

# Colchester Guards Club News

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Next meeting

1st June 2005

There is no military situation that 10 tons of high explosive will not correct

## Operation Happy Wanderer.



The assault platoon fell in on Dedham Car Park at 09.30 ish on Sunday 1st May. We were ready to go 'over the top' by 11.00. The first three objectives were achieved with few casualties. The platoon re grouped at the Stratford St Mary road where a decision had to be made to carry out a right flanking section attack on the main objective, ( the Swan Block House) or to continue the advance taking a number of other objectives, which included Langham Church Hill. As the advance was so far ahead of schedule, it was decided that the whole platoon would continue the movement over the 'hill'. The final push to the main objective was delayed by rider less cavalry that blocked the way over no man's land. This was soon beaten off by our brave troops with much nose stroking, followed by plenty of 'good boys' and woe there's. Rations were brought up to the captured 'Swan Block House' which had been quickly subdued with the blood curdling yells of, "mines a pint love". The platoon later returned to our own lines. Unfortunately a number of casualties were taken at 'kissing gates' on route. The victory was celebrated with soft ice cream, mitt chocolate flakes and a much appreciated 'tot' from the supply wagon, administered by the anonymous CQMS, who won the 'Order of St Grouse' for his brave diversion. The citation read as follows: " Get in the pigging car P..., I'm driving home".

## Coldstream Black Sunday

The assembled group of fourteen sallied forth from the Garrison Mess in the now familiar 17 seat battle wagon, arriving just in time to hear the Guard Mount and see the Old Guard return to Wellington Barracks. The annual 'bun fight' took place in a clearing in St James's Park. Refreshed and fortified our merry folk made for service in The Guards Chapel, followed by the march to Horseguards.

## Laying the wreath on the Guards Memorial.



On return to Wellington Barracks, tea, bickies and cold drinks were supplied. The return journey home was interrupted by a visit to a local tavern for scoff and a change of horses for the final leg. To crown the occasion, we had our own little ray of sunshine that followed us throughout the day. Who said God was not a Coldstreamer.

## Ypres Visit.

**21st until 24th September.** The plan so far: We have an hotel in the Town centre booked for seventeen people over three nights. Transport will be by the now usual 17 seat mini bus + an enclosed trailer for baggage. No ladies, not the whole summer wardrobe *please*. Crossing will probably be via The Channel Tunnel. Watch this space for more information later.



## All our yester-days

So will the real Christopher Robin please stand up. A clue, one of these is a Club member and makes 'flying visits'.

## Last months solution

Frank (keep fit) Jones.