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The Parachute Regimental Association

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MANY THANKS!

Eight members received our thanks for exceptional service to the branch over the years. Our gratitude took the form of the Royal Cornwall Medal and the awards were made during the branch meeting.

Terry McCourt, Sammy Moynihan, Jim Colquhoun, Bert Stone, Sam Brown, Bobby Esplin, Ken Primrose and Bill Gordon each received their award from Frank Cameron or "Chairman Frank" as he might be known to some who remember his long marches!. Their work on behalf of the branch has furthered our aims to assist our comrades in need as well as our nominated charities.



Christine receives a crystal vase from Frank Cameron

Presentations were also made to Bill and Christine of the RAFA Club for their sterling support over the years. It was a fitting end to our tenure at the Club and a symbol of the friendships created.

Bill received an engraved Pegasus statuette and Christine, an engraved crystal vase and a fine bouquet of flowers. See pictures on page 2.

PRESENTATIONS



Bert Stone



Bill Gordon



Peter Morrison



Bill and Christine

SUPPORT OUR PARAS

25th May 2008

Old Sarum Airfield, Salisbury, Wiltshire. SP4 6DZ



A great day out for all the family in support of A very worthy cause. This is a charitable initiative in support of Her Majesty's Parachute Regiment personnel and their families.

DOORS OPEN AT 09.00

PARKING IS FREE

The event begins with a Drumhead service and Parachute Regiment veterans' march-past at 10.30

TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

SUPPORT OUR PARAS (Patron General Sir Mike Jackson) has been established to raise money for the Central Fund of The Parachute Regiment. The funds raised by SUPPORT OUR PARAS will help Parachute Regiment battalion commanders give immediate assistance to the families of those members of the Parachute Regiment who are casualties of current operations. This is a very valuable source of support: anxiety, confusion and sometimes pride can prevent dependents from seeking help at the time they need it most. The Parachute Regiment is very well placed to identify those in need and step in to help

<http://www.vision-stream.co.uk/sopara/index.htm>.

FESTIVE DINNER



On Thursday 21st December 2007, a special Christmas celebration took place in the Lincoln Inn, Knightswood. Our branch, continuing what is becoming an annual event, treated residents of Erskine Hospital and Knightswood Care Home to a slap-up meal.

Also present were local senior citizens, members of SSAFA-Forces Help and Blairhill Thistle F.C. The proceeds of a raffle were split between SSAFA (£440) and Blairhill Thistle (£400). The evening was a huge success.



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You will not be disappointed!

A farmer named Seamus had a car accident and court, the lorry company's fancy hot shot solicitor was questioning

'Seamus, Didn't you say, to the Garda at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine,?' asked the solicitor.

Seamus responded, 'Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favourite cow, Bessie, into the...'

'I didn't ask for any details', the solicitor interrupted. 'Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!''

Seamus said, 'Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer and I was driving down the road....'

The solicitor interrupted again and said, 'Your Honour, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Garda on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question.'

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Seamus' answer and said to the solicitor, 'I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favourite cow, Bessie'.

Seamus thanked the Judge and proceeded. 'Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favourite cow, into the trailer and was driving her down the road when this huge lorry and trailer came through a stop sign and hit my trailer right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurt, very bad like, and didn't want to move.

However, I could hear old Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans. Shortly after the accident a Garda on a motorbike turned up. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes.

Then the Garda came across the road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, 'How are you feeling?' 'Now what the Hell would you say?'

The soldier stood and faced God, which must always come to pass.

He hoped his shoes were shining, just as bright as his brass.

'Step forward you soldier, how shall I deal with you?'

Have you always turned the other cheek? To my church, have you been true?'

The Soldier squared his shoulders and said, 'No, Lord, I guess I ain't.

Because those of us who carry guns, can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays, and at times my talk was tough.

And sometimes I've been violent, because the World is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny, that wasn't mine to keep. Though I worked a lot of overtime, when the bills just got to steep.

And I never passed a cry for help, though at times I shook with fear.

And sometimes, God forgive me, I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place, among the people here.

They never wanted me around, except to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord, it needn't be so grand.

I never expect or had too much. But if you don't, I'll understand.'

There was silence all around the throne, where the saints had often trod.

As the Soldier waited quietly, for the judgement of his God.

'Step forward now, you Soldier, you've borne your burden well.

Walk peacefully on Heaven streets, you've done your time in hell.'

Anonymous

Diary Dates

JANUARY

15th of March

PoppyScot. Swing Dance *Barrowland*

Burns Supper *Ingliston Equestrian Centre*

6th April

Special General Meeting *Dennistoun*

25th May

Support Our Paras *Old Sarum Airfield*



Her job is to Bitch..
Mine is to give her a reason!

SWING INTO SPRING TIME WITH A GREAT EVENT

Back to The BLITZ Swing Dance

Saturday 15th March '08

7.30pm - midnight

The Barrowlands Ballroom

IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS IN SCOTLAND

Entertainment provided by:

- The Fabulous Frank Curran Dance Band
- The Famous Jiving Lindy Hoppers
- The Glasgow Swing Dance Society
- Regional Radio Dj's sets



As you walk into the sounds of the air raid sirens you will be taken Back to THE BLITZ with the sound of the big band music and dance displays from our team of professional performers. There's something for everyone at this event with music from the 1940's right through to the swinging 60's. Your ration card will entitle you to a great helping of traditional fare provided by some of the finest chefs from the British Army. If you are planning to dress up from the era then our professional photographers will be on hand to capture that magical moment. And don't leave without taking the chance to win some fabulous prizes such as an exciting and invigorating trip on board the world famous racing yacht Arnold Clark, *Drum* (kindly donated by Sir Arnold Clark) and many more.

Individual seats and tables of 10 are available. Tickets are available from:

Lynn Stimpson, [poppyscotland](http://poppyscotland.org.uk) Tel: 0131 550 1542
or email: swingdance@poppyscotland.org.uk



DON'T MISS OUT. BOOK YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

poppyscotland (Earl Haig Fund) is not just a November organisation!

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E-PETITION REPLY

"We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to reverse the decision that members of the Parachute Regiment will not receive parachute training."

Details of Petition:

"No new recruits or even serving members of the Parachute Regiment or airborne forces will be trained in military parachuting from next year until 2011. It will then take a year to get the Army's 2,500 paratroopers up to scratch. The cost-cutting programme is being launched after defence chiefs warned that spiraling costs of complex equipment and the demands of military operations would create a financial "black hole" in the MoD of £868 million by the end of the next year... Tell me it's not true."

The Government's response:

The Government remains firmly committed to maintaining the Armed Forces airborne parachute capability. Reports that parachute training has been suspended or halted are incorrect. Such reports may have been made because of misinterpretation made of a savings measure that was taken in April 2007 that decided to suspend collective parachute training at Battle Group level for the next two years.

While it is true that Battalion strength parachute training has been suspended until March 2009, all individual parachute training, which includes all initial parachute training conducted at Number 1 Parachute Training School, is continuing. Individual training and collective training up to company level strength is also continuing unabated.

BRANCH NEWS

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting will be held at our new location on Sunday 6th April, commencing at 2:30pm. On the agenda are points brought to our attention by James McCrae regarding our constitution and previous auditing.

These need addressing. A full copy of the changes and other points for deliberation will be given to all those who attend.

Committee

The committee elected at the AGM is:

Chairman: Frank Cameron
Vice Chairman: Gordon Bonar
Secretary: Terry McCourt
Treasurer: Jim Collins
Welfare Secretary: Sammy Moynihan
Memb. Secretary: Matt Mulligan
Quartermaster: Jim Colquhoun
Fundraiser: Denis McCormack

If you can manage to attend any of the locations listed below, even for 1 hour that would be a great help to the few that constantly attend. The *regular* collectors could then have a lunch break.

If for some reason you cannot attend then why not show your support for the fundraising department by placing a branch collection can in your local pub, club etc. You can also make a personal donation to the branch in the form of cash or a gift for the raffle, if you like. As you can see from the list above, it all goes to good causes, to name but a few. Any questions should be directed to Denis McCormick. Please note these collection dates in your diary:

QUEEN STREET STATION

9th Feb, 12th April, 7th June, 1st Nov

CENTRAL STATION

9th Feb, 15th March, 9th Aug, 20th Dec, 30th Dec

IKEA /BRAEHEAD RETAIL PARK

8th March, 5th April

Sehestedt

Anyone wishing to take part in the Sehestedt visit this year should give their name to Jim Carey. Those who have previously visited will be saddened at the news of the death of Ottie's brother.

Tommy Dingwall

The Branch was asked to provide a guard of honour at Tommy Dingwall's funeral on Monday 31 December at Daldowie crematorium. Twelve members and standard bearers attended.

Fundraising 2008

We have four main charities this year and following years as long as we have the funds and the branch agrees. They are:

- **ERSKINE HOSPITAL**
- **THE PRA**
- **TULLOCHAN TRUST**
- **SSAFA-FORCES HELP**

David Martin

David Martin, a life member of the Central Branch and a past President passed away on Saturday 12th January 2008. A service was held at Falkirk Crematorium with standards from Central branch, Dundee branch and Lothian branch along with the Saltire performed a guard of honour. Sixty members from various branches also at-

tended and a reading of David's past was read by Wallace McKee whilst the Airborne prayer was read by Terry McCourt. The minister performing the service acknowledged the professionalism of the Standard Bearers. David will be missed by many people throughout the branches north and south of the border.

Museum

A museum is being created in Sehestedt, Germany to commemorate those killed on that fateful night in 1974 during **EXERCISE. BOLD GUARD**. We are asking for any military clothing or information in the form of photographs or newspaper items relating to this tragedy. If anyone can help please contact the QM, Jim Colquhoun (Tel: 07768 268 698).

Old Flanders House

A tour of the new premises has been arranged for Saturday 22nd March 2008, commencing at 1pm. If you are interested then contact the Branch Secretary (0141 954 1213). Spaces are limited.

Anniversary

John and Peggy Bryson celebrated sixty nine years of marriage on Sunday 17th February 2008. Congratulations and best wishes from all!

Blessing

There will be a blessing of the Glasgow Branch Standard of the Royal Highland Fusiliers Association in Glasgow Cathedral on Sunday 4th May. Our branch has been kindly invited to attend. Dress is as for Armistice Day and attendees must be seated by 10.45 hrs. Terry wishes to remind those attending that our branch meeting is on the same day, so please be mindful of the requirement to show disci-

pline regarding the matter of imbibing alcoholic beverages (actually he said, "...don't get pissed...").

Burns Supper

A Burns Supper will take place at Ingliston Equestrian Centre on the 15th of March in aid of Erskine Hospital. A good evening with an excellent meal is envisioned. The tickets are priced £25. If you would like to attend then please contact Terry McCourt.

Welcome Home!

It was good to see one of the *old and bold* at the last meeting. Big Jim Carr, alias the "Scarlet Pimpernel" has arrived here in Glasgow as the new PSI of 205 Field Hospital, based in Govan. He has already picked up the reigns of his new job very quickly as he already knows how many sugars WO2 Andy Scott takes in his brews (are you looking for promotion Carsie)?

New Members

A warm welcome to the following on joining the Branch:

John Rae Mc Keown

3rd Kings Hussars (attached 6 Airborne Div).

Didier Louis

French Para Brigade.



Cpl. Terry McCourt Jnr. of 2 PARA, son of our secretary is in the foreground of this photograph from the Support Our Paras website (see page 2). It also features in the February page of the Regimental Calendar 2008

THE RIFLE THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN!

By Max R. Popenker

Calibre: 7x43 mm (.280 British)
Action: Gas operated
Overall length: 889 mm
Barrel length: 623 mm
Weight: 3.41 kg (empty magazine)
Rate of fire: 450 - 600 rounds per minute (depends on source)
Magazine capacity: 20 rounds



EM-1 prototype assault rifle

The history of the British EM-2 (Experimental Model-2) assault rifle is interesting and somewhat pitiful story. The EM-2 was born as a result of the experience with small arms, gained during the Second World War. It was obvious that the modern warfare will require the infantry to be armed with light, selective fire weapon with effective range of fire much longer than of submachine gun, but shorter than of conventional semi-automatic or bolt action rifles.

This requirement effectively led to the development of the various "intermediate" cartridges. The first power to adopt this concept was the Germany, which issued in limited numbers the selective-fire weapons with intermediate cartridge (7.92x33mm Kurz) since 1942. The Soviet Union was the second to this case, developing its own intermediate cartridge in 1943 and began issuing weapons for it on limited basis since 1944 and on large scale since 1949. Great Britain also felt the need to replace both Sten submachine guns and SMLE No.4 bolt-action rifles with more modern equipment. The research and experience clearly showed that it is entirely possible to replace both of these weapons with single new weapon, with effective range of fire of no more than 1000 yards and with selective-fire capability. This weapon, of course, required a new cartridge, which was developed after extensive research and development. This cartridge, an "ideal" from British point of view, was of .280 calibre (7mm) and had a bottlenecked case 43 mm

long. The pointed bullet weighted 9.08 g (140 grains) and had muzzle velocity of about 745 m/s (2445 fps). The rough comparison of this round against other most common modern cartridges can be found in the table below. Basically, this cartridge offered significant advantage in effective range and penetration against not only 9x19mm Luger pistol cartridge, but also against 7.92x33mm Kurz German and 7.62x39mm Soviet intermediate cartridges, producing slightly more recoil, which was still significantly less than of .303 British rifle cartridge or latter 7.62x51mm NATO cartridge. This cartridge immediately attracted the attention of the Belgian company Fabrique Nationale, which at the same time worked on the advanced version of their SAFN-49 rifle. Canada also showed significant interest in this cartridge.

Having the "ideal" cartridge on hands, both Britain and Belgium began to develop its own assault rifles. The Belgian part of the story will be covered in the FN FAL article elsewhere on this site, and the British part goes right here. The Royal Small Arms Factory (RSAF) at Enfield Lock began to develop its new assault rifle in the late 1940s. The design team was led by the LTC Edward Kent-Lemon and Stefan Janson. New prototype rifles were called the EM-1 and EM-2 (Experimental Model 1 and 2) and were of similar layout and dimensions, being different mostly in shape details and controls. Both rifles were of bullpup layout, that means that the maga-

zine and the barrel chamber are located behind the trigger-guard and pistol handle. It must be noted that these rifles were not the first ever built in the bullpup layout - I know about at least one bolt action bullpup rifle dated back to post-WW1 period. The EM-2 attracted more attention, being slightly less futuristic in appearance.

It was a very well balanced and laid out rifle, with comfortable controls, accurate and reliable. In 1951 the

EM-2 rifle was nominally adopted for British service as "Rifle, Automatic, calibre .280, Number 9 Mark 1". Had it been put into service, the British troops could have a first class assault rifle prior to 1960, but due to the NATO standardisation issues Britain followed the USA and adopted the overpowered American 7.62x51mm cartridge instead of more promising .280, and EM-2 simply could not be easily rebuilt for this round. So, the Brits had to adopt another design, but this is also another story.

There's also some rumours that infamous British SA80 / L85 assault rifle, introduced in 1980s, was based on the EM-2 design. It is not true, since the crappy L85 has nothing in common with EM-2 except for general external "bullpup" layout.

The EM-2 rifle is a gas operated, magazine fed, selective fire rifle. It uses gas system with long piston stroke, located above the barrel. The locking system is generally similar to one found in the WW2-period German Gew.43 or in the Soviet Degtyarov DP-27 machine gun (but turned back to front). Bolt locks into the receiver by two flaps, that are pivoted at their rear to

extend out of the bolt and into the locking recesses in the receiver walls. Flaps are controlled by the firing pin sleeve, coaxially located inside the hollow bolt, and the sleeve is in turn connected to the gas piston rod by the projection on the rod. The recoil spring is located at the rear part of the gas piston, above the bolt. When

the gun is fired, the hot power gases cause the gas piston to go to the rear. This movement first causes

the firing pin sleeve to retract within the still stationary bolt, causing the locking flaps to be withdrawn from locking recesses and into the bolt. As soon as the bolt is unlocked, it begin to move back against the pressure of the return spring, ejecting the spent case and feeding the fresh round into the chamber on its return into the

battery. EM-2 fires from closed bolt all the time.

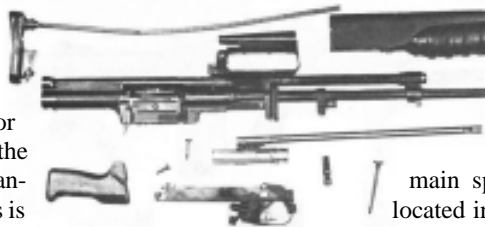
The firing mechanism is striker-fired, with the main spring and the sear located in the bolt. The sear is located at the bottom of the bolt and is

operated by the long trigger lever, connected to the trigger. In general, this was somewhat complicated but very dust-proof, reliable and neat design.

The cocking handle is located at the right side of the weapon, on the front part of the gas piston rod, and can be removed when gun is disassembled. The safety switch is located at the front of the trigger-guard and is similar in operation to one found in M1 Garand or M14 rifles, and the fire selector is of cross-bolt push-button type, and located above the pistol handle. All controls are easily reachable with firing hand. The furniture (pistol handle and fore- end) is



EM-2 assault rifle, officially adopted in Britain as Rifle, Automatic, No.9 Mk.1 but never put into service. Note that the backup sights are in raised po-



EM-2 disassembled into major components

made from wood, the butt-plate is attached to the receiver directly and can be easily removed for field-stripping. EM-2 was fitted with optical sights, mounted on the integral carrying handle as standard. Optical sights were non-adjustable, and range adjustment capability was built into the aiming reticule picture. The emergency (backup) iron sights were also



fitted - rear folding peep-hole (diopter) sight was attached to the left side of the carrying handle, and the folding front post sight was mounted on the left side of the gas block.

Cartridges from left to right:
 British experimental .280 (7x43mm) cartridge for EM-2;
 Soviet 7.62x39mm M43;
 US/NATO 5.56x45mm (.223 Rem);
 US/NATO 7.62x51mm (.308 Win).

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	5.56x45mm NATO	7x43mm EM-2	7.62x51mm NATO	7.62x39mm M43
bullet weight	4.01 g (62 gr)	9.08 g (140 gr)	9.72 g (150 gr)	7.9 g (122 gr)
bullet velocity, at muzzle	921 m/s	745 m/s	860 m/s	710 m/s
bullet velocity, at 273 m	585 m/s	570 m/s	674 m/s	470 m/s
bullet velocity, at 500 m	385 m/s	450 m/s	516 m/s	341 m/s
bullet energy, at muzzle	1700 J	2519 J	3594 J	1991 J
bullet energy, at 273 m	686 J	1475 J	2207 J	872 J
bullet energy, at 500 m	297 J	919 J	1294 J	460 J
Comment	Present NATO round	Rejected round	Adopted round	Soviet round

Comparison table: British .280 calibre intermediate cartridge vs. most common modern military cartridges ballistic data is *estimated* using Norma ballistic calculator and Sierra Bullets data on ballistic coefficients.

Many thanks to Max. R Popenker, Russia, for permission to reproduce this article from his website: <http://world.guns.ru> We added the title.

Have your say!

The original SA80 (L85A1) rifle came in for a lot of criticism for its many failings although most soldiers seem to find the improved version (L85A2) a good weapon. The U.S. M16 was also severely criticised when first introduced and went through numerous modifications until the present weapon which still receives criticism for deficiencies in reliability. One problem continually complained about is the (lack of) stopping power of the 5.56mm round used in both weapon systems.

As Max R. Popenker's table shows, the EM-2's 7mm round did not have the stopping power of the NATO adopted 7.62mm round although for a lighter round it was very potent. It did not have the weight saving gain of the later (present) NATO 5.56mm round but it had much better penetration and stopping power and like the SA80 would have negated the requirement for the 9mm Sterling submachine gun. The EM-2 was lighter (as was the ammunition) and shorter than the much-respected SLR whose length was sometimes a drawback. A 7mm belt-fed machine gun based on the Bren gun was also prototyped to replace both the Vickers and Bren guns, thus ensuring only one ammunition nature would be required. Did we miss out on a good weapon system?



Taden belt-fed 7mm machine gun (X11E2) seen in light role (above) and sustained fire role (right).

FROM ACROSS THE POND

U.S. MILITARY HUMOUR



One has to love the sense of humour of some of our U.S. cousins. Imagine the effect on Afghan insurgents when they see this huge hawk above bearing down on them!

It is likely that they would wish to seek some substantial cover.

The chopper below might have the opposite effect, causing them to stop in the hope of seeing a little more. Look at the camouflage design closely!



THE U.S. AIRBORNE CREED

I am an Airborne trooper! A PARATROOPER!

I jump by parachute from any plane in flight. I volunteered to do it, knowing well the hazards of my choice. I serve in a mighty Airborne Force--famed for deeds in war--renowned for readiness in peace. It is my pledge to uphold its honour and prestige in all am--in all I do.

I am an elite trooper--a sky trooper--a shock trooper--a spearhead trooper. I blaze the way to far-flung goals--behind, before, above the foe's front line.

I know that I may have to fight without support for days on end. Therefore, I keep mind and body always fit to do my part in any Airborne task. I am self-reliant and unafraid. I shoot true, and march fast and far. I fight hard and excel in every art and artifice of war.

I never fail a fellow trooper. I cherish as a sacred trust the lives of men with whom I serve. Leaders have my fullest loyalty, and those I lead never find me lacking.

I have pride in the Airborne! I never let it down!

In peace, I do not shrink the dullest of duty not protest the toughest training. My weapons and equipment are always combat ready. I am neat of dress--military in courtesy--proper in conduct and behaviour.

In battle, I fear no foe's ability, nor under-estimate his prowess, power and guile. I fight him with all my might and skills--ever alert to evade capture or escape a trap. I never surrender, though I be the last.

My goal in peace or war is to succeed in any mission of the day--or die, if needs be, in the try.

I belong to a proud and glorious team--the Airborne, the Army, my Country. I am its chosen pride to fight where others may not go--to serve them well until the final victory.

I am the trooper of the sky! I am my Nation's best! In peace and war I never fail. Anywhere, anytime, in anything --

I AM AIRBORNE!

THE U.K. PARA CREED

Can I eat it? Can I drink it? Can I have sex with it? Can I shoot it? No? *Then what bloody use is it?*

CAN YOU HELP?

Best Friend

Jack Browning who served with 2 PARA Signals Platoon in Egypt 1951/53, is trying to contact his best friend whose name is **Roy Halkerston**. The spelling of Roy's name may not be correct. He lived in Glasgow but his address is not known. Can you help?

Tunisia 1942

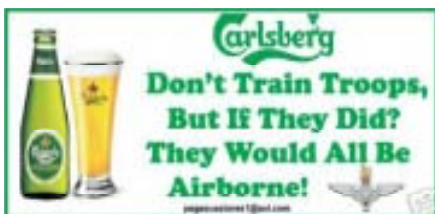
A Belgian military historian, **Mr. T. Vanhassel**, is looking for survivors from this campaign. If you took part or know anyone who took part could you let either Davie Howie (Editor) or Terry (Secretary) know.

John Derek Shaw McFarlane

I am hoping to get in touch with any members of Central Scotland PRA who may have known John Derek Shaw McFarlane ex 1 PARA and 15 PARA. He died on Tuesday 19th February 2008 after a long and valiant battle with cancer. His funeral was on Wednesday 27th February 2008 at 1530 hrs at Clydebank Crematorium. He was very proud of his service with the Parachute Regiment and although he lost touch with many comrades, he still thought of them... particularly, Frank Cameron, Stewart Turner and Bill Brooks whom he served with in 15 PARA.

I will miss him greatly,
Yours,

Andrew McFarlane (ex 15/4 PARA LT
536583 1990-1994)



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LAST POST



Tommy Dingwall

David Martin

John Derek Shaw McFarlane

May the defence of the Most High be above and beneath, around and within us, in our going out and in our coming in. In our rising up and in our going down, through all our days and all our night, until the dawn when the Son of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings for all the peoples of the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

*The Parachute Regiment
&
Airborne Forces Collect*

If you have any stories, photographs, etc., please e-mail or post direct to the editor or hand to Terry McCourt.

Some items may require editing to fit the space available. If photos, disks, etc., are posted then please include a SAE. Computer images should, if possible, be saved in TIF or GIF format.

Please include details, names what is happening etc. along with images, as the editor is as bone as femur on growth hormones.

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