

AGM kicks of the coming year with a bang!

The New Group starts its life with its first ever AGM. The day before the Stoneliagh Militaria fair. The meeting went well, all topics were discussed, future planned, recruiting sorted, recruits rules dealt with and one member removed from the rosta. The new group being founded on the basis that everyone is equal and we are a team and therefore act as such. Despite being a new group, we have to be thankful for our origins. The group originally founded by Cindy and Tony the two unit Co's. Everyone was given the new membership forms, not everyone took them too seriously, nor handed them in. For those who did thank you. You have all been issued with Army Serial Numbers and those are up on the website page. So expect to be asked soon about if you want dog-tags or not that'll match all the details you provided. More on those later in this issue After the AGM we sat and waited for food... sadly the BK that arrived was frankly appalling, not only did the driver not have a clue where the hotel was, but the fries were inedible! Luckily the evenings entertainment soon made us forget about the terrible food. Although getting into the dance was about as convoluted as possible. From the backwards queuing system to people all paying different amounts to get entry! However despite that nonsense, nobody searched our pockets or bags, so enough alcohol to start our own brewery was smuggle in and happily consumed... in fact we took so much in that it wasn't even possible to drink it all! My personal highlight was Tony moving a chair he leant on by about an inch to then see Paddy go to lean on

it again, but just missing it and almost going arse over tit! The next morning, some of us were up earlier than others! I got in on the early ticket in an plan to obtain an M1 Garand, failing that an M3 Grease Gun. Expecting to pay about £1500 for the Garand. Luckily for me, my plan paid off by getting in early and I went to the far corner of the first hall and purchased an M1 Garand and an M3 Grease Gun for under £1300 for the pair! So I ended up then buying a whole load of items to put on display at events. Including a Denix Stg44... just for the hell of it! Eventually a couple of hours later, I finally bumped into other members of the group, it would seem everyone else wasn't in as much of a rush to go shopping as I was!



Up coming display items planned.

After the public's deep interest in the items that were on display at the Victory show, it was clear this is something that the group needs to concentrate on more. It was Conan's ration and food display that really got the public interacting with us. So hopefully we can see more of that at future shows. I have been purchasing items to build a display something similar to the one in the wartime photo above. The US Army put on many training displays like this one to education soldiers bound for Europe in the explosives that they may come across. Covering US and items and those being used by the Germans and the British. Signs have been made and I'm purchasing items as fast as I can... if only the postman could deliver them as fast as I could keep on ordering them.

Recruiting new troopers and its benefits

Recruiting has began over many Facebook groups and some followers of mine have been kindly enough to also help share them around too. We have a potential 4 new recruits coming to the first show of the season, or at least that's correct at time of print. So with all the new rules bashed out in regards to new recruits at the AGM. These have been passed onto the potential recruits and met with positive results. Despite not even having met one of these new troopers he has already recruited his own potential recruit! If you can recruit someone and they become a paid up member, then you'll get 50% off your yearly membership for a year. Recruit two and the year is free! This only applies once they turn from a recruit to a paid up member! This bonus is not available for officers, officers should already be promoting the group and looking for more members as part of their role of having rank. The group really needs to start having all officers work for the rank they have! It's not all about having pretty insignia on a uniform.

Rules & Membership regulations forms & dogtags

I know, by the headline that this will probably be the least appealing section of this edition. However, plodding along in the background, behind the scenes is the forming of a group rule and regulation book that also encompasses a mission statement about the group.

guide new members into what to buy, how to act and how to get promoted. It will clearly outline what will get you removed from the group, resolving issues where we could get caught in a do we don't see will guide people and it won't be a surprise when they are pulled up on something. One member was recently removed from the group and

the website. This manual will also cover everything about the uniforms and weapons. Grenades and mines. Also everything from training to hygiene inspections! Yes that will soon become a thing. 1940's soldiers would have been inspected for any dirt under finger nails and holes in socks. So start turning out as expected, or I'm sure the inspecting officers will find you something to do as means of punishment. Enjoy.

There is also a group manual being created. This will have all the rules set in stone. Then we all know what is expected of them, helps

Can all members who haven't completely a membership form please fill one out and return it too me; or email me with the details and I will fill one out for you.

issued an Army Serial Number and that will be on the website. If you have given me the rest of your details properly and didn't make a joke of filling out the form, then your tags are ready to your address on file, No address on record, then no postage option for you!

For those that have filled the form out, our newspapers will be emailed to you, you'll have been

For all those wanting dog-tags to be made in the correct

Mobile Bunker under construction

The group agreed at the AGM that a mobile bunker will be constructed and taken to events. For those who attended the Victory Show you may have seen the German bunker that was opposite some of Compton's vehicles. That'll give you some sort of idea what the plan is, 1st Sgt Easson is in charge of construction and is currently searching for a trailer to use as a base. I'm not too clued

up in the construction or plans, but I'm pretty sure he's after a twin axle. So if you know of any going free/cheap then let him know. The inside will be used like a store room to keep display equipment. Once at the shows the skirt will be put in the place, hiding the wheels and space underneath. Once all the display equipment is removed, it gives a great place for 1st Lt Byrne Mg42 to be all set up and functioning.

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3rd Auxiliary Surgical Group

The website is even half always having that! This content book is a added to it. I complete started history from reading more the first of the book moment that “Front Line Surgeons”, the unit was formed, when written by I say formed, Clifford it was only a Graves who unit on paper with a commander commander of the 3rd Aux during the war. The commander had no idea the book is a even what an fairly big thing for a unit history of Surgical’ unit such an did or was! unknown So after unit. In fact if being given printed, it the run would be 400 around to pages! A staggering different size for even sites, the 3rd the most Aux was famous and exciting of units. The together... 101st unit although it history from was more a ww2 is not case of they

begged, borrowed and stole everything they needed as they were not issued anything and so were always on the scrounge. I started to type up the more important parts of the units history. At the moment the website only includes as far I took my metal detector. A few trips later revealed a US Medical Corps spoon. However until looking into the 3rd Aux I never knew why it was almost next to there. There is no detail anywhere about how was old Edwardian station there except for the Canadian Army very briefly.

and it wasn't a pleasant experience for the men barracked there. The women faired a little better in the newly constructed wooden huts just up the road at Slade Camp at the bottom of Shotover Hill. This camp was the first ever place that I took my metal detector. A few trips later revealed a US Medical Corps spoon. However until looking into the 3rd Aux I never knew why it was almost next to there. There is no detail anywhere about how was old Edwardian station there except for the Canadian Army very briefly.



Submissions... Wanted!

yes, believe it or not, but this group broadsheet isn't all about what I want to ramble on about in the hope that you'll want to read my nonsensical ramblings!

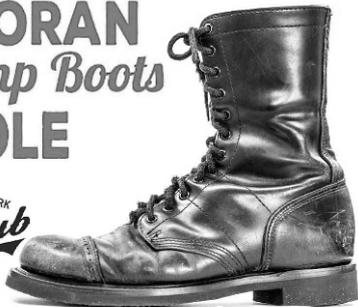
Feel free to write something in fact and I will put it in print... albeit virtual print! After even reports, how about yourself and how you got into reenacting, what you've recently purchased that others may be interested in, book recommendat ion that are relevant to the hobby.

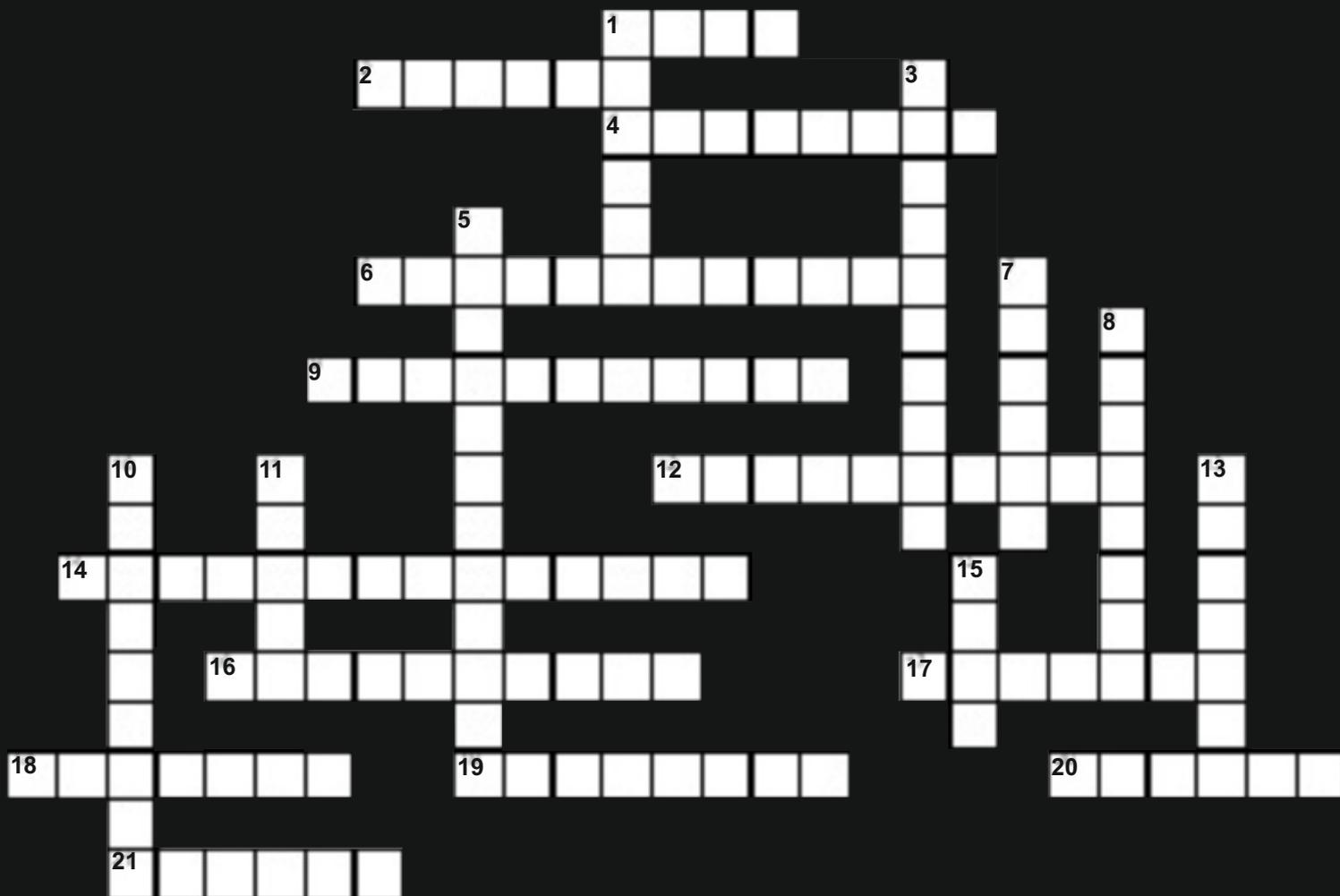
Signage...

As well as the 502 sign team have put in a request, so I started Googling for wartime photos of US Mess halls and signage. Wow there is a lot of rubbish out there! I forget how much rubbish is online, especially when you include the word MESS in your search parameters.

CORCORAN
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RESOLE

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Crossword # 1

1 across, The A in PIAT

1 down, dressing to impress

2, John's rifle's magazine system

3, Colours of Service (German)

4, The first man onto French soil during Operation Overlord

5, Our brothers in arms/competitive rivals

6, German Navy

7, Hitler expected the invasion

8, Wooden box with a banging finish

9, Always in search of thoroughfares

10, ___ & Matterhorn Company that supplied us with the very best!

11, Disney's aquatic fuel carrier

12, German anti tank device

13, Replaced the Doughboy pack

14, Black tips!

15, State of Invasion

16, Secure shipping crates for the soul (soles)

17, US Film star giving us the big busty look

18, Looks like chocolate, consistency of concrete and tastes like sawdust

19, WW1 US Soldiers

20, Rebecca likes to listen to this

21, Bowling term on the DI

Answers in next issue. First to complete it with correct answers gets bragging rights!

MALTESERS FOR YOU!

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ALSO IN 6th BOXES

SIMPLY BAGS OF NOURISHMENT

These little, round chocolate bubbles have centres of a light, crisp, honeycomb texture which crumble in the mouth with a perfectly delicious walty flavour. They are coated with rich milky chocolate in just the right amount to avoid over-sweetness and give the finishing touch that makes Maltesers irresistible!

LOST

The ability to know left from right. Previous owner, the 502nd needs this back urgently

Contact Lt Mackay



Jump wings for all The unnamed

Great news 502nd troopers! All troopers can now wear jump wings on their A-Class and there M42. Strongly prefer them M42 jump wings to be made of cloth and not the metal type. The metal ones will also drive you crazy, get caught on things, snag and the 'ballou' clasps will fall off resulting in you being stabbed in the chest! For those who want these cloth wings, they are not that easy to find, but they about. Should you not be

able to find any, then please get in touch and I will see if I can work some magic and locate you some. Luck would have it that I just purchased a small lot of original WW2 Airborne insignia, including a cloth set of jumpwings and a 502 cloth backing patch. **RESULT!** To distinguish those who have actually jumped out of a real aircraft and experienced what it is actually like to fall safely under canvas to the

ground. Those few are allowed to wear the jumpwings with 1 star above it. To receive and be allowed to wear the jump wings was a huge and important event in the paratroopers training. Signifying that they had finally made it. Through all the gruelling training, all the chicken-shit and beastings from the training staff. Be proud to wear that small badge, for it really does represent so much!

g r o u p !

When July finally gets here, we will need to decide upon a new group name. We can't do it before then because all the insurance documents are in the current name. If we are to change it, then we need suggestions. Please get your thinking caps on and try and be

sensible. This name will be the first thing a lot of potential recruits and the public may see of us. So it has to have a positive impact. It also should encompass both vastly different elements of the group. The 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment and the 3rd

Auxiliary Surgical Group. What a mouthful! How we decide; or what we call ourselves is anyone guess. I would suggest at an event nearer the time that everyone puts suggestions in a hat and we vote on the suggestions in a democratic and non influenced based way.

Of all the problems in the world, chairs is one of ours

A few members of the group purchased folding chairs to use in the mess area... however despite these being name, when ever they actually want to sit on them, they are always occupied by someone else. This isn't so much of a problem when its not meal times, but when we are gathering for meals, be mindful that who's named seat your sat in will want to sit down.

Even more so if they are the persons who cooked your meal in the first place. Either get up right away, or don't sit in a named chair at all. This could also be solved by purchasing the same £15 folding chairs from Argos and putting your own name on it... and yes before I sound too perfect, I have been guilty of committing this crime myself. I have a chair on order!

