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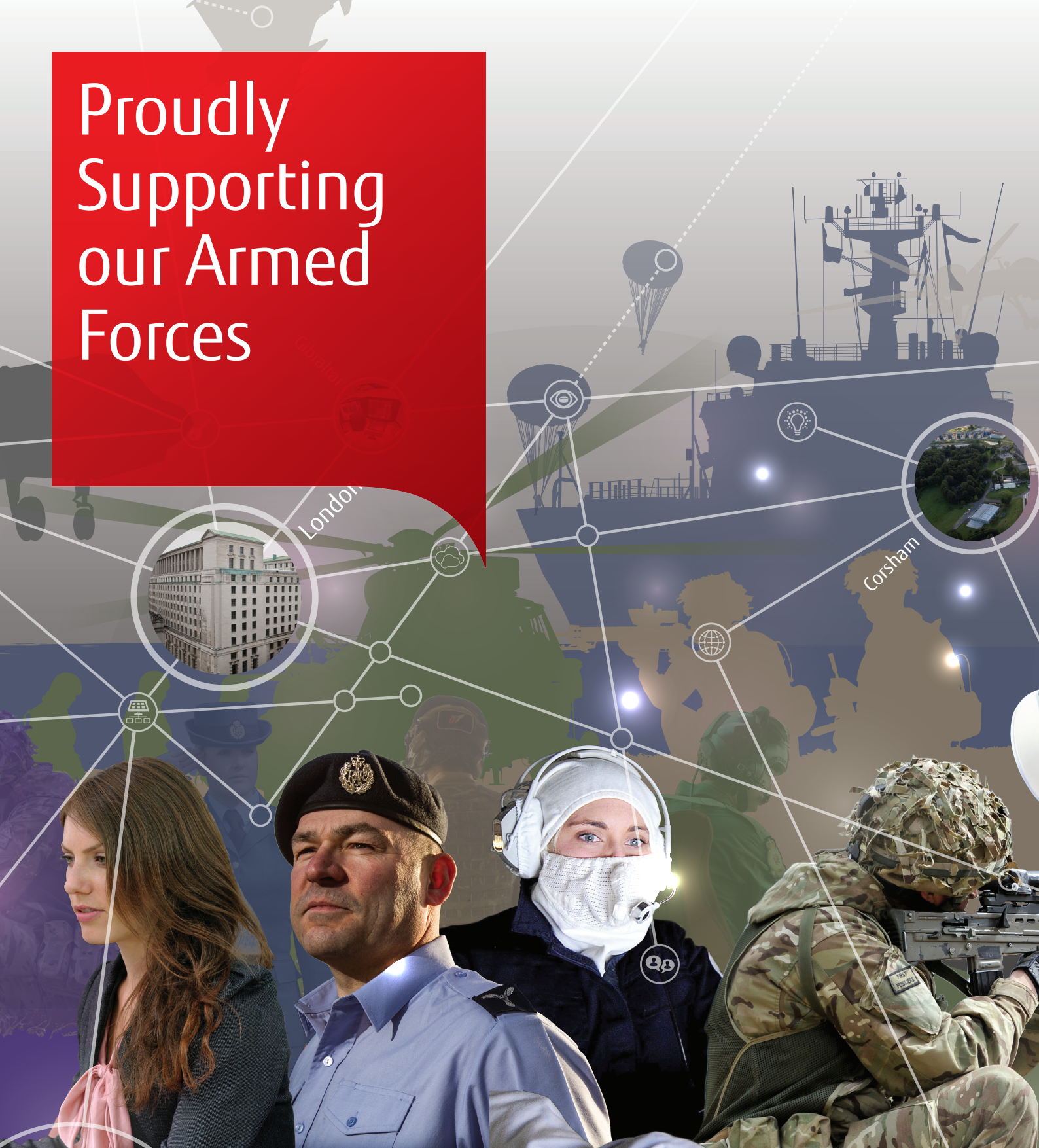
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Welcome

As we embark on an exciting 2016/2017 season I encourage all of you to reflect on some outstanding achievements in the last year or so. Army Football continues to make a significant contribution to the development of Operational Capability. As the most played Army sport we take our responsibility to help develop leadership, fitness, morale, well-being and personal development seriously. Sport must contribute to Operational Effectiveness to remain a relevant element of Army life – we certainly contribute but must not be complacent.

While Football in the Army is much more than the Representative Teams it is right to recognise their tremendous success; the Women's Team has continued its dominance despite being a relatively inexperienced team that will only get stronger, the Men's team won their first Inter Services for many years and the U23 Team completed the clean sweep. There is no doubt having had such success the challenge will be to repeat it and then begin to dominate – which is of course the aim.

Corps Football continues to be the foundation of the strong representative squads – true in both the Women's and Men's game and with an encouraging spread of success across a number of Corps. There are also signs of a resurgent Infantry Corps Team which will certainly freshen up the Men's competition if it comes to fruition. The success of 1 Yorks as the stand out men's Unit team and the development of a Women's Inter Unit League in Yorkshire have been the highlights of the Grassroots Season. But behind the scenes the successfully implementation of the new grassroots League structure has been encouraging and is now set to flourish as we look to identify the Army "Champions League" winner – much to be excited about.

Post Op HERRICK, the Army continues to make a broad contribution to the Government strategies home and abroad; sport has a part to play. Football reaches every community in the UK and is also a truly global sport – it reaches parts of society and the world that no other sports do. Army Football has developed a programme under HQ Regional Command leadership to undertake Community Engagement through Football as part of a developing Community Engagement through Sport (CETS) project; we are certainly in the Vanguard of this effort which will gather pace in the coming year. The Roadshow continues to be the jewel in the crown but other initiatives are planned to deliver in the coming year. As CGS, our President, reminded us, this is not about free tickets or a bit of high profiling coaching but about using sport to engage with communities and individuals to enable other activities to be developed and effects to be realised. In the coming year Overseas Defence Engagement through Football will be developed. The recent Unit Football Tour to Bosnia and visits by other National Football teams offer good opportunities that must be maximised. A highlight of the coming year, The Remembrance Matches (Men and Women) vs The Bundeswehr on 16 Nov 16, will not only be a poignant commemorative event but will also allow exceptional Community Engagement and a significant Defence Engagement event.

The continued support by our committed sponsors has enabled Football in the Army to be ambitious and to deliver sport to a vast number of men and women throughout the Army. The final word must go to all the volunteers who support Football in the Army. Ranging from 3* Vice Presidents to Private soldiers who are qualified referees we are supported by 100s of men and women who enable the Soldiers Game through hard work and exceptional commitment – thank you for your outstanding contribution.

FRONT COVER - GAME OF REMEMBRANCE



The Game of Remembrance (GoR) is a charity football match between the Army and the German Armed Forces that will take place on Wed 16 Nov as part of the Remembrance commemorations.

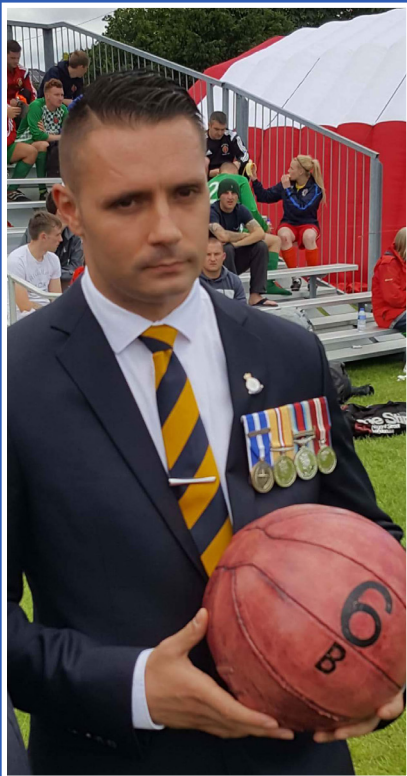
It is a follow-up to the Game of Truce, which was staged on 17 Dec 14 to commemorate the Christmas Truce on the Western Front. The match will be played at the Pirelli Stadium, the home ground of Burton Albion FC (BAFC).

Sir Bobby Charlton will be present along with senior political and military representation. Like the Game of Truce, GoR will be a major commemorative event with a ceremonial element provided by the Army. It will raise money for, among others, The Royal British Legion (TRBL) its German equivalents and local Charities associated with Burton Albion FC.

Burton-on-Trent is the place where the worlds of football and the Army come together. It is home to St George's Park and is the birthplace - and final resting place – of Corporal William Harold Coltman, VC, DCM and Bar, MM and Bar, the most highly decorated British soldier of the First World War.

The Army Women will also play against the German Armed Forces women at St Georges Park on the 16th Nov KO 1430hrs.

'Over The Top'



A unique football event "Over the Top" took place in July at Surrey Sports Park in Guildford to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme; 20,000 British soldiers were killed on that first day. Nineteen teams, military and civilian, male and female, adults and youth, took part in the tournament and remembered the sacrifices made by local men from the south east of England. The event was based on the famous kicking of the footballs into Noman's Lane by the 8th East Surreys on 1 July 1916.

The Army FA played a key part in the organisation of the event along with SERFCA, Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment and the Army Benevolent Fund in conjunction with Surrey University. We provided the football administration support/staff and supplied all the voluntary match officials. The aim of the event, in addition to the commemoration, was to raise money for regimental heritage and Army benevolence. To this a total of £3145-56 was raised for the ABF and a further £4718-33 to the PWRR and Queen's Museum.

Each player and official was presented with a commemorative medal to mark their participation in the special occasion with the winning team, the current Massey Trophy winners, Royal Logistic Corps, walking away with the top honour defeating Combined Counties League Guildford City in the final.

The event closed with a moving service of remembrance which was hosted by Colonel Patrick Crowley, CEO of SERFCA, and included readings by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, Mr Michael More-Molyneux, the Armed Forces' Minister Penny Mordaunt MP and Dame Penelope Keith.



Eric Trengove – 50 Year Award



At the recent Army FA Annual Awards Dinner in Aldershot Major (Retd) Eric Trengove received a presentation in recognition of 50 years service to football and, in particular, the Army FA.

From a schoolboy in Warrington to an “ageing” Walking Footballer Eric Trengove has devoted over 50 years of his life to football and, in particular, Army football.

Attending the 1959/60 Army FA Cup Final watching former Army Secretary Major Alan Dobson officiate, Eric commenced his long career as a player at the Army

Apprentice School in Arborfield the same year. The young AT continued through the 1960's involved as a player including periods in BAOR, Singapore and Malaysia.

After becoming OIC at SEE Arborfield between 1977 and 82 he took up the whistle becoming a Referee through an Army run course. That commenced service with Army Refereeing that continues to this day.

In addition to being Chairman and Secretary of various divisions he also combined this with managing the 3 Armd Div FA Representative team. He served the Army Referees Committee for over 20 years and also qualified as an FA Licenced Tutor, Assessor and Safeguarding Children Tutor. He was also a member of the BAOR Referees committee for six years and the inaugural Secretary of Armed Services Germany Football League.

Retiring as a Major in 1994 Eric has kept actively involved with the Army FA in

addition to his “voluntary civilian” duties at Hampshire FA and within the Bournemouth Local Referee Committee.

A superb ambassador for the Army Eric, who has been wonderfully supported by his wife Ann who is also an active volunteer within the game, can still be seen supporting the Army at many competitions and functions. Indeed only last month he was assessing on the final day of the Quads at Chatham supporting his fellow Army Referees to progress to the next level.

Previously Eric has received deserving awards of Colours from SEE School, 3 and 4 Armd Division, BAOR Colours, and Army and Combined Services.

We were delighted to welcome Football Association Board member and Chairman of The National Game Roger Burden and FA Referee Committee member Ray Lewis who presented Eric with the outstanding 50 Year Long Service Award from the Football Association.



ARMY INVOLVEMENT AT FA CUP FINAL

The Army Football Association extended its congratulations to Referee W02 (QSMI) Andy Halliday (RAPTC) on his appointment as Assistant Referee in the 2016 Emirates FA Cup Final between Crystal Palace and Manchester United. United were the victors in the match refereed by UEFA Champions League and EURO 16 Final referee Mark Clattenburg. It was played in May in front of 88,619 at Wembley.

Andy has operated on the line in the FA Premiership, the most popular league in the world, since 2006. In that time he has officiated in over 250 Premier League games.

Enlisting in 1985 he has served worldwide. He spent seven years in the Royal Signals before joining the Royal Army Physical Training Corps in 1992. He has, quite literally, flown the flag for the Army Football Association and Army Referees in particular over many years with voluntary service to the Divisional and Executive committees; the latter served between 2004 -12; returning in 2014 where he was immediately seconded back to the Army Referees Executive Committee. An FA tutor, mentor and assessor he has remained a stalwart to the training and development of Army referees and is currently serving as the Chief Instructor responsible for the organisation and co-ordination of the Basic Referees course. During last season Andy headed courses in Aldershot, Catterick and Grantham which has continued the healthy flow of new recruits to Army refereeing. This will continue during 2016/17 with four more courses confirmed throughout the United Kingdom.

Andy is always available to provide advice and guidance for new Army referees often talking to them minutes after completing a Premier League match; he is a superb example to any aspiring match official. Ironically on the day of his appointment to the FA Cup Final Andy was instructing voluntarily at the annual Army FA Referees RAFA Day in Aldershot attended by 50 or so registered Army officials. 2015 FA Cup Final Referee Jon Moss was the guest of honour. Indeed four days after his Wembley experience Andy was officiating in the Army Sixes on Queens Avenue in Aldershot where he also took charge of the final between eventual winners 1 Signal Regiment and 3 PARA.

Awarded with his Long Service and Good Conduct medal in 2006, the Meritorious

Service Award in 2010 and receiving the highest honour for Army Refereeing, the Dobson's Trophy, in 2011 Andy has also achieved the ultimate aim for every Army Referee in 2006/07 when he refereed the Army FA Challenge Cup Final between 3 UK Div HQ and Sig Regiment who defeated 7 Air Assault Bn REME 2-1.

The Preston based Warrant Officer, who had previously attended a Scottish FA Cup Final supporting his own team Queen of the South at Hampden Park in 2008 said afterwards, "If somebody had told me when I was younger that I would be involved in an English FA Cup final I would have said they needed help. I had never even been as a spectator.

"When I finished playing football I wanted to give somebody back to the game so I went on the Army FA Refereeing course. I am hugely proud to be able to represent the Army FA and continue to provide support to the organisation in the areas that I do."



W02 Halliday commenced his 11th season on the FA Premier League line with the opening day encounter at Turf Moor between newly promoted Burnley and Swansea City.



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2015/16 SEASON - ARMY MEN'S TEAMS ACHIEVE A CLEAN SWEEP

The 2015/16 season was the most successful in recent history for the Men's Representative teams, with both the senior and development sides winning their respective Inter Service competitions. The senior team's triumph over the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force was the culmination of meticulous preparation, hard work and excellent team spirit, while the U23s' rampant display against the Navy saw them overturn the odds to snatch the trophy from the RAF's grasp.

The senior team's season kicked off on 10th September 2015 with a friendly against Camberley Town at the Military Stadium. It was the first outing for the new Head Coach, WO1 Dinger Bell, and it provided an excellent opportunity for him and his coaching staff to look at some of the new players. A strong Camberley Town side put the team through its paces, both physically and technically, and it looked like they would take the honours, but the Army showed great determination and managed to pull the match back to 2-2. A positive start to the season.

The second match was also a friendly, against HM Prison Service. The opposition were not strong but this did not detract from what was a very positive Army performance so early in the season. The 4-0 win was achieved with goals from Cpl Calum Wilkinson (2), LCpl Sam Agar and Spr Dan Stoneman.

The Army fielded a young side in the Southern Counties Cup fixture against the Amateur Football Alliance on 11th November and the team started strongly, with Pte Rose outstanding on his debut. However, the opposition's greater experience soon started to tell and they

eventually ran out 5-3 winners. The disappointment of being knocked out of the cup was countered by the experience gained by some of the younger players, and this was to pay dividends later in the season.

The final match of 2015 was a friendly against Guildford City in Aldershot which provided an opportunity for the coaching staff to experiment with the playing system. Guildford did not field a full-strength side but they were very competitive and despite the Army's dominance, kept the score to 2-1. Goal scorers for the Army were Sig Peter Williams and Cpl Calum Wilkinson.

The Army retained the Grenadier Guards Trophy with a 2-1 win against the Metropolitan Police, the stand-out performances coming from LCpl Evans, SSgt Emmerson and LCpl Cairney. The result and the manner in which it was achieved showed that the team was bonding; the Head Coach was starting to understand what his best XI looked like and expectations were beginning to grow.

A 3-0 defeat at the hands of Solihull Moors at Stafford was the perfect preparation for the Inter-Services as it allowed the Head Coach to give his planned IS starting XI a stern test against high quality opposition. The match began well with the early chances going to the Army but the National League side provided a lesson in finishing, ultimately running out 3-0 winners despite the game being fairly evenly balanced throughout. However, the players and the coaching staff learned far more from the game than they would have done against weaker opposition.

The opening match of the 2016 Inter-Services competition took place at the Military Stadium on 9th March. Torrential

rain, exacerbated by the Ladies' Inter-Service game in the afternoon, had made the pitch almost unplayable but the referee made a late decision to press on and the Army proved more adept at playing the conditions than the Navy. In a scrappy game, the Army emerged 1-0 winners with the decisive goal coming from penalty spot, calmly converted by Cpl Calum Wilkinson.

Every single player put in a performance they could be proud of, with LCpl Evans being adjudged Man of the Match. Subsequently, he was also named Player of the Season.

The decisive match against the Royal Air Force at Shrewsbury Town was a nervous affair with the Army knowing what was at stake; could this young team overcome the pressure of not having won the Inter-Services for eight years? The answer soon became clear as an outstanding display of quick, decisive counter-attacking football saw the Army dominate the match. Inevitably there were a couple of shaky moments, but the team's spirit and cohesion proved decisive and the Army held strong to finish 2-0 winners, second-half goals coming from LCpl Ryan Paddock and Sig Luke Noble. The Army were once again Inter-Service Champions and the emotion – a mixture of joy and relief – erupted when Army Skipper LCpl Farkins held the trophy high.

Ahead of this triumph, the U23s had retained the Inter Services title on a wet and dreary afternoon in Portsmouth with an outstanding 5-1 victory against the Navy. Leading up to the fixture the RAF had been in the driving seat following up their comprehensive 4-0 success against the Navy and a draw against the Army; this



sequence of events meant that the Army had to secure an unlikely four-goal margin, and score a minimum of five goals, if they were to be successful.

Capt Paul Dale, in his first season heading up the development squad, knew his men had to hit the ground running if they were to have any chance of pulling it off and Cfn Ryan Burrows duly obliged by netting from close range in the third minute. Soon after, Pte Aidan Kirby, who had scored the all-important goal versus the RAF, continued his impressive strike rate with a low shot from the edge of the 18 yard box to extend the lead. On 19 minutes there was a distinct belief that this unlikely feat was achievable when Kirby added a third from the penalty spot.

There was no answer from the Navy and further goals from Spr Matt Price and a hat-trick goal from Kirby gave the Army a 5-0 lead at the interval. There was one more twist to come; however, as with 14 minutes remaining an outstanding strike from WTR Stone reduced the goal margin to four. A further goal for the Navy would have handed the Inter Services title to the RAF, and indeed there was plenty of late drama as the Navy pressed. However, with no further goals there were ecstatic celebrations at the end as Dale's side showed outstanding determination and character to lift the 2016 U23 Inter Services Trophy.

By Capt Danny Proctor



ARMY FA AWARDS EVENING 2016



Two centurions- Karen Carney (over 100 caps for England) and SSgt Juliette Brown (over 100 caps for the Army)

England Womens international of over 100 caps, Karen Carney, was Guest of Honour at the recent Army FA Annual Awards Dinner in Aldershot which was also attended by our President and Chief of General Staff, General Sir Nicholas Carter KCB CBE DSO ADC Gen.



Edwards Challenge Cup winners AMS- Scott Hempsey (left) CGS

In a change to previous formats the evening was devised to recognise football played throughout the Army and included a variety of awards across various disciplines of the game.

The outstanding success of the Army representative teams, achieving a clean sweep of titles for the first time in services football, was commended by Army FA Vice Chairman Col Richard Hayhurst whilst recognising excellent achievements including the representation of Army FA official WO2 Andy Halliday (RAPTC) at the FA Cup Final; the first soldier in 64 years. Particular mention was made of the healthy strides being made in Womens Unit football during the course of the season.

Approaching 100 people attended the event including a welcome presence from the many sponsors who support the Army FA throughout the year.

The opening presentations were made to Unit League winners and were made by Simon Fovargue from Hewlett Packard Enterprises. Three league winners were present on the evening:

UK Scotland- 3 Rifles (Sjt K McDelling)

UK South Eastern- 1 RSME (Sgt Taylor)

UK North Womens League- 5 Med Regt

Congratulations were also provided to UK Midlands winners (7RHA and 30 Signal Regt) and UK South winners 11 Signal Regt (West) and Central (1 Scots Guards). There were 54 teams participating in three regions within the south covering eight leagues. Congratulations were also provided to the winners of the Southern Cup winners- Major Units (1 Yorks) and Minor Units (4 MI Bn).



Guest speaker and England International Karen Carney presented with an Army FA Cap by CGS

Corps Football, male and female, has been vibrant and extremely competitive with Inter Corps League and Cup Competitions during the season. 13 Corps Teams divided into two leagues competed in the Men's Massey League and Woolwich Cup whilst seven Corps Teams played in the Women's Inter Corps league and Edwards Cup competitions.

All corps presentations were made by CGS. The winners of the Massey League Division 1 for a second consecutive season were the RLC and SSgt Paul Douglas received the award. The RLC also collected the "double" winning the Woolwich Cup too. Representing them for this award was WO1 Brian O'Donnell.

Massey League 2 winners, AAC, were represented by Major Daz Curphey.

The Fair Play Award, awarded to the team with the best disciplinary record throughout both league and Cup competition, was won by AAC who received just four cautions during the season. Major Curphey was the recipient for this trophy too.

WO2 Kristina Wright collected the Womens Inter Corps League on behalf of the AGC whilst Major Scott Hempsey and Pte Baxter collected the Edwards Challenge Cup

Special guest Karen Carney presented the following awards for the Army Player of the Season. This is awarded to the individual who has shown the most commitment to the team both on and off the field of play and is selected by the team management and coaching staff. The successful players were:

Reserves	Pte Keith England
U23	Pte Aiden Kirby
Men's	LCpl Matt Evans
Women's	Cpl Hayley Sloan

Unfortunately the winner of the Referees Dobsons Trophy, Sgt Craig Davenport (RLC), was unable to attend. This award is for the "most significant contribution to Army Refereeing during 2015/16". However the Level 7 official "who has shown the most potential and commitment" during the season did receive his award from Karen- Sgt Si Thorburn (Royal Signals).

A prestigious 50 year service award concluded the awards as Major (Retd) Eric Trengove received his presentation from the Football Association representatives Roger Burden and Ray Lewis.

The evening concluded with a superb talk with Karen Carney who spoke passionately about her role in football and in representing her country.





Army Women Football Team

The 2015-16 season for the Army Ladies team proved to be another successful one with more trophies to add to the collection. Under the new management team of Head coach WO2 Margaret 'Mags' McAteer and assisted by Signaller Susannah 'Bex' Wells, WO2 Stewart Grigor-Ramsay, Staff Sergeant Mike 'Robbo' Robinson and Staff Sergeant Helen Lee.

The Army started with a healthy pre-season fixture list against top premier league opposition and champions Brighton and Hove Albion Women and Maidenhead Ladies FC. This set the standard for a competitive few months which also featured friendlies against QPR, GB Deaf team and the Army Reserves Ladies.

With Southern County League fixtures to add to the mix, the calendar was full and all great preparation for the up and coming Inter Services Competition. The first game v Kent saw the Army Ladies come out winners with a 2-1 away victory. The second was a disappointing 2-1 loss to holders Middlesex and the third was postponed until after the fast approaching Inter Services competition.

The Inter Services took the Army into two completely different fixtures tactically and technically. The Royal Navy had already won 3-2 against the RAF at home in HMS Temeraire, but the Army with a healthy squad and a determined mind played their first game in Aldershot against the Royal Navy. It was a brutal affair but mainly due to the adverse weather conditions. The game ended in a fair 1-1 draw with the Royal Navy excited about their potential of winning the IS title for the first time in years. The second game at RAF Cosford meant the Army had it all to do and needed a goal difference (+2) to win and retain the title. The game started slowly with both teams a little nervous to open up. Once settled though the Army established firm control and began to beat

on the door of the RAF and create plenty of goal scoring chances. At half time it was 3-0 to the Army and excitement was brewing. With the danger of over confidence and the classic tale of 'A story of two halves' being whispered the Army were superb and kept their feet fully on the floor until the final whistle which saw them run out 5-0 winners and once again lift both the Williamson Trophy and Inter Services title and trophy.

The Southern Counties League was wide open and with all to play for came the final match at the end of March. Army, Middlesex and Sussex were all tied on points and once again it was all coming down to goal difference. With the success of Inter Services behind them the Army Ladies were confident going into the fixture with Sussex but knew they had to gamble slightly to achieve the goals that were required. Hopes were high and although confidence and morale was high, the Army Ladies struggled to maintain their exceptional IS performance. The game ended with a Sussex win and both Middlesex and Army were left to share 2nd and 3rd place.

Overall the Army Ladies were very pleased with their season and have retained their IS title for the 6th year running. The Southern Counties league and the chance of the double were pushed right to the end. New faces and talents have emerged from the Corp teams and plenty of top opposition are now up making contact with the chance to set up friendlies in the future.

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Army Inter Unit Ladies Sixes



Army Inter Unit Ladies Sixes

On the 17-18th of May 2016 the inaugural Army Inter Unit Ladies Sixes was held at the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham. During the two days a total of 69 games were played by 108 different players with 375 goals being scored. Teams were spilt into two hard fought leagues and on day one continuous football was played from 0930 till 1710hrs. League fixtures continued on day two prior to quarters, semis and the final. Obvious fatigue aside every game was full of commitment and passion yet at the same time games were played in the right manner. Players didn't argue, no cards were awarded, instead the more gifted players constantly encouraged others. It was great to see players of all abilities relishing the opportunity to represent their units whilst giving their all even when getting soundly beat. Equally it was great to see teams battling to the end even when they had no chance of progressing through to the knock out stages and teams offering players to make up numbers when others were down to the bare bones due to slight injuries. You could just tell that the ladies understood that winning wasn't everything, more so they just wanted the tournament to succeed in order for it to continue for years to come! Every player I spoke to was proud to be representing their units but deep down you could also tell that they were prouder to be part of something new. Clearly they understood that greater things have happened throughout the history of football but for two days they were helping make history.

After a hard fought day and a half of playing the teams entered the knock out stages.

The games were all hard fought affairs and were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Next up two cracking semi-finals with the first being between 4 CS Bn REME and The Defence School of Transport (DST). During the game the young Phase Two Students from DST really showed what they were made off, these young lionesses, steadied by the calm leadership of their NCO's hadn't come to make up the numbers, they were here to win! This was followed by 5 RA against 27 Regt RLC in a game that saw both teams match each other in normal time and 27 Regt RLC scoring a couple of goals in the dying minutes of extra time to progress to the final.

Just prior to the final kicking off you could sense that a shock might just happen. Could a team made up mainly of Phase Two Students really beat the odds by winning against a team fielding Army and Corp level players. By now it was obvious who the crowd wanted to win but would these young ladies have enough or would the occasion get the better of them?

The final was a brilliant game. Both teams were tense and in a chess like manner they went about their business trying to get the upper hand whilst not wanting to give the opposition an opportunity. DST struck first blood but 27 Regt's seasoned players were not fazed and were soon level. By now both teams were playing wonderful football and creating chances, DST scored again but again 27 kept there calm and soon equalised. Suddenly 27 turned up the heat but saw numerous changes come to nothing. Was we heading to extra time, it certainly looked that way but no, suddenly DST created a goal from nowhere but would they be able

to survive the last couple of minutes? 27 threw everything at them now and as the clock ticked down shot after shot was saved. With the crowd nervously looking on the referee blew, DST had become the first Army Ladies Sixes Champions and were awarded their deserved medals and trophy by Col Ash Boreham (late RAMC). I'm sure this won't be the last we see of these young warriors.

At the end the best team won, a team that gave their all in every game and fought for each other throughout. Wow, what a way to start your Army career.

In my opinion the tournament was a great success and like I've said all the ladies I spoke to clearly enjoyed themselves. During the two days I witnessed some wonderful football, some unconventional football but most importantly I witnessed 108 players giving it their all, fighting for each other but fighting with smiles on their faces. The highlight for me other than watching an amazing final was seeing the young ladies from the Yorkshire Officer Training Regiment unfazed by the fact that they had lost every game, instead they appreciated that they had been given the opportunity to participate and left the field of play after every game with beaming smiles. These same ladies were the first to volunteer to make up the numbers of the teams struggling near the end. Good on them I say, footballs not just about winning! Lastly it was also refreshing to see newly qualified officials helping games flow and constantly giving encouragement. All in all the future looks bright.

Captain Mark Normanton RLC





ARMY REPRESENTATION AT THE HOMELESS WORLD CUP GLASGOW 2016

The Homeless World Cup (HWC) came to Glasgow in July in its 14th edition with the first tournament taking place in Austria in 2003, with 64 teams (male and female) representing 52 countries across 6 continents it was the biggest tournament yet. With the Army FA represented by referee CSgt Chris Bonnar (SCOTS) who volunteered his time to referee for the week of football.

The tournament is a small 4 a-side game that has its roots in street football, with countries selecting their teams from their own version of Street Soccer. Street Soccer and their international counterparts are non-profit organisations that help socially disadvantaged, homeless adults, young men and women, asylum seekers and refugees, individuals who are struggling with mental health and addiction problems and, the long-term unemployed and disengaged.

CSgt Bonnar and some local referees joined a select group of international referees from Australia to Poland most of whom had been refereeing in the tournament for a number years and a couple who had previously played in the tournament. "To have the opportunity to referee at an event like this was extremely humbling; I thought I had seen a lot in my 17 years of service, but to listen to some stories and meet some people who had been through more than most of us can comprehend was at times heart wrenching." "I know this tournament and what each of the national Street Soccer charities do does change people's lives for the better, to be part of it has had a massive impact on me".

Next year the tournament will take place in Oslo, Norway.

Photos courtesy of Anita Milas



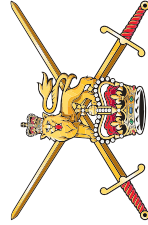


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ARMY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ROADSHOW 2016

#AFARS2016

Article by Sgt (SI) Graham Baily RAPTC and Sgt Steve Durham Royal Signals

The Army Football Association's annual Road Show took place over 28 July – 12 August 2016 which sees a team of coaches visiting different Premiership and Championship football clubs and working with their youth football and community departments to deliver a day long course for young people living in the area.

The youngsters each take on a specially designed football themed military obstacle course aimed at improving their speed, agility, control and discipline. Obstacles included crawling under camouflaged netting, scrambling over tires, beating the goalie, tearing through speed poles and striking the ball at an inflatable target.

The aim of the Road show is to engage with children and young adults aged 4-21 and are designed to bridge the gap between the British Army and local communities through the shared mutual interest and love of the nations chosen sport. Whether supporting professional clubs or visiting local community sports pitches, the message is the same; we want to promote sport at grass root level and bring some fun to youngsters of all shapes and sizes, from different societies and social statuses.

As soon as the youngsters arrive at the AFARS Stand their mindset is changed instantly from apprehension to excitement. The military obstacle course looks challenging but fun and the children and some adults cannot wait to take on the challenge. The youngsters are taught some of the core military Values and Standards the British Army live by such as Discipline, Respect for Others, Selfless Commitment and Courage. They also get a little taste of military fitness and exercise to get them through the challenge.

The Projects and Schemes that the Road Show Team will engage with are as follows:

- School Holiday Course.** These courses are run by the Football in the Community Departments and generally host up to 300 children aged between 4 – 18 years old.
- Kickz Project.** These projects work with 12 – 21 years old from areas suffering anti-social behavior issues during both evening and weekend sessions.
- National Citizens Service.** This offers 16 – 18 years old the opportunity to complete challenges and make friends whilst conducting numerous activities. It also gives them the chance to build on skills for work and life.

The Road Show will be conducted in a relaxed personal manner to provide sincere engagement through a range of activities as follows:

- Army Fun Fitness Warm Up** - Taken by qualified army coaches and designed to mix in military exercises with general training warm up exercises.
- Army Skills Stands** - Designed to test different skills for all ages.
- Army Challenge and Assault Course** - A fun assault course that will challenge participants with a series of obstacles designed to be tackled and negotiated with a football. To be completed in a competitive manner, against the clock, in order to achieve a sense of competition with promotional products as prizes.
- Coaching** - The club will be running the overall event and will have a number of coaches leading the sessions. Army Road Show personnel will join in and help to assist sessions.
- Small sided games** - Participated by all ages and officiated by a qualified referee.
- 6 – a side** - Game between club and Army Road Show personnel.

The team at West Bromwich Albion





W01 (SMI) Kev Haley RAPTC putting Burton Albion Academy through their paces during a warm up

Each location brings its own challenges, not just the children but to the team too. Age of the children, size of the group, physical ability, skill level, knowledge and experience and areas in which we set up this does not however hamper anyone's chance to take part and have fun.

The AFA Football Road show kicked off its 2016 tour with the team meeting in Aldershot on Thursday 28 July. After collecting the vehicles from Regional Command South the team set about cleaning and repairing the kit that had been stored since the previous Road Show. Once the kit was packed we soon realized that we needed more kit to make the stands more demanding, enjoyable and different from what we had done previously. With a bit of innovation and thought the team visited a local farm to buy hay bails and a local sports shop to purchase other essential kit to be used on the obstacle course. We now had everything needed for the demanding 2 weeks Road Show and were packed ready to go, first stop Bolton Wanderers.

The team visited the following clubs:

ARMY FOOTBALL ROADSHOW 2016 LINEUP

								
1	2	3/6	4	5	7/9	10	11	12
AUGUST								




Overall the 2016 AFARS was a fantastic tour which was deemed a huge success by all involved. The team enjoyed wonderful enthusiastic young footballers very engaging and easy to work with, extremely helpful and dedicated staff grateful and thankful for our help, assistance and expertise. Combine this with the dedication and motivation from the coaches of the AFA and clubs the road show can and will grow.

Over the weeks the team encountered some quality and talented little players, which we highlighted to the club coaches. It was great to see the coaches engage and identify individuals they thought would be strong at certain tasks and who would do well on the obstacle course. By the end of each session confidence was high and it was great to see the children display attributes of both a football player and a soldier.

Major General Benjamin Bathurst CBE, the General Officer Commanding the Household Division and Headquarters London District, visited the training session at Arsenal and said:

“It's fantastic to see Army Football engaging in our area and it's very clear from talking to the children how much they have got out of it. Royal Army Physical Training Corps coaching and tactics mixed with football, has been a real winner.”

Major General Bathurst CBE presenting Arsenal with the Army Football Plaque





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L/Cpl Rachel Rigby RLC, supervising the obstacle course



Sgt (SI) Graham Baily RAPTC presenting Sheffield Wednesday with the Army Football Plaque



A visit from Maj (Retd) Billy Thomson to Southampton to present with the Army Football Plaques



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Sgt Steve Durham Royal Signals, making sure everyone understands and that there is no confusion



L/Cpl Jenny Keane RLC chatting through the grenade range with her twin



Gizzets of what the children received after completing the day



SSgt Dave Tuck Royal Signals, encouraging and motivating a family to participate in Bolton



L/Cpl Pete Dobson Royal Signals, demonstrating to the Bolton public how to complete the obstacle course



Army Football Finals Major units RLC vs 1 Yorks

ARMY FA COUNTY CUP FINALS 2016

A hugely successful Army FA County Cup Finals day saw 7 Regiment RLC retain the prestigious Major Units Challenge Cup Final whilst RLC Womens team came so close before a penalty shoot out defeat saw them lose the Edwards Challenge Cup Final to Army Medical Services. Army Aviation Centre secured the Minor Units Cup for the first time.

The final Wednesday of April is Army football County Cup Finals day. In a festival of football entertainment Aldershot Military Stadium attracted a healthy level of spectators during the course of the day.

Activity commenced in the morning as a thrilling finale saw AMS and RLC Women draw 2-2 in the Edwards Challenge Cup Final. AMS, comfortably in the lead courtesy of goals from Cap Dani Pye and LCpl Denise Clifford with 10 minutes remaining stuttered after LCpl Jen Keane reduced arrears from the penalty spot for the RLC in the 81st minute. A succession of injuries ensured six minutes of injury time and, after another forced stoppage, RLC levelled matters in the 53rd minute with the last kick of the match. No extra time ensured the match went straight to penalties. Despite missing

the first kick it was the AMS who eventually celebrated lifting the trophy, presented by John Edwards to the delight of Coach Major Scott Hempsey and his squad.

In the second match of the day Army Aviation Centre proved too strong for 47 Regiment Royal Artillery in the Minor Units Final with a 4-1 victory. AAen Robinson opened the scoring with a close range header just before the interval. Robinson added a second just after the interval with a short tap in and there was no looking back. Sgt Barry O'Neil added a third on 55 minutes before substitute Kyle Frost stabbed home a fourth with three minutes remaining. In between LBdr Thomas Broadbent has reduced the arrears from the penalty spot. The presentation was made by the representative of much valued sponsors Towergate Insurance, in their 32nd year of sponsoring the Army Cup Finals.

A bright, sunny day in Aldershot brought the crowds out for the evening duel between Cottesmore based Challenge Cup holders 7 Regt RLC and 1 Yorks from Warminster. Sideshows included a performance from the Band of the Queen's Division.

The most raucous atmospheres in many years certainly added entertainment to proceedings in a match attended by Army FA Chairman, Major General "Mitch" Mitchell MBE. Yorks, buoyant after recent cup final victories in Aldershot in the UKSouth Sp Comd and Infantry Cups, were aiming to make it a treble. They couldn't have made a better start when captain LCpl Darren Clarke netted with a fine finish on four minutes. Cpl Mark Marriott levelled with a 25 yard strike that cannoned off the underside of the bar and in before Army representative player Pte Sean Woolley headed home from a corner just before the interval to take the lead for the midlands based unit. Pte Joe Gorman ensured his side stayed in the lead with a string of fine saves after the break before the impressive Pte Ben Rose confirmed that the most sought after trophy in Army football was to be retained by 7 Regt when he broke free on the left before slotting the ball home.

Credit to the Sgt Chris Hastings and his team of officials who had an excellent match.

The Trophy was presented by Army Sergeant Major Glenn Haughton.



Army Football Finals Women







71 Engr Regt make it three out of three following an entertaining 4-1 win over 152 (NI) RLC



Army Reservist LCpl Ian Parsons takes charge of the Challenge Cup Final



Pte Louise Anderson makes gets down the line for the Womens Team during the Armed Forces Day Match

Reserve Football

Already well established, football has benefited from the increased focus on sport across the Army Reserve. The 2015/16 Season saw Army Reserve Football continue to grow with more units than the previous year entered teams into one of the two main competitions, the Womens sixes was launched and the Womens Representative Team is now fully established. As I put pen to paper, or tap the keys to be precise, the 2016/17 Challenge Cup draw has just been held with 32 teams filling the five round competition. Here are some of the highlights from last season.

The Womens team is now fully established and joined the Mens Team to help celebrate Armed Forces Day in Cleethorpes. The Town was the focus of the Country on Armed Forces Day and one week before our footballs teams joined their Mens and Womens teams to kick off the week. Next season Liverpool will be the host City and plans are already underway to ensure Army Football is part of the celebrations.

It was business as usual as 71 Engr Regt retained the Army Reserve Challenge Cup. 152 (NI) RLC started the strongest but did not take their chances in a wonderfully entertaining first half. Their opponents took theirs and once 71 scored they never looked like giving up their advantage. The final score was 4-1; Spr Billy Bauros' completed an impressive hat trick and Spr David Wright added a fourth. Army Reservist LCpl Ian Parsons took charge of the Challenge Cup Final, there is a big push to increase the number of referees in AR and already around a dozen have already signed up to Army FA courses over the next six months.

The Womens Representative Team have built a nucleus of players looking forward to a full calendar of matches and a planned overseas tour. The men had a varied season of results including a 2-0 loss to a strong AGC Corps side and a win, draw and loss on their tour in Cyprus. They also managed a creditable draw when they visited Northern Ireland in April and played an NI Forces Team. Looking forward to this season one highlight is likely to be the return of the fixture between the Reserve and the Regular Team which will be played as part of their build up to the inter-services.

In August 253 (NI) Medical Regiment became the first womens team to win an Army Reserve national competition. The inaugural Womens 6-A-Side Competition, held in Grantham, was won by 253 who defeated a strong team from 150 RLC 2-1. 152 (NI) RLC made sure both trophies would be on a flight home by winning the mens trophy beating 156 RLC by just the one goal.

Please visit the Army FA website to learn more about Army Reserve football or contact the AR Secretary at resfootball@ascb.uk.com.

Cyprus 2016 -

The Army Reserve Men Celebrate their win over the British Forces Cyprus Army in Dhekelia





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Football in Freetown, Sierra Leone

By SSgt Adrienne Lavery

I approached a number of Premier League Football Clubs and asked them if they could help me by donating old kit. I explained my intent was to visit a number of local schools and orphanages in Sierra Leone to see if I could help them.

Arsenal Football Club asked that I visit The Emirates Stadium and they would make a donation. I drove from Manchester and my car was soon loaded up with footballs, hats, shirts, shorts, stadium puzzles, and player cards that were signed.

Manchester United then responded and handed over shirts, shorts, pens, footballs and a number of random items. Liverpool FC kindly donated over 20 shirts, 20 pairs of tracksuit bottoms and 40 pairs of shorts.

The England FA has been outstanding; I received 80+ footballs, at least 100 shirts, 100 shorts and school bags. All of this on top of strips that have been donated from friends and family along with the Army FA who have kindly sent contacts my way.

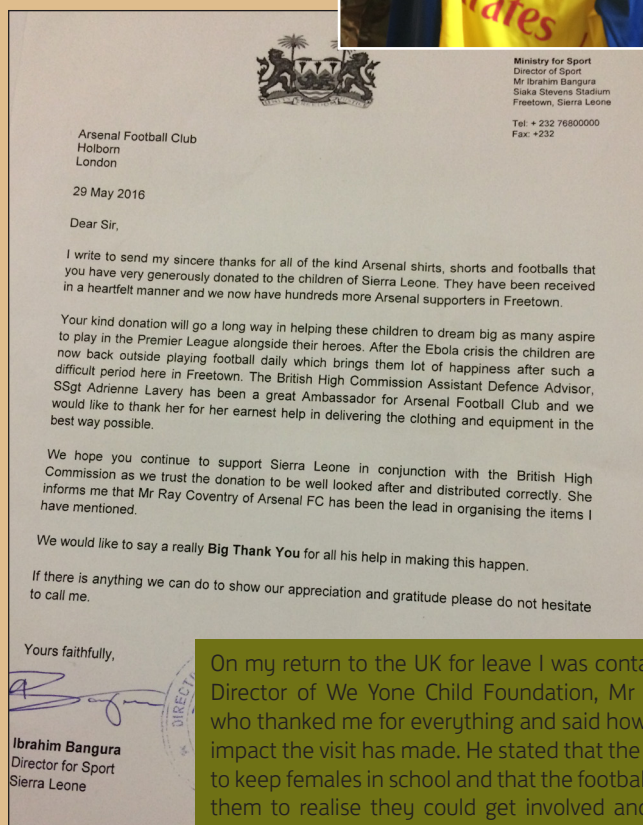
WE YONE CHILD FOUNDATION

KROO BAY VISIT

I set about organising a visit via Street Child who put me in touch with We Yone Child Foundation. I visited a school in Kroo Bay with OSM Geraint Jones and we managed to kit the whole school out in Arsenal shirts.

GEORGE BROOK VISIT

I then visited George Brook which was slightly better than Kroo Bay. I handed out the rest of the Arsenal kit as a reward to the children for their hard work and effort. They were all females and I was keen to get them to take a more active role which is now working as they are forming female teams within the school.



On my return to the UK for leave I was contacted by the Director of We Yone Child Foundation, Mr Nick Mason who thanked me for everything and said how much of an impact the visit has made. He stated that the key aim was to keep females in school and that the football had helped them to realise they could get involved and was giving them some focus. The shirts as rewards were also helping to motivate them.

BHC 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

We set about organising a 5 a side league. They formed teams and I set up a league table with fixtures. It takes place every Saturday morning, I go down and keep the time and make sure the officiating is fair.

We are now approaching the end of the league where I intend to hold an awards ceremony. I have also made sure that I have football shirts, tracksuit bottoms and trophies for everyone that has participated.

There has been a number of visitors arrive to the BHC on Saturdays and we have managed to either kit them out or give them a ball to take away. I have also handed out footballs to the children who live outside the BHC or on the beaches.



HEAVEN HOME ORPHANAGE

The British High Commission held a team building day and visited an orphanage in Joe Town just past Waterloo. The main aim was to plant a tree

We arrived at the orphanage and it was very quiet as most of the children were in the school about 300 metres away, as we turned the corner there were about 6 or 7 smaller children all very shy. I went immediately to the vehicle and produced a Champions League Manchester United football. I gave it to the little boy and they broke out into song. Once they had finished it was straight to a sandy pitch at the back of the orphanage.

After an hour of being there the other children were running towards us from the school. I went to get a few more footballs. Boys only played football here until I decided against a girls v boys game. I got the driver pull up near to the football pitch and handed out two sets of strips. Fortunately my sister had put some kid's shoes and trainers into the box. I spotted one child wearing a pair of size 6 golf shoes with no laces. I hunted him out first to try on what we had. We were lucky and had a pair that fitted perfectly.

I had a walk around the orphanage to find there wasn't much to entertain the children, so set about getting them a generator, TV, DVD player and items for the younger children in the way of toys and skipping ropes. I have also made efforts to try and get them some mattresses and medical equipment.

ENGLAND FA, ARMY FA, EVERTON FC

My aim is to organise a small football tournament incorporating teams from the slum communities in conjunction with Save the Children and the Ministry of Sport Sierra Leone. This is to deliver the Education and Health project that Save the Children have been working on and I will be focusing on the equality and diversity of females taking up the sport as well as integrating the communities.

I will use all of the items that have been donated by England, Everton and the Army FA to support the children in slum areas and schools in order for them to establish regular teams and a league.



ARMY FA SOUTHERN LEAGUE - 2015/16 SEASON



The Army FA Southern League season runs in line with the Army FA's Forecast of Events to encompass both a regional league and Major & Minor Units Knockout Cup Competition. The league and cup competitions are contested between Units that fall under the UK South Regional Points of Commands structure encompassing both Major and Minor Units.

The 2015/16 season saw a name change to the league from Sp Comd (UK South) to Army FA Southern League. The league included 66 teams whilst the Knockout Cup had a total of 54 teams. The Regional Six-a-Side Competition saw 29 male teams enter with 4 qualifying for the Army Six-a-Side Competition.

The Army FA Southern League Structure comprises eight divisions, the respective division winners were:

a. Central Premier	-	1st Battalion The Scots Guards
b. Central Division 1	-	27 Regt RLC
c. Central Division 2	-	Upavon Station
d. Western Premier	-	11th Signal Regt
e. Western Division 1	-	1st Battalion The Mercian Regt
f. Western Division 2	-	3rd Signal Regt
g. Western Division 3	-	1st Battalion The First Fusiliers
h. Eastern Premier	-	1 RSME Regt

11th Signal Regt confirmed their league dominance by securing a third successive league win in the Western Premier Division, an excellent achievement for a Phase 2 unit that has an ever changing squad of players; particular mention should go to their outgoing manager Keith Dawson who has been a stalwart supporter of the league and epitomises the Sport for all ethos. Elsewhere, 1 MERCIAN came out as Western Division 1 Champions winning their league on goal difference to Runners-up KRH. The second and third divisions of the Western Region were won by 3rd Signal Regt and 1 RRF respectively. In the Central Divisions, the Premier league was won by the 1st Battalion

The Scots Guards who didn't drop a point all season. The Central Division 1 League was a similar affair with 27 Regt RLC also having a 100% record. They did so by winning all their league matches and securing the trophy by 6 points. Upavon Station made it a clean sweep in the Central Region by again having a 100% record. The inaugural Eastern Division (that was made up of LONDIST teams and teams in the Kent area) was won by 1 RSME Regt, the Chatham based club fought off local Engineer rivals 36 Engr Regt to win on goal difference. 1 RSME again had a 100% record scoring some 24 goals along the way. The league defining match was contested in November with 1 RSME victorious 3-1.

The 2015/16 season culminated in the Six-a-Side competition that was held on Queen's Avenue, Aldershot on 4 May 16. There were 29 male teams with 4 qualifying for the Army Six-a-Side Competition, these where:

a. Winners	-	1 Regt RLC
b. Runners-up	-	1st Battalion The Grenadier Guards
c. 3rd Place	-	11th Signal Regt
d. 4th Place	-	ATC Pirbright

This competition was a fitting way to end an extremely successful season.





The Army FA Southern League Knockout Cup Major and Minor units was well supported and culminated with the finals being held on 14 Apr 16 at the Aldershot Military Stadium.

The Minor Unit final was played between 47 Regt RA and 4 MI Bn. The Wessex Gunners had a semi-final battle with last season's runners-up; 19 Tank Transporter Squadron RLC. The Gunners narrowly won 1-0. 4 MI on the other hand had a very difficult route to the final. The Bulford based side fought off the ARRC Sp Bn by winning 5-2, the previous holders 1 AAC were overcome 5-4 and defeating Army Air Corps Centre in the semi-final by 3 goals to 2. The final was a very entertaining affair with both teams taking the lead but it was settled in the end by 4MI Bn running out winners by a scoreline of 5-3; this game was a credit to both teams and both are to be congratulated for the spectacle that they produced.

The Major Unit Final saw a 19 Regt RA face the in-form and flying 1 YORKS. The Warminster infantiers were playing the first of three cup finals; they also reached the Infantry and Army Cup finals. The Scottish Gunners emulated their fellow Gunner Regiment by

making it through to the regional cup final by first seeing off Central Division 1 champions 27 Regt RLC 3-2, then after a long trip west to 14th Signal Regt they came away with a 4-2 win, then a comfortable 3-1 victory over 1st Battalion The Coldstream Guards. Their semi-final tie wasn't so close. 19 travelled to Abingdon to face 3 RLC and after 90 minutes the match ended 1-1. Extra time still wasn't enough to settle the tie leading it to penalties, the rest is history, 19 Regt RA had secured a place in the regional cup final. Last season's beaten semi-finalists 1 YORKS sailed into the final. Their route included wins over Western Premier Division Champions 11 Sigs, 9 Regt RLC, Central Premier Division Champions 1 Scots Gds, 22 Engr Regt and finally last season's Six-a-Side winners 6 Bn REME. They did this by scoring 21 goals and only conceding 2. The final was no different, 1 YORKS dominated the final and went in at half time 2 nil up. They continued this scoring rhythm by scoring a further three goals to complete a rout 5-0. For 1 YORKS it was 1 down, 2 to go!

In an indication of the depth of talent in the Southern League area, 47 Regt RA were also involved in the Army Cup Minor Units

cup final where they unfortunate again, this time being runners-up to the Army Air Corps Centre (who were knocked out of the Southern League cup at the semi-final stage). Additionally, 1 YORKS made it through to the Army Cup final but were beaten by 7 Regt.

This season saw many changes to the structure of the leagues which Club Secretaries did with no fuss or complaint. The addition of Full Time allowed a more coherent way of viewing the divisions but more importantly it allowed clubs the freedom to access information and administer their clubs in a more effective way.

Grass roots football in the South has never been stronger and most of the credit goes to the clubs and their management staff for their contribution. However the most significant change will see SSgt Essam leaving as Secretary; the last two seasons has seen the competitions being run extremely efficiently and with the minimum of fuss; he leaves on promotion to WO2 with my thanks and very best wishes. SSgt Keith Emmerson takes over the reins for the 2016/17 season and we wish him well.

Major Peter Conn





Army Officers Football (Crusaders)

Army Crusaders is the Army Officer Corps' representative football team. Formed in 1922 it consists of a First Team and a Veterans (Over 35s) Team. The current President is Brig Steve Vickery late R SIGNALS, the Chairman is Col Colin Francis late RLC and the Secretary Maj Andy Campbell R SIGNALS.

The First Team play 12 – 16 games each season with home matches at the Aldershot Military Stadium; all games are deemed friendly against a range of teams including RAF ICARUS, RMAS and Army Reserve.

The Veterans play in the West London Veterans League which provides 16 games along with another 8 traditional friendly fixtures such as HAC, RAF ICARUS and UK Members of Parliament. Hence a strong and large squad is required to cater for age related injuries and family commitments. All home games are played at RMAS (on a Sun afternoon) with away games mostly in Surrey / Hants / W London.

The highlight of the 2015 / 16 season was the overdue overseas tour to Malaysia in late Sep where a mixed team of First and Veterans deployed and played 4 competitive games.

The tour was based around Kuala Lumpur where expatriate and service football is thriving. I was fortunate to have a former Crusaders Veteran now in a senior role at the British International School who acted as our foot on the ground and local liaison. This included use of the outstanding School facilities of full size 4G pitch and swimming pool for training each day.

The first game versus the British School was a classic British football game; played at 90mph until everyone realised it was too hot and humid and common sense took hold. At this point Crusaders rose to ascendancy and secured a 4-0 win.

The arrival to our second game at the Malaysian Army stadium was marked by a celebration of national dance, martial arts and national anthems and was played in front of the British Deputy High Commissioner and the 1 Star President of Malaysian Football.

A tropical storm halfway through the game didn't dampen Crusaders dominance of the game and despite the Malaysian Officer's being much younger across the board their pace didn't breach our defences and our controlled football took us to a 3-0 win.

The third game was against the Maritime Enforcement Agency and once again we arrived to see a team, many of which young enough to be sons of most of our Veterans contingent. We were also down to 15 fit players from the original 20 due to injuries.

This didn't deter a continued outstanding performance only blotted by conceding the first goal of the tour from a break away attack. Fortunately Crusaders were already 4 goals to the good to an overall 4-1 result was how it ended.

By the fourth game Crusaders were down to the bare bones of a team with many taking to the field carrying injuries and feeling the pace of 3 games in 6 days. The final match was played against a British School's Select

team—basically having been beaten in Game 1 their manager (and former Crusader) decided to bring in some additional support from across all schools in Kuala Lumpur to try and inflict our first defeat.

The British School's Select plan was very nearly successful but for a last minute breakaway goal to secure the 3-2 victory and an unblemished Tour record.

Overall this proved to be an outstanding tour with Best Player going to Capt Nick Barnes for 6 goals and 2 Man of the Match awards; closely followed by Capt James Campbell for 4 excellent and consistent performances. Everyone loves statistics which are as follows.

Played 4. Won 4.

Goals for – 14. Goals against – 3.

Lastly, a plea for everyone involved in unit and representative football. If you have Officers playing "The Soldiers Game" then inform them that Army Crusaders are fit and well and always in need of support. Any officer, of any age interested in getting involved should approach the Crusaders FC Secretary who will be able to provide further details and registration information.

The picture below shows Army Crusaders victorious in front of the scoreboard after the Malaysian Army Officers game.

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