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FROM THE EDITOR:

Welcome to this edition of the Catterick Garrison Gazette.

Within this edition of the Garrison Gazette, we have a series of military articles about local unit activity, ranging from the Infantry Training Centre Triathlon to MPGS rock climbing at Wathgill Camp. Of note is an article from the ASBM&HD on their recent support to The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo deployment to Germany.

We also have articles reporting the great work of local community groups, as well as great articles from busy local schools. Clervaux Fold, in particular, offers readers an example of some of the extraordinary work happening around Catterick Garrison. I would like to thank the Garrison community 'military and civilian' who continue to support the Gazette and wider Catterick Garrison events.

I hope the articles have inspired you to pen a submission for the coming editions of the Gazette highlighting your individual or organisations endeavours. Should you wish to submit an article for the Garrison Gazette, then please send them to us at CatterickGar-iHub-GpMailbox@mod.gov.uk by Friday 21st February 2025.

**Kind regards,
Maj B Udy
COS HQ Catterick Garrison**



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FRONT COVER:

HQ Catterick Garrison Staff Christmas Photo

CLIMBING THE WALLS

MPGS staff go rock climbing near Wathgill camp in an aid to develop resilience.

By Pte Houston, MPGS

Not more guard duties.

MPGS staff have been training in Downholme Quarry near Wathgill camp with the intention of finding coping strategies and pushing their comfort zones. Pte Will Houston and Cpl Lee Wake are reaching new heights with the Catterick Garrison Military Provost Guard Service. Soldiers have been working on new strategies and developing previously learned skills while pushing boundaries during their August staff training.

Through the use of Adventurous Leadership and Resilience Training developed by Adventure Training Group we have been abseiling, bouldering and rock climbing our way into stress management, coping strategies and working proactively on mastering a growth mindset. The training had its up and downs but was well received by all, with this MPGS staff are looking forward to pushing their next challenge.





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NATIONAL YOUTH BRASS BAND

By LCpl Souter, British Army Band Catterick

After a busy Summer performing across England, Scotland, and Wales, British Army Band Catterick travelled to Stonyhurst College in Clitheroe for a recruitment event with the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain (NYBBGB). This was our most important recruiting event of the year, as NYBBGB is the UK's leading brass band charity. Their ensembles are made up of some of the brightest young brass and percussion players in the country, so we knew we had to impress.

First on the agenda for our week with NYBBGB was a concert. We performed to hundreds of children, their tutors and educationalists, showcasing some of our finest soloists. Sgt Del Gaudio O'Brien and LCpl Innes performed the well-loved tune, Under the Boardwalk, complete with band choreography. We also premiered a composition written by LCpl Marston, our resident Soprano Cornet player, called Introducing. Throughout the concert, the Director of Music and Bandmaster compèred the varied programme, and talked about what a career in British Army Music can offer.

We then performed a marching display on the scenic grounds of Stonyhurst College. Music included Superman, Gladiator, Avengers, a



well-known brass band piece called Starburst, and various marches. The audience seemed to thoroughly enjoy this performance.

The next activity we hosted was nothing to do with music, and the children seemed to love it! We split down the hundreds of attendees into small groups, and set them to work on various team-building tasks. We related these command tasks to real-life situations that

someone may find themselves in when serving in the British Army. The children received these activities really well and it seemed to break the ice between them and our recruitment team. The final part of the event was a Question and Answer session with the Bandmaster.

We undertake various events like this throughout the year, with schools and music centres, and look forward to doing more in 2024 and 2025.



PARAS' 10 CATTERICK 2024 – 3 MEDICAL REGIMENT TEAM

By Capt Elcock, 3 Med Regt

On 28 Sep 24, over 600 military and civilian personnel gathered on the edge of Catterick Training Area (CTA). In unusually good weather for Catterick, the sun shone down – however the nearby trenches remained deep with water following heavy rain in the days before. Some wearing daysacks and boots, others in running kit, they listened in to OC Pegasus Company over the tannoy. Designed to replicate the 10 miles between the Drop Zone (DZ) and the Objective, the 10 mile route of P Company test week is regarded as one of the ultimate 10 mile endurance races.



Lt Simpson, 2Lt Tutt, Cpl Hamilton and Capt Elcock at the start line.

Carrying 35lbs and wearing boots, the 10 mile TAB is unlike most other races out there. With preparation and training starting months prior, 3 Medical Regiment submitted a team of 9 people to take on the challenge. Across ranks and abilities, we gathered on the start line. Supported by Digger (an ex Military Working Dog) belonging to Capt Jessop – we stepped off to the sound of blank fire provided by the Parachute Regiment Association.

Undulating, challenging terrain lay ahead. From a mile-long stretch of steady climb at around the 3-mile point, the sun beat down on us. Welcome shade came at fishpond lake, where you could see the leaders coming out the end of the loop just as we entered.

2Lt Tutt and I where neck and neck for the first 5 miles, his presence noted by many along the route due to the loud-clanging of the gym plates in his bergen. I got to around 7 miles where

I bumped into Lt Simpson – powering ahead like it was a walk (well run) in the park. Digger was also very popular along the route, even featuring on the event Instagram page on the day.



The Land of Nod.

As we approached what we thought was the end, the infamous 'Land of Nod' lay ahead. Originally mentioned in the book of Genesis, the Land of Nod is now known by all those who have stepped on CTA as some of the most brutal hill reps possible. A steep ascent of rock, we felt the weight of our bergans deep into our quads and calves.

Met by a rather sadistic photographer at the top, we continued on a welcome downhill towards the water trenches. Initially cooling on the hot day, the muddy water then quickly filled our boots. At some points thigh-deep in deep brown water, we treaded carefully to avoid ending up like the vicar of Dibley.

The final uphill mile was a challenge in our water logged boots, but we powered through.

With myself and Lt Timpson getting under the 1hr50 'pass' mark of P Company test week, we passed the finish line to receive a medal from Parachute Regiment veterans in their maroon lids.



I wouldn't swim in the water...

Although a great personal test of fitness, the main effort of the PARAS' 10 race is that of charity; in support of SUPPORT OUR PARAS. With out entry fees kindly subsidised by Col Harold, Commander Med 1 UK XXX, we felt that we had not only pushed ourselves to the physical limits but also supported an incredible charity who do some amazing work for Parachute Regiment veterans and their families.

A thoroughly enjoyable (at points, Type 2 fun) day was had by all. After a much needed shower, we gathered in the nearby Holly Hill Inn for a well deserved lunch to refuel. Again kindly supported by Col Harold, the lunch was a great opportunity to reflect on each others' experience of the day – sharing dits of funny moments, parts we found challenging and coming together across ranks in a much needed informal setting after the ever busy battle-rhythm of regiment.



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MUSIKFEST DER BUNDESWEHR - DUSSELDORF



ASBM&HD – Maj Ross McCrindle SG, WO I Colin Simpson SCOTS

BLUF: ASBM&HD supported The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Pipes & Drums on their deployment to Germany.

WHEN – 18-22 August 24

WHERE – Dusseldorf, Federal Republic of Germany.

WHO – Attended by NATO partners and senior defence officials from Germany, Switzerland, Singapore, and Jordan. Audience of 11000 and broadcast on German national TV.

WHAT – Overseas Military Tattoo, most similar to the Royal Marines' Mountbatten Festival of Music.

WHY – The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (REMT) has sent a group of pipers, drummers, dancers and fiddle players to the Musikfest Der Bundeswehr for the last 3 years. The Director of Army Bagpipe Music and Senior Pipe Major are contracted to REMT for their home event in August and learnt that several of REMT's most capable pipers were not able to support the tattoo's deployment to Germany. The intent was to enhance the working relationship between the Royal

Edinburgh Military Tattoo and ASBM&HD. Giving up personal time to participate in the event and wearing REMT uniform was greatly appreciated.

REMT are a crucial partner to the Army's Pipes and Drums. They provide 100% of the funding for the Army Piping and Drumming Championships, the Midlothian Schools Project, and give the Army an unparalleled CE and DE platform.



TRAINING SUPPORT PLATOON (TSP)



HQ Bn, TSP – SGT PADAM RAI

BLUF: The TSP Invites Bn HQ for an Interaction with its Soldiers.

WHEN – 20 Sep 24

WHERE – Training Support Platoon (TSP).

WHO – BN HQ and Training Support Platoon.

WHAT – Lunch with Soldiers.

General – An event was organised on 20 Sep by Sgt Padam to reinforce unit cohesion and strengthen the bonds between CoC and soldiers.

The event began providing PI updates covering G1- G9 including strengths, threats/opportunities, and recommendations. Cpl Yugen and Rfn Krishna shared their experiences and working culture in the platoon.

The Commanding Officer Lt Colonel Morgan provided updates on the Bn commitments, CIC25 highlighting crucial roles that TSP members plays in ITC.

He also emphasised the importance of consistent engagement between the CoC and the Soldier.

WHY – To provide feedback, address concerns and to receive directions and guidance. The interaction session with Bn HQ personnel allowed soldiers to share their experiences and concerns directly to the CoC.



Sgt Padam delivering PI update.



Cpl Tejendra Pun was congratulated on his promotion to Sgt.



Bn 2IC with members of 3 Section.



The Commanding Officer with members of 4 Section.

BABAJI COY

HQ Bn, TSP – SGT PADAM



BLUF: Babaji Coy Celebrates its 6th Anniversary of Formation day.

WHEN – 19 Sep 24

WHERE – The Beharry Centre, ITC

WHO – Babaji Coy personnel

WHAT – 6th anniversary of Babaji Coy formation

General – Babaji Coy was formed on Sep 19, 2018. "BABAJI" was chosen as the Coy name to reflect the diverse composition of

the Company, closely linked to Catterick Garrison. Although not a formal battle honour, the Army deployed on various Operations PANCHAI PALANG, PANTHER'S CLAW and HERRICK and faced intense fighting during campaign in Babaji.

It encompasses various supporting elements vital to the Combat Infantryman's Course, including cap badges from the R YORKS, RLC, QOGLR, RGR, RAMC, QGE, MPGS, GSPS and civil servants.

Rfn Rahul Gurung is awarded the Babaji Soldier of the Year 2024, for his remarkable dedication, professionalism and commitments.

WHY – To mark and celebrate the 6th anniversary of the Babaji Coy and commemorate the "Fallen Heroes and wounded Soldiers" during various Ops in Babaji a rural suburb of Lashkargah, Helmand province in Afghanistan.



Rfn Rahul- Babaji Soldier of the Year 2024.

CUTLER'S SWORD COMPETITION SEPT 2024



HQ Bn, ASC Department – Capt Reid

BLUF: Cutler's Sword Competition 18 September 2024.

WHEN – 18 Sept 24

WHERE – Warminster

WHO – Judges - Col Infantry, Capt Reid (OC ASC), WO1 (SnrDMaj) Johnson, WO2 (SnrBMaj) Lewis. **Competitors** – LSgt Mills, LSgt Walker, LSgt Roughton, Cpl Java.

WHAT – Cutlers Sword.

General – On September 18, 2024, the prestigious Cutlers Sword competition unfolded in Warminster, featuring eight talented competitors. This annual event aims to crown the top drummer or bugler in the British Army. This year's competition introduced a slight modification by incorporating a fitness and DCCT segment,

providing a comprehensive assessment of the participants' mental and physical capabilities. It was inspiring to witness the enthusiasm and participation this year, but ultimately, only one could emerge victorious. The title was awarded to LSgt Mills, who excelled in every event and delivered a remarkable performance on his Bb flute. Additionally, LSgt Walker secured third place, showcasing his impressive skills as well.

WHY – The competition is held by the Colonel of Infantry annually to identify the young Regular drummer or bugler who has individually contributed most during the calendar year. He must have shown unusual and exemplary ability and initiative as a drums/bugles musician while performing to the highest standards as an infantry soldier. Originally devised to inspire

and bring on potential senior Drum Majors in the Foot Guards and English and Welsh Line, the competition was extended to bring in the Light Division and Bugle Majors of the future as well. Entry is by Commanding Officer's citation called for in the spring in respect of the previous year. The winner is chosen in the early summer, and he receives his prize, a Drummers Sword (Gilt Fittings) or a Buglers Sword (polished Nickel fittings) as appropriate in November. The sword is uniquely engraved with the winner's name, Regiment and the date, and is thus of some value. The presentation takes place during the Lord Mayor's Show outside the Mansion House in the City of London and the sword generously provided each year by the Worshipful Company of Cutlers, is presented in person by the new Lord Mayor.



LSgt Mills, LSgt Roughton, LSgt Walker and Cpl Java just stepped off for the 2km best effort.
LSgt Mills winning that event.



Competitors with the Colonel of Infantry after all the events.



LSgt Mills receiving the 1st place award from the Colonel of Infantry.



Competitors ready for inspection from the Colonel of Infantry.

ARMY SPORT NORTH TRI EVENT 3



ITC Triathlon

BLUF: ITC Tri bring home the win in Army Sport North.

WHEN – 31 Jul 24

WHERE - Ellerton Lake

WHO - Maj Garrick (IC), Capt Wiley (2IC)

WHAT - ITC Tri participated in Army Sport North Triathlon Event 3, a sprint triathlon hosted

at Ellerton Lake. For many, this was their first time competing in open water, but despite this ITC brought home two category 1st places and three placings in the top ten.

WHY - Representative sport gives ITC staff the opportunity to test themselves outside of their normal working environment

and promote physical fitness and health competition. Army Sport North also gives ITC the opportunity to build and maintain relationships with local units through sporting competition.

RESULTS – of a field of 28 competitors

Name	Sub -Unit	Overall	Category
Sgt Wade	2ITB - Guards	4th	1st - Male Seniors 3. 30-34
Maj Garrick	1ITB - ACoy	7th	2nd - Male Masters 2. 45-49
Cpl Elliot	2ITB - Para	8th	1st - Male. Novice
Cpl Coy	HQ Bn - Gym	12th	2nd - Male. Novice
Cpl Morgans	2ITB - Para	15th	4th - Male. Novice
LCpl Baker	HQ Bn - Gym	20th	5th - Male. Novice



HOOK COY WELFARE ROOM

ITC HQ BN

BLUF: Hook Coy Store changed into a Welfare Facility.

WHEN – 2 Aug 24

WHERE – Wakenshaw Block, Vimy Barracks

WHO – WO2 Catarall, Sjt Ball, Sgt Thompson, Cpl McCarthy

WHAT – A Hook Coy storeroom has been transformed into a Welfare Facility for Functional Skills recruits. The QM's Team organised redecoration, furniture, new electric sockets and flooring and the CO provided funding to purchase welfare equipment.

WHY – Hook Coy manage approx. 200 recruits per year through a 4-week Functional Skills package, predominantly facilitated by civilian educators. The Coy provides the RLS for the recruits and also breaks up the Functional Skills package with a mixture of military training and welfare. With no central meeting room in the accommodation and with welfare opportunities limited, it was thought that a bespoke welfare facility within the Lines would improve cohesion and morale as well as providing recruits the chance to watch the

UK News etc to enhance their understanding of English. The only suitable location available was an old storeroom, but once the decision was taken in Feb to turn the store into a welfare room the Hook Coy team worked with the QM Department to produce a facility where recruits can meet up and relax. So far, the room has been a resounding success and used by recruits to watch videos, be updated on current affairs and for religious meetings. The room is still work in progress and the team will continue to add to the facilities.



INFANTRY TRAINING CENTRE FAMILIES' DAY



Soldier Academy North - Maj Dura

BLUF: ITC Families' day was Organised for Permanent Staff and Their Families.

WHEN – 21 Aug 24

WHERE – Robertson Sports Ground at ITC.

WHO – The event was led by OC Babaji Coy assisted by OICs from 1 ITB, 2ITB and HQ Bn.

WHAT - The annual event was supported by local police, vendors, families of serving

personnel and agencies including Hawker Hunter Aviation Ltd. Main attractions and entertainments included, free food, Hawker fly past, animal farm, magician shows, sports for families and children, Cultural dance, Khukri Pattern show, Doko Race, climbing wall, giant slides, air rifle shoots, Ice cream van and stalls from local restaurants, Mil partners and agencies.

The event was open from 1300 to 1700hrs where more than seven hundred people attended.

WHY – To enhance cohesion and provide entertainment to all Mil, CS and their families in the ITC.



ITC CROSS COUNTRY



ITC PD Department – WO2 (QSMI) Sargent

BLUF: WO1 SMI) McGregor of the Infantry Training Centre Cross Country Team competed in the Tiree Ultra Marathon 2024.

WHEN – Sunday 09th Sept 2024

WHERE – Isle of Tiree (Inner Hebrides – Scotland)

WHO – WO1 (SMI) Donald McGregor

WHAT – The Tiree Ultra Marathon consists of running off road trails, beaches and hill passes

to complete a full circumnavigation of the island covering 35 miles.

The intent was to enhance SMI McGregor’s mental robustness and physical fitness in preparation for an attempt within a 100km race in the 2025 UK Ultra Season.

WHY – Endurance and mental resilience is epitomised within our Values and Standards, it requires discipline, courage and selfless commitment. Winning or losing is not part of the aim, what matters is having the moral courage to attempt the challenge. Everything you want to embody in a Soldier.

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SLIM Coy

BLUF: SLIM Coy Supporting AAA

WHEN – 17/09/24

WHERE – Vimy Barracks

WHO – SLIM Coy/Inf HQ

WHAT – A days programme of various interactive activities such as Weapon stand, DCCT, Walkaround of recruit lines, with circa 70 potential candidates.

WHY – The AAA event is a pan Army recruiting tool that is assisted by Infantry HQ. SLIM Company are the right organisation to deliver this look at life for potential candidates. The SLIM CSM coordinates the activity his team enable potential candidates to have a hands-on experience of what a day in the life of a recruit in training looks like.

The potential candidates get an introduction on the DCCT, handle service weapons and have a walk around the recruit's accommodation. This is a good opportunity for candidates to have interactions with recruits in training to ask questions and get a lived experience in the day-to-day life of a recruit.



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MATTHEW POTTS BSC (HONS) GAMES DEVELOPMENT

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A welcome from Risedale School's new Headteacher Mrs Greenwood

"As the Headteacher of Risedale School, I take pride in working alongside a dedicated community of staff, parents, and governors who are committed to helping our pupils reach their full potential. With the support of the Garrison community, I am confident that we can inspire our young people to achieve great things in their lives. In a rapidly changing world with as many challenges as blessings, our young people need stability, purpose, care, support, direction and the very best teaching possible so that they can achieve their full potential. I am determined that our young people will get these things.

At Risedale we believe in good behaviours that support learning, respect and care for each other regardless of background or belief, and we work to develop these qualities in our young people so that they can become healthy, happy and productive citizens of the future. We aim to develop our pupils' knowledge, expertise and confidence through a broad, balanced and personalised curriculum that excites and engages them and ensures that they leave us with the skills they need to successfully grasp the opportunities the world presents them with. We also enrich this curriculum with varied extra-curricular opportunities and visits.



Our staff foster close relationships with parents, whose support is invaluable - we believe that home and school working together is the key to pupil success. Serving the families of our community and them being proud of the school is important to us, and our special relationship with Catterick Garrison and our military families makes us strive even harder to make our school a place of belonging for all, however long they learn with us. Every pupil, staff member and parent/carer is part of our Risedale Family. We are committed to strong links with other stakeholders including schools, the military and civilian partners, so that Risedale pupils can flourish.

I am proud of our Risedale Family, as are our staff. Our pupils are proud to be Risedale. We welcome visits to the school by parents of prospective pupils at any time where you can see us all at work. If your child is not yet with us, come and see us in action!"

GCSE Results Day 2024

Risedale School celebrates GCSE achievements of Year 11 pupils.

Deputy Headteacher, James Yates, expressed his pride in the Class of 2024 by saying,



"I would like to thank our pupils for their dedication and focus throughout their time at Risedale. Many of our pupils, by the very nature of living in a Garrison, will have encountered multiple settings and the resilience and determination they exhibit are tremendous to behold. The empathy and kindness our pupils display are also wonderful, as they forge deep and meaningful friendships and support networks, helping them navigate life's transitions with confidence during times of uncertainty. Two pupils who exemplify this are lifelong friends, Grace Baker and Grace Hall-Twist, two exceptional pupils with strong futures ahead of themselves."

"I would also like to thank all our fantastic staff for their unwavering dedication and belief in our incredible pupils. The hard work and perseverance they exhibit each day ensure our pupils are leaving Risedale with good grades across a range of academic subjects. More importantly, however, they leave us as well-rounded, respectful, and tolerant young adults. This combination of academic progress and intrinsic values of mutual respect and collaboration, ensures they have a strong platform for their future endeavours."

"Many of our pupils will be proud of their results; however, notable successes include Blake Atkinson, who achieved grade 8s across all 3 Sciences, plus Computer Science and a well-deserved grade 9 in Mathematics. Katie Galloway also showed incredible dedication throughout her studies and achieved grade 8 and 7s across a range of subjects including English, all 3 Sciences, Mathematics and Geography. Special mention also to Masood Dawoodzai who, despite joining the school late in KS4, adapted incredibly well to achieve strong grades in all his subjects – a true role model to the pupils around him."

The Risedale Family congratulates all of its pupils on their GCSE results. We are grateful to our staff for their dedication and commitment to our pupils' success, as well as to the parents and carers who have provided unwavering support and encouragement throughout their children's academic journey. We wish our leavers all the best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

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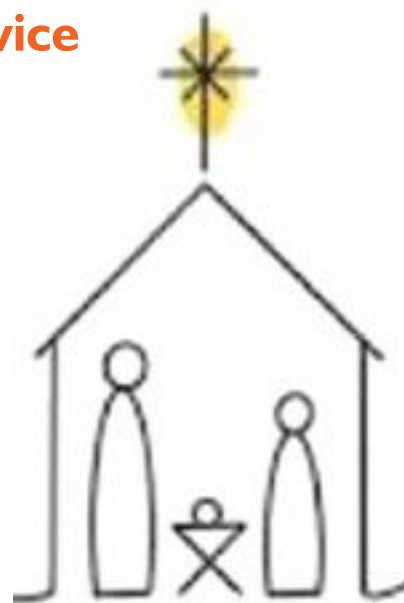
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By Lone Helliwell, Clervaux Fold

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The veterans bring their family members with them, they say the Fold is their 'special place' where they can relax, enjoy the company and learn new crafts. While the guys are outside with wood, the ladies partake in textiles, painting and pottery. Both groups have the choice what they would like to do on the days crafts, it is not set in stone that the lads are outside and the ladies in, it is their day after all.

While the group are busy inside the lads that chose to go out in Greenwood Work, they have made a 3 legged stool, a bench, carved spoons, Mallets, model lighthouses the latest item has been a wooden hammer that will be used for copper beating a bowl.

During the summer the group wanted to give something back to the Fold. One of the veterans has a prosthetic leg and found the walk to Greenwood wood, long. Over a weekend the guys dug a path through a mound of earth to make a short cut for Brian. What a difference this made. They took pity on me and the garden so a

flower bed was made running along the path, the weeding was done and the next job they would like to tackle is a log store that will benefit all once we start lighting the log burner for the winter.

Once a month we are joined by a group of serving personnel from Phoenix House on the Garrison, they work with Chris Helliwell in Greenwood Work making a dibber for the garden or a carving mallet. Every month it is a different group. The feedback is that they are amazed by what can be made from a log. They enjoy the day and lunch is always appreciated. It is freshly cooked organic produce using salad and vegetables from the Clervaux gardens.

It is a great opportunity for the serving personnel to meet with the veterans over lunch and have a chat.

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NEW BOOK LAUNCH: FORGED IN WAR: RIPON CAMP BY ANTHONY PRINCE ILLUSTRATIVE TALK SCHEDULED AT THE LITTLE RIPON BOOK SHOP



By Anthony Price

In early August, Ripon-based author Anthony Prince launched his compelling new book, *Forged in War: Ripon Camp – The Transformation of Place and People in World War One*, at Ripon Library. This enlightening work delves into the untold stories of the soldiers and the profound impact of the largest military camp established in one of Britain's smallest cities.

During the Great War, the small community of Ripon, with its population of just 8,000, played a monumental role in the war effort by hosting over 1,500,000 soldiers from across the globe. This unique relationship fostered a lasting legacy, creating bonds that were truly "Forged in War."

Dr. Peter Liddle FRHistS OBE, a distinguished British historian, commended the book, stating, "An outstanding contribution to both local and national history."

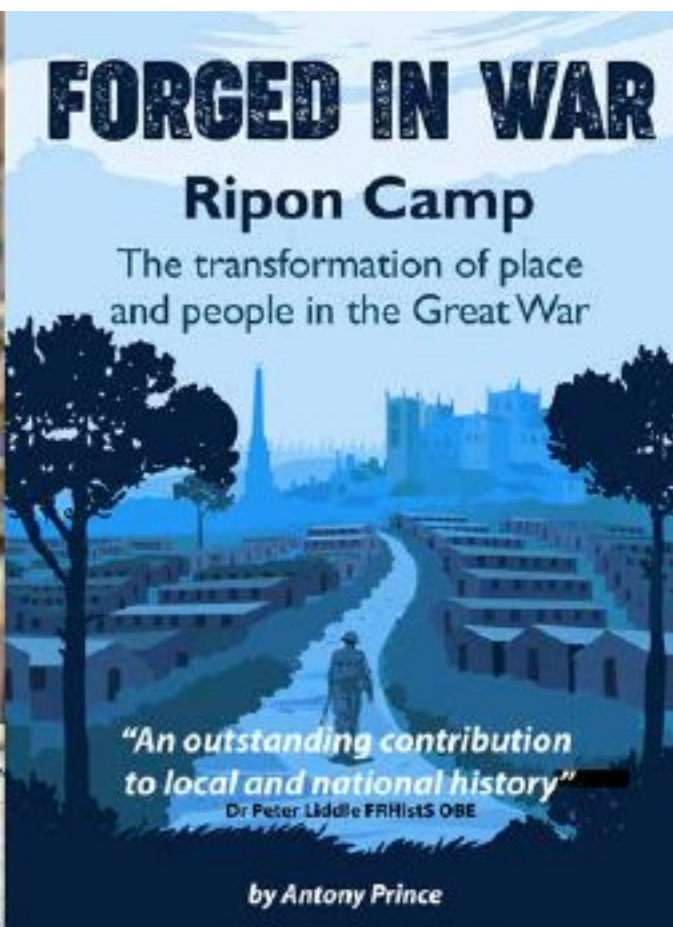
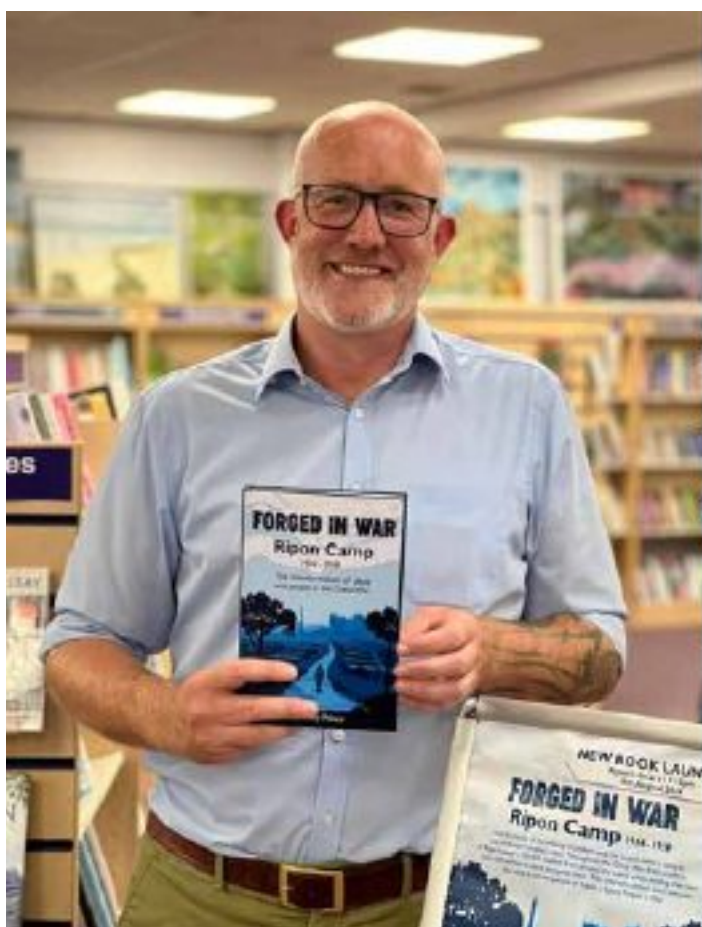
Forged in War provides an in-depth look at how a vast training camp was rapidly established in Ripon, accommodating Kitchener's New Armies with over 40,000 troops. Readers will discover how ordinary men were transformed into soldiers, the establishment of the Khaki University of Canada, and the significance of Ripon as a crucial demobilisation centre processing hundreds of thousands of returning troops.

The book is richly illustrated, featuring over 100 photos, maps, and supporting illustrations that bring to life the personal stories of

transformation experienced by both soldiers and the residents of Ripon. These include memories of Zeppelin attacks, submarine warfare, mutiny in camp and most importantly, the men and women who served.

The book is available on Amazon and The Little Ripon Book Shop or join Anthony Prince for an illustrative talk at book shop on November 14th at 7 PM. Tickets are available on Eventbrite, scan the QR code below. This event promises to be a captivating exploration of Ripon's wartime history and its lasting effects on the community.

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Day 2 saw 56 volunteers arrive to pack in another day of sheer hard work. Teamwork at its best with the whole community simply bonding together to make this project a success. We superseded all expectations by upgrading the whole site with groups of individuals on hands and knees, scrubbing clean memorial stones, weeding, digging with smiles, laughter and the air was full of high moral. It was simply a joy to be a part of such a successful two days. So next year same again???? PLEASE!

I am so proud to work with such a caring community and the visitors who dropped by most of the local residents were beyond impressed, praising the hard work and achievement. So many thank you messages from families and passers-by! The emotions of a lovely lady who came to lay flowers, the emotion of seeing WO2 Upton get the new memorial he deserves in the Garden of Remembrance funded by 5 RA. Many volunteers had friends or relatives here that had motivated their desire to help and seeing these people carefully tend the gravesides washing headstones was wonderful.

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