



Ad Unum Omnes

From the Secretary – Maj (Retd) PA Raison



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Please see below the monthly news from RHQ PARA. If you have anything you would like to promote in this please send submissions by the 25th of each month to the Secretary at secretary@prahq.com

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A. Regimental Calendar 2018

The Regimental calendar for 2018 is filling up fast. Please keep an eye on it for an update on events taking place this year. If you have an event that is not advertised, please let me know. It is vital that we advertise any forthcoming Branch and Regional events in order to encourage people to attend. There are a number of Branches that are organising trips to various events already, which is great to see. Please pass on the details to any events in your area to friends and families.

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B. Branch Closure

I am sad to report that the Darlington Branch of the Association has closed due to low numbers. The remaining Members are not lost though and will be joining forces with other branches in their area. I would like to thank JJ Wilson for his support as Branch Secretary. The good news is that we have received enquiries in regards to starting a branch in Brecon, Wales. The number of branches currently stands at 77.

C. British Airborne Pilgrimages 2018

Tours International are the preferred supplier of Airborne Commemoration Pilgrimages for RHQ PARA and will be providing Pilgrimage Tours in 2018 to the Anniversaries for the Battles of the Ardennes, Normandy and Arnhem.

Free places are available for Airborne Veterans and Widows of WW2 Veterans returning to the theatre in which they fought. This is very kindly funded by the Airborne Forces Security Fund. The following combinations qualify for the places:

Veteran and Spouse	- 2 people
Veteran and Carer	- 2 people
Veteran, Spouse and Carer	- 3 people
Widow(er) and Carer	- 2 people.

Those who qualify and are travelling with Tours International will receive the subsidy through the Tour Operator. Those travelling independently will be required to claim the subsidy through RHQ PARA. Tours International can be contacted on: 01892 515825 or resv@tours-international.com

It is a condition of booking that adequate holiday insurance is obtained and is a condition of booking with Tours International. Everyone attending commemorations abroad must ensure they have a valid E111 Card in addition to valid travel insurance.

D. Charity Commission News

The Charity Commission News is a quarterly newsletter, which provides essential information for charity trustees and their advisers. This is vital reading for any trustee within the Branches and provides a wealth of information on new ways in which to boost charity funds for organizations of all sizes. There are some interesting articles on digital collection methods. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/charity-commission-news>

E. Welfare Process

The Regimental Welfare team at RHQ PARA is here to assist any member of the Parachute Regiment or Airborne Forces in need. The process is designed to ensure transparency and provide an audit trail for any assistance given, which is a lawful requirement. The first part of the process must be initiated by a SSAFA or RBL caseworker. They will complete Form 'A' which is then submitted to the Regimental Welfare Team. They will then allocate funds from the Regimental Charities as required. The following numbers are very useful and should be used if you do not know your local SSAFA or RBL office number:

SSAFA Helpline: 0800 731 4880

RBL Helpline: 0808 802 8080

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Any Branch that requires assistance from the Regimental Welfare Team can call them on: 01206 817102 or see the website for details.

F. Newsletter Articles

The format and content of the monthly newsletter is aimed at all members and provides Branches with an opportunity to advertise or present events and information that would be of interest to all members. If you have any information that you would like to put forward to the newsletter please email the Secretary at: secretary@prahq.com. If you have

G. Last Post Information

The names and details of all Airborne Veterans that we are notified about are published in the Pegasus Magazine. At the moment we are receiving this information from a variety of sources, that is often not complete. Our limited resources and lack of staff are seriously hindering the confirmation process. It is therefore vital that all those who notify this HQ of the death of one of our veterans provide the information below:

First Name
Last Name
Known As
Date of Birth
Date of Death
Brief Service History/Rank/Regiment/Battalion

Without this information we cannot confirm the identity of the individual or publish the details in Pegasus. We have no wish to upset the families or colleagues of our lost veterans, who are very keen to see their relative's military service in print. The support of all members in this matter is greatly appreciated.

H. Pegasus Articles

The deadline for Pegasus articles for the Yearbook 2017 has now passed. All Branches are requested to provide any future articles or information to Lisa as and when they become available, in order to meet the deadline. These can be sent by post or email to: lisa@pegajournal.org

I. Pegasus Journal Subscription

Pegasus is the Regimental Journal of the Parachute Regiment and is published three times a year with two journals and one YEARBOOK.

Subscription Rates:	UK	-	£20
	Europe	-	£26
	Rest of World	-	£26 Overseas Surface Mail (approx. 6-8 weeks delivery) or £32 Airmail (approx. 5 days delivery)

To receive your journals please contact Lisa at: lisa@pegajournal.org call 01206 817088. Online membership is available at: www.pegajournal.org

J. Standard Bearer Training

There will be a course of instruction for Standard Bearers held in Croydon, over the period 17/18 Feb 18. Anyone within easy daily travelling distance is invited to attend. Peter Richens, the Regional Secretary for the South has kindly offered his services. Opportunities to conduct similar training for present or future Standard Bearers in other locations, will be explored following this trial. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Peter Richens: peter.richens219@btinternet.com

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K. Do You Know Him?

In the Royal British Legion’s magazine for Jan 2018, page 63 under ‘Lost Track’ and there is a request from a Mr V Short, seeking information about ex WO2 George Short who served in 4 Para (V) in 1974. There was an accompanying B&W photo showing 4 pax, including one other WO2 which is too small and grainy to use. If anyone has any details regarding WO2 George Short they are requested to get in touch with Mr SV Short: The address is given as Enrique Del Piano 1828-103, Providencia, Santiago, Chile. Unfortunately, we do not have an email address.

L. RHQ Staff Photograph

For all those that remember RHQ as a large organisation I have included a copy of the latest staff photograph.


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Sgt G. Abols, N. Urbaniak, W. George, Dr R. Kemp, L. Waller, H. Edwards, R. Airey, S. Stead, G. Appleton, Capt S. Getty
 J. Weymouth, L. McPhilemy, Maj (Retd) P. Raison, Maj (Retd) A. Jowett, Lt Col (Retd) P. Rodgers, Lt Col B. Radbourne, Capt N. Perlaki, B. Durston, S. Cooper, C. Donnelly, J. Baker

Since this photograph was taken we have recently seen the departure of Lt Col Bruce Radbourne, who many of you will know. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Regimental Lt Col and Chairman of the PRA, Lt Col Liam Cradden MBE. Julia Weymouth has departed on maternity leave, as has the Regimental Treasurer Charlotte Donnelly. In her place, we welcome John Palmer-Barnes, who will be looking after our accounts. Finally, Dr Rob Kemp has departed for pastures new and is wished well in his new career.

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EVENTS

The events calendar on the website has been updated. Here is a selection of forthcoming events:

M. Pass out Parades (POP)

The next Pass Out Parades are as follows:

796 Arnhem Platoon	Friday 23 February 18
797 Bruneval Platoon	Friday 27 April 18
798 Breville Platoon	Friday 29 June 18
799 Athens Platoon	Friday 3 August 18
800 Normandy Platoon	Friday 19 October 18
801 Tamera Platoon	Friday 16 November 18
802 Arnhem	Friday 14 December 18

The parades take place at Helles Barracks, Catterick. Please ensure that you make contact with ITC Catterick prior to attending as cancellations do occur with minimum notice given.

N. Commemoration Dates for 2018/2019

For planning purposes please note the future dates for Commemorations:

Ardennes

2018 23-26 Mar

Normandy

2018 5-7 Jun

Arnhem

74 th	2018	21-23 Sep
75 th	2019	20-22 Sep

O. Diary Dates

24 Feb 18	Glider Pilot Regiment Memorial Service	Tilshead, Wiltshire	
1-5 Mar 18	1 PARA Reunion arthur1para@outlook.com	Blackpool	POC: Arthur Mullander Mob: 07747 155261
2-5 Mar 18	2 PARA Reunion david.singletery@ntlworld.com	Blackpool	POC: Dave Singletary Mob: 07940 576977
16-19 Mar 18	3 PARA Reunion 3parareunionclub.co.uk	Blackpool	
13 May 18	Memorial Service	Hardwick Hall, Chesterfield	
20 May 18	PARAs 10	Colchester	
23 Jun 18	Regimental Commemoration Day PRA AGM	National Memorial Arboretum	

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6 Jul 18	WO & Sgts Mess Past and Present	Aldershot
7 Jul 18	ABF South	Whale Island, Portsmouth

**Details of all these events and others are available on the Web Page at
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