**, Ronald A, Musician, RMB/X 848: **FORD**, Thomas, Marine, PLY/X 3379: **FORMBY**, Richard, Captain, RM: **FOSTER**, Arthur F, Marine, PLY/X 1554: **FREEMAN**, Frank A, Marine, PLY/21990: **GLEDHILL**, Thomas, Musician, RMB/X 1562: **GLENDENNING**, Dennis, Marine, PLY/X 3710: **GRIMSON**, William H C, Marine, PLY/X 1503: **GUYAN**, John M, Marine, PLY/X 2231: **HACKER**, William F, Musician, RMB/X 831: **HAMILL**, Ronald G E, Musician, RMB/X 787: **HAMILTON**, John R, Marine, PLY/X 3382: **HAMSON**, Roy E, Musician, RMB/X 218: **HAYLER**, Douglas W C, Marine, PLY/X 1625: **HYDEN**, Thomas, Marine, PLY/X 3624: **JARVIS**, Jesse, Marine, PLY/X 3553: **JERRETT**, Leonard W, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1333: **KANE**, Marcus, Marine, PLY/X 1633: **LAMONT**, James N, Marine, PLY/X 2188: **MACLAREN**, Edward G M, Marine, PLY/X 811: **MARSHALL**, Claude R, Marine, CH/X 2900: **MARSHALL**, Francis C, Marine, CH/X 2838: **MARTIN**, Frederick V, Marine, PLY/X 2512: **MAWBY**, Kenneth R, Marine, PLY/X 1421: **MCAVADY**, Ronald, Musician, RMB/X 911: **MCCANN**, Maurice, Marine, CH/X 3636: **MCDERMID**, George E, Marine, PLY/X 1873: **MCGOWAN**, Ivor, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 915: **MOYNIHAN**, William, Marine, PLY/X 1104: **MUIR**, Donald W, Musician, RMB/X 840: **MURPHY**, Percival W, Marine, PLY/X 2080: **NELSON**, Edward J, Marine, CH/X 1707: **PACKWOOD**, Frederick R, Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 97: **PARSONS**, Eric C, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1451: **PERRIN**, Henry M, Marine, CH/X : **PICKFORD**, Frederick J, Marine, PLY/X 1138: **PLUMB**, Norman J, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1618: **PORTER**, George O, Marine, PLY/X 1557: **PORTLOCK**, Francis F, Marine, PLY/21283: **PRITCHARD**, Frank E, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 837: **QUANTRILL**, Basil E, Musician, RMB/X 1144: **REYNOLDS**, Joseph, Marine, PLY/X 100352: **RICHARDS**, Cyril G J, Colour Sergeant, RM, PLY/19944~: **RICHARDS**, Dudley E, Ordinary Seaman, C/JX 157953: **RINGROSE**, Frederick T, Marine, PLY/22797: **ROBERTS**, John C, Ty/Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 952: **ROBERTS**, Stanley J, Marine, PLY/X 2446: **ROBERTS**, Wilfred A U, Marine, PLY/X 1360: **ROGERS**, Harold G, Band Master 1c, RMB/2908: **SAUNDERS**, William G, Marine, PLY/X 1274: **SCOTT**, John E, Musician, RMB/X 1052: **SELLEY**, Douglas R, Marine, PLY/X 3524: **SMITH**, Frank H, Marine, PLY/X 3432: **SMITH**, Frederick W, Able Seaman, D/JX 125975: **SMITH**, Gordon, Boy Telegraphist, D/JX 162658: **SMITH**, Henry B, Marine, PLY/X 3082: **SPENCER**, Ernest R, Marine, PLY/X 2338: **SULLY**, Edwin J E J C, Corporal, RM, PLY/21222: **THOMPSON**, Charles C, Marine, PLY/X 3019: **THOMSON**, Andrew J, Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1854: **TURNER**, Harold T, Marine, CH/X 2642: **TURNER**, Maurice G, Marine, PLY/X 2507: **WAITES**, Alan, Marine, PLY/X 3640: **WARD**, William, Marine, PLY/X 666: **WELLS**, Alfred, Marine, PLY/X 1863: **WILCOXON**, Frederick W, Marine, PLY/X 2263: **WILD**, Samuel, Boy Bugler, PLY/X 2795: **WILLIAMS**, Albert E, Marine, PLY/X 858: **WILLIAMS**, William C, Marine, PLY/X 2359: **WOODALL**, Isaac, Marine, PLY/X 2467: **WOODHATCH**, Henry G, Musician, RMB/X 878.

HMS Warspite and HMS Valiant, under the command of Rear-Admiral Rawling, took up position 100 miles west of Crete at dawn on 20 May, to guard against the Italian fleet. The real danger turned out to be from German aircraft, and on 22 May the battleships moved north to support a cruiser squadron that was under attack. Soon after the two squadrons met, Warspite was hit by bombs, destroying her starboard 6in and 4in guns. She escaped back to Alexandria.



HMS Warspite lost: **ARNOLD**, THOMAS CHARLES Marine Royal Marines H.M.S. Warspite. Age: 34 Died of wounds: **KENT**, WILLIAM JOHN Marine: Royal Marines H.M.S. Warspite Age: 19 Died of wounds: **HADLEY**, WILLIAM Corporal Royal Marines H.M.S. Warspite. Age: 21 Died of wounds: **MCKIE**, Jacob R, Marine, CH/X 923: **MEACOCK**, Ernest A J, Sergeant, RM, CH/X 424: **ROSS**, Paul, Marine, PLY/X 2152: **NICHOL**, WILLIAM HENRY Marine Royal Marines H.M.S. Warspite. Died of wounds: **NUNN**, FREDERICK THEODORE Marine: Royal Marines H.M.S. Warspite. Age: 22 Killed in action **OWEN**, LEONARD FRANCIS Marine Royal Marines H.M.S. Warspite. Age: 19 Died of wounds: **ROSS**, PAUL Marine Royal Marines H.M.S. Warspite. Age: 21 Killed in action: **SYMONS**, ROBERT ALBERT EDWARD Marine Royal Marines H.M.S. "Warspite" Age: 22 Died of wounds.



HMS Valiant lost: **KNOX**, Thomas J, Marine, PLY/X 2734,

RM 1st AA Regt, fighting in Crete lost: **BRAMMER**, Gordon D, Marine, EX 1708: **CAREY**, Gilbert D, Marine, EX 1713: **MILLS**, Sydney W, Marine, EX 1788 all, killed.

RM 2nd AA Regt, MNBDO I, fighting in Crete lost: **COTTON**, Julian H, Marine, EX/5170.

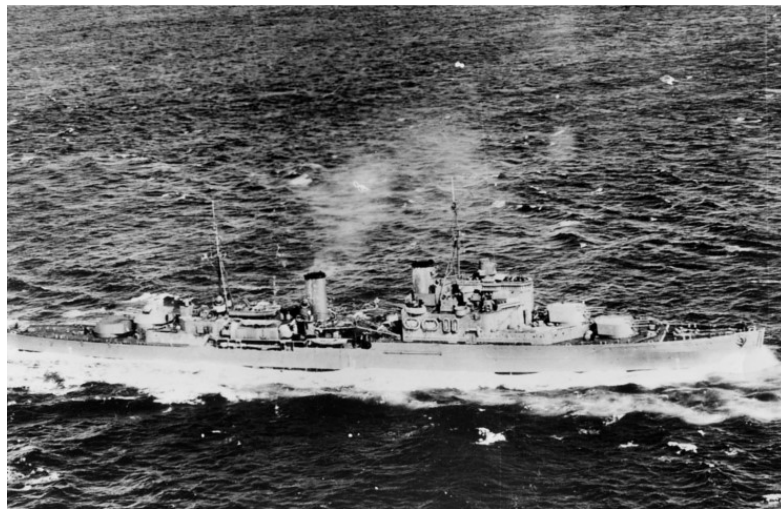
RM Air Defence Brigade, MNBDO I, fighting in Crete lost **BLAKEY**, Eric, Corporal, RM, EX/2563, killed

RM MNBDO, fighting in Crete lost: **BROOMFIELD**, Murray, Marine, EX/2568: **EDWARDS**, George W, Act/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1925 and **HOLMES**, Douglas J, Ty/Lieutenant, RM all killed

3rd May

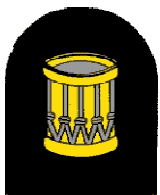


1941



Loss of cruiser HMS Fiji off Crete. Repelled series of heavy air attacks during withdrawal from Kithera Channel. During passage damaged by near miss from single aircraft causing flooding in the engine room, which reduced speed and caused listing. In subsequent attack hit by three bombs which increased list. Rolled over and sank an hour later.

RM casualties were: **BLADES**, Harold J, Able Seaman, P/SSX 32394: **BLUNKELL**, Henry E, Marine, PO/X 3842: **CLUTTERBUCK**, Granville, Marine, PO/X 4786: **CRABB**, Norman E, Marine, PO/X 2060: **DYE**, Arthur, Marine, PO/X 4640: **EAYRS**, George A, Ty/Corporal, RM, PO/X 690: **FAIRLEY**, Sidney, Marine, PO/X 2531: **FORD**, John, Marine, PO/X 4156: **GREENFIELD**, William J, Musician, RMB/X 263: **HISCOCK**, Alfred, Marine, PO/X 3056: **LOVEGROVE**, Jack, Marine, PO/X 4161: **MANN**, George, Marine, PO/X 631: **MURPHY**, Thomas M, Ty/Sergeant, RM, PO/X 1273: **NORRIS**, Terence A, Musician, RMB/X 437: **PLUMMER**, William A, Marine, PO/X 4019: **PRATT**, Stanley S, Musician, RMB/X 916: **RAPPE**, Leslie E, Colour Sergeant, RM, PO/216848: **RATSON**, Kenneth, Marine, PO/X 996: **REED**, Arthur R G, Marine, PO/X 4860: **SMITH**, James A P, Musician, RMB/X 241: **TAGG**, Arthur, Marine, PO/X 4787: **THAME**, Alfred T, Ty/Sergeant, RM, PO/X 1221: **WENHAM**, Ronald W, Band Master 2c, RMB/2922: **WHITE**, Wilfred T, Band Corporal, RMB/X 302: **WHITTAKER**, Jack, Musician, RMB/X 1499: **WOOTTON**, John R, Marine, PO/X 4167.



One of the casualties was Peter **Avant** boy bugler aged 15. **Youngest Royal Marine killed in WW2.**

24th May



1941 Loss of HMS Hood in action against the Bismarck and Prinz Eugen At 0400 hours due to the pounding from the seas the destroyers were given permission to reduce speed, following which they fell behind the capital ships.

At 0552 hours at a range of about 25.000 yards HOOD opened fire on the leading German ship which happened to be the PRINZ EUGEN. At 0600 hours HOOD was hit after the fifth salvo of return fire, following which she blew up and sank within 3 to 4 minutes. (Note: Loss was due to design weakness which gave inadequate armour protection against plunging shells.) Destroyer ELECTRA rescued the only three survivors out of a total complement of over 1,418 on board

ABBOTT, Frederick, Marine, PO/X 4821: **ABLETT**, Wallace A, Marine, PO/X 328: **ADAMS**, Frank P, Musician, RMB/X 546: **ADAMS**, Keith H, Corporal, RM, PO/X 2029: **ALLEN**, John G, Marine, PO/X 2182: **ALLOTT**, George, Marine, PO/22532: **AMBRIDGE**, Walter C, Sergeant, RM, PO/22128: **BAILEY**, Frederick W, Marine, PO/18832: **BARRINGER**, William H, Marine, PO/X 4223: **BASSTONE**, Jack, Marine, PO/X 100574: **BATES**, Leonard A, Marine, PO/X 1561: **BEARD**, Alan, Marine, PO/X 3360: **BENNETT**, Ernest, Marine, PO/X 3432: **BOCUTT**, Alfred A, Marine, PO/21632: **BONEHAM**, Norman, Marine, PO/X 4228: **BRAND**, William H, Corporal, RM, PO/X 1776: **BRITTON**, Clarence V, Marine, PO/X 100335: **BROWN**, Arthur, Marine, PO/21742: **BULLOCK**, Henry W, Marine, PO/X 546: **BURKIN**, Robert H, Marine, CH/X 692: **CANN**, Herbert R, Marine, PO/22722: **CAPSTICK**, Arthur J, Marine, PO/X 3816: **CARPENTER**, Robert S, Marine, PO/X 3508: **CARTER**, Robert J W, Marine, PO/X 4247: **CARTWRIGHT**, Thomas D, Captain, RM: **CHAMBERLAIN**, Henry S, Ty/Corporal, RM, PO/X 3393: **CLARK**, Leonard A, Marine, PO/X 100046: **CLARK**, Robert G, Marine, PO/X 3361: **COLE**, George D, Marine, PO/X 100756: **COLE**, William G, Marine, PO/X 1844~: **COLEMAN**, Dennis J, Marine, PO/X 101102: **COOMBES**, Gerald E, Sergeant, RM, PO/X 22638: **COOPER**, John, Marine, PO/X 3432: **COULSON**, John, Musician, RMB/X 60: **CRAWTE**, Alfred E J, Musician, RMB/X 1037: **CRESSWELL**, Henry R, Marine, PO/X 1856: **CUTHBERT**, Albert T, Corporal, RM, PO/X 1848: **DAVIES**, Horace D, Lieutenant, RM: **DAVIES**, Kenneth J, Boy Bugler, PO/X 4687: **DAVIS**, Herbert A, Marine, PO/19475: **DAY**, Frederick J, Marine, PO/X 4017: **DEAR**, Nelson L, Musician, RMB/3013: **DISCOMBE**, Archie A J, Musician, RMB/X 528: **DUNNELL**, Graham G, Marine, PO/X 3868: **EASTWOOD**, Walter C, Marine, PO/22420: **EDWARDS**, Melville, Marine, PO/X 4154: **EMERY**, Lawrence A, Musician, RMB/3064: **FARRAR**, Clifford, Marine, PO/X 3163: **FENNER**, Henry J, Marine, PO/X 3495: **FOTHERINGHAM**, George, Marine, PO/X 1639: **FOWLER**, Robert H, Musician, RMB/X 313: **GIBSON**, Thomas, Marine, PO/X 1764: **GILLAN**, Joseph, Marine, PO/X 3429: **GLEDHILL**, James E, Corporal, RM, PO/X 1814: **GOMER**, Harry, Marine, PO/216871: **GOOD**, Bernard E C, Marine, PO/X 1852: **GOUGH**, John M, Colour Sergeant, RM, PO/216779: **GREEN**, Benjamin L, Marine, PO/X 3394: **GREGORY**, John, Marine, PO/X 3365: **GRIFFIN**, Charles A, Marine, PO/X 3811: **GROVES**, Stedman B, Musician, RMB/X 505: **GUEST**, Alan, Band Boy, RMB/X 1108: **HAEGER**, Edward G, Sergeant, RM, PO/21804: **HALL**, Thomas, Marine, PO/X 2844: **HARRIS**, James H, Marine, PO/X 428: **HATHERILL**, William H, Marine, PO/21992: **HENDRY**, William, Marine, PO/X 4894: **HERMON**, Eric D, Marine, PO/X 100265.: **HEROD**, Maurice H E, Band Master 1c, RMB/2826: **HIBBS**, Francis H F, Ty/Corporal, RM, PO/X 205: **HILL**, Eric J R, Marine, PO/X 3870: **HISCOCK**, Frederick J, Marine, PO/X 1849: **HOLLAND**, Charles, Marine, PO/22490: **HOWIE**, Robert G W, Marine, PO/X 3503, (served as Robert G Watson): **HOWS**, Gordon, Marine, PO/X 3426: **HUGHES**, William F, Marine, PO/X 1816: **HUMPHREYS**, William, Marine, PO/X 3815: **HUNNS**, John A C, Marine, PO/X 3363: **HUNTINGTON**, Ernest S, Ty/Sergeant, RM, PO/X 1288: **JACKSON**, George S, Marine, PO/X 3337: **JOHN**, Thomas, Marine, PO/X 3481: **JULIER**, Alfred E, Marine, CH/22942: **KEITH**, Arthur W, Marine, PO/X 3863: **KERSLEY**, Albert S, Marine, PO/22368: **KIRK**, Russell G, Marine, PO/X 3421: **LAYCOCK**, Henry, Marine, PO/X 22631: **LAYTON**, Sidney G, Marine, PO/X 3392: **LEVACK**, John S L, Marine, PO/X 4826: **LOCK**, Robert H, Marine, PO/X 4804: **LONDON**, Reginald J C, Sergeant, RM, PO/X 911: **LONG**, George H, Musician, RMB/X 975: **LUMLEY**, Heaton, Major, RM: **MANSER**, Richard A, Marine, PO/X 100888: **MARSH**, Percy G, Marine, PO/22660: **MCFADYEN**, Walter E, Ty/Sergeant, RM, PO/X 859: **MCQUADE**, Ernest G, Marine, PO/X 3494: **MILES**, Ronald S, Marine, PO/X 3074: **MILLS**, Montague D, Marine, PO/X 3424: **MORGAN**, Albert H, Marine, PO/X 3391: **MORGAN**, Ronald, Marine, PO/X 3386: **MURRAY**, Frederick C, Marine, PO/X 3864: **NEALE**, Robert S, Marine, PO/22454: **NOBLE**, Alexander, Marine, PO/X 3496: **ORRELL**, Walter J, Marine, PO/X 100578: **PALMER**, James A, Marine, PO/X 3487: **PALMER**, Reginald W, Ty/Sergeant, RM, PO/X 1063: **PEACE**, Denzil S,

Marine, PO/X 3427: **PERKINS**, William G, Marine, PO/X 3390: **PERRY**, Leonard, Marine, PO/21963: **PIERCE**, Robert D, Marine, PO/X 4141: **PIKE**, William A, Musician, RMB/X 738: **PLANT**, Edwin, Marine, PO/X 1788: **POAR**, Reginald J, Marine, PO/215898: **PORTER**, Frederick A, Marine, PO/19699: **PORTER**, Reginald J, Musician, RMB/3040: **PRATT**, Albert W C, Marine, PO/X 1400: **RANDALL**, Stanley R, Marine, PO/X 3871: **REED**, Hector L, Corporal, RM, PO/1682: **RODLEY**, Samuel J, Marine, PO/X 3967: **ROSENTHAL**, Henry C, Marine, PO/X 4273: **ROWE**, Stanley G S, Marine, PO/X 4837: **ROWLANDS**, Daniel J, Marine, PO/X 3490: **RUNDLE**, Arthur F, Marine, PO/X 3358: **RUNNACLES**, Frederick E, Marine, PO/X 3420: **RUSSELL**, David L, Musician, RMB/X 1450: **SADLER**, Edward R, Marine, PO/X 3890: **SAUNDERS**, Albert, Ty/Corporal, RM, PO/X 1501: **SCOTT**, Robert C, Marine, PO/X 1245: **SEWELL**, Gilbert W, Marine, PO/22568; **SHADBOLT**, Maurice H, Marine, PO/X 3800: **SMITH**, Benjamin T, Marine, PO/X 1564: **SNOOK**, George A, Marine, PO/X 2073: **SOUTHGATE**, Thomas E, Marine, PO/X 3799: **SPARKES**, Ernest, Marine, PO/X 3911: **STEPTOE**, John H, Marine, PO/X 4879: **STODDARD**, George H P, Marine, PO/X 1276: **STUBBINGS**, Douglas H, Marine, PO/X 100028: **TAPSELL**, Albert E, Marine, PO/X 3874: **TAWNEY**, David R, Musician, RMB/X 568: **TAYLOR**, Lewis J, Marine, PO/X 541: **TAYLOR**, Reginald L, Musician, RMB/3087: **TELFORD**, Charles, Marine, PO/X 3647: **THORPE**, Joseph, Marine, PO/X 3187: **SCOTT**, Robert C, Marine, PO/X 1245: **TOOGOOD**, Leslie B, Marine, PO/X 4878: **VINEY**, Albert E, Marine, PO/21511: **WALLIS**, Michael H S J, Marine, PO/X 4834: **WALTON**, Clifford, Marine, PO/22215: **WARREN**, Donald, Marine, PO/X 100275: **WEARN**, Arthur, Marine, PO/X 1941: **WEARNE**, Harry E, Able Seaman, P/JX 133821: **WEAVER**, Henry E, Marine, PO/X 3923: **WELCH**, Sidney C T, Marine, PO/X 3501: **WELLS**, Philip J, Corporal, RM, PO/X 1645: **WHITE**, Harry, Ty/Marine, PO/X 4215: **WHITEHEAD**, Reginald C, Sergeant, RM, PO/X 1038: **WILLIS**, Herbert, Marine, PO/X 4881: **WISHART**, Jack E, Marine, PO/X 3489: **WORSFOLD**, Sydney G, Band Corporal, RMB/2854: **WYATT**, Jeffrey A F, Marine, PO/X 2560: **YOUNG**, Percy A, Boy Bugler, PO/X 3413: **YOUNGER**, Albert, Marine, PO/X 3813.

25th May

1857 Action against Junks in the 2nd Opium War at Escape Creek. The result of the expedition was the capture of between seventy and eighty heavily-armed junks, mounting, on an average, from ten to fourteen guns, (many of them long 32-pounders,) nearly all of European manufacture. The junks were burnt

1915 HMS Triumph, pre-Dreadnought battleship, torpedoed and sunk by U.21 at Gallipoli. Triumph was underway off Gaba Tepe, firing on Ottoman positions, with torpedo nets out, guns manned, and most watertight doors shut, when she sighted a submarine periscope 300 to 400 yards (370 m) off her starboard beam at about 1230 hours. All watertight doors were shut, and she opened fire on the periscope, but was almost immediately struck by a torpedo, which cut through her torpedo nets with ease, on her starboard side. A tremendous explosion resulted, and Triumph listed 10 degrees to starboard. She held that list for about five minutes, and then her list increased to 30 degrees. Destroyer HMS Chelmer evacuated most of her crew before she capsized ten minutes later. She remained afloat upside down for about 30 minutes, and then began to sink slowly by the bows.

Royal Marine casualty: **OSCROFT**, Thomas E, Private, RMLI, 14975 (Ch)

26th May

1941 HMS Formidable was under sustained air attacks during passage to launch strikes on Scarpanto airfield. Major structural damage incurred including X Turret and Flight Deck equipment. 2 Royal Marines killed: **DELDERFIELD**, Edward, Marine, PO/X 4557 and **HELME**, Alfred, Marine, PO/X 100585



1964 Marine David Wilson of 45 Commando RM killed by a sniper while pushing down Wadi Dhubsan, one of the most inaccessible rebel-held areas of Radfan, about 60 miles north of Aden

27TH May

1857, Action against Junks in the 2nd Opium War at Toung Konan

1915 HMS Majestic, pre-Dreadnought battleship, torpedoed and sunk by U.21 off Gaba Tepe in the Dardenelles: Royal Marines killed:

BAKER, George A, Corporal, RMLI (RFR A 767), 4093 (Ply): **LYONS**, Philip H, Private, RMLI (RFR B 995), 10067 (Ply):

MCPHERSON, George, Private, RMLI (RFR A 625), 3653 (Ply): **NICHOLLS**, Gregory W, Private, RMLI (RFR A 1055), 6414 (Ply):

SMITH, Percy, Private, RMLI, 16084 (Ply)

1915 Princess Irene, auxiliary minelayer was destroyed by internal explosion at Sheerness.

HMS Princess Irene had been a Canadian Pacific steamship taken over by the Admiralty

At about 11.14 on the morning of 27th May 1915, Sheerness witnessed the destruction of the minelayer HMS Princess Irene which was on No.28 buoy about 3 miles WSW from the town centre. The ship had been built in Scotland in the previous year to the order of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company but was requisitioned and converted for Naval use before she could sail to the Pacific. The Princess Irene had a complement of 225 officers and men, three of whom were ashore that morning as the mines were being primed on the ship's two mine decks. Also on board were a party of 80 or so Petty Officers from Chatham in addition to 76 Sheerness Dockyard workers who were completing tasks prior to the ship's planned departure to lay her mines on 29th May. Without warning, the ship was blown to pieces and her remains, and the remains of those on board, were scattered over a wide area of the surrounding river and countryside. One of the Chatham Dockyard workers, David Wills, amazingly survived the explosion but few bodies were found. Those that were located were buried in Woodlands Cemetery in Gillingham. A memorial to those lost in both this and the Bulwark disaster is situated opposite Sheerness Railway Station. Loss of life was heavy for as well as carrying only three men short of her full complement of 225 officers and men, there was also an additional 160 or so men made up of Petty Officers, sailors and dockyard workers from Chatham and Sheerness. They had been aboard her to complete various tasks before she was due to lay the 500 mines she was carrying 48 hours later The cause of the disaster was thought to have been due to a faulty primer (pistol) although evidence at the Official Enquiry showed that the work of priming the lethal mines was being carried out a) in a hurry and b) by untrained personnel.

Royal Marine losses were: **BLAKE**, Arthur, Corporal, RMLI, 14246 (Po): **BRUCE**, Sidney D, Bugler, RMLI, 15887 (Po): **BURNS**, James H G, Private, RMLI, 14750 (Po): **COTTRELL**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 13385 (Po): **LYME**, Fredrick G, Private, RMLI, 9189 (Po): **MAIDMENT**, Charles E, Private, RMLI, 14466 (Po): **PRESTON**, William R, Private, RMLI, 14161 (Po): **WILLIAMSON**, James, Private, RMLI, 11326 (Po)

1940 Start of OPERATION DYNAMO the evacuation of the BEF from Dunkirk

1941 German battleship Bismarck scuttled with heavy loss of life after naval action with British force of six battleships and battlecruisers, two aircraft carriers, thirteen cruisers, and twenty-one destroyers were committed to the chase

28th May

1672 The naval Battle of Solebay took place on 28 May Old Style, (7 June 1672 revised calendar) and was the first naval battle of the Third Anglo-Dutch War



1941 Through the period to the 31st May the Royal Marines fought a rearguard action at Crete allowing 17,000 other troops to be evacuated by the Royal Navy.

2014 The Royal Navy seized an £8.5m haul of heroin after a raid on a suspect vessel in the northern Arabian Sea. Nearly 60 kilo-grammes of the drug was seized by sailors and Royal Marines from HMS Somerset, the Plymouth-based Type 23 Frigate, who intercepted the fishing boat in Royal Navy fast boats. This is one of several significant anti-drug operations both in the Middle East and in the Caribbean



29th May

1941 Cruiser HMS Orion evacuating 1,900 troops from Crete came under dive-bombing air attacks from daylight until about 100 miles from Alexandria. The ship sustained direct hits on A Turret and on bridge structure with many casualties. The Royal Marine casualties were: -

COLE, Mostyn, Band Corporal, RMB X 303: **DOYLE**, Frederick, Musician, RMB X 1047: **JOLLIFFE**, Albert N, Musician, RMB X 400: **REES**, John R, Marine, PLY/X 3025: **SPICER**, Percy L, Musician, RMB X 624

30th May

1919 A detachment from HMS Kent and Suffolk formed an armoured train of 24 trucks and carriages ammunition and supply trucks. This was armed with a 6 inch gun and 4 X 12 pounders. They were in action on the Bielaya tributary of the Kama river in Russia.



1982 The Royal Marine Mountain and Arctic warfare Experts attacked the Argentine observation post at Top Malo. Having set the post on fire with 6 mm rockets the marines charged with fixed bayonets. Five Argentines had been killed, seven wounded and the remaining five were taken prisoner. The British had three wounded.

31st May

1916 BATTLE OF JUTLAND

The Battle of Jutland took place between the British Grand Fleet and the German High Seas Fleet on the 31st May 1916 in the North Sea, off the mainland of Denmark. It was the only major naval battle of World War I and was the largest sea battle in naval warfare history in terms of the numbers of battleships and battlecruisers engaged, bringing together the two most powerful naval forces in existence at that time. The British losses were heavier but whereas post the battle, the British continued to dominate the seas, the German fleet did not sortie out again

The British Fleet consisted of Admiral Jellicoe's fleet of 28 Dreadnaught battleships and 3 battle cruisers and Admiral Beatty's force of 6 battle cruisers and 4 fast battleships and the German main fleet consisted of 16 Dreadnaught Battleships and 6 pre dreadnaught battleships, 11 Light Cruisers and 72 destroyers.

The Germans had planned to sail from the Baltic to the north sea with the plan to engage the British Battle Cruisers in Norwegian waters, but due to German radio messages being intercepted by the British, the British Grand Fleet were alerted.

HMS Lion, battle cruiser, Fleet Flagship 46 Royal Marines killed



She was damaged, five ratings each died of injuries on 3, 4, 7, 23 June and 3 July

As the two squadrons closed, the Germans found the range better and faster than the British, who were silhouetted against the sun. As a result, German shells pounded the British ships while the German ships remained untouched for the first 10 minutes of the engagement. During this stage of the battle Lion was hit by nine shells from SMS Lützow. One shell at 16:00 struck the right upper corner of the left hand gun port at the junction of the face plate and the roof, and punched a piece of the 9-inch face plate into the turret before detonating, blowing off the armoured roof of the turret and starting a fire, which a damage control party working from outside the turret fought to put out. In all HMS Lion was hit by 13 X 12 inch and 1 X 5.9 inch shell with 99 killed and 51 injured. She herself fired 326 X 13.4 inch shells

The initial explosion killed or wounded everyone stationed in the gun house itself. Major Harvey, despite severe wounds and burns, realised that the shell hoist leading to the ship's main forward magazine was jammed open. With the hatch open, the flash fire would rapidly travel down to the main magazine resulting in an explosion that would tear the ship in two and kill everyone on board. Staggering across the wreckage of the turret, Harvey gave orders down the voice pipe for the magazine doors to be closed and the magazine compartments to be flooded, an action which would

prevent the cordite in the magazines detonating Turning to his sergeant, the one man still standing, Harvey instructed him to proceed to the bridge and give a full report to the ship's captain Ernle Chatfield (a standard drill in damage exercises). Seconds later, Harvey collapsed and died from his wounds The sergeant went immediately to the bridge and notified the captain of Harvey's actions before being taken below to have his wounds dressed.



Award of VC to Major F. W. Harvey RMLI on HMS Lion.



“Whilst mortally wounded and almost the only survivor after the explosion of an enemy shell in “Q” gunhouse, with great presence of mind and devotion to duty ordered the magazine to be flooded, thereby saving the ship. He died shortly afterwards.” London Gazette, 15 September 1916

BACKHOUSE, GEORGE ERNEST PERCY Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **BAKER**, PHILIP THOMAS ARTHUR Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BEER**, WILLIAM LOUIS Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **BELL**, JAMES IRVING Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **BRADFORD**, CHARLES EDMUND Gunner: **BROWNE**, WILLIAM EDGAR Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **BURKE**, THOMAS Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **CASE**, WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CASEY**, NICHOLAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CHAPMAN**, ARTHUR GEORGE Gunner: **CHAPMAN**, FREDERICK WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **COLES**, PERCY ROBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **COSSEY**, SAMUEL JAMES Lance Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DORMAN**, ALFRED GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **EVERRETT**, GEORGE Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **FARLEY**, WILLIAM HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **FROOME**, WILLIAM HAROLD Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **GREEN**, REGINALD GEORGE Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **HARVEY**, FRANCIS JOHN WILLIAM Major Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HAYES**, JOHN Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **HENNESSY**, MURLAGH FRANCIS Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **HOWCHIN**, CHARLES HENRY Serjeant Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HUTCHINS**, THOMAS JOHN Corporal Royal Marine Artillery: **KEMP**, JOHN SIDNEY Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **MARTIN**, WILLIAM HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MEARS**, WALTER (Service record spells name **KEARS**) Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **NORRIS**, VICTOR ERNEST Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **OWEN**, WALTER LEONARD Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **PIKE**, JOSEPH Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **POPE**, WILLIAM Serjeant Royal Marine Artillery: **POTTER**, ROBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **RAFFERTY**, JOHN HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **ROGERS**, FREDERICK JOHN Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **RULE**, FREDERICK JAMES Corporal Royal Marine Artillery: **SALES**, THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SCOTT**, ARNOLD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SHEPPARD**, EDWARD ERNEST Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: **ULYATT**, WILFRED ROBERT Bombardier Royal Marine Artillery: **WAGSTAFF**, WILLIAM Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **WESTON**, WILLIAM HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WIGHT**, ARCHIBALD THOM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WILLATTS**, VIVIAN GEORGE CHAMBERS Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **WYNNE**, WILLIAM Gunner Royal Marine Artillery.

HMS Queen Mary sunk during Battle of Jutland. 113 Royal Marines killed

At 4.10, being then eleven miles away abaft the beam of the Lion, he inclined inwards a couple of points, and as Admiral Beatty simultaneously altered still more to port to press his van, he was able at 4.17 to re-open fire at extreme range. The



Lion had not yet been able entirely to master the fire that was smothering her. To the Germans she must have been invisible, for the Derfflinger, mistaking the Princess Royal for the flagship, began firing on the next astern, which the Seydlitz was also engaging. Thus the Queen Mary, at from 15,800 to 14,500 yards, became the target of both these ships. For about five minutes she stood it gallantly. She was fighting splendidly. The Germans say full salvoes were coming from her with fabulous rapidity. Twice already she had been straddled by the Derfflinger, when at 4.26 a plunging salvo crashed upon her deck forward. In a moment there was a dazzling flash of red flame where the salvo fell, and then a much heavier explosion rent her amidships. Her bows plunged down, and as the Tiger and New Zealand raced by her to port and starboard, her propellers were still slowly revolving high in the air. In another moment, as her two consorts were smothered in a shower of black debris, there was nothing of her left but a dark pillar of smoke rising stemlike till it spread hundreds of feet high in the likeness of a vast palm tree. Extract from the Official History; "Naval Operations" by Sir Julian S. Corbett. 1923

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Marine: **OSBORNE**, FREDERICK JOHN Corporal Royal Marine Artillery H: **OVERTON**, FRANK Musician Royal Marine Band: **OWENS**, JOHN SPENCER Musician Royal Marine Band: **PARKER**, ARTHUR Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **POOLEY**, JOHN ALFRED Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **PRYKE**, JOSEPH NAIL Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **RICHARDSON**, HENRY Musician Royal Marine Band: **ROONEY**, GERALD CHRISTOPHER Major Royal Marine Light Infantry: **RUBICK**, ARTHUR Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **RULE**, FREDERICK HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SELWAY**, SIDNEY JAMES Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **SIMMONDS**, ARTHUR JAMES Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **SMITH**, JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SMITH**, THOMAS HENRY Band Corporal Royal Marine Band: **STEADMAN**, JAMES WILLIAM GILBERT Musician Royal Marine Band: **STEVENS**, WALTER JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **STYLES**, CHARLES ROBERT GEORGE Bugler Royal Marine Artillery: **SWAIN**, ERNEST EDMUND Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **TATE**, CHARLES WALTER Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **TAYLOR**, JAMES ALEXANDER Bandmaster 1st Class Royal Marine Band: **THOMPSON**, ROBERT BOORMAN Musician Royal Marine Band: **THOROGOOD**, EDMUND JOHN Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **TIZZARD**, WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **TULETT**, HENRY WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry : **WALLINGTON**, JOHN HENRY Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **WEBB**, ERNEST Sergeant Royal Marine Artillery: **WHITLOCK**, ERNEST WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WILMOT**, WALTER PRESCOTT Musician Royal Marine Band: **WOOD**, FREDERICK WILLIAM Musician Royal Marine Band: **WOOD**, MONTAGUE Musician Royal Marine Band: **WOOLLACOTT**, HERBERT ARTHUR Sergeant Royal Marine Light Infantry.

HMS TIGER

This ship sustained considerable damage, chiefly from gun-fire, the majority of hits received being on the Port side, while fire breaking out in several compartments forward was responsible for the destruction of all fittings, etc. in the vicinity of the Sick Bay.



A shell pierced the Forecastle Deck abreast the Deck pipe on the Port side at 38 Station, making a hole 2ft. x 2ft., and fracturing and distorting three beams and two longitudinal girders beneath. The deck planking was torn up and the chafing plate for the plating distorted and holed by splinters of shell. The Upper Deck was also pierced at 31 Station the whole being 2ft. 6in x 1ft. 4in. in extent. The deck in the vicinity was riddled by splinters and generally indented, while the bulkheads to Carpenters' and Inflammable Stores at 31 and 39 Stations were badly holed. The watertight doors on these bulkheads were wrecked. The perforation extended downwards through the Main Deck which was pierced in two places, whilst on this deck the bulkheads to the Paint and Lamp Rooms were pierced, a Main Deck beam at 31 Station fractured, and a 7½in. fan, vertical ventilation pipes and trunks, air escapes, etc., practically demolished. Reference Narrative of the Gunnery Officer of H.M.S. Tiger 1 royal Marine killed: **NEWNHAM**, JOHN FRANCIS Gunner Royal Marine Artillery

HMS Princess Royal, damaged. 7 Royal Marines killed

Hit by 8 12 inch and 1 11 inch hits causing 22 killed and 81 injured. Fired 230 13.5 inch rounds

HMS Indefatigable 92 Royal Marines killed

She was sunk during Battle of Jutland. She was hit several times in the first minutes of the "Run to the South", the opening phase of the battlecruiser action. Shells from the German battlecruiser Von der Tann caused an explosion



ripping a hole in her hull, and a second explosion hurled large pieces of the ship 200 feet (60 m) in the air. Only three of the crew of 1,017 survived.

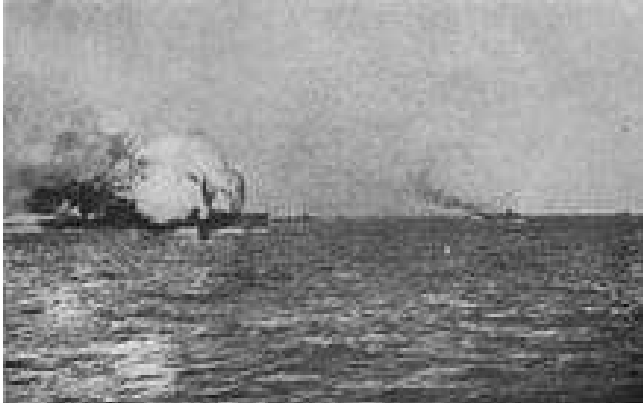
ABRAHAM, CHARLES Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **ANTROBUS**, HARRY JAMES Bugler Royal Marine Light Infantry: **ATKINS**, ARTHUR CLARE Sergeant Royal Marine Artillery: **BARBER**, JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BARHAM**, GERALD JOSHUA Bandmaster 1st Class Royal Marine Band: **BEAVEN**, HAROLD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BEESELEY**, WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BEESTON**, STANLEY ARTHUR ALFRED (Service record spells name **BUSTON**) Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **BLACKWELL**, ARTHUR JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BROADBRIDGE**, ALLAN Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **BROCKHURST**, JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BUCKINGHAM**, EDWIN Musician Royal Marine Band: **BURROWS**, STANLEY Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CAGNEY**, THOMAS Musician Royal Marine Band: **CARRICK**, GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CARTER**, FRANCIS ALBERT Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CHAMP**, WILLIAM EWART Private 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Marine Light Infantry: **FOSKETT**, HENRY JOHN Musician Royal Marine Band: **FREEMAN**, CHARLES JAMES ERNEST Colour Serjeant Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GALLAGHER**, ERNEST JOHN Musician Royal Marine Band: **GRAHAM**, JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GRIFFIN**, ERNEST Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **HARMAN**, RICHARD JAMES Bombardier Royal Marine Artillery: **HARRIS**, MALCOLM MITCHELL Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HARRIS**, STEPHEN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HENLEY**, BERNARD RICHARD Musician Royal Marine Band: **HILL**, GEORGE JAMES Bugler Royal Marine Artillery: **HILL**, TOM Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **HULSE**, HAROLD : Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HUNT**, ALBERT Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **JAMES**, FREDERICK Musician Royal Marine Band: **JINKS**, ALBERT JOHN WILLIAM Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **KELLY**, JOSEPH Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **KIRTON**, SAMUEL PALMER Musician Royal Marine Band: **KITCHING**, THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **LEONARD**, JOSEPH Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **LONGHORN**, JAMES HERBERT (Service record spells name **LOUGHORN**) Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **LOVELL**, GEORGE Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **MALLIN**, JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MALLON**, JAMES Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **MASSEY**, THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MATTRAVERS**, FREDERICK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **McCAUSLAND**, WILLIAM JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MILLS**, HARRY Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **MITSON**, GEORGE WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MORELAND**, HARRY LAITHWAITE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MORLEY**, THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MUDDLE**, JOHN GEORGE Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **MURCH**, FRANCIS Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **NUNN**, CHARLES Bombardier Royal Marine Artillery: **PHILLIPS**, HARRY JAMES Sergeant Royal Marine Artillery: **RANDALL**, WILLIAM HENRY Musician Royal Marine Band: **RICKMAN**, HORACE ERNEST Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **ROURKE**, JAMES BERNARD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **ROWBOTHAM**, WILFRED : Gunner Royal Marine: **SCAMMELLS**, WILLIAM FRANCIS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SCHUMMAKER**, GEORGE CHARLES Band Corporal Royal Marine Band: **SEWELL**, HERBERT Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **SIMPSON**, JOSEPH CLARK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SIZER**, EDWARD Bombardier Royal Marine Artillery: **SLOCOMBE**, RICHARD FREDERICK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SMEES**, ALFRED THOMAS Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **STAPLES**, JOHN WILLIAM Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **STEWART**, SAMUEL Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **STRETCH**, JAMES OLIVER Bombardier Royal Marine Artillery: **SUTTON**, LAWRENCE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SWEENEY**, PATRICK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **THOMAS**, WILLIAM JOHN Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **TODD**, ALFRED Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WATTS**, PATRICK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WEAVERS**, HAROLD Musician Royal Marine Band: **WHITE**, ALBERT EDWARD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WIFFEN**, WILLIAM JAMES Musician Royal Marine Band: **WIGGINS**, EDWARD JOHN Musician Royal Marine Band: **WILDE**, PERCY MONTAGUE CLIFTON Captain RM Royal Marine Artillery: **WILTON**, HARVEY LLEWELLYN Gunner Royal Marine Artillery.

HMS Invincible She was the flagship of the 3rd Battlecruiser Squadron during the Battle of Jutland. The squadron had been detached from Admiral Beatty's Battlecruiser Fleet a few days before the battle for gunnery practice with the Grand Fleet and acted as its heavy scouting force

during the battle. She was destroyed by a magazine explosion during the battle after 'Q' turret was penetrated.

106 Royal Marines killed

ALLCHIN, GEORGE HENRY (Service record spells name **ALLCHINE**) Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **ASTLE**, REGINALD

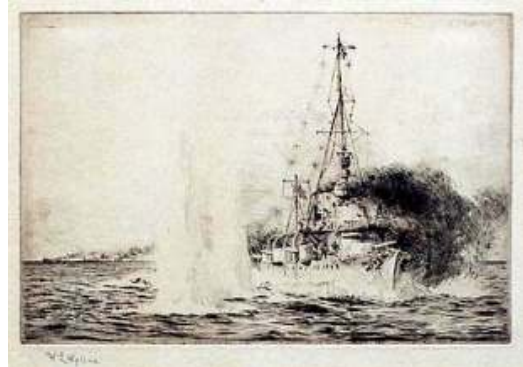


HARRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BARKER**, ALBERT WILLIAM Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **BEATWELL**, ERNEST Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **BECKETT**, WILLIAM Musician Royal Marine Band: **BONCEY**, JOSEPH JAMES (Service record spells name **BONEY**) Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BOOKER**, FRANK VICTOR Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **BRAME**, VICTOR CYRIL Bombardier Royal Marine Artillery: **BROWN**, WILLIAM LAWRENCE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BURFORD**,

ship exploding

WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CALLIS**, SIDNEY Musician Royal Marine Band: **CANNINGS**, WILLIAM GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CARDEN**, WILLIAM FRANK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CHAMPION**, HENRY Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **CHAMPION**, WILLIAM JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CHANCE**, THOMAS JAMES Band Corporal Royal Marine Band: **CHARLTON**, ALBERT HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CHEESMUR**, WILLIAM STEPHEN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CLARK**, ALBERT EDWARD Musician Royal Marine Band: **CLARK**, JOHN Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **COLQUHOUN**, ROBERT CROSTHWAITE Major Royal Marine Light Infantry: **COOK**, REGINALD Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **COX**, HENRY JOHN (Service record spells name **CORE**) Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DANIELS**, ERNEST PERCY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DAVIS**, ALBERT (ARTHUR in other documents) VICTOR Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DEACON**, GEORGE Bandmaster 1st Class Royal Marine Band: **DENYER**, FRANK CHARLES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DEXTER**, EDMOND CHARLES Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **DOLAN**, THOMAS JAMES Bombardier Royal Marine Artillery: **DOLLING**, FRANCIS JOHN Musician Royal Marine Band: **DOLTON**, WILLIAM FRANK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DORMER**, CHARLES BRUCE (Service record spells name **DORMAR**) Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DUNDAS**, NORMAN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DUNN**, CHARLES ALBERT Musician Royal Marine Band: **DURHAM**, ARTHUR Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **EMMETT**, MAURICE (real name, but served as Maurice **MAHER**) Musician Royal Marine Band: **EVERETT**, GEORGE THOMAS Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **EVERTON**, SAMUEL Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **FISHER**, HERBERT CHARLES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **FITZGERALD**, ARTHUR DAVID Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **FLETCHER**, JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **FREEMAN**, EDGAR Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **FULKER**, CHARLES FREDERICK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GILLMAN**, SIDNEY GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HARDING**, WILLIAM SAMUEL LAWRENCE Sergeant Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HEARN**, ALBERT VICTOR Musician Royal Marine Band: **HERRIDGE**, GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HERRING**, WILLIAM DAVIS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HIBBERD**, FRED Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HIGGS**, SYDNEY JOSEPH Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HOBBS**, HARRY TIMOTHY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HOWARD**, FRANK Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **HOWARD**, JOHN MOWBRAY TEMPLE Musician Royal Marine Band: **HUMPHREY**, CHARLES Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **HUTCHINGS**, GEORGE WILLIAM Musician Royal Marine Band: **HYSLOP**, NORMAN Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **JAMIESON**, ROBERT FREDERICK Band Corporal Royal Marine Band: **KEAN**, JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **KEAR**, WILLIAM GEORGE (not listed under this name by CWGC) Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **KELHAM**, ERNEST Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **KNIGHT**, ALBION HAMPTON Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **LE SEELLEUR**, JOHN THOMAS Lieutenant Royal Marine Light Infantry: **LEESON**, CHARLES Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **LEGG**, REGINALD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **LYNCH**, JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MANN**, ERNEST Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **MILLARD**, GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MITCHELL**, WALTER Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MOORE**, EDWARD WESTBROOK Sergeant Royal Marine Artillery: **MORRIS**, HERBERT WILLIAM Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **NIXON**, ALBERT EDWARD Commissioned Royal Marine Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **NORMAN**, GEORGE Musician Royal Marine Band: **ORR**, ERNEST FRANCIS JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **OTTAWAY**, WILLIAM JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **PARKER**, FREDERICK WARREN HORATIO Corporal

Royal Marine Light Infantry: **PEARCE**, HARRY HOWARD FRANK Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **PEARSON**, REUBEN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **PHELAN**, JOHN DOUGLAS Bugler Royal Marine Light Infantry: **REEVES**, ROBIN MAURICE Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **RIDGE**, FRANCIS Musician Royal Marine Band: **RIDGE**, FRANCIS Musician Royal Marine Band: **ROBBINS**, SAMUEL HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **ROLLS**, JOHN Musician Royal Marine Band: **SHACKLETON**, PERCY Musician Royal Marine Band: **SHANKS**, THOMAS FREDERICK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SHEARING**, HENRY WALTER Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **SHERMAN**, ARTHUR : Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SIMMS**, ALBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SPOONER**, ALBERT ERNEST Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **STYLES**, ALBERT HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **TAYLOR**, GEORGE EDWARD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **TEBBITT**, WILLIAM TITUS Bugler Royal Marine Artillery: **THOMPSON**, FREDERICK JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **TRICKS**, ROBERT Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **TURTON**, THOMAS FREDERICK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **VINEY**, JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WAIT**, WILLIAM THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WARD**, HARRY EDWARD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WATSON**, ALFRED JAMES Musician Royal Marine Band: **WHATLEY**, WILLIAM FRANK ALBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WILSON**, GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WILSON**, THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WOOD**, ARTHUR Private Royal Marine Light Infantry.



HMS Chester damaged during Battle of Jutland.

At Jutland she fought as part of the 3rd Battle Cruiser Squadron and came under withering fire from German forces. She was hit by 17 X 150mm shells and suffered casualties of 29 men killed and 49 wounded; many of the wounded lost legs because the open backed gun-shields did not reach the deck and give adequate protection.

8 Royal Marines killed: **FASSNIDGE**, EDWARD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GIBBS**, JOHN PORTER Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GRIMLEY**, JAMES MARTIN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **PATTERSON**, WILLIAM JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **PRESTON**, THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SMITH**, WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry.: **THORP**, RAYMOND WILLIAM Bugler Royal Marine Light Infantry: **TUCKER**, ALBERT HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry.

HMS Black Prince

The cruiser Black Prince which, at the first meeting of the two main fleets had followed her flagship, Defence, into action and been roughly handled at the time that Defence had been blown up and Warrior disabled had been left behind by the Grand Fleet's turn to the southward after deployment. For some reason which will never be known, she was still at this time far astern of and out of touch with the British fleet; but when a line of battleships was dimly seen ahead, it was no doubt thought that they were the British squadrons. Course was altered to close them. At a bare half-mile range, the German recognition signal flashed out. The horrified Captain Bonham, swung his ship away in a desperate effort to escape, but it was too late.

In the battleship Thuringen the same deadly efficient night action procedure that had been displayed at the head of the line went into play. Brilliantly lit by half-a-dozen searchlights, the Black Prince was raked from stern to stem by a tornado of shells and lay a helpless wreck before she could even fire a shot in reply. As she drifted down the German line, ship after ship opened up on her, Thuringen, Ostfriesland, Nassau and, finally, as the fleet flagship Friedrich der Grosse, added her quota, the Black Prince met the same end as the Defence, blowing up with a tremendous explosion, vanishing with all hands.....REFERENCE Extract from "Jutland" by Capt. Donald MacIntyre. 1957

78 Royal Marines killed- **ARMSTRONG**, ALFRED JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **ASPINALL**, FREDERICK STEWART Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **AYLING**, ALFRED JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BARSBY**, THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BLANDFORD**, SIDNEY HERBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BONNER**, WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BOWERMAN**, CHARLES GORDON Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BUTLIN**, JOHN HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CALLAGHAN**, BERNARD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CHURCHER**, HENRY JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CHURCHILL**, ARTHUR ERNEST Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **CONWAY**, HARRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **COWARD**, THOMAS ALBAN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DABBS**, WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DAVIS**, HORACE WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DELVES-BROUGHTON**, ALFRED WILLIAM Captain Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DENNING**, CHRISTIAN EDWARD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DROVER**, JOHN EDGAR JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **ELLIOTT**, HENRY GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **EYLES**, BERTRAM ALFRED Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **FISHER**, JAMES CHARLES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **FLACK**, ARTHUR Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **FORD**, RICHARD HAMILTON Private : Royal Marine Light Infantry: **FRENCH**, RICHARD GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GASKIN**, LUKE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GIBBINS**, GEORGE WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GINGELL**, JOSEPH FINLEY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GOODCHILD**, ARTHUR FREDRICK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GREEN**, GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GUNNER**, CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HARRIS**, WILFRED JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HIGGINS**, FREDERICK DANIEL YORK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HOAR**, CHARLES HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HOAR**, ERNEST WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HOLT**, ERNEST ALFRED Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HOOPER**, CHARLES HUBERT Serjeant Royal Marine Light Infantry: **INGLIS**, CHARLES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **KIDSTON**, ARTHUR SIDNEY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **LANE**, WILLIAM KIRBY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **LEEDHAM**, JAMES GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **LINSKILL**, FREDERICK CHARLES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **LOCKLEY**, HOWARD FRANK (Service record spells name **TOCKLEY**) Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: **LUGG**, REGINALD FOSTER Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MARTIN**, EDWARD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **NASH**, ARTHUR GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **PARSONS**, ROLAND WESTWOOD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **PENNY**, FREDERICK CHARLES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **PHILLIPS**, FREDERICK WALTER Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **PICK**, WALTER Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **PRICE**, WILLIAM HERBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **PRIMMER**, JOHN HENRY Lance Serjeant Royal Marine Light Infantry: **PRINCE**, JAMES Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: **READ**, HENRY WILLIAM CHARLES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **RICHARDSON**, ARTHUR WILLIAM Sergeant Royal Marine Light Infantry: **ROBERTSON**, ROBERT PARKER Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **ROBINSON**, WILLIAM GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **RUFF**, JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SANGER**, FREDERICK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SCOTT**, ERNEST Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SMITH**, VALENTINE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SMITH**, WILLIAM JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **STEINTHAL**, GEOFFREY ROWLANDSON Lieutenant Royal Marine Light Infantry: **STIMPSON**, SYDNEY ALBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **STOUT**, ALBERT EDGAR Colour Serjeant Royal Marine Light Infantry: **STRONACH**, CHARLES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **STUART**, WILLIAM ISAAC Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **TAPLIN**, ALFRED THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **TAWNEY**, CYRIL VERNON (Service record spells name Fawney) Bugler Royal Marine Light Infantry: **TILBURY**, LAWRENCE ALBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **TUCKER**, HARRY MARTIN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **TURNER**, HENRY WALTER WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **VINEY**, BERTIE JOSEPH Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WHITE**, JOHN MATTHEW Lance Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WILLS**, ARTHUR STANLEY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WILSON**, FRANCIS ALFRED Private Royal Marine Light Infantry.



HMS Defence

At the

Battle of Jutland on 31 May 1916, the 1st Cruiser Squadron was in front of the Grand Fleet, on the right side. At 5:47 p.m., the squadron flagship, HMS Defence, and Warrior spotted the German II

Scouting Group and opened fire. Their shells felt short and the two ships turned to port in pursuit, cutting in front of the battlecruiser HMS Lion, which was forced to turn away to avoid a collision. Shortly afterwards they spotted the disabled German light cruiser SMS Wiesbaden and closed to engage. When the two ships reached a range of 5,500 yards (5,000 m) from Wiesbaden they were spotted in turn at 6:05 by the German battlecruiser SMS Derfflinger and four battleships who were less than 8,000 yards (7,300 m) away. The fire from the German ships was heavy and Defence blew up at 6:20. Warrior was hit by at least fifteen 28-centimetre (11 in) and six 15-centimetre (5.9 in) shells but was saved when the German ships switched their fire to the battleship HMS Warspite when its steering jammed and caused Warspite to make two complete circles within sight of much of the High Seas Fleet.

83 Royal Marines killed:- ASHE, ROBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: AYERS, BERTIE WALTER Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: BAGNALL, LESLIE JAMES Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: BANKS, HARRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: BEET, ARTHUR Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: BENNETT, COURTNEY WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: BLACKMAN, ERNEST ALFRED Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: BLATCHFORD, THOMAS HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: BOLDERSTON, JAMES JOSEPH Royal Marine Light Infantry: BOWDEN, ALFRED ARTHUR THOMAS Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: BOYLING, ALBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: BROOKS, FRANCIS GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: BROWN, HAROLD Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: BROWN, LAWRENCE Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: BUCKELL, GEORGE HENRY Bombardier Royal Marine Artillery BULLEN, ALBERT BRAY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: BURDETT, JOHN EPHRAIM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: BURRIDGE, WALTER GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: COLES, ALBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: COLTON, JAMES LESLIE Lance Serjeant Royal Marine Artillery: CONQUEST, CLAUDE FREDERICK Bombardier Royal Marine Artillery: COOKE, FREDERICK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: COOPER, HERBERT JAMES Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: CROSSAN, THOMAS LAWRENCE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: DANIEL, FRANK HERBERT Bugler Royal Marine Light Infantry: DAVIES, DAVID JOHN PRICE Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: EDWARDS, ROBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: EDWARDS, STANLEY FRANK Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: ENGLAND, ALBERT FREDERICK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: FLINT, WILLIAM EDWARD ISAAC Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: FURLONG, WILLIAM Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: GILLARD, WILLIAM CHARLES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: GLOVER, JOSEPH Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: GOSLIN, CECIL STANLEY Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: GOSLING, JAMES THOMAS Sergeant Royal Marine Light Infantry: GRANT, GEORGE DONALD Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: GRANT, STANLEY WILFRED Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: GREENWOOD, LEONARD MONTAGU Gunner Royal Marine: GURNEY, WILLIAM ALFRED Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: HOARE, WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: HUBBARD, WILLIAM Colour Serjeant Royal Marine Artillery: JOHNSTON, SAMUEL CURRIE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: JOLLIFFE, VICTOR Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: JORDAN, JAMES RICHARD Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: KELLY, PATRICK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: KEYS, ALFRED ROBERT Act/Bombardier Royal Marine Artillery: LANGMEAD, ERNEST JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: LITTON, TOM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: LONG, WILLIAM ALFRED Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: LOVEGROVE, BENJAMIN Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: LYNCH, WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: MacLEAN, PARRY Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: McGUIRE, ALFRED FRANK Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: McNAMARA, WILLIAM Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: MONTGOMERY, JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: MORLEY, WALTER Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: MORRIS, ERNEST JOHN Sergeant Royal Marine Artillery: OSBORN, SAMUEL FORDHAM Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: PACKER, HARRY Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: PITTEY, CHARLES JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: PORTER, GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: PRESTON, ALFRED HENRY SAMUEL Sergeant Royal Marine Light Infantry: PRICE, JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: PRIDE, JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: RICHES, LEWIS Bombardier Royal Marine Artillery: RIDD, ALBERT JOHN Gunner Royal Marine Artillery RUSH, ALFRED WILLIAM Bugler Royal Marine Artillery: RYAN, WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: SAINT, FRANK PATRICK Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: SANDERS, WILLIAM HENRY DEMPSEY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: SANDHAM, FREDERICK JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: SHORROCK, BERNARD (Service record spells name SHORROCKS)Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: SINGLETON, TOM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: STEPHENSON, ALBERT VICTOR Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: STEVENSON, JOHN WRIGHT Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: TAYLOR, JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: TAYLOR, PHILIP Private Royal Marine Light Infantry TAYLOR, PHILIP Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: TURNER, BERTIE Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: WALDEN, GEORGE WALTER Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: WALKER, WILLIAM Gunner Royal Marine Artillery.



HMS Warrior, damaged on 31 May, sank 1 June, one rating each died of wounds on 1, 3, 5 and 11 June
2 Royal Marines killed:- LETHEREN, ARTHUR GEORGE Private (Service record spells name LETHEREW) Royal Marine Light Infantry: WILLERTON, WILLIAM Bugler Royal Marine Artillery.

HMS Calliope, two ratings died of injuries on 1 June, and one on 3rd

At the battle of Jutland the 4th Light Cruiser Squadron formed part of the anti-submarine screen for the Grand Fleet as it sailed towards the battle. During the main battle it took part in the destroyer battle between the two fleets (7.15-7.30pm).



After the German battleships had turned away for the second time, the Calliope was one of the few British ships to maintain contact, firing a torpedo from 6,500 yards before coming under heavy fire for ten minutes while retreating. During the battle she was hit by four shells, and suffered 10 dead and 9 wounded. **3 Royal Marines killed: -** BALCOMBE, ARCHER WILLIAM Serjeant Royal Marine Light Infantry: COLLINS, WILLIAM ALFRED Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: HORSFALL, FREDERICK THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry.

5TH Battle Squadron in action at Jutland

The Barham had hardly turned before she was badly hit by a heavy shell which caused many casualties and wrecked her wireless gear. Those of the enemy ships that were within range seemed to be concentrating on the turning point, but the Valiant, her next astern, got round without being touched. The Warspite was no less fortunate, and as Malaya, the rear ship, turned it was evident that she was the target of a whole division or more. Salvoes were falling all round her at the rate of six a minute. By hauling out to port, however, she escaped, but for the next twenty minutes she was constantly straddled, and was twice so badly hit below the water line that she began to list. It was then decided to open fire short with the 6-inch starboard battery in order to set up a screen, but before the order was passed another heavy shell burst inside it, devastating guns and crew and starting a fire amidst the havoc it had wrought.....REFERENCE Extract from the Official History; " Naval Operations" by Sir Julian S. Corbett. 1923



HMS Malaya

10 Royal Marines killed:- FOUND, WILLIAM ALFRED Private Royal Marine Light Infantry:

HAIGH, HARRY (Service record spells name **HAIG**) Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **LEE, CHARLES** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MABBETT, FRANK** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **REDMOND, MICHAEL** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **OSTRIDGE, WILLIAM** (Service record spells name USTRIDGE) Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **PORTER, CHARLES** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **ROGERS, ARTHUR** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SOUTER, SAMUEL** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WILLIS, ALBERT** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry.



Second Light Cruiser Squadron

HMS Southampton, light cruiser, she sank the torpedo boat S35 and the cruiser Frauenlob whilst also taking damage herself.

2 Royal Marines killed: - MILLER, RICHARD THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WOODLAND, WILLIAM HENRY** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry

Fourth Destroyer Flotilla

HMS Tipperary, flotilla leader, sunk

At 12.03am Captain Wintour had become aware of a line of battleships closing through the darkness on his starboard side and converging on his course. To his port side lay the ships of the Royal Navy's 5th Battle Squadron. With the lead ship on his starboard quarter at a range of little more than 1100 yards a recognition signal was flashed out, which brought the immediate



reply of powerful searchlights which illuminated the Tipperary. The battleships were the German ships "Westfalen", trailed by "Nasau" and "Rheinland". Between the battleships and the British 4th Destroyer Flotilla lay the German light cruisers "Stuttgart" and "Hamburg".

The German dreadnought SMS "Westfalen" of the German 1st Battle Squadron, 1st Division immediately opened fire on Tipperary with her secondary 5.9inch (15cm) armament. Tipperary was raked with 92 rounds of 5.9inch and 45 rounds of 3.5 inch shells, which reduced her to a blazing wreck within minutes, carrying away her bridge and all on it.

8 Royal Marines killed: - HICKS, WILLIAM HODGES CROOK Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HOWARD, TEMPLE** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **LEVER, GEORGE** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SAFFERY HENRY THOMAS** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **SMALLEY, WILLIAM** Sergeant Royal Marine Light Infantry: **STEWART NEIL** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WARREN ARTHUR ALBERT EDWARD WILLIAM** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H: **WATERS, CHARLES** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry

Eleventh Destroyer Flotilla.



HMS Castor, light cruiser, damaged during Battle of Jutland

Castor normally served as the flagship of the Commodore, and served as such at the Battle of Jutland, where she was the flagship of the eleventh destroyer squadron. Ten of her crew were casualties during the battle.



1 Royal Marine killed **FLORY**, ALBERT EDWARD (Service record spells name Felory) Bugler Royal Marine Light Infantry

1918 RM Field Force lands at Murmansk.

2011 **Withdrawal of troops following the Invasion & occupation of Iraq by US & British Forces leading to the overthrow of Saddam Hussein.**

The following Royal Marines lost their lives:-

BASRA WAR MEMORIAL

BALLARD Stephen Alexis. Major Service Number N029085G Unit 3 Commando Brigade Date of Birth 20 March 1970 Age 33 Date of Death 31 March 2003 Park Road Cemetery Aldershot He died of natural causes on 30 March 2003



COLLINS Paul Michael R.M. Commando Helicopter Force (847 R.N. Air Squadron) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 6th May 2006 Age: 21 single joined R.M. June 2003 42 Commando (M Company) September 2005 Air Door Gunner killed in a Lynx helicopter crash Basra, Iraq

FITZSIMMONS Lee Michael Corporal Service Number P056743H Date of Birth 03 April 1981 Age 26 Date of Death 20 November 2007 buried Hereford Mil Cemetery Stirling Lines Hereford Garrison Hereford Grave Section Plot G Grave Row 1

HYLTON Jason (Jay) Unit: R.M. 539 Assault Squadron Marine Date Of Death: 12th November 2006 Age: 33 from Burton-on-Trent, Derbyshire fiancé of Sasha Martin joined R.M. 15.9.2003 42 Commando 4 Assault Squadron 539 Assault Squadron KIA Shatt al Arab River ,Basra, Iraq September 2006

MADDISON Christopher Richard Rank Marine Service Number P053354J: 9 Assault Squadron RM Date of Birth 22 March 1979 Age 24 Date of Death 30 March 2003 buried Woodland Crematorium Woodlands drive Scarborough Yorkshire The Plymouth-based Royal Marines, came under a grenade and gunfire attack whilst on river patrol on the southern Faw peninsula on the 30th March 2003

NOWAK: Ben R.M. 45 Commando (attached 539 Assault Squadron) Corporal Date Of Death: 12th November 2006 Age: 27 : from Liverpool joined R.M. 8.7.1996: KIA Shatt al Arab River, Basra, Iraq

PLANK Ian (Planky) Cpl. Aged 31, Royal Marines, October 31 2003 Poole, South England R.M. Special Boat Service Number: PO 51163 J Date of Birth 22 August 1972 Date Of Death: 31st October 2003 Age: 31 former RM Commando KIA Mosul ,Northern Iraq Killed In Action Hostile fire

March 21st 2003 A U.S. Marine CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter crashed in Kuwait on Friday, killing five Royal Marines

CECIL: John: R.M. Brigade Reconnaissance Force Rank: Colour Sergeant Date Of Death: 21st March 2003 Age: 36
Additional Information: son of Mrs Ann Nichol (formerly Cecil), Gateshead, Co. Durham separated husband of Wendy Cecil, Plymouth, Devon (1 daughter) Weston Mill Crematorium Plymouth, Devon

GUY Philip Stuart Captain N029162R unit ;UKLF CSG Date of Birth 27 June 1973 Age 29 Date of Death 21 March 2003
Waltonwrays Cemetery North Yorkshire Grave Number C1444 from Yorkshire Dales and had served in Bosnia and Afghanistan.

HEDENSKOG Sholto Brough Royal Marine, aged 34 - from Pretoria, South Africa Date of Birth 04 November 1976 Age 26
son Mrs Tertia Hedenskog, Claremont ,Cape Town ,South Africa matriculated Sutherland High School, Gauteng, South Africa graduated Rhodes University Grahamstown ,South Africa (B.Sc.)

STRATFORD Mark Russell Warrant Officer II P043484J unit UKLF CSG Date of Birth 14 May 1963 Age 39 Date of Death 21 March 2003 All Saints Church Sparkwell Nr Plympton Devon PL7 5DB

WARD, Jason George Major N028273Y UKLF CSG Date of Birth 05 September 1968 Age 34 Date of Death 21 March 2003 Cemetery Name Exeter.

JUNE

1ST June

1794

The Glorious First of June of 1794 was the first and largest fleet action of the naval conflict between the Kingdom of Great Britain and the First French Republic during the French Revolutionary Wars

“The battle was fought between the British, with 34 line-of-battle ships under the command of Admiral Earl Howe and a French fleet of 26 ships of the line under Rear-Admiral Villaret-Joyeuse.

During April and May 1794, the British fleet had been searching the Western Approaches for a convoy of grain ships from America bound for France, which the upheaval of the Revolution had reduced to a starving condition. The French fleet had left Brest in mid-May to escort this vital convoy to harbour.

The first of June was fine and clear, and battle was joined about 300 miles west of Brittany.

The manoeuvring of the preceding days had gained the British fleet the weather gage. This was a vital factor in the days of sail, as the fleet or ship with wind advantage had the choice of when and how to bring the enemy to action. Howe’s plans were for his ships to run down onto the French fleet, break through all along their line and individually engage their opposite numbers. These intentions were difficult to transmit by signal and not all his captains fully understood or complied with what was wanted of them. In the event, only a few ships (Howe’s flagship Queen Charlotte, Defence, Marlborough, Royal George, Queen and Brunswick) penetrated the French line and brought about the general mêlée Howe had hoped to provoke. The first ship to break through, HMS Defence was severely handled and totally dismantled. The Queen Charlotte forced her way between the French flagship Montagne and the Jacobin, a tricky and dangerous manoeuvre which so absorbed the attention of the ship’s senior officers that the order to open fire had to be given by a midshipman. All along the line, the fighting was intense, and by the time the firing died away, 11 British and 12 French ships were more or less dismantled. Human casualties were heavy too, with about 7000 killed, wounded and captured on the French side, and 1000 killed or wounded from the British fleet. Six French ships were captured and another, the Vengeur sunk, while the severely damaged remainder of the French fleet made off in considerable confusion...”

1857 The 2nd Opium War. A Return of RM Casualties on board Her Majesty's Gun-Boats and Boats of the Squadron during the operations in the Fatsham Creek, on 1st June, 1857. HMS Nankin: John **Smith**, Private Royal Marines, killed on board Hong Kong. HMS Niger.1st Gig- Thomas **Christian**, Sergeant Royal Marine Artillery, killed on board Plover, gunboat

1941 Crete ultimately fell to the Germans. Major R. Garrett, RM formed a number of the men of the M.N.B.D.O. into a rifle battalion, which acted as the rearguard during the later stages of the evacuation. They were told to fight until dawn on the 1st of June. This they did, with such effect that they made a further two days' evacuation possible, and so helped to save 17,000 troops to fight again. At the end the Royal Marine rearguard could not be evacuated as the boats had no room so they collected all the ammunition and their kit & headed for the hills to carry on fighting.

A party of five officers and 134 Other ranks, including naval ratings, Australians, New Zealand and Special Service troops, and 56 Marines led by Major Garrett, put to sea in an abandoned motor landing craft.

The vessel had covered 100 miles when the petrol ran out. The Marines made a jury mast and fashioned sails from blankets. Since the unwieldy craft had no keel, she proved so difficult to steer that relays of six men had to swim alongside and push her head in the required direction. Although two men died on the eighth day the ingenuity saved the lives of their remaining comrades.



Having covered 200 miles they landed near Sidi Barrani. Sergeant Bowen Royal Marines, after reconnoitring five miles across the desert in the darkness, made contact with an anti-aircraft regiment, he arranged for Lorries to be sent the next morning.

These motor landing craft were designed to carry a maximum of 100 men. Another Royal Marine officer also landed his motor landing craft near the same place with over 60 troops on board.

2nd June

1953 Coronation of Queen Elizabeth 11 with her Royal Marines celebrating with parades all over the Globe from the Canal Zone to a few marines in the Antarctic.



3rd June



1944 40 Commando RM lost 21 men in action at BRAC MILJET The unit operated from the island of Vis carrying out raids on German forces in Dalmatia

BATES, George H, Marine, EX/962: **BONE**, Percy J, Marine, PO/X 101277: **CROSS**, Leonard, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **DUTTON**, Charles L, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **GEE**, Donald P, Marine, EX 1172: **HARVEY**, Leslie G, Lance Corporal, RM, PLY/X 3864: **HOPPER**, Norman C, Marine, PO/X 117913: **LAIDLAW**, Ian D, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **MANNERS**, James C, Act/Lieutenant Colonel, RM: **PICKERING**, Alfred G, Marine, CH/X 111702: **SHORT**, Dennis L W N, Lance Corporal, RM, PLY/X 111155: **TARRANT**, Kenneth A, Marine, PO/X 116866: **WOOD**, Robert F, Marine, CH/X 3476: **BLAKE**, John P, Ty/Act/Captain, RM: **BROOKES**, James A, Marine, EX/3707: **HOVERD**, Robert H, Marine, CH/X 108492: **HURST**, Cecil, Marine, PO/X 106979,: **IVENS**, Frederick C, Marine, PLY/X 107485: **ROYLE**, Frank, Ty/Act/Corporal, CH/X 104572: **SCHOOLEY**, Ralph G, Ty/Act/Captain, RM, : **WILLIAMSON**, Fred, Marine, CH/X 106447.

4th June

1878 The Island of Cyprus was ceded to Britain by Turkey by the Treaty of 4th June 1878. Royal Marines supervised the Transfer

1915 GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN. Third Battle of Krithia. Very heavy casualties were inflicted on the RN battalions: -RND, Anson Battalion: RND, Benbow Battalion: RND, Collingwood Battalion: RND, Drake Battalion: RND, Hood Battalion: RND, Howe Battalion. The only RM casualty was: -



RND, HQ Company, RM Divisional Engineers WATSON, Christopher G, Sapper, RM, S 473 (Deal), DOW

5TH June

1916 HMS Hampshire, cruiser, mined and sunk off the Orkneys with Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War and his staff. Royal Marine losses were: -

ADAMS, Walter H, Private, RMLI, 18508 (Po): **AMEY**, William J, Private, RMLI, 15312 (Po): **BAKER**, Frederick G, Private, RMLI, 18006 (Po): **BILLINS**, William E, Corporal, RMLI, 15603 (Po): **BOND**, George H, Ship's Corporal 1c, 190843 (Po): **BORAMAN**, Richard J, Private, RMLI, 16464 (Po): **BRIDGES**, William F, Private, RMLI, 12019 (Po): **BUCKENHAM**, John T, Private, RMLI, 8756 (Po): **BUTLER**, George, Private, RMLI, 7968 (Po): **COMPTON**, Alfred W, Private, RMLI, 14780 (Po): **CROMPTON**, Edward, Private, RMLI, 18514 (Po): **CROSS**, Andrew, Private, RMLI, 13121 (Po): **DALLAS**, William A E, Private, RMLI, 16959 (Po): **DANIELS**, Edward, Private, RMLI, 14431 (Po): **DAWSON**, John B, Private, RMLI, 17920 (Po): **DEAN**, Frank P, Sergeant, RMLI, 11666 (Po): **DOMINEY**, Charles J, Private, RMLI, 16411 (Po): **DOOLEY**, Septimus, Private, RMLI, 15817 (Ch): **DOWLAND**, Sidney, Private, RMLI, 8384 (Po): **EDWARDS**, Ivor S R R, Private, RMLI, 17984 (Po): **ELLISON**, Victor, Sergeant, RMLI, 13015 (Po): **EVANS**, Percy, Private, RMLI, 16455 (Po): **FARTHING**, Walter T, Private, RMLI, 13316 (Po): **FEAR**, Edmund C, Private, RMLI, 17949 (Po): **FERRETT**, Thomas C J, Private, RMLI, 17553 (Po): **GISBORN**, James F, Private, RMLI, 14928 (Po): **GOBLE**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, 17664 (Po): **HACKEN**, Robert, Private, RMLI, 16467 (Po): **HARRISON**, John W, Private, RMLI, 14950 (Po): **HAWKINS**, Walter, Private, RMLI, 17668 (Ch): **HAZEON**, Cyril S, Captain, RM: **HEAD**, George H, Private, RMLI, 16468 (Po): **HENRY**, Thomas W, Private, RMLI, 17564 (Po): **HILL**, Thomas P, Sergeant, RMLI, 12219 (Po): **HISCOCK**, John T, Private, RMLI, 16968 (Po): **HOLLAMBY**, Frederick H, Corporal, RMLI, 15918 (Po): **HOLLIS**, Samuel, Private, RMLI, 12023 (Ply): **HOLLOWAY**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 16294 (Po): **HOOK**, Frederick C, Private, RMLI, 16398 (Po): **HOPE**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 17991 (Po): **HOWDEN**, William H, Private, RMLI, 12434 (Po): **HUDSON**, Sidney A, Private, RMLI, 16466 (Po): **HUNT**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 14285 (Po): **INNOLES**, William F, Private, RMLI, 16768 (Po): **IVES**, John, Private, RMLI, 17903 (Po): **JOELS**, Ernest J, Bugler, RMLI, 17529 (Po): **JONES**, Harry, Private, RMLI, 16210 (Po): **JORDAN**, Arthur H, Private, RMLI, 16458 (Po): **KNIGHT**, Harry, Private, RMLI, 14081 (Po): **LEADER**, Leonard J, Private, RMLI, 11522 (Po): **LITTLE**, Reginald T, Private, RMLI, 17910 (Po): **LYNN**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, 16177 (Po): **MALLET**, Harold F, Private, RMLI, 17662 (Po): **MARINER**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, 16423 (Po): **MARSHALL**, George E, Private, RMLI, 14974 (Po): **MAYHEW**, Ernest G, Private, RMLI, 12637 (Po): **MELHUISE**, William J, Private, RMLI, 16514 (Po): **MEW**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, 16469 (Po): **MORRIS**, Frank S, Private, RMLI, 17908 (Po): **MORTON**, Arthur F, Private, RMLI, 10418 (Po): **MORRIS**, Frederick A, Private, RMLI, 16182 (Po): **MUSSON**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 11956 (Po): **OWEN**, Norman, Private, RMLI, 18238 (Po): **PERRY**, Percy E, Private, RMLI, 9215 (Po): **PIPER**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 16419 (Po): **PRAGNELL**, William, Ship's Corporal 1c, M 13999: **REED**, William, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 14218 (Po): **RICHARDS**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, 15451 (Po): **ROSE**, Reginald J, Private, RMLI, 16401 (Po): **SANDOM**, Gilbert C, Private, RMLI, 15853 (Po): **SEE**, Charles W, Private, RMLI, 16426 (Po): **SHAW**, James P, Corporal, RMLI, 12228 (Po): **SIDEBOTHAM**, William, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 13006 (Po): **SMITH**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, 15494 (Po): **SMITH**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, 12856 (Po): **SPARKES**, Sidney J, Private, RMLI, 16416 (Po): **TAPPER**, Stanley, Private, RMLI, 16410 (Po): **THOMPSON**, Richard A, Private, RMLI, 14661 (Po): **TILBURY**, Wilfred, Private, RMLI, 16403 (Po): **TIZARD**, Patrick L E, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, 15205 (Po): **TRODD**, Harry V, Corporal, RMLI, J 15092 (Po): **TURNER**, Frank, Corporal, RMLI, 14490 (Po): **WHEELER**, William A, Bugler, RMLI, 18390 (Po).

1918 Snafell, armed boarding steamer, torpedoed and sunk by UB.105 in Mediterranean. 2 Royal Marines lost: - **LANGWORTHY**, Walter A, Private, RMLI, 16558 (Ply): **MIDDLEMASS**, John, Private, RMLI, 16571 (Ply)

6th June

1855 Bombardment of Sevastopol in the Crimean War

1915 Gallipoli RM casualties: -



RND, 2nd Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit

STERLAND, Frederick, Private, RM, S 3202 (Deal), DOW



RND, Chatham Battalion

ARDIS, James, Private, RMLI, S 336 (Ch), DOW:

FISHER, John W, Private, RMLI, 18663 (Ch): GINGELL, Frank W, Private, RMLI, S 525 (Ch), DOW: SMITH, Albert J, Private, RMLI, S 610 (Ch): WILLSON, George J, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1069), 7507 (Ch): WYMAN, William J, Private, RMLI, S 371 (Ch)



RND, Plymouth Battalion

DYE, Osborne, Private, RMLI, S 142 (Ply): HARDING, Horace, Private, RMLI, 289 S (Ply), illness in HS Silicia



1944 OPERATION OVERLORD INVASION of NORMANDY

Royal Marines were lost while serving as landing craft crews, engineers, in RM Commando units, RM Armoured Support, flak ships, & RM Artillery

Copra, Normandy invasion, operation Overlord

JONES, William E, Marine, CH/X 112728: WADSWORTH, Peter R, Marine, CH/X 112639.

HMS COPRA was a Royal Navy shore base for the maintenance of personnel ... COPRA stands for Combined Operations Personnel Records & Accounts. It was never anything other than a shore base. Sadly, the names of the craft they were serving with at the time of their deaths, was not recorded. The use of HMS Copra on grave stones, in pay books and other service records confirms that the men concerned were in the Royal Navy and assigned to Combined Operations and that they served on and/or were lost from an unknown landing craft.

HMS Helder - Point Clear at Saint Osyth was requisitioned in 1942 to become a landing craft base and given the name HMS Helder, apparently in honour of the Dutch seaport

MORRIS, Hugh, Marine, PLY/X 105431: O'CONNOR, Michael E, Marine, PO/X 120073.

LCA.1000, ship loss

BRYAN, Thomas W, Marine, CH/X 113621: FENTON, John, Marine, PLY/X 110112.

LCA.1216, Normandy invasion, operation Overlord

FOX, Stanley T, Marine, PLY/X 113056, DOWS

LCA.541, Normandy invasion, operation Overlord

KING, William J, Marine, CH/X 111787

LCA.556, Normandy invasion, operation Overlord

BRYDGES, Edward C, Marine, CH/X 114498: **HYATT**, Charles T, Marine, CH/X 114402: **JOHNSON**, Charles E, Marine, PO/X 120122: **MEW**, Kenneth S, Marine, PO/X 113089: **STYLES**, Sidney V, Marine, PO/X 101113: **TERRELL**, Eugene, Marine, CH/X 114395, killed

LCA.557, Normandy invasion, operation Overlord

ATKINSON, Denis St J B, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **SCOTT**, Thomas E, Ty/Act/Corporal, PO/X 112102,

LCA.558, Normandy invasion, operation Overlord

ORTON, Alex W, Marine, PLY/X 112489

LCA.611, ship loss

PIKE, Gerald E W, Marine, CH/X 113607

LCA.796, ship loss

SMITH, Eric J, Ty/Act/Corporal, PO/X 115737

LCA.870, ship loss

DEAN, Gerald, Ty/Act/Corporal, PLY/X 111274.

LCG(L).831, ship loss

MEEDS, Hewitt, Marine, PLY/X 110427.

LCG(L).9, ex-LCT.371, Normandy invasion, operation Overlord

GALE, Albert A, Marine, PO/X 115067.

LCM.239, ship loss

DURN, Edward W, Marine, CH/X 115251.

LCM.652, ship loss

HUME, John G, Ty/Act/Corporal, PO/X 3297.

LCM, 698th Flotilla, ship loss

CHAPMAN, Robert H, Marine, CH/X 114599.

LCS(M).99, ship loss

NAYLOR, Gerald, Marine, PLY/X 109574: **TAYLOR**, Sydney N B, Marine, PO/X 110131: **TULLY**, John, Marine, PLY/X 104090

LCS(M).103, ship loss

MCCANN, Roger, Marine, CH/X 11150: **POWELL**, Stanley, Marine, CH/X 111089: **STUBBS**, Edward, Marine, PO/X 114207: **TAYLOR**, Edgar C, Marine, PLY/X 111391

HMS Llangibby Castle, Normandy invasion, operation Overlord. HMS Llangibby Castle was allotted to Force J3 (Juno beach) for the Normandy landings, based at Southampton

COULTHARD, Frank, Marine, PLY/X 106715: **GREGORY**, William, Ty/Act/Corporal, PLY/X 108740.

RM 1st Armoured Special Group

HARRIS, Levison, Marine, PO/X 120612.

RM 1st Armoured Special Regt

BENNISON, Harold, Marine, CH/X 106929.

RM 1st Engineer Commando

CLARK, Robert, Ty/Corporal, RM, EX 4507: **EVANS**, Arthur, Marine, CH/X 109879

RM 1st Engineer Commando/Naval Party 1562

ROSSON, Horace W G, Marine, CH/X 104901, killed



RM 41 Commando, Normandy invasion, operation Overlord

ALDIS, Alec G, Lieutenant, RM: **BARCLAY**, David L, Act/Major, RM.: **BELCHER**, Ernest J, Act/Regimental Sergeant Major, RM, PO/X 252: **BROWN**, Robert R C, Marine, CH/X 100561: **DABBS**, William, Marine, PLY/X 102644: **DREW**, Arthur R H, Marine, PO/X 111083: **FIELDING**, Ronald, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, PO/X 106789: **HEY**, Ashton U, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, PO/X 106797: **HUNTER**, Caley L, Marine, PLY/X 104042: **JACKSON**, William, Marine, PLY/X 107655: **JOHNSON**, Edward, Marine, PO/X 108598,: **MCNEILL**, James, Lance Corporal, RM, CH/X 112098: **PARKINSON**, John A, Marine, PO/X 113753: **PEAT**, John W, Ty/Act/Corporal, PO/X 3475: **POULTNEY**, Ronald, Marine, PLY/X 104049: **REYNOLDS**, Frederick A, Marine, PO/X 120294: **SPAWFORTH**, Herbert, Ty/Corporal, RM, PO/X 3222: **SPENCE**, Ernest, Marine, PLY/X 103991: **SWINDALE**, Hugh T W B, Marine, PLY/X 111113: **TROLLEY**, Phillip J W, Marine, PO/X 121657: **WELHAM**, Ernest C, Marine, CH/X 109092: **WHITE**, Ernest G, Marine, CH/X 115681.



RM 45 Commando, Normandy invasion, operation Overlord

BAKER, Leonard, Ty/Act/Corporal, PO/X 10 1944: **CASSON**, Robert, Marine, EX/3236: **COHEN**, Isaac, Ty/Act/Corporal, PO/X 3246: **KERSHAW**, Frederick, Marine, PLY/X 109563: **MURPHY**, William H, Marine, EX/4167: **THOMAS**, Ronald, Marine, EX/4263: **WATSON**, Gilbert, Marine, CH/X 114698: **WHITAKER**, Frank, Marine, CH/X 3815: **WILLIAMS**, Robert, Marine, PLY/X 106817.

RM 47 Commando, Normandy invasion, operation Overlord

BAINBRIDGE, Cyril, Marine, PLY/X 103334: **BEDWORTH**, Horace W, Marine, PO/X 106733: **BEE**, Eric E, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, PO/X 100001: **BUNYAN**, Kenneth C, Marine, CH/X 103608: **DUFTON**, Peter T H, Ty/Act/Captain, RM: **FEACEY**, James R, Ty/Act/Major, RM: **FELLOWS**, Peter B, Marine, PLY/X 106565: **FEWTRELL**, Charles H, Marine, PLY/X 112746: **FLAHERTY**, John, Marine, CH/X 103631: **HUGHES**, Denis, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, EX/1222: **KINLOCH**, William C, Marine, PLY/X 102749: **LUMSDEN**, John, Marine, PO/X 117207: **NORIE**, George, Marine, CH/X 106948: **REDMAN**, William, Marine, CH/X 107831: **SAMBROOK**, Wilfred D, Marine, PLY/X 111491: **SCOTT**, Frank L, Marine, PO/X 105848: **SMITH**, Bernard G, Marine, CH/X 107029: **SMITH**, John, Marine, PO/X 105847: **SWEENEY**, Edward J, Marine, PO/X 105867: **TURNER**, Stanley H R, Marine, CH/X 103820: **WAYGOOD**, Leslie T, Marine, CH/X 107580: **WILKINSON**, Robert M, Marine, PO/X 119052.

RM 48 Commando, Normandy invasion, operation Overlord

APPLEYARD, Frank, Lance Corporal, RM, PLY/X 106192: **BISHOP**, Timothy R, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, PO/X 101978: **BOARDMAN**, William, Marine, PO/X 102664: **BOTLEY**, Albert G, Marine, CH/X 101475: **BOURNE**, Frederick E D, Marine, PLY/X 106138: **CAPPLEMAN**, John, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, CH/X 109637: **COULSON**, Reginald, Marine, PLY/X 120489: **COULTER**, William K, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, CH/X 102466: **CURTIS**, Edward G, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **DEWHURST**, Francis J, Marine, PLY/X 109309: **EDWARDS**, Gerard, Marine, CH/X 111667: **FEREDAY**, William T G, Marine, PO/X 110732: **FORD**, William H, Marine, PLY/X 104842: **FOX**, Walter, Marine, PO/X 110652: **HALL**, Leonard J A, Marine, CH/X 106543: **HILTON**, Arthur, Ty/Act/Corporal, PLY/X 120196: **HUMPHRIES**, Charles H, Marine, PLY/X 120073: **JEHU**, Edward A, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 101133: **JOHNSON**, Alfred G, Marine, PO/X 108641: **LARKIN**, Joseph T, Lance Corporal, RM, PLY/X 104620: **LENNARD**, Frederick C L, Ty/Act/Captain, RM: **MCCAIN**, Gerard, Marine, PLY/X 110443: **MCLAUGHLAN**, John, Marine, PO/X 108694: **MOSS**, Albert R, Ty/Corporal, RM, EX/861: **O'BOYLE**, Bernard, Ty/Act/Corporal, PLY/X 106902: **PERRY**, James L, Ty/Act/Captain, RM: **POLLEY**, Joseph J, Marine, PO/X 111675: **POOLE**, Arthur, Ty/Corporal, RM, CH/X 101159: **RICHARDSON**, Stanley, Marine, PLY/X 107046: **RIGBY**, Frederick R, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **RULE**, Dennis H G, Marine, PO/X 4819: **SIMPSON**, Harold, Ty/Lance Corporal, RM, EX/2938: **SIMPSON**, Thomas, Marine, PO/X 112911: **SPRUCE**, Reginald G, Marine, PLY/X 112735: **STANLEY**, James E, Marine, PLY/X 109310: **STEVENS**, Cyril E, Marine, CH/X 108711: **STURMEY**, Frank E, Marine, PO/X 111650: **TAVOLIER**, Joseph A, Ty/Act/Corporal, EX/1975: **UPTON**, Leslie, Ty/Act/Corporal, PLY/X 104980: **WARDLE**, George, Marine, PLY/X 109760: **WILLIAMS**, Cyril J, Marine, CH/X 3264: **WISE**, Derrick G, Marine, CH/X 109480: **YATES**, Thomas D, Ty/Lieutenant, RM, killed

RM 5th Armoured Special Group

YOUNGMAN, Eric T H, Lance Corporal, RM, PO/X 3804.

RM HQ, 4th Special Service Brigade

PORTER, Alexander, Marine, PLY/X 102832.

7TH June

1761 The campaign which started on the 7th of April ended with the final capture of Belle Isle of the Brittany Coast from the French. The British occupied the island for two years before returning it in 1763 following the Treaty of Paris. The cap badge became surrounded by 'laurel leaves' awarded for gallantry at the capture of Belle Isle 1761



1855 Bombardier Thomas Wilkinson was recommended for gallantry.

Under extreme heavy fire during the Siege of Sebastopol, he replaced sandbags and rebuilt his batteries defences, which had been destroyed by enemy artillery. For this he was awarded the Corps second Victoria Cross.

1915 28 RMLI men killed at Gallipoli:-



RND, Chatham Battalion

CARTER, Richard G, Sergeant, RMLI (RMR A 691) (Pens), 7423 (Ch)

CASH, Thomas H, Private, RMLI, 18541 (Ch): **CLARK**, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 494 (Ch): **CLARKSON**, Andrew, Private, RMLI, SS 433 (Ch), B Company: **COLE**, Joseph I, Private, RMLI, 18514 (Ch): **DEAN**, Oliver B, Sergeant, RMLI, 12588 (Ch): **DENNIS**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 18986 (Ch): **FLORY**, Herbert, Private, RMLI, S 218 (Ch): **GUNTHER**, Ernest W, Private, RMLI, S 52 (Ch): **HALL**, Thomas G, Private, RMLI (RFR A 618), 15234 (Ch): **HARRISON**, Sydney, Private, RMLI, S 149 (Ch): **HIRST**, Arthur, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1438), 12698 (Ch): **ORAM**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 221 (Ch): **RAVENALL**, William G, Private, RMLI, 11910 (Ch): **REAY**, Harry A, Private, RMLI, 9750 (Ch): **SHAW**, Everard H, Private, RMLI (RFR B 352), 7921 (Ch): **STANFORD**, Frederick C, Private, RMLI, 18538 (Ch): **THORPE**, George, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1817), B 1817 (Ch): **WALTER**, Frederick, Corporal, RMLI, 13380 (Ch)



RND, Deal Battalion

CLARK, Ted H, Private, RMLI, 18575 (Ch), DOW: **PARR**, Edward A, Private, RMLI, 18648 (Ch): **PINN**, Alfred C, Private, RMLI, 16931 (Ply), DOW: **SPALDING**, George N, Private, RMLI (RFR B 807), 7192 (Ch)



RND, Portsmouth Battalion

BROWN, Charles B, Private, RMLI, S 653 (Po): **JONES**, John S, Private, RMLI, S 697 (Po): **PAGE**, George, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 14249 (Po): **PRINCE**, Sidney, Private, RMLI, S 337 (Po), DOW in hospital ship



RND, RM Cyclist Company **CLARKE**, John D, Private, RMLI, S 247 (Ply)



1944 48 Royal Marine Commando made a further attempt in LANGRUNE on a formidable strong point with the support of three tanks. A hole was knocked through the concrete wall by gunfire from the tanks and an assault party moved in to take possession of the two houses on each side of the gap. One of these was blown up by a demolition party and the rubble used to form a causeway over the anti-tank ditch inside the wall. The tanks were then introduced into the defences and, with their support; troops went in to clear the trenches and dug-outs that honeycombed the position. Shortly after this the Germans surrendered



1944 Capture of Port-en-Bessin by 47 Commando RM. Captain Cousins, commander of "A" troop was awarded the Military Cross for his action with a group of 25 men in taking a bunker complex to the East of the harbour. In gathering darkness, accompanied by Captain Vincent and Lieutenant Stickings, Cousins had led his party uphill via a zig zag path. Towards the upper reaches, the party came under fire from a bunker complex. Ordering the rest of the party to wait and taking Marines Delap, Howe, Madden and Tomlinson with him Cousins broke through a wire fence guarding the bunker and under covering fire from the four marines and firing as he went he rushed the bunker. As he reached it a grenade was thrown from the bunker and he fell mortally wounded, Marine Madden was also seriously wounded.

The waiting party then continued the assault on the bunker and overcame it. Outnumbered four to one, in the open but taking advantage of darkness they steadily overcame an enemy possessing greater fire power and occupying secure mine protected entrenched positions above them. By midnight all of the defences had been overrun and the whole position was in the hands of the commando and the garrison surrendered.

8th June

1918 Saima, steamship, torpedoed and sunk by U.82 off SW England loss RMA DAMS gunners **Earle** and **Thomas**



1940 The aircraft carrier HMS GLORIOUS returning from Norwegian Expedition sailed for UK at 0253 escorted by HM Destroyers ACASTA and ARDENT. They were intercepted by German battleships SCHARNHORST and GNEISENAU. All three British warships were sunk. Heavy loss of life.

ALKER, Samuel, Marine, PLY/X 2431: **APPLEYARD**, Alfred, Marine, PLY/X 430: **AYERS**, Francis S, Marine, PLY/22580: **BAILEY**, Rodger D, Marine, PLY/X 1660: **BALDING**, Albert, Marine, PLY/X 1845: **BARNES**, Thomas H J, Marine, PLY/X 1073: **BENTLEY**, Thomas G, Sergeant, PLY/22534: **BENWELL**, Ernest J, Marine, PLY/22437: **BEVIS**, Wilfred P, Marine, PLY/X 898: **BLOXHAM**, Robert, Marine, PLY/X 1929: **BRENNAN**, Bernard, Corporal, PLY/X 817: **BURMAN**, Arthur J, Act/Corporal, PLY/20785: **BURROWS**, Reginald G, Marine, PO/X 358: **BUTCHER**, Leslie J, Marine, PLY/22791: **BUTLER**, Claude, Colour Sergeant, PLY/21593: **CLARK**, James, Marine, PLY/21362: **CLARK**, Ronald F, Musician, RMB/2820: **CONWAY**, Patrick, Marine, PLY/X

1699: **COOK**, Leonard W, Musician, RMB/X 67: **CORNISH**, Harold S, Chief Petty Officer, D/J 86842: **CORNWELL**, Jack, Marine, PLY/X 2447: **COTTER**, Frank, Boy Bugler, PLY/X 2235: **CRAIG**, John, Marine, PLY/2447: **CRISP**, Thomas C, Marine, PLY/X 2126: **CROMPTON**, Douglas, Ty/Corporal, PLY/X 1986: **CULLEY**, William H, Marine, PLY/X 1376: **DAVIES**, Denis J, Musician, RMB/X 622: **DERGES**, John W S, Marine, PLY/X 2424: **DIXON**, John, Marine, PLY/X 2319; **DRAKE**, William H, Marine, PLY/X 1319: **DYER**, Stanley V, Marine, PLY/X 322: **EAVES**, Frederick, Corporal, PLY/X 1153: **ELLIOTT**, Leslie E C, Colour Sergeant, PLY/21071: **ENGLAND**, Kenneth A, Marine, PLY/X 2666: : **EVANS**, Moses, Marine, PLY/21251: **FERN**, Thomas W, Marine, PLY/X 442: **FOTHERBY**, Gerald, Marine, PLY/X 1905: **GILLESPIE**, Samuel J, Marine, PLY/X 1650: **GODFREY**, Ernest, Marine, PLY/X 1648: **GOLLOP**, Walter J H, Corporal, PLY/X 1526: **GOODENOUGH**, Walter E, Marine, PLY/X 22577: **HARGRAVE**, Michael A, Marine, PLY/X 2300: **HARRIMAN**, Reginald L, Musician, RMB/X 690: **HARRIS**, Frank H, Marine, PLY/X 1991: **HAWKINS**, Charles R, Marine, PLY/X 1651: **HEATH**, Frederick J, Musician, RMB/X 706, Ronald P, Musician, RMB/X 376: **HAYNES**, Ronald P, Musician, RMB/X 376: **HEATH**, Frederick J, Musician, RMB/X 706: **HEMBURROW**, Dudley J, Marine, PLY/X 698: **HITCHCOCK**, Samuel R, Marine, PLY/X 1307: **HOLSWORTH**, Leonard, Marine, PLY/X 22143: **HOPE**, John, Marine, PLY/X 1840: **HOWARTH**, Ronald, Marine, PLY/X 1844: **HUMPHREYS**, Methven N, Captain, RM,: **HUTCHINGS**, Wilfred A, Marine, PLY/221019: **JACKSON**, Frederick, Musician, RMB/3014: **JARVIS**, Charles P, Bugler, PLY/X 1591: **JAY**, Reginald J, Marine, PLY/22128: **JONES**, Albert E, Musician, RMB/X 123: **JOSLIN**, David J P, Marine, PLY/X 1843: **KNOWLES**, Joseph R, Marine, PLY/X 1327: **LECKIE**, James, Marine, PLY/X 1663,: **LEWIS**, George D, Band Corporal, RMB/X 257: **LLOYD**, Albert C, Marine, PLY/X 1335: **LLOYD**, Stanley, Marine, PLY/X 1597: **MADDEN**, James B P, Marine, PLY/X 1443: **MALCOLM**, Clive, Marine, PLY/X 1423: **MAY**, Edward, Marine, PLY/X 1524: **MOORE**, John B, Marine, PLY/X 1269: **MUNSLOW**, Wilfred, Marine, PLY/X 1432: **NEWBY**, James, Marine, PLY/X 2309: **NICHOLL**, Richard C A, Marine, PLY/X 1995: **NOTT**, Richard J W, Captain, RM: **O'BRIEN**, Eric, Marine, PLY/X 1841: **OGELEY**, William A, Marine, PLY/X 1829~: **OWENS**, John R, Captain, RM: **PACKER**, Thomas R, Marine, PLY/21148: **PADWICK**, Percy J, Marine, PLY/21383: **PAUMIER**, John H H, Band Corporal, RMB/X 250: **PENGELLY**, Frederick A, Marine, PLY/19757: **PRING**, Harry, Corporal, PLY/X 60: **REID**, John, Musician, RMB/X 435: **ROBERTS**, Francis J, Marine, PLY/X 1101: **ROBERTS**, Herbert, Marine, PLY/X 1453: **ROBERTS**, John, Marine, PLY/X 1837: **ROBERTS**, Richard, Marine, PLY/22462: **ROURKE**, Thomas, Corporal, PLY/X 376: **SCOTT**, Norman, Sergeant, PLY/20995: **SEDGWICK**, Henry, Marine, PLY/X 155: **SHAW**, George W, Marine, PLY/X 2090: **SHORE**, Fred, Marine, PO/X 3321: **SIMPSON**, Joseph G, Musician, RMB/X 452: **SLATER**, Albert J, Marine, PLY/X 2124: **STEED**, Frederick, Marine, PLY/X 1667: **THOMAS**, Clifford S, Corporal, PLY/X 1135: **VAUGHAN**, Stanley C, Marine, PLY/X 33: **VERLANDER**, Ernest W, Marine, PLY/X 1288: **WALL**, George E, Marine, PLY 22341: **WARDHAUGH**, Henry W, Marine, PLY/X 1315: **WATTS**, Clifford, Marine, PLY/X 2483: **WETNALL**, Frederick, Marine, PLY/X 1839: **WHEAT**, Alfred, Marine, PLY/20314: **WHITE**, Edwin V, Musician, RMB/3082: **WHITE**, Frederick E J, Marine, PLY/X 347: **WILCOCKS**, Rodney C G, Marine, PLY/X 1834: **WILLIAMS**, Edward G, Marine, PLY/X 1105: **WOODCOCK**, Frank T D, Bandmaster: **WYBROW**, Ronald E, Musician, RMB/X 697.



1982 Queen's Gallantry Medal awarded to Acting Colour Sergeant Brian JOHNSTON, Royal Marines, P023116X for his actions in the Falklands.

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9th June

1944 Just one of the many landing craft lost in Operation Neptune (the naval side of the D-Day landings) was HM LCM.653 resulting in the death of L/Corporal James **Bird** and Corporal Charles **Fuller**.

10th June



1965 Marine David **MUIR**: 45 Commando Royal Marines Service Number RM 22521 killed on Active Service in Aden

11th June



1982 Night of 11th June 45 Commando take Mount 2 Sisters in the Falklands.



1982 Night of 11th June 42 Commando take Mount Harriet in the Falklands.



1944 The tasks given to 46 Commando RM were to attack on Le Hamel and Rots in Normandy. They left Anguerny and married up with the supporting units. The operation was in 4 phases: -

1. Clear the woods from Barbriere to the outskirts of Cairon.
2. Clear Cairon.
3. Attack on Rosel.
4. Attack on Le Hamel and Rots. In the first phase the bulk of the Commandos would go to the west bank of the river, and with two troops would clear the woods on the east bank. Tanks would move onto the higher ground on the west side. It was completed without difficulty by 1100 hrs. 8 POWs were taken in the woods.

12th June

1940 HMS Calypso was torpedoed by Italian submarine BAGNOLINI south of Crete. She sank after two and a half hours. 39 of ship's company lost their lives. Survivors were rescued by

HM Cruiser CALEDON and HM Destroyer DAINTY. RM casualties: -**BROWN**, George E, Marine, PO/X 1724: **PAYNE**, Charles H, Marine, PO/X 1843: **SMITH**, Alfred, Marine, RFR, PLY/X 221

1944 At the town of Rots 46 Commando RM approached the town held by the 12th S.S. Hitler Jugend through a corn field. When the Germans opened fire the commandos continued to advance firing tommy guns, rifles & Bren guns from the hip. Interestingly the standing corn appears to have minimised the British casualties whereas the British firing through the apertures in the buildings caught the Germans. Although the commandos lost 13 men, 122 German bodies were found after the town was taken.



RM 46 Commando, Normandy invasion, operation Overlord

BROOKS, William E, Ty/Act/Corporal, CH/X 103886, killed : **DOWNS**, Jack, Marine, CH/X 112844, killed: **GARLICK**, Reuben W, Ty/Act/Corporal, PLY/X 103931, killed : **JERRAM**, Anthony P, Ty/Lieutenant, RM, killed: **JOHNSON**, Henry S, Marine, CH/X 105658, killed : **JONES**, Ernest G, Marine, CH/X 104706, MPK : **JUDD**, Thomas C F, Marine, CH/X 105657, killed : **LEEMING**, William C, Act/Company Sergeant Major, CH/X 100711, killed~: **NUNN**, Richard G, Ty/Lieutenant, RM, killed: **ROBERTSON**, Harry S, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 101507, killed : **ROWE**, Edward G, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 103925, killed : **WHEELER**, Alexander V, Marine, PLY/X 112784, killed : **WHITAKER**, James, Ty/Corporal, RM, CH/X 102296, killed

13th June



1944 45 RM Commando had been in heavy fighting in the area around Ranville on the previous 2 days with the loss of 10 men on the 11th and 7 on the 12th. On the 13th the fighting eased off but there was still marine Boothroyd killed in action and Corporal dying of wounds along with marines Fenton and King.

14th June

1982 Liberation of the Falkland Islands from Argentina



The following is the list of the Royal Marines who died in the Liberation of the Falkland Islands

BROWNING James Gardner CPL 3 Commando Brigade Royal Marines Service Number P029435P Unit 3 Commando Brigade RM Date of Birth 20 May 1951 Age 31 Date of Death 11 July 1982 He died just after the hostility's ended. For a while the workshop operated from the vehicle deck of the Baltic ferry in Port Stanley harbour, and it was during this time that Cpl Browning (attached from the RM) disappeared in a sudden squall in an inflatable boat,

CALLAN Paul David Marine 45 Commando Royal Marines Service Number P041627B Date of Birth 09 March 1961 Age 21 Date of Death 10 June 1982 Killed In Action with seven of his comrades, when the shore facilities in San Carlos bridgehead were attacked for the first time by the Argentine Air Force. Two Argentine aircraft were destroyed.

DAVISON Colin L/Cpl Royal Marines Service Number P037269B Commando Log Regt Date of Birth 09 October 1960 Age 21 Date of Death 27 May 1982 Killed in Action with seven of his comrades, when the shore facilities in San Carlos bridgehead were attacked for the first time. by the Argentine Air Force. Two Argentine Aircraft were destroyed.

ENEFER Roger Rank Sgt Service Number P024439G 45 Commando Royal Marines Date of Birth 01 July 1947 Age 34 Date of Death 27 May 1982 He sadly lost his life on 27 May 82 when positions at the port of San Carlos were hit by an Argentine bombing attack

EVANS Andrew Peter SGT 3 Commando Brigade Air Squadron Royal Marines Service Number P025446U Date of Birth 22 April 1949 Age 33 Date of Death 21 May 1982 Shot down in his gazelle helicopter near Port-San-Carlos by small arms

EVANS Kenneth CPL 45 Commando Royal Marines Service Number P020436E Date of Birth 18 January 1946 Age 36 Date of Death 27 May 1982 Killed In Action with seven of his comrades, when the shore facilities in San Carlos bridgehead were attacked for the first time by the Argentine Air Force. Two Argentine aircraft were destroyed **FITTON** Peter Ronald CPL Service Number P033189P 45 Commando Royal Marines Date of Birth 10 March 1957 Age 25 Date of Death 11 June 1982 Killed in action when 45 Commando R M attacked "Two Sisters" along with seven of his comrades

FRANCIS Kenneth David Service Number N023442U Age 29 Date of Birth 24 September 1952 LT 3 Commando Brigade Air Squadron Royal Marines San Carlos Cemetery Falkland Islands On Friday May 21st 1982 while flying in support of the initial landings at Port San Carlos, he and his crewman, Lance Corporal Brett Giffen, were shot at with ground fire from a heavy machine gun - and killed instantly.

GIFFIN Brett Patrick L/CPL 3 Commando Brigade Air Squadron Royal Marine Service Number P033537T Date of Birth 10 April 1958 Age 24 Date of Death 21 May 1982

GRIFFIN Robert Don MNE Service Number P035633L Royal Marines HMS Fearless Date of Birth 09 February 1960 Age 22 Killed 8 JUNE 1982 Robert served aboard HMS Fearless and was ferrying troops ashore on landing craft Foxtrot Four on June 8th when it was attacked by an Argentine aircraft. A bomb struck Foxtrot Four killing Robert and five colleagues and wounding other members of the crew. The landing craft was taken in tow but sank before reaching shore.

HUNT Ian Nicholas A/SGT Special Boat Squadron Royal Marines Service Number P030085W Date of Birth 01 December 1953 Age 28 Date of Death 02 June 1982 Killed in a tragic shooting incident.

JOHNSTON Brian Ronald QGM Rank Colour Sgt Royal Marines Service Number P023116X HMS Fearless Decorations QGM Date of Birth 09 June 1948 Age 33 (see Griffin above) Service Number P023116X Date of Birth 09 June 1948 Age 33 Date of Death 08 June 1982 Queen's Gallantry Medal Acting Colour Sergeant Brian JOHNSTON, Royal Marines, P023116X *Colour Sergeant Johnston, coxswain of LCU F4 was working in the vicinity of HMS ANTELOPE when her unexploded bomb detonated, starting an immediate fire which caused her crew, already at emergency stations, to be ordered to abandon ship. Without hesitation Colour Sergeant Johnston laid his craft alongside the ANTELOPE and began to fight the fire and take off survivors. At approximately 2200Z he was ordered to stay clear of the ship because of the severity of the fire and the presence of a second unexploded bomb. Colour Sergeant Johnston remained alongside until his load was complete. In all LCU F4 rescued over 100 survivors from the ANTELOPE. On 8th June, LCU F4 was attacked by enemy aircraft in Choiseul Sound. During this action Colour Sergeant Johnston and five of his crew were killed.*

LEEMING Robert Arthur SGT Service Number P025875E Unit 45 Commando RM Date of Birth 02 September 1949 Age 32 Date of Death 11 June 1982 San Carlos Cemetery Falkland Islands Killed in action when 45 Commando R M attacked "Two Sisters" along with seven of his comrades.

LOVE Michael David DSM CPL 846 Squadron Fleet Air Arm Ship HMS Hermes Service Number P035079S Decorations DSM Date of Birth 22 August 1959 Age 22 Date of Death 19 May 1982 Killed when helicopter he was a crewman on ditched at night between ships in the task force. Twenty-One men died in this tragic accident. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal Posthumously.

Distinguished Service Medal Acting Corporal Aircrew man Michael David LOVE, Royal Marines, P035079S Corporal Love, 846 Naval Air Squadron, completed seven operational sorties in very hazardous conditions. He played a vital part in the success of these missions and displayed remarkable skill, bravery and resilience during periods of intense activity. Sadly, he was later killed in a flying accident but his great contribution to the success of the Squadron's operations will always remain a source of inspiration.

MacPHERSON Gordon Cameron Marine 45 Commando Royal Marines Service Number P041923R Date of Birth 27 June 1961 Age 20 Date of Death 12 June 1982 Killed in action when 45 Commando R M attacked "Two Sisters" along with seven of his comrades

McANDREWS Stephen Graham Marine 40 Commando Royal Marines Service Number P035645L Date of Birth 02 February 1960 Age 22 Date of Death 27 May 1982 Killed in Action when 42 Commando R.M. Attacked Mount Harriet

McKAY Peter Burke L/CPL 45 Commando Royal Marines Service Number P039338Q Date of Birth 04 October 1962 Age 19 Date of Death 27 May 1982 Killed In Action with seven of his comrades, when the shore facilities in San Carlos bridgehead were attacked for the first time by the Argentine Air Force. Two Argentine aircraft were destroyed

NOWAK Michael John Marine 42 Commando Royal Marines Service Number P036098F Date of Birth 16 December 1958 Age 23 Date of Death 12 June Killed in action when 45 Commando R M attacked "Two Sisters" along with seven of his comrades.

NUNN Richard James DFC LT Service Number N023329F Unit 3 Commando Brigade Air Squadron RM Decorations DFC Date of Birth 15 December 1954 Age 27 Date of Death 28 May 1982. On May 26th he was flying his Scout in support of 2 PARA's action at Goose Green His aircraft was then 'bounced' by a powerful Argentine Pucara ground attack aircraft and the Scout was shot down. Distinguished Flying Cross **Citation** "Lieutenant Richard James NUNN, Royal Marines

On Friday 28th May 1982 the 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment was engaged in fierce fighting to take enemy positions in the area of Port Darwin. From dawn, Lieutenant Nunn, a Scout helicopter pilot, had supported the Battalion flying vital ammunition forward to the front line and had evacuated casualties heedless of enemy ground fire.

After flying continuously for three and a half hours, it was learnt that the Commanding Officer and others in Battalion Tactical Headquarters forward had been severely wounded. Lieutenant Nunn was tasked to evacuate these casualties collecting the Battalion Second in Command en route. However, five minutes after take off, suddenly and without prior warning, two Pucara aircraft appeared from the South and attacked the Scout with rockets and cannon fire. By great skill Lieutenant Nunn evaded the first attack but on the second his aircraft was hit and destroyed. Lieutenant Nunn was killed instantly and his aircrew man Sergeant Belcher was grievously wounded.

Lieutenant Nunn displayed exceptional courage, flying skill and complete devotion to duty in the face of the enemy. His achievements that day, supporting the Battalion, were exceptional and were instrumental in the eventual victory"

PHILLIPS Keith John Marine 1 45 Commando Royal Marines Service Number P039185R Date of Birth 01 October 1962 Age 19 Date of Death 11 June 1982 Killed in action when 45 Commando R M attacked "Two Sisters" along with seven of his comrades

ROTHERHAM RONALD JAMES SGT HMS Fearless Service Number P027686Q He was ferrying troops ashore at Choiseul Sound when it was attacked by four Skyhawks .A bomb struck the landing craft killing Marine Griffen, He was attached to HMS Fearless in the crew of (LCU)F4. The crew of the LCU . Four Royal Marines and two Royal Naval ratings were all killed The LCU was taken in tow, but sank before reaching the shore. All those killed on the LCU went down with her and are therefore buried at sea.

RUNDLE Anthony John Marine HMS Fearless Service Number P029758D Date of Birth 01 September 1955 Age 26 Date of Death 08 June 1982 He was ferrying troops ashore at Choiseul Sound when it was attacked by four Skyhawks. A bomb struck the landing craft killing Marine Rundle, He was attached to HMS Fearless in the crew of (LCU)F4. The crew of the LCU . Four Royal Marines and two Royal Naval ratings were all killed The LCU was taken in tow, but sank before reaching the shore. All those killed on the LCU went down with her and are therefore buried at sea.

SMITH Jeremy CPL 42 Commando Royal Marines Service Number P036299J Date of Birth 25 November 1958 Age 23 Date of Death 11 June 1982 killed in Action when 42 Commando R.M. Attacked Mount Harriet **SPENCER** Ian Frank CPL 45 Commando Royal Marines Service Number P032324V Date of Birth 10 December 1955 Age 26 Date of Death 12 June 1982 Killed in action when 45 Commando R M attacked "Two Sisters" along with seven of his comrades

UREN Andrew Bryan CPL 45 Commando Royal Marines Service Number P035194P Date of Birth 27 December 1958 Age 23 Date of Death 11 June 1982 Killed in action when 45 Commando R M attacked "Two Sisters" along with seven of his comrades.

WATTS Laurence George CPL 42 Commando Royal Marines Rank Cpl Service Number P032593N Date of Birth 12 February 1955 Age 27 Date of Death 12 June 1982 Killed in Action when 42 Commando R.M. Attacked Mount Harriet

WILSON David Marine Service Number P037820V Date of Birth 15 March 1962 Age 20 Date of Death 27 May 1982 San Carlos Cemetery Falkland Islands 45 Commando Royal Marines Killed In Action with seven of his comrades, when the shore facilities in San Carlos bridgehead were attacked for the first time by the Argentine Air Force. Two Argentine aircraft were destroyed

15TH June



1989 Marine Adam **GILBERT**: aged 21 of 42 Commando RM. Berkshire killed in New Lodge Road, North Belfast. Gunshot shot by own troops when they fired at a vehicle

16TH June

1845 Surrender of Bomarsund in the Baltic during the Crimean War

1942 HMS Hermoine, AA cruiser under heavy and sustained air attacks during which several ships were damaged. During return passage to Alexandria hit on starboard side amidships by torpedo fired from U205 in position 33-30N 26.10E, south of Crete. Machinery compartments flooded and ship took on a 22 degree list- before lying completely on one side for 21 minutes prior to sinking. 440 of ship's company were rescued by HM Escort Destroyers ALDENHAM, BEAUFORT and EXMOOR The following Royal Marines were lost: -**EVANS**, Ernest J, Marine, PLY/X 100098: **KERR**, William, Marine, PLY/X 104118, **REES**, Robert, Marine, PLY/X 104130: **VINCENT**, Horace C, Band Corporal, RMB/X 407

17th June



1775 Battle of BREEDS (Bunkers) HILL US War of Independence.

The Battle of Bunker Hill took place on June 17, 1775, mostly on and around Breed's Hill, during the Siege of Boston early in the American Revolutionary War. The battle is named after the adjacent Bunker Hill, which was peripherally involved in the battle and was the original objective of both colonial and British troops, and is occasionally referred to as the "Battle of Breed's Hill."

On June 13, 1775, the leaders of the colonial forces besieging Boston learned that the British generals were planning to send troops out from the city to occupy the unoccupied hills surrounding the city. In response to this intelligence, 1,200 colonial troops under the command of William Prescott stealthily occupied Bunker Hill and Breed's Hill, constructed an earthen redoubt on Breed's Hill, and built lightly fortified lines across most of the Charlestown Peninsula.



When the British were alerted to the presence of the new position the next day, they mounted an attack against them. After two assaults on the colonial lines were repulsed with significant British casualties, the British General ordered Major Pitcairn to pass through the Army with the 2nd Battalion of British marines and attack the Hill. The marines took the hill with fixed bayonets.

The British lost 19 officers killed, 62 officers wounded, 207 soldiers killed 766 soldiers wounded versus American casualties of 115 killed, 305 wounded, 30 captured (20 POWs died)

1855 Bombardment of Sevastopol in the Crimean War

1944 Free French Forces were used to liberate Elba. The Royal Navy & Royal Marines provided Assault Support June 17th 1944.

18th June

1815 Henry Noble Shipton was the sole Royal Marine at the battle of Waterloo. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1812. He was drafted to America where he fought with the 4th Regiment in the battles of New Orleans and the 2nd battle of Bowyer. He returned with the 4th in May 1915 and was in the process of changing his career to the Army resigning his commission with the Royal Marines to become an Ensign with the 4th. He fought as such at Waterloo. However, the Navy list continued to show him as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Marines in July 1815. He received the Waterloo Medal. However there were a number of regiments present that had served afloat.



1944 Award of Military Medal to Corporal C. Bryce of 47 RM Commando:-
"During a large scale raid on an enemy position east of Sallenelles on the evening of 18th June 1944, Cpl Bryce was in command of No.1 MMG detachment which advancing to take up a fire position, walked into an unallocated minefield. An explosion wounded Cpl Bryce and two Marines. Despite serious injuries to his foot, including a compound fracture of his leg, and in great pain, Cpl Bryce took charge of this detachment and the



situation, got his gun into action against three located enemy machine gun positions, which had in the meantime opened fire on the detachment. It was due to Cpl Bryce's determination to accomplish his task disregarding his own injuries, that a serious dislocation of the fire plan did not occur and that fire support was forthcoming when it was required."

19th June

1919 Royal Marines in action at Topsa and Troitsa in North Russia

20th June

1900 Start of the Siege of the Legation at Peking during the Boxer Uprising, which lasted until the 14th August 1900.

21st June

1918 Montebello, steamship, torpedoed and sunk by U.100, W of France loss of RMLI DAMS gunners **McNEILL** and **PARRY**

22nd June

1893 HMS Victoria was the flagship in the Mediterranean of Admiral George Tryon. In course of evolutions off the coast of Syria 22/6/1893, she was rammed and sunk by HMS CAMPERDOWN, the ship gradually turned over and suddenly turned turtle and capsized. Sixty eight Royal Marines were lost out of a complement of ninety eight. Thereafter all marines were trained to swim.



23RD June

1795 Naval Battle of Quiberon in support of émigré, counter-revolutionary troops in the Chouannerie and Vendée Revolt. On June 27, 1795, a British fleet arrived at Quiberon Bay, disembarking 5,400 French royalist troops. Leader of the invasion force was **Count Joseph de Puisaye**. Second in command was **Count D'Hervilly**.

The idea was to capture Fort Penthièvre, to defend the Quiberon peninsula, to encourage a general royalist counterrevolution, and of course to restore the monarchy.

Around 12,000 royalist rebels from Brittany came to join the invasion force. Together the Royalists stormed Fort Penthièvre, located on the small stretch of land that connects Quiberon with the mainland. The expedition was defeated by French Republican forces. British marines were serving with the fleet.

24TH June

1900 VC awarded to Lieutenant L. S. T. Halliday during Boxer Rebellion



“On the 24th June, 1900, the enemy, consisting of Boxers and Imperial troops, made a fierce attack on the west wall of the British Legation, setting fire to the West Gate of the south stable quarters, and taking cover in the buildings which adjoined the wall. The fire, which spread to part of the stables, and through which and the smoke a galling fire was kept up by the Imperial troops, was with difficulty extinguished, and as the presence of the enemy in the adjoining buildings was a grave danger to the Legation, a sortie was organised to drive them out. A hole was made in the Legation Wall, and Captain Halliday, in command of twenty Marines, led the way into the buildings and almost immediately engaged a party of the enemy. Before he could use his revolver, however, he was shot through the left shoulder, at point blank range, the bullet fracturing the shoulder and carrying away part of the lung. Notwithstanding the extremely severe nature of his wound, Captain Halliday killed three of his assailants, and telling his men to " carry on and not mind him," walked back unaided to the hospital, refusing escort and aid so as not to diminish the number of men engaged in the sortie”

1915 Loss of 23 Royal Marines Gallipoli



RND, 2nd Field Company, RM Divisional Engineers

LEDBROOK, Sydney W, Sapper, RM, S 527 (Deal), DOW



RND, Plymouth Battalion

COSTELLO, John, Sergeant, RMLI, S 428 (Ply), DOW in HS Soudan: REDFERN, William, Private, RMLI, S 297 (Ply)



RND, Portsmouth Battalion

AYERS, Frederick, Private, RMLI, S 336 (Po): BURBIDGE, Victor E, Private, RMLI, S 418 (Po): CANDLISH, Robert, Private, RMLI, S 380 (Po): CHURCHILL, Frank H, Private, RMLI, 16810 (Po): ENNIS, Alfred E, Private, RMLI, 15899 (Po): FORD, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 725 (Po): GORDON, Alfred E, Private, RMLI, S 398 (Po): HARKER, John H, Private, RMLI, S 428 (Po): HEATH, Walter T, Private, RMLI, S 379 (Po): JERMAIN, Philip L L, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM: KENNEWELL, George W, Private, RMLI, S 890 (Po): MONDAY, Albert, Private, RMLI, S 406 (Po): PARRETT, William J, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, 12161 (Po): PEARCE, William H, Private, RMLI, S 403 (Po): REYNOLDS, Colin, Private, RMLI, S 722 (Po), DOW: ROBBIE, Alexander, Private, RMLI, S 389 (Po): SHAW, William R, Private, RMLI, S 405 (Po): SLATTER, Arthur W, Private, RMLI, S 603 (Po): TWELL, Richard B, Private, RMLI, S 427 (Po): WEATHERLEY, Thomas W, Private, RMLI, S 366

25TH June



1859 Abortive attempt on the Pei-ho Forts during the 2ND Opium War There was an attempt to force the Chinese to ratify a treaty, which ultimately resulted in the use of force by Admiral Hope., who had replaced Seymour as C-in-C.

“Col Lemon’s provisional Battalion, with a second battalion from marines from the fleet, were held ready and the admiral ordered a reconnaissance of the forts. It was found that many extra guns had been positioned and two ditches dug, reinforced by rings of sharply pointed wooden stakes (panjis). Admiral Hope decided on a frontal assault across mudflats against the 58-gun fortifications on the south bank, but Col Lemon protested strongly that this would be suicidal. And so it proved.



On 25 June the attack was nonetheless launched. The gunboats were raked by the guns from both banks, and when the 400 marines struggled ashore that evening they sank up to their knees in the glutinous mud. Under heavy fire they forced onwards, men falling thick and fast, among them Lemon and two naval commanders. Only 150 men reached the first ditch and 50 the second, which proved insurmountable. A withdrawal was ordered and the wounded somehow staggered back to the boats and re-embarked as night fell” **23** Royal Marines killed 170 wounded of whom several died of their wounds.

1915 Loss of 14 Royal Marines Gallipoli



RND, 2nd Field Company, RM Divisional Engineers

WARTH, Edwin F, Sapper, RM, S 864 (Deal), DOW



RND, Deal Battalion

BAILEY, John H, Private, RMLI, 16868 (Ply): **BEVINS**, George F, Private, RMLI, 17621 (Po): **DAVIS**, Henry C, Private, RMLI, 18567 (Ch): **ELLIS**, William D C, Private, RMLI, 18901 (Ch): **JACKSON**, George, Private, RMLI (Pens), 6137 (Ply): **JAMES**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, 17481 (Po): **SALOMON**, Robert, Private, RMLI, 16908 (Ply): **SWINYARD**, Edward H, Sergeant, RMLI (RFR B 1331), 8599 (Ch): **THOMPSON**, John, Act/Corporal, RMLI, 14226 (Ch): **TOWERSEY**, William R, Private, RMLI, S 524 (Ch): **TURVEY**, Henry R, Private, RMLI, 18794 (Ch)



RND, Portsmouth Battalion

1921 3rd Battalion RM leave the Crimea. A Naval garrison of seamen & Royal Marines had been landed at Sevastopol in December 1918 & strengthened to 500 by the 3rd RM Battalion. They were relieved by French troops. Offshore a number of RN ships were involved in supporting White Russian Forces. The few deaths are due to the "Flu" epidemic.

26th June

1940 The Duchess of Kent inspects the Royal Marine Wrens better known as "Marens" at the RM Barracks Eastney. The 2nd picture is taken in Portsmouth in 1943 in a much smarter uniform.



1948 The British leave Haifa in Palestine. 'Y' Troop 40 Commando RM led the way, with their attached 3-inch mortar group. The mortar group prepared for action immediately. They embarked on the Striker and mortars were set up on the forecastle to give covering fire if required. As 'X' and 'Y' Troops withdrew they made a quick sweep of the area to make sure no stragglers had been left behind by other units. 'A' and 'B' Troops followed 'Y' Troop into the LST.

'X' Troop withdrew and embarked, leaving the C.O. and a small tactical H.Q. to report to the G.O.C. at 1234 hrs (local time) the C.O. reported to the G.O.C. Lt. General G.H.A. MacMillan: "Withdrawal of British Troops in Palestine completed. 40 Commando, Royal Marines, last unit to leave, is now embarked." With a word of thanks from the G.O.C., the C.O. stepped onto the ramp of HMS Striker and 40 Commando's tour of duty in Palestine was completed.

As Striker pulled away from the wharf we watched the final ceremony conducted by the small Royal Marine detachment from HMS Phoebe, who provided the personal bodyguard to the G.O.C., the Union Jack was lowered from the Port Office while a Royal Marine bugler sounded "Still", General Salute" and "Carry On". From an almost deserted quay, the G.O.C., the last British soldier to leave the Holy Land, stepped into a pinnace and sped across the harbour towards HMS Phoebe. As the pinnace drew abreast the Striker, three cheers, led by the C.O., echoed over the still harbour

27th June



2006 Sargeant Paul BARTLETT R.M. Special Boat Service: Killed in action in the Sangin valley, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

28th June

1919 Sergeant W.H. Beime Chatham RMLI and Sergeant G. H. Locker Plymouth RMLI were the Royal Marines present at the signing of the Treaty of Versailles concluding the Great War.

29th June

1918 Royal Marines from HMS Talbot landed at Quilimane at the mouth of the Zambezi.

1918 Royal Marines from HMS Suffolk disarmed Bolsheviks at Vladivostok.

30th June

1909 *“Their record is second to none. I have been with them on Active Service, on Police Service, in Daily Routine and in Gales of wind. I had them everywhere, and I tell you there is nothing like the Royal Marines”*. Admiral Lord Charles Beresford

JULY

1st July



1961 Iraq threatened to invade the newly independent Kuwait. By 1 July Britain had half of a brigade group in Kuwait ready for action. These included 42 and 45 Marine Commandos and two companies of 2nd Coldstream Guards. 3rd Carabiniers' "C" squadron landed with their Centurion tanks from HMS Striker. The two Commando groups occupied high ground on and around Mitla Ridge, near the Iraqi border, in fierce summer heat.

2nd July

1667 The Dutch landed a force of 2000 men on Felixstowe beach and advanced on the fort, but were repulsed by Nathaniel Darrell and his garrison of 400 musketeers of the Duke of York & Albany's Maritime Regiment (the first English Marines) and 100 artillerymen with 54 cannon. Before they could attack Harwich itself the Dutch needed to neutralise Landguard Fort, the port's outermost line of defence. Landguard Fort is situated on a spit of land that runs south from Felixstowe across the mouth of the Stour and Orwell estuaries, and was built to protect the anchorage at Harwich, on the opposite side of the estuary.

Information on the battle derives from the London Gazette. "The Dutch left the smaller part of their force at the cliffs, while around 1,500 men marched south to attack the fort. De Ruyter had intended to support this attack with naval gunfire, with one squadron operating inside the estuary and one out to sea, but unexpectedly shallow water meant that the attack from the estuary was totally abandoned, while the seaward squadron was only able to fire a few shots at long range. This left the Dutch marines to attack alone. Two attacks are recorded, the first lasting for 45 minutes and the second for only 15. After that the Dutch marines retreated, leaving their ladders and other equipment behind but taking their dead with them. The Dutch dead were estimated at 150 during the two attacks, but only four bodies were found.

While the Dutch marines had been attacking the fort, the troops at their beachhead came under attack by the local trained bands, commanded by the Earl of Suffolk. This skirmish lasted until 10 in the evening, at which point the marines returned from their attack on the fort. The Dutch were trapped onshore by low water until around 2am on 3 July, giving 500 regular infantry under Major Legge time to arrive from Harwich. They may have been involved with some more skirmishing with the Dutch, but no British cavalry arrived, and Legge's men were badly outnumbered, so no significant fighting took place. The Dutch were able to re-embark after 2am, and by 6am their fleet had sailed away from Harwich".

This was the 1st Battle Honour for both British and Dutch marines. The Dutch marines were formed on the 10th December 1665.

3rd July

1940 The Royal Navy attacked the French Fleet at Mers-el-Kebir on 3 July 1940 to avoid the Vichy French fleet being used by Germany.

4th July



1951 Korean War Raid on Songjim by 41 Commando RM

5th July

1814 On the evening of July the 4th during the war of 1812: the Americans were camped at Streets Creek two miles south of Chippawa. These troops led by General Winfield Scott were joined by General Jacob Brown and his troops as well as some Indians fighting on the side of the Americans. This brought the American Forces to about 6000 men.

United States General Winfield Scott's troops had not yet been tested in Battle, although they were the best trained unit in the American Army. And the soldiers wore grey uniforms because there was a shortage of the traditional blue army cloth.

British General Riall incorrectly assumed that the American force was composed of Militia and not battle trained troops. Riall ordered a head long assault thinking that the Americans would break and run. The Americans held their line and with fierce fighting the British attack was repulsed. It was over quickly, the British lost 415 killed, wounded or missing. And the Americans lost 328 killed, wounded or missing.



Riall and his remaining forces retreated across the Chippawa creek where they dug in awaiting an American attempt to cross the creek.

The British were entrenched on the north side of the Chippawa Creek around Fort Chippawa, now this was a difficult position to attack; by travelling a little used logging road the Americans out flanked the British forces on the north side of the creek, bridging the creek two miles downriver at its junction with Lyon's creek.

The Americans had crossed the creek in great numbers surprising the British who hurriedly withdrew to Burlington, leaving the whole of the Niagara Frontier from Fort Erie to Queenstown in American control. Royal Marine Artillery was present at the battle.

6th July

1801 First Battle of Algeciras was a naval battle fought on 6 July 1801 between a squadron of British Royal Navy ships of the line and a smaller French Navy squadron at anchor in the fortified Spanish port of Algeciras in the Strait of Gibraltar. The British outnumbered their opponents, but the French position was protected by Spanish gun batteries and the complicated shoals that obscured the entrance to Algeciras Bay.

Discovering the French at anchor in Algeciras on the morning of 6 July, the British under Saumarez launched an immediate attack on the anchorage through the complicated shoals of Algeciras Bay.

Although the initial attack caused severe damage to the French ships, light winds and shallow water led to the British ship HMS Hannibal grounding under heavy fire while the French vessels were driven on shore to prevent their capture.

The French and Spanish fleet at Cadiz was prepared for a rescue mission, a heavy squadron arriving at Algeciras on 12 July. As the squadron departed with Linois's squadron, it was attacked again by Saumarez's squadron at the Second Battle of Algeciras and caught at night by faster and more manoeuvrable ships, which resulted in the British inflicting heavy losses on the Spanish rearguard but failing to destroy the French squadron for a second time.

7th July

1945 SOE, Z Special Unit, "Rimau" Commando Operation, second canoe attack on Singapore Harbour, captured and executed **FALLS**, Walter G, Able Seaman, S 6543 (RANR), killed and **INGLETON**, Reginald M, Ty/Act/Major, RM (Detachment 385), beheaded along with 8 Army comrades.

8th July

1918 Ben Lomond, steamship, torpedoed and sunk by U.92 off S Ireland; naval casualties included Lance Corporal George **MAWHOOD**: RMLI DAMS gunner

9th July



1917 HMS Vanguard blew up due to a fire in magazine with heavy loss of life. 86 of those killed were Royal Marines.

ANTCLIFFE, HENRY Lance Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: **ARNOLD**, GEORGE ARTHUR Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **BAINES**, JAMES HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BAKER**, WILLIAM THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BARNES**, BERTRAM WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BEAN**, ERNEST GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BEAUCHAMP**, CHARLES JEFFERY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BOLDEN**, FREDERICK FRANCIS Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **BRACKLEY**, WILLIAM JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BRIDEOAKE**, JOHN THOMAS (Kew records spell name Bridcoake) Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BRIDGEMAN**, CHARLES OLIVER Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **BULLOCK**, EDWARD Musician Royal Marine Band: **BUSHNELL**, JOHN THOMAS Musician Royal Marine Band: **CHAPMAN**, **CLIFFORD**, Bombardier Royal Marine Artillery: **COOPER**, GEORGE HUBERT Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **CORBY**, FREDERICK WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry : **CURTIS**, JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DEADMAN**, GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DEAKIN**, EDWARD ROBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **DICKS**, WILLIAM JAMES Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **DOCKRILL**, **ALBERT EDWARD** Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **DOWN**, THOMAS EAGLES Private Royal Marine Light: **EASTON**, HENRY THOMAS Musician Royal Marine Band: **EDE**, **ARTHUR** GEORGE Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **EMMETT**, WILFRED MAURICE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **FRANKLIN**, PERCY GEORGE Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **FULLER**, **GILBERT EDWARD** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **FULLER**, JAMES NAPOLEON GRAVENOR Musician Royal Marine Band: **GAPES**, JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GAUNT**, FREDERICK THOMAS Bugler Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GIBBINS**, HENRY JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GILES**, **WALTER GEORGE** Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **GOODYEAR**, LEONARD CHARLES Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **GRANT**, FRANCIS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **GROVES**, ROBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HALL**, GEORGE WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry : **HAND**, JOHN ALFRED STANTON Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **HAROD**, FREDERICK GEORGE Musician Royal Marine Band: **HATTERSLEY**, WALTER Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HEADING**, WILLIAM JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HEBBERN**, WALTER Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **HODSON**, FRANK

Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **HONOR**, ARTHUR THOMAS : Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: **HOWDEN**, ALBERT HENRY EDWARD Sergeant Royal Marine Artillery: **HULL**, PERCY Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **JONES**, GEORGE Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **JUDSON**, VICTOR ERNEST Musician Royal Marine Band: **KING**, LIONEL ALFRED Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **KIRK**, JOHN WRIGHT Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **KNEE**, DENNIS ARTHUR Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **LANGHAM**, ALBERT Musician Royal Marine Band: **LIMBRICK**, HUBERT CHARLES Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **MARTIN**, ALBERT JOHN Musician Royal Marine Band: **MATES**, ALBERT EDWARD: Musician Royal Marine Band: **MAY**, ROLAND Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry: **McDONALD**, MALCOLM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **METCALF**, HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MILES**, HARRY WILLIAM Major Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MINTER**, JOHN EDGAR Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **MOUNTNEY**, WILLIAM JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **MURPHY**, JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry : **NEWELL**, ARTHUR STANLEY Gunner Royal Marine Artillery : **NEWNHAM**, NOEL HERBERT Bugler Royal Marine Artillery: **NUTT**, FRED Musician Royal Marine Band: **O'DEA**, EDWARD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **OLIVER**, ALBERT HENRY Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **POOLE**, FRANK ALBERT Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **PRINCE**, HAROLD ARTHUR Sergeant Royal Marine Artillery: **ROSSER**, ALBERT WILLIAM Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **ROWDEN**, WALTER EDWARD Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **RUDGE**, WILLIAM ALFRED Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **SAYERS**, EDMOND JOHN Band Corporal Royal Marine Band: **SEELEY**, HORACE Gunner 2nd Class Royal Marine Artillery: **SHEPHERD**, CHARLES ERNEST Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **SIMMONDS**, THOMAS ARTHUR Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **SPENCER**, FREDERICK GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **STEIN**, ALEXANDER Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **STYLES**, HARRY EDWIN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **TEBBY**, HAROLD ERNEST Musician Royal Marine Band: **THORP**, WALTER Musician Royal Marine Band: **TRING**, EDWARD Musician Royal Marine Band: **TROLLOPE**, WALTER Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **TUTTY**, FREDERICK Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **VITON**, JOHN THOMAS (Kew records spell name Vitow) Bandmaster 1st Class Royal Marine Band: **WELLMAN**, HARRY THOMAS Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **WHITTINGTON**, GEORGE THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WILSON**, WILLIAM HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WOODROW**, ROBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **WOODS**, JOHN WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry: **YARNOLD**, HENRY RICHARD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry

1940 Naval battle of Calabria fought against the Italian Navy. On the 7th, Admiral Cunningham sailed from Alexandria with battleships "Warspite", "Malaya", "Royal Sovereign", carrier "Eagle", cruisers and destroyers to cover convoys from Malta to Alexandria and to challenge the Italians to action. Next day - the 8th - two Italian battleships, 14 cruisers and 32 destroyers were reported in the Ionian Sea covering a convoy of their own to Benghazi in Libya. Italian aircraft now started five days of accurate high-level bombing (also against Force H out of Gibraltar) and cruiser "Gloucester" was hit and damaged. Mediterranean Fleet headed for a position to cut off the Italians from their base at Taranto. On the 9th, Eagles aircraft failed to find the Italians and first contact was made by a detached cruiser squadron which was soon under fire from the heavier Italian ships. "Warspite" came up and damaged "Giulio Cesare" with a 15in hit. As the Italian battleships turned away, the British cruisers and destroyers engaged, but with little effect. Mediterranean Fleet pursued to within 50 miles of the south west Italian coast off Calabria before withdrawing.

The British had 2 light cruisers damaged and 2 destroyers damaged. The Italians had 1 battleship damaged, 1 heavy cruiser damaged plus 1 destroyer damaged.

10th July

1690 The Battle of Beachy Head was a naval engagement fought on 10 July 1690 during the Nine Years' War. The battle was the greatest French tactical naval victory over their English and Dutch opponents during the war. The English and Dutch lost some 11 ships in total (sources vary), whereas the French did not lose a single vessel; but although control of the English Channel temporarily fell into French hands, Admiral Tourville failed to pursue the Allied fleet with sufficient ardour, allowing it to escape to the river Thames.



1918 RMA, Howitzer Brigade, France, 10 members RMA all killed

CRUMP, Frederick G, Lance Bombardier, RMA, RMA 1949: **DAWSON**, David, Leading Bombardier, RMA, RMA 1964: **ELLIS**, Percy, Gunner, RMA, RMA S 1611: **LAMPEY**, William E, Gunner, RMA, RMA 1739: **MOORE**, Edward, Gunner, RMA, RMA S 280: **PATERSON**, Stewart W, Gunner, RMA, RMA S 1388: **RUSSELL**, Harry B, Gunner, RMA, RMA S 1766: **SMITH**, Ivor, Gunner, RMA, RMA S 1937: **STOW**, Fred, Gunner, RMA, RMA S 945: **WADDELL**, George H, Gunner, RMA, RMA S 988

1943 OPERATION HUSKY Invasion of Sicily 9 Royal Marines killed on 1st day



LCF.14, Invasion of Sicily, operation Husky

DOE, John, Marine, PLY/X 108180, killed: **SHEPPARD**, Albert W, Marine, PO/X 112751, killed



RM 40 Commando, Invasion of Sicily, operation Husky

HARVEY, Maurice G, Lieutenant, RM, killed: **MCCANN**, Gerard J, Major, RM, killed: **COGGINS**, Frank, Ty/Act/Corporal, PLY/X 104039, killed: **EYRES**, George H, Marine, PLY/X 103852, killed: **RAYNER**, George A, Marine, CH/X 104625, killed: **STREAMS**, Albert E, Marine (Pens), PLY/21038, DOW: **VICKERS**, Alfred N, Marine, PLY/X 104582, killed



1944 By the summer of 1944 the damage caused by German V1 ‘flying bombs’ and by V2 rockets was considerable, many houses being damaged in London and its suburbs. The Admiralty was approached by the Ministry for Reconstruction, and to provide help with building repairs this 26th RM Battalion was raised at Lower Sydenham (London) in July 1944. Organised in 15 Platoons (16 by 1 August 19) of about 30 men each, the repair squads ‘followed the bangs’ and during the next few months patched-up 6,720 houses, made permanent repairs to 1,414 buildings and even built a few houses from their foundations. Three men had been killed by bombs before the Battalion was to be disbanded on 14 March 1944; but after the Ministry had asked for its continuance, 250 men were replaced by those in low medical categories. The Battalion continued its building repair work, covering sites as far apart as Esher, Kew, Ilford and Orpington, until it was disbanded early in 1946.

11th July

1882 Bombardment of Alexandria. Egyptian nationalism sparked a revolt by Egyptian troops in 1881, which brought Colonel Arabi to power. He gained complete control of the

government by February 1882. The British responded by sending a fleet of 15 iron clad ships to Alexandria, with the aim of protecting British & French interests, particularly the Suez Canal. On the 11th June 1882: the crowds so incensed by the presence of the fleet that they rioted. 2000 Egyptians & 50 Europeans were killed in the riots. A bombardment of Alexandria by the British resulted on the 11th – 13th July followed by British sailors & Royal Marines being landed to help restore order & stop looting

1943 Invasion Sicily: 2 Royal Marines killed on 2nd day



RM 41 Commando, Invasion of Sicily, operation Husky

NEWHAM, Percy R, Ty/Act/Colour Sergeant, RM, PO/X 4908, killed: **PRICE**, Kenneth, Marine, PLY/X 104025, killed

12th July

1915 GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN 12th/13th – British Offensive at Helles

1942 HMS Manchester during series of E-Boat attacks near Pantellaria hit by two torpedoes fired by Italian Torpedo Boats MAS16 and MAS22. These struck amidships on starboard side with major flooding in machinery compartments. Only the port outer shaft could be used and ship was completely disabled with a 12 degree list.

On the 13th all hope of Damage Control work to sufficiently control flooding and enable ship to return to Gibraltar was abandoned and scuttling charges placed. 312 of ship's company rescued by H M Destroyers PATHFINDER and ESKIMO. Explosive charges proved ineffective and as the ship remained afloat its hulk was sunk by torpedo fired from HMS PATHFINDER

1943 Invasion Sicily 4 Royal Marines killed on 3rd day



LCF(L).5

LANG, Maxwell M, Marine, PLY/X 107661, killed



40 RM Commando

CORNISH, Arthur H, Ty/Act/Colour Sergeant, CH/X 1013, DOW: **KILBRIDE**, Joseph, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, EX/3726, DOW



RM Portsmouth Division

LOADER, Thomas F, Corporal, RM, PO/X 110528, died

13th July



1855 Award of VC to Lieutenant George D. Dowell RMA at Viborg in the Baltic during the Crimean War. *“When an explosion occurred in one of the cutters of HMS Arrogant, Lieutenant Dowell, who was on board HMS Ruby, took three volunteers and went, under very heavy fire to the assistance of the cutter. He took up three of the crew, and having rescued the rest and also the Captain of the Mast He then towed the stricken boat out of enemy gun range.”*



George Dore Dowell.

1915 Loss of 76 Royal Marines at Gallipoli. *“The action of the 12th and 13th of July was meant to be a sequel to the action of the 28th June. That advance had driven back the Turkish right on to their second main system of defence just south of Krithia. But, on my centre and right, the enemy still held their forward system of trenches, and it was my intention on the 12th July to seize the remaining trenches of this foremost system from the sea at the mouth of the Kereves Dere to the main Sedd-el-Bahr-Krithia road, along a front of some 2,000 yards.*

At 7.35 a.m., after a heavy bombardment, the troops, French and Scottish, dashed out of their trenches and at once captured two lines of enemy trenches. Pushing forward with fine élan the 1st Division of the French Corps completed the task assigned to it by carrying the whole of the Turkish forward system of works, namely, the line of trenches skirting the lower part of the Kereves Dere. Further to the left the 2nd French Division and our 155th Brigade maintained the two lines of trenches they had gained. But on the left of the 155th Brigade the 4th Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers, pressed on too eagerly. They not only carried the third line of trenches, but charged on up the hill and beyond the third line, then advanced indeed until they came under the "feu de barrage" of the French artillery. Nothing could live under so cruel a cross fire from friend and foe, so the King's Own Scottish Borderers were forced to fall back with heavy losses to the second line of enemy trenches which they had captured in their first rush. After a preliminary bombardment, the 157th Brigade rushed forward under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and splendidly carried the whole of the enemy trenches allotted as their objective. Here, then, our line had advanced some 400 yards, while the 155th Brigade and the 2nd French Division had advanced between 200 and 300 yards. At 6 p.m. the 52nd Division was ordered to make the line good; it seemed to be fairly in our grasp. All night long determined counter-attacks, one after another, were repulsed by the French and the 155th Brigade, but about 7.30 a.m. the right of the 157th Brigade gave way before a party of bombers, and our grip upon the enemy began to weaken.

I therefore decided that three battalions of the Royal Naval Division should reinforce a fresh attack to be made that afternoon, 13th July, on such portions of our original objectives as remained in the enemy's hands. This second attack was a success. The 1st French Division pushed their right down to the mouth of the Kereves Dere; the 2nd French Division attacked the trenches they had failed to take on the preceding day; on the left of the Royal Naval Division attack, valiantly advanced and made good, well supported by the artillery of the French. The Portsmouth Battalion, pressing on too far, fell into precisely the same error at precisely the same spot as did the 4th King's Own Scottish Borderers on the 12th, an over-impetuosity which cost them heavy losses. “REFERENCE: Despatch IAN HAMILTON, General, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force



RND, Deal Battalion

BLAND, Ernest, Private, RMLI, S 881 (Po): **EAGLES**, George, Corporal, RMLI, 16006 (Ply): **FLETCHER**, George G, Private, RMLI, 17506 (Ply): **GIBSON**, John, Private, RMLI, S 283 (Ch): **GILDER**, George R, Private, RMLI, S 780 (Ply): **IMPEY**, Frederick C, Sergeant, RMLI, 7898 (Ply), DOW in Malta: **KITCHIN**, Alfred E, Private, RMLI, S 883 (Po): **LEE**, George W, Private, RMLI, 16389 (Po): **MORTIMER**, Edward R, Private, RMLI, S 495 (Ch): **RUSHWORTH**, Fred, Private, RMLI, 16994 (Ply), DOW in Malta: **THOMPSON**, George W, Private, RMLI, S 512 (Ch)



RND, Nelson Battalion

BELL, Joseph, Private, RMLI, Clyde Z 2236



RND, Plymouth Battalion

DAVIES, David E, Private, RMLI, S 746 (Ply): **GREY**, Walter, Private, RMLI, 10556 (Ply): **HOLDEN**, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 699 (Ply): **MULLINEUX**, Albert, Private, RMLI, S 396 (Ply): **NOSWORTHY**, George, Private, RMLI, 16698 (Ply): **PROUSE**, William, Private, RMLI (RFR 974), 11698 (Ply): **SCOTT**, William, Private, RMLI, 16743 (Ply): **SKITT**, John R, Private, RMLI, S 783 (Ply), DOW: **WHITEHEAD**, James, Private, RMLI, S 347 (Ply):



RND, Portsmouth Battalion

BASS, John T, Private, RMLI, S 829 (Po): **BELL**, John J, Private, RMLI, 13038 (Po): **BIELBY**, George A, Private, RMLI, S 426 (Po): **BRIGHT**, John, Private, RMLI, S 658 (Po): **BROOKFIELD**, Charles, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 123 (Po): **CARTWRIGHT**, George J J, Private, RMLI, S 392 (Po): **CLARKE**, John E, Private, RMLI, S 360 (Po): **COLE**, Llewelyn G E, Colour Sergeant, RMLI, 8812 (Po): **CONNELL**, Michael, Private, RMLI (RFR B 624), 4178 (Po): **COOPER**, John D, Private, RMLI (RMR 15401), 1387 (Po): **COULSON**, Matthew S, Private, RMLI, S 643 (Po): **DIXON**, Percival R, Private, RMLI, S 536 (Po): **DYER**, George H, Private, RMLI, 11200 (Po): **FERGUSON**, Peter, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 477 (Po): **FINCH**, William T, Private, RMLI, 10853 (Po): **FISACKERLY**, Thomas W, Private, RMLI, S 510 (Po): **FOUNTAIN**, John, Private, RMLI, S 287 (Po): **HALMAN**, John, Private, RMLI, S 304 (Po): **HAYNES**, Leonard, Private, RMLI, 15054 (Ch): **HOLLINGSWORTH**, Joseph, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 89 (Po): **HUTCHINSON**, George, Private, RMLI, S 205 (Po): **IMPEY**, Henry, Private, RMLI, 12298 (Po), DOW: **LAWSON**, Joe W, Private, RMLI, S 131 (Po): **Longbottom**, Arthur (real name, but served as Arthur Batty), Private, RMLI, 147 S (Po): **LUARD**, Frank W, Lieutenant Colonel, RMLI, Commanding Officer: **MCMILLAN**, William, Corporal, RMLI (RFR), 1116 (Po): **MEAD**, David, Lance Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 970), 6791 (Po): **MELVILLE**, George, Private, RMLI, S 650 (Po): **MIDDLETON**, Charles, Sergeant, RMLI (RFR B 1286), 11337 (Po): **MURPHY**, Terence P, Private, RMLI, 17239 (Po), DOW: **PEMBLINGTON**, Stephen, Private, RMLI, S 107 (Po)

PHILLIPS, George S, Private, RMLI, S 394 (Po): **PRIEST**, Albert, Private, RMLI, S 612 (Po): **REEDMAN**, Robert C, Private, RMLI, S 333 (Po): **ROBINSON**, Richard, Private, RMLI, S 52 (Po):

ROLFE, Percy, Private, RMLI, 11887 (Po): **ROSS**, Charles, Private, RMLI, S 33 (Po): **TAIT**, Arthur B, Private, RMLI, S 513 (Po): **TROW**, Edward, Lance Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 742), 8897 (Po): **WALKER**, Ernest M, Private, RMLI, S 621 (Po): **WARRENER**, William C, Act/Sergeant, RMLI, S 104 (Po): **WILLCOX**, Frederick E V, Sergeant, RMLI, 16936 (Po): **WILLIAMS**, John C, Private, RMLI, S 598 (Po): **WILLIAMS**, Richard, Private, RMLI, S 659 (Po): **WINFIELD**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, 17399 (Po)

14th July

1915 The loss of a further 13 Royal Marines at Gallipoli in the action described above



RND, Chatham Battalion

BECKFORD, Sidney, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 16052 (Ch), DOW: **CARTER**, Robert V, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 14947 (Ch): **KIMBER**, Charles, Private, RMLI, S 609 (Ch), DOW: **MILLAR**, John, Private, RMLI, S 578 (Ch)



RND, Deal Battalion

THORNTON, William H, Private, RMLI, S 893 (Po), DOW



RND, Divisional Signal Company, Royal Engineers

DAWS, James, Sapper, RM, S 730 (Deal), DOW

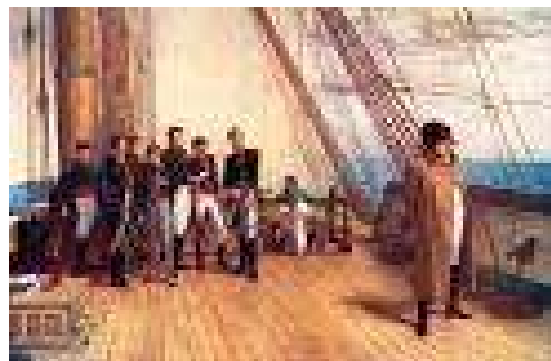


RND, Plymouth Battalion

FOWLDS, Joe, Private, RMLI, S 796 (Ply), DOW: **PAUL**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, 17320 (Ply), DOW: RND, Portsmouth Battalion: **DOUGHERTY**, Eric B C, Act/Lieutenant, RM: **MORGAN**, George F, Private, RMLI, S 724 (Po), DOW: **SUTCLIFFE**, James F, Lieutenant, RM: **WILKINSON**, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 839 (Po), DOW: **WILMOT-SITWELL**, Stanton D, Act/Lieutenant, RM

15TH July

1815 Napoleon surrendered himself “to the generosity of the British nation” on board the battleship Bellerophon on 15 July 1815. Having inspected the Captain’s guard of the Royal Marines under Captain George Marshall commented on their skill and bravery in action saying “***Much might be done with a hundred thousand men such as these***”.



1917 Redbreast, Q-ship, ex-fleet messenger, torpedoed and sunk by UC.38 in Mediterranean. 3 marines in the crew were lost:-**BEATTIE**, Edward, Gunner, RMA, RMA 13385: **MAYBREY**, James W, Private, RMLI, 16055 (Ch): **VELLENDER**, George, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 10212 (Ch).

16th July

1943 HMS Cleopatra hit amidships by torpedo from Italian submarine and sustained major damage to structure with flooding of machinery compartments. Only 'Local' control of armament was possible. 30 of ship's company were killed or missing with 23 wounded. Included in

the casualties were: - **LOVICK**, Richard H, Musician, RMB/X 779: **LARKINS**, Richard A, Corporal, RM, CH/X 2150:



2012 Royal Marines on Counter Piracy Operations near Somalia. A combined force of NATO led counter-piracy troops intercept a suspected Somali pirated vessel. RFA Fort Victoria's Lynx Mk 8 helicopter and their embarked Royal Marine boarding team from the Fleet Standby Rifle Squadron

apprehended the 13 suspected pirates and secured the vessel. This was one of a number of successful operations where Royal Marines have been able to free hostages and apprehend pirates.

17TH July

1943 Queen Emma, bombed while involved in invasion of Sicily 9 Royal Marines killed plus 5 members of 40 RM Commando.

Queen Emma, bombing: -**BALDOCK**, Royce E L, Marine, CH/X 110848, killed: **FISHER**, John C, Ty/Act/Corporal, CH/X103621, killed: **FORD**, Francis O, Captain, RM, killed: **JOHNSON**, Ronald, Marine, CH/X 109807, killed: **MAY**, Joseph C, Marine, CH/X 110762, killed: **NUNN**, Sidney D, Marine, CH/X 100025, DOW : **ROSS**, John, Marine, CH/X 110710, killed: **STIEBEL**, John E, Captain, RM, killed: **WOOD**, Alexander, Marine, CH/X 105330, killed



40 RM Commando, Invasion of Sicily, operation Husky

BISHOP, Arthur, Marine, PO/X 114618, killed: **FALLAS**, Robert S, Lance Corporal, RM, PO/X 4043, killed: **THOMSON**, Ian H, Marine, PO/X 112654, killed: **TURNER**, Anthony J, Marine, PLY/X 109504, killed: **WEBSTER**, Thomas H, Marine, PO/X 3183, killed

18TH July

2014 The Kings Squad pass-out parade for 177 Troop took place on 18th July. Of the 31 newly trained Royal Marines half were drafted to 40 Commando with the remainder equally distributed between 42, 43 and 45 Commandos.



The Kings Badge for 177 Troop was awarded to Marine Thomas Clement

by the Commando Training Centre Commandant Colonel Dave Kassapian.

19th July

1915 The Hardinge (Royal Indian Marine), armed troopship in the Red Sea private **Trigg** RMLI was killed in action.

1917 The Eloby, steamship, torpedoed and sunk by U.38 in Mediterranean DAMS gunner L/Cpl **Ware** RMLI killed

20th July

1917 63rd Division in France lost 8 RMLI members of the 1st RM Battalion and 2 RMLI Corporals from the RND, 63rd Medium Trench Mortar Battery, attached to the 2nd RM Battalion



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

BURNHAM, John, Private, RMLI, S 1903 (Po), killed: **DAWKINS**, Mark, Private, RMLI, S 1526 (Ch), killed: **GOWERS**, William, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1436 (Ply), prisoner of war, DOW: **GREY**, John T U, Private, RMLI, S 2334 (Ch), killed: **HAYWOOD**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 342 (Ch), killed: **JACKSON**, Albert, Private, RMLI, S 1214 (Ch), killed: **SHACKLADY**, Thomas, Corporal, RMLI, 17353 (Ch), DOW: **THOMPSON**, Thomas W, Private, RMLI, S 1193 (Ch), killed



RND, 63rd Medium Trench Mortar Battery, attached 2nd RM Battalion, France

COOPER, Arthur R, Corporal, RMLI, 14658 (Po), killed: **TOWNSEND**, James R, Corporal, RMLI, 15281 (Po), killed

1943 Invasion Sicily 9 Royal Marines 15 killed



HMS EREBUS bombed

BROWN, Patrick A, Sergeant, RM, PO/X 928, killed



RM 7th Battalion MNBDO II, Invasion of Sicily, operation Husky

ANDERSON, Stanley L R, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, CH/X 103905, killed: **ARMSTRONG**, Thomas W, Act/Captain, RM, killed: **BUTCHER**, Walter L, Marine, CH/X 103961, killed: **CLAYDON**, William C, Marine, PO/X 112143, killed: **COLE**, Michael A, Lieutenant, RM, killed: **DUNN**, Joseph J, Marine, CH/X 106399, died: **EVANS**, Albert E, Marine, PO/X 105233, killed: **GRIFFITHS**, Eric, Marine, PLY/X 105218, killed: **HEFFORD**, Frank, Marine, PLY/X 107700, killed: **HUETSON**, Francis A, Marine, PO/X 112047, killed: **JONES**, Joseph, Marine, PLY/X 103524, killed: **SAMSON**, Dan, Marine, PLY/X 104609, killed: **SAUNDERS**, Joseph, Marine, PLY/X 107672, killed at Palato



RM Sicily

WHEARITY, Joseph J, Marine, CH/X 106399, (served as Joseph J Dunn), killed

21st July

1781 The Battle of Saldanha Bay was a naval action that occurred off the Dutch Cape Colony on 21 July 1781 during the Fourth Anglo-Dutch War. A squadron of Royal Navy warships

under the command of commodore George Johnstone captured five Dutch East India Company ships; her own crew destroyed a sixth

1943 RM 3rd Heavy AA Regt, Invasion of Sicily, operation Husky 6 marines killed



RM 3rd Heavy AA Regt, Invasion of Sicily, operation Husky

ABBOTT, John W T, Marine, PLY/X 102195, killed: **BRASS**, Albert E, Marine, PLY/X 107782, killed: **HATTON**, Joseph J, Marine, CH/X 103216, killed: **HODGES**, Sydney A, Marine, CH/X 103226, killed: **MACDONALD**, Donald J, Marine, CH/X 102132, killed: **NIBLETT**, Charles H, Marine, PLY/X 103027, killed

1944 Normandy HM LCM, 601st Flotilla. Attempting to cross the Channel the flotilla of small Mark 1 LCMs encountered bad weather. Men from some of these craft that got into difficulties were transferred to the sturdier LCM 1059. She later foundered at 21.30 in the heavy seas with the loss of 32 men. The LCMs lost from 601 FLOTILLA were 168, 180, 216, 226, 229, 330, 346, 383 and from 650 FLOTILLA were LCM 1197, 1212, 1240, 1278.



LCM, 601st Flotilla

ANDREWS, Ronald, Marine, CH/X 110933: **BEADLE**, Eric P, Marine, CH/X 110836: **BRADSHAW**, Maurice, Marine, PO/X 119182: **COLLINS**, John W, Marine, PO/X 109895: **HAMILTON**, Thomas, Marine, PLY/X 106703: **HARRIS**, Frank, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, EX 5099: **JELICOE**, Ralph G, Marine, PO/X 107401: **KNIGHT**, Edward A, Marine, CH/X 101830: **LANGAN**, Thomas, Lance Corporal, RM, PO/X 119536: **LOWE**, Thomas J, Marine, PO/X 107400: **MCKENZIE**, Kenneth, Marine, PO/X 118756: **PATTISON**, Jack, Marine, PO/X 114135: **SHARP**, Daniel J, Marine, PO/X 111187: **SMITH**, Ronald, Marine, PO/X 117681: **SPENCE**, Ernest, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, PO/X 115872: **STEWART**, William H, Marine, PLY/X 106904: **TAYLOR**, Harvey, Marine, PLY/X 107047: **TIDY**, Arthur V, Ty/Act/Corporal, PO/X 118747: **TILLIE**, John D, Marine, CH/X 103628.



LCM, 650th Flotilla, ship loss

DAW, William J, Ty/Act/Corporal, CH/X 114217: **DIVINY**, Henry, Marine, PLY/X 3879: **PETRIE**, John, Marine, PO/X 107441: **TILLET**, Walter A C, Marine, CH/X 113465: **TURNBULL**, William A, Marine, PLY/X 111952: **WEST**, James, Marine, PO/X 107434, MPK



LCM.1059, Normandy

AYLAN-PARKER, Edward M, Ty/Lieutenant, RM:
GREEN, Derek I, Captain, RM,



HMS Lizard Combined Operations base

RUSSELL, Walter, Marine, PLY/X 108452.

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BARBER, Joseph H, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 109085: **BROOKMAN**, Peter, Marine, PLY/X 112111: **CHILD**, Jack, Marine, PLY/X 109067: **DUNWOODY**, William, Marine, PLY/X 107303: **EDWARDS**, Hillary J, Marine, PLY/X 108438: **GODDARD**, William A, Marine, PLY/X 110072: **HOLMES**, Reginald G, Marine, PLY/X 112133: **MARSHALL**, John W, Marine, PLY/X

22ND July

1805 The Battle of Cape Finisterre off Galicia, Spain. The British fleet of 15 ships of the line under Admiral Robert Calder fought an indecisive naval battle against the combined Franco-Spanish fleet of 30 ships of the line, which was returning from the West Indies. Failing to prevent the joining of Villeneuve's fleet to the squadron of Ferrol and to strike the shattering blow that would have freed Great Britain from the danger of an invasion, Calder was later court-martialled and severely reprimanded for his failure and for avoiding the renewal of the engagement on 23 and 24 July. The British had 198 dead or wounded against 647 dead or wounded, 2 Spanish ships captured along with 1200 men

23rd July

1918 SS Anna Sofie, steamship, torpedoed and sunk by U.55 off SW England; naval casualties include **MOORE**, William, Private, RMLI and **WHITMORE**, William, Lance Corporal, RMLI both DAMS gunners

1941 Cruiser HMS Manchester was part of Force "X" on Malta convoy duty. She came under sustained air attacks and hit on starboard side aft in boiler room by torpedo. Extent of damage necessitated return on one shaft to Gibraltar with escort by HM Destroyers: Avon Vale, Vidette, Vimy and Wishart, 6 Royal Marines killed



CROSS, George W, Sergeant (Pens), PO/214993: **IRVING**, Thomas D, Marine, PO/X 3694: **JOHNSON**, Gerard J, Marine, PO/X 3692: **PUCKETT**, Herbert T, Marine, PO/X 4631: **SHOTTON**, Cecil A E, Marine, PO/21856: **STUBBINGTON**, Tom, Marine, PO/21141.



1944 In the early morning of July 23 1944 O'Brien, commanding Y Troop of 47 (RM) Commando, was leading a patrol on a covert raid on the German lines east of Sallenelles, behind the beaches, when a man trod on a mine and surprise was lost. The enemy lit the battlefield with flares and opened fire with heavy machineguns. O'Brien,



with total disregard for danger and by his personal example and determination, rallied his patrol and charged forward to quell the enemy.

When he returned to his own lines with an officer prisoner, O'Brien learned that some of his patrol were missing and immediately returned through defensive fire into the minefield. He stayed there until daybreak to supervise the rescue of the wounded. He was awarded the Military Cross.

24TH July

1920 During the Troubles in Ireland Corporal Yates was killed at the HM Coastguard Station Ballygrovane. The next day 2 Coast Guards were killed by Irish Republican Army at the same location



25TH July

2014 700 Royal Marines marched through the City of London on Friday 25th July, with drums beating, colours flying and bayonets fixed to commemorate the 350th Anniversary of their formation at Bunhill Row.

26th July

1917 HMS Ariadne, minelayer, ex-cruiser, torpedoed and sunk by UC.65 in English Channel. Private George **PERRIN**, RMLI, 18812: Private Hugh **RUSSELL**, RMLI, 13139 (Ply) were killed

27th July



1878 Private Gerrightly RMLI. He was the first Royal Marine to win the Albert Medal but also was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal for the same action. These medals were later presented by Gerrightly to the Officers of his old Division. The citation reads:-



"On the night of the 27th July last (1878), at 10 pm, a lunatic named Field, on his passage home in the transport ship Baron Colonsay, of Greenock, broke away from the sentry in the sick berth and climbed to the foretop-gallant yard. Men were sent aloft to try and prevent his falling. However on their approach, he struck one of them on the head. After remaining aloft all night calling 'murder' etc., he came down about 5 am on the 28th. The sentries placed to watch him tried to secure him but he jumped overboard. Gerrightly instantly jumped after him and though struck at with a knife, which Field had in his hand, succeeded in rescuing him. This occurrence took place in latitude 36 deg. 26 min. N., longitude 2 deg 52 min W., the ship going eight knots and a fresh breeze blowing".

1916 In East Africa the Germans from Tanga and Pangani were moving on Sadani. Therefore on 27 July as there was no satisfactory report from Mkwadja, seamen and marines from the Talbot were landed under Captain Thomas to take the village. The Thistle arrived at the same time and took up a position to cover the landing, which was effected without opposition. Shortly after the village was occupied, about 50 of the enemy were reported to be about a mile outside. Captain Thomas at once advanced with the Royal Marine detachment and engaged the enemy who retired into the bush. He then cut the Pangani-Sadani telegraph line and withdrew again to the village. The Royal Marines were re-embarked on 29TH July.

28TH July

1951 3 Commando Brigade were deployed in a counter insurgency campaign against Communist guerrillas up till 1952 in Malaya. Sergeant M. **TAYLOR**: Service Number CH/X 1620 of 40 Commando RM killed in action on this date.

29TH July

1917 SS Bestwood, steamship, sunk in collision in St George's Channel; naval casualties: **DUNN**, John, Lance Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 764), 11913 (Ply): **JONES**, Alfred, Private, RMLI (RFR B 574), 9911 (Po) serving as a DAMS gunnesr'

30th July

1916 Food, fuel, fodder for the horses, general stores and ammunition was moved from the docks to railheads thence by lorry to Divisional depots some 10 miles from the front line. The last journey was undertaken by the Divisional Train using horse transport. Typically the train would have 160 wagons, 375 horses and 420 men of all ranks. Ammunition was handled separately by an ammunition train comprising 570 men & 700 horses. The work load for the ammunition train was variable according to the fighting while the other supplies tended to be consistent



(C) IWM

Private Ernest Henry **CHURCHILL**: Royal Marines Divisional Train, R.N. Division died on this day. The cause of death was drowning: Service No: Deal/2465(S).

31st July

1917 Battle of Passchendaele or Third Battle of Ypres lasted until 10TH November including operations by 63rd (RN) Division.

4 Marines were killed on 1st day from the RMA, Anti Aircraft Brigade, Belgium. They were :- Gunner Ernest **WALKER**, RMA 2269 who died of wounds and from RND, 2nd RM Battalion privates Henry **CLOW** RMLI, S 1821 (Po), : George **RULE**, RMLI, S 918 (Po) plus Cyril **RUNDLE**: RMLI, S 1629 (Po).

AUGUST

1st August

1704 During the War of the Spanish Succession, Gibraltar was captured between the 1st and 3rd. Following a heavy bombardment the town was invaded by English and Dutch marines and sailors. The governor, Diego de Salinas, agreed to surrender Gibraltar and its small garrison on the third of August. Three days later Prince George entered the town with Austrian and Spanish Habsburg troops in the name of Charles III of Spain. However, the Grand Alliance failed in its objective of replacing Philip V with Charles III as King of Spain but in the peace negotiations Gibraltar was ceded to Britain.

1798 Battle of the Nile (also known as the Battle of Aboukir Bay) between 1st and 3rd. The battle was the climax of a naval campaign that had ranged across the Mediterranean during the previous three months, as a large French convoy sailed from Toulon to Alexandria carrying an expeditionary force under General Napoleon Bonaparte. In the battle, the British forces, led by Rear-Admiral Sir Horatio Nelson (later Lord Nelson), defeated the French.

With the French army ashore, the French fleet anchored in Aboukir Bay, 20 miles (32 km) northeast of Alexandria. Commander Vice-Admiral François-Paul Brueys d'Aigalliers believed he had established a formidable defensive position. When the British fleet arrived off Egypt on 1 August and discovered Brueys's dispositions, Nelson ordered an immediate attack. His ships advanced on the French line and split into two divisions as they approached. One cut across the head of the line and passed between the anchored French and the shore while the other engaged the seaward side of the French fleet. Trapped in crossfire, the leading French warships were battered into surrender during a fierce three-hour battle, while the centre succeeded in repelling the initial British attack. As British reinforcements arrived, the centre came under renewed assault and at 22:00 the French flagship *Orient* exploded. With Brueys dead, and his vanguard and centre defeated, the rear division of the French fleet attempted to break out of the bay, but ultimately only two ships of the line and two frigates escaped, from a total of 17 ships engaged.

2nd August

1914 Pensioners and Reservists mobilized.

2014 Around 100 Britons were evacuated from Libya onto HMS *Enterprise*. Royal Marines were onboard to provide additional security.

3rd August

1758 Battle of Negapatam was an indecisive battle between a British squadron under Vice-Admiral George Pocock and French squadron under Comte d'Aché off the Carnatic coast of India near Negapatam during the Seven Years' War.

4th August

1811 A British expedition was dispatched from India in April 1811, while a small squadron of frigates was ordered to patrol off Java, raiding shipping and launching amphibious assaults against

targets of opportunity. Troops were landed on 4 August, and by 8 August the undefended city of Batavia capitulated.

The force comprised Royal Marines used on horseback. During the Napoleonic wars mounted marines were landed from ships to carry out coastal raids up to 50 miles inland. The first known use of a "Royal Mounted Marines" corps was in 1802, when the British Royal Navy organized a few hundred men from the newly titled Royal Marines, who could pass a riding test. These men were mustered aboard units of the Royal Navy in small detachments.

The only documented case of the Royal Mounted Marines seeing service on horseback was in 1811. A detachment was landed on the island of Java in the Dutch East Indies from the HMS Lion. At the time the Dutch were an ally of Napoleon. The horse marines, numbering some 190 men, captured French General Jamelle who was passing through the area and disarmed over 500 Dutch troops with few losses of their own



1940 Timothy Armstrong **JOHNSTON**, Lieutenant RM was reported missing on this date. On completion of training as an Observer, Johnston had been posted to 812 Squadron. This squadron was the pioneer F.A.A squadron working under R.A.F Coastal Command. From May 1940 until March 1941 they operated with Swordfish fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks in the rear cockpit and carrying a crew of only two. Their targets were usually oil tanks at Calais and invasion barges at Rotterdam.

5th August

1781 The Battle of the Dogger Bank took place on 5 August 1781 during the Fourth Anglo-Dutch War, part of the American War of Independence, in the North Sea. It was a bloody encounter between a British squadron under Vice Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, 5th Baronet and a Dutch squadron under Vice Admiral Johan Zoutman, both of which were escorting convoys.

On 1 August 1781, Admiral Johan Zoutman led a fleet of some 70 merchantmen from the Texel, protected by seven ships of the line as well as a number of frigates and smaller armed vessels.

Admiral Hyde Parker was accompanying a convoy of ships from the Baltic when he spotted the sails of the Dutch fleet on the morning of 5 August. He immediately despatched his convoy toward the English coast, and ordered his line to give chase. Zoutman, whose ships had been interspersed with the merchantmen, signalled his line to form in between Parker and the convoy.

The British fleet closed, raggedly at first due to the poor condition of some of the ships. When Parker raised the battle flag shortly before 8 am, the two fleets were about half a musket shot apart. Zoutman then also raised his flag, and opened fire, raking the Fortitude with a broadside. Close action ensued, lasting for more than three hours. Around mid-morning the Dutch merchantmen moved away from the action and headed back to the Texel. Around 11 am Parker gave the signal to reform his line, which reformed and limped away from the Dutch.

Casualties on both sides were high, considering the number of ships involved. The British claimed 104 killed and 339 wounded, while the Dutch claimed 142 killed and 403 wounded.

1841 *"It is a Corps which has never appeared on any occasion or under any circumstances without doing honour to itself or its country".* Marquess of Anglesey

6th August

1890 In a speech during a visit to Eastney the German Kaiser said: *"I consider the British Royal Marine is the best all round fighting man in the world"*

1914 The German minelayer, Konigin Luise, was intercepted by the destroyers of the 3rd Flotilla based on Harwich while laying mines. She was sunk by gunfire from HMS Lance & HMS Amphion. During the return to Harwich HMS Amphion ran into the minefield laid by the Konigin Luise and her bows were blown off killing the fo'csle gun crews & badly burning those on the bridge. Although her engines were stopped she had sufficient momentum to carry her back into the same row of mines. She hit another & the magazine exploded. 14 Royal Marines killed: - **BURNS**, Robert, Private, RMLI, 10749 (Ply): **CANN**, Jerome, Private, RMLI, 15899 (Ply): **CARTER**, William A, Private, RMLI, 12300 (Ply): **FLACK**, Robert W, Private, RMLI, 14261 (Ply): **GROVES**, Charles H, Private, RMLI, 15423 (Ply): **HULL**, Richard E, Private, RMLI, 10859 (Ply): **KELLYN**, Irvine, Private, RMLI, 13479 (Ply): **MCDOWALL**, John, Corporal, RMLI, 10409 (Ply): **ROUTLEDGE**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 15421 (Ply): **SCOTT**, James E, Sergeant, RMLI, 11440 (Ply): **SMITH**, Gustave A C, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 11924 (Ply): **STOKES**, George, Private, RMLI, 7715 (Ply): **TENNENT**, John, Private, RMLI, 13224 (Ply): **VIDLER**, William H, Private, RMLI, 15189 (Ch)

1915 GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN British Landings at Suvla Bay

7th August

1795 Battle of Muizenberg in South Africa. This was a significant military engagement which took place near Muizenberg in 1795; it led to the capture of the Dutch Cape Colony by a British Force under Major R Hill of 350 marines.

1807 The Spanish port of Begu was attacked by a party of 50 seamen and marines from HMS Hyperion quickly capturing four 24 pounder guns. These the marines used against the French while the navy boarded 3 ships in the harbour and brought them safely away.

8th August

1915 SS India, armed merchant cruiser, torpedoed and sunk by U.22 off Norway 9 Royal Marines lost: - **BARRETT**, Charles R, Private, RMLI, 19075 (Ch): **GIBSON**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 19088 (Ch): **HAWKES**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, 19204 (Ch): **JELLIS**, Charles W, Private, RMLI (RFR A 553), 14274 (Ch): **MARKS**, Lewis, Private, RMLI, 5339 (Ch): **SAUNDERS**, Wilfred A, Corporal, RMLI, 17005 (Ch): **OOLDRIDGE**, Walter, Private, RMLI, 19097 (Ch): **WREN**, Ernest F, Private, RMLI, 19259 (Ch)

1919 Russian Intervention: The Royal Marine Field Force was withdrawn from Northern Russia in July 1919 & replaced by the 6th Battalion Royal Marines Light Infantry (RMLI), which had been formed from a company of the Royal Marine Artillery and companies from each of the three naval port depots. Very few of their officers had seen any land fighting. Their original purpose had been only to deploy to Flensburg to supervise a vote to decide whether Schleswig-Holstein should be German or Danish. Many of the Marines were under 19 years old or pensioners. Others were ex-

prisoners of war, who had only recently returned from Germany and had had no leave. So, there was outrage when on short notice, the 6th Battalion was shipped to Murmansk on the 8 August 1919, to assist in the withdrawal of British forces. Still not expecting to do any fighting, the battalion was ordered forward under army command to hold certain outposts. In fact 16 were killed in action.



RM, 6th Battalion, all killed in North Russia on the 8th

BURTON, Richard, Captain, RMLI: **DAVEY**, Herbert, Private, RMLI, 17711 (Ch): **HAWES**, Thomas W, Private, RMLI, 22061 (Ch): **JENKINS**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, 17498 (Ch)



RM, 6th Battalion, all killed in North Russia on the 9th

GREEN, William S A, Private, RMLI, 19654 (Ch): **NEALE**, Arthur A, Sergeant, RMLI, 16383 (Ch): **PIGGOTT**, William C, Private, RMLI, 19459 (Ch): **RAISTRICK**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 17633 (Ch)

9^h August



1944 Marine William **CLARKE**: Marine Royal Marine Engineers Age: 22 Died of wounds in the UK having been wounded in NW Europe.

10th August

1919 Royal Marines were with the Naval Force in action on the Selmenga River in Russia. Thirty-five seamen under Lieutenant M.S. Spalding, R.N., and thirty-nine Royal Marines under Lieutenant C. M. Sergeant, R.N., were landed to reinforce at the base.

Twenty seamen under Lieutenant R. P. Martin, R.N., manned two 60-pounders, one of which had been rescued from the bottom of the river by a naval salvage and diving party. The 60-pounders were actively engaged during the bombardments; the Royal Marines subsequently assisted to garrison Seltso, and the seamen detachments were at Takolevskoe.

The successful operations on 10th August, and during the next few days, secured the banks of the river up to Borok on the right bank and Puchega on the left bank. In addition to the large number of prisoners taken, the enemy's flotilla sustained severe damage, including one gunboat sunk.

11th August

1942 Loss of Aircraft Carrier HMS Eagle with heavy loss of life. She was under attack by U73 which penetrated destroyer screen. Hit by four torpedoes and sank in eight minutes south of Majorca (Position 38.05N 03.02E).900 of her complement of 1160 were rescued by HM Destroyers LAFOREY, LOOKOUT and a Tug. 17 Royal Marines were lost: - **COX**, John A, Musician, RMB/X 1235,: **CREESE**, Herbert, Marine, PO/X 1364: **DACRE**, Albert R P, Ty/Corporal, RM, PO/X 2685: **FENSHAM**, Colin A, Musician, RMB/X 1132: **FITTON**, Donald, Musician, RMB/X 1654: **GRANGER**, Roy, Marine, PO/X 103104: **HANDS**, William A, Marine, PO/X 4671: **HARTLEY**, Wilfred C, Musician, RMB/X 1253: **HUMPHRIES**, Stanley L, Musician, RMB/X 1443: **LUNNON**, Kenneth A R,

Marine, PO/X 100762: **MILLNE**, William A, Musician, RMB/X 1599: **PARSONS**, Arthur, Marine, PO/X 102125: **PARTRIDGE**, John S, Musician, RMB/X 1664: **RAY**, Benjamin, Marine, PO/X 1187: **REGAN**, Michael, Marine, PO/X 2428: **SMITH**, Ronald W, Musician, RMB/X 1133: **WITCHELL**, Desmond T, Musician, RMB/X 1228:

1966 END OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA

The following Royal Marines lost their lives in this campaign:-

CHAPPELL Reginald Cpl Service Number RM 15686 42 Commando RM Date of Birth 14 May 1938 Age 25 Date of Death 20 February 1964 Killed in Action He was killed whilst approaching a house where his section were to set up an ambush

CLARK Ian Campbell Lieutenant 42 Commando Royal Marines 18 March Unit 42 Commando RM Date of Birth 09 March 1937 Age 29 Date of Death 16 March 1966 KIA Op Claret Borneo campaign, near village of Sebedang, Borneo, in action with Indonesian forces during Operation Lively Cricket.

COLLINS Thomas Joseph Marine Service Number RM20139: 42 Commando Royal Marines KIA Op Claret Date of Birth 22 March 1940 Age 25 Date of Death 18 March 1966 On the 14th May 1992 his remains were flown to the UK for reburial Cemetery Name St Helen's Killed with Lieutenant Clark during Operation Lively Cricket.

CUNNINGHAM Robert James Rank Cpl Service Number RM 17020 Unit JQ 3 Cdo Bde RM Date of Birth 01 February 1939 Age 26 Date of Death 10 March 1965 Cemetery Name Mount Vernon Crematorium Singapore Name on the National Roll of Honour and the Armed Forces Memorial

DANELLS Peter John Godfrey Corporal RM 19528 40 Commando Royal Marines Date of Birth 16 August 1941 Age 24 Date of Death 04 November 1965 He was hit on the temple by a piece of shrapnel on Operation Claret – ANGEL'S Kiss a cross border operation.

DAVIDSON Peter Forbes Rank Sgt Service Number RM 17455 Unit 42 Commando RM Date of Birth 10 April 1941 Age 23 Date of Death 11 February 1965. He accidentally triggered a claymore mine used as part of the camp defences at Serudong River Line while serving with 6 Troop

DEERING Mark Anthony Marine Service Number RM 20642 Rank Marine Unit 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 28 October 1942 Age 22 Date of Death 30 October 1964

FOSTER Cecil Wylie, Sergeant Service Number RM 10369. 42 Commando Royal Marines Date of Birth 14 February 1926 Age 40 Date of Death 13 March 1966

FREEMANTLE John Rank Cpl Service Number RM 21042 Unit HQ 3 Cdo Bde RM Date of Birth 18 September 1944 Age 22 Date of Death 25 January 1967

GILLINGHAM Graham John Marine 42 Commando Royal Marines Service Number RM 20270 42 Cdo RM Date of Birth 24 October 1942 Age 20 Date of Death 24 December 1962 Accidental shooting .

HANNAH Rowan Corporal RM 10454 42 Royal Marine Commando Date of Birth 28 May 1928 Age 37 Date of Death 19 April 1966

HIND Joseph Temple Osborne Rank Cpl Service Number RM 20875 Unit 42 Commando RM Date of Birth 09 June 1940 Age 23 Date of Death 13 April 1964

JONES Kenneth Cpl Service Number RM 13883 Unit 42 Commando RM Date of Birth 05 April 1939 Age 23 Date of Death 24 June 1962 He joined as a Boy Bugler in 1954. He served on HMS Eagle as a Boy & HMS Ceylon as a marine. He died after a short illness during his 2nd tour with 42 Commando.

MARRIOTT Michael Corporal RM 17999 40 Commando Royal Marines Date of Birth 03 June 1942 Age 21 Date of Death 01 January 1964 Killed in

McCREA Edward Marine Service Number RM 17368 Unit 42 Commando RM Date of Birth 30 April 1941 Age 22 Date of Death 13 April 1964 Killed in Action,

ROLLS Graham Lieutenant 42 Commando, RM Date of Birth 30 September 1942 Age 20 Date of Death 01 August 1963
Believed to have been killed in Sarawak, funeral in Singapore 1963. G&L 1963/265 He is listed as dying accidentally.

SMITH James Anthony Marine Service Number RM 20460 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 15 January 1940 Age 23 Date of Death 27 July 1963

WELLINGTON Walter Marine RM 19408 42 Commando Royal Marines 13 September 1964 Date of Birth 22 July 1941 Age 23

12th August

1915 GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN Action at Kirich Tepe, Suvla. HMS Swiftsure and HMS Grafton damaged by Turkish shell fire off Suvla. Only 1 Royal Marine casualty: - **RND, 2nd RM Battalion:**

ATKINS, Albert E V, Private, RMLI, S 12 (Ply)

1942 Loss of cruisers HMS Cairo and HMS Nigeria. The Cairo was under air attacks with HM Cruisers NIGERIA, KENYA and MANCHESTER, HM Destroyers INTREPID, ICARUS, FURY, PATHFINDER, LEDBURY, BICESTER, ASHANTI, PENN WILTON and DERWENT in Force X for escort through Sicilian Narrows when ships of Force H were detached. Under air and submarine attacks HMS Cairo was hit aft by two torpedoes from Italian submarine AXUM off Bizerta. HMS Cairo was totally disabled and abandoned. Survivors were rescued by HMS WILTON and hulk finally sunk by gunfire from HMS DERWENT after torpedoes from HMS PATHFINDER had failed to do this. HMS NIGERIA was also hit by the same salvo but survived. Loss of CAIRO reduced the defence resources since she was fitted for aircraft direction.



HMS Cairo lost 12 Royal Marines.

CRAGO, Alfred C, Marine, PO/X 794: **DALLING**, Reginald A, Marine, PO/X 4000: **DURNFORD**, Laurence G, Marine, PO/X 104075: **HADLOW**, Thomas, Marine, PO/X 2448, DOW: **HENDERSON**, William, Marine, PO/X 2707, DOW: **MITTENS**, Richard S A, Marine, PO/X 3465: **MULLINEUX**, Richard, Corporal, RM, PO/21786: **REDMAN**, William C, Marine, PO/X 1857: **SLARK**, Kenneth J, Marine, PO/X 4840: **WALLACE**, Samuel, Marine, PO/X 102898, DOW: **WELLINGS**, George H, Sergeant, RM, PO/X 1030: **WHALE**, William E, Marine, PO/X 648



HMS Nigeria sustained serious damage and was escorted to Gibraltar for repair. She lost 9 Royal Marine musicians, whose action station had been in the area of the ammunition hoists.



CLARKE, John A, Musician, RMB/X 1420: **CONN**, Frederick W J, Musician, RMB/X 1556: **MOREY**, William C, Musician, RMB/2944: **PHILLIPS**, Jack A, Musician, RMB/X 1836: **POWELL**, Richard, Band Corporal, RMB/X 479: **RAY**, William D G, Musician, RMB/X 555: **RIDOUT**, Albert E, Bandmaster 1c, RMB/2877: **ROPE**, Aaron, Musician, RMB/3044: **WALTER**, Arthur V, Musician, RMB/X 650.

13th August

1762 British forces captured the city of Havana, which at the time was an important Spanish naval base in the Caribbean, and dealt a serious blow to the Spanish navy. This was after a siege started on the 6th June 1762. Havana was subsequently returned to Spain under the 1763 Treaty of Paris that formally ended the war.

14th August

1900 *The relief of the Peking Legation during the Boxer Rebellion.*

The first attempt to relieve the foreign legations at Peking consisted of over 2,100 men (mostly Sailors and Marines) from Great Britain, Germany, Russia, France, the United States, Japan, Italy, and Austria. The allied force departed the city of Tientsin on 10 June, under



the command of British Admiral Sir Edward Seymour. However, strong Boxer and Imperial Chinese opposition forced Seymour to return his battered column to Tientsin on 22 June. The allied powers worked to assemble a stronger force, and on 5 August 1900, it departed Tientsin with 20,000 men. After fighting two major battles against huge Chinese forces, the relief force reached the foreign legations at Peking on 14 August.

15th August

1945 VJ, VICTORY OVER JAPAN DAY End of World War 2. Shortly afterwards Japanese POW camp guards were handed over to 44 RM Commando's Drill Instructors while they awaited trial as war criminals. They were also taught to sing "There will always be an England".

16th August

1943 The Ostend Ferry during the 2nd World War became a Landing Ship Infantry HMS Prince Charles on 16th August 1943 she took RM Commandos on a raid on Cape Scaletta in Sicily

17th August

1919 The 6th Battalion RM in action on the railway at Kapaselga in North Russia.

This was the last action of the Middlesex Regiment in Russia. They were also part of the garrison. The events on August 17th, as recorded in their Regimental Diary: -

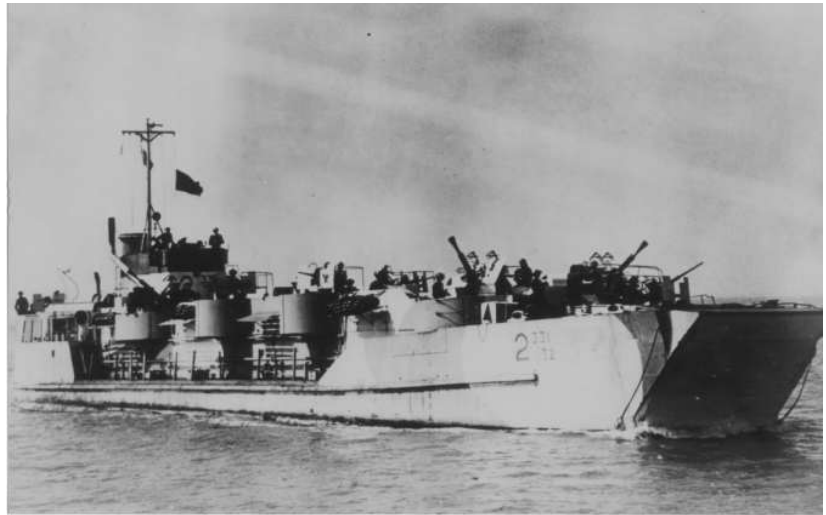
"Company entrained (at Kapaselga) and left School House at 8 a.m. detrained at railhead two bridges north of Siding 8. Major Lang, Marines, and one battalion were attached to Company. We attacked along railway line, two platoons on each side. No. 1 Platoon with No. 3 in support on the right, No. 2 with No. 4 in support on the left. Four of the enemy were seen and fired at in No. 8 Siding and retired on to their main position, where the enemy replied with heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. Firing was more accurate than usual for the 'Bols,' and a good ~ many bullets struck the ground between front and support positions. His position was shelled and Company attacked. His position

had been hastily evacuated, and dixies of hot water and burnt pancakes were found; also a large amount of ammunition, several rifles and barbed wire.

Company advanced again; progress had to coincide with attack of Karelian Company on post road. Patrols were sent to post road to keep touch. Company advanced to Siding 7A, approximately 5 versts south of No. 8 Siding. The enemy blew up bridges as we advanced. On reaching Siding 7A an outpost position was taken up. No. 4 Platoon on right (responsible for railway), No. 3 Platoon on left. No. 2 Platoon returned to No. 8 Siding as escort to guns. No enemy were seen during night. A large fire was observed well in rear of enemy line, which may have been a forest fire. Heavy firing was heard from Vakshozero direction. A patrol was sent to Karelians at junction of post road and track from Siding 7A. Our casualties were nil."



1944 Loss of HMLCF.1, ex-LCT.123. LCF1 was a most formidable craft armed with two 4" twin mountings, while LCF2 adopted a light AA armament of eight 2 pounder guns and four 20mm Oerlikons. She blew up & sank; possibly an onboard explosion –Normandy



Pictured is LANDING CRAFT FLAK, A sister ship of HMLCF 1

BLACKHAM, Sydney G, Marine, PLY/X 106587: **BURNS**, Samuel M, Marine, PO/X 108731: **CHARLES**, Frederick A, Sergeant, RM, PO/X 2092: **DANIELS**, John H, Marine, CH/X 110912: **DENTON**, Ronald, Marine, PLY/X 102294: **FAIRHURST**, Peter, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **FARRAND**, Edmund, Marine, PLY/X 104562: **FRIZZELL**, Walter R, Marine, PLY/X 106613: **GROVES**, Joseph, Marine, PLY/X 106076: **HARLAND**, Charles H, Marine, PO/X 108823: **HART**, Sidney, Marine, PLY/X 106590: **HEATLEY**, John D, Marine, PLY/X 111232 **HATCH**, Leslie, Marine, PO/X 110763: **HUGHES**, Eric W, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 105564: **HUTCHINGS**, Ernest W, Ty/Act/Corporal, PO/X 3123: **LAIGHT**, Arthur, Marine, PLY/X 104549: **MACRAE**, Alexander J, Marine, CH/X 113090: **MCLELLAN**, John E, Marine, PO/X 117992: **MILDENHALL**, Eric G, Marine, PO/X 119144: **MOSGROVE**, James, Marine, PLY/X 105789: **NADEN**, Alfred J, Marine, CH/X 108900: **PALMER**, Hubert, Marine, PLY/X 104569: **PEPPER**, Francis R, Marine, PO/X 107149: **PETRIE**, John G, Marine, PLY/X 106586: **POGSON**, Sydney, Marine, PLY/X 104567: **POPLE**, Raymond G, Marine, PLY/X 106598: **QUINN**, James, Marine, CH/X 110683: **RHODES**, Gerald, Marine, PO/X 108859: **ROBBINS**, Rowland C, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 104774: **ROBERTS**, Edward J, Ty/Act/Corporal, PO/X 106246: **SANDERSON**, John B, Marine, PLY/X 111221: **SANDFORD**, Thomas D, Marine, PLY/X 106553: **SHARMAN**, Richard D, Marine, PLY/X 104091: **SLATER**, Stanley, Marine, PO/X 114283: **SMITH**, David J, Marine, PO/X 108901: **SMITH**, John W, Marine, PLY/X 104085: **THOMAS**, David E, Marine, PLY/X 104131: **THOMAS**, Ramsay McD, Marine, PLY/X 103799: **TINDALL**, Alfred E, Marine, PO/X 103001: **TYMMS**, Stanley G, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **WEBBER**, Arthur T, Marine, PLY/X 104542: **WILSON**, John, Marine, PLY/X 106597



1944 Patrols from 86 RM Commando entered Troarn to find it deserted but heavily mined

18th August

1759 The naval Battle of Lagos between Britain and France took place over two days, on 18 and 19 August 1759 off the coasts of Spain and Portugal, and is named after Lagos in Portugal. The British were victorious. This was during the Seven Years' War.

1813 An attack was made upon Cassis, between Marseille and Toulon, by HMS Undaunted, the brig Redwing, and the 16-gun brig-sloop Kite, reinforced by boats from the ships Caledonia, Hibernia, Barfleur and Prince of Wales. Light winds meant that Undaunted could not take up her intended position, but Redwing and Kite, in spite of fire from four batteries that protected the entrance of the bay, swept in, and took up positions to cover the marines as they captured the citadel by escalade, and drove the French out. The boats then entered the harbour, and captured three **gun**-boats and 24 merchant settees and tartans. Losses sustained by the British were four marines killed and 16 men wounded

19th August



1942 **DIEPPE RAID** Operation Jubilee A raid carried out by the Canadians supported by Commando Units to establish whether capture of a port on the French coast was feasible.

Of the 6,090 Allied troops that took part in the Dieppe Raid, 1,027 were killed and 2,340 were captured. This loss represented 55% of Roberts' total force. Of the 1,500 Germans tasked with defending Dieppe, losses totalled around 311 killed and 280 wounded. Royal Marine casualties were:-

HMS Dinosaur, Dieppe Raid, operation Jubilee: - **GOLDING**, Norman R, Marine, PO/X 109740, killed: **HARDMAN**, William, Marine, PO/X 109966, **REDWOOD**, Wilfred, Marine, PLY/X 105614, killed

LCF(L).5, Dieppe Raid, operation Jubilee: **THOMAS**, Harry, Marine, PO/X 109717, killed

LCF(L).4, Dieppe Raid, operation Jubilee: **TINDALE**, Leslie, Marine, CH/X 106816, killed

HMS Locust, Dieppe Raid, operation Jubilee, bombing: **ANTELL**, Harry J, Able Seaman, C/JX 259757, killed: **NORTHERN**, Samuel B, Marine, PO/X 101308, killed



At the time of the raid the RM Commando was designated "Commando A".

Subsequently renamed: - **RM 40 Commando, Dieppe Raid, operation Jubilee**: - **ALEXANDER**, John M, Marine, PO/X 4237: **BEESLEY**, Jack, Ty/Sergeant, RM, CH/X 844: **CALLOW**, Arthur J, Marine, PLY/X 3413: **CATTERALL**, John, Marine, PO/X 108069: **DUERDEN**, Alfred, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 108140: **EVERALL**, Henry J, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 2081: **GOTTS**, Eric W, Marine, PO/2274: **HARWOOD**, Frederick C, Act/Colour Sergeant, PLY/X 2685: **MACKINSTRY**, John, Marine, EX/4156: **MCDONALD**, Norman, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, PO/X 4530: **MORGAN**, Henry W, Lance Corporal, RM, CH/X 1618: **ORMAN**, Peter W, Marine, PO/X 107304: **POWELL**, Wallace W A, Marine, CH/X 3243: **RHODES**, William H, Marine, PO/21781: **RIDDLE**, Albert H I, Marine, PO/X2021: **SINGLETON**, Ronald B, Marine, PO/X 107025: **THORP**, Thomas E, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1309: **WALKER**, Percy E, Marine, PO/X 2542: **WIGMORE**, Harold A, Marine, PO/X 886:

RM Special Service, Dieppe Raid, operation Jubilee: -COMYN, Alan D, Act/Captain, RM: **OVER**, Derrick G, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **PHILLIPPS**, Joseph P, Captain (Brevet Major), RM,



1944 46 RM Commando with 47 RM Commando attacked Dozule successfully after silent approach at night.

20th August



1940 824 Squadron from HMS Eagle including Captain O. Patch RM attacked Tobruk.



1944 48 RM Commando moved from Troarn, bypassing Dozule to advance in daylight to reach Clermont-en-Auge, attacked German field batteries etc before midday, and later secured high ground overlooking Dozule. Dozulé is a commune in the Calvados department in the Basse-Normandie.



1944 On the 20 August 47 Commando crossed the tributary of the Dives, at Putot en Auge to occupy a position to the right of No. 46 Commando. Over the night 20/21 August they moved up with No. 41 Commando to carry out a dawn attack on Dozule which was occupied without any resistance.

21st August

1673 The naval Battle of Texel was the last major battle of the Third Anglo-Dutch War.

Prince Rupert of the Rhine commanded the combined English and French fleet was about 92 ships and 30 fireships, taking control of the centre himself, with Jean II d'Estrées commanding the van, and Sir Edward Spragge the rear division. The Dutch fleet of 75 ships and 30 fireships was commanded by Lieutenant-Admiral-General Michiel de Ruyter, with Lieutenant-Admirals Adriaen Banckert in charge of the van and Cornelis Tromp the rear. The Dutch were under an even greater disadvantage than the above numbers show, as Dutch warships were on the average smaller than both their English and French opponents.

The battle became a slogging match with both fleets becoming exhausted. The English eventually abandoned their attempt to land troops and both sides retired. No major ship was sunk but many were seriously damaged and about 3,000 men died: two-thirds of them English or French.

1860 The taking of the Northern Pei-ho Fort during the 2nd Opium War. *“On the 21st (having marched out of Ton-ku the previous evening), the Artillery, Engineers, Royal Marines, 44th and 67th Regiments, accompanied by about 1,500 French, moved to the attack of the strong North Peiho Fort. The right wing of the Royal Marines being sent forward under Lieutenant-Colonel J. O. Travers, to carry the pontoons and scaling-ladders, these companies were commanded by Captain J.*

C. Symonde, Brevet-Major J. C. D. Morrison, Captain J. B. Prynne and Lieutenant T. H. A. Brenan, with No. 6 Company, which (on account of the deep mud and heavy weight of the pontoons) was subsequently ordered to assist. These officers all distinguished themselves by endeavouring to surmount the difficulties that met them at every step. The pontoons being laid down by order of the Commanding Engineer, the ladders were immediately taken round to the right angle and put across the ditch. A rush of men upon them caused them to be used as bridges to cross the wide ditch, the men standing up to their armpits in water to support them. An entrance was effected at the main gate about the same time as at the angle. This fort commanded the others, and in consequence of its fall, and some good practice from four gunboats (one shell exploding a magazine) the forts on both sides of the river submitted to the Allies."



1915 GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN British Offensive at Suvla Marine Casualties:-



RND, 1st RM Battalion: - LINTON, John, Private, RMLI, S 620 (Ply), DOW in Hospital Ship Galeka



RND, 2nd RM Battalion: - EDMUNDS, John W, Private, RMLI, S 227 (Po), DOW in Hospital Ship Gascon

1918 21-23 August Battle of Albert (First phase of Second Somme 1918) involving 63rd Division Royal Marine casualties were: -



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

ANDREWS, Bertrum G, Captain, RMLI: BELLAIRS, Arthur G, Private, RMLI, S 1596 (Ply); BENHAM, William H, Private, RMLI, S 2185 (Po): GUBBY, Arthur H, Corporal, RMLI, 16652 (Po): JEFFREY, Robert J, Sergeant, RMLI, S 512 (Po): KINGSWELL, Walter H, Private, RMLI, S 2123 (Ply): LEONARD, Reginald E A, Sergeant, RMLI, 15736 (Po): MCQUEEN, William, Private, RMLI, 20424 (Ch): POLAND, Raymond A, Major, RMLI

22ND August



1940 Captain O. Patch RM flew in a flight of 3 swordfish to sink 4 Italian ships with 3 torpedoes in Bomba Bay. *“At 12.30 they turned inshore into Bomba Bay and opened out to about 200 yards apart. Four miles from shore a submarine was sighted on the surface apparently battery charging. Patch immediately attacked, dropping his torpedo from a height of 30 feet at a range of 300 yards. This hit below the conning tower and the submarine sank. This was later confirmed as the Iride which had on board a team of frogmen who were intended to attack the British Fleet in Alexandria harbour with limpet mines. In the meantime the other two aircraft flown by Lieutenants Cheesman and Wenham, both RN, flew on to attack the inshore vessels which proved to be a depot ship and a submarine with a destroyer between them. The ships opened fire damaging one of the Swordfish, but the pilots dropped their torpedoes which hit their target causing a fire. This apparently reached the magazine of the depot ship which blew up and sank. Later RAF reconnaissance indicated that all three ships had sunk so that the sub-flight appeared to have sunk four ships with three torpedoes.”*

23rd August

1919 On 23 August the companies of the 6th Battalion in Russia were deployed, and on the night of 28–9 August moved against two concentrations of Finnish troops supporting the Bolsheviks. After this action and the subsequent operations, the companies were replaced by White Russians and Serbians, and sailed from Murmansk on 8 October, being dispersed a week later.

24th August

1814 British Marines capture Washington DC. They burnt the Capitol and the White House. The 2nd Battalion Continental Marines, who were present, were raised in Jamaica from slaves that had escaped from the Southern States.

1882 Gen. Sir Garnet Wolseley, in his dispatch to the War Office, recounts an engagement at Magfar on Thursday, in which he held his ground the whole day against 10,000 Egyptians. His forces numbered about 2,000 men. 2 Royal Marines killed: -**Catley**, James Royal Marine Artillery: **Hall**, Frank Royal Marine Artillery.

25th August



1944 Marine B. C, **REYNOLDS** of No. 47 R.M. Commando. Age: 29 Died of wounds sustained when the unit on 20 August crossed the tributary of the Dives, at Putot en Auge to occupy a position to the right of No. 46 Commando. Over the night 20/21 August they moved up with No. 41 Commando to carry out a dawn attack on Dozule which was occupied without any resistance

26th August

1918 26 August-September Second Battles of Arras 1918, involving 63rd Division



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

ANDREWS, Ernest L, Captain, RMLI: **BAKER**, Edward, Private, RMLI, S 1627 (Po): **BELL**, Ernest T, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 16167 (Ch): **BENDALL**, Frederick W, Private, RMLI, S 2277 (Po): **BOYD**, Thomas, Colour Sergeant Major, RMLI, 12524 (Ply): **BRAY**, Samuel J, Private, RMLI, S 2383 (Po): **BROWN**, Aaron, Private, RMLI, S 2641 (Ch): **CATTELL**, Samuel, Sergeant, RMLI, 13800 (PI): **CHAMBERS**, Cecil G, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 15677 (Ply): **CRACKNELL**, Charles E, Private, RMLI, 18502 (Ply): **DOMMETT**, Harold F, Private, RMLI, S 2042 (Ply): **DUNFORD**, Cyril E, Private, RMLI, S 2609 (Ch): **FRIDAY**, Horace R, Private, RMLI, S 1324 (Ch): **GALE**, Alfred J, Private, RMLI, S 2380 (Ply): **GIBBONS**, Frederick E, Private, RMLI, 21106 (Ch): **GOOCH**, Robert L, Corporal, RMLI, 16852 (Po), DOW: **HARRISON**, Mark, Private, RMLI, S 1921 (Ch): **HILL**, Sidney J, Private, RMLI, S 2161 (Ch): **ILSLEY**, Jesse, Corporal, RMLI, 11966 (Ch): **KILLIAN**, Leonard J, Private, RMLI, S 1210 (Po): **MARTIN**, Bertie E, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 215 (Po): **MAY**, William A, Private, RMLI, S 2043 (Ply): **NURDING**, Charles, Private, RMLI, S 1729 (Ply): **PRICE**, Sidney, Private, RMLI, S 2044 (Po): **RAVENHILL**, Henry A, Private, RMLI, S 1765 (Po): **RICH**, James, Private, RMLI, 18741 (Ply), DOW: **RUSSELL**, Frederick W, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1481 (Po): **SIMS**, Sydney H, Private, RMLI, S 1983 (Ply): **SMITH**, John, Corporal, RMLI, 12126 (Ply): **STEPHENS**, Stanley, Private, RMLI, S 1505 (Ply): **STEVENS**, James, Private, RMLI, 13557 (Ply): **STONE**, George, Private, RMLI, S 2495 (Ch): **STOWELL**, James T, Private, RMLI, 19177 (Ch): **SYMONDS**, Wilfred, Private, RMLI, S 1403 (Ch): **TANNER**, Wabbyrt A, Private, RMLI, S 1867 (Ch): **TAYLOR**, Charles W, Private, RMLI, 16843 (Po): **TOWNSEND**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, 15233 (Ply): **VINALL**, George W, Private, RMLI, S 1073 (Ch): **WINTERBOTTOM**, Charles, Private, RMLI, S 2507 (Ch): **WORWOOD**, John T, Private, RMLI, 17613 (Po)



RND, 1st RM Battalion

HEAVER, Charles, Private, RMLI, S 1676 (Ch), German prisoner of war, illness

27TH August

1914 BELGIUM - Royal Marine Brigade arrived in Ostend, withdrawn on 31st

1919 Russian Intervention. "C" Company of the 6TH Battalion RM began an assault on Bolshevik concentrations at Koikori & Ussuna. 5 were killed & 18 wounded including Major Kitcat.



RM, 6th Battalion, all killed, buried at Archangel and Murmansk, North Russia

BOOTHROYD, Richard, Private, RMLI, 18942 (Po): **ELLIOTT**, William B, Private, RMLI, 20278 (Po): **MURRAY**, Wallace, Private, RMLI, 20779 (Po): **RENDALL**, William G, Private, RMLI, 18931 (Ch): **STOPFORD**, Frederick L, Private, RMLI, 19449 (Po)



1979 Murder of the Colonel Commandant of the Royal Marines, Admiral of the Fleet, The Earl Mountbatten of Burma KG GCB OM GCSI GCIE GCVO DSO PC by the IRA

28TH August

1833 Slavery Abolition Act 1833 received the Royal Assent and it affected the British Empire. The Royal Navy set up a base in West Africa which was called Freetown. Released slaves were resettled nearby under British protection. This was an unpopular posting in view of the large number of deaths incurred from disease by the British personnel. On the East coast of Africa slavery was also a problem with slaves being taken from British East Coast colonies by slavers based on Zanzibar carrying slaves to the Arabian Gulf and Red Sea areas. . This persisted into recent times and the Navy is still on the lookout for fast Dhows in that area not only for drugs, weapons but also unwilling passengers.



1882 Battle of Kassassin in Egyptian Campaign. At Kassassin on the 28th August, General Graham's force was vigorously attacked by the Egyptians. He signalled for assistance, which was afforded him by the Life Guards and the Blues with the Horse Artillery, and the 7th Dragoon Guards. 8 Royal Marines killed.

Adams, John Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **Baker, Cornelius** Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **Colston, Thomas** Royal Marine Artillery: **Craddock, Robert** Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **Lester, Charles** gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **Lovett, Freeland** Bugler Royal Marine Artillery~ **Newton, H.E** Gunner Royal Marine Artillery: **Parkinson, Richard James** Lieutenant Royal Marines

1914 The Battle of Heligoland Bight was the 1st naval engagement between the British and Germans. The British devised a plan to ambush German destroyers on their daily patrols. A British fleet of 31 destroyers and two cruisers under Commodore Reginald Tyrwhitt and submarines commanded by Commodore Roger Keyes was dispatched. They were supported at longer range by an additional six light cruisers commanded by William Goodenough, and five battlecruisers commanded by Vice Admiral David Beatty. Three German light cruisers and one destroyer were sunk. Three more light cruisers were damaged, 712 sailors killed, 530 injured and 336 taken prisoner. The British suffered one light cruiser and three destroyers damaged, 35 killed and 40 wounded though no Royal Marines were killed.

1919 During the Russian Intervention M.25, monitor, damaged in action with Bolshevik gunboats near Beresnik, four killed and seven wounded but no Royal Marines listed.

29TH August

1914 Australia in a combined operation with a New Zealand Expeditionary Force of 1400 troops landed at Apia, Western Samoa, covered by the guns of HMAS Australia, and the cruisers HMAS Melbourne, HMS Psyche, HMS Pyramus, HMS Philomel and the French Montcalm. With no troops to defend the islands, the German Administrator surrendered on 30 August. The wireless station and harbour facilities were thereafter denied to the German Admiral Von Spee's Squadron. Royal marines from the 3 British ships were involved.

2014 The last night of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo featured the massed bands of HM Royal Marines. They are not only first rate musicians whether performing as an orchestra, marching band or playing jazz they also have key roles in battle. On land they act as stretcher bearers and guard prisoners. At sea their action station is in the ships magazine.



They sustained the highest percent casualty rate in the 2nd World War of any group in the British Services apart from Bomber Command.

30TH August

1919 “C” Company of the 6TH Battalion in action at Kolkori during the Russian intervention.

31st August

Private Joseph **DALE**: Royal Marines Divisional Train, R.N. Division. Service No: Deal/2530(S) Died of wounds. He was one of 22 Royal Marines in the Divisional Train, who lost their lives in this war. They were exposed to artillery fire as they struggled often through deep mud to take supplies to the front line. Another 8 Royal marines died post war of pneumonia brought on probably by their working conditions.



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SEPTEMBER

1st September

1939 Germany invades Poland and starts World War 2. Royal Marines Active Strength before mobilization: Officers and men 12,390: Royal Marines Pensioners under 55 years age 2,406: Royal Fleet Reserve (Royal Marines) 1,082:

2nd September

1918 2nd-3rd September the Battle of Drocourt-Queant (Second and final phase of Second Arras) involving 63rd Division. 24 Royal Marines killed



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

ADKINS, Horace (real name, but served as Frank Adams), Private, RMLI, 19288 (Po): **ARCHER**, Harold E, Private, RMLI, S 2355 (Po), DOW: **ASH**, Frederick R, Private, RMLI, S 2650 (Ch), DOW: **BADGER**, Edgar, Private, RMLI, S 2324 (Ch): **BAKER**, Reginald T, Private, RMLI, S 2915 (Ply): **BIDDLE**, Walter W, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 2369 (Ply): **BROOKE**, Jacob B, Private, RMLI, S 1126 (Po): **BURBIDGE**, William, Private, RMLI, S 2354 (Po): **EVANS**, Frederick W, Private, RMLI, S 2559 (Ply): **EVERITT**, Charles E, Private, RMLI, S 1698 (Ply): **GOURLEY**, David, Private, RMLI, 15688 (Ply): **HALFORD**, Frederick C, Private, RMLI, S 2454 (Ch): **HUMPHRIES**, Clement F, Private, RMLI, S 2591 (Ply): **NEEDLE**, Ernest T, Private, RMLI, S 1675 (Ply): **REES**, Trevelyan D, Private, RMLI, 18588 (Ply): **ROCK**, John T, Private, RMLI, S 2553 (Po): **SEABROOK**, Sidney, Private, RMLI, 20668 (Ch): **STEER**, James F, Sergeant, RMLI, S 1296 (Ch): **SURRIDGE**, William N, Private, RMLI, 20063 (Po): **SYDENHAM**, Henry J, Private, RMLI, S 1637 (Po): **TORRANCE**, Daniel, Private, RMLI, S 2420 (Ch): **WEIGHT**, Frederick G, Regimental Sergeant Major, RMLI, 11722 (Ch): **YOUNG**, William H, Private, RMLI, S 2024 (Ply), DOW



RND, 148th RN Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

HALL, William, Private, RM, S 4212 (Deal)

1945 JAPANESE SURRENDER Signed to end World War 2

3RD September

1782 Battle of Trincomalee was the fourth in the series of battles fought between a British fleet of 12 ships of the line under Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Hughes and a French fleet of 14 ships of the line under the Bailli de Suffren off the coast of Trincomalee during the American Revolutionary War. The result was indecisive.

1918 A further 11 Royal Marines killed in the Battle of Drocourt-Queant



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

BEAN, Percy S, Private, RMLI, 19392: **BRYAN**, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 2617 (Ch): **CARROLL**, John, Private, RMLI, 18749 (Ply): **CLARK**, George A, Private, RMLI, S 1911 (Po), DOW: **CLARKE**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, S 2052 (Po): **CRADDOCK**, Albert, Private, RMLI, 16962 (Po): **HUNT**, George W H, Private, RMLI, 19175 (Po): **LINDSAY**, Sidney J, Private, RMLI, 15405 (Ply): **NEWTON**, Albert W, Sergeant, RMLI, 17111 (Ch): **ROBINSON**, Leslie R J, Private, RMLI, S 1485 (Po), DOW **SULLIVAN**, John, Private, RMLI, S 1863 (Ply).

4TH September

1954 The aircraft carrier HMS WARRIOR evacuates 1,455 refugees from Haiphong, North Vietnam to Saigon during Operation PASSAGE TO FREEDOM. Royal Marines involved including searching baggage for hidden explosives.

5th September

1855 Bombardment of Sevastopol in the Crimean War

1865 A battalion of RMLI plus ship's marines are part of an International force, which destroyed the Japanese shore batteries at the Straits of Simono Seki



On the 5th September action commenced with bombardment of a number of Japanese batteries belonging to Prince Chosiu. At dusk a landing party from Medusa & HMS Perseus spiked the guns of number 5 Battery. The final action is outlined in the following despatch:-

“IN compliance with your orders I was yesterday disembarked at eight o'clock A.M., and placed in command of the Brigade landed for the demolition of the enemy's batteries. As soon as the force had been formed, the .battalion of English sailors, under the command of Captain Alexander, mounted the heights for the purpose of destroying a three-gun battery, situated about 100 feet above the beach; and with the rest of the brigade, viz., a battalion of French sailors, two battalions of Royal Marines (the first under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Penrose, and the second of Lieutenant-Colonel Adair), a detachment of Royal Engineers, .under the command of Major Wray, and a battalion of Dutch soldiers and sailors, I marched along the line of batteries, and under your personal observation dismounted the guns, burnt the carriages, and blew up the magazines.

On returning from this duty, and after the French and Dutch portion of the brigade had re-embarked, the enemy opened fire upon us from a three-gun stockaded barrack building, situated in a ravine not

easily approachable, and very ill suited to military manoeuvring. . I directed the two battalions of Royal Marines to storm the building upon its right approach, whilst the battalion of sailors stormed upon its left; after a sharp resistance the enemy fled from his position. Having spiked the guns and set fire to the buildings, I ordered the brigade to return to the place of embarkation

1914 HMS Pathfinder, light cruiser, torpedoed and sunk by U.21 in North Sea. Original press report believed she had hit a mine near her magazine. Out of the crew of 264, 58 were saved, 4 were listed as killed, 13 wounded and 242 missing. The shock of the explosion was felt by a trawler 10 miles distant, and her crew saw H. M. S. Pathfinder upright in the water for a moment before she disappeared. The Royal Marines lost were: -

AVIS, William, Sergeant, RMLI, 10913 (Ch): **CHAMBERS**, William, Private, RMLI, 17362 (Ch): **CHAPPLE**, John H, Corporal, RMLI, 14863 (Ch): **CLARK**, Albert, Private, RMLI, 14643 (Ch): **FRENCH**, Harry, Private, RMLI, 15653 (Ch): **GREENAWAY**, Sidney, Private, RMLI, 13484 (Ch): **LAW**, James T, Private, RMLI, 15121 (Ch): **MESSAM**, John W, Private, RMLI, 16830 (Ch): **PLUMB**, William, Private, RMLI, 12774 (Ch): **PONTEFRACT**, Robert, Private, RMLI, 17262 (Ch): **RICHARDSON**, Henry C, Private, RMLI, 13853 (Ch): **ROBSON**, Thomas W, Private, RMLI, 17824 (Ch): **SMITH**, Alfred E, Private, RMLI, 17617 (Ch).

In practice it was subsequently learned she had been torpedoed by U.21 off the east coast of Scotland on 5th September 1914. She was so short of coal whilst on patrol that she could only manage a speed of 5 knots making her an easy target. She was the first British warship to be sunk by a torpedo. With the first live torpedo fired by a submarine in wartime, Kpt Lt. Otto Hersing from SM U 21 hit the British light cruiser HMS Pathfinder (3,000 tons) off the Firth of Forth on a calm, sunlit day. The cruiser sank within minutes with heavy loss of life. Hersing, who was to become one of Germany's leading U-boat aces, remained in command of SM U 21 for 3 years and conducted 21 war patrols, during which he sank 36 ships, including two battleships and two cruisers

6TH September

1858 On the evening of September 6th, Commander Grant, with 73 seamen and Marines, two 12-pr. howitzers, a 24-pr. rocket-tube, and a detachment of the 13th Regiment, left Amorha, with a view to relieving a small garrison of Sikhs in the friendly town of Bansee. At Gondah, Grant was joined by Captain Mulcaster, who arrived with a squadron of cavalry, and took command. Bansee was reached on the 8th, after a splendid march of 50 miles in 39 hours, the men being often up to their knees in mud, and sometimes up to their waists in water. Bansee was relieved only just in time, for the gallant Sikhs holding it had but three percussion caps per man remaining.

7TH September



1917 S. S. Hunsbridge, steamship, torpedoed and sunk by UB.49 off NW Morocco. On the 7th September 1917 when on route from Swansea for Gibraltar with a cargo of coal and stores. Private William **BLOWS**: Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/IC/67) serving as a DAMS gunner posted missing presumed killed

8TH September

1919 Russian Intervention The 6TH Battalion RM made further attacks by “D” Company on Ussuna & by “A” & “C” Companies on Koikori. 4 members were killed and another 4 on the following day.



RM, 6th Battalion, all killed in North Russia

BURTON, Richard, Captain, RMLI: **DAVEY**, Herbert, Private, RMLI, 17711 (Ch): **HAWES**, Thomas W, Private, RMLI, 22061 (Ch): **JENKINS**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, 17498 (Ch)



RM, 6th Battalion, all killed in North Russia

GREEN, William S A, Private, RMLI, 19654 (Ch): **NEALE**, Arthur A, Sergeant, RMLI, 16383 (Ch): **PIGGOTT**, William C, Private, RMLI, 19459 (Ch): **RAISTRICK**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 17633 (Ch)

9th September



1943 41 Commando RM were involved in the Salerno landing: operation AVALANCHE the Invasion of Italy. The role of No.2 Commando was to capture the coast defence battery at Vietri, and then to threaten the western end of Salerno. 41RM Commando was to land after No.2 Commando and hold the Molina defile.

10TH September 1919



Russian Intervention. Faced with the prospect of another attack on the village, one company of the 6TH Battalion RM refused to obey orders, and withdrew themselves to a nearby friendly village. Ninety-three men from the battalion were court-martialled; 13 were sentenced to death and others received substantial sentences of hard labour. In December 1919, the Government, under pressure from several MPs, revoked the sentence of death and considerably reduced the sentence of all the men.

The majority of the battalion continued to obey orders. Nevertheless, subsequent to that time because of the perceived shame, the 6th Battalion was disbanded & has never been reformed.

11th September



2009 Announcement that Corporal Bradley MALONE RM and Marine Steven NETHERY were awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross while serving In Afghanistan. Marine Nethery's troop had been ambushed by Taliban fighters and a fellow marine was shot in the leg. The marine ran to him, unarmed, dragged him out of the firing line, salvaged his equipment to prevent it falling into enemy hands, and then carried him 250 yards to safety

Cpl Malone, 23, from Newcastle, ran into a battlefield to save a comrade

12th September

1944 On 4th September 1944, Japanese convoy HI-72 sailed from Singapore. One of the ships was the Rakuyo Maru, which carried 1317 POWs. On the 12th of September the Rakuyo Maru was torpedoed by the US submarine Sea lion at around 5:00am. The Rakuyo Maru lost 1159 prisoners to the sea and the after effects of being in the water for up to 4 days. 4 Royal Marines were killed



BURROWS, Geoffrey, Marine, PLY/X 3103, (Sultan): **FLUCK**, Reginald W J, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 962, (Sultan): **ROBINSON**, James, Marine, PLY/X 3175, (ex-Repulse): **SCANTLEBURY**, Edward E, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1056, (ex-Prince of Wales),



1964 Corporal Edward McGrath of 45 Commando RM killed in fighting between dissident tribesmen in the Radfan mountains

13th September

1759 *The storming of the Heights of Abraham in the taking of Quebec. Wolfe formed his army on the plains in a single line of battalions, the right resting on the edge of the heights above the St Lawrence. From the right his regiments were: the 35th Foot, the grenadier companies of the 22nd, 40th and the 45th Foot, the 28th, 43rd, 47th Foot, Fraser's Highlanders and the 58th Foot. One light gun had been dragged up the cliff and stood between the 47th and the Highlanders. The 15th Foot was formed at a right angle to the line on the left to protect the flank. Two battalions formed a reserve, the 3rd/60th and the 48th Foot. Two companies of the 58th guarded the access up the cliff and 3rd/60th guarded the rear against any incursion by Bougainville.*

Of the brigadiers, Monckton and Murray commanded the line and Townsend the reserves. Wolfe positioned himself with the 28th on the right of the line.

Montcalm did not become aware of the British incursion until the morning, when he saw the line formed outside Quebec. French, Canadian and Indians streamed through the city towards the Plains of Abraham. Montcalm applied to the governor of the city for some of the guns from the ramparts, but the governor agreed to release only three. Nevertheless Montcalm decided to attack the British line.

A savage fight developed on Wolfe's left between the skirmishers and the British Light Infantry and the reserve regiments under Townsend. The three French guns and the single British gun fired at the opposing lines. The French regular battalions advanced to the attack and the British regiments, who had been lying down to avoid the fire, rose up. The French fired ineffectually at too great a distance and came on. The British foot withheld its fire until the range was 35 yards, it is said. Two volleys were sufficient to destroy the French line. The British infantry then advanced and drove the French from the field. Amongst the 1412 British casualties were 30 British marines.

1882 Wolseley began his advance from Ismailia on September 12, with two infantry divisions and a cavalry brigade. A brigade of Indian troops covered the flank on the southern bank of the Sweetwater Canal. He arrived as planned at 5.45 a.m. Wolseley's troops were barely three hundred yards from the entrenchments and dawn was just breaking, when Egyptian sentries saw them and fired. The first shots were followed by several volleys from the entrenchments. British troops, led by the Highland Brigade on the left flank, and the 2nd Brigade on the right flank with the Guards Brigade in support, charged with the bayonet. The resulting battle was over in an hour. In the end, it was less a battle more a massacre. Official British figures gave a total of 57 British troops killed. Approximately two thousand Egyptians died. British cavalry pursued towards Cairo, which was undefended. 7 Royal Marines killed.



1916 Royal Marines from HMS Himalaya along with the 40th Pathans, a composite battalion of the 129th Baluchis and 5th Light Infantry, and the Zanzibar and Mafia Rifles landed unopposed and seized Mikindani in East Africa.

14th September



1914 HMS Carmania, armed merchant cruiser, engaged and sank the German merchant cruiser SMS Cap Trafalgar during the Battle of Trindade. The ship suffered extensive damage herself and several casualties to her crew including Marine George **Snell**.



1942 RAID ON TOBRUK - OPERATION AGREEMENT. To help relieve the pressure on Eighth Army in the Alamein area, a combined operations raid was planned on Tobruk to destroy installations and shipping. An attack would be launched from the landward side by the Long Range Desert Group (LRDG) while simultaneously destroyers "Sikh" and "Zulu", together with coastal forces craft would land Royal Marine and Army units from the sea. AA cruiser "Coventry" and 'Hunts' provided cover. In the night of the 13th/14th, a few troops got ashore but "SIKH" was soon disabled by shore batteries. She went down off Tobruk early in the morning of the 14th. As the other ships withdrew, heavy attacks by German and Italian aircraft sank cruiser "COVENTRY" and destroyer

"ZULU" to the northwest of Alexandria. The land attack also failed. 69 Royal Marines from the 11th Battalion RM were killed: - **RM 11th Battalion, MNBDO I**

ABRAHAM, George W C, Marine, EX/3094, DOW: **ARMOUR**, Robert, Marine, EX/4749: **ASLEN**, John F T, Marine, CH/X 100633, DOW: **BARTHOLOMEW**, Stanley G, Marine, EX/4679: **BAYNTON**, Raymond C, Marine, PO/X 108456: **BEAUMONT**, Norman S, Ty/Corporal, RM, EX/2752: **BEER**, Leslie E, Marine, PO/X 108500: **BIRCH**, Arthur, Marine, EX/5114: **BIRCH**, Leonard A, Marine, PLY/X 2335: **BLOOR**, Robert, Ty/Corporal, RM, EX/5021: **BOWLES**, Ernest G, Marine, PLY/X 101136,: **BRANNAN**, Joseph, Marine, PO/X 105724, killed: **BROWN**, Leonard R, Marine, PO/X 103795: **BUTLER**, George C, Marine, EX/3014: **CARDWELL**, Leslie, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1881: **CARTER**, Fred, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, EX/2009: **CHISHOLM**, Joseph, Marine, EX/5599, DOW: **CHISLETT**, William F, Marine, EX/4852: **CHIVERS**, Herbert F, Marine, PLY/X 105319, DOW : **COGGINS**, Albert H, Marine, PLY/X 105293, DOW: **CRAWLEY**, Charles H, Marine, CH/X 101272: **CROXON**, James, Marine, PO/X 109196: **DAVIES**, David I, Marine, PLY/X 101160, DOW: **DAVIES**, George L, Marine, EX/4853: **DYALL**, Harold H, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **EMMANUEL**, Maldwyn, Marine, PLY/X 101128: **FEWTRELL**, Leonard, Marine, PLY/X 105335: **FITZPATRICK**, William, Marine, EX/3252,: **FRANCIS**, William, Marine, CH/X 105278, DOW: **GARRITY**, James, Lance Corporal, RM, EX/2737, DOW: **GILL**, William R H, Marine, PO/X 102175: **GOSSLING**, Percy J, Marine, PLY/X 100551: **GREENOUGH**, Reginald J, Marine, EX/4765, DOW: **GUNNINGS**, Basil E, Marine, PO/X 107284: **HAMBIER**, Alec W, Marine, EX/4810: **HAMBLY**, Frederick, Marine, EX/5127: **HARDY**, Norman G, Marine, CH/X 104166,: **HARMAN**, William G, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, EX/586: **HARRIES**, Thomas J, Marine, PLY/X 101137: **HINTON**, Charles E, Marine, EX/4698, DOW : **HORSFIELD**, John, Marine, EX/4502, DOW: **HUBBARD**, Frederick W, Marine, EX/5023: **JENKINS**, William R, Marine, EX/5091, DOW : **JONES**, George, Marine, CH/X 100630: **KEDDIE**, James, Marine, PLY/X 101239: **LEE**, John G, Marine, PLY/X 100480, DOW: **MACLEAN**, Donald A, Marine, CH/X 106191: **MERRITT**, Henry E, Marine, PO/X 101587: **METCALFE**, Charles, Marine, PLY/X 101145, DOW: **MILLER**, John, Marine, EX/4781: **MORLEY**, John, Ty/Corporal, RM, EX/5118, DOW: **MORRIS**, Ronald, Marine, EX/5119, DOW : **PARRY**, Alfred, Marine, EX/4886,: **REEVES**, Robert R, Marine, CH/X 105150: **RICHARDS**, Frederick A A, Marine, PLY/X 100981: **ROGERS**, Leslie V, Marine, CH/X 104204,: **RUDGE**, William, Marine, EX/4543: **SANDY**, Osbourne E, Lance Corporal, RM, EX/3372, DOW: **SELLEY**, Ronald, Marine, EX/5074: **SIMS**, Frederick, Marine, EX 4704: **SMITH**, James E, Marine, PLY/X 100237, DOW : **STENTIFORD**, Thomas C, Marine, EX/4546, DOW: **TAYLOR**, William C, Marine, EX/4837: **VICKERS**, Albert, Marine, EX/4885: **WATERMAN**, John, Marine, EX/5082,: **WINTERS**, Fred, Marine, EX/728.



15th September



1918 S. S. Kendal Castle, steamship, torpedoed and sunk by UB.104 in English Channel. Bombardier Alexander Raffan CRUICKSHANK: Royal Marine Artillery (RMR/B/1010) serving as a DAMs gunner killed in action.



1942 Marines John **RICHARDSON** and Rees **TANNER**: Royal Marines 10th Battalion Died of wounds sustained in the raid on Tobruk.

16th September

1919 Royal Marines from the Naval Force in action on the Vaga River in North Russia. No Royal Marine casualties

17th September



1939 HMS Courageous, aircraft carrier sunk by German submarine U.29. About 18.00 hours, U-29 spotted the carrier group and began chasing it, but had no chance to get into a favourable attack position until the carrier turned into the wind to recover the four Swordfish returning from the search for U-53. She was now heading on a straight course at 18 knots towards the U-boat which attacked only five minutes after the last aircraft landed. At 19.50 hours, U-29 fired a spread of three G7e torpedoes at HMS Courageous and hit her with two of them on the port side abaft the bridge. She almost immediately took a heavy list to port and sank after 17 minutes about 190 miles southwest of Dursey Head, Ireland. The commander, 17 officers and 501 ratings were lost, including 36 RAF service crewmen. All Swordfish aircraft of 811 and 822 Squadron FAA were lost with the ship. 19 of those killed were Royal Marines.: - **BERRY**, Harry, Marine, PLY/X 1354: **COOMBE**, Frederick, Marine, PLY/ 18139: **CORNISH**, George E, Marine, PLY/X 15992: **ETRIDGE**, Leslie S, Musician, RMB/X 326: **FLETCHER**, Austin R, Marine, PLY/X 708: **GRAY**, Arthur S, Marine, PLY/ 22469: **HEATH**, James W, Colour Sergeant, PLY/ 21057: **HOWARD**, James, Marine, PLY/19851: **HUMBLE**, Frederick, Musician, RMB/ 2914: **JAMES**, Christopher, Marine, PLY/ 20584: **KIBBLE**, Ernest D G, Marine, PLY/X 481: **PEACH**, Ernest, Marine, PLY/ 17446: **SIMPSON**, Robert, Marine, PLY/X 2010: **SMITH**, James A J, Marine, PLY/ 21466: **STUBBS**, Harold, Marine, PLY/X 1363: **TARGETT**, Stanley L G, Marine, PLY/X 1214: **TILBROOK**, John, Marine, PLY/X 1126: **WHEELER**, Charles, Marine, PLY/ 16387: **WILLIAMS**, Caradoc G, Marine, PLY/X 1419: **WILSON**, Donald, Marine, PLY/ 15433: **WINSER**, Samuel A G, Marine, PLY/15608

1950 RM Fleet Volunteers take part in Inchon Landings South Korea

18th September

1955 Rockall was annexed by the British Crown when Lieutenant-Commander Desmond Scott RN, Sergeant Brian Peel RM, Corporal AA Fraser RM, and James Fisher (a civilian naturalist and former Royal Marine), were winched by a helicopter onto the island by a Royal Navy helicopter from HMS Vidal (The annexation of Rockall was announced by the Admiralty on 21 September 1955.



19th September



1999 On Sunday 19th September 1999, the vanguard of INTERFET (International Force for East Timor), including British Ghurkhas from Brunei, arrived in East Timor to begin peacekeeping operations in the violence-torn province of Indonesia

that voted for independence in a referendum on 30th August. HMS Glasgow formed part of the nine-warship vanguard for the INTERFETA party of Royal Marine SBS troops led the Interfet landings in East Timor.

20th September



1914 HMS Pegasus, old light cruiser, sunk by German light cruiser Konigsberg off Zanzibar, The SMS Konigsberg had been taking on coal in the delta of the Rufiji River when her crew were told that a British cruiser, HMS Pegasus had put in at Zanzibar for repairs. Konigsberg's captain, Commander Max Looff, decided to attack Pegasus while she was in port. On 20 September 1914, Konigsberg sailed past the picket ship Helmuth at the entrance to Zanzibar harbour. She was unable to warn Pegasus of Konigsberg's approach, with the result that when Konigsberg opened fire she took Pegasus entirely by surprise. As a result Pegasus suffered heavy damage before she was even able to return fire.

Konigsberg's guns out-ranged those on Pegasus, which consequently was unable to damage her opponent. The one-sided battle ended in a German victory, and Pegasus sank later that day, having lost 38 crew dead including 4 Royal Marines: - **ADAMS**, James, Private, RMLI, 8638 (Ply): **FARLIE**, Edgar J, Private, RMLI, 10266 (Ply): **MCINTYRE**, Thomas W, Corporal, RMLI, 14645 (Ply) and on the 27th: **THOMSON** David Private RMLI 12483 (Ply) DOW

21st September

1944 On 20 September 1944, the Toyofuku Maru left Manila as part of convoy MATA-27. Of the eleven ships in the convoy she was the largest and the only one carrying prisoners.

Fast Carrier Task Force TF 38 commanded by Rear Admiral Marc Mitscher was the main strike force of the United States Navy. Spotter planes from one of her carriers came across the Toyofuku Maru convoy on the morning of 21 September and a full scale attack was soon launched. At about 10.30 a.m. she received direct hits from two ariel torpedoes and three bombs. She split in two and sank within five minutes. 1,047 prisoners were drowned, trapped below decks. 2 Royal Marines were killed. **BENSON**, James A, Marine, PLY/X 100147, (Sultan): **DAVENPORT**, Jack, Marine, PLY/X 100127, (Sultan),

22nd September

1811 The Royal Mounted Marines escorted Rear Admiral Robert Stopford, commander of the task force, when he received the surrender of the French forces at Surabaya on September 22, 1811

1914 SINKING OF CRUISERS ABOUKIR, HOGUE, CRESSY OF DUTCH COAST by U.9. Tuesday, 22 September 1914 SINKING OF CRUISERS ABOUKIR, HOGUE, CRESSY OF DUTCH COAST by U.9 They were known as the "Live Bait" Squadron, hoping to tempt the German ships out. They were sunk in turn as each ship went in turn to the assistance of their sisters.

“Early on September 22nd 1914 the German submarine U9 under the command of Commander Otto Weddigen sighted the Cressy, Aboukir and Hogue steaming NNE at 10 knots without zigzagging. Although the patrols were supposed to maintain 12-13 knots and zigzag the old cruisers were unable to maintain that speed and the zigzagging order was widely ignored as there had been no submarines sighted in the area during the war.

U9 manoeuvred to attack and at about 6.25 AM fired a single torpedo at Aboukir, which stuck her on her port side. Aboukir rapidly suffered heavy flooding and despite counter flooding developed a 20 degree list and lost engine power. It was soon clear that she was a lost cause and Captain Drummond ordered her to be abandoned, although only one boat had survived the attack so most crew had to jump into the sea. At first Drummond thought that Aboukir had been mined and signalled the other two cruisers to close and assist but he soon realised that it was a torpedo attack and ordered the other cruisers away, but too late.

As Aboukir rolled over and sank, half an hour after being attacked, U9 fired two torpedoes at HMS Hogue that hit her amidships and rapidly flooded her engine room. Captain Nicholson of Hogue had stopped the ship to lower boats to rescue the crew of Aboukir, thinking that as he was the other side of Aboukir from U9 he would be safe. Unfortunately U9 had manoeuvred around Aboukir and attacked Hogue from a range of only 300 yards. The firing of two torpedoes affected the trim of U9 which broke the surface briefly and was fired on by Hogue without effect. It only took Hogue ten minutes to sink as U9 headed for HMS Cressy. Cressy, under Captain Johnson, had also stopped to lower boats but got underway on sighting a periscope. At about 7.20 AM however U9 fired two torpedoes, one of which just missed but the other hit Cressy on her starboard side, Cressy briefly firing on U9s periscope with no effect. The damage to Cressy was not fatal but U9 turned round and fired her last torpedo which hit Cressy sinking her within a quarter of an hour.

Survivors were picked up by several nearby merchant ships including the Dutch Flora and Titan and the British trawlers JGC and Corairder before the Harwich force of light cruisers and destroyers arrived. Flora returned to Holland with 286 rescued crew who were quickly returned to Britain even though the neutral Dutch should have interned them. In all 837 men were rescued but 1459 died, many of which were reservists or cadets.”



Otto Weddigen



U9

HMS ABOUKIR lost the following Royal Marines: -

ABRATHAT, William, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1999), 12609 (Ch): **ANDERSON**, Robert S, Private, RMLI, 16946 (Ch): **ARNOLD**, Robert, Private, RMLI, 16953 (Ch): **BOARDMAN**, Albert, Gunner, RMA, RMA 10135 (Ch): **BRADSHAW**, Matthew, Private, RMLI, 12547 (Ch): **BROWN**, Herbert H, Bugler, RMA, RMA 11965 (Ch): **BRUMPTON**, Ernest W, Gunner, RMA, RMA 5923 (Ch): **BUCKINGHAM, Walter G, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1831), 13098 (Ch)** Alfred T, Private, RMLI, 13830 (Ch): **CARTER**, Ernest G, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1983), 15997 (Ch): **CHILVERS**, Percy E, Gunner, RMA, RMA 13375 (Ch): **CHOWN**, Herbert, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1828), 10923 (Ch): **COLLINS**, Ernest G S, Gunner, RMA, RMA 11488 (Ch): **CONNETT**, Henry, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 885), RMA 6322 (Ch): **COOKSLEY**, Arthur G, Gunner, RMA, RMA 8388 (Ch): **CORDWELL**, William S, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 1103), RMA 7989 (Ch): **COUNTER**, Walter G, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1831), 13098 (Ch): **CURRIE**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 11225 (Ch): **DAWES**, Albert, Gunner, RMA, RMA 13515 (Ch): **DAY**, Charles F, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 1089), RMA 7880 (Ch): **DOREY**, William H, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 843), RMA 6064 (Ch): **FENNESY**, Richard, Private, RMLI (RFR B 603), 13254 (Ch): **FIELD**, Clifford, Captain, RM: **FORD**, Robert J, Private, RMLI, 15137 (Ch): **FROGGATT**, Alexander, Private, RMLI, 15598 (Ch): **GLITHRO**, Frank W, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1707), 12573 (Ch): **GOLLOP**, Alphonse, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 806), 9652 (Ch): **GREEN**, Horace E, Private, RMLI, 16692 (Ch): **GRIFFITH**, Thomas F, Gunner, RMA, RMA B 1266 (Ch): **GRIFFITHS**, Walter H, Private, RMLI, 17349 (Ch) **HARVEY**, Emmanuel, Lance Sergeant, RMA, RMA 9497 (Ch): **HASKELL**, Frank, Gunner, RMA, 11032 (Ch): **HEARN**, Charles J, Private, RMLI, 8592 (Ch): **HIGGINS**, Harry, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1987), 15690 (Ch): **HINTON**, Sidney A, Act/Bombardier, RMA, RMA 12189 (Ch): **HODGES**, William H, Corporal, RMLI (RFR Ch B 916), 5535 (Ch): **JONES**, John T, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1883), 12139 (Ch): **KADWELL**, William, Corporal, RMLI, 13957 (Ch): **KENNARD**, Stanley C, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1981), 12643 (Ch): **LEGGETT**, George, Private, RMLI, 15230 (Ch): **LLOYD**, Francis W A, Gunner, RMA, RMA 12644 (Ch): **LLOYD**, Frederick A, Bugler, RMLI, 18106 (Ch): **LOWTH**, James F A, Corporal, RMLI, 14721 (Ch): **MANN**, William H, Sergeant, RMLI, E 13136 (Ch): **MAY**, William, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1089), 7402 (Ch): **NEWTON**, William H, Gunner, RMA, RMA 13524 (Ch): **PAGE**, David, Gunner, RMA, RMA 10386 (Ch): **PETTY**, Frank, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 1171), RMA 8723: **PRIMMER**, George W, Private, RMLI, 15993 (Ch): **PRIOR**, James, Private, RMLI, 10711 (Ch): **RAY**, George, Sergeant, RMA (RFR A 0761), RMA 4579: **ROBERTS**, Thomas, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 968), RMA 6853: **ROBINSON**, William H, Corporal, RMLI (RFR A 0580), RMA 2241: **ROSE**, Charles E, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1351), 8300 (Ch): **ROYES**, Thomas P, Private, RMLI, 16894 (Ch): **RYE**, Frederick C, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1183), 9248 (Ch): **SAMS**, Harry, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 648), 4095 (Ply): **SAPSTEAD**, George F, Private, RMLI, 12320 (Ch): **SHARP**, Arthur, Gunner, RMA, RMA 12711 (Ch): **SHEA**, James H, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 1114), RMA 8154 (Ch): **SMITH**, Thomas G, Gunner, RMA, RMA B 100 (Ch): **STAFFORD**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, 16390 (Ch): **SYMMANS**, John F, Gunner, RMA, RMA O 952 (Ch): **THICK**, John C, Gunner, RMA, RMA 12173 (Ch): **THURLEY**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, 14029 (Ch): **VILES**, William, Gunner, RMA, RMA 13533 (Ch): **WALTON**, George H, Sergeant, RMA (RFR 0696), RMA 4307



HMS CRESSY lost the following Royal Marines: -

ABEL, Claude C, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1884), 12162 (Ch): **ANDERSON**, William A, Private, RMLI, 14318 (Ch): **ATKIN**, John C, Private, RMLI, 7931 (Ch): **BARNADIER**, James, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1768), 14072 (Ch): **BARNES**, John W, Private, RMLI, (7252) (Ch): **BARR**, Thomas H, Private, RMLI, 11508 (Ch): **BARRETT**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, 8954 (Ch): **BENNETT**, George, Private, RMLI (RFR B 838), 8200 (Ch): **BENNETT**, Victor E E, Private, RMLI, 18396 (Ch): **BIRCH**, William J, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1166), 9483 (Ch): **BROOKS**, Alfred H, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1888), 12955 (late Ch): **BUSH**, Charles F, Private, RMLI (RFR B 819), 7256 (Ch): **CANHAM**, Herbert, Private, RMLI (RFR B 861), 10477 (Ch): **CAREY**, John, Private, RMLI, 14142 (Ch): **CHEVONS**, Jim, Private, RMLI (RFR B 446), 8359 (Ch): **CLARKE**, William, Private, RMLI, 17297 (Ch): **CODD**, Harry C, Private, RMLI, 17530 (Ch): **COOK**, Edward, Private, RMLI, 1323 (Ch): **COOK**, Edward P, Bugler, RMLI, 17982 (Ch): **COOLEY**, William J, Private, RMLI (RFR B 880), 7606 (Ch): **CRAYFORD**, Victor, Private, RMLI, 9027 (Ch): **CURRY**, William J, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1644), 12078 (Ch): **DAVIES**, Frederick E, Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 1855), 15356 (Ch): **DIBSDALL**, Ernest W, Private, RMLI, 13195 (Ch): **EDWARDS**, George T, Private, RMLI, 16518 (Ch): **ELLINGHAM**, William A H, Bugler, RMLI, 17902 (Ch): **FARMER**, Horace, Colour Sergeant, RMLI (RFR Ch B 640), 6271: **FRENCH**, Joseph R, Private, RMLI, 16365 (Ch): **GARDNER**, Frederick A, Private, RMLI, 17521 (Ch): **GATER**, Walter F, Private, RMLI, 17529 (Ch): **GREEN**, William L T, Private, RMLI, 17611 (Ch): **GRUNDY**, Thomas, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1442), 9094 (Ch): **GURDEN**, William M, Private, RMLI, 17119 (Ch): **GUTTRIDGE**, David W, Private, RMLI, 15780 (Ch): **HANCOCK**, Charles W, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1050), 7691 (Ch): **HOUSEGO**, Edward G, Private, RMLI, 16971



(Ch): **HUNT**, George H, Bugler, RMLI, 11450 (Ch): **HUSSEY**, James W, Private, RMLI, 8213 (Ply): **HUSSEY**, Thomas J, Private, RMLI, 5775 (Ch): **IVES**, William H, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1189), 5624 (Ch): **JACKSON**, Solomon, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1876), 11701: **JOHNSON**, David, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 282), 5683 (Ch): **JONES**, John R, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 162), 4645 (Ch): **KIMBERLEY**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, 11904 (Ply): **LACY**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 11087 (Ch): **LITSON**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 17688 (Ch): **LOWE**, Bertie G, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1713), 10813 (Ch): **MARTIN**, Arthur T, Private, RMLI, 16124 (Ch): **MASON**, John, Colour Sergeant, RMLI, 7778 (Ch): **MCPHERSON**, Donald, Private, RMLI, 13741 (Ch): **MILLER**, John, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 793), 7086 (Ch): **MILLS**, Mark, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1549), 9860: **MOGGRIDGE**, Robert, Private, RMLI, 16964 (Ch): **MUIRHEAD**, James G, Private, RMLI, 17214 (Ch): **MURPHY**, John C M, Bugler, RMLI, 17860 (Ch): **OWEN**, Frank J, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1437), 12974: **PARKER**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, 17068 (Ch): **PHILLIPS**, George H, Private, RMLI, 17397 (Ch): **PLEACE**, William G, Corporal, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1553), 12239: **PUGH**, William J T, Private, RMLI, 13366 (Ch): **READING**, William E, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1389), 11555: **SCOTT**, William, Private, RMLI, 16447 (Ch): **SINDEN**, Alfred, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 846), 8118 (Ch): **SMITH**, John A, Private, RMLI, 16726 (Ch): **SPARKES**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 12476 (Ch): **WALTHARD**, Walter M A D, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 1817), 15387 (Ch): **WICKENDEN**, Henry C, Sergeant, RMLI, 6612 (Ch): **WILCOX**, Percy J, Private, RMLI (RFR Ch B 929), 10304



HMS HOGUE lost the following Royal Marines: -

ALLEN, Arthur J, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1318), 14735 (late Ch): **ANDREWS**, James, Sergeant, RMLI, 6945 (Ch): **ANSTISS**, Harry C, Private, RMLI, 15488 (Ch): **BATCHELOR**, Frank, Gunner, RMA, RMA 12282 (Ch): **BEAN**, George, Private, RMLI, 16855 (Ch): **BEDFORD**, Herbert, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 532), late RMA 8559 (Ch): **BELL**, John W, Private, RMLI, 17205 (Ch): **BETTIS**, Albert, Private, RMLI, 14607 (Ch): **BOLTON**, James F, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1909), 12380: **BONE**, Harry, Gunner, RMA, RMA 12056 (Ch): **CHEESE**, Alfred, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 989), late RMA 7113 (Ch): **CHURCHILL**, David E S, Private, RMLI, 16325 (Ch): **CLAYDON**, James L, Gunner, RMA, RMA 11040 (Ch): **CRITHCHER**, Albert, Private, RMLI, 17494 (Ch): **DANN**, Francis J, Private, RMLI (RFR B 628), 11623: **DENNIS**, Russell, Corporal, RMLI, 14052 (Ch): **FEE**, William J, Bugler, RMA, RMA 11537 (Ch): **FISHER**, John E, Private, RMLI (RFR B 341), 6698: **FLACK**, Frederick J, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 368), late RMA 6403 (Ch): **GALPIN**, Harold E S, Bugler, 17926 (Ch): **GLIDDON**, Frank C, Gunner, RMA, RMA 11898 (Ch): **GREIG**, Stewart, Lance Corporal, 15295 (Ch): **HARE**, Albert H, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1863), 11963 (late Ch): **HOBBS**, James W, Gunner, RMA, RMA 12509 (Ch): **HORTON**, Albert E, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1051), 8837 (late Ch): **KELLY**, George, Private, RMLI (RFR B 98), 2399 (late Ch): **LACEY**, Charles, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 1250), late RMA 11447 (Ch): **LINTORN**, John T, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 1288), late RMA 9658 (Ch): **MACKEY**, Harry, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 789), late RMA 5753 (Ch): **MARDELL**, Edward, Private, RMLI, 16690 (Ch): **NICHOLAS**, Robert S, Private, RMLI (RFR 1871), 12017 (late Ch): **OLLEY**, Matthew, Private, RMLI, 13394 (Ch): **PAGE**, Thomas, Colour Sergeant, RMLI (RFR A 589), 7203 (Ch): **PINK**, Joseph, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 501), late RMA 5791 (Ch): **POYNTER**, John J, Private, RMLI, 16550 (Ch): **SMEETH**, William, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 1095), late RMA 10436 (Ch): **STANNETT**, Robert, Bugler, 12775 (Ch) **SMITH**, Albert J, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1139), 9954 (late Ch): **STONEHAM**, Louis, Private, RMLI (RFR B 868), 11705 (late Ch): **STUBBS**, Herbert C, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 819), late RMA 5329: **TAYLOR**, Thomas J, Private, RMLI (RFR B 404), 6355 (late Ch): **TILBURY**, David, Gunner, RMA (RFR B 548), late RMA 5982 (Ch): **TIMMINS**, John L, Private, RMLI (RFR B 611), 4514 (late Ch): **WARD**, Herbert A, Sergeant, RMA, RMA 5345 (Ch): **WEST**, Robert J, Gunner, RMA, RMA 10382 (Ch): **WHICHELLO**, Richard W, Sergeant, RMA, RMA 7928 (Ch): **WOOLLEY**, George F, Private, RMLI, 7925 (Ch): **YOUNG**, Alfred, Gunner, RMA, RMA 9891 (Ch)



1914 Lieutenant C. H. Collet RMA led a flight of 4 planes against the Zeppelin sheds at Dusseldorf and Cologne.

1989 Bomb attack by the IRA on the ROYAL MARINES SCHOOL OF MUSIC – DEAL kills 11

bandsmen : **BALL** Michael Francis Patrick Musician : **CLEATHEROE** John Andrew Musician Band Corporal: **DAVIS** Trevor James Edward Band Corporal: **FICE** Richard George Musician: **JONES** Richard Mark Musician: **McMILLAN** David B/Cpl Royal Marines: **NOLAN** Christopher Robert Musician: **PAVEY** Dean Patrick Band Corporal: **PETCH** Mark Timothy Musician : **REEVES** Timothy John Musician: **SIMMONDS** Robert Leslie Musician



MEMORIAL BANDSTAND AT DEAL

Other Royal Marines who lost their lives in the sectarian campaign waged by terrorists from the Catholic community, the IRA & INLA, & Protestants, UDA & UVF.

ALLAN Lennerd David Marine aged 22 40 Commando RM Service Number RM29279 Date of Birth 28 May 1950 Age 22 Date of Death 26 July 1972 Unity Place West Belfast *Gunshot foot patrol, waiting for Orange parade to pass*

BEWLEY Neil Marine 45 Commando RM Service Number P033524C Unit HQ 45 Commando RM Date of Birth 10 November 1957 Age 19 Date of Death 12 August 1977 Turf Lodge, West Belfast He died from gunshot while on foot patrol/cordon & search in the Turf Lodge area of Belfast..

COOPER John Richard Rank Major Service Number N018088Q Unit HQ NI Date of Birth 16 July 1946 Age 35 Date of Death 16 February 1982

CORBETT William C Sgt aged 34 RM 45 Commando 12 November 1946 Age 34 Date of Death 23 August 1981 West Belfast. Gunshot shot whilst in plain clothes, shot in error by British military

COX Grahame Dennis Marine aged 19 RM 42 Commando Service Number PO29780A Date of Birth 20 February 1954 Date of Death 29 April 1973 New Lodge Road, North Belfast. Belfast Gunshot mobile patrol

DAVID Anthony Philip Marine Service Number P027102T RM 40 Commando Date of Birth 07 July 1948 Age 24 Date of Death 17 October 1972 West Belfast Gunshot foot patrol, Died of Wounds in hospital

GIBBONS Andrew Thomas Marine 40 Commando RM Service Number P039170S Date of Birth 20 November 1962 Age 20 Date of Death 28 May 1983 Camlough Lake Armagh Gunshot foot patrol

GILBERT Adam Marine aged 21 42 Commando RM Service Number P046138Q Date of Birth 23 July 1967 Age 21 Date of Death 15 June 1989 New Lodge Road, North Belfast. Belfast Gunshot shot by own troops when they shot at a vehicle

LEACH Dennis Alfred Cpl 45 Commando RM Service Number P028362E Date of Birth 02 December 1949 Age 24 Date of Death 13 August 1974 Drummuckavall, Crossmaglen. Armagh Bomb booby trap

MACKLIN James Marine 42 RM Commando Service Number P027765H Date of Birth 04 August 1945 Age 28 Date of Death 28 March 1974 Waterworks, Antrim Rd, West Belfast Gunshot mobile patrol

MILLER Robert Keith Cpl 42 Commando RM Service Number P031061R Date of Birth 28 October 1955 Age 22 Date of Death 17 August 1978 Killed in Forkhill, South Armagh . Bomb booby trap car bomb set off by remote on foot patrol

MOUNTBATTEN Admiral of the Fleet The Earl Mountbatten of Burma Life Colonel Commandant of the Royal Marines. Decorations KG GCB OM GCSI GCIE GCVO DSO PC Date of Birth 25 June 1900 Age 79 Date of Death 27 August 1979. Killed by IRA bomb while out sailing.

REED Derek Bernard Sgt aged 28 P023040J RM Att. AAC Born 23 August 1944, Age 28 Date of Death 18 May 1973 Knock Na Moe Castle Hotel, Omagh Tyrone Bomb, a car bomb destroyed hotel as he was leaving

SHAW John Joseph Service Number P029899H Unit HQ 40 Commando RM Date of Birth 03 August 1953 Age 19 Date of Death 26 July 1973 Died in Royal Victoria Hospital Belfast

SOUTHERN Michael John Marine aged 20 RM 45 Commando Service Number P029081M Date of Birth 18 September 1954 Age 19 Date of Death 13 August 1974 Drummuckavall, Crossmaglen. Armagh Bomb booby trap

WHEDDON Gareth Christopher Marine aged 19 Service Number P035977B 42 Commando RM Date of Birth 03 February 1959 Date of Death 12 November 1978 Died at Crossmaglen, South Armagh while on Armagh Bomb foot patrol

23rd September

1940 The Battle of Dakar was an unsuccessful attempt in September 1940 by the Allies to capture the strategic port of Dakar in French West Africa (modern-day Senegal) with the view of overthrowing the pro-German Vichy French administration in the colony. The task force to Dakar comprised: an aircraft carrier (HMS Ark Royal), two battleships (HMS Resolution and Barham), five cruisers, ten destroyers, and several transports carrying 8,000 troops

24TH September

1762 The Battle of Manila was fought during the Seven Years' War, from 24 September 1762 to 6 October 1762, between Great Britain and Spain in and around Manila, the capital of the Philippines, a Spanish colony at that time. 270 marines were part of the British Force.

1951 18 year olds were called up for 2 years from 1948 to 1956 to meet military requirements as Britain dismantled its Empire. Perhaps typical was National Service Squad 811, which formed at Lymington on the 24th September 1951 for basic Infantry training for the sum of 4 shillings a day (20 pence in modern money). The squad duly passed out on the 19th December. 5 cadets were then sent on a course for a short term commission. Two members went Sea Service – one was posted to HMS Belfast in Korea. The second was one of two professional footballers (West Ham) in the squad and was posted to a ship at Portsmouth in order to play for the Combined Service team. The rest went on the Commando course at Bickleigh and ultimately joined 3 Commando Brigade in Malta on the 2nd June 1952. In 1953 this group saw active service in the Canal Zone being awarded the Naval General Service medal in recognition 50 years later in 2003. Incidentally the pay rose to 11shillings and 2 pence (56 new pence a day) when overseas on Active Service.



811 Squad - Lymington ITCRM December 1951

25TH September

1710 A British Fleet having arrived at Nova Scotia two days earlier the marines were landed and started to besiege the fort guarding the harbour whereupon the French Governor

promptly surrendered. When the fleet sailed the marines were left as garrison and were attacked by Indian tribes.



1928 The Albert Medal was awarded to Marine A. E. Richards for the following action:” *blasting operations were in progress at Saint Helena under charge of PLY/14790 Sergeant Stewart SYMONS. Four charges had been laid, two in drill holes and two in crevices in rock. The drilled hole fuzes were each lit by a marine and the crevice fuzes by Sergeant Symons. The hole fuzes and the crevice fuze were lit simultaneously and the sergeant was bending down to light the lower crevice fuze when the charge in the upper crevice exploded unexpectedly, blinding Sergeant Symons and knocking him helpless close to one of the drilled holes. The marines, who had lit the other fuzes had by this time run clear but Marine Richards seeing the Sergeant was disabled, turned back and helped him to his feet and dragged him clear of the subsequent explosions from the effect of which he shielded him with his own body.*

Marine Richards was well aware that two further charges were due to explode within 30 seconds and his presence of mind and disregard of personal danger undoubtedly saved Sergeant Symons from death.”

26TH September



1827 The Royal Marines badge was presented by the Duke of Clarence, Admiral and General of Marines.” *His Majesty has selected for you the badge which I this day, by his kind permission, present to you, - a badge which you have hardly and honourably earned. From the difficulty of selecting any number of places to inscribe on these standards your Sovereign has been pleased to give them the “Great Globe itself” as their prosperest and most distinctive badge”*

27th September

1914 The Cameroons: A bombardment of the town commenced early on 26th September; this in combination with a land demonstration, made by way of one of the neighbouring creeks, was sufficient to induce the German Commandant, on 27th September, to surrender the towns of Duala and Bonaberi, with a small strip of land in their environs. The surrender of Duala secured us a safe and convenient base for the future absorption of German territory; further, the capture of stores, supplies, field guns, and the removal of over 400 German Europeans was a great loss to the German Field Force, whilst the seizure of the large amount of shipping and numerous small craft in the harbour, was an inestimable advantage to us.

1918 27 September-1 October: Battle of the Canal du Nord (Third phase of Hindenburg Line Battle). Capture of ANNEUX by the 3rd Division supported by numbers 1, 3 and 8 RMA Howitzers. 61 Royal Marines killed



RND, 149th RN Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

SIMPSON, Thomas W, Private, RMLI, S 3303 (Deal)



RND, 150th RN Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

FERRIDAY, Edward, Private, RM, S 3430 (Deal), DOW: **GARSDIE**, Arthur, Private, RM, S 3028 (Deal)



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

ALBURY, Leonard F, Ty/Lieutenant, RMLI: **ALLISON**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, 15037 (Po): **ASHBEE**, Arthur G, Private, RMLI, S 1556 (Ch): **BARRETT-LENNARD**, Wilfred, Private, RMLI, S 2513 (Po): **BEASLEY**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, 17536 (Ch): **BELL**, Walter P, Corporal, RMLI, 17470 (Ply): **BERRY**, William W, Private, RMLI, 13352 (Ch): **BREWER**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 17287 (Ply): **BRIDGER**, Percy, Private, RMLI, S 2076 (Po): **BUCKLEY**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 16675 (Ply): **BUSHELL**, James, Private, RMLI, 19058 (Po): **CASTLE**, Edwin A, Private, RMLI, S 2464 (Po): **CATCHPOLE**, Herbert J, Private, RMLI, 15045 (Po): **CHAMBERS**, Bertie, Private, RMLI, 12642 (Po): **COOKE**, Robert, Private, RMLI, S 1367 (Po): **CORNELL**, John W, Private, RMLI, 18041 (Ply): **COWHAM**, John, Private, RMLI, S 383 (Po): **CRESWELL**, George, Private, RMLI, S 2058 (Po): **EGGETT**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, S 94 (Ply): **ELIOT**, Francis S, Captain, RMLI: **ELLIS**, Henry, Sergeant, RMLI, 15519 (Ply): **ELLSMORE**, Norman E, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1802 (Ply): **EVANS**, William J, Private, RMLI, S 748 (Po): **GAGG**, Thomas H, Private, RMLI, S 2003 (Ply): **GILL**, William H, Private, RMLI, S 2723 (Po): **GODWIN**, Victor C, Private, RMLI, S 1990 (Po), DOW: **GREGORY**, Arthur W, Ty/Lieutenant, RMLI: **GURBUTT**, William H, Private, RMLI, S 1281 (Po): **HART**, William A, Private, RMLI, 19270 (Ch): **HOLLAMBY**, George R B, Ty/Lieutenant, RMLI: **HUGGINS**, Frederick C, Private, RMLI, 20369 (Ch): **HUME**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 18081 (Po): **JEFFS**, Kenneth C, Private, RMLI, 17819 (Po): **JOHNSTONE**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 15664 (Ply): **MAIDMENT**, Jesse, Private, RMLI, S 2303 (Ch): **MILES**, Robert C, Private, RMLI, S 2085 (Po): **MULLOY**, Anthony, Private, RMLI, 15056 (Ply): **OWEN**, John T, Private, RMLI, S 2372 (Po): **PARKER**, Laurence T, Private, RMLI, 17726 (Po) **ROWELL**, Charles, Corporal, RMLI, 17998 (Po): **SESTON**, Sidney, Sergeant, RMLI, 16188 (Po): **SLADE**, Percy, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1997 (Po): **SMITH**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, S 2748 (Po) **SMITH**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 19643 (Ch): **STANFORTH**, William, Private, RMLI, S 2747 (Po): **THURSFIELD**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 2516 (Ply): **VIGERS**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 15466 (Ply): **WALKER**, William T, Private, RMLI, 18525 (Po): **WALTON**, William H, Private, RMLI, S 2739 (Po): **WARD**, Joseph W, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1695 (Po): **WHEELER**, Stanley R, Private, RMLI, S 1988 (Ply): **WILLIS**, Frederick J, Sergeant, RMLI, 17223 (Ch)



RND, 63rd Machine Gun Battalion, France

HOMPSON, James, Corporal, RMLI, S 1272 (Po), DOW

28th September

1918 The number 1 RMA Siege Battery brought in to support the 63rd Division in the battle at the Canal du Nord with a rail mounted 9.2 inch gun. 25 Royal Marines killed



RMA, Howitzer Brigade, France

EDWARDS, Albert E, Gunner, RMA, RMA S 1472: **SMITH**, Sidney F, Gunner, RMA, RMA S 1779



RND, Anson Battalion, France

GOODCHILD, Charles, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 18984 (Ch), DOW; **HOLMES**, Clifton, Private, RMLI, 21281 (Ch); **LALLEY**, James, Private, RMLI, 18429 (Ch):



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

ASHMAN, David, Private, RMLI, S 2656 (Po), DOW: **BAYLISS**, William, Private, RMLI, 19586: **BINNS**, John, Private, RMLI, S 1364 (Po): **BOND**, Herbert G, Corporal, RMLI, S 2533 (Po): **CARTER-SELWOOD**, Ronald G, Private, RMLI, S 1964 (Ply): **COYNE**, Patrick, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 17968 (Ply): **ELLAWAY**, William O, Private, RMLI, S 2644 (Ch): **GALE**, Leslie, Private, RMLI, S 2145 (Ch): **HOWLETT**, Aubrey J, Private, RMLI, S 2626 (Ch): **KEMP**, Harold E, Private, RMLI, 17994 (Po): **LARNER**, William R, Private, RMLI, S 281 (Ch), DOW: **MILES**, William T, Private, RMLI, S 2451 (Ch), DOW: **OSMOND**, Albert G T, Private, RMLI, S 1605 (Ply): **PARSONS**, Gordon F, Private, RMLI, 18160 (Ply): **POLLARD**, Frederick J, Private, RMLI, 19747 (Ch): **PROUD**, Albert, Private, RMLI, S 2410 (Ply): **WALKER**, Welby W, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 2406 (Ch): **WILLIAMS**, Richard P, Private, RMLI, S 2705 (Po), DOW: **WISEMAN**, Edwin J, Sergeant, RMLI, 16399 (Ch): **WRIGLEY**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 1886 (Ply)

29th September

1918 A further 15 Royal Marines killed in the battle at the Canal du Nord



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

BEARD, Enoch, Private, RMLI, S 2330 (Po): **BUTCHER**, William, Private, RMLI, S 2221 (Po): **FULLER**, Ernest A, Private, RMLI, S 2397 (Po): **JONES**, Bert, Private, RMLI, S 2534 (Ply): **LIVESAY**, Harold, Private, RMLI, S 1301 (Ply): **MORRIS**, Edwin, Private, RMLI, 19514 (Po), DOW: **ORR**, John J, Private, RMLI, S 2128 (Po): **SHAW**, Samuel T, Sergeant, RMLI, 15300 (Ply): **TAFFENDER**, William E, Private, RMLI, S 2767 (Po): **TOOP**, Donald V, Private, RMLI, S 2415 (Ply), DOW: **WILSON**, Herbert, Corporal, RMLI, S 1132 (Ch)

RND, 63rd Divisional Train, France

GASCOYNE, George, Private, RM, S 2439 (Deal), DOW



RND, Hood Battalion, France

BUTLER, William, Private, RMLI, S 2431 (Ply): **TORRY**, John, Private, RMLI, S 2773 (Po)



RND, Anson Battalion, France

BOTTING, Frederick C, Private, RMLI, S 1250 (Ply), DOW

30th September

1918 A further 22 Royal Marines killed in the battle at the Canal du Nord



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

BIRD, Harold P, Private, RMLI, S 2111 (Ply): **BLICK**, Ralph G, Private, RMLI, S 2554 (Ply), DOW: **BONES**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 2132 (Po): **BURNS**, John F, Private, RMLI, 18514 (Ply), DOW: **HARES**, John H, Private, RMLI, 17721 (Po): **HART**, Herbert D, Private, RMLI, 20703 (Ch): **HINMAN**, Seymour P, Private, RMLI, S 2425 (Po), DOW: **HUNTER**, Edward, Private, RMLI, S 2843 (Po): **MCLENNAN**, George, Private, RMLI, S 2848 (Po): **ORLEDGE**, William G, Private, RMLI, S 96 (Ply): **PITTAM**, James A, Private, RMLI, 20000 (Po): **TRUSLER**, Henry, Act/Sergeant, RMLI, 17183 (Po), DOW: **WATTS**, Alfred J T, Private, RMLI, 18801 (Po)



, Anson Battalion, attached 1st RM Battalion, France

BOWDEN, George, Private, RMLI, S 1856 (Ply): **CAPEL**, Harry, Private, RMLI, S 2644 (Po): **HEDGECOCK**, Bertie, Private, RMLI, 16690 (Po): **HUNTLEY**, Francis F, Private, RMLI, 19806 (Ch): **PENGELLY**, Leonard A M, Private, RMLI, S 1268 (Ply): **RILEY**, Fred, Private, RMLI, S 2758 (Po)



RND, Hood Battalion, attached 1st RM Battalion, France

DAVIES, Lewis A, Private, RMLI, S 2232 (Ply): **KEENAN**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, S 2348 (Ch): **TOLLEY**, William H, Private, RMLI, S 2221 (Ply)

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1st October

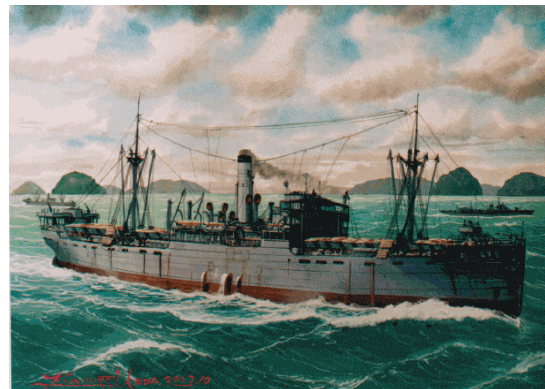
1914 RMLI Brigade in action at DOUAI in France. The Royal Marine Brigade was formed in Aug. 1914 from untrained RMLI Depot (Deal) recruits, RMLI Royal Fleet Reservists (Class 'A' & 'B') & regular Long-Service Marines made available from their home Divisions. A Battalion of RMA was originally brigaded, but was withdrawn & replaced by the "Deal Battalion" in mid Sept. 1914

2nd October

1942 HMS Curacoa rammed and sunk by RMS QUEEN MARY in North Channel during passage to UK with troops. Only 101 of her complement of 439 survived this disaster caused largely by lack of judgement of course changes by the liner to avoid submarine attack.

25 Royal Marines killed **ATKINSON**, James J B, Marine, CH/23783: **BARBER**, Sidney F, Marine, CH/X 100195: **BARROW**, John H D, Marine, CH/X 1827: **BERMAN**, William H, Marine (Pens), CH/23494: **BROWN**, Kenneth E, Marine, CH/X 3528: **COLE**, John S, Act/Captain, RM: **CORNELIUS**, Robert E, Marine, CH/X 3461: **CREHAN**, William L, Corporal, RM, CH/X 1695: **CRICK**, Frank D, Marine, CH/X 101769: **DAVIS**, Ernest F, Marine, CH/X 106087: **ELLIS**, Victor H, Marine (Pens), CH/23440: **FRASER**, Francis R, Marine, CH/23185: **HYLTON**, Reginald W, Marine, CH/X 1635: **JEFFREY**, Sidney T, Marine, CH/X 976: **LOVE**, Eric A, Marine, CH/X 2744: **LOVEJOY**, James A, Marine, CH/X 106091: **MANN**, Fred S, Marine, CH/X 1559: **O'CONNOR**, Terence, Marine, CH/X 103748: **RICKETTS**, John E, Marine, CH/X 100230: **TAYLOR**, John, Marine, CH/X 1951: **TUTTY**, Wilson F, Marine, CH/X 3444: **VOYCE**, George H, Marine, CH/X 100069: **WALKER**, Harry, Marine, PLY/22298: **WHITE**, Edward R G, Sergeant, RM, CH/X 1094: **WISE**, George L, Marine, CH/X 3485:

1942 Lisbon Maru, Japanese steamship carrying POWs mainly from Hong Kong sunk by US submarine Grouper off Shanghai, many died, but others escaped, some of whom died over the succeeding weeks. 11 Royal Marines killed plus others died later of wounds as POWs



ALLEN, WILLIAM RICHARD Marine: **AMBROSE**, FRED Corporal: **BALL**, DENIS RONALD Corporal: **GREEN**, WILLIAM HENRY Corporal: **HEWETT**, EDWARD TUCKER Marine: **HORSLEY**, ERIC Marine: **JONES**, HERBERT CYRIL Marine: **METCALFE**, ERNEST Marine: **RICHARDSON**, JOSEPH HALLSWORTH Marine: **RUSHMAN**, MERVYN FRANCIS Sergeant : **WALL**, THOMAS M, Sergeant



1950 Raid by A & B Patrols 41 Independent Commando RM was on East Coast Railway South Korea. 67 personnel of A and B Patrol, later to be organized into B Troop, accompanied by Lt Col Drysdale, raided the East Coast railway on 2 October from the troops carried by submarine USS PERCH (1526 tons); a converted Balao class submarine with its torpedo tubes removed to make space for 110 troops. A cylindrical hangar abaft the conning tower carried a small power craft which could tow the rubber boats. On this raid anti tank mines laid under the rails were heard to detonate during the withdrawal.

Regrettably Royal Marine **JONES**, Peter R, Marine, RM 8682 was killed during this raid

3RD October

1943 Landing of 40 Commando RM at Termoli on the Adriatic Coast of Italy.

7 Royal Marines killed: **BURFITT**, HENRY THOMAS Marine: **BARRINGTON**, WILLIAM HENRY Marine: **COOPER**, BRIAN ARTHUR Lieutenant: **EPHRAUMS**, MICHAEL JARVIS Captain: **NIGHTINGALE**, JOSEPH Marine: **TOES**, FRANK Corporal: **TURRELL**, JOHN EDWARD Marine.

4th October

1914 Two Naval Brigades of the RN Division arrived at Dunkirk to assist in defence of Antwerp. In the haste to organise and move the units to Belgium, 80% went to war without even basic equipment such as packs, mess tins or water bottles. No khaki uniform was issued. The two Naval Brigades were armed with ancient charger-loading rifles, just three days before embarking. 11 Royal Marines were killed on the 4th/5th and 7 killed on the 6th October. Another 11 were lost before the return to the UK on the 11th

5th October

1914 11 Royal Marines killed in Antwerp with the RN Division



Chatham Battalion, Antwerp

AMOS, Frank, Sergeant, RMLI, 12349 (Ch): **GIBBINS**, William R, Sergeant, RMLI, 12809 (Ch): **GRAINGER**, Arthur G, Private, RMLI, 15439 (Ch): **HUMPHREY**, Herbert W, Sergeant, RMLI, 13922 (Ch): **SNELL**, John, Private, RMLI, 16578 (Ch): **WEDDELL**, John R, Private, RMLI (RFR B 832), 8325 (Ch)



Deal Battalion

HELSTON, Herbert W, Private, RMLI, 8924 (Ply)



Plymouth Battalion, Antwerp

ALDRIDGE, Garabaldi, Private, RMLI, 16279 (Ply): **FLOYD**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 14541 (Ply): **FOOKS**, Reginald, Private, RMLI, 14013 (Ply): **JOHNSON**, George J, Private, RMLI, 16378 (Ply)



1950 Raid by C & D Patrols 41 Independent Commando RM on East Coast Railway South

Korea

6th October

1914 7 Royal Marines killed in Antwerp with the RN Division



Chatham Battalion, Antwerp

CHURCHARD, Edward A, Colour Sergeant, RMLI (RMR A 600), 5896 (Ch)
LAWRENCE, James H, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1131), 8110 (Ch)
NASH, James A, Private, RMLI, 18527 (Ch)



Deal Battalion

PRYCE-BROWNE, William H, Major, RM, killed in Holland



Plymouth Battalion, Antwerp

HARRISON, Samuel, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1110), 11597 (Ply)



Portsmouth Battalion, Antwerp

BENFORD, Percy, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1320), 11087 (Po): **YORK**, Thomas, Colour Sergeant (RFR A 729), 4718 (Po)

1918 Otranto, armed merchant cruiser, damaged in collision on 5th, driven ashore on coast of SW Scotland on 6th, over 400 lives lost, including members of the US Navy and Army and 10 RMLI

BARRETT, Henry W, Private, RMLI, 10877 (Ch): **BATTERSBY**, Thomas, Corporal, RMLI, 17267 (Ch): **HANINGTON**, James, Colour Sergeant, RMLI, 9769 (Ch): **NOONE**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 20725 (Ch): **NUGENT**, John J, Private, RMLI, 20772 (Ch): **PATTISON**, Albert G, Private, RMLI, 20765 (Ch): **PRESCOTT**, William C, Private, RMLI, 20784 (Ch): **SHULVER**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, 20623 (Ch): **SMITH**, Albert E, Private, RMLI, 20846 (Ch): **SNOW**, James H, Private, RMLI, 20860 (Ch)



1950 Second raid by C & D Patrols 41 Independent Commando RM on East Coast Railway South Korea

7TH October

1914 5 Royal Marines killed in Antwerp with the RN Division:



Plymouth Battalion

COOKSLEY, Thomas H, Private, RMLI, 16388 (Ply): **ELDERSHAW**, Bert, Private, RMLI, 14496 (Ply): **HANLEY**, John, Private, RMLI, 16284 (Ply): **WOOD**, Arthur T, Sergeant, RMLI (RFR B 988), 5515 (Ply)



Portsmouth Battalion, Antwerp

SCOTNEY, George, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1252), 11210 (Po)

8th October

1914 5 Royal Marines killed in Antwerp with the RN Division



Chatham Battalion, Antwerp: ADAMS, Arthur, Lance Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 420), 5285 (Ch): FORSE,

William F, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1221), 10394 (Ch)

Plymouth Battalion: WHEELER, John W, Private, RMLI, 16641 (Ply)



Portsmouth Battalion: GEARD, Alfred, Private, RMLI (RFR B 735), 10254 (Po): GRIMMETT, Harry,

Private, RMLI (RFR B 1097), 9864 (Po)

1918 36 Royal Marines killed in the 2nd Battle of Cambrai which was part of the series of battles ultimately leading to the breach of the Hindenberg Line.



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

ATKINSON, John, Private, RMLI, S 2835 (Po): BAREHAM, Archibald G, Lieutenant, RMLI: BARTER, Harry, Private, RMLI, 2527 (Po): BROOK, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 2755 (Ply), DOW: CALVERT, Powell, Private, RMLI, S 2816 (Po): CHADBONE, Ernest, Private, RMLI, S 2575 (Ply): CHAMPION, Edward F, Corporal, RMLI, 17988 (Ply): CLARK, Robert, Private, RMLI, S 2728 (Po): COTTERELL, Reginald E, Private, RMLI, S 2543 (Po): COX, Albert H, Private, RMLI, S 1719 (Ply): DAVIS, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 2150 (Ch): DREWITT, Christopher J, Private, RMLI, S 940 (Ch): DYER, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 18175 (Ply): ELMS, Percival V, Private, RMLI, 2379 (Ply): GREEN, Charles, Private, RMLI, S 2359 (Po): HART, George, Private, RMLI, 17003 (Ch): ILIFFE, Stanley, Sergeant, RMLI, 12788 (Po): JOHNSTON, Andrew M, Private, RMLI, S 2887 (Ch): JOHNSTONE, John, Private, RMLI, S 2876 (Ply), DOW: JONES, George B, Private, RMLI, S 1345 (Ply): MARTIN, George E, Private, RMLI, 16142 (Ch): MIDDLETON, William H, Private, RMLI, S 2858 (Ch): NURSE, Sidney J, Private, RMLI, S 2587 (Ply): PARK, Andrew B, Private, RMLI, 17774 (Po): PARSONS, George, Private, RMLI, S 1938 (Po): PROUTON, Albert J, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 17837 (Po): ROBINSON, Walter, Corporal, RMLI, S 2213 (Ch): SHARMAN, William, Private, RMLI, S 2833 (Po): SLACK, Thompson, Private, RMLI, S 1037 (Po): SMITH, Richard, Private, RMLI, S 2812 (Po): TURNER, Sidney H, Private, RMLI, S 1287 (Po): WALLIS, Alfred, Ty/Lieutenant, RMLI

WIDGER, Arthur W, Private, RMLI, 19898 (Po)



RND, 63rd Machine Gun Battalion, France

CUNDALL, Robert, Private, RMLI, S 39 (Ply)



RND, 148th RN Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

COTTAM, George, Private, RM, S 3891 (Deal), DOW



RND, Anson Battalion: GRAY, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 2422 (Po)



RND, Drake Battalion: FLOOD, Fernley A, Private, RMLI, 13776 (Ply), DOW: **MORRIS**, William, Private, RMLI, 20750 (Ch)

9th October

1914 Antwerp surrendered, RN Division returned to England on the 11th, but approximately 1500 men of the 1st Naval Brigade crossed the border into Holland and were interned. The Division later moved to Egypt in preparation for the Gallipoli Campaign

1943 HMS Carlisle came under air attack by Ju87s during patrol in Scarpanto Strait with HMS PANTHER and HMS ROCKWOOD. The ship received four direct hits and several near misses which caused extensive structural damage and flooding. Starboard shaft and propeller blown off with Port shaft was buckled. Disabled with 20 of the ship's company killed and 17 wounded. 17 of the killed were Royal Marines.

ALLEN, Joseph W, Marine, PLY/X 3077: **ASKEW**, Samuel, Marine, PLY/X 105895: **DAINTON**, Stanley, Marine, PLY/22196: **DANIELS**, David J, Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 880: **DAVIES**, Leonard, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1055: **DESCOMBE**, Frederick T, Marine, PLY/21656: **GARRATT**, Frederick, Marine, PLY/X 2125: **HEIGHWAY**, Jack, Marine, PLY/X 4065: **HUCKER**, Albert G, Corporal, RM, PLY/22287: **HUNT**, Patrick R, Marine, PLY/X 1955: **JONES**, Charles D, Marine, PLY/X 106073: **KITE**, Roy L R, Marine, PLY/X 2395: **MACKINTOSH**, George F, Marine, PLY/X 106069,



1944 9 men were killed & 48 injured in a raid The landing at Saranda in Albania appears to have been carried out by 40 Commando on the 9th October 1944 supported by 2 Commando.

BAIN, JAMES SIDNEY Sergeant Major: **FANTHAM**, MAURICE Marine: **HILES**, WILLIAM JENKIN Captain: **HILL**, BERTRAM PETER Lieutenant: **MACPHERSON**, MICHAEL STUART Captain: **PINCHER**, RONALD Marine: **PRATT**, GEORGE STEPHEN Marine: **SALT**, JAMES VALENTINE Marine: **ST. ANGE**, WILLIAM JAMES Marine: **WHITE**, CHARLES HENRY PATRICK Corporal

10TH October

1961 HMS Leopard sailed for the island of Tristan da Cunha after a volcanic eruption. Her crew assisted in the relief effort, as well as the recovery of personal belongings left behind by the island's inhabitants

11th October

1797 Battle of Camperdown The battle was the most significant action between British under Duncan and Dutch forces under de Winter during the French Revolutionary Wars. On 11 October, Duncan was waiting, and intercepted De Winter off the coastal village of Camperduin. Attacking the Dutch line of battle in two loose groups, Duncan's ships broke through at the rear and van and were subsequently engaged by Dutch frigates lined up on the other side. The battle split into two melees, one to south, or leeward, where the more numerous British overwhelmed the Dutch rear, and one to the north, or windward, where a more evenly matched exchange centred on the battling flagships. As the Dutch fleet attempted to reach shallower waters in an effort to escape the British attack, the British leeward division joined the windward combat and eventually forced the surrender of the Dutch flagship Vrijheid and ten other ships

12th October

1798 Naval engagement between an English squadron comprising 3 ships of the line, 5 frigates and a French one comprising 1 ship of the line, 9 frigates with 3,000 soldiers. The French were attempting to support the uprising of the United Irish men. The action took place near Tory Island where the French were defeated having lost 700 casualties, 2,400 captured and 7 ships destroyed versus English losses of 150 men

13th October

1859 150 Royal Marine volunteers were landed from HMS Tribune and made their way by steamer up the Fraser River to New Westminster on San Juan Island to counter the American garrison already there. This was over a dispute concerning ownership of the islands off Vancouver Island. For several days, the British and U.S. soldiers exchanged insults, each side attempting to goad the other into firing the first shot, but discipline held on both sides, and thus no shots were fired. Ultimately 3rd party arbitration awarded the islands to America.

14th October

1917 SS Semantha, steamship, torpedoed and sunk by UC.74 in Mediterranean;

Naval casualties: 3 RMLI DAMS gunners: **GOODHEAD**, William, Lance Corporal, RMLI (RFR B 2019), 13237 (Ch): **OLLERENSHAW**, William, Private, RMLI (RFR A 735), 11636 (Ply): **WATTS**, Robert, Private, RMLI (RFR IC 54), 12074 (Ch)

1919

Russian Intervention. The Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to 6 RMLI privates and a seaman. The citation read :- *"For gallantry and devotion to duty at Novorossiisk on the 14th October 1919 when the SS War Pike laden with several hundred tons of explosives took fire, private ***** one of a small party which proceeded in a tug to the SS War Pike which at this time was a mass of smoke*

and flame. Accompanied by a few others, he climbed on board, and at imminent personal risk not only from explosion but the vessel sinking he assisted in getting the hoses working, which successfully prevented the flames from spreading and the vessel becoming a total wreck. His behaviour was admirable throughout."

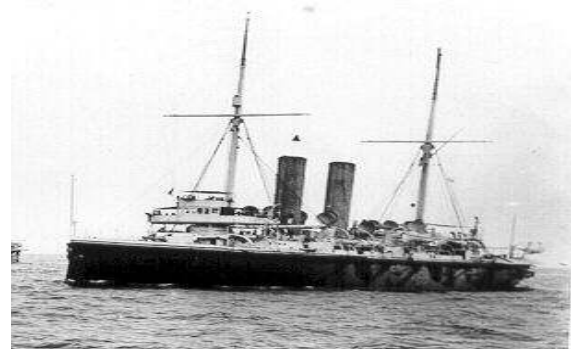
1939 HMS Royal Oak, battleship, sunk by German submarine U 47 in Scapa Flow.

81 Royal Marines killed: **ARMFIELD**, LESLIE Marine: **ATKINSON**, JOHN Marine: **BALLS**, HAROLD EDGAR Captain Royal Marines: **BARTLETT**, ARTHUR Marine: **BEECHEY**, ARTHUR CHARLES Marine: **BONNER**, WALTER CLIVE Band Corporal Royal: **BOTTOMLEY**, ROBERT JAMES Sergeant Royal Marines: **BRIGHT**, HERBERT Marine: **BROOKIN**, JAMES FREDERICK Marine: **BROUGHTON**, ALICK EDWARD Marine: **BURNS**, JOHN EDWARD Corporal: **BUTLER**, ALBERT EDWARD Marine: **CLEMENTS**, ERNEST FRANK JAMES Marine: **CUMMING**, LESLIE THOMAS JAMES Marine: **CUNNINGHAM**, EDWARD WILFRED Corporal: **DAVIES**, HERBERT RONALD Marine: **DEAR**, ALFRED JAMES Sergeant: **EVANS**, BERNARD Marine: **FLOGDELL**, ALBERT EDWARD Marine: **FOWLER**, JOHN WALTER Marine: **FURBEAR**, THOMAS GEORGE Sergeant: **GIBSON**, SIDNEY JAMES Marine: **GOLDING**, ARTHUR JAMES Bandmaster: **GREEN**, ROY Musician: **GRINDEY**, ARNOLD EDWARD Marine: **GROGAN**, JOHN Marine: **HALL**, KENNETH EDWIN Marine: **HAMBLIN**, GEORGE ALBERT Marine : **HARLE**, GEORGE Marine: **HEMSLEY**, CHARLES FREDERICK Marine: **HUNTER**, JAMES Marine: **JAMES**, VERDUN LOOS (ALIAS for **PIERPOINT**, the true family name.) Marine: **JORDAN**, HENRY DANIEL Corporal: **KANE**, RAYMOND CHARLES Marine: **KEEL**, JACK Marine : **KENT**, HERBERT ALEXANDER JOHN Marine: **KING**, WILLIAM LOWE Marine: **LAWRENCE**, JAMES EGERTON Marine: **LEWIS**, CLIFFORD ERNEST Marine: **LONG**, ARTHUR Marine: **MARSH**, JAMES WILLIAM Marine: **MARSH**, OWEN FRANK Corporal: **MATFIELD**, ALBERT HENRY Marine: **McPHERSON**, CHARLES JACK Marine: **MILES**, EWART HENRY Marine: **MILLIS**, RONALD Marine: **MIRFIN**, GEORGE DONALD Marine: **MOFFAT**, JAMES BECK Marine: **MOORE**, LEONARD GEORGE Marine: **MORRISON**, JOSEPH Sergeant: **MOSES**, LEONARD DAVID Marine: **MOUNTFORD**, HARRY CYRIL LEONARD Boy Bugler: **MYERS**, GEORGE EDWARD Marine: **NEWMAN**, WALTER HARRY Marine: **NEWSOME**, GEORGE Marine: **NIBLETT**, CHARLES HENRY Marine: **PAICE**, HAROLD FRANK Colour Serjeant: **PARKER**, JAMES Marine: **PARKER**, RONALD THOMAS Marine: **PARTLETT**, EDWIN GEORGE Marine: **PENNELL**, JOHN ALBERT Marine: **PIKE**, ALBERT CHARLES Marine: **PRAGNELL**, STANLEY LEONARD Marine: **PRESTON**, FREDERICK HENRY Sergeant: **PRIESTLEY**, AUBREY JOHN Boy Bugler: **QUINNEY**, GEORGE Marine: **REID**, DAVID Marine : **ROSS**, THEODORE WILLIAM Marine: **RUSTELL**, STANLEY Marine: **SANDFORD**, FREDERICK WILLIAM CHARLES Marine: **SCHOFIELD**, RONALD Marine: **SENIOR**, FRED Marine: **SPICER**, HUGH HUNTER: **STEELE**, CECIL ARTHUR Marine: **STEVENSON**, JOHN Marine: **THOMAS**, ROBERT ANDREW Marine: **TOWNSEND**, TERENCE HENRY Marine: **TRELEAVEN**, CYRIL NORMAN EARLE Musician: **WAKEFIELD**, HARRY Marine: **WALTON**, JOHN HENRY Marine: **WATERMAN**, VICTOR PATRICK Marine: **WEBB**, RICHARD STANLEY Musician: **WESTBROOK**, PATRICK EDWARD Marine: **WHITTAKER**, WALTER JOHN Marine: **WILLETER**, JOHN CHARLES Marine: **WILSON**, ARTHUR Marine: **WOOD**, WILLIAM JOHN Corporal: **WOOLGAR**, DENIS ROY Marine.

1944 Corfu was liberated by British troops, specifically the 40th Royal Marine Commando, which landed in Corfu on 14 October 1944, as the Germans were evacuating Greece

15TH October

1914 HMS Hawke was in the northern waters of the North Sea with a similar ship, H.M.S. Theseus when they were attacked. They were operating on October 15th 1914 without a destroyer screen.



Unfortunately they were slower than the submarine U9, which was tracking them. Their position was some 60 miles off Aberdeen. At the time, H.M.S. Hawke had just turned to intercept a neutral Norwegian collier.

The U-Boat Commander was Lieutenant Weddigen. He missed

the Theseus with his first torpedo but unfortunately hit H.M.S. Hawke amidships near a magazine. The detonation was followed by a second terrific explosion, in which a large number of the crew were killed. The ship sank within 5 minutes and was only able to launch one ship's boat. Five hundred and twenty five perished. Only the 49 men in the long boat were saved. They were picked up 3 hours later by a Norwegian steamer. H.M.S. Theseus was under strict Admiralty orders not to attempt to pick up survivors, as only several weeks earlier there had been a disaster. On that occasion, on the 22nd September, both H.M.S. Hogue and H.M.S. Cressy had also been torpedoed when going to pick up survivors from H.M.S. Aboukir. The submarine that had sunk these three ships had again been Lieutenant Otto Weddigen.

BALL, JAMES Sergeant: **BASS**, HENRY Private: **BENNETT**, FRANK HENRY Corporal: **BERRIDGE**, JOHN FREDERICK HARRY: **BONFIELD**, JAMES GEORGE: **BRADLEY**, REGINALD JOHN C. Private: **BURRIDGE**, FREDERICK WILLIAM Private: **BYE**, FRANK EDWIN Private: **CARVIL**, ERNEST Private: **CAWSE**, SAMUEL GEORGE Sergeant: **CHAMP**, FRANCIS LOGAN Sergeant: **CHANDLER**, CHARLES WILLIAM : **CHANDLER**, CHARLES WILLIAM : **CHARLTON**, BENJAMIN DAVID Private: **CLEMENTS**, JACK Private: **COLLIER**, THOMAS Private: **COULSON**, JOHN Private: **CREW**, WILLIAM THOMAS: **DALLY**, WILLIAM HENRY Private: **DAVIS**, ERNEST GEORGE FRANK Bugler: **DREWETT**, GEORGE FRANCIS Private: **DUTFIELD**, WALTER THOMAS Private: **EADES**, WILLIAM GEORGE Private: **ELLIS**, EDMUND ALBERT Private: **FAULKNER**, VICTOR Private: **FRANCIS**, JAMES THOMAS Private: **FRANCIS**, WILLIAM SAMUEL Private: **GADSDEN**, WALTER SAMUEL Private: **HARGREAVES**, HENRY Private: **HARRISON**, WILLIAM GEORGE Private: **HEMMING**, FREDERICK THOMAS Private: **HILLS**, WILLIAM JESSE Private: **HODDEN**, HENRY ERNEST Private: **HOOD**, LEWIS REGINALD Private: **JACKSON**, THOMAS WILLIAM Private: **JENNINGS**, WILLIAM Corporal: **JOHNSON**, WILLIAM GEORGE Private: **JURY**, WILLIAM Private: **LEONARD**, THOMAS Private: **LEWIS**, JOSEPH Private: **MASON**, GEORGE Private: **MATTHEWS**, FRANK THOMAS Private: **MAY**, JOHN EDWARD Private: **MINTON**, WILLIAM Private: **MOORE**, ALFRED Lance Corporal: **NEWMAN**, HENRY Private: **NEWPORT**, WILLIAM JAMES Private: **OSBEN**, GEORGE THOMAS (Service record spells name OSBER) Private: **PARKER**, CHARLES WILLIAM Private: **PHILLIPS**, HARRY Private: **PICKBURN**, FRANK Corporal: **PLUMB**, ARTHUR EDWARD Private: **PORTWAINE**, HARRY Private: **ROBBINS**, WILLIAM Private: **SAVIN**, THOMAS Private: **SECKER**, GEORGE VANE Private: **SEWELL**, THOMAS Private: **SLESSER**, WILLIAM Private: **SMITH**, CHARLES KINGSLEY Private: **SMITH**, EDWARD Private: **SMITH**, JAMES ALFRED Private: **SPOONER**, WILLIAM CHARLES: **TAYLOR**, WILLIAM Private: **THAKE**, WILLIAM Private~ **THOMPSON**, WILLIAM JOHN HENRY Corporal: **VERCO**, WALTER JOHN Private: **VIGUS**, ROBERT EDWARD Private: **VINE**, RICHARD Private: **WALTON**, GEORGE WILLIAM Private~: **WAND**, THOMAS EDWARD Private: **WEEDS**, JAMES Private: **WELCH**, WALT LEONARD Private: **WHITEHEAD**, CHARLES Private: **WILSON**, ERNEST Private: **WOODWARD**, WILLIAM HENRY Private.

16th October



1950 Marine K. **Hitchman** of 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number RM 7796 died as a result of his service in Korea and is buried at the British Military Cemetery Yokohama Japan Grave Number BB 16

17th October



1781 Surrender of British Forces at Yorktown at the conclusion of the US War of Independence

1854 Bombardment of Sevastopol in the Crimean War

1918 17 October-11 November Final Advance in Picardy, involves the 63rd Division. This Division of RN and RM personnel lost 47,000 men in the course of the war

18th October

1914 RM, Armoured Car Section, Belgium was used to go out into “No man’s land” to retrieve downed air crew

RM, Armoured Car Section, Belgium 2 Royal Marines were casualties: -**OATLEY**, Philip, Private, RMLI, 14197 (Ply) : **TREAGUS**, George, Private, RMLI, 14656 (Po), DOW

1942 This is part of a secret order issued by Hitler on the 18th October 1942

I order, therefore:- *From now on all men operating against German troops in so-called Commando raids in Europe or in Africa, are to be annihilated to the last man. This is to be carried out whether they be soldiers in uniform, or saboteurs, with or without arms; and whether fighting or seeking to escape; and it is equally immaterial whether they come into action from Ships and Aircraft, or whether they land by parachute. Even if these individuals on discovery make obvious their intention of giving themselves up as prisoners, no pardon is on any account to be given. On this matter a report is to be made on each case to Headquarters for the information of Higher Command.*

4. Should individual members of these Commandos, such as agents, saboteurs etc., fall into the hands of the Armed Forces through any means - as, for example, through the Police in one of the Occupied Territories - they are to be instantly handed over to the S.D.

To hold them in military custody - for example in P.O.W. Camps, etc., - even if only as a temporary measure, is strictly forbidden.

5. This order does not apply to the treatment of those enemy soldiers who are taken prisoner or give themselves up in open battle, in the course of normal operations, large scale attacks; or in major assault landings or airborne operations. Neither does it apply to those who fall into our hands after a sea fight, nor to those enemy soldiers who, after air battle, seek to save their lives by parachute.

6. I will hold all Commanders and Officers responsible under Military Law for any omission to carry out this order, whether by failure in their duty to instruct their units accordingly, or if they themselves act contrary to it. Signed A. Hitler

19th October

1954 End of the Guerrilla campaign in the Canal Zone. The following Royal Marines lost their lives:-

BURTENSHAW, D. Edward Marine 40 Commando RM aged 24 died 17-May-53 number PO 6136 killed in plane crash IMTARFA, MALTA

DAVIES, Donald Sergeant PL/X 5022. 45 Commando, RM. Date of Birth 23 April 1929 Age 24 6th July 1953.

DON Ronald L/Cpl 40 Commando RM aged 23 died 23-May-53 number RM9835 , Died of burns from plane crash IMTARFA, MALTA



FINDLAY, Murdoch Marine, RM/11460. 45 Commando, RM 23rd January 1954. Age 20

JENNINGS, Frank Marine, , PLY/X 1997. 45 Commando, RM 18th February 1954. Age 34.

MASTERS, William Morris Marine, PO/X1118. 45 Commando, RM. 6th July 1953. Killed in road accident

MORRIS, Henry Arthur Corporal, RM/8206. 45 Commando, RM. 21st January 1954. Killed in road accident

UNDERWOOD, G L Marine, POX 6234. H.M.S. "Glasgow.". Royal Marines 28th August 1953. Died in British Military Hospital Fayid



2006 Marine Gary WRIGHT R.M: 45 Commando (Recce Troop): Age: 22 He was injured by a suicide bomber at Lashkar Gah, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He died of injuries same day at UK field hospital, Camp Bastion, Afghanistan

20th October

1914 The Battle of the Yser took place in October 1914 between the towns on Nieuwpoort and Diksmuide along a 35-kilometre long stretch of the Yser River and Yperlee canal in Belgium. The front line was held by a large Belgian force which succeeded in halting the German advance, though only after heavy losses. HMS Mersey, river monitor was damaged by German shore batteries while giving artillery support off the coast of Belgium. She bombarded German troops as well as artillery positions.

21ST October



1805 BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR the following ships had marines killed.



HMS ACHILLE was a 3rd Rate Ship of the Line having 74 guns on two decks. She was 7th in the Lee Column and was captained by Captain Richard KING lost 6 marines killed: **HEWLETT** John: **JONES** William: **ROVE** Thomas: **TAYLOR** Thomas: **WEBB** Benjamin: **WINTER** Robert.



HMS Africa was a 3rd Rate Ship of the Line having 64 guns on two decks carried 498 men. She was 7th in the weather Column, was captained by Captain Henry DIGBY lost 6 marines: **BINDA** Francis: **LESTER** Thomas: **LIMA** Gaetano: **PECONY** Neno: **PARKER** William Henry Sergeant: **WILKINSON** John:



HMS Belleisle was a 3rd Rate Ship of the Line having 74 guns on two decks. She was 2ND in the Lee Column, was captained by Captain William HARGOOD. Overall she lost 33 killed & had 93 wounded. She was soon completely dismasted (the only British ship which suffered that fate), unable to manoeuvre and largely unable to fight, as her sails blinded her batteries. Nevertheless, she kept flying her flag for 45 minutes until the British ships behind her in the column came to her rescue. She was then towed to Gibraltar after the battle by the frigate HMS Naiad.

9 marines killed .**ALLERTON** Richard: **BOWICAN** John: **FOLEY** William: **HANNING** William: **O'BRIEN** Dennis: **RUGG** William: **SHANNON** Thomas: **SHORT** Samuel.



HMS Bellerophon was a 3rd Rate Ship of the Line having 74 guns on two decks. She was 5TH in the Lee Column, was captained by Captain John COOKE. She was heavily engaged, battling the French L'Aigle to a bloody standstill at the cost of her captain, 26 other crew killed and 123 wounded. Command was ably assumed by her first lieutenant William Pryce Cumby, who safely steered the battered ship back to Gibraltar.

4 marines killed:**HARRIS** John: **McMAHON** Dennis: **STANTON** Connell: **WOODS** William.



HMS Britannia was a 1ST Rate Ship of the Line having 100 guns. She was 5TH in the Windward Column, was captained by Captain Charles BULLEN.

1 marine killed. **JOLLY** John.



HMS Colossus was a 3RD Rate Ship of the Line having 74 guns on two decks. She was 6TH in the Lee column, was captained by Captain James Nicoll MORRIS. Overall she lost 40 killed & had 160 wounded including the ship's Master, Captain Morris and 14 other officers being among them. The total casualty figure was the highest in the British fleet with only the Victory, Temeraire and Royal Sovereign having more men killed. HMS Colossus was towed into Gibraltar by HMS Agamemnon and returned to England for repairs on 19 November 1805.

9 marines killed: **ANSELL** John: **CARROLL** James: **DRAKE** John: **KERTFIELD** John: **MARTIN** Samuel: **MURRAY** James: **NOWLAN** Michael: **PIKE** Alexander J.



HMS Conqueror was a 3rd Rate Ship of the Line having 74 guns on two decks. She was 6TH in the Windward Column, was captained by Captain Israel PELLEW.

1 marine killed. **CROUZIER** Thomas



HMS Defence was a 3rd Rate Ship of the Line having 74 guns on two decks. She was 14th in the Lee Column, was captained by Captain George HOPE. Overall she lost 3 marines killed. **COOK** John: **FIGG** John: **TAYLOR** William.

It was after 2 p.m. before Defence joined the battle, and engaged the French Berwick (74 guns). In under an hour, Berwick broke off the engagement and Defence then took on the Spanish San Ildefonso (74 guns), which had already been damaged in fighting with other ships. After a fierce

action lasting less than an hour the Spanish ship struck her flag, and boats were sent to take possession. Defence had suffered some damage to her masts and rigging and anchored after the battle to ride out the storm. Berwick was wrecked during the gale but San Ildefonso was successfully brought into Gibraltar as a prize.



HMS Defiance was a 3rd Rate Ship of the Line having 74 guns on two decks. She was 12th in the Lee Column, was captained by Captain Philip Charles DURHAM. 6 marines killed.

BRYANT Richard: **DAVIS** Thomas: **FLOWER** William: **SMITH** William Corporal: **THRASHER** Uriah: **WARREN** Henry .



HMS Dreadnought was 2nd Rate Ship of the Line having 98 guns on two decks. She was 12th in the Lee Column, was captained by Captain John CONN.

2 marines killed. **CLARK** James Sergeant: **TUCKEY** William

It was 2 p.m. before she came into action with the French Indomitable (74 Guns) and the Spanish San Juan Nepomuceno (74 guns) which she forced to surrender in 35 minutes with her Captain dead and almost 300 casualties. Dreadnought then matched herself against a Spanish three decker, the Principe de Asturias (112 guns), and damaged her so badly that she set sail to escape with Admiral Gravina badly wounded and almost 150 other casualties. The Principe de Asturias was able to escape but the San Juan Nepomuceno was taken as a prize



HMS Leviathon was a 3rd Rate Ship of the Line having 74 guns on two decks. She was 12th in the Lee Column, was captained by Captain H. W. BAYNTUN. Overall she lost 4 killed & had 22 wounded. Leviathan engaged the San Augustino bringing down her masts and boarding her. 2 marines killed.

BAKER Richard: **SMITH** Peter.



HMS Mars was a 3rd Rate Ship of the Line having 74 guns on two decks. She was 3RD in the Lee Column, was captained by Captain George DUFF. At 10.45 Nelson signalled for HMS Mars to move up the line to take the head of the Lee Column and lead them into battle. 10 marines killed:

BOND Humphrey: **GREEN** Pat: **JARVIS** Thomas –Drummer: **KENDALL** John: **MITCHELL** James: **NORMAN** Thomas - Captain, Marines: **NUCTON** Cornelius – Corporal: **OSTLER** Robert: **SKIDMORE** George: **STUBBS** Samuel.



HMS Polyphemus was a 3rd Rate Ship of the Line having 64 guns on two decks. She was 9th in the Lee Column, was captained by Captain Robert REDMILL . Overall she lost 2 killed & had 4 wounded Picture shows her towing HMS Victory “Trafalgar Aftermath by Ivan Berryman.”



HMS Revenge, launched in 1805, was a third-rate of 74 guns. Newly commissioned, and captained by Robert Moorsom, she fought at the Battle of Trafalgar. She sailed in Collingwood's Column. HMS Revenge served until 1842, being broken up in 1849. She was one of the first warships of the Royal Navy to be painted with the Nelson Checker 8 marines killed: - **BIRD** William: **BREWER** Joseph – Corporal: **HEALY** Dennis: **MAYHEW** John: **ROLFE** Robin: **SMASHAM** Joseph: **STICKLINBURGH** John: **WARREN** James.



HMS Royal Sovereign was a 1st Rate Ship of the Line having 100 guns on three decks carried 498 men. She was 1st in the Lee Column, was captained by Captain Edward ROTHERAM. She carried the flag of Vice-Admiral Lord Cuthbert Collingwood. “Overall she lost one lieutenant, her master, one lieutenant of marines, two midshipman, 29 seamen and 13 marines killed, two lieutenants, one lieutenant of marines, one master's mate, four midshipman, her boatswain, 69 seamen and 16 marines wounded. **ALLEN** James: **BOYER** Job: **CROOK** James – Sergeant: **FORSTER** Ralph: **FROAD** Joseph: **FULLER** Samuel: **GREEN** Robert - 2ND Lieutenant RM: **HOYSES** Soake: **MARELLO** Crescenso: **PEACH** George: **STEPHENS** John: **WHEALY** Dennis.



HMS Swiftsure was a 3RD Rate Ship of the Line having 74 guns on two decks. She was 11TH in the Lee Column, was captained by Captain William Gordon Rutherford. 2 marines killed **REICHE** Joseppa : **FINCH** Thomas.



HMS Temeraire was a 2nd Rate Ship of the Line having 98 guns on three decks. She was 2nd in the Weather Column, was captained by Captain Eliab HARVEY. 17 marines killed. **ASHMAN** James - Sergeant Marines: **BARLOWE** Edward: **BARLOWE** Thomas: **BUSIGNY** Simeon - Captain RM: **CANNON** William: **CLINCH** William -Boy Marine: **FEAGAN** PATRICK: **GREGORY** John -Boy Marine: **HARDING** Thomas: **HILL** John: **JERRY** John: **KELLY** John: **KINGSTON** John - 2ND Lieutenant RM: **MORRIS** Stephen: **POUND** William: **THURLOW** William: **WILLIAMS** Thomas -Boy Marine.



HMS Thunderer was a 3RD Rate Ship of the Line having 74 guns. She was 13TH in the Lee Column, was captained by Lieutenant John STOCKHAM. 2 marines killed

MASTERS Richard: **MORRIS** WILLIAM.



HMS Tonnant was a 3RD Rate Ship of the Line having 80 guns. She was 4TH in the Lee Column, was captained by Captain Charles TYLER. 9 marines killed

COTTER Thomas: **FORD** Thomas: **LENELL** John -Sergeant Marines: **LILLOW** William: **LINZIE** Job: **PORTENGALE** John: **SKINNER** James: **WILCOX** William: **WINYARD** John -Sergeant Marines.

HMS Victory was a 1ST Rate Ship of the Line having 100 guns on three decks. She was 1st in the weather column, was captained by Captain Eliab HARVEY. She carried the flag of Admiral Lord NELSON. 20 marines killed.



ADAIR Charles William - Captain RM: **BERRY**

James –Drummer: **BRENNAN** John: **BROWN** John: **COBORN (COWBURN)** William: **COCKRAN** George: **EBBSWORTH** John: **GREEN** James: **HILLIER** Daniel: **JONES** William: **KENNEDY** Geor

ge: **LEWIS** Jeremiah G: **McMANUS** Barnard: **MYERS** Lamberd: **NORGROVE** James: **PALMER** John: **PERRY** William: **RAYNER** Thomas: **WILKES** Samuel: **WILLMOTT** George:

22nd October



1958 Marine A. **MacDOUGALL** RM 15894 of 45 Marine Commando killed in road ambush near Amiados. This was during the campaign waged by a Greek terrorist organization, EOKA, with the aim of achieving union of Cyprus with Greece against the wishes of the Turkish community

23rd October

1942 HMS Phoebe was torpedoed by U-161 off the Congo Estuary, while on passage to French Equatorial Africa. Her route was from Simonstown in South Africa to Freetown Sierra Leone, but the ship had to refuel at Pointe Noire. Two U-boats (U-161 and U-126), were patrolling that area at the time. After the hit, a corvette coming up from the harbour prevented the U-boat from finishing off the cruiser. About 60 crew members were killed (and three more died from malaria in the following days). 3 Royal Marines killed.

ERRIDGE, Albert C, Bandmaster 2c, RMB/X 145: **LANCEFIELD**, Ronald V, Marine, CH/X 1682: **WOODROW**, Harold F, Sergeant, RM, CH/24720, DOW

1943 HMS Charybdis was in action with German torpedo boats escorting coastal convoy off Brittany. Hit on port side by two torpedoes fired by T23 and sank within 30 minutes. 426 of the ship's company lost their lives and 107 were rescued. 38 Royal Marines killed:

ARSTALL, Leslie, Marine, PLY/X 103609: **ASHMAN**, John S, Musician, RMB/X 698: **BOON**, Robert, Marine, PLY/X 103134: **BUNGAY**, Philip G, Musician, RMB/X 112: **BURFOOT**, Thomas G, Act/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 2793: **BURNAGE**, Eric A, Musician, RMB/X 1510: **CHIVERS**, Joseph, Marine, PLY/X 101483: **DISHON**, Reginald W, Marine, PLY/X 2067: **DONOVAN**, Dennis L, Marine, PLY/X 107819: **DRAKE**, James, Musician, RMB/X 1930: **DUXBURY**, Herbert L J, Band Corporal, RMB/X 83: **FAKE**, Donald J, Musician, RMB/X 1494: **FALLON**, John, Marine, PLY/X 2293: **GIBSON**, William C, Marine, PLY/X 2761: **HAWKINS**, Walter G, Musician, RMB/X 750: **HAYNES**, Graham G, Marine, PLY/X 107844: **HOLDING**, Arnold, Marine, PLY/X 103541: **HOYLE**, Harold, Marine, PLY/X 107600: **KEMP**, David, Marine, PLY/X 101559: **LLOYD**, Ivor, Marine, PLY/X 101607: **LOUGHLIN**, Samuel, Ty/Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 1598: **MERCER**, John T, Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 2054: **MILLINGTON**, Charles, Marine, PLY/X 2502: **MOTTRAM**, Tom, Marine, PLY/X 2614: **PIESSE**, Frederick C, Bandmaster 2c, RMB/2815: **POLLARD**,

John C, Marine, PLY/X 107580: **ROBERTS**, Clifford E, Marine, PLY/X 4181: **ROWSE**, Ernest R S, Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 146: **RUNDLE**, Leslie W, Marine, PLY/X 101557: **SAWYER**, Kenneth S, Musician, RMB/X 130: **SCOTT**, Edward E, Marine, PLY/X 107839: **SNOWBALL**, William, Musician, RMB/X 1461: **STAPLETON**, Thomas, Marine, PLY/X 101550: **SAYLES**, William, Marine, PLY/X 107585,: TRAYNOR, John, Marine, PLY/X 101555: **VENESS**, Henry F J, Marine, PLY/X 2886: WALLIS, Frederick G, Marine, PLY/X 1751: **WATERS**, Johnny, Marine, PLY/X 101624: **WILLIAMS**, Harold, Marine, PLY/X 1117,

24th October

1857 2nd Opium War. " On the morning of October 24th, Sir Michael landed additional Marines to aid detachments which were already ashore in Canton from the Sibylle and Encounter for the protection of the factory and he himself went in the Coromandel to join the Barracouta off Macao Fort. Upon a preconcerted signal, the Bird's Nest Fort mounting 35 guns, and a small fort, which being opposite the city, might have annoyed the factory, were seized without resistance. The Shameen Forts, at the head of the Macao passage were subsequently treated in the same way; and all the guns and ammunition in them were rendered unserviceable or were destroyed.

25th October

1854 Battle of Balaclava. At 9 am the Cossack cavalry charged the RMLI redoubts but they were held. The British Dragoons then charged the Cossacks. Once the Dragoons retired the RMA opened up causing heavy casualties to the Cossacks on the left of their line and the reserves further back.

26th October

1917 Second Battle of Passchendaele (Eighth phase of Third Ypres) involves the 63rd Division. Months of heavy shelling, coupled with continuous rain the night before, made a mockery of the detailed maps which had been issued to the commanders. The battlefield was just a sea of churned-up, glutinous mud, often thigh-deep into which they were moved forward at 0504 hours on the morning of 26th October. The rain continued all day as Lt.- Col Harold Ozanne RMLI led the 1ST Battalion out in 3 waves. It was yet another brave and heroic slaughter.Counter attacks in the sludge forced them back from even the most modest gains and in the end the two battalions had gained no more than 350 yards, losing 700 officers and men in the process of these 208 Royal Marines were killed



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

ALDRIDGE, Douglas J, Ty/Lieutenant, RM, killed:
ALLCOCK, Ralph, Private, RMLI, S 2058 (Ply), killed:
ALLEN, Albert E, Private, RMLI, S 959 (Ch), killed:
ALSTON, Giles H, Private, RMLI, S 1410 (Po), killed:
BALCOMBE, Francis C, Ty/Lieutenant, RM, killed:
BARNSBY, James W, Private, RMLI, S 2208 (Po), killed:
BARTLETT, Walter W, Private, RMLI, S 2302 (Ch), killed:
BEAL, Augustus H, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 2030 (Po), killed:
BELL, William H, Private, RMLI, S 2059 (Ch), killed:
BOND, Walter, Private, RMLI, S 2285 (Po), killed:
BOWDEN, Harris, Private, RMLI, S 1405 (Ply), killed:
BRANCH, William Edward, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, 8661 (Po), killed:
BROCKWAY, Albert E, Private, RMLI, S 2164



(Ch), killed: **CADE**, John T, Private, RMLI, 18135 (Po), killed: **CLARK**, Audley, Private, RMLI, S 2218 (Po), killed: **COBURN**, Alexander, Corporal, RMLI, 17953 (Po), killed: **COCKIE**, William, Private, RMLI, S 1488 (Ch), killed: **COLES**, Bertie, Private, RMLI, S 1886 (Ch), killed: **COLLINS**, Archibald W, Private, RMLI, S 19 (Po), killed: **CORRY**, Samuel E, Private, RMLI, S 1213 (Ply), killed: **COTTON**, Albert V, Private, RMLI, S 1493 (Po), killed: **COX**, Joseph S, Private, RMLI, 18055 (Ch), killed: **CRIPPS**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, S 66 (Po), killed: **CRUMPTON**, Arthur B, Private, RMLI, 19597 (Ch), killed: **DAVIS**, Jesse F, Private, RMLI, S 1592 (Ply), killed: **DRAKEFORD**, John W, Private, RMLI, S 1540 (Ply), killed: **DUGAN**, James, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 17482 (Ply), killed: **EVANS**, Joseph, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 19608 (Ch), killed: **EVANS**, Joseph W, Private, RMLI, S 977 (Ch), killed: **FORTE**, Richard J, Private, RMLI, S 1807 (Po), killed: **FOX**, George R, Private, RMLI, S 2362 (Ch), killed: **FREEMAN**, Herbert J, Private, RMLI, S 1928 (Ply), killed: **GATES**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, S 2290 (Po), killed: **GIBSON**, James, Private, RMLI, 16331 (Ply), killed: **GUTHRIE**, Herbert, Private, RMLI, S 2062 (Ch), killed: **HAINES**, Victor M, Private, RMLI, S 1859 (Ch), killed: **HALLETT**, Henry R, Private, RMLI, S 2203 (Ch), killed: **HAMES**, Walter L, Private, RMLI, 18652 (Po), killed: **HAMMOND**, Edgar, Private, RMLI, S 2026 (Po), killed: **HARVEY**, James, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, 17467 (Ch), killed: **HEARN**, William C, Private, RMLI, S 2194 (Ch), killed: **HOPKINS**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, S 2060 (Ch), killed: **INGRAM**, Sidney R, Corporal, RMLI, S 1397 (Po), killed: **IRISH**, John H, Private, RMLI, S 1987 (Ch), killed: **JANES**, Alfred J, Private, RMLI, S 2081 (Ply), killed: **JENKINS**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 16160 (Ch), killed: **JONES**, Harold, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1089 (Ply), killed: **KEEN**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, S 2018 (Ply), killed: **KENDELL**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, S 1938 (Ch), killed: **KIRBY**, Caleb, Private, RMLI, 10040 (Ply), killed: **KNIGHT**, Edwin, Private, RMLI, S 2104 (Ch), killed: **LEE**, William, Private, RMLI, S 2179 (Ch), killed: **LIDDLE**, William, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 2045 (Ch), killed: **LOVE**, James, Private, RMLI, S 2344 (Ch), killed: **MAIN**, James, Corporal, RMLI, 16875 (Ply), killed: **MILEMAN**, Frank, Sergeant, RMLI, S 213 (Ch), killed: **MITCHELL**, Josiah, Private, RMLI, S 2012 (Ply), killed: **MITCHELL**, William R, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 13203 (Ply), killed: **NEAL**, Alfred E, Private, RMLI, S 1792 (Po), killed: **NEVILLE**, Frederick E, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1558 (Ply), killed: **NORRIS**, Ernest, Private, RMLI, S 1049 (Ply), killed: **PANDELUS**, James G, Private, RMLI, S 505 (Ch), killed: **PARE**, Herbert, Corporal, RMLI, 16568 (Po), killed: **PARSONS**, William J, Private, RMLI, S 1651 (Ch), killed: **PEARCE**, Robert H, Private, RMLI, S 2031 (Ply), killed: **PENN**, Henry J, Private, RMLI, 20421 (Ch), killed: **PIKE**, Benjamin, Private, RMLI, S 1879 (Ch), killed: **RADFORD**, Stanley J, Sergeant, RMLI, S 1194 (Ply), DOW: **READ**, Joseph, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 17485 (Ch), killed: **REDFERN**, Frederick W J, Private, RMLI, 20640 (Ch), killed: **ROBINSON**, Frank J, Private, RMLI, 16485 (Po), killed: **ROSS**, James A T, Private, RMLI, S 2289 (Po), DOW: **RUST**, Edward A, Private, RMLI, S 956 (Ch), killed: **SALISBURY**, Thomas O, Private, RMLI, 15958 (Ch), killed: **SAUNDERS**, Charles S, Private, RMLI, S 881 (Ch), killed: **SCOTT**, Cecil D, Corporal, RMLI, 17541 (Ch), killed: **SELLEX**, Ernest J, Private, RMLI, 16559 (Po), killed: **SETTLE**, William R, Private, RMLI, 17581 (Ch), killed: **SHEPHERD**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, S 2349 (Ch), killed: **SHINTON**, Charles F, Private, RMLI, S 1647 (Po), killed: **SIMPSON**, Harold, Private, RMLI, S 2192 (Po), killed: **SKELLY**, James W, Sergeant, RMLI, S 1396 (Ch), killed: **SPARROW**, Harry, Private, RMLI, S 1657 (Ply), killed: **STANNARD**, George W, Private, RMLI, S 1211 (Ch), killed: **TIDY**, Stanley B, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 15903 (Po), killed: **TUNSTALL**, Herbert, Private, RMLI, 17930 (Ch), killed: **VASEY**, Arthur D, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 18271 (Po), killed: **VERRINDER**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, S 1718 (Po), killed: **VULGAR**, Frederick C, Private, RMLI, S 2066 (Ch), killed: **WALTERS**, James H, Private, RMLI, S 1273 (Ch), killed: **WAPLES**, George J, Private, RMLI, S 1747 (Ply), killed: **WEBSTER**, George, Private, RMLI, S 2216 (Po), killed: **WHEELER**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, S 293 (Ply), killed: **WOLLAN**, William H, Private, RMLI, S 1081 (Ply), killed: **WOODS**, Bert H, Private, RMLI, S 2192 (Ch), killed: **YARDLEY**, Cyril W, Private, RMLI, S 2183 (Ch), killed



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ADDICOTT, Dick, Private, RMLI, S 2039 (Ply), killed: **ANDERSON**, John E, Private, RMLI, S 721 (Ply), killed: **ANSTEY**, Alfred R J, Private, RMLI, S 1987 (Po), killed: **ASH**, William J, Private, RMLI, 12880 (Ply), killed: **ASKEW**, Wilfred R, Private, RMLI, S 2211 (Ch), killed: **BAGNALL**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, S 413 (Ply), killed: **BARNFIELD**, Harry, Private, RMLI, S 2159 (Ch), killed: **BLATCHFORD**, William, Private, RMLI, S 1971 (Ply), killed: **BLUNDY**, Harold, Private, RMLI, S 1587 (Ply), killed: **BOND**, Frederick G, Private, RMLI, S 1723 (Ply), killed: **BOSTOCK**, Clarence G, Private, RMLI, 14811 (Ply), killed: **BOULTER**, James, Private, RMLI, S 2186 (Po), killed: **BOULTON**, Thomas W, Private, RMLI, S 870 (Ply), killed: **BRIMELOW**, Jack, Sergeant, RMLI, S 324 (Ply), killed: **BROADAWAY**, John, Private, RMLI, S 1979 (Po), killed: **BROGAN**, Thomas W, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM: **BROWN**, Brien, Private, RMLI, S 1413 (Ply), killed: **BROWN**, Frank, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 13829 (Ply), killed **BUTTS**, Stephen R F, Private, RMLI, S 1576 (Ply), killed: **CHALK**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, S 1789 (Ply), killed: **CHIVERS**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 17472 (Ply), killed: **CLACK**, Edwin J, Private, RMLI, S 1945 (Ply), killed: **COBURN**, William D, Private, RMLI, 16168 (Po), killed: **COLEMAN**, Clarence, Private, RMLI, S 980 (Po), killed: **CRANCH**, George, Private, RMLI, S 1210 (Ply), killed: **DOWDELL**, George S, Private, RMLI, S 896 (Ply), killed: **EASTWOOD**, Fred, Private, RMLI, S 936 (Ply), killed: **EDWARDS**, Trevor, Ty/Captain, RM, killed: **FOLEY**, Philip T, Private, RMLI, 13125 (Ply), killed: **FREEMAN**, William G, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, S 8 (Ply), killed: **GALE**, Albert F, Private, RMLI, S 1927 (Ply), killed: **GHENT**, Frederick A, Corporal, RMLI, S 1667 (Ply), killed: **GIBSON**, Ernest G, Private, RMLI, S 2163 (Ch), killed: **GREEN**, George, Private, RMLI, 18688 (Po), killed: **GRIFFIN**, Frank, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 1800 (Ply), killed: **GRIFFITH**, John G, Private, RMLI, S 1920 (Po), killed: **HAIGH**, George H, Private, RMLI, S 1752 (Po), killed: **HARPER**, Norman, Private, RMLI, 16384 (Po), killed: **HARRIS**, Charles F, Corporal, RMLI, 15727 (Ply), killed: **HATHERELL**, Frank, Private, RMLI, S 1677 (Po), killed: **HAWKSWORTH**, Granville S, Private, RMLI, S 1041 (Po), killed: **HEATH**, Maurice, Private, RMLI, 17776 (Po), killed: **HILL**, Arthur, Private, RMLI, S 2023

(Ply): **HILL**, Leonard, Private, RMLI, S 1335 (Ply), killed: **HOLBROW**, Edward J, Private, RMLI, S 1986 (Po), killed: **HOLLAND**, Arthur H, Private, RMLI, S 2313 (Ch), killed: **HOPKINS**, John T, Private, RMLI, S 2209 (Ch), killed: **HOSKIN**, James A, Private, RMLI, S 1338 (Ply), killed: **HOWARTH**, Richard L, Colour Sergeant Major, RMLI, 13023 (Ply), killed: **HUISH**, William, Private, RMLI, S 2037 (Ply), killed: **JOHNSON**, Leonard C, Private, RMLI, 17192 (Po), killed: Private, RMLI, S 1717 (Ply), killed: **LEDDON**, Thomas H, Private, RMLI, S 1150 (Po), killed: **LIGERTWOOD**, Peter, Lieutenant, RM: **LIVERMORE**, William, Private, RMLI, 16773 (Po), killed: **LOGAN**, Alfred H, Sergeant, RMLI, 16237 (Po), killed: **LOVE**, William W, Colour Sergeant Major, RMLI, 15979 (Po), killed: **LOVEGROVE**, Samuel E, Private, RMLI, S 1501 (Po), killed: **LUTHER**, William A, Private, RMLI, S 2149 (Ch), killed: **MCCARTY**, Patrick J, Private, RMLI, S 647 (Ply), killed: **METCALFE**, Matthew, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, S 286 (Ply), killed: **MIDDLETON**, Wilfred S, Private, RMLI, S 1350 (Ply), killed: **MILLER**, George T, Private, RMLI, S 1125 (Ply), killed: **MILTON**, George T, Private, RMLI, 16355 (Ply), killed: **MITCHEVERE**, James E, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, 11838 (Ply), killed: **MURTON**, Harold W, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 14943 (Ply), killed: **NEWMAN**, Fred, Private, RMLI, S 1204 (Ply), killed: **O'REILEY**, Thomas E, Private, RMLI, S 1394 (Po), killed: **PARISH**, Charles, Private, RMLI, S 1935 (Po), killed: **PARKIN**, Fred, Sergeant, RMLI, S 393 (Po), killed: **PATTISON**, Hugh Mc I, Private, RMLI, 17687 (Ply), killed: **RIMMER**, James, Private, RMLI, S 678 (Po), killed: **ROBERTS**, William F, Private, RMLI, S 2204 (Po), killed: **ROBERTS**, William J, Private, RMLI, S 1643 (Ch), killed: **ROBERTSON**, David B, Private, RMLI, S 754 (Po), killed: **ROBINSON**, James C, Private, RMLI, 18562 (Po), killed: **ROLFE**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, S 1886 (Po), killed: **ROPER**, Reuben, Private, RMLI, S 1813 (Ch), killed: **SALMON**, George, Private, RMLI, S 2104 (Ply), killed: **SAUNDERS**, Frederick R, Private, RMLI, S 2382 (Ch), killed: **SILVER**, Charles H, Private, RMLI, S 2031 (Po), DOW: **SKINNER**, Charles P, Private, RMLI, S 1809 (Ply), killed: **SOUTH**, Bertie G, Private, RMLI, 20551 (Ch), killed: **SPILLANE**, Robert, Private, RMLI, S 1335 (Po), killed: **STEVENSON**, Harold, Private, RMLI, S 2219 (Ch), killed: **STONE**, Arthur F, Private, RMLI, S 2217 (Po), killed: **STRIBLING**, Stanley, Private, RMLI, 19016 (Ply), killed: **SULLIVAN**, John, Private, RMLI, 15914 (Po), killed: **SULLY**, William E J, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 17696 (Ply), killed: **WALLEN**, Frederick G, Private, RMLI, S 1639 (Ply), killed: **WHITBY**, Harold, Corporal, RMLI, S 1303 (Ply), killed: **WHITE**, John T, Private, RMLI, S 1778 (Po), killed: **WILCOX**, Samuel, Private, RMLI, S 868 (Po), killed: **WILKES**, Alfred E, Private, RMLI, S 2212 (Ch), killed: **WILSON**, James P, Private, RMLI, 18163 (Ply), killed: **WRENCH**, Victor E, Private, RMLI, 18036 (Po), killed: **YEO**, William W, Private, RMLI, 16358 (Ply), killed



RND, 148th RN Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

CLASPER, John, Private, RM, S 3614 (Deal), killed



RND, 149th RN Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

HUDSON, Richard, Lance Corporal, RM, S 3622 (Deal), killed: **MATHER**, Henry, Private, RM, S 3283 (Deal), killed: **MORRIS**, John, Private, RM, S 4388 (Deal), killed: **PERCY**, Henry, Private, RM, S 3635 (Deal), killed: **TURNBULL**, Andrew, Private, RM, S 3301 (Deal), killed: **WOODHAMS**, Fred L, Private, RM, S 3739 (Deal), killed



RND, 188th Brigade Machine Gun Company, France

BARRY, John E, Private, RMLI, S 352 (Ch), DOW



RND, 190th Brigade Machine Gun Company, France

MILLER, Henry W, Private, RMLI, S 1091 (Po), killed: MORAN, Patrick, Private, RMLI, S 1154 (Ch), killed



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During the NATO campaign (under a UN Mandate~) 2001 to 2014. The following is a partial list of ROYAL MARINES who lost their lives in Afghanistan reference MOD releases.

ALEXANDER, Samuel Giles, marine killed in Afghanistan on Friday 27 May 2011. Marine Sam Alexander MC was born on 16 June 1982 in Hammersmith, London, where he grew up with his mother, Serena, father Stuart and sister, Sophie. He was married to Claire in November 2009 and their son Leo was born in July 2010.

He joined the Royal Marines in July 2006 and passed fit for duty in October 2007. On completion of training, Marine Alexander MC was appointed to the Fire Support Group in Mike Company, 42 Commando Royal Marines. He later moved to Kilo Company and deployed on Operation HERRICK 9, during which he was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry. On his return from operations he trained as a Heavy Weapons (Anti-Tank) specialist and was appointed to Juliet Company, before returning to Afghanistan for Operation HERRICK 14.

AUGUSTIN Ollie Lieutenant RM aged 23 killed in Afghanistan on Friday 27 May 2011. by an improvised explosive device whilst on patrol in the Loy Mandeh area of the Nad 'Ali district in Helmand province. The patrol, which was led by Lieutenant Augustin, was tasked to disrupt insurgent activity in their perceived rear area and provide depth to the Clear, Hold, Build Operation occurring to the north in Loy Mandeh Kalay further to expand the influence of the Government of Afghanistan. Lieutenant Ollie Augustin Royal Marines was born in Kent on 16 March 1988. He attended Dartford Grammar School before leaving aged 18 to spend a year travelling.

Lieutenant Augustin Royal Marines began Officer Training in September 2009, passing fit for duty in December 2010. His first appointment was in Command of Fire Support Group, Juliet Company, 42 Commando Royal Marines.

BARTLETT Paul Unit: R.M. Special Boat Service: Sergeant Date Of Death: 27th June 2006 Age: 35 from England born 3.3.1971 son of Clive and Denny Bartlett KIA Sangin valley, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

BIRCH Marc (Birchy) : R.M. 45 Commando (6 Troop X Company) Corporal Date Of Death: 12th December 2008 Age: 26 Kingsthorpe, Northamptonshire born 23.3.1982 husband of Charlene Birch KIA Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

BIRDSALL Steven Marine aged, 20, of Bravo Company 40 Commando Royal Marines. The young marine was shot while he guarded a team of Royal Engineers reinforcing the defences at one of the British checkpoints in Sangin. He was flown back to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham but died from his wounds on Monday afternoon. 14th June 2010. Marine Steven James Birdsall was born on the 6 October 1989. He lived in Warrington with his parents and younger sister, Melissa. In

December 2007 he joined the Royal Marines, aged 18, passing for duty as a Royal Marines Commando on the 7 November 2008. On completion of training he attended the Defence School of Transport in Leconfield where he gained his full range of driving licences, including his HGV driver qualification. He joined 40 Commando Royal Marines in January 2009. Shortly after, he deployed with Delta Company on Exercise TAURUS; a large scale amphibious deployment, taking him through the Mediterranean to the Far East and culminating in a jungle warfare package in Brunei. In September 2009 he moved to Bravo Company and conducted six months of Mission Specific Training for this operational tour with 40 Commando to Afghanistan. He deployed to Helmand in April 2010 and was based at Patrol Base EZERAY, in northern Sangin. Bravo Company has conducted numerous joint operations with the Afghan National Security Forces aimed at bettering the lives of ordinary Afghans by improving security and increasing their freedom of movement.

BROWN, Adam of Alpha Company, 40 Commando Royal Marines, died in an explosion while on foot patrol in the Sangin district of Helmand Province on Sunday, 1st August 2010. Marine Brown - killed instantly in the blast - joined the Royal Marines in 2004 before being deployed to Iraq, Sierra Leone and Afghanistan.

CROOKES Jonathan Killed in action Friday 16th July 2010. Marine Crookes, from 40 Commando Royal Marines, was killed while on foot patrol in Sangin, Helmand Province on his third tour to Afghanistan. The 26-year-old, from Halesowen, West Midlands, joined the Royal Marines Reserve in September 2005 and was awarded the Commando Dagger for best all round recruit in training. He was studying for a degree in International Relations and worked as a tree surgeon and labourer. He was killed just three days after his comrade Mne Matthew Harrison, 23, died in a gun battle on Tuesday.

CURLEY Stephen Corporal, aged 26, from 40 Commando Royal Marines, died while on foot patrol in Helmand on Wednesday, 26th May 2010. He died in an explosion in a suspected improvised explosive device (IED) attack when he was conducting a routine patrol. He was married to Kirianne and had a five-month-old son called William. Born in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, Cpl Curley lived with his family in Exeter, Devon. He had previously served in Iraq as well as another tour of Afghanistan in 2006 before returning there in March. Lieutenant Colonel Paul James, Commanding Officer 40 Commando Group, Combined Force Sangin said: "Corporal Stephen Curley was the very best of his generation; bright, fit, charismatic and supremely brave, he was a man who genuinely inspired others. I saw in him a selfless, loyal, utterly dedicated and natural leader of men."

CURRY Thomas (Vinders) Unit: R.M. 42 Commando (11 Troop M Company) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 13th January 2007 Age: 21 from East London resided Wellesley Road, Wanstead, Essex born 1.1.1986 son of Martin Curry fiancé of Carla Maynard award Mention in Despatches (posthumous) KIA Helmand Province, Afghanistan

DARBYSHIRE Steven William Sergeant aged 35, from Wigan, in Greater Manchester, was shot by insurgents on Wednesday 23 June 2010 while on security patrol in the Sangin district of Helmand province. Sergeant Darbyshire joined the Royal Marines in 1996 and served in Northern Ireland and Iraq before being deployed to Afghanistan. His first tour was in 2007 and he returned again in April this year as part of Alpha Company.

DAVIES Damian Jonathan Unit: R.M. Commando Logistic Regiment (Landing Force Support Party) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 12th December 2008 Age: 27 from Telford, Shropshire born 20.10.1981 husband of Joanne Davies (1 son and expecting second child). CTCRM (passed out December 2002 with 830 Troop) Commando Logistic Regiment (LFSP) Staff Car Driver, Fleet HQ CTCRM Lymstone Commando Logistic Regiment (LFSP) WIA Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

DEERING Robert Christopher (Rob) Unit: R.M. Commando Logistic Regiment Rank: Corporal Date Of Death: 21st December 2008 Age: 33 Gravesite: buried Sheldon, East Midlands from Solihull, West Midlands born Solihull son of David Deering son of Karen and stepson of Peter Waspe resided with fiancé Gemma Polino, Sheldon, Birmingham R.M. 1998 KIA Helmand Province, Afghanistan

DUNSTAN Neil David Unit: R.M. Brigade Reconnaissance Force Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 12th November 2008 Age: 32 Gravesite: St Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Bransgore, Dorset from Bournemouth, Hampshire son of Keith and Sue Dunstan fiancé of Kate Miller graduated as BSc graduated 854 Troop, CTCRM 2003 42 Commando (Recce Troop, J Company) Fleet Protection Group BRF KIA Garmisr, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

ELMS Liam (Elmsy): R.M. 45 Commando (10 Troop, Z Company) Rank: Corporal Date Of Death: 31st December 2008 Age: 26 Gravesite: St Joseph's Churchyard Wrightington, Wigan, Lancashire born 28.10.1982 Wigan, Lancashire son of Michael and Maureen Elms fiancée of Jessica Deans educated St Peter's High School R.M. 7.5.2001 CTCRM 42 Commando 2002-03

Junior Command Course CTCRM (trainee, Platoon Weapons Instructor Class 2 + Instructor) Fleet Protection Group 45
Commando 7.1.2008 KIA southern Helmand Province, Afghanistan

EVANS Tony Unit: R.M. 42 Commando (J Company) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 27th November 2008 Age: 20 from Sunderland born Sunderland son of Tony Evans an Julia Churchill completed RM training July 2007 KIA near Lashkar Gah, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

FELLOWS Steven (Jamie): R.M. 45 Commando (1 Troop, W Company) Rank: Lance Corporal Date Of Death: 12th December 2008 Age: 26 from Sheffield, Yorkshire born 15.5.1982 Sheffield, Yorkshire grew up Parson Cross, Sheffield husband of Natalie Fellows R.M. November 2006 awarded King's Badge for best recruit in training 45 Commando (W Company) May 2007 promoted L/Cpl April 2008 KIA Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

FORD Mathew R.M. 45 Commando (Z Company) Rank: Lance Corporal Date Of Death: 15th January 2007 Age: 30 Gravesite: Immingham Cemetery, Lincolnshire : grew up Immingham, Lincolnshire resided Dundee (with his fiancé Ina Reid) son of Joan and stepson of Bootsy Lewis, Immingham, Lincolnshire KIA Helmand Province, Afghanistan

GILL Martin Lance Corporal Aged 22. He was born on 14 August 1988. He was was killed in Afghanistan on Sunday 5 June 2011. He lived in Nottingham with his brother, John, and his sister, Rebecca. His mother died the week before he deployed. He served K Company, 42 Commando, Royal Marines He was an hour into his patrol when it was fired upon from a nearby compound. He was hit and fatally wounded.

GOSTICK Dale Unit: R.M. Armoured Support Company (3 Troop) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 25th May 2008 Age: 22 : from Oxford joined R.M. 2004 42 Commando (L Company) passed Viking Operators Course, Bovington 2006 Armoured Support Company KIA north of Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

HARRISON Christopher Lewis, Corporal Bravo Company 40 Commando RM. Corporal Christopher Lewis Harrison was 26 years old and was born in Watford. He lived in Taunton with his wife Rebecca. He entered Royal Marines Recruit Training at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines on 13 March 2003, passing for duty on 18 December 2003. Corporal Harrison had previously served with the Fleet Protection Group Royal Marines, and had qualified as a Heavy Weapons (Mortars) specialist in 2005. In 2007 he deployed with 40 Commando Royal Marines on Operation HERRICK 7 and he had recently returned from an amphibious exercise in the Mediterranean and the Far East. In January 2010 he was selected for, and successfully passed, Junior Command Training at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines. Returning to 40 Commando he then deployed on Operation HERRICK 12 as a Mortar Fire Controller with Bravo Company, based at Patrol Base Shuga.. He was killed in Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan in an explosion on the 9th May 2010. *"He was part of a foot patrol in an operation which was being conducted in support of the Afghan National Army when he was struck by an explosion. He died in the course of his duty, seeking to provide reassurance and security to the local nationals in Sangin."*

HARRISON Matthew was shot dead in Afghanistan a day before his 24th birthday. He was killed on foot patrol on Tuesday 13th July 2010, while serving as part of Combined Force Sangin. Marine Harrison was awarded the King's Badge for being the best all-round recruit in the senior troop during his training. His comrades spoke of his sensitive nature coupled with the great bravery he showed in leading patrols and saving the lives of fellow Marines by clearing safe routes and finding hidden bombs in Sangin.

HART David. Marine Hart, 23, was born in York and lived with his family in the village of Upper Poppleton. He passed out for duty as a Royal Marines Commando on 16 October 2009, when he was awarded the Commando Medal. This award is given to a recruit who, throughout training, display "qualities of the Commando Spirit". After completing his training he was drafted to 40 Commando Royal Marines, based in Norton Fitzwarren near Taunton. He was killed in the Sangin district of Helmand province on Thursday 7th July 2010 while on a foot patrol.

HOLLAND: Jonathan Mark (Dutchy) Unit: R.M. 45 Commando (W Company) Rank: Marine Date of Death: 21st February 2007 Age: 23 : from Chorley, Lancashire born Lancashire son of Bernadette Shorrocks killed by mine Sangin Valley, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

HOLLINGTON Richard Marine. He was 23 years old and lived near Petersfield, Hampshire, with his parents and younger brothers Nick and Charlie. Prior to joining the Royal Marines he played semi-professional football for Fareham Town Football Club. Completing Royal Marines training in September 2008, he attended the Defence School of Transport,

Leconfield, gaining his full range of driving licences. Joining Delta Company, 40 Commando Royal Marines, in December 2008, he deployed in the following New Year on Taurus 09 - the largest Royal Naval deployment in over ten years. Serving both afloat and ashore he participated in a number of multinational exercises in Cyprus and Turkey. The exercise culminated in the Far East where he experienced the rigours of a jungle warfare training package in Brunei. On return to the UK he joined Bravo Company prior to beginning Mission Specific Training for Op HERRICK 12. He deployed to Sangin, Afghanistan, in April 2010, where he was based at Patrol Base Ezeray. Bravo Company had been conducting joint operations with the Afghan National Security Forces over the last few months aimed at bettering the lives of the local people by improving security and increasing their freedom of movement. He was wounded in a blast on June 12 while his company while on patrol to the south of the Helmand Patrol Base. & died of his injuries at the New Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham on Sunday 20th June 2010

HOTINE, Anthony Dean Marine.. He was killed on Wednesday 2nd June 2010. Marine Hotine was killed during the early morning as a result of an explosion which occurred when Alpha Company was conducting a joint reassurance patrol with the Afghan National Army in the area around Patrol Base Jamil, in the Sangin district of Helmand province. Marine Anthony Dean Hotine was 21 years old; he was born in Torquay and lived in Warminster with his parents and younger brothers, Callum and Kieren. He started Royal Marines Recruit Training at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines on 25 June 2007, passing for duty on 7 March 2008. On completion of training he attended the Defence School of Transport, Leconfield, where he gained his full range of driving licences, including his HGV driver qualification. Drafted to Yankee Company, 45 Commando Royal Marines, in May 2008, he deployed on his first operational tour to Sangin, Afghanistan, on Operation HERRICK 9. Having gained invaluable operational experience he specialised as a Signaller (Class 3) in July 2009, coming in the top third of his course. Known as 'Tino' to friends, in November 2009 Marine Hotine joined Command Company, 40 Commando Royal Marines, and immediately began Mission Specific Training for his second deployment to Sangin, Afghanistan, on Op HERRICK 12. He deployed in April 2010 as part of Alpha Company and was based out of Patrol Base Jamil.

HOULTRAM Lee Andrew R.M. Special Boat Service Rank: Sergeant Date of Death: 29th August 2009 Age: 3: from Cowie, Stirlingshire award QCVS 2007-08 KIA near Gereshk, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

JONES : Michael R.M. Special Boat Service Rank: Lance Corporal Date Of Death: 29th July 2007 Age: 26 : from North Newbald, Yorkshire joined R.M. 1999 KIA Nimruz Province, Afghanistan

LASKI Michael (Mick) Unit: R.M. 45 Commando (Signal Troop Y Company) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 25th February 2009 Age: 21 from Toxteth Park, Liverpool born 11.5.1987 Liverpool completed RM training September 2006 45 Commando WIA 23.2.2009 near Sangin ,Helmand Province, Afghanistan DOW Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, England

LUCAS Alexander (Alec) : R.M. 45 Commando (V Company) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 24th November 2008 Age: 24 Gravesite: Peebles Cemetery, Peeblesshire : from Edinburgh born 10.1.1984 Southampton, Hampshire son of Adrian Lucas, Peebles fiancé of Jill Drummond (1 daughter Cara) educated Peebles High School completed RM training October 2004 KIA near Kajaki, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

MACKIE Jason Unit: R.M. Armoured Support Group (3 Troop) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 14th May 2009 Age: 21 : from Bampton, Oxfordshire RM June 2007 Viking All Terrain Vehicle Operator KIA Basharan area, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

MACKIN Travis Unit: R.M. 539 Assault Squadron (attached V Company, 45 Commando) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 11th January 2009 Age: 22 : from Oreston, Plymouth, Devon brother of Rifleman Corbin Mackin, 1 Bn The Rifles educated Hooe Primary School educated Plymstock School KIA Kajaki, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

MANLEY ,Carl Captain RM Aged 41, He died in Afghanistan on Monday 24 September 2012. He died at Bagram Air Force Base from what are believed to be natural causes.

MANUEL John Henry (Manny) Unit: R.M. 45 Commando (Company HQ, X Company) Rank: Sergeant Date Of Death: 12th December 2008 Age: 38 : from Gateshead, Tyne and Wear born 11.11.1970 North East England son of John Manuel partner of Rachel completed RM training September 1989 45 Commando (X Company) Fleet Protection Group (aka Commachio

Group) 45 Commando Defence School of Driving Leaconsfield 45 Commando (X Company) KIA Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

MARSH David Unit: R.M. 40 Commando Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 30th March 2008 Age: 22 Gravesite: buried St Mary's Church in the village of Bolsterstone, Yorkshire : originally from Sheffield, Yorkshire husband of Claire Marsh, Taunton, Somerset (1 daughter Molly) joined R.M. 2002 WIA near Kajaki, Helmand Province, Afghanistan DOW Camp Bastion, Afghanistan

McKIBBEN Robert Joseph (Rob/Frank) R.M. Brigade Reconnaissance Force Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 12th November 2008 Age: 32 Gravesite: Aughavale Cemetery, Westport, County Mayo, Ireland : from Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland born June 1976 son of Tony and Grainne O'Malley McKibben educated Rice College, Westport joined RM age 27 42 Commando (Recce Troop J Company) Brigade Patrol Troop BRF KIA Garmsir, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

MEAD Nigel Dean, marine aged 19: Lima Company, 42 Commando, Royal Marines, Combined Force Nad 'Ali (North), was killed in Afghanistan on Sunday 15 May 2011. During the morning of 15 May 2011, Lima Company were conducting a cordon and search operation, partnered with the Afghan National Security Forces, of compounds suspected of being associated with improvised explosive device facilitation in the Loy Mandeh wadi in the Nad 'Ali district of Helmand province.

The location of these compounds is outside of the influence of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan which allows insurgent commanders to operate from them with a degree of impunity. Lima Company landed in a helicopter and began to move towards the compounds of interest. Shortly afterwards, Marine Mead was fatally injured in an improvised explosive device blast.

Marine Mead was born on 9 October 1991. He lived with his mother, Amanda, and sister in Carmarthen. He studied at Queen Elizabeth High School in Carmarthen until he joined the Royal Marines. He joined the Royal Marines on 27 October 2008, aged 17. It was Marine Mead's first employment after leaving school, and he enjoyed the demanding rigour of the Royal Marines. He passed fit for duty as a Royal Marines Commando on 3 July 2009, as an original member of 977 Troop. He was the youngest marine to pass out from his troop. On completion of training he joined 8 Troop, Lima Company, 42 Commando, based in Plymouth. He was involved in a number of high tempo and demanding tactical training exercises, including a two-month amphibious deployment to the United States. He also enjoyed wider training activities such as mountain training. He completed the full pre-deployment training package for operations in Afghanistan and in addition the long range rifle course.

MULVIHILL Damian (Dee) R.M. 40 Commando (1 Troop, A Company) Rank: Corporal Date Of Death: 20th February 2008 Age: 32 : from Plymouth, Devon fiancée of Lisa. He was born 5.6.1975 joined R.M. 20.9.1998 42 Commando (Marine - L/Cpl) Air Defence Troop 2002 Corporal December 2003 UK Landing Force Command Support Group 40 Commando April 2006. He was buried at St Andrew's Church in Plymouth

O'CONNOR, David Corporal Age 27 40 Commando, Royal Marines. He was killed in Afghanistan on Wednesday 24 October 2012 while on patrol in the Nahr-e Saraj district of Helmand province. *Corporal O'Connor and Corporal Day were participating in a patrol with C Company, 40 Commando to conduct low level training with the Afghan Local Police. While en route to conduct that training, the patrol came under small arms fire near the village of Char Kutsa. As a result of the engagement Corporal O'Connor was fatally injured alongside his colleague and patrol medic, Corporal Day.*

REDDY Benjamin (Ben) R.M. 42 Commando (4 Troop K Company) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 6th March 2007 Age: 22 : from Ascot, Berkshire KIA Kajaki, Helmand Province, Afghanistan (Op .Achilles)

RICHARDS Robert Martin (Rob) R.M. Armoured Support Group Rank: Lance Corporal Date Of Death: 27th May 2009 Age: 24 from Penmachno, Betws-y-Coed ,Conway, Wales single educated Ysgol Dyffrn Conwy, Llanrwst R.M. April 2002 CTCRM 45 Commando Viking All Terrain vehicle operator May 2006 WIA 22.5.2009 Nad-e-Ali District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan DOW Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham ,England

SMITH Darren (Daz) R.M. 45 Commando (X Company) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 14th February 2009 Age: 27 : from Fleetwood ,Lancashire boyfriend of Kelly (1 daughter Keira) CTCRM 2008 45 Commando July 2008 KIA west of Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

SPARKS George (Georgie/Sparky) R.M. 42 Commando (J Company) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 27th November 2008 Age: 19 : from Epping, Essex son of Wayne and Toni Sparks RM 2006 (924 Troop) awarded Commando Medal at Lymptone KIA near Lashkar Gah, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

STEPHENS Seth Royal Marine Corporal was killed in Southern Afghanistan on 1 July 2010 while fighting the Taliban. His Unit was not given Corporal Seth Stephens is believed to have been a member of the Special Boat Service (SBS) spokesman said Cpl Stephens was a trusted friend and colleague."He was blessed with the innate ability to brighten the darkest room; he also possessed a disarming sense of humour". "Measured and thoughtful, his strength came from a depth of experience and knowledge that he was keen to share with others." He added: "Above all else Seth was a doting husband and father. His absolute dedication and unfailing love for his family was abundantly clear for everybody to see. "He could always be relied upon to be there for his family and friends, whose needs he always placed before his own. Their loss is immeasurable and our condolences go to them."If there is some solace to be gained, it lies in knowing that Seth died doing the job he genuinely loved, alongside comrades that had the utmost admiration for him."

SUMMERS Scott R.M. 42 Commando (J Company) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 21st February 2007 Age: 23 : from Crawley, West Sussex born 3.9.1983 joined R.M. 24.1.2005 injured in road accident 4.2.2007 Helmand Province, Afghanistan died

TAYLOR Michael Lance Corporal Michael Taylor was 30 years old and lived in Rhyl with his partner Sonia and their three children; Ethan, Wesley and Charlton. A former British Army soldier, he joined the Royal Marines on the 26 April 2004. After passing for duty as a Royal Marines Commando he joined 45 Commando, based in Arbroath, Scotland. During his first draft he took the opportunity to serve with Naval Party Iraq as part of the Operation TELIC Force Protection Team before returning to 45 Commando in January 2007. A second draft saw him remain in Scotland while he served with Fleet Protection Group Royal Marines until January 2009. On completion of this draft he specialised within the Anti-Tank Branch qualifying as a Heavy Weapons (Class 3) Marine. Returning to 45 Commando he subsequently deployed on Operation HERRICK 9 serving in Kajaki with Victor Company. From 45 Commando he joined Charlie Company 40 Commando Royal Marines in November 2009, and immediately began Mission Specific Training for Operation HERRICK 12. Quickly promoted to Lance Corporal he deployed to Sangin, Afghanistan in March 2010, where he was based. Charlie Company has been responsible for the security around the Sangin area and has conducted dozens of patrols in support of the local nationals. Having completed numerous joint clearance operations with Afghan National Security Forces and uncovered many Improvised Explosive Devices, the area has increased freedom of movement and security so that the local population are able to go about their normal daily business. During the early afternoon of Tuesday 22 June 2010, his patrol base was engaged by accurate small arms fire. At the time Lance Corporal Taylor was providing protection to the camp in one of the security sangars and was fatally wounded in the incident.

TAYLOR Luke, Sargeant Aged 33 killed in Afghanistan. He was serving as part of Task Force Helmand when he was shot and killed at the main entrance to Lashkar Gah Main Operating Base in Helmand province

TAYLOR Scott Gregory rank Marine. Marine Taylor was killed as a result of an explosion which occurred when he and Alpha Company were conducting a foot patrol to help reassure the local population and to increase security within the area around Sangin. Scott Taylor joined the Royal Marines on 29 September 2007, aged 18. Prior to enlisting he completed his GCSEs and A-levels at Buxton Community School in his hometown of Buxton, Derbyshire. Following in the footsteps of his older brother Liam, Marine Taylor passed for duty as a Royal Marines Commando on 29 September 2008. Joining Alpha Company, 40 Commando Royal Marines, he took part in numerous exercises, most notably TAURUS 09, the largest Royal Naval deployment in over 10 years, participating in ceremonial duties in Gibraltar and multinational exercises in Cyprus and Turkey. The exercise culminated in the Far East where he completed an arduous jungle warfare training package in Brunei. Upon return from summer leave in September 2009, his attention was focused on Mission Specific Training for 40 Commando's deployment to Afghanistan on Op HERRICK 12. In April 2010 he deployed to Sangin, Afghanistan, with Alpha Company, based out of Patrol Base Jamil. He was killed in Afghanistan on Sunday 30 May 2010

THORNTON John R.M. 40 Commando Rank: Lieutenant Date Of Death: 30th March 2008 son of Peter and Linda Thornton joined R.M. 2004 WIA near Kajaki, Helmand Province, Afghanistan DOW Camp Bastion, Afghanistan. Lieutenant John 'JT' Thornton, aged 22, was from Ferndown in Dorset and joined the Royal Marines on 31 August 2004. He had previously served in Iraq and leaves behind his loving parents and brothers.

WALKER Stephen Corporal "A" Company 40 Commando RM killed by an explosion while on foot patrol with members of the Afghan Army near Patrol Base Almas, on the 21st May 2010 in Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He had served 20 years in the Royal Marines. Cpl Walker originally joined the Royal Navy on 19 May 1986, qualifying as a cook and serving at HMS Raleigh, HMS Cochrane and on board HMS Cleopatra. He subsequently transferred to the Royal Marines, entering Recruit Training at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines in March 1990, passing for duty in November 1990. During his 20 year career he served across the broad spectrum of Royal Marine Units including Fleet Protection Group Royal Marines, 40 and 45 Commando Royal Marines and the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines as a Recruit Troop Instructor. He had a widespread background of instructional expertise in areas such as Mortars, Platoon Weapons and jungle warfare. He also had considerable operational experience in Northern Ireland, Southern Turkey and Northern Iraq and, most recently, Afghanistan. In 2005, he excelled in his Junior Command Training at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines, placing in the top three students on his course. This promotion gave him the opportunity to pass on his wealth of knowledge and experience to his young marines. Joining 40 Commando Royal Marines in July 2009, he immediately conducted Mission Specific Training for deployment to Afghanistan. In April 2010, he deployed with Alpha Company, 40 Commando to Op HERRICK 12, employed as a Section Commander based out of Patrol Base ALMAS. His Company had been responsible for providing security, thereby increasing their freedom of movement, to the people of Sangin during his time in Afghanistan. On Friday morning, Alpha Company was conducting a reassurance patrol, alongside the Afghanistan National Army, near Patrol Base ALMAS. At approximately 8.50am local time, north of the Patrol Base an explosion occurred. Tragically Cpl Walker was killed in action as a result of the blast.

WARREN Paul He joined the Royal Marines in 2006 and served with 45 Commando in Afghanistan in 2008/9. He was deployed again in March this year as part of Charlie Company, 40 Commando. The 23 year-old had volunteered to be the Point Man, leading the way during every patrol his section undertook in Sangin. Officers said he recently saved lives after he found an IED that would have caused many casualties. He was caught in an explosion during a reassurance patrol to improve security in Sangin district on Monday and died from his injuries. He was from Leyland, in Lancashire,

WATSON: Richard John (Richie) 42 Commando (4 Troop ,K Company) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 12th December 2006 Age: 23 : from Caterham, Surrey son of Tania Watson joined R.M. 13.6.2005 42 Commando April 2006 KIA Helmand Province, Afghanistan

WHATLEY Benjamin (Ben) R.M. 42 Commando (9 Troop L Company) Rank: Lance Corporal Date Of Death: 24th December 2008 Age: 20 : from King's Lynn, Norfolk born 29.7.1988 son of Sam and Teresa Whatley, Tittleshall, Norfolk educated Glebe House Preparatory School, Hunstanton, Norfolk educated Litcham High School educated College of West Anglia Joined R.M. May 2005 42 Commando M Company 2006 KIA Nad-e-Ali District ,Helmand Province, Afghanistan

WIGLEY: Jonathan (Jonna) R.M. 45 Commando (Z Company) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 5th December 2006 Age: 21 : born 5.7.1985 Melton Mowbray son of Clive and Sharon Wigley, Grantham joined R.M. 2002 WIA Garmser, Helmand Province, Afghanistan DOW Camp Bastion Afghanistan

WINDALL: Joseph David (Joe) 3 Commando Brigade (Signaller - probably Special Forces Support Group) Rank: Marine Date of Death: 2nd September 2006 Age: 22 : born 18.4.1984 Tylers Green ,Buckinghamshire resided Hazlemere, Buckinghamshire son of Joseph Windall ,Marlow ,Buckinghamshire son of Philippa Windall, Lowfield Way, Hazlemere, Buckinghamshire educated Tylers Green First and Middle Schools educated Holmer Green Senior School (left 2000) joined RM 4.11.2002 Signals Squadron, RM Poole (communicator) killed in air crash (Nimrod MR2) near Kandahar, Afghanistan

WINTER Danny R.M. 45 Commando (Mortar Troop,Z Company) Rank: Corporal Date Of Death: 14th January 2009 Age: 28 : from Stockport, Cheshire born 1981 near Manchester son of Carolyn Hughes, Marple, Greater Manchester R.M. 1996 40 Commando 45 Commando KIA north-east of Gereshk, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

WRIGHT Gary R.M. 45 Commando (Recce Troop) Rank: Marine Date Of Death: 19th October 2006 Age: 22 Gravesite: buried Strathblane, Stirlingshire : from Blanefield, Stirlingshire born September 1984 son of Ian and Rosemary Wright, Blanefield, Stirlingshire educated Balfron High School joined RM October 2002 injured by suicide bomber Lashkar Gah, Helmand Province, Afghanistan died of injuries same day at UK field hospital, Camp Bastion, Afghanistan

WRIGHT, James marine Juliet Company 42 Commando RM: Aged 22. He was killed in Helmand province on Friday 5 August 2011. On 5 August 2011 his patrol was involved in a significant engagement with insurgents in the Shpazh Gerebian area of Nad 'Ali district.

After being pinned down by accurate fire for several hours, the patrol managed to extract themselves back to their base at Checkpoint Kamiabi. The checkpoint then came under attack from small arms fire and underslung grenade launchers. Marine Wright was wounded by a grenade which was fired into the checkpoint. He was extracted to the hospital at Camp Bastion where sadly, despite medical treatment, he later died of his wounds.

Marine James Wright was born on 18 November 1988 in Weymouth, Dorset, where he grew up with his parents, David and Sallie, and younger sister, Katie. He attended Wey Valley School and Weymouth College before joining the Royal Marines in November 2008

A Royal Marine died following an explosion while on a foot patrol near Gereshk in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in the early hours of Saturday 29 August 2009. His family have asked for no further information to be released

27th October

1917 Second Battle of Passchendaele (Eighth phase of Third Ypres) involves the 63rd Division 7 Royal Marines killed



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

BONNETT, Ernest C, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM, DOW: **GRAINGER**, Richard, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 19614 (Ch), DOW: **PIPE**, David A, Act/Ty/Captain, RM, killed: **RITCHARDSON**, George, Lance Corporal, RMLI, S 864 (Ply), DOW: **SIMONS**, John T, Private, RMLI, S 2028 (Ply), DOW: **SYMMONS**, Alexander L, Private, RMLI, S 1479 (Ch), DOW



RND, 188th Brigade Light Trench Mortar Battery, attached 1st RM Battalion, France

CROOK, Albert E, Private, RMLI, S 1002 (Ply), DOW

28th October



Uniforms through the ages

1664 Formation of the Corps. On the 28th October 1664 an Order-in-Council was issued calling for 1200 soldiers to be recruited for service in the Fleet, to be known as the Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot.

29th October

1942 SS Abosso, MV, torpedoed by U.575 in mid-Atlantic.

Sergeant **Dobson** RM serving as a DEMS gunner killed

30th October

1856 Encounter, at Canton. *A practicable breach having been made yesterday, about 2 P.M., in the new city wall, from the guns in the Dutch Folly, a strong detachment of seamen and Royal Marines took possession of the city wall. They destroyed, by blowing up, one of the gates, entered the city, and, having visited and inspected the house and premises of the Governor. The forces were re-embarked at sunset, and retired to their respective quarters.*

Casualties were: - Henry **West**, marine, HMS Bittern, slug wound in head. James **Lulham**, marine, HMS Bittern, slug wound in head. James **Love**, marine, HMS Comus, penetrating slug wound of abdomen, mortally (since dead)

1914 HMS Rohilla, Admiralty hospital ship, ran aground and wrecked on English East Coast.

1 Royal Marine killed: **ANDERSON**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 8742 (Ch)

1943 HMS Aurora met HM Destroyers PETARD, BELVOIR and BEAUFORT during their passage with personnel and vehicles for military units at Leros. During passage to Turkish waters for transfer of troops and despite availability of air cover came under heavy and sustained attacks by Ju87 and Ju88 aircraft, hit by 500 Kg bomb abaft the after funnel. Extensive damage was caused to after structure including armament with fires caused by detonation of ammunition. 47 personnel killed and 30 wounded.

6 Royal Marines killed: **ADAMS**, Ernest, Marine, PO/X 113231: **ALLBROOK**, Herbert, Marine, PO/X 103084: **AUSTIN**, George, Marine, PO/X 2678: **DERRICK**, John V, Marine, PO/X 3264: **HUDSON**, Victor, Marine, PO/X 4002: **WILLIAMS**, Norman, Marine, PO/X 108919.

2014 As part of the International response to the outbreak of the deadly virus Ebola in West Africa the British Government sent HMS ARGUS complete with her RM Detachment to Freetown. The ship arrived on the 30th October complete with medical supplies, helicopters and pick-up trucks to help



31st October

1914 HMS Hermes, cruiser/seaplane carrier, torpedoed and sunk by U.27 in Dover Straits

4 Royal Marines killed: **DARVILL**, Alfred, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1844), 11827 (Ch): **HARRISON**, Samuel, Private, RMLI, 8310 (Ch): **LITTLEFIELD**, Alfred W, Private, RMLI (RFR B 460), 6700 (Ch): **PRICE**, Charles R, Private, RMLI (RFR B 1259), 6634 (Ch).

NOVEMBER

1st November

1914 BATTLE OF CORONEL Loss of HMS Good Hope and HMS Monmouth

The Battle of Coronel was fought off the Chilean coast

HMS GOOD HOPE, the flagship, was rushed from the UK in August 1914 with 90% of her crew being Reservist and not worked up. This would account for her not having a Band on Board. The RMB in HMS MONMOUTH had not been transferred after HMS GOOD HOPE joined the Squadron in the West Indies. HMS MONMOUTH had only been re-commissioned on 31 July 1914 and sent to the West Indies. It seems the ships were just filled with who was available. This deficiency did not detract from their valour in battle.

The British squadron under Admiral Cradock had been sent to intercept the German squadron under Von Spee, which had been commerce raiding in the Pacific. Unfortunately at the time the two forces met Cradock was by far the weakest force sailing with the setting sun behind him into a dark eastern night against a stronger squadron that outnumbered, out gunned and was faster. Cradock sent his 2 weakest ships, the armed merchantman Otranto and the light cruiser HMS Glasgow away and took on the Germans with just Monmouth and Good Hope. The German armoured cruisers Gneisenau and Scharnhorst led the main attacks in the Battle of Coronel, on 1 November 1914, off the Chilean coast.

HMS Monmouth was hit by Gneisenau and was on fire. Nurnberg found her burning and after refusing to surrender, Nurnberg finished her off with 75 shells.

All hands on both cruisers HMS Good Hope (900) and HMS Monmouth (678) were lost. The Germans failed to pick up any of the survivors in the water.

HMS Good Hope, cruiser, sunk with all hands. Although her sister ship carried a Royal Marine Band, HMS Good Hope in spite of being the flagship appears to have had just 2 buglers.



The following Royal Marines were lost -

ALDRIDGE, David, Private, RMLI, 14961 (Po):

ANDERTON, John W, Corporal, RMLI, 14411 (Po):

ASKEW, John H, Sergeant, RMLI, 11610 (Po): **ATTWOOD**, Arthur C, Gunner (RFR 26 Immed Cl), RMA 8077: **BARRITT**, Robert

S, Private, RMLI, 7048 (Po): **BEECHAM**, Arthur R, Sergeant, RMA, RMA 5646 (Po): **BEGLEY**, Denis F, Gunner (Immed Cl. RFR 96), RMA 9101: **BRISTOW**, Arthur T, Gunner, RMA, RMA 10280 (Po): **BROWN**, Frederick J, Private, RMLI, 7549 (Po):

BULLOCK, George W, Gunner (RFR Immed Cl 14), RMA 9679: **BURCHELL**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 11716 (Po): **BURROWS**,

Samuel J, Private, RMLI, 12278 (Po): **BUSH**, Arthur W, Private, RMLI, 6857 (Po): **BYHAM**, Edward A G, Private, RMLI, 12937

(Po): **CARTWRIGHT**, William, Gunner, RMA 12222 (Po): **CLAPP**, Albert G, Private, RMLI, 16499 (Po): **COOMBS**, Albert,

Private, RMLI, 11496 (Po): **CRACKNELL**, Frederick, Gunner, RMA 7885 (Po): **CRESSWELL**, John L, Private, RMLI, 15838 (Po):

CULLIP, Alexander G H, Bugler, RMLI, 16865 (Po): **DAVIES**, Albert, Private, RMLI, 16080 (Po): **DEACON**, Stanley D, Gunner

(RFR Immed Cl 37), 9576 (Po): **DOWLING**, John J, Private, RMLI, 10005 (Po): **DREDGE**, William G, Private, RMLI, 14589 (Po):

ETHERTON, Henry J, Private, RMLI, 16052 (Po): **FISHER**, Albert W, Gunner (RFR Immed CI 90), RMA 10927: **FITZGERALD**, Edward T, Private, RMLI, 12363 (Po): **FLETCHER**, Edward, Private, RMLI, 8922 (Po): **FREDERICK**, John E, Gunner (Immed CI 43), RMA 10184: **FRENCH**, Albert, Private, RMLI, 11057 (Po): **FYFIELD**, James, Private, RMLI, 8479 (Po): **GARDINER**, Walter A, Private, RMLI, 13308 (Po): **GARRETT**, Albert I, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 36), RMA 9742: **GLANVILLE**, Alfred A, Gunner, RMA, 12208 (Po): **GODDARD**, James, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 92), RMA 8577: **GOOCH**, Alfred, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 34), RMA 9883: **GOODCHILD**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 16829 (Po): **GOSS**, Ernest, Gunner, RMA, 7595 (Po): **GOSS**, Henry T, Private, RMLI, 12656 (Po): **GOWER**, Frank H H, Private, RMLI, 12685 (Po): **HARPER**, George E, Private, RMLI, 14886 (Po): **HART**, Frederick J, Gunner, RMA, 9811 (Po): **HEDGES**, Henry T, Private, RMLI, 8916 (Po): **HERBERT**, Frederick D, Private, RMLI, 10169 (Po): **HULME**, Sidney, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 42), 9855 (Po): **HUMPHREYS**, John T, Sergeant, RMA, 7273 (Po): **HUTCHINGS**, Robert S, Private, RMLI, 15154 (Po): **JEROME**, John W, Gunner, RMA (Immed CI 1), 7427 (Po): **JULIN**, Thomas F, Colour Sergeant, RMLI, 17057 (Po): **JERRED**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 15184 (Po): **LAMBERT**, Stephen H, Private, RMLI, 10268 (Po): **LARSON**, Oken F, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 31), 8538 (Po): **LONG**, Frederick R R, Bugler, RMA, 10307 (Po): **LYNDESELL**, Phillip, Private, RMLI, 12672 (Po): **MCCORMACK**, John, Gunner, RMA, 10131 (Po): **MCVEY**, James, Gunner, RMA, RMA 11425 (Po): **MILLS**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 10422 (Po): **OLIVE**, John, Gunner, RMA, 7618 (Po): **O'NEALE**, Edward, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, 14488 (Po): **PALMER**, John, Gunner, RMA, RMA 12655 (Po): **PARAGREEN**, Frederick A, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 41), 10860 (Po): **PARR**, Cecil, Private, RMLI, 10884 (Ply): **PEARCEY**, Alfred S, Private, RMLI, 12774 (Po): **PHILLIPS**, William, Private, RMLI, 15609 (Po): **POLING**, Charles W, Bombardier, RMA (RFR Immed CI 32), 8476 (Po): **POWELL**, Arthur T, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 40), 90 (Po): **PULLINGER**, George, Private, RMLI, 15500 (Po): **RIPPON**, William R, Gunner, RMA, 12206 (Po): **ROBERTS**, John A, Private, RMLI, 14951 (Po): **ROBERTS**, Thomas, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 25), 10932 (Po): **SAUNDERS**, Stanley R, Lance Sergeant, RMLI, 11383 (Po): **SEENEY**, Hugh, Private, RMLI, 14615 (Po): **SHAFFORD**, Charles, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 85), 8754 (Po): **SHELDON**, William M (real name, but served as William Jones), Gunner, RMA, RMA 9582 (Po): **SHYER**, N H, Private, RMLI, 16676 (Po): **SIMMONDS**, Richard S, Gunner, RMA, 11386 (Po): **SMITH**, Walter S, Private, RMLI, 14879 (Po): **STOCKDALE**, Cecil, Private, RMLI, 12872 (Po): **STREETER**, William H, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 30), 8609 (Po): **STRONELL**, Edward, Gunner, RMA, RMA 10738 (Po): **STUBLEY**, Frederick, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 38), 10206 (Po): **TAPLIN**, Alfred C, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 78), 8564 (Po): **THOMAS**, Walter J, Corporal, RMLI, 10970 (Po): **TILLEY**, James C, Gunner, RMA, 1288 (Po): **TRUSSLER**, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 13907 (Po): **TURNER**, William T, Private, RMLI, 12728 (Po): **WALKER**, Harold S, Lieutenant, RM: **WALTER**, George W, Private, RMLI, 15801 (Po): **WARREN**, John A, Private, RMLI, 16653 (Po): **WATSON**, Alfred J, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 46), 8439 (Po): **WHEELER**, Lloyd C, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 81), 9442 (Po): **WHEELER**, William F, Gunner, RMA (RFR Immed CI 29), 8118 (Po) **WILLIS**, George, Private, RMLI, 12561 (Po): **YARKER**, William (real name, but served as William Langley), Gunner, RMA (Immed CI 27), 9807 (Po):



HMS Monmouth, cruiser, sunk with all hands

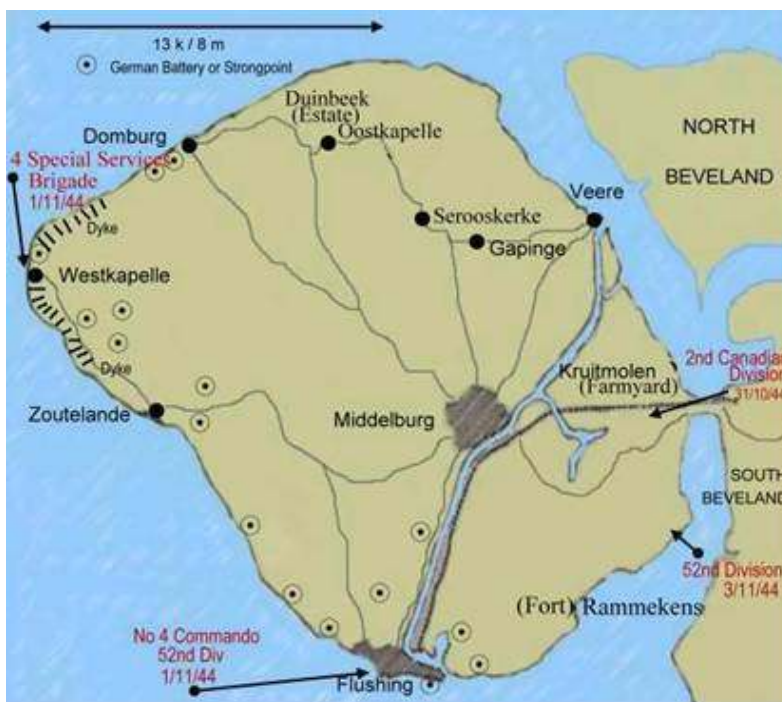
The following Royal Marines were lost: - **AUGARDE**, Albert E, Musician, RMB 1597 (Dev): **AYLWARD**, Thomas V, Musician, RMB 143 (Dev): **BALLS**, Walter J, Musician, RMB 1849 (Dev): **BARBER**, John, Bandmaster, RMB 770 (Dev): **BENNETT**, George W, Musician, RMB 1186 (Dev): **BLOOM**, William G, Private, RMLI, 10288 (Ply): **BRADSHAW**, Albert,



Musician, RMB 1825 (Dev): **BRAGG**, William C, Corporal, RMLI, 12442 (Ply): **BRETT**, Thomas C, Private, RMLI, 14752 (Ply): **BROWN**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, 12301 (Ply): **BUCKINGHAM**, William A G, Musician, RMB 1737 (Dev): **BULLEN**, William, Private, RMLI, 13137 (Ply): **BURNETT**, William, Private, RMLI, 23698 (Ply): **CARNIGHAN**, William, Musician, RMB 1647 (Dev): **CARVER**, Alfred G, Musician, RMB 1806 (Dev): **COLES**, Albert T, Private, RMLI, 7741 (Po): **CORNISH**, Cecil S, Private, RMLI, 16235 (Ply): **CRESSWELL**, Francis J, Private, RMLI, 8617 (Ply): **DANIEL**, Edgar, Private, RMLI, 14491 (Ply): **DANKS**, James C, Sergeant, RMLI, 8357 (Ply): **DAVIS**, Frederick A, Sergeant, RMLI, 8823 (Ply): **DAWSON**, John H, Private, RMLI, 14734 (Ply): **DENNING**, William T, Private, RMLI, 9226 (Ply): **DEWDNEY**, Harry, Private, RMLI, 15226

(Ply): **DRYLAND**, Leonard, Private, RMLI, 16298 (Ply): **ELLIS**, Edward B, Private, RMLI, 11772 (Ply): **FERGUSON**, John S, Private, RMLI, 13363 (Ply): **FLEAR**, William, Private, RMLI, 16752 (Po): **FOSTER**, Thomas W, Private, RMLI, 16154 (Ply): **GARNER**, Richard, Private, RMLI, 16076 (Ply): **GIGG**, Charles A, Private, RMLI, 14713 (Ply): **GOLLOP**, Walter S, Corporal, RMLI, 8966 (Po): **GRAY**, Henry, Musician, RMB 504 (Dev): **KNOWLES**, Samuel J, Colour Sergeant, RMLI, 8812 (Ply): **LEAVER**, George A, Private, RMLI, 14566 (Ply): **LOVE**, John, Private, RMLI, 7469 (Ply): **MCCAW**, Stephen E, Musician, RMB 2003 (Dev): **MCEWAN**, Edward, Private, RMLI, 7589 (Ply): **MILLER**, Richard, Musician, RMB 1811 (Dev): **MITCHELL**, Charles, Private, RMLI, 9196 (Ply): **MOLE**, George E, Musician, RMB 1799 (Dev): **MOORE**, Frederick J, Private, RMLI, 15514 (Ply): **MORROW**, Adam, Private, RMLI, 13542 (Ply): **NICHOLLS**, Harry, Bugler, RMLI, 5314 (Ply): **NICHOLSON**, Patrick, Private, RMLI, 7988 (Ply): **NORMAN**, John C P, Musician, RMB 1199 (Dev): **NORTHCOTT**, Calway L, Private, RMLI, 15605 (Ply): **O'KEEFE**, David W, Private, RMLI, 7169 (Ply): **PARKES**, Frederick A, Private, RMLI, 163239 (Ply): **PERRETT**, Ralph F, Musician, RMB 1498 (Dev): **POPE**, Fred R H, Musician, RMB 1303 (Dev): **RANDALL**, Reginald G, Private, RMLI, 15242 (Ply): **ROTHERY**, Percy, Private, RMLI, 16240 (Ply): **SAWDY**, Albert E, Musician, RMB 1397 (Dev): **SCHOFIELD**, William, Private, RMLI, 6613 (Ply): **SIBLEY**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, 11876 (Ply): **SMITCH**, George, Musician, RMB 2024 (Dev): **SPARGO**, Ernest W, Private, RMLI, 10083 (Ply): **STADDON**, Bertram J, Private, RMLI, 14396 (Ply): **STEVENS**, Stanley C, Musician, RMB 1859 (Dev): **STONE**, Edward, Private, RMLI, 15474 (Ply): **STYLES**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 16210 (Ply): **SUMNER**, Edward, Private, RMLI, 16304 (Ply): **TAYLOR**, George F, Bugler, RMLI, 12146 (Ply): **TAYLOR**, Harold G, Private, RMLI, 9377 (Ply): **TAYLOR**, Herbert J, Private, RMLI, 16214 (Ply): **TIERNEY**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 6556 (Ply): **TREMEER**, William G, Private, RMLI, 15501 (Ply): **TUCK**, William G, Private, RMLI, 16293 (Ply): **TYLER**, William D, Private, RMLI, 10008 (Ply): **WADE**, Ernest, Corporal, RMLI, 14936 (Ply): **WELLS**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 13380 (Ply): **WERNHAM**, John, Musician, RMB 1429 (Dev): **WESTLAKE**, William J, Private, RMLI, 15630 (Ply): **WILLMER**, Charles, Band Sergeant, RMB 773 (Dev): **WILLMER**, Charles, Band Sergeant, RMB 773 (Dev): **WINCHURST**, William E, Private, RMLI, 14071 (Ply)

1944 Assault on Walcheren 108 Royal Marines killed. The Dutch island of Walcheren stands at the mouth of the River Scheldt and controls access to the port of Antwerp, which was still



in German hands. With the Allies still being supplied mainly through the Mulberry Harbour in Normandy, the importance of Antwerp close to the line of advance was critical to the Allies.

“Operation Infatuate” was the major amphibious invasion of the island involving landing against heavily fortified and entrenched German positions. Prior to the landings the RAF had breached the seawall

flooding the interior of the island.

48 Commando Royal Marines had to go south of the gap. The first flight ashore consisting of three troops; each Troop in a tank landing craft, they touched down with Moulton being one of the first on the beach. Though constantly shelled on the way in their casualties were not heavy. They fought their first objective; a row of concrete pill boxes, on the southern shoulder of the gap. When this was accomplished they moved on to the next a radar station, only to find it had been hastily abandoned.

Intense machine-gun fire met Major de Stacpoole and 'Y' Troop as they went into attack; they were all killed or wounded before they could reach the enemy. Before artillery could be brought to bear on the position embedded in concrete, further assaults would suffer the same fate

Under the command of Lt. Col. Phillips D.S.O. 47 R.M. Commando made the assault landing through the gap in the dyke at Westkapelle on 1st. November 1944. The Commando liberated the South-West area from Zoutlande to the gap and the Nolle dyke and captured the batteries W11 and W4. The casualties among the 400 commando's were 34 killed and 82 wounded.

The fighting took 8 days before the island fell & access to Antwerp was achieved.



LCF.37, ex-LCT.725, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate, ship loss

BARTLETT, Frank W G, Marine, CH/X 109104: **BREWSTER**, Peter A, Marine, CH/X 112900: **BROWNING**, Andrew, Marine, CH/X 109065: **BUTTS**, Ronald J, Marine, PO/X 115686: **CAVE**, Cyril J, Ty/Sergeant, RM, CH/X 2157: **CHAMBERS**, George, Marine, CH/X 107065: **COLEY**, Ronald H, Marine, PO/X 112212: **COX**, Albert G, Marine, PO/109152: **CRABTREE**, William, Ty/Act/Corporal, PO/X 112368: **CURTIS**, Kenneth W, Marine, CH/X 109048: **DIXON**, Peter R, Marine, CH/X 107062: **DRIVER**, Alexander W R, Marine, CH/X 110940: **FULLERTON**, Robert D, Marine, PO/X 113217, MPK : **GILSON**, John W, Marine, CH/X 109252: **HALL**, Richard, Ty/Act/Corporal, PLY/X 106589: **HONEY**, Charles W, Marine, CH/X 107131: **INGHAM**, Norman J, Marine, PLY/X 105125: **MCPHAIL**, Stewart W, Marine, PO/X 109132: **MCWILLIAMS**, Charles, Marine, PO/X 109133: **MOUNTFORD**, Ernest W, Marine, PLY/X 111348: **NAYLER**, Frank A, Ty/Act/Corporal, CH/X 109530: **POWELL**, Edward R, Marine, CH/X 109041: **SCHOFIELD**, Thomas, Marine, PLY/X 108960: **SELFRIDGE**, Robert, Marine, PO/X 108312: **SHARP**, Norman E, Marine, PO/X 117905: **SIMMONDS**, Ernest R, Marine, PO/X 110748: **SMITH**, Donald Alfred Leage, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **TAYLOR**, Frank, Ty/Act/Corporal, CH/X 104335: **TAYLOR**, Frank, Marine, PLY/X 109477: **THOMAS**, William J, Marine, CH/X 109105: **THORNELEY**, Ernest, Marine, CH/X 108813,: **TWEEDLE**, Thomas M, Marine, CH/X 110876: **WHITTAKER**, William, Marine, PLY/X 108019: **WHYTE**, William R, Ty/Act/Corporal, PO/X 104433.



LCF.38, ex-LCT.714, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate, ship loss

MUNRO, David, Marine, PO/X 115666: **REYNOLDS**, Marvin C, Marine, PO/X 114784, killed



LCG (L).2, ex-LCT.323, ship loss, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

DALE, Leonard, Marine, CH/X 112808: **MCEWAN**, Peter L, Marine, CH/X 109338: **KAY**, Edmund L, Marine, PO/X 100380: **OVERTON**, Stanley E, Marine, PLY/X 3655: **PARSONS**, Alfred, Marine, PLY/X 4008



LCG (L).10, ex-LCT.374, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

SMITH, Donald, Ty/Sergeant, RM, CH/X 1741, killed



LCG (L).11, ex-LCT.392, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

HARDING, John A L, Ty/Lieutenant, RM, killed



LCG (L).17, ex-LCT.394

JOHN, Thomas, Marine, PLY/X 105762, killed



LCG (M).102, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate, ship loss

ALLEN, Albert R, Marine, CH/X 103971: BUTCHER, Leslie B, Marine, PO/X 122856: DOWNES, Robert H, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, PO/X 106036: HEMBROW, William A, Marine, PLY/X 105835: HILL, Desmond, Ty/Act/Corporal, PLY/X 109781: HUGGINS, Ronald P, Marine, PLY/X106053: LAYMAN, William W, Ty/Lieutenant, South African Artillery (on board),: LEE, William F, Marine, CH/X 615: LUXTON, John S, Marine, PLY/X 108259: RATTENBURY, Dennis H, Ty/Act/Corporal, CH/X 106825, MPK : RUSSELL, Thomas, Marine, PO/X 110226,:STOKES, Frederick G, Marine, CH/X 110484:TUCK, James, Marine, CH/X 108985: WILKINS, Clarence J, Marine, PLY/X 113464



LCS (L).252, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate, ship loss

BROADHEAD, Philip S, Marine, CH/X 111471: CORDNER, Richard, Marine, PLY/X 109127: FERNIHOUGH, James, Marine, PLY/X 105776: FORD, Harry, Marine, PLY/X 107829: GOODMAN, Noel J, Marine, PLY/X 108680: HALL, Sidney R, Marine, CH/X 109501: HAWKINS, Victor G, Marine, CH/X 108360,: HUNTER, James T, Marine, PLY/X 104117: PASSEY, William E, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 3451.



LCS (L).256, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate, ship loss

ASHER, George P, Ty/Act/Corporal, PO/X 114925: HOPKINS, Frederick D, Marine, PO/X 115677: SOWTER, Peter J, Marine, CH/X 113053: THOMPSON, John E, Marine, PO/X 106354.



LCS (L).258, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate, ship loss

ADCOCK, Malcolm K, Marine, PLY/X 110602: DUNKLEY, Rupert A, Marine, PLY/X 105032: FLETCHER, Sydney D, Marine, CH/X 109493: GUY, Ronald, Marine, PLY/X 109412: LAKELAND, John, Marine, PLY/X 105848: POSTLES, Roy W, Ty/Act/Corporal, PLY/X 109205: POWELL, Reginald F, Marine, PLY/X 105027: RITCHIE, James, Marine, CH/X 111127.



RM 41 Commando, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

BRIND-SHERIDAN, Paddy K, Act/Major, RM: HAY, John, Marine, PLY/X 111511: HEYWOOD, Herbert W, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 106621: READ, John W, Marine, CH/X 107158: ROBERTSON, John B, Marine, PO/X 105905, DOWS



RM 47 Commando, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

DAY, James E, Marine, PLY/X 103343: HUBBARD, Ronald L, Marine, PO/X 114110: LAWTON, Edward G, Lance Corporal, RM, CH/X 115276: TEED, Kenneth T, Corporal, RM, PO/X 103256.



RM 48 Commando, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

BURGESS, Norman, Marine, PO/X 108636: DAVIS, Anthony D, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, CH/X 107012: DE STACPOOLE, Derick R, Act/Major, RM: HAINES, Leslie J, Marine, PLY/X 104936: HUGHES, Harold, Marine, PLY/X 109789: JORDAN, Kenneth J, Marine, PLY/X 113603: LINDREA, Cyril B, Ty/Lieutenant, RM,: MCARTHUR, James, Marine, CH/X 107114: MCKENZIE, Gordon M C, Ty/Lieutenant, South African Armoured Corps: SAMWELL, Lawrence A, Marine, CH/X 106993: SHEARS, Philip D, Marine, PO/X 116356: STEVENTON, Thomas, Ty/Act/Corporal, PO/X 117135.



RM HQ, 4th Special Service Brigade

HUGHES, John, Marine, PLY/X 101328, killed

2nd November

1875 Perak in Malaya. On 2 Nov 1875 the Sultan Ismail murdered the British Resident JW Birch & several of his staff at Passir Sala in Perak on the west side of the Malay Peninsula.

When news of this reached Singapore, Vice Admiral Ryder, Commander in Chief East Indies Station immediately sent several gunboats to the Perak River. The river was blockaded by HM Ships Modeste & Fly, Thistle & Egeria. The Naval Brigade made up of officers & seaman from these ships & including men of the company of HMS Philomel & Ringdove proceeded up the Perak River to Passir Sala & between 14 & 16 Nov took possession of the British residency along with 4 enemy stockades. Attacks on enemy positions were also made up river on 22 Dec & the campaign continued into Jan with three of the Naval Brigades attached to forces commanded by Brigadier General Ross.

The expedition up the Perak River was performed by the seaman (of the Naval Brigade) poling up river (oars were useless) numerous native boats laden with guns, ammunition & stores for many consecutive days, & carrying on land similar loads over very difficult terrain, often only making 7 miles per day.

Captain Biller's advance on Kinta took over a month to complete, during which time his party had nothing to eat but preserved meat, supplemented occasionally by wild buffalo, with no vegetables or bread; the men being constantly wet thru by rain, & they frequently had to wade thru water & mud up to their waists. The fact that none of his party became ill was due to the fact that the men had been issued waterproof sheets at the outset of the campaign. 2 marines were killed.

1944 Assault on Walcheren 27 Royal Marines killed



LCF.37, ex-LCT.725, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate, ship loss

LIGHTFOOT, Harold, Marine, PLY/X 105984.



LCG (L).1, ex-LCT.360, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate, ship loss

CLARK, Robert, Marine, CH/X 111645: **GREER**, Robert, Ty/Sergeant, RM, CH/X 3121.



RM 47 Commando, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

BREHME, Reginald H, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, CH/X 103637: **BUCHANAN**, Joseph, Lance Corporal, RM, PLY/X 111175: **DAVIES**, Albert S, Marine, PLY/X 104395: **DERRICK**, Martin, Lance Corporal, RM, PLY/X 112062: **DUKE**, Andrew, Marine, PLY/X 3651: **EVANS**, Edward J, Ty/Act/Corporal, CH/X 112376: **FEE**, Denis, Marine, PO/X 115272: **FLETCHER**, William R D, Lance Corporal, RM, CH/X 113640: **GRIMSDELL**, Maurice H, Lance Corporal, RM, PO/X 115851: **HAYWARD**, Norman A W, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **LONGDEN**, Alan, Marine, CH/X 108937: **MCGREGOR**, Duncan F, Marine, PO/X 111677: **NICHOLL**, Francis, Lance Corporal, RM, PLY/X 108029: **PAYNE**, Harry, Marine, PLY/X 103398: **PETTIT**, Robert A, Marine, CH/X 114685: **PLANK**, Harold H, Ty/Act/Company Sergeant Major, PLY/X 3504: **PUDDICK**, John E, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, CH/X 108414: **RACKHAM**, Robert F, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, CH/X 954: **RIPINER**, Charles S, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, PO/X 4226: **SPEAR**, William

J C, Ty/Act/Company Sergeant Major, PLY/X 1264: **THATCHER**, Albert G M, Marine, PLY/X 110293,:**UNSWORTH**, James, Ty/Act/Corporal, CH/X 3886: **WEBB**, Robert E, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, CH/X 103808: **WILSON**, George McL, Marine, CH/X 102069

3rd November

1914 HMS Fox, old light cruiser was a second class protected cruiser of the Astraea-class of the Royal Navy. HMS Fox was assigned to support Indian and British troops in their unsuccessful attack on the port of Tanga in German East Africa on 3 and 4 November 1914. 1 marine subsequently died of wounds

1944 Assault on Walcheren 4 Royal Marines killed



RM 47 Commando, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

FLANNAGAN, John, Marine, PLY/X 110268: **MUIR**, James, Marine, PO/X 105150: **PATEY**, Kenneth G, Marine, PLY/X 107499.



RM 48 Commando, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

MACKENZIE, Roderick G, Ty/Act/Captain, RM, DOW

4th November

1944 Assault on Walcheren 6 Royal Marines killed



RM 26th Light AA Battery, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

ALDRED, John F, Marine, PO/X 115495: **EVASON**, Frank, Marine, PLY/X 106353: **GRANT**, Ernest J, Marine, PO/X 110244: **WASHER**, Thomas, Marine, PO/X 102242, killed



RM 47 Commando, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

TURNER, Anthony, Marine, PLY/X 105677



RM 48 Commando, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

GODKIN, Noel H, Ty/Act/Captain, RM

5th November

1854 Battle of INKERMAN during the Crimean WAR

Award of VC to Corporal John Prettyjohns



Sergeant Turner's Report. The 2 November 1854 was an active day. 312 rank and file marched off from the heights of Balaklava for the Light Division, under the command of Captain Hopkins RMLI. The detachment was divided into four companies, taking turns in the trenches. On the morning of the 5th, the relief, which had just returned were preparing their rude breakfast: the firing from Sebastopol was gradually increased and then commenced in our rear. Nothing could be distinguished but fog and smoke from where we were.

The bugle sounded "Fall in at the double" and officers were flying about, giving orders, saying vast columns of the enemy were moving up to our rear. The roll of musketry was terrific; we were advanced cautiously until bullets began to fall in amongst us. The Sergeant-Major was the first man killed; an order was given to lay down: it was well we did so: a rush of bullets passed over us; then we gave them three rounds, kneeling into their close columns.

At the same time, some seamen opened fire from some heavy guns into their left flank and this drove them back into the fog and smoke. Our Commanding officer received several order from mounted officers at this critical time: first, it was "advance"; then it was "hold your ground and prevent a function or communication with the town".

The Inkerman caves were occupied by the enemy's sharpshooters who were picking off our officers and gunners; between us and these men was an open space exposed to the broadside fire of a frigate in the harbour under the shelter of the wall, but she had been heeled over so as to clear the muzzles of her guns, when fired, from striking the wall; thus her fire raked the open part. The Caves were to be cleared and the \marines ordered to do it: as soon as we showed ourselves in the open, a broadside from the frigate thinned our ranks. Captain March fell wounded. Captain Hopkins ordered his men to lie down under a bit of rising ground and ordered two Privates, Pat Sullivan and another man to take the Captain back and there he stood amidst a shower of shot and shell, seeing him removed.

A division, under Sergeant Richards and Corporal Prettyjohns, was then thrown out to clear the caves; what became of the Commanding Officer and the others I never knew, so many statements have been made.

We, under Richards and Prettyjohns, soon cleared the caves, but found our ammunition nearly all expended, and a new batch of the foe were creeping up the hillside in single file at the back. Prettyjohns, a muscular West Countryman said "Well lads, we are just in for a warming and it will be every man for himself in a few minutes. Look alive my hearties, and collect all the stones handy and pile them on the ridge in front of you. When I grip the front man, you let go the biggest stones upon those fellows behind."

As soon as the first man stood on the level, Prettyjohns gripped him and gave him a West country buttock throw, tipping him over upon the men following, and with showers of stones from the others, knocked the leaders over. Away they went, tumbling one man over the men following: we gave them a parting volley and retired out of sight to load; they made off and left us although there were sufficient to have eaten us up.

Later in the day, we were recalled, and to keep clear of the frigate's fire had to keep to our left, passing over the field of slaughter.

On being mustered, if my memory is not at fault, 21 had been killed and disabled and we felt proud of our own commanding officer, who stood in the fire like a hero, helping Captain March.

Corporal Prettyjohns received the VC Colour, Sergeant Jordan the Medal and £20 for Distinguished Conduct in the Field. Captain Hopkins was awarded a CB; others were recommended."

1918 5-7 November Passage of the Grand Honelle involves 63rd Division



RND, 188th Brigade Light Trench Mortar Battery, attached 1st RM Battalion

WILSON, Ernest C, Private, RMLI, 19499 (Ch), German prisoner of war, illness



1956

British and French invade Suez. 3 Commando RM LOSE 10 men



DUDHILL Lorin Marine Service Number RM 15070 Unit 40 Commando RM: **FUDGE** Ronald John Rank Marine Service Number RMV 202128 Unit 40 Commando RM: **McCARTHY** Peter William Rank Lieutenant Unit 40 Commando RM: **UFTON** Edward Albert Rank Lt Unit 40 Commando RM



DENNIS Donald Henry Arthur Rank Sgt Service Number PLY/X 4537 Unit 42 Commando RM: **HOWARD** David Marine Service Number RM 15145 42 Commando RM: **PRICE** Bernard John Marine Service Number RM 11202 Unit 42 Commando RM: **SHORT** Brian John Rank Marine Service Number RM 11158 Unit 42 Commando RM



FOWLER Michael John Rank Marine Service Number RM 14245 Unit 45 Commando RM: **GOODFELLOW**

Cyril Edward Rank Marine Service Number RM 131833 Unit 45 Commando RM

6th November

1917 Second Battle of Passchendaele 36 Royal Marines killed.



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

BOARD, John C, Private, RMLI, S 1788 (Ply), killed **CLIFFORD**, Arthur E, Private, RMLI, S 1918 (Ply),: **COPP**, Edward, Private, RMLI, S 1813 (Po): **DUNKLEY**, Charles, Private, RMLI, S 2208 (Ch): **EMERY**, Wilfred C, Private, RMLI, S 2228 (Po): **GODDARD**, Arthur, Sergeant, RMLI, S 1461 (Po): **GREEN**, Walter, Private, RMLI, S 2027 (Po): **HEADINGTON**, Ernest S, Private, RMLI, S 1847 (Ch): **KEEP**, Walter F, Private, RMLI, S 1657 (Po): **MCGUINNESS**, Owen, Private, RMLI, S 1360 (Ch): **RENDELL**, George W, Private, RMLI, S 1993 (Ch): **ROGERS**, Edward T, Private, RMLI, S 1957 (Ply): **SAWTELL**, Percy, Private, RMLI, S 2106 (Ply): **THOMAS**, Roderick, Private, RMLI, S 317 (Ch): **TOWNSEND**, Charles G, Private, RMLI, S 1873 (Po).



RND, 2nd RM Battalion, France

ASTLEY, William, Private, RMLI, 16776 (Ply): **BRADDER**, Sidney C, Private, RMLI, S 85 (Po): **BRADSHAW**, George, Private, RMLI, S 1352 (Po): **BURDEN**, Samuel W, Private, RMLI, S 1937 (Po): **HANNAY**, Douglas R M, Private, RMLI, S 1400 (Ply): **HASSALL**, Harry T W, Private, RMLI, S 1034 (Ply): **HOLLAND**, Herbert, Private, RMLI, S 680 (Po): **HOWGILL**, Thomas H, Private, RMLI, S 2217 (Ch): **LUDLOW**, Gilbert H, Private, RMLI, S 2366 (Ch): **MANNING**, Frederick W, Private, RMLI, S 1973 (Ply): **PRITCHARD**, John A, Private, RMLI, S 1329 (Po): **TOMBLIN**, Frederick A, Private, RMLI, S 1854 (Po): **WOODS**, George, Private, RMLI, S 1796 (Ply): **ZEBEDEE**, Tom, Private, RMLI, S 2006 (Ch), killed



RND, 148th RN Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

TOLSON, George C, Lance Sergeant, RM, S 3246 (Deal), killed



RND, 149th RN Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

HAYTON, Harry, Private, RM, S 3518 (Deal), killed
KING, Reginald, Private, RM, S 3942 (Deal), DOW
LIVESAY, Joseph T, Private, RM, S 3761 (Deal), DOW

7th November

1944 Assault on Walcheren 7 Royal Marines killed



RM 41 Commando, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

BARNES, John, Marine, PO/X 117497: **COOKE**, William F, Marine, CH/X 115547: **PAGE**, Henry, Marine, PO/X 4323: **SMITH**, Charles E, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, CH/X 105869.



RM 47 Commando, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

FAWCETT, Joseph, Marine, PLY/X 109226.

8th November

1944 Assault on Walcheren 15 Royal Marines killed



RM 47 Commando, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

STEPHENS, Kenneth W, Marine, PLY/X 108058,



RM 48 Commando, Walcheren landings, operation Infatuate

BEAN, William G, Marine, CH/X 103570: **ENGLAND**, Walter H, Ty/Lieutenant, South African Tank Corps: **FOGG**, Dennis, Lance Corporal, RM, PO/X 115897: **GIBBS**, Robert M, Marine, PO/X 121475: **LAW**, James E, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, CH/X 105624: **MEE**, Alfred J, Marine, CH/X 105114: **PEACE**, Harold, Ty/Act/Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 104977: **POTTER**, Frederick, Marine, PLY/X 107809: **SAVAGE**, Cyril C, Marine, PLY/X 110740: **SHRIGLEY**, Ernest, Ty/Act/Corporal, PLY/X 120590: **SKELLAND**, Colin, Marine, PLY/X 1909: **TITMUSS**, Philip G, Marine, PLY/X 108464: **WALL**, Norman F, Marine, PLY/X 4240: **WARE**, Charles J, Marine, PO/X 100016.

9th November



1918

Award of Albert Medal to Lieutenant H. M. A. Day. *"On the 9th November, 1918, H.M.S. Britannia was torpedoed by an enemy submarine. The explosion of the torpedo was followed by another and more violent explosion of ammunition, and fires were started, resulting in the spread of smoke and fumes. Shortly after the explosion Lieutenant Day went down to the ward room to search for wounded. He heard groaning forward of the ward room, but found that the heavy wooden door leading forward had jammed and was immovable. He then burst open the trap hatch to the ward room pantry and climbed through it. He discovered Engineer Lieutenant Stanley F. Weir, R.N., and a ward room steward alive and conscious, but unable to move. Fearing that he would hurt them if he endeavoured to drag them through the trap hatch single-handed, he climbed back into the ward room aft and up on to the quarter-deck and procured two or three stokers, with whom he returned to the ward room, and eventually carried the dying officer and man on deck and to the forecastle. During his first visit to the ward room, Lieutenant Day was alone, in the dark, the ship with a list, and fire close to the 12" magazine. Whilst carrying out this rescue work he inspected all scuttles and dead-lights in the ward room (and cabins before it) and ascertained that all were properly closed before leaving. The cordite fumes were very strong, and his life was in danger throughout. His courage and resource were beyond praise."*

10th November

1808 A minor naval engagement of the Napoleonic Wars, in which a British frigate defeated and captured a French frigate in the Bay of Biscay. The French ship in the action, *Thétis*, was destined for the French held West Indian island of Martinique with a cargo of flour and military supplies, including over 100 soldiers to reinforce the island's garrison. The frigate, *HMS Amethyst* chased *Thétis* and brought her to battle, closing with the French ship but preventing the soldiers aboard *Thétis* from boarding the British ship and using their superior numbers to overwhelm her with heavy and accurate gunfire. The battle lasted more than six hours and the French suffered over 130 men killed, including the captain and many of the soldiers aboard, before the crew of *Amethyst* was able to storm and capture *Thétis*.

11th November



1940 Major O PATCH RM was awarded the DSC in December 1940 “for outstanding courage and skill in a brilliant and wholly successful night attack by the Fleet Air Arm on the Italian Fleet at Taranto.” Within a further month he received the DSO for “courage, skill and enterprise in an attack on Italian warships.” On this last named occasion Major PATCH led a sub-flight of Swordfish in an attack on the Italian warships in Bomba Bay on the Libyan coast. He himself torpedoed a submarine and two other aircraft accounted for another submarine, a destroyer and a depot ship.

12th November

1838 November 12 – November 16, 1838. Defeat of an invasion attempt of Canada by Hunter Patriot insurgents based in the United States. Windmill Point, Ontario

The Hunters attempted to land at the Prescott waterfront early on the morning of 12 November, 1838. Alert militia sentries spotted the intruders, who hastily attempted to retreat across the St. Lawrence to Ogdensburg, New York. Several Hunter vessels ran aground on a sand bar off of Ogdensburg, and when they pulled free later in the morning they steered for Windmill Point, a promontory projecting into a narrow point on the St. Lawrence River two miles east of Fort Wellington. Here they landed and seized the hamlet of Newport, the most prominent landmark of which was a tall, stone windmill with a commanding view of the St. Lawrence.

Over the following days, the Hunters were surrounded by thousands of Upper Canadian militia as well as Royal Marines and British regular soldiers from Montreal and Kingston. The United States' Navy and Royal Navy had also arrived to cooperate in preventing more Hunters from crossing to the aid of the invaders at Newport. On 16 November, battered by heavy artillery fire, chased from the buildings in the village, and surrounded in the windmill, the Hunters surrendered.

13th November

1916 13th-19th Battle of Ancre, final phase of Battle of the Somme leading up to capture of Beaucourt by 63rd (RN) Division 208 Royal Marines killed amongst the casualties. *“Battalion. was the left of the 188th Inf. Brigade which attacked German trench system. It was in touch on left with 1/7 Gordon Highlanders. Following officers took part: Lt. Col. FJW CARTWRIGHT, Major VD LOXLEY killed, Capt CLE MUNTZ, wounded, Capt. H. HOARE killed, Capt. MC BROWNE DSC killed, Capt. GH Sullivan killed, Capt. JM POUND missing, Lt. FJ HANSON killed, Lt. AG KYLE wounded, Lt. C. WATKINS wounded, Lt. AC DONNE wounded, LT. E. COHEN wounded, Lt. N.B. WALKER wounded, LT. HB VAN PRAAGH, Lt. WM HODDING wounded, Lt. P. DEWAR wounded, 2/Lt. F. GOLDIE wounded, 2/Lt. E.L. PLATTS wounded, 2/Lt. CW MARTIN killed, Lt. JW RICHARDS missing, 2/Lt. HER UPHAM missing, Surgeon. FB EYKYN - wounded. The attack commenced on the opening of our barrage at 5.45am when the Bn. advanced in 4 waves- one platoon of each coy in a wave. There was a very thick mist. Every Company Commander was killed before crossing German Front Line. Enemy trenches were practically obliterated by our arty. NO MAN'S LAND & ground between various German lines, as far as slope down to STATION Road was pitted with shell holes, deep & very muddy. Ground crossed by this Battalion was particularly muddy which made advance difficult. Within a minute of our barrage starting, enemy replied with arty. barrage on support lines & No Man's land, where they also opened a heavy MG fire. It is estimated that at least 50% of casualties occurred between No Man's Land & German 1st Line. Between 2nd& 3rd Line, ground was swept with MG fire. Here also were heavy casualties. Isolated parties of this Battalion. followed the barrage as far as YELLOW LINE & got in touch with HAC on right. They were not however sufficiently strong to close gap between HAC & Battalion. on left. Remnant of this Battalion held dotted BLUE LINE during night 13/14th, in partially constructed trench W. of STATION Rd. Touch was maintained during night with 4th Gordon Highlanders on left.”*

2002 Start of the Fireman's strike. Amongst the Royal Marines providing cover 150 Band Service ranks were deployed with 'Green Goddesses' to various Temporary Service Fire Stations around the UK.



14th November

1916 WESTERN FRONT Capture of Beaucourt on the River Ancre by 63rd (RN) Division. The following Royal Marines were killed: -



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

BAILEY, William A, Private, RMLI, S 490 (Ch): **JENKINS**, Thomas W, Corporal, RMLI, 15664 (Ch)
PHILPOTT, Ernest A, Corporal, RMLI, 10354 (Ch)



RND, 1st (RN) Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

CHEETHAM, William, Private, RM, S 4114 (Deal): **KNIGHT**, Harold, Private, RM, S 4094 (Deal):
NELSON, Thomas C, Corporal, RM, S 3513 (Deal): **STARK**, John A, Corporal, RM, S 3390 (Deal):



RND, 2nd Field Company, Divisional Engineers,

EATON-SHORE, John J, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **THOMPSON**, Edwin G, Sergeant, RM, S 530 (Deal)



RND, 2nd RM Battalion, France

KNIGHTON, Thomas H, Private, RMLI, 17791 (Ply): **MANIFOLD**, Peter, Private, RMLI, 9780 (Ply):
PROWTING, Percy C, Private, RMLI, 16098 (Po)



RND, 3rd Field Company, Divisional Engineers, France

JOBSON, Ernest, Sapper, RM, S 1429 (Deal): **MORSE**, Sydney T J, Sapper, RM, S 15407 (Deal)



RND, 3rd (RN) Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

BOWDEN, William O, Private, RM, S 3921 (Deal): **JOHNSON**, Thomas, Private, RM, S 4092 (Deal)
SCALES, John, Private, RM, S 3487 (Deal)



RND, 63rd Divisional Signal Company, Divisional Engineers, France

CAMERON, Euan D, Sapper, RM, S 696 (Deal): **MURRAY**, James H, Sergeant RM, S 200 (Deal)

15th November

1914 The position in the Cameroons was: *“During the latter half of October the small force under Lieut.-Colonel Haywood was continuously engaged with the enemy on the line of the Northern Railway, but had made such good progress that I was in a position to arrange for an attack on Victoria, Soppo, and Buea. As in previous operations I divided my force, part of which was moved by water to Tiko, part from Susa by Mpundu on the Mungo River, and the third portion supplied by the Royal Navy and Royal Marine Light Infantry moved by sea to Victoria. The opposition met with cannot be described as serious, but the country was very trying to troops; the energy with which our advantage was pushed appeared to demoralise the Germans, and by the 15th November we had secured Buea, with Soppo and Victoria. We inflicted considerable casualties on the enemy whilst, escaping very lightly ourselves.”* reference ARMY DESPATCH dated 1st March 1916

1916 WESTERN FRONT Capture of Beaucourt on the River Ancre by 63rd (RN) Division. 13 Royal Marines killed



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

CHAPMAN, George W, Private, RMLI, 17841 (Ch): **FINDLAY**, Henry J, Lance Corporal, RMLI, 18814 (Ch): **HENDERSON**, John J, Corporal, RMLI, S 334 (Ch): **KEARSLAKE**, Alexander, Private, RMLI, 17517 (Po): **MCSTAY**, Joseph, Private, RMLI, S 937 (Ch): **ROE**, Leonard H, Private, RMLI, S 948 (Po): **SILLIS**, Samuel G, Corporal, RMLI, 16751 (Ch): **WRIGHT**, Henry, Private, RMLI, 19331 (Ch),



RND, 2nd RM Battalion, France

BALDWIN, John, Private, RMLI, 16332 (Ply), DOI



RND, 63rd Divisional Signal Company, Royal Engineers, France

SMETTEM, Stanley, Sapper, RM, S 5204 (Deal), DOI



RND, Drake Battalion, France

TETLEY, Arthur S, Ty/Lieutenant Colonel, RM,



2001 The SBS seize Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. Around 100 members of the Special Boat Service flew into the Bagram air base north of Kabul as the advance party of a force designed to help restore order and to ensure that humanitarian aid can get through. The troops, a complete squadron normally based at Poole, Dorset, paved the way for the deployment of a much larger, British-led multinational force

16th November

1927 *“The Marines stand for Drill, Discipline and Duty; three words that are not over popular at the present time..... but they commit the cardinal crime of not advertising themselves”.*
Admiral Sir Richard Phillimore

17th November

1916 WESTERN FRONT 63rd (RN) Division. 6 Royal Marines killed



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

MUNTZ, Claude L E, Captain, RMLI: **SPURDLE**, George, Private, RMLI, 18576 (Po),



RND, 2nd Field Company, Divisional Engineers, France

CASTLE, Charles H J, Sapper, RM, S 870 (Deal)



RND, 2nd RM Battalion, France

BAKER, Reginald W, Private, RMLI, 17625 (Ply): BOWDEN, Frederick H, Private, RMLI, S 352 (Ply).



RND, 3rd (RN) Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

DUNKLEY, Albert, Corporal, RM, S 3176 (Deal),

1917 Naval action off Heligoland Bight. 14 year old RM bugler Charles Timmins killed. *"When his father was killed in action during the First World War, Charles Timmins wanted to get his own back on the enemy and joined the Royal Marines. (His father was killed in action on H.M.S. "Hogue in September 1914) On leaving school at the early age of 14, the only role for him in the Royal Marines was as a boy bugler, passing orders by means of bugle calls to the crew. Unfortunately, he was killed shortly after he passed his training in 1917, when in action at the Heligoland Bight. He had just sounded the "Action Stations" bugle call when the bridge was hit by a shell and he was killed. He was the youngest Royal Marine killed in WW1*



18th November

1942 HMS Arethusa, escorting convoy to Malta in Operation Stoneage, hit and badly damaged by German torpedo aircraft, returned to Alexandria 156 killed'

BICK, Thomas F, Marine, CH/246617: BRITTON, Henry W, Marine, PO/X 100319: CAPLEHORN, Charles W, Band Corporal, RMB/X 262: COLES, Miles G, Musician, RMB/X 434,: COTTERILL, Harold, Marine, CH/X 326: COLLINS, Reginald W, Marine, CH/X 1062: DOYLE, John J, Ty/Corporal, RM, DSM, CH/X 101024: EASON, Dennis B, Marine, CH/X 104339: FLETCHER, Heskett W, Musician, RMB/X 1431: GIBB, Stanley E, Ty/Sergeant, RFR, CH/24101:GLAVES, Alfred, Marine, CH/X 104361: JONES, Arthur G, Marine, CH/X 1902: MARSHALL, Robert E, Marine, CH/X 100253: MARTIN, Leonard G, Marine, CH/X 1932: MCCORMICK, George, Marine, CH/X 3438: MCMULLEN, Robert R, Marine, CH/X 102698: MERRIFIELD, Samuel J, Musician, RMB/X 1001: MORAN, Terence, Sergeant, RM, PLY/22144: NETHERTON, Jack M, Marine, CH/X 3429: PERRY, Ronald J, Musician, RMB/X 1185: PLATTEN, Henry A W, Marine, CH/X 3073: REYNOLDS, Arthur C, Marine, CH/X 102213:SHEPHERD, Harold F, Ty/Corporal, RM, CH/X 100259: SMART, William H, Marine, CH/X 102685:SMITH, Reginald, Marine, CH/X 3363: TAYLOR, Kenneth N, Marine, CH/X 100327: TESTER, Alfred C, Act/Corporal, RM, CH/X 1517: TOMPSETT, Leslie J, Marine, CH/X 2822: WALKER, William H, Bandmaster 2c, RMB/2945: WILLMOT, Henry S, Musician, RMB/X 1449: WOOD, Ralph W, Musician, RMB/X 1725.,

19th November



1929 Award of Albert Medal to Marine A.E. Streams: - *"HMS Devonshire was carrying out full- calibre firing on 26th July 1929, when at the first salvo there was a heavy explosion, which blew off the roof of one of the turrets. Marine Streams was the only man in the gunhouse, who was not either killed instantly or fatally injured. He was seriously shaken by the explosion and instinctively climbed to the top of the side plating to escape, but on arriving at the top he looked back and saw conditions inside the turret, and deliberately climbed back into it amidst the smoke and fumes, notwithstanding the grave risk of further explosions. He then helped to evacuate the one remaining man of the right gun's crew, and took charge and played a major part in evacuating the crew of the Fire Control Cabinet. When all the wounded were out he collapsed. His bravery, initiative and devotion to duty were beyond praise.*

20th November

1863 Battle of Rangiriri MAORI WAR

1917 20 November-31 December Cambrai Operations, including 63rd (RN) Division

21ST November

1863 MAORI WAR 1860 to 1863: *"After the abandonment of Merimeri, a strong force of rebels entrenched themselves at Rangariri, a village about twelve miles higher up the river. There, on November 20th, General Cameron, with troops, the four plated gunboats, and a Naval Brigade from the Curacoa, Miranda, Harrier, and Eclipse, under Commodore Wiseman, numbering about 400 men, attacked them. He had in all about 1200 men, while the Maoris were but about 400; but the latter had the advantage of a strong position, though it was one from which there was no easy way of retreat, and one, too, which required a much larger force to hold it properly. The two divisions did not arrive simultaneously before the works. One, coming by land, threatened the front, while the other, brought in the steamers, was to have threatened the rear; but part of the latter was delayed by the strength of the current. For an hour and a half the position was bombarded, and then, at 4.30 P.M., an assault was ordered. The Maoris soon concentrated themselves in a very formidable redoubt in the centre of their lines, and bloodily repulsed four separate attempts to carry it - one by the 65th Regiment, one by a party of Royal Artillerymen, and two by 90 men of the Naval Brigade, gallantly led by Commander Mayne and Commander Henry Bouchier Phillimore. It was then nearly dark. An attempt on the part of some of the brave defenders to get away across Lake Waikare, and a swamp on their right flank, was partially prevented by the 40th Regiment, and a detachment of the Marines, who, having by that time arrived by water, had moved round to the rear; but it was supposed that two of the most important leaders, King Matutaere, and William Thompson, escaped ere the way was blocked. The rest were trapped, and, although they kept up a desultory fire during the night, they surrendered unconditionally on the morning of November 21st."*reference Background information of the New Zealand Wars (sometimes referred to as the "Maori Wars") can be found of the following websites HistoryOrb, New Zealand in History and The New Zealand Wars

22nd November



1950 Corporal Charles **Trott**: aged 21 of 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number PLY/X 52817851 was killed in action while serving with the U.S. Marine Corps at the Chosin Reservoir

23rd November



1944 Sergeant Arthur **GOMM**: Royal Marines R.M. Engineer Commando. Age: 25 Died of wounds

24th November

1941 Light cruiser HMS Dunedin came under attack by U124 which was on passage to meet PYTHON for re-supply. Hit by two of three torpedo fired by U124 off St Paul's Rock north of Pernambuco and 900 miles west of Freetown. Ship was steaming at high speed and bulkheads were unable to withstand stress of an explosion whilst under way. One torpedo struck amidships and the other aft. Extensive damage incurred including loss of radio facilities. She foundered stem first.

ALLEN, Sydney W, Ty/Sergeant, RM, PO/X 922,: **BLACKBURN**, Albert E, Musician, RMB/X 838: **BOWYER**, William F, Marine (Pens), PLY/20798: **BRACEY**, Frederick, Marine, PO/X 3726: **BRITCHER**, Charles W, Marine, PO/X 3584: **CALLAGHAN**, Cornelius C, Marine, PO/X 4522: **CLAPHAM**, Cyril H G, Musician, RMB/X 226,: **COURT**, Cyril, Marine, PO/X 3578: **COX**, Gordon D, Marine, PO/X 3581: **CRAGO**, Richard P, Musician, RMB/X 611: **DALE**, Norman, Marine, PO/X 4609: **DODD**, Jack, Marine, PO/X 3591: **DYER**, Joseph J, Marine (Pens), PO/216734: **FLETCHER**, Ernest B, Marine, PO/X 3903: **FRENCH**, Ernest, Marine, PO/22300: **FROST**, Reginald, Marine, PO/217052: **HALL**, Alfred, Marine, PO/X 3587: **IRVING**, David T, Marine, PO/X 3900: **JACKLIN**, Kenneth, Marine, PO/X 100377: **JENKINS**, George O, Marine, PO/X 3592: **JONES**, Ernest S, Marine, PO/X 1198: **JONES**, John H, Band Corporal, RMB/X 244: **JOUGHLIN**, Edward W, Marine, PO/X 3580: **KEMP**, William A, Corporal, RM, PO/X 1179: **KING**, Albert F C, Marine, PO/X 4567: **LAWRENCE**, Harry A, Marine, PO/X 3586: **LEITH**, Ronald, Marine, PO/X 3897: **LLOYD**, Eric H, Marine, PO/X 3588: **MAUL**, Richard H L, Act/Captain, RM: **MEAKINS**, Henry D, Marine, PO/X 3907: **MILLS**, Douglas G, Marine, PO/X 3140: **MOODY**, Thomas, Musician, RMB/X 1528: **MOORE**, Arthur F, Musician, RMB/X 149: **MOYLE**, Charles W, Marine, PO/X 4459: **NORTH**, John H, Marine, PO/X 2776: **PACEY**, Thomas H, Sergeant, RM, PO/22604: **PEACOCK**, George H, Corporal, RM, PO/X 1377: **PENNEY**, Gordon L R, Musician, RMB/X 617: **PICKARD**, Robert A, Marine, PO/X 691: **RIDDLESTON**, Wilfred W, Musician, RMB/X 667: **ROBERTSON**, Peter, Marine, PO/X 3905: **ROBINS**, Francis J, Marine, PO/X 1924: **ROSE**, Francis, Marine, CH/X 2679: **SALWAY**, Edward A, Marine, PO/21862: **SARGEANT**, John M, Band Master 1c, RMB/2910: **SMITH**, Clarence, Marine, PO/X 100594,: **STEER**, Alfred L J, Marine, PO/22514: **SUNTER**, John E, Corporal, RM, PO/X 1412: **SYMONDS**, Horatio A, Marine, PO/X 4961: **WANDLESS**, James, Marine, PO/X 1691: **WEST**, Cyril R M, Band Corporal, RMB/X 373: **WORTHINGTON**, Charles A, Band Boy, RMB/X 1251: **YOUNG**, Dan, Marine (Pens), PO/20328.

25th November

1861 Expedition with 414 Royal Marines sail from Plymouth for Mexico. The pretext for the intervention was a law adopted by the Mexican Congress on July 17, 1861, to temporarily cease repayment of foreign debts. Lord Palmerston's government in Great Britain organized the expedition, and on Oct. 31, 1861, Great Britain, France, and Spain signed an agreement for

intervention in Mexico. At the end of 1861, Spanish troops occupied Veracruz, Mexico's chief port, and in January 1862, British and French troops landed there. The stubborn resistance of Mexican patriots and disagreements among the interventionists resulted in the recall of the British and Spanish forces from Mexico in April 1862. France, however, continued its military operations.

1899 Battle of Graspan during the Boer War. On the 25th November 1899 the Royal Marines were involved in the battle of Graspan. "Two RMLI companies and one RMA company, with a total of 190 officers and men, had been formed at Simonstown in South Africa from the complements of HMS Doris, Powerful and Terrible. Their task was to accompany the Naval Brigade's sailors and four 12-pounder guns, which were sent by rail to reinforce Lord Methuen's relief column on its way to raising the siege of Kimberley. They had acted in support at the Battle of Belmont on the 23rd and two days later spearheaded the assault on Boer positions dug in atop Graspan kopje..... The Royal Marines companies assembled at 0700hrs and moved forward from their start line towards the enemy held crests half a mile away as soon as the preliminary bombardment had stopped. Each marine was only 4 paces from his neighbour and thus bunched they made a series of rushes..... A heavy and accurate fire swept through the advancing British line, marines falling at every step, including the commanding officer Major J. H. Plumbe RMLI, Captain G. Senior RMA and ninety others, of whom 5 were killed outright



1941 Loss of Battleship HMS Barham while supporting cruisers searching for a German convoy to Benghazi. She was under constant observation by enemy aircraft. Under attack by U331 and hit by three torpedoes which struck between funnel and X turret on port side. Ship sank in position 32.34N 26.24N within 4 minutes after the magazine detonated. (Only 450 survived from the complement of about 1312.

AIREY, Sidney, Marine, PO/X 102279: **ANDERSON**, Thomas W, Marine, PO/X 102259: **ARSCOTT**, William R, Musician, RMB/X 572: **ATKINSON**, George A, Marine, PO/X 101744: **BAILEY**, John C, Marine, PLY/X 1795: **BAKER**, Richard J, Marine, PO/X 4815: **BALL**, Albert, Marine, PO/X 4039: **BARBER**, Kenneth A, Marine, PO/X 4997: **BARKER**, Albert E, Marine, PO/X 4491: **BATES**, Harold G, Marine, PO/X 100101: **BEAN**, Kenneth A, Marine, PO/X 100414: **BERRY**, Joseph, Marine, PO/X 4370: **BERRY**, Thomas J A, Marine, PO/X 663: **BISHOP**, George, Marine, PLY/22433: **BOAG**, Richard, Marine, PO/X 4210: **BONNARD**, John W, Sergeant, RM, PO/X 133: **BOOTLE**, John F, Musician, RMB/X 649: **BOWERS**, Peter H, Marine, PO/X 2374: **BRIDLE**, Edward G, Marine, PO/X 2390: **BROWELL**, George B, Marine, PO/X 2517: **BROWN**, Sydney, Marine, PO/X 2313: **BURNS**, Samuel, Marine, PO/X 102297: **BURTON**, Wilfred, Marine, PO/X 4743: **BUTLER**, Roland, Marine, PO/X 5019: **BUTLIN**, Colin R, Marine, PO/X 100294: **CAMPBELL**, Robert, Marine, PO/X 100263: **CANNONS**, Leslie E, Marine, PO/X 2378: **CHANDLER**, William, Marine, PO/X 2227: **CHAPMAN**, Charles S, Musician, RMB/X 1593: **CHARD**, Ronald H, Band Master 2c, RMB/X 182: **CHILTON**, George, Marine, PO/X 101784: **CHOWINGS**, Samuel G, Marine, PO/X 100333: **CHRISTOPHER**, James V, Sergeant, RM, PO/X 456: **COLLARD**, Arthur L, Corporal, RM, PO/X 1269: **COOK**, Basil S C, Marine, PO/X 2624: **CORRIE**, John M, Lieutenant, RM, PO/X 1235: **CUTHBERT**, Albert J, Marine, PO/X 937: **DAVIES**, Herbert F, Colour Sergeant, RM, PO/22648: **DEACON**, Ronald F, Marine, PO/X 3518: **EVERETT**, Leslie R, Ty/Corporal, RM, PO/X 2310: **FLINT**, Wilfred L, Marine, RFR, PLY/18809: **FREEGARD**, William G, Marine, PO/X 1939: **GARDNER**, Kenneth R, Musician, RMB/X X 995: **GORMAN**, William G, Marine, PO/X 3359: **GOVER**, William A, Marine, PO/X 4040: **GREEN**, George A, Marine, PO/X 102268: **GREEN**, William H, Marine, PO/X 3517: **GURNEY**, Kenneth A, Marine, PO/X 4590: **HALL**, John W C, Ty/Corporal, RM, PO/X 2436: **HARRIS**, George I, Marine, PO/X 2708: **HARRIS**, Harry, Marine, PO/X 100315: **HARRIS**, William H, Ty/Sergeant, RM, PO/X 1139: **HATHERICK**, Sydney, Marine, PO/X 1657: **HAWTIN**, Thomas W, Marine, PO/X 3984: **HENTY**, Alfred J, Marine, PO/X 4867: **HIBBERT**, Charles L, Marine, PO/X 102299: **HIGGS**, Richard H, Marine, PO/X 4001: **HILL**, Christopher St G S, Lieutenant, RM: **HISCOCKS**, Edward R J, Marine, PO/X 2333: **HOOKER**, Victor E, Marine, PO/X

3371: **HUMBLE**, John L, Marine, PO/X 4052:
INGALL, Laurence J, Bugler, CH/X 100537:
IRETON, Ernest, Marine, PO/X 4214:
JENNINGS, William J, Ty/Midshipman, RNR:
JERRARD, Ronald C J, Musician, RMB/X 46:
JONES, David R, Marine, PO/X 4174: **JONES**,
 Haydn, Marine, PO/X 2459: **JONES**, James H,
 Marine, PO/X 100118: **LEARMOUTH**,
 Douglas C, Marine, PO/X 2304: **LEES**, Harold
 M, Marine, PO/X 4542: **LEONARD**, Francis,
 Musician, RMB/X 549: **LEWTY**, Harry,
 Ty/Sergeant, RM, PO/22287: **LIDDINGTON**,
 Aubrey W C, Marine, PO/X
 2395: **LITTLEFORD**, James, Marine, PO/X
 4205: **LITTLEFORD**, William, Marine, PO/X
 4204: **LOCK**, Henry, Marine, PO/X 4462:



HMS Barrow torpedoed by a U-boat in November 1941. She sank within five minutes

LYMBURN, Andrew, Sergeant, RM, PO/21698,: **MAHY**, Herbert E, Marine, PO/X 236: **MARTIN**, James L, Marine, PO/X 2273:
MCLOUGHLIN, Reginald M, Marine, PO/X 2183: **MILLER**, George R, Boy Bugler, PO/X 3320: **MILTON**, Hedderville,
 Ty/Corporal, RM, PO/X 2180: **MOIR**, Stanley C, Musician, RMB/X 928: **MOORE**, Frederick J, Marine, PO/X 2290,: **NICHOLLS**,
 Harold D E, Marine, PO/X 1684: **PAINE**, John R, Musician, RMB/X 627: **PARK**, Alexander, Marine, PO/X 100564: **PARKIN**,
 Ronald L, Marine, PO/X 4060: **PARTRIDGE**, Walter R, Marine, PLY/X 2711: **PERROTT**, Alfred C S, Marine, PO/X 1633:
PINNOCK, James R A, Marine, PO/X 3269: **PITT**, Thomas R, Marine, PO/X 2298: **PITTS**, George S, Captain, RM: **POOLE**,
 William F, Marine, PO/X 2462: **RICH**, George F, Marine, PO/X 4393: **ROBINSON**, Harold W, Marine, PO/X 2715: **ROBINSON**,
 William P, Marine, PLY/X 2051: **ROSE**, George H, Marine, PO/X 1055: **SELBY**, Stanley I, Corporal, RM, PO/X 1694:
SHEPPARD, Harry C, Marine, PO/X 3542: **SMITH**, Joseph E, Marine, PO/X 3664: **SMYLLIE**, John F, Marine, PO/X 4563:
SNEDDON, John, Marine, PO/X 4624: **SPRINGETT**, Frederick J W, Marine, PO/X 4063: **STONE**, Roy F, Musician, RMB/X 1013:
STOWER, Walter H, Marine, CH/X 2315: **STURGESS**, Edward L, Marine, PO/X 2287,: **TAYLOR**, Leslie A, Sergeant, RM,
 PO/22437: **TEAGER**, Clifford A, Marine, PO/X 4761: **TERRY**, Reginald B, Marine, PO/X 21609: **THOMAS**, Reginald F, Marine,
 PO/X X 2425,: **THOMAS**, Ronald, Corporal, RM, PO/X 1284: **TOMLINSON**, Arthur R, Marine, PO/X 4570: **TOWELL**, Laurence
 F, Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 778: **TRAVIS**, Samuel G W, Marine, PO/X 4083: **UDEN**, Peter W, Marine, PO/X 2332,:
UNDERWOOD, Richard C, Marine, PO/X 4064: **WALTON**, Douglas H, Marine, PO/X 2422: **WEST**, Mark, Marine, PO/X 4053
WHEEL, William, Marine, PO/X 100303: **WHEELER**, Noel H, Marine, PO/X 3275: **WILKINS**, Percy J, Marine, PO/X 3560: **WISE**,
 Richard G, Marine, PO/X 799: **WOOD**, Robert, Marine, PO/X 4552: **WOODMAN**, Edward W K, Marine, PO/X 3547: **WYATT**,
 Ronald B, Musician, RMB/X 988,

26th November



1914 HMS Bulwark, pre-Dreadnought battleship, destroyed off Sheerness, Thames Estuary. On the afternoon of Thursday, November 26th, 1914, Winston Churchill made the following statement to the House of Commons: "I regret to say I have some bad news for the house. The Bulwark battleship, which was lying in Sheerness this morning, blew up at 7.35 o'clock. The Vice and Rear Admiral, who were present, have reported their conviction that it was an internal magazine explosion which rent the ship asunder. There was apparently no upheaval in the water, and the ship had entirely disappeared when the smoke had cleared away. An inquiry will be held tomorrow which may possibly throw more light on the occurrence. The loss of the ship does not sensibly affect the military position, but I regret to say the loss of life is very severe. Only 12 men are saved. All the

officers and the rest of the crew, who, I suppose, amounted to between 700 and 800, have perished. I think the House would wish me to express on their behalf the deep sorrow with which the House heard the news, and their sympathy with those who have lost their relatives and friends."

ARNOLD, Harry C, Private, RMLI, 13839: ASHMAN, Paul, Private, RMLI, 14955: AVERLEY, Henry, Musician, RMB 108: BARLOW, George, Private, RMLI, 16298 (Po): BARRELL, Alfred J, Musician, RMB 608 (Po): BATTRICK, George H, Private, RMLI, 16508 (Po): BEABEY, Albert J, Band Corporal, RMB 606 (Po): BELLAMY, John H, Private, RMLI, 15123 (Po): BOX, Frederick R H, Sergeant, RMLI, 11349 (Po): BRIDLE, Harry T, Private, RMLI, 15864 (Po): BROWN, Alfred J, Boy Bugler 1c, J 23496 (Po): BROWN, Charles J, Private, RMLI, 15879 (Po): BROWNE, William E, Private, RMLI, 6570 (Po): BRUCE, Donald H, Private, RMLI, 15881 (Po): BULLEN, Philip O, Bugler, 17035 (Po): BURT, Archibald C, Private, RMLI, 15576 (Po): BUSH, George, Private, RMLI, 16931 (Po): BUSS, Sydney R, Private, RMLI, 15878 (Po): CAMPBELL, Dennis, Musician, RMB 598 (Po): CARVER, Wilfred, Private, 16955 (Po): CHEW, Albert L, Private, RMLI, 16700 (Po): CLARKE, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 16152 (Po): COLEBORN, Arthur, Private, RMLI, 16703 (Po): COLLINS, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 16667 (Po): COLLINS, Thomas H V, Private, RMLI, 13226 (Po): COVENEY, George, Private, RMLI, 16696 (Po): CRANK, Charles W J, Private, RMLI, 16409 (Po): DAVIS, Frederick, Musician, RMB 1079 (Po): EDGLEY, Walter, Private, RMLI, 15893 (Po): ELLIS, Owen J, Private, RMLI, 15659 (Po): EVERITT, Everard, Private, RMLI, 14728 (Po): FERRIS, William, Private, RMLI, 12746 (Po): FLEET, William, Private, RMLI, 9072 (Po): FROST, Albert, Private, RMLI, 12675 (Po): GEARY, Leonard J, Private, RMLI, 16844 (Po): GREEN, William J, Private, RMLI, 14831 (Po): HARRIS, Alfred, Private, RMLI, 7495 (Po): HARRISON, Arthur, Private, RMLI, 11998 (Po): HATCH, Harry, Private, RMLI, 13052 (Po): HAYES, Edward, Private, RMLI, 10867 (Po): HAZZELDINE, Frank, Private, RMLI, 16517 (Po): HENDRY, William G, Musician, RMB 1641: HESSEY, William, Private, RMLI, 16526 (Po): HOLNESS, Josiah C, Corporal, RMLI, 14006 (Po): HOOPER, Herbert G, Private, RMLI, 16446 (Po): HOPE, Alfred T, Musician, RMB 374 (Po): HOUSE, William A, Private, RMLI, 16930 (Po): HUGHES, Charles H, Private, RMLI, 15894 (Po): JONES, Albert, Private, RMLI, 14599 (Po): JOYCE, John U, Corporal, RMLI, 13059 (Po): KING, Harry, Musician, RMB 474 (Po): KINGSWOOD, Stewart, Private, RMLI, 13157 (Po): LAMING, John A, Private, RMLI, 7901 (Po): LAMING, Walter J, Private, RMLI, 13819 (Po): LEE, Alfred R, Private, RMLI, 14685 (Po): LEONARD, William R, Private, RMLI, 15897 (Po): LOCK, Henry J, Lieutenant, RM: LUCKING, Samuel F, Private, RMLI, 13020 (Po): MAHON, Alfred W J, Musician, RMB 546 (Po): MARNIE, James C, Seaman, RNR, A 2169 (Po): MARRIOTT, Herbert E, Sergeant, RMLI, 8008 (Po): MARSTON, Wallace C, Private, RMLI, 14787 (Po): MASLEN, Nelson, Private, RMLI, 16921 (Po): MARTER, Joseph, Private, RMLI, 10554 (Po): MAXWELL, William, Musician, RMB 1379 (Po): MCALLISTER, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 12655 (Po): MCLENAHAN, John, Sergeant, RMLI, 12361 (Po): MIDDLETON, William C, Private, RMLI, 15728 (Po): MOORE, Frederick, Musician, RMB 757 (Po): MORRISON, Alfred, Corporal, RMLI, 15260 (Po): MORTON, Herbert C, Captain, RM: MUNDAY, Jack G, Private, RMLI, 15857 (Po): NEALE, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 10125 (Po): NORTH, Edward D, Private, RMLI, 16622 (Po): OXFORD, Ernest, Private, RMLI, 16421 (Po): PAGETT, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 15861 (Po): PARTRIDGE, Ernest P, Private, RMLI, 11143 (Po): PATERSON, William, Private, RMLI, 15541 (Po): PELLING, Horace L, Private, RMLI, 18111 (Ch): PRIVETT, George H, Private, RMLI, 14435 (Po): RENDELL, Frederick, Sergeant, RMLI, 9599 (Po): ROBERTSON, George, Musician, RMB 9 (Po): ROSE, John A, Private, RMLI, 15257 (Po): RUDKIN, Frederick H, Private, RMLI, 14535 (Po): SAUNDERS, Edgar W, Bugler, RMLI, 15495 (Po): SHAW, Robert, Private, RMLI, 16947 (Po): SHINER, Walter J, Private, RMLI, 17038 (Po): SMITH, Samuel J, Private, RMLI, 12256 (Po): SMITH, William W, Private, RMLI, 16701 (Po): STARES, George, Private, RMLI, 9336 (Po): STILLMAN, William, Private, RMLI, 13269 (Po): THOMAS, George, Private, RMLI, 15867 (Po): THOMPSON, Arthur, Private, RMLI, 15550 (Po): TOMPKINSON, Joseph S, Private, RMLI, 13056 (Po): TRACEY, Frederick, Private, RMLI, 15891 (Po): TRUMAN, Frank P, Private, RMLI, 15286 (Po): WALKER, William J, Private, RMLI, 15876 (Po): WARD, Edwin J, Sergeant, RMLI, 9009 (Po): WEBSTER, Harry, Private, RMLI, 8563 (Po): WESTON, Arthur F C, Private, RMLI, 15392 (Po): WHARTON, Charles, Private, RMLI, 7860 (Po): WHICHELLO, John, Musician, RMB 250: WHITE, Albert P, Private, RMLI, 15390 (Po): WILSON, Harry, Private, RMLI, 13568 (Ch)

27th November

1745 Hannah Snell joins the marines at Portsmouth and served at the attack on Pondicherry. Rumour has it she was hit 12 times by musket balls, which she removed herself rather than have her sex revealed.



28th November



1967 42 and 45 Commando RM last troops to leave Aden

During the campaign the following Royal Marines lost their lives:-

ARNOLD, David James Sergeant Service No: RM15389 45 Commando Royal Marines Date of Birth 29 September 1937 Age 26

BAKER, Paul Albert Thomas Bugler Battalion: 45 Commando Royal Marines Service Number RM 17002 Date of Birth 17 February 1943 Age 18 Date of Death 20 November 1961

CALWAY, David J Marine 45 Commando Royal Marines Service Number RM 24220 Date of Birth 16 March 1949 Age 18 Date of Death 17 May 1967 Gunned down by unknown Arabs in the back streets of the Crescent area of Aden while in civilian clothes

DUNN, Anthony John Marine: 45 Commando Royal Marines Service Number RM 18603 Date of Birth 01 March 1943 Age 24

ESSEEN, David : Marine Battalion: 45 Commando Service Number RM 23464 Date of Birth 26 June 1948 Age 18 Date of Death 23 March 1967

HYDES, Richard Rank: Marine Service No: RM21817 Battalion: 45 Commando Royal Marines Date of Birth 29 August 1945 Age 18 Date of Death 18 May 1964

JEFFERY,: Lance Corporal Service No: RM20777: 45 Commando Royal Marines Date of Birth 11 July 1943 Age 19 Date of Death 23 June 1963

McGRATH, Edward: Corporal Service No: RM16924: 45 Commando Royal Marines Event: Killed in fighting between dissident tribesmen in the Radfan mountains Date of Event: 12 September 1964

MOIR, Daniel Alistair Ian Second Lieutenant Battalion: 45 Commando Royal Marines Date of Birth 25 April 1945 Age 22 Date of Death 12 September 1967

MUIR, David Alexander : Marine Battalion: 45 Commando Royal Marines Service Number RM 22521 Date of Birth 21 September 1946 Age 18 Date of Death 10 June 1965

PETTIGREW, James Rank: Marine Service No: RM 18582 : 45 Commando Royal Marines Date of Birth 28 December 1941 Age 19 Date of Death 26 January 1961

POYZER, Gerald Anthony Marine Service Number RM 18284 43 Commando RM Date of Birth 25 January 1942 Age 20 Date of Death 30 May 1962 He died in a vehicle accident

SMITH John Alfred Marine Service Number RM 12193 Ship HMS Loch Alvie Date of Birth 07 September 1922 Age 39 Date of Death 05 January 1962

SWINDELL Roy Goldthorpe Marine: 45 Commando Royal Marines Date of Service Number RM 20743 Date of Birth 14 March 1942 Age 21 Date of Death 24 July

TUCK, Keith: Marine Service No: RM19139: 45 Commando Date of Birth 23 February 1941 Age 20 Date of Death 31 January 1962

WHITAKER, K W Rank: Marine Service No: RM22648: 45 Commando Died Date of Event: 20 January 1965

WILSON, David MacDonald Service No: RM21814 Battalion: 45 Commando Royal Marines Event: Killed by a sniper while pushing down Wadi Dhubsan, one of the most inaccessible rebel-held areas of Radfan, about 60 miles north of Aden. Date of Event: 26 May 1964

29th November



1950

27 November – 13 December 1950 Force Drysdale fights its way North from Koto-ri to open the road south of Hagaru-ri to assist the US Marines trapped at the Chosin Reservoir in Korea.

30th November

2002 William Edward Sparks “CROSSED THE HARBOUR BAR”. He was the last survivor of the "cockleshell heroes" who raided the German-occupied French port of Bordeaux by canoe to attack enemy shipping in 1942, died aged 80.

“Corporal Sparks of the Royal Marines was one of 12 men chosen for one of the most daring and dangerous special operations of the second world war, led by Major Herbert "Blondie" Hasler.

They left the Clyde in the submarine HMS Tuna on December 1 1942, with their six two-man kayaks. Their target was a collection of German merchant ships that had evaded capture. Some of these might have served as blockade-runners or been converted into disguised, armed merchant raiders against allied shipping. Admiral Mountbatten's Combined Operations command set up Operation Frankton to destroy them.

Tuna surfaced 10 miles off the Gironde estuary on December 7. The whittling-down of the raiding party began almost at once. Hasler and Sparks paddled away without incident, but the second kayak was torn as it was being pushed through the hatch. Two canoes capsized in the treacherous waters. Of these, one pair of marines drowned after selflessly obeying an order to let go of their comrades' canoes, which were in danger of capsizing too; the other two got ashore, only to be captured and shot by the Germans.

The three surviving pairs began the 85-mile southward haul up the river, paddling by night and lying up by day. On their departure the next evening, one of the three heavily laden canoes hit a sharp rock and sank. The two occupants got ashore but were soon reported to the Germans, captured and shot.

Then there were four: Hasler with Sparks and Corporal Laver with Marine Mills. The two kayaks closed in on Bordeaux on the night of December 10, and the four marines hid safely in the reed beds just north of the city. After dark on December 11, they stole into the harbour and the subsidiary port of Bassens on the opposite bank, attaching limpet mines on nine-hour fuses to the hulls of several ships.

The next day six mines went off, crippling four merchantmen, a tanker and a German naval auxiliary. The four marines sank their canoes some 20 miles downstream and set off on a 100-mile march to contact the French Resistance "pipeline" which was meant to smuggle them to neutral Spain. Laver and Mills were caught and shot; Hasler and Sparks managed to get back to England separately.

Sparks was more than merely upset to be arrested on his arrival in Gibraltar in March 1943: nobody could confirm his extraordinary story. He was sent home, still under guard, on a troopship and a train to London - where the resourceful corporal escaped and went home to the East End, disproving the "missing in action" telegram his family had received. Eventually justice was done, and he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. Hasler got the DSO.

Sparks was born in the East End of London. He became a cobbler at 14 and at the outbreak of war in 1939 volunteered for the Royal Marines, with whom he served at sea. Deeply affected by the death of his brother on another ship, Sparks volunteered for "hazardous duty" and was posted to the Boom Patrol Detachment in July 1942. He trained first in Plymouth and then on the Clyde.

After the raid he served in Burma, Africa and Italy. In 1946 he joined London Transport as a driver, taking a year's break in 1952 to work as a lieutenant in the Malayan police during the insurgency": from the Obituary in the Guardian

DECEMBER

1st December

1916 Shore party from HMS Duncan and Exmouth involved in the Greek Intervention. 8 Royal Marines killed and 1 died later of wounds.

HMS Duncan, pre-Dreadnought battleship, 1 rating died of injuries on 3rd

BASON, Thomas H, Private, RMLI, 16350 (Ply):

HMS Exmouth, pre-Dreadnought battleship, 1 rating died of injuries on 4th

BRAMMA, Wilfred, Private, RMLI, 16018 (Ply): **CARTLIDGE**, William, Colour Sergeant, RMLI, 10333 (Ply): **DAVENPORT**, Albert, Private, RMLI, 16047 (Ply): **FALLOON**, Albert, Private, RMLI, 16053 (Po): **THORPE**, Frank, Private, RMLI, 16054 (Ply)

1918 Detachment from HMS Temeraire land at Sevastopol in the Crimea to take over the railway and wharves during the Russian Intervention.

2ND December

1915 HMS Agamemnon and Endymion destroyed Kavak Bridge in the Gulf of Xeros Turkey

3rd December

1917 SS Livonia was torpedoed by UB.35 in English Channel. Naval DAMS gunners casualties: Private Sydney **BENNING** (RMR B 1414), S 17 (Po) and Lance Corporal Harry **WALLEY**. (RMR B 1442), 11112 (Po)

4th December

1951 Marching at the side of the road in full uniform were 52 members of the Chatham Royal Marine Cadet Corps, aged between 9 and 15. In the darkness a bus came upon the cadets and did not see them. The driver crashed into them and continued to drive over the bodies; as a result 24 of them died. Still more were injured.

Their names do not appear on the National Roll of Honour and they were very young but they wore their uniforms with pride. To us they also were "Royals". The boys who died were:



AINDOW Anthony E., aged 13, died in All Saints' Hospital, Chatham : **BATTY** Colin Thomas: aged 12 killed outright : **BLOMELEY** James David: aged 9 killed outright : **BURDETT** John Henry: aged 10, died on 10 December 1951 in St Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester : **BUTLER** Brian Alfred aged 11, killed outright : **CALVERT** Arthur John: aged 11 killed outright : **CHARLES** David Alexander, aged 13 died in St Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester : **CROSS** Raymond Peter, aged 10 killed outright : **CUNNINGHAM** James Francis, aged 12 killed outright : **EVANS** Allan John: aged 11 killed outright : **EYRE** Peter Harry Ernest, aged 11 died in St Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester : **LEE** John Edwin , aged 10, died in St Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester : **McBRIDE** Rodney Charles, killed outright : **MOSSOP** Garth William: killed outright : **MURPHY** Laurence Peter, aged 12 died in All Saints' Hospital, Chatham : **ONGLEY** Richard Charles: aged 11 killed outright: **ROSE** Albert John: aged 11 killed outright : **SCOTT** James Keith, killed outright : **SHEPHERD** James Edward, aged 11 killed

outright : **STONE** William: aged 12 killed outright : **THORNDYCROFT** John Clement aged 11, died in All Saints' Hospital, Chatham : **TICKNER** David: aged 11 killed outright: **TRIGG** James Robert; aged 13 killed outright : **WALKER** Keith William Francis: aged 12 killed outright



19 of the graves & 3 Roman Catholics buried separately

5th December

1918 Russian Intervention HMS Cassandra, light cruiser, mined and sunk in Gulf of Finland, night of 4th/5th. No Royal Marine casualties.

6th December

1942 At midnight on 6–7th December SS Ceramic, steamship was sunk by U 515 in mid Atlantic en-route for Capetown leaving only one survivor from the 656 people aboard including the loss of 15 Royal Marines

CHEETHAM, Frank, Marine, PO/X 113884 (T), (RM, O/P): **COCHRANE**, James, Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 866, (Assegai, O/P): **FARRELL**, Wilfred F, Marine, PLY/X 106428, (Tana II, O/P): **FREESTONE**, Edward J, Marine, CH/X 1265, (Kongoni, O/P): **HILTON**, James H, Marine, PLY/X 106429, (Tana II, O/P): **HOUGHTON**, Jack F, Marine (Pens), PO/216148, (RM, O/P): **KEENE**, Frederick E B, Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 351, (Assegai, O/P): **MAY**, Howard, Marine, PLY/X 147, (Assegai, O/P): **PEARSON**, Ernest C, Marine, PLY/X 2646, (Assegai, O/P): **PRESTON**, Harold G, Marine, PLY/X 106430, (Tana II, O/P): **ROYLE**, Keith, Marine, PLY/X 106431, (Tana II, O/P): **STEPHEN**, Alfred J C, Ty/Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 22233, (Assegai, O/P): **WAKEFIELD**, Sydney, Marine, PLY/X 106425, (Tana II, O/P): **WALDRON**, Samuel F, Marine, PLY/21968, (Assegai, O/P): **WALKER**, Richard, Marine, PLY/X 106432, (Tana II, O/P),



7th December



1942 Operation Frankton 7th

to 12th December 1942 was the raid on Bordeaux by the Cockleshell Heroes .Corporal Sheard RM, PLY/X 1369, drowned. The body of marine Moffat was recovered on the 14th. He had also been drowned or possibly died of hypothermia.

8th December

1914 Battle of the FALKLANDS. The Battle of the Falklands, 8 December 1914, saw the defeat of a squadron of German cruisers under Admiral Maximilian von Spee. On 1 November von Spee's squadron of five modern cruisers had defeated a small British squadron under Admiral

Christopher Cradock, at the Battle of Coronel, sinking two British cruisers with the loss of all hands. Von Spee approached the Falklands and discovered the British squadron comprising the battle cruisers HMS Inflexible & HMS Invincible along with the old HMS Canopus plus 3 armoured cruisers & 2 light cruisers.

A prolonged pursuit ensued, but in the early afternoon Sturdee's battle-cruisers had caught up with von Spee's squadron. To win time for the rest of his ships to escape, von Spee decided to fight with his two biggest ships, the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau. Inevitably the two German cruisers were sunk, with heavy losses. Of his remaining three ships, the Nürnberg and Leipzig were caught and sunk by the British cruisers. Only the Dresden escaped until she was caught in March 1915.

HMS Kent, cruiser, damaged. 7 Royal Marines were killed: -

KELLEY, Samuel, Private, RMLI (RFR A 566), 3793 (Po): **KIND**, Walter J, Private, RMLI, 15049 (Po): **TITHERIDGE**, Arthur C, Private, RMLI, 11220 (Po): **WOOD**, Walter, Private, RMLI, 16920 (Po) were all killed **With SNOW**, George, Private, RMLI, 16958 (Po), DOW 20 December and **SPENCE**, Tom, Sergeant, RMLI (RFR), 5674 (Po), DOW 24 December



1915 Flight Commander **ROBINSON** (Captain RMLI,) 2nd Wing Royal Naval Air Service, like most other pilots at the outbreak of War was employed on patrol in the North Sea until being appointed to the Dardanelles in 1915. The RM Medal Roll shows that he qualified for the 1914 Star with the RNAS at Ostend. Robinson was shot down on 8 December 1915 whilst attempting to bomb the Boom in the Dardanelles Narrows and died that day either instantly or shortly after his body had been recovered by the Turks.



1942 Cockleshell Hero Sergeant Samuel **WALLACE** RM, PLY/X 665 executed

9TH December



1915 RND, 2nd Field Company. RM Divisional Engineers **HARRIS**, Frank, Lance Corporal, RM, S 362 (Deal), Died of wounds in Alexandria that were incurred in Gallipoli.

10th December

1920 Bloody Sunday assassination of British Intelligence officers in Dublin. Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel H. F. **MONTGOMERY**, CMGO DSO Royal Marine Light Infantry Age: 40 He died as a result of injuries sustained in the Bloody Sunday assassination of high-ranking British intelligence officers by the Irish Republican Army in the Irish War of Independence

1941 Loss of Battleships HMS Prince of Wales and Repulse off Terengganu on the East coast of the Malayan peninsular.

HMS Repulse Fresh waves of Betty torpedo bombers then attacked the REPULSE from several directions. At 1226 hours REPULSE shot down two of her attackers.

A torpedo hit the Repulse and jammed her steering gear. Though she could still steam at well over 20 knots, she was almost immediately afterwards hit by three torpedoes abreast the superstructure, two simultaneously on the port side and one on the starboard side. She turned sharply 90 degrees to starboard, listing heavily to port. Captain Tennant knew then that the end was at hand, and at once gave the order for everyone to come on deck and to cast loose the Carley floats.

Captain Tennant described the last moments of REPULSE as follows; *'Men were now pouring up on deck. They had all been warned 24 hours before to carry or wear their lifesaving apparatus. When the ship had a 30 degrees list to port, I looked over the starboard side of the bridge and saw the Commander and two or three hundred men collecting on the starboard side. I never saw the slightest sign of panic or ill discipline. I told them from the bridge how well they had fought the ship, and wished them good luck. The ship hung for at least a minute and a half to two minutes with a list of about 60 degrees or 70 degrees to port and then rolled over.'*



HMS Repulse lost 37 Royal

Marines: -

ALDER, Frank, Marine, PLY/X 101175: **ALLCOCK**, William, Marine, PLY/X 55: **BERRY**, Richard M, Marine, PLY/X 100149: **BLANK**, Frederick J, Marine, PLY/X 512: **BUTLER**, Leonard L, Band Corporal, RMB/X 316:



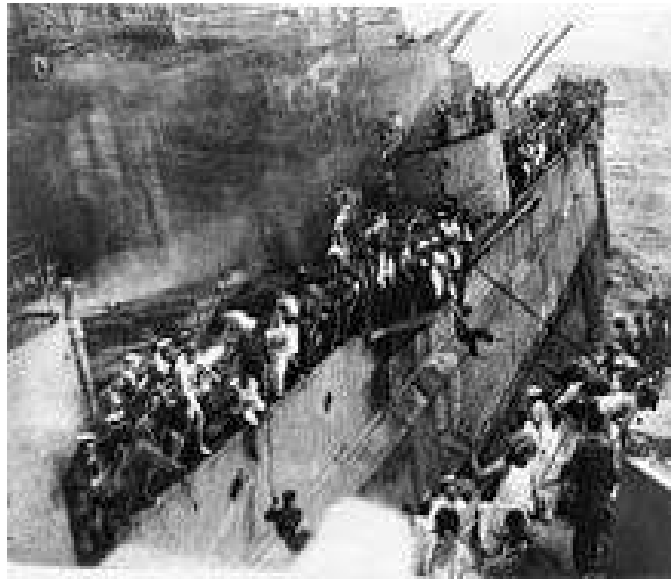
CLARKE, James, Marine, PLY/X 3138: **COCKRAM**, Albert R, Marine, PLY/X 101484: **COMBSTOCK**, Kenneth, Marine, PLY/X 757: **COOTE**, Ronald C, Marine, PLY/X 3179: **CURTIS**, George W R, Marine, PLY/X 1099,: **DAWE**, Frederick A, Marine, PLY/X 1922: **EDWARDS**, Joseph E, Ty/Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 1011: **FINE**, Francis J, Marine, PLY/X 3577: **FOX**, Geoffrey, Marine, PLY/X 3569: **GAVIN**, Brian B, Marine, PLY/X 3846: **GILL**, Alfred G, Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 657: **GOSDEN**, Edward J, Marine, PLY/X 2105: **GRANT**, William F, Marine, PLY/X 3585: **GRIFFITHS**, William H, Marine, PLY/X 2748: **HARDY**, Henry, Marine, PLY/X 3771: **HAWKINS**, Sidney G, Marine, PLY/X 2340: **HAYSOM**, Edward L, Marine, PLY/X 3768: **HERKES**, James, Marine, PLY/X 3697: **JOSHUA**, George H E, Marine, PLY/X 22603: **KANE**, Francis W, Marine, CH/24475: **KIRKLAND**, Arthur G, Marine, PLY/X 3395: **LING**, Leslie W, Marine, PLY/X 2084: **LISSAMAN**, Dennis G, Marine, PLY/X 1756: **LITTLE**, Francis D, Marine, PLY/X 2046: **ROBINSON**, Ronald F, Marine, CH/X 2127: **SEYMOUR**, William J H, Band Corporal, RMB/X 227: **SHREAD**, Horace C, Marine, PLY/X 3334: **SPRAY**, Harold F, Marine, PLY/X 3079: **STUBBINGS**, Arthur L, Marine, PLY/X 3182: **THOMAS**, Ernest J, Stoker 1c, D/KX 91816: **THOMAS**, John R, Marine, PLY/X 101363: **TURNER**, Thomas B, Band Master, RMB/2934: **USHER**, Frederick W, Musician, RMB/X 448: **WILLIAMS**, Harold J D, Marine, PLY/X 2749.

HMS PRINCE OF WALES was hit by 4 torpedoes and was out of control. The destroyer HMS Express went along side and took off wounded and those not required to fight the ship. The EXPRESS cast off and moved away just before the PRINCE OF WALES started to roll over. The EXPRESS almost left it too late because PRINCE OF WALES's bilge caught her and almost rolled her over.

At 1320 hours the PRINCE OF WALES sank capsizing to port



HMS Prince of Wales lost 27 Royal Marines : - **BOWDEN**, Eric S J, Marine, PLY/X 100188: **BROOKS**, Frederick, Marine, PLY/X 100123: **BUSH**, Robert A, Marine, PLY/X 3811: **CHAMBERS**, William R, Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 2212: **CROSS**, Walter S, Marine, PLY/X 100425: **FOX**, Jack, Marine, PLY/X 100128: **GIBBS**, Edward G, Marine, PLY/X 2538: **GOLBY**, Frederick T A, Marine, PLY/X 3197: **HIGGINBOTHAM**, James, Marine, PLY/X 100325: **HOCKNEY**, Kenneth, Marine, PLY/X 100721: **JONES**, Harry, Marine, PLY/X 100118: **JONES**, Stanley, Marine, PLY/X 100181: **KEELER**, Murth B, Marine, PLY/X 100133: **LACEY**, William, Marine, PLY/X 100426: **MADEN**, Walter, Marine, PLY/X 100121: **MCGRATH**, Charles G, Marine, PLY/X 100182: **MCGREGOR**, Leonard, Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 7: **PRICE**, David E, Marine, PLY/22003: **PROFFITT**, Bert, Marine, PLY/X 2676: **RICE**, William J H, Marine, PLY/X 100348: **SCOTT**, Herbert G S, Marine (Pens), PLY/21635: **SHEPHERD**, Thomas S, Marine, PLY/X 2346,: **SMITH**, Alexander H, Marine, PLY/X 3817: **STAPLETON**, Gilbert, Boy Bugler, PLY/X 3794: **WINTER**, Douglas, Marine, PLY/X 2804: **WYATT**, Harold W W, Musician, RMB/X 730.



HMS ELECTRA taking on board survivors of HMS PRINCE OF WALES

11th December



1942 Cockleshell Hero marine Robert EWART PLY/X 108880 executed by firing squad. Marines Mackinnon, Laver, Mills and Conway were also executed under the German Commando Order but the date is not known.



1950 General O.P. Smith sent the following message to Lt. Col. Drysdale: re the Chosin Operation in Korea which was completed on this date. ***“As Commanding General of the First Marine Division, I desire to take this opportunity to acknowledge the high qualities of leadership, heroism, devotion to duty, and self-sacrifice displayed by officers and men of the 41 Independent Commando of the Royal Marines while serving with this division in North Korea***

I am familiar with the long and glorious history of the Royal Marines. This history records many outstanding feats of heroism, devotion to duty, and self-sacrifice by units and individuals alike. The

performance of the 41 Commandos during the drive from Koto-ri to Hagaru-ri, during the defence of Hagaru-ri, and during the advance from Hagaru-ri to the south will, in the perspective of history, take equal rank with the past exploits of the Royal Marines.

I can give you no higher compliment than to state that your conduct and that of your officers and men under your command was worthy of the highest traditions of Marines."


The following Royal Marines lost their lives in the Korean War:-

AHERN Gerard Rank Marine Service Number CH/X 5110 Unit 41 Independent Commando RM Date of Birth 08 August 1929 Age 21 Date of Death 30 April 1951 Killed at Hagaru Died In Captivity

ALDRICH Arthur James Rank Marine 1 Service Number RM 9440 Unit 41 Independent Commando RM Date of Birth 03 May 1932 Age 19 Date of Death 10 October 1951

AMOS Peter Rank Musician Service Number RMB/X 1803 Ship HMS Kenya Date of Birth 16 January 1926 Age 24 Date of Death 07 January 1951 ***When the Chinese offensive started on 31st December , the United Nations Forces where pulled south in the face of heavy enemy action in the Inchon area. Kenya with Ceylon and other units formed a gunfire support group, providing interdiction for the army, who reported Inchon as completely evacuated by the 5th January 1951.***

BABB, Ronald Benjamin Rank Corporal 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number P0/X 5056 Date of Birth 04 April 1923 Age 27 Date of Death 07 October 1950

BARNES Charles Ernest Sergeant Service Number PO/X 4003 Unit 41 Independent Commando RM He was in B Troop when killed in a patrol clash Date of Birth 14 April 1922 Age 29 Date of Death 30 August 1951. Mention in Despatches (posthumous) MID 

BELSEY, Jarvis Edward Corporal 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number CH/X 4167 Date of Birth 08 April 1927 Age 23 Date of Death 29 November 1950 Killed In Action While serving with the U.S. Marine Corps at the Chosin Reservoir

DAVIES, Ronald George Cpl 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number P0/X 5115 Date of Birth 05 October 1923 Age 27 Date of Death 29 November 1950. POW, accidentally killed by ROK soldiers at Haguro-Ri Captured while serving with the U.S. Marine Corps at the Chosin Reservoir

GARNER, Ivan Marine 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number RM 9211 Date of Birth 18 April 1932 Age 18 Date of Death 29 November 1950 Missing Presumed Dead

GRAHAM, John Lewin Marine 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number RM 9087 Date of Birth 21 December 1931 Age 18 Date of Death 29 November 1950 Died of Wounds While serving with the U.S. Marine Corps at the Chosin Reservoir

HAMILL Thomas Raymond Rank Cpl Service Number PO/X 5573 Ship HMS Belfast Date of Birth 05 February 1930 Age 22 Date of Death 03 March 1952

HARWOOD, John Gordon Lieutenant 41 Independent Commando RM Date of Birth 23 March 1927 Age 24 Date of Death 30 August 1951 He was in B Troop when killed in a patrol clash on 30 August

HEARD, Lewis Anthony Marine 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number RM 9162 Date of Birth 16 April 1932 Age 18 Date of Death 06 January 1951 Died in POW Camp 10, Kaggye

HILL, Christopher Reg. Bernard Corporal 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number PO/X 6204 Date of Birth 02 November 1928 Age 22 Date of Death 04 March 1951 Taken Prisoner 11-20-50 Died In Captivity in POW Camp 10, Kaggye

HILLS, Stanley Edward Herbert Marine 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number PLY/X 1488 Date of Birth 20 March 1915 Age 35 Date of Death 06 January 1951

HITCHMAN, Keith David Marine 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number RM 7796 Date of Birth 10 July 1931 Age 19 Date of Death 16 October 1950

JAMES, Joseph Harold Sergeant Joseph Harold Service Number PLY/X 1864 HMS Belfast Date of Birth 28 May 1918 Age 33 Date of Death 03 March 1952 Missing presumed drowned

JAUNCY, William Leonard James. Marine Service Number CH/X 4020 41 Independent Commando RM Date of Birth 21 June 1924 Age 26 Date of Death 29/11/1950 Killed In Action While serving with the U.S. Marine Corps at the Chosin Reservoir

JONES, Peter Raymond Marine 41 Independent Commando RM Royal Marines Service Number RM 8682 Date of Birth 31 October 1931 Age 18 Date of Death 02 October 1950

McCOURT, Joseph Marine 41 Independent Commando RM Date of Death 29 November 1950 Service Number RM 9046 Date of Birth 13 August 1930 Age 20 Missing Presumed Dead

MELLING, Harry Marine 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number CH/X 3594 Date of Birth 09 February 1923 Age 28 Date of Death 07 April

NEEDS Robert James Marine Service Number RM 9257 41 Independent Commando RM Date of Birth 16 February 1932 Age 18 Date of Death 30 January 1951 Died as POW

NICHOLLS, Reuben, Marine t 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number PO/X 6067 Date of Birth 05 June 1925 Age 25 Date of Death 31 May 1951 The only Royal Marine among a group of mainly US POWs who were told in April 1951 they would be handed over to the UN Command, but he was never heard of again



PARKINSON-CUMINE Ralph Nicholas Rank Captain 41 Independent Commando RM Decorations MC Date of Birth 10 July 1922 Age 28 Date of Death 29 November 1950 Missing Presumed Dead

SKELTON, Stanley Marine Service Number RM 8648 Unit 41 Independent Commando RM Date of Birth 20 November 1931 Age 19 Date of Death 11 April 1951 Died as POW Included on Armed Forces Memorial

SOUTHWORTH, Ronald, Corporal 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number RM 10038 Date of Birth 08 January 1927 Age 23 Date of Death 29 November 1950 Missing Presumed Dead

STRAIN, Eric Marine 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number PO/X 5315 Date of Birth 19 August 1924 Age 26 Date of Death 29 November 1950 Killed In Action While serving with the U.S. Marine Corps at the Chosin Reservoir

STRAY, Dennis Wilfred Marine 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number RM 9245 Date of Birth 10 August 1927 Age 23 Date of Death 29 November 1950 Killed In Action While serving with the U.S. Marine Corps at the Chosin Reservoir Included on Armed Forces Memorial

TROTT, Charles Edwin, Corporal 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number PLY/X 5281 Date of Birth 22 November 1929 Age 21 Date of Death 29 November Killed In Action While serving with the U.S. Marine Corps at the Chosin Reservoir.

WALKER, William Arthur Marine 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number RM8800 Date of Birth 18 July 1928 Age 22 Date of Death 29 November 1950 Killed In Action While serving with the U.S. Marine Corps at the Chosin Reservoir

WOOLDRIDGE, Royston Marine 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number RM 9402 Date of Birth 08 December 1931 Age 18 Date of Death 29 November 1950 Killed In Action While serving with the U.S. Marine Corps at the Chosin Reservoir

WYETH, Kenneth, Marine 41 Independent Commando RM Service Number RM8784 Date of Birth 24 December 1931 Age 19 Date of Death 30 May 1951



Commonwealth Memorial at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery, Pusan

12th December

1962 FREEING OF HOSTAGES AT LIMBANG

In December 1962, in the town of Bangar a number of government officials had been held hostage and murdered. Rebel forces were then instructed to carry out the same orders up river in the town of Limbang. The task of rescuing the Limbang hostages (which included woman and children), was given to Captain Jeremy Moore's L Company Royal Marines.). His orders were simply to "Release the hostages". A dawn assault using 2 commandeered cargo lighters operated by Royal Navy crews was planned.



The element of surprise was lost due to the noise made by the boat's engines and as the Marines disembarked, heavy rebel fire hit the boats and the party sustained serious casualties. A second assault party landed and begun quickly moving through the town house clearing and hunting the rebels before the hostages could be executed.

Eventually the hostages were located alive and well, their captors had run off. By the ends of the battle 5 Marines were killed and another 8 injured. For their role in the battle, Corporals Lester and Rawlinson were awarded Military medals, while Captain Moore was awarded a bar for his Military Cross. Jeremy Black, the RN officer who commanded one of the lighters, later became Captain of HMS Invincible during the Falklands Campaign. After this action L Company became known as "Limbang Company"

Killed in the assault were:



FORMOY, Ronald D, Marine, RM 16883:



JENNINGS, Richard, Marine, RM 19233:



KIERANS, Gerald, Marine, RM 16941:

MACFARLANE, Walter G, Sergeant, RM, CH/X 4743:

POWELL, Fred S, Marine, RM 21017. Also on the 24th December

GILLINGHAM, Graham John, Marine, RM 20270 was accidentally shot and killed.

13TH December

1939 Battle of the River Plate: The German Battle ship Graf Spee was pursued by 4 British cruisers. Cdre Harwood with Hunting Group G - 8in-gunned cruisers Exeter and Cumberland and 6in light



cruisers Ajax and New Zealand Achilles - correctly anticipated her destination. Unfortunately "Cumberland" was by now in the Falklands refuelling. At 06.14 on the 13th, 150 miles east of the

Plate Estuary, "Graf Spee" (Capt Langsdorff) was reported to the northwest of the three cruisers. Faced with "Graf Spee's" heavier armament, Cdre Harwood decided to split his force in two and try to divide her main guns. "Exeter" closed to the south while the two light cruisers worked around to the north all firing as they manoeuvred.

"Graf Spee" concentrated her two 11in turrets on "Exeter" which was badly hit. By 06.50 all ships were heading west, "Exeter" with only one turret in action and on fire. "Ajax" and "Achilles" continued to harry the pocket battleship from the north [6], but at 07.25 "Ajax" lost her two after turrets to an 11in hit and "Achilles" already had splinter damage. HMS Exeter was forced to break off and head south for the Falklands, but "Graf Spee" failed to press home her advantage. By 08.00, still with only superficial damage, she headed for the neutral Uruguayan port of Montevideo, the cruisers shadowing. "GRAF SPEE" entered port at midnight. As other Allied hunting groups headed for the area, much diplomatic manoeuvring took place to hold her there. Finally, on the 17th, Capt Langsdorff edged his ship out into the estuary where she was scuttled and blown up. HMS "Cumberland" had returned by this time. Langsdorff then committed suicide.



HMS Exeter lost Royal Marines: -
BLANDFORD, Bert, Marine, PLY/X 711: **CROKER**, Alfred, Marine, PLY/X 835: **HARRINGTON**, Stanley, Marine, PLY/ 22286: **HILL**, Ronald, Boy Bugler, PLY/X 2238: **MARSH**, William, Corporal, PLY/X 1361: **MCEVOY**, James, Marine, PO/X 2091: **MILLS**, Edward, Marine, PLY/X 1914: **STUBBS**, Agean, Marine, PLY/X 1370,

HMS EXETER

HMS Ajax lost 5 Royal Marines: - **BASHFORD**, Cyril, Corporal, CH/X 959: **BURRELLS**, Albert, Marine, CH/X 1688: **CLEMENTS**, James, Marine, CH/X 654: **FOLLETT**, Harry, Sergeant, CH/X 688: **LAMBARD**, William, Marine, CH/X 1663.

1941 Start of evacuation from Singapore lasted to February 1942

14th December



1915 RND, 2nd RM Battalion **BENNETT**, Albert, Private, RMLI, 18403 (Po) killed in action Gallipoli and **RUDD**, Albert, Private, RMLI, 18458 (Po), illness in Malta

15th December

1941 Light cruiser HMS GALATEA hit by salvo of torpedoes fired by U557 whilst entering swept channel 30 miles NW of Alexandria. Ship sank in three minutes. 150 survivors were rescued by HMS GRIFFIN and HMS HOTSPUR. 41 Royal Marines killed

AGNEW, William J, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1108: **BALL**, Codrington, Musician, RMB/X 757: **BICKERSTAFFE**, Edmund, Marine, PLY/X 100083: **BOWKER**, Samuel, Bugler, PLY/X 100931,: **BROWN**, William M, Marine, PLY/X 100102: **CASHIN**, Ernest, Marine, PLY/X 3732: **CHINNER**, Richard, Marine, PLY/X 3617: **CLAPP**, Alfred F, Marine, PLY/X 100000: **CLARK**, Montague F, Marine, PLY/X 3822: **DAVIDSON**, Alexander, Marine, PLY/X 100684: **DUBERY**, George, Corporal, RM, PLY/22256: **FISHER**, Robert, Able Seaman, D/JX 150152: **FITCH**, William E, Marine, PLY/X 1590: **FRANKS**, Charles J, Band Corporal, RMB/X 530: **GEDGE**, Ronald H, Musician, RMB/X 721: **GREEN**, Charles D, Musician, RMB/X 1439: **GREEN**, Henry W, Marine, PLY/21491: **GREENLAND**, **Douglas C, Marine, PLY/X 3910**: **HARBER**, Albert C G, Marine, PLY/X 100003: **HARRAS**, Walter S, Marine, PLY/510: **JOWITT**, Joe, Marine, PLY/X 100101: **KEARNS**, Norman E, Marine, PLY/22241: **KERSWILL**, Alfred S, Marine, PLY/X 100349: **LAWRENCE**, George E, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 2826: **LEVIS**, George H, Marine, PLY/X 3729: **LOVE**, Robert A, Musician, RMB/X 1006: **LOVETT**, Stanley M, Musician, RMB/X 904: **MARKS**, William G, Marine, PLY/X 3618: **MARTIN**, Albert F J, Band Master 2c, RMB/2702: **MAYNARD**, Herbert J, Musician, RMB/2862: **MOORE**, Hamilton J L, Marine, PLY/X 3263: **NORRIS**, Ronald F L, Marine, PLY/X 3730: **PARKIN**, Eric N, Marine, PLY/X 3554: **PEARCE**, Harold J, Marine, PLY/X 100006: **PORTER**, William J, Musician, RMB/X 748: **RATTUE**, Ronald P, Musician, RMB/X 1044: **RILEY**, John, Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 863: **ROBINSON**, Harry, Marine, PLY/X 100433: **ROWE**, Francis W F, Marine, PLY/X 3619: **SALTER**, Alec J S, Musician, RMB/X 755: **SCHOLES**, John, Musician, RMB/X 569: **SIDDELL**, Edward, Marine, PLY/X 694: **SIMISON**, John W, Marine, PLY/X 100403: **SMALL**, Leonard, Marine, PLY/X 3763: **SMITH**, John T, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1635: **SOMERSHIELD**, John A, Act/Captain, RM: **TAIT**, Robert W, Marine, PLY/X 2204: **TIMMIS**, Alfred, Marine, PLY/X 100437: **WATHEN**, Albert E, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 99:

16th December

1944 Antwerp Operations: At this time Hitler had launched the Battle of the Bulge with the objective of recovering Antwerp, which the Allies had captured in September and had at last brought into service at the end of November. Those killed in action were: -

RM 3rd Heavy AA Regt, Antwerp operations

ARNOTT, Edward, Marine, CH/X 109889, killed: **SKILLING**, John H, Marine, PO/X 105153, killed: **WILLMOTT**, William A, Marine, PLY/X 103071, killed

RM 47 Commando, Antwerp operations

GUYMER, Arthur W, Marine, CH/X 103852, killed

RM 48 Commando, Antwerp operations

HALL, Thomas, Marine, PLY/X 110485, killed: **LEE**, Reginald J, Marine, PO/X 117881, killed

RM 4th Light AA Regt, Antwerp operations

ARMITAGE, Stanley, Marine, PO/X 103443, killed: **BASTABLE**, John, Marine, CH/X 111335, killed: **LILLYWHITE**, George C, Marine, CH/X 104303, killed: **WELSH**, William, Marine, PLY/X 102179, killed: **WESTROPE**, John, Marine, CH/X 106827, killed

17th December

1918 RM, 3rd Battalion, all died from illness in Lemnos: - Private John **ARBERRY**: RMLI, 19517 (Ply): Private Albert **JONES**: Private, RMLI, 14534 (Ply): Private Albert **THOMAS**: RMLI, 19176 (Po)

18th December

1941 HMS Neptune with HM Cruisers AURORA, PENELOPE, HM Destroyers: KANDAHAR, LANCE, LIVELY and HAVOCK moved to intercept the supply convoy reported outside the entrance to Tripoli harbour. During the passage, in position 20 miles from Tripoli, ran into an enemy minefield. Hit one mine and disabled. Whilst adrift Neptune hit second mine which wrecked propellers and rudder. Subsequently the vessel detonated a third mine which caused further damage aft. Nearly three hours later a 4th mine was struck amidships and the ship then sank very quickly. Only one seaman survived and he was taken prisoner. He was the only survivor out of a complement of 764. There were 66 Royal Marines killed: -

AUCHINLECK, James W, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 2373: **BARLOW**, William S, Marine, PLY/X 101070: **BLACKWELL**, George, Marine, PLY/X 1654: **BOXALL**, Leslie A, Marine, PLY/X 1721: **BURROWS**, Verdun C M W, Marine, CH/X 1348: **CHAMBERS**, George H, Marine, PLY/X 100460: **CLOUGHLY**, Norman D S, Marine, PLY/X 3749: **COPPOCK**, Colin F, Marine, PLY/X 100461: **COPPOCK**, Colin F, Marine, PLY/X 100461: **CORNER**, Arthur E G, Musician, RMB/X 1095: **CRAY**, Terence C, Marine, PLY/X 3754: **CROCKER**, William H, Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 731: **CROKE**, William T, Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1066: **DALE**, Dennis I T, Marine, PLY/X 100436: **DAY**, James E, Marine, PLY/X 3752: **DICK**, David, Musician, RMB/X 1093: **DICKENS**, George, Marine, PLY/X 100424: **DOWLE**, Sidney J, Marine, PLY/X 100444: **DUBBER**, Ronald A, Marine, PLY/X 3230: **DUFTON**, John, Marine, PLY/X 3765: **EVOY**, James, Marine, PLY/X 356: **FACER**, George B, Marine, PLY/X 3784: **GLOVER**, Reginald J, Marine, PLY/X 3759: **GODDARD**, Hayward T C, Musician, RMB/2879: **GREAVES**, Dennis, Musician, RMB/X 1467: **GREEN**, Frank, Marine, PLY/X 1531: **HARRIS**, Brynmor I, Marine, PLY/X 100395: **HARRISON**, Robert L, Marine, PLY/X 3783: **HAWKINS**, Thomas C, Marine, PLY/X 1028: **HAYWARD**, Charles E E, Ty/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 374: **HENDY**, Norman, Marine, PLY/X 1659: **HILL**, Thomas W, Marine, PLY/X 3764: **HOLLICK**, Percy E, Marine, PLY/X 227: **HOOPER**, William, Marine, PLY/20840: **HOOPER**, William H R, Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 1127: **HOPKINS**, George A, Marine, PO/X 4219: **HYNARD**, Walter G, Marine, PLY/X 3756: **JOYCE**, Donald F, Band Master 2c, RMB/3032: **LAVIS**, George, Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 435: **LEWIS**, Robert J, Marine, PLY/21179: **LOVETT**, Frederick C, Marine, PLY/X 2301: **MCGUFFOG**, Andrew, Marine, PLY/X 100465: **MEDCALF**, Ernest W, Marine, PLY/X 3936: **MILLAR**, Noel L W, Act/Captain, RM: **MURCH**, William E, Ty/Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 624: **NUTTALL**, James, Marine, PLY/X 100411: **O'BRIEN**, Patrick G, Ty/Sergeant, RM, PLY/X 1527: **PARTRIDGE**, George W, Marine, PLY/X 100420: **PATTERSON**, John, Marine, PLY/X 100601: **PHIPPS**, Reginald C, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1039: **PLAIN**, Charles H M, Musician, RMB/2950: **POOLE**, Cyril E, Musician, RMB/X 1283: **PREECE**, Douglas R V, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 982: **RABY**, Albert F, Marine, PLY/X 100440: **RANDALL**, Douglas A, Musician, RMB/X 309: **REFFORD**, Leonard, Marine, PLY/X 2642: **ROBERTS**, John O, Musician, RMB/X 1604: **ROBINS**, Henry A, Marine, PLY/X 1740: **ROGERS**, William J, Boy Bugler, PLY/X 2491: **SERGISON**, Andrew H W, Marine, PLY/X 1726: **SHACKLETON**, William T, Marine, PLY/X 100419: **SIMPSON**, John W, Marine, CH/X 3345: **SMITH**, Albert R, Bugler, PLY/X 3744: **SOMMERFORD**, Jack, Marine, PLY/X 3762: **SOUTHGATE**, William A, Musician, RMB/X 490: **SPENCE**, Walter A, Musician, RMB/X 593: **TEBWORTH**, Albert G, Marine, PLY/22622: **VOSPER**, Sydney A, Marine, PLY/21538: **WALFORD**, Selby H L, Corporal, RM, PLY/X 1536: **WHITWORTH**, James, Marine, PLY/X 100412: **WILCOCK**, Joseph, Marine, PLY/X 100432: **WILLIS**, Oswald G L, Marine, PLY/X 3785: **WRIGHT**, Stanley H G, Marine, PLY/X 100267: **YOUNG**, Ronald J, Marine, CH/X 2902.

19th December

1915 Evacuation of Suvla and Anzac begun at Gallipoli. The bulk of the troops were withdrawn by the end of the next night leaving a small rear party keeping up a pretence that the trenches were still occupied at full strength.

20th December

1943 Convoy JW55B, comprising 19 merchant ships screened by 10 destroyers, was bound for Russia sailed on December 20th to resupply the Eastern Front. The convoy served as bait to entice the Scharnhorst into action. Also in the vicinity was a British force consisting of the battleship HMS Duke of York, the cruiser HMS Jamaica and four destroyers. Also inbound from the east were the British Cruisers HMS Norfolk, HMS Belfast, and HMS Sheffield. The German battle group set sail

on Christmas day, coming from the South was KMS Scharnhorst and her screen of destroyers looking for the convoy.

Scharnhorst and its escort were steaming through a snow storm when, at 7:30am, the destroyers were detached to the southwest to look for the convoy. Scharnhorst was now on her own and sailed north until, at 9:00am, she came under fire from three enemy cruisers. During the running battle, the forward radar on Scharnhorst was hit by a British shell which essentially blinded the vessel. Scharnhorst then turned south at 30 knots outrunning the cruisers in heavy seas. Scharnhorst then ran south, turning east to attack the convoy from another angle. As she turned north again, around noon, Scharnhorst came upon the cruisers Norfolk, Belfast, and Sheffield. At ranges between 4 and 8 miles, all ships received damage. At 12:41pm, Scharnhorst turned south at 22 knots, unknowingly, towards the British battleship Duke of York.

At 4:20pm, the major British force lead by Duke of York made radar contact with Scharnhorst at 20 miles while the three cruisers Norfolk, Belfast, and Sheffield were in hot pursuit. Scharnhorst was hit and turned southwest and then turned to hit back with broadsides while zig-zagging. As Duke of York closed in, the order was given for four destroyers to make a torpedo attack on Scharnhorst and five torpedoes eventually found their mark. By 7:00pm, the range between Scharnhorst and Duke of York closed to approximately 8,000 yards with Duke of York hitting Scharnhorst with broadside-after-broadside. One of Scharnhorst engines failed yet she was still able to make 22 knots.

Duke of York was too close now to use "plunging fire" to destroy Scharnhorst so she stopped firing and sent the cruisers Jamaica and Belfast and her destroyers to finish her off with torpedoes. By this time, the Scharnhorst was only able to manage 12 knots. Taking her punishment, the great German ship went down by the bow and rolled over to starboard. A large explosion was heard by British observers and then the Scharnhorst disappeared beneath the waves. Thirty six survivors were rescued from her crew of 1,960 - such was the fate of the KMS Scharnhorst.

21st December



1942 Lieutenant Painton S. Cowen RM serving on HMS Formidable was flying a wildcat of 888 Squadron when he was involved in an accidental aircraft crash near Mers-el-kebir. Unfortunately he crashed into the sea whilst doing aerobatics near his ship

22nd December

1915 Gallipoli. RND, 1st RM Battalion lost **SMITH**, Thomas P, Private, RMLI, 16982 (Ply) RND, Divisional Signal Company, RM Divisional Engineers and Sapper Maurice **McGUINNESS**: RM, 1388 S (Deal), accident



1917 RM Labour Corps, heavy German bombing raid on Boulogne, France, with 10 Royal Marines killed and all buried at Boulogne.

BOSWELL, William, Private, RM, S 13057 (Deal): **BRUCE**, Robert G F, Corporal, RM, S 8945 (Deal): **CONBOY**, Peter, Private, RM, S 13364 (Deal): **CRAIG**, Thomas, Private, RM, S 13526 (Deal): **GREEN**, John F, Corporal, RM, S 9033 (Deal): **MCDONALD**, Robert, Private, RM, S 12776 (Deal): **MCKENZIE**, John, Corporal, RM, S 9940 (Deal): **SUTHERLAND**, David B, Private, RM, S 11083 (Deal): **TEMPERLEY**, Frank, Private, RM, S 12791 (Deal): **WALKER**, William N, Private, RM, S 2519 (Deal)

23rd December



1951 On 22/23 December 1951, 41 Commando RM withdrew for Sasebo having completed their assignment in Korea. During 1951-52, 41 (Independent) RM Commando made 18 amphibious landings on the enemy coast (and all but the Sorye Dong raid were clandestine operations conducted at night). Eleven of these were against one of the major communist supply routes where, as later raids showed, considerable forces were diverted from the main battle area for its protection. The enemy attached great importance to Wonsan, which was a focal point for north/south and lateral road and rail traffic. 41 Commando's presence on the islands in Wonsan Harbour must have been a constant thorn in the communist flank.

On 2 April 1951, 21 Officers and 256 other ranks of 41 Commando embarked in USS Fort Marion and USS Begor. On 7 April 1951, 41 Commando conducted a daylight raid on Sorye Dong to cut the supplies from Manchuria to Hungnam.

41 Commando established a forward operating base on Yo Do Island within Wonsan Harbour, some 60 miles behind enemy lines, with Rear HQ in an old Japanese sea-plane base near Sasebo. Through late summer and autumn, 41 Commando extended its operations by taking over various islands as patrol bases.

Raids were conducted to tie down a disproportionate number of enemy forces who were conscious that a raid might be a prelude to a landing in strength by a marine division.

The following Royal Marine lost his life in this period: Marine Arthur **ALDRICH**: RM 9440, died in Pak's Palace' POW Camp having been captured near Wonsan in August 1951:

24th December



1959 The end of the EOKA Campaign in Cyprus which had started April 1955.

Memorial dedicated November 8th 2009 at Kyrenia Cyprus

During the campaign the following lost their lives:

Marine T. **ARMOUR**: 07.03.56: Died in a road traffic accident: Sergeant
D. **Baldwin**: 13.07.58: Killed in Nicosia: Marine **Blakeway**: 09.02.56 &
RSM A. **Wheeler** killed on the same date when their vehicle fell into a
mountain gully during a blizzard.

Marine H. **Bostock**: 15.07.58: Killed in a 'friendly fire' incident during an
EOKA ambush. QM **G. Casey**: 31.05.57: Killed in helicopter accident in
the Troodos Mountains. Lieutenant L. **Dick**: 09.05.56: Killed by bomb
was thrown at his car in Paphos. Marine R. **Greening**: 06.10.58:
Ambushed and killed at SPILIA. Lieutenant P. **Haynes**: 18.02.57: Shot
dead in TROODOS Area. Marine K. **Lamb**: 10.03.56: Died as result of
'accidental discharge of firearm' in the Troodos Mountains. Marine K. **MacDougall**: 22.10.58: Shot dead in a road ambush
at Kyperounda. Marine T. **Roberts**: 05.12.55: Ambushed and killed at AMIANDOS. Sergeant T. **Routledge**: 19.12.55: Died in
grenade attack. Lieutenant D. Spurling: 03.11.58: Ambushed and killed in Troodos Mountains. Marine D. **Whitham**:
13.07.58: Killed in the Karpas when his patrol, landed by helicopter came under 'friendly fire'.



25th December

1940 Heavy cruiser HMS Berwick while on convoy to Malta lost RM gun crew in surface
action: Marine Denis **BROOM**: PO/X 2701: Corporal Robert **DAVISON**: PO/X 762: Marine Reginald **LYONS**: PO/X 1825: ,
Sergeant Charles **PAINTER**: PO/X 22435, all killed

26th December

1914 HMS Caroline, light cruiser lost: - Private Edward **MORRIS**: RMLI, 12127 (Po), drowned. ALSO
on the same date on the armed merchant cruiser HMS Hilary lost: - Private Andrew **WAUGH**: RMLI,
16649 (Ply), also drowned

27th December

1915 During fighting in Gallipoli the RND lost the following men:-



RND, 1st RM Battalion

MARLOWE, Frederick M, Private, RMLI, S 422 (Ch), DOW



RND, 2nd RM Battalion

BLEASDALE, James, Private, RMLI, S 604 (Ply): **BROUGH**, Sidney, Private, RMLI, 18470 (Po): **CURTIS**, William A, Private,
RMLI, 18520 (Po): **POUNTNEY**, John T, Private, RMLI, 18048 (Po): **SMETHURST**, William, Private, RMLI, S 713 (Ply)

28th December

1908 Messina earthquake and tsunami took about 123,000 lives on December 28, 1908, in Sicily and Calabria, southern Italy. The major cities of Messina and Reggio Calabria were almost completely destroyed. Royal Marines went to assist with the relief.



1943 HMS Glasgow and Enterprise intercepted eight German destroyers in the early afternoon of 28th December and exchanged fire with them. They had come to escort the blockade runner SS Alsterufer in the Atlantic north of the Azores.

The German ships divided into two groups and the cruisers pursued one of these. Despite accurate German gunfire and torpedoes, effective German evading action and an attack with guided bombs by a Luftwaffe aircraft, the British ships maintained contact. By 16:00, two Elbing-class torpedo boats (T25 and T26) and the Narvik-class destroyer Z27 had been sunk and one had escaped, damaged

29th December

1914 HMS Minerva was an Eclipse class second class cruiser. She reached the Suez Canal on 30 October 1914 with a convoy taking Territorial troops to Egypt. She was then sent to Aqaba, at the head of the Red Sea, to attack any Turkish troops using the coast road. On 29 December she bombarded an infantry working party close to the shore 1 Royal Marine was killed

Minerva, old light cruiser, enemy action at Aqaba

WARD, Frank, Private, RMLI, 12786 (Po)

1918 Royal Marines in armed merchant ships bombarded the Bolsheviks at Star-Tchernaya in the Crimea.

30th December,

1915 Loss of HMS NATAL at Cromarty due to heavy internal explosion with heavy loss of life. Of those lost 63 were Royal Marines

BARTON, Colin, Gunner, RMA, RMA 14343: **BARTONS**, Thomas H, Gunner, RMA, RMA 11327: **BATES**, William, Bombardier, RMA, RMA 12694: **BEART**, Robert A, Private, RMLI, 1994 (Ch): **BURCHELL**, Wilfred J, Musician, RMB 1563: **BURNS**, Thomas, Private, RMLI, 19647 (Ch): **CHEESMAN**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, 14464 (Po): **CHILLCOTT**, Arthur G, Private, RMLI, 15834 (Ch): **COLLIER**, George, Musician, RMB 648: **COOK**, Samuel, Private, RMLI, 17090 (Ch): **CROPPER**, John, Private, RMLI, 19649 (Ch): **DANCE**, Richard, Musician, RMB 956: **DAVENPORT**, Frank, Gunner, RMA, RMA 5417: **DAVIDSON**, Thomas D, Private, RMLI, 19646 (Ch): **DENTON**, Herbert F, Gunner, RMA, RMA 12673: **DRAKE**, Edward, Private, RMLI, 16807 (Ch): **DRANE**, Bertram H, Stoker 1c, SS 112201 (Ch): **GOLSWORTHY**, William H, Musician, RMB 301: **HALE**, David, Private, RMLI, 18018 (Ch): **HARLOCK**, Bertie, Private, RMLI, 13549 (Ch): **HARPER**, Joseph H, Bombardier (RFR B 1305), RMA 7594: **HARRIS**, Frederick, Sergeant, RMLI, 7690 (Ch): **HARRISON**, James A, Corporal, RMB, RMB 975: **HEWITT**, Victor N, Bugler, RMA, RMA 12681: **HIGGS**, Albert, Gunner, RMA, RMA 13023: **HODGES**, Charles H, Musician, RMB 1178, DOW: **JACKAMAN**, Robert, Private, RMLI, 11386 (Ch): **JAMIESON**, Samuel E J, Musician, RMB 2215: **KEMP**, Samuel, Private, RMLI, 7823 (Ch): **KILLING**, Herbert G, Private, RMLI, 18179 (Ch): **LARMAN**, Percy S, Private, RMLI, 15072 (Ch): **LEACH**, Percival H, Gunner, RMA, RMA 12193: **LEE**, Thomas, Gunner, RMA, RMA 9622: **LOCKE**, John W, Gunner, RMA, RMA 8848: **MARTINDALE**, Jonathan, Musician, RMB 1514: **MORTIMER**, Edward A N, Private, RMLI, 19327 (Ch): **NEWMAN**, Arthur C, Private, RMLI, 17011 (Ch): **NORRIS**, Arthur E, Private, RMLI, 15352 (Ch): **OVERTON**, Harold, Musician, RMB 1216: **PARKER**, Arthur G, Bandmaster 2c, RMB 814: **PARRY**, Harry, Private, RMLI, 12549 (Ch): **PARSONS**, William J, Gunner, RMA, RMA 10871: **PAULSON**, Wallace, Gunner, RMA, RMA 12713: **PEARCE**, Leonard G, Gunner, RMA, RMA 6455: **PEOPLE**, Owen C, Gunner, RMA, RMA 14453: **SAMMS**, Charles G, Private, RMLI, 18500 (Ch): **SHEPHERD**, William H, Private, RMLI, 13184 (Ch): **SHIP**, Frederick, Musician, RMB 1781:

STEVENS, Herbert W, Musician, RMB 221: **STUART**, William, Gunner, RMA, RMA 9529: **SUTHERLAND**, William, Gunner, RMA, RMA 13207: **SWAIN**, Tom H, Gunner, RMA, RMA 10612: **WALKER**, Reginald D, Sergeant, RMA, RMA 8862: **WATKISS**, Frederick J, Private, RMLI, 19059 (Ch): **WATSON**, Elam, Gunner, RMA, RMA 10109: **WHITE**, Cornelius H, Gunner, RMA, RMA 14308: **WHITE**, Spencer J, Gunner, RMA, RMA 6253: **WILDING**, Joseph T, Musician, RMB 1594: **WILLIAMS**, George F, Private, RMLI, 13678 (Ch): **WILSON**, Thomas G, Musician, RMB 900: **WRIGHT**, Leslie J, Gunner, RMA, RMA 14511.

1917 On the Western Front on 30th/31st December: the German troops dressed in white camouflage suits surprised British battalions in snow on the southern part of the Cambrai front. A difficult defensive action took place: this action for Welch (or Welsh) Ridge involved the 63rd Division with the result of 9 Royal Marines killed. The RN Battalions took very heavy casualties



RM Labour Corps, France

CHALMERS, George, Corporal, RM, S 9362 (Deal), killed



RM Medical Unit, attached Howe Battalion, France

NAYLOR, Harry, Corporal, RM, S 3217 (Deal), DOW



RND, 1st RM Battalion, France

JAQUES, William, Ty/2nd Lieutenant, RM, DOW: **NEWMAN**, Alfred, Private, RMLI, S 2278 (Ply), DOW



RND, 150th RN Field Ambulance, RM Medical Unit, France

BARNES, Henry, Private, RM, 3832 (Deal), killed: **EDGAR**, Reginald, Private, RM, S 3617 (Deal), killed



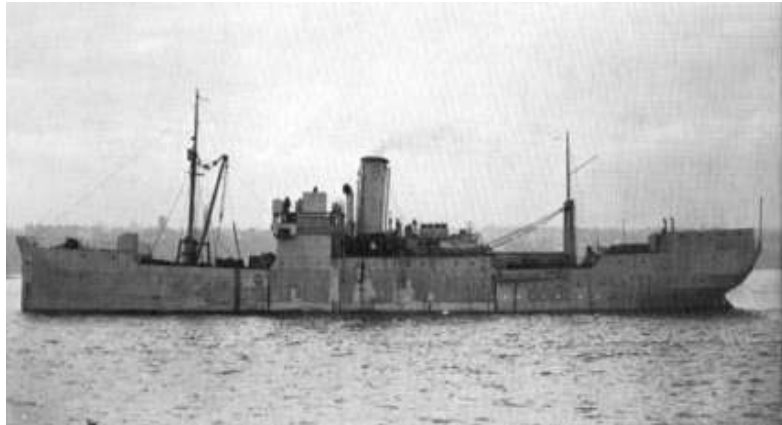
RND, 190th Brigade Machine Gun Company, France

CLARKE, William A St A, Ty/Sub Lieutenant, RNVR, killed: **NUTTER**, Harry, Corporal, RMLI, and S 1387 (Ch), killed: **WESTBY**, Thomas, Ty/Lieutenant, RM, killed

31ST December

1857 During the attack on Canton on the 31st, parties of sappers and miners commenced their preparations for blowing up Gough's Fort and the Upper Blue Jacket Fort, outside the walls of Canton to the northward of the city, and they were destroyed on the following day, the former by the English, the other by the French. On the evening of the 31st a heavy explosion took place near the North-east Gate. A magazine of Chinese powder was being cleared out, when, by some accident, it exploded, and 17 seamen were severely burned. 19 Royal Marines wounded none killed

1942 On the 31st December 1942, HMS Fidelity a special service vessel/decoy AA ship with mainly Free French crew was hit by two torpedoes from U-435 and sank immediately after heavy detonations. The U-boat reported a surprising high



number of survivors on overcrowded rafts and swimming in the water, none of them were rescued and all drowned in the worsening weather. 274 crew members & 51 Royal Marines from 40 Commando RM together with 44 survivors from other ships were lost. The Royal Marines were members of "T" Company 40 Commando RM

ANDREWS, Charles, Marine, PLY/X 1674: **ANSON**, Harry R J, Marine, PO/X 100156: **APPLEBY**, William T, Marine, PLY/2597: **BASHAM**, Cyril E, Marine, PLY/X 3085: **BOOTHROYD**, Geoffrey, Marine, PO/X 3189: **BRADLEY**, William J, Marine, PLY/X 3580: **BROWNBRIDGE**, Robert W, Marine, CH/X 1085: **CHAPMAN**, Charles C, Marine, EX 1169: **DIXON**, David G, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, PLY/X 2699,: **EDWARDS**, Maurice A, Marine, PO/X 4386: **FARRELL**, Robert, Marine, PO/X 2501,: **FISK**, George E, Marine, RFR, PO/X 315: **GOODYER-KETTLEY**, Frederick R, Marine, PLY/X 3095: **HEBDEN**, Richard, Marine, PO/X 4047: **HENDERSON**, Alfred W, Ty/Sergeant, RM, CH/X 1123: **HERD**, Alexander F, Marine, EX/3189: **HEWSON**, William B, Marine, PO/X 2397: **HILDRETH**, Harry L, Marine, PO/X 104141: **HILL**, Reginald H, Marine, PLY/X 3235: **HUMPHREYS**, Harry, Marine, PLY/X 2458: **HUTCHINSON**, James, Marine, CH/X 2331: **JAMES**, Russell K, Marine, PO/X 108891: **JEFFERS**, Michael, Marine, PO/X 105426: **KELLY**, John F, Marine, CH/X 2555: **LAGOR**, Reginald A, Marine, PLY/X 3859: **LEDBURY**, David R, Marine, PO/X 5001: **MCDOWELL**, Ernest, Marine, PO/X 3758: **METCALF**, Reginald H, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, PO/X 2450: **MILO**, Frederick C, Marine, PLY/X 2430: **NASH**, Thomas, Marine, CH/X 2218: **OBORN**, Arthur R, Marine, PO/2308: **O'BRIEN**, Edward S, Marine, PO/X 1309: **PALMER**, John, Marine, PLY/X 3323: **PANTER**, Howard D, Marine, PO/X 107976: **PARKER**, Robert S, Marine, PLY/X 2254: **PAYNE**, George T, Marine, PO/X 4374: **PEMBER**, Henry D, Marine, EX/3500: **RICHMOND**, James A, Marine, EX/3778: **SALAMAN**, Hugh L, Marine, PLY/X 104581: **SAUNDERS**, Reginald T, Marine, CH/X 1276: **SEABROOK**, John J, Marine, CH/X 1934: **SHOCKLEY**, Harry W, Marine, PO/X 101827: **SIMMONDS**, Joseph, Ty/Corporal, RM, PO/X 3601: **SWATTON**, Vernon, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM (DEMS), PO/X 2317: **THOMSON**, Ronald, Ty/Act/Corporal, RM, EX/3948: **TRASK**, Walter A H, Ty/Lieutenant, RM: **TRUMP**, William C, Marine, CH/X 104658: **TURNER**, Roland C, Marine, CH/X 2632: **TWIDALE**, Thomas, Marine, EX/3870: **WAKEFIELD**, Jack H, Marine, CH/X 1417: **WILSON**, Desmond J, Marine, CH/X 2546

And so ends the year which portrays the Royal Marine in a variety of roles all over the world fulfilling the tasks set for them. Perhaps it is fitting that 40 Commando feature towards the end of the year.

The Epitaph inscribed on the Memorial to

40 ROYAL MARINE COMMANDO

At the Royal Museum garden applies equally to all HM Royal Marines

It reads

**WENT THE DAY WELL?
WE DIED AND NEVER KNEW
FOR WELL OR ILL, FREEDOM WE DIED
FOR YOU**



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