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1 SCOTS

Battalion Update

C Coy have now started their training pipeline in earnest and have been establishing relationships amongst those within the company, given that they have had a significant inflow of new individuals. They have also been conducting training in command, communication and leadership, including a number of Niche training modules in medicate, shoot, communicate and sustain to set the conditions for success throughout their training cycle.

Ex JUINS JOCKS

In November last year thirteen 1 SCOTS individuals, accompanied by two of their US counterparts, deployed on Ex JUINS JOCKS to Monte Cassino in Italy on a battlefield study. They considered the Italian Campaign of World War II, in particular they followed in the footsteps of Gen Alphonse Juin's French Expeditionary Corps as he led a partnered force of North Africans in an outflanking manoeuvre over the mountains around Monte Cassino, which ultimately unhinged the German positions dominating the Liri Valley. The team looked at the difficulties Gen Juin faced in using a partnered force in a warfighting role and the techniques and tactics he used to best employ them.

The battlefield study was an excellent opportunity for those attending to consider the actions that occurred during the Italian Campaign, discussing what was done well and what could have been done better. They also gleaned lessons and insights at both the tactical partnering and strategic level which were relevant to Spec Inf in a warfighting role— lessons identified can then be taken forward and used to improve how 1 SCOTS train and operate.



At the Monastery on top of Monte Cassino

2 SCOTS

Adventure Training

2 SCOTS had Bn members in Val-d'Isere over Christmas and New Year, headed up by Lt Holland and CSgt Dunnachie. The team spent 5 weeks on the slopes honing their skills before participating in the races.

GS Cadre

Although 2 SCOTS' programme for the next 6 weeks encompasses the FSp & ISR Look at Life, there are also addition courses (external and internal) going on. The main one being MT Platoon GS cadre under the watchful eye of the MTO.

Ex Snow Fusilier

2 SCOTS also had members on the Cairngorms conducting adventure training, which almost ended up being a 'survival exercise', See photo below of some of the soldiers in a snow hole.



3 SCOTS

With Christmas Leave now a distant memory the focus initially for 3 SCOTS was the Festival of Fitness and Fun as well as some AT and mental resilience training.

The Bn have had the opportunity to try different sports. This has seen the return of the Senior Meriden Cup being played for by every company in 11 a side football with HQ Coy being the team to beat with B and D Coys fighting for second place.

The companies are now getting back to basics using all the available training areas as well as conducting weekly vehicle maintenance, due to 3 SCOTS being held at NATO very high readiness.

3 SCOTS have also had great success on the slopes in Alpine and Nordic skiing with both teams having members selected for the Army Ski Championships. Other sporting successes have included X-Country running and Army Squash.

A Coy have deployed on Ex JEBEL STORM in Oman with Balaklava Coy, 5 SCOTS working directly with the Oman Security forces.

3 SCOTS continue to look forward in 2020 and continue to prepare for VJTF(L) commitments. It promises to be an interesting and demanding year with great opportunities for training overseas and working with NATO allies.



Alpine Skiing—Lt Cowie & Cpl Matthews



X Country Junior Champ
LCpl Carrington-Porter

4 SCOTS

Ex WESSEX STORM 19/5

4 SCOTS Battle Group along with a French Light Role Company from the 1st Regiment of Infantry (1RI) participated on Ex WESSEX STORM on Salisbury Plain from Oct-Nov 19.

On Ex WESSEX STORM, 4 SCOTS enhanced its warfighting capability as well as taking the opportunity through experimentation and study to assist to prepare to be part of the British Army's STRIKE capability. The 4 SCOTS Battle Group operated as conventional sub units in role as a Heavy Mechanised Unit. This was the first time there had been an exercise of this design ran by Field Training Unit (FTU) and was very successful in developing 4 SCOTS vehicle capability and advance soldiering skills.

The French Light Role Company (1RI) participated in the first rotation with B Coy. They were tested on the offensive and defensive operations. The exercise culminated with a three day stabilisation piece, where Jocks engaged with a simulated civilian population in a counter insurgency environment. Concurrently French Live Fire Tactical Training was conducted, this involved the use of the French weapons system—allowing soldiers to operate with a number of different resources.

Overall 600 soldiers took part in the exercise and 4 SCOTS were given the opportunity to enhance their skills in preparation for deployment on Op TORAL in Spring this year.



Balaklava Coy, 5 SCOTS

Prior to Christmas leave members from Balaklava Coy were training at BBTC in preparation for deployment of Exercise JEBEL STORM in Oman. The soldiers were enhancing their marksmanship skills, which included GPMG and sharp shooting at the ranges.

Balaklava Coy have now deployed alongside members of 3 SCOTS to Oman—for some the first time experiencing training in a different climate and terrain.



6 SCOTS and 7 SCOTS

6 and 7 SCOTS were straight into training following the Christmas and New Year period. Last month they both had teams at BBTC.

6 SCOTS took to the ranges in preparations for their upcoming marksmanship tests and over the same weekend 7 SCOTS were also training. They were visited by DCFA Field Army. DCFA took the chance to speak to Jocks from both Reserve Battalions and presented three soldiers with their Marksman badges

7 SCOTS D Coy spent a further period of time at Fort George refining their marksmanship - the rain, hail, snow and sunshine didn't stop them getting some valuable time on the ranges.



Notices:

- *Regimental Jumpers—available at £75 + postage*
- *Regimental Tweed—available at £35 per metre + postage*
- *Regimental Ties—available at £16 + postage*

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