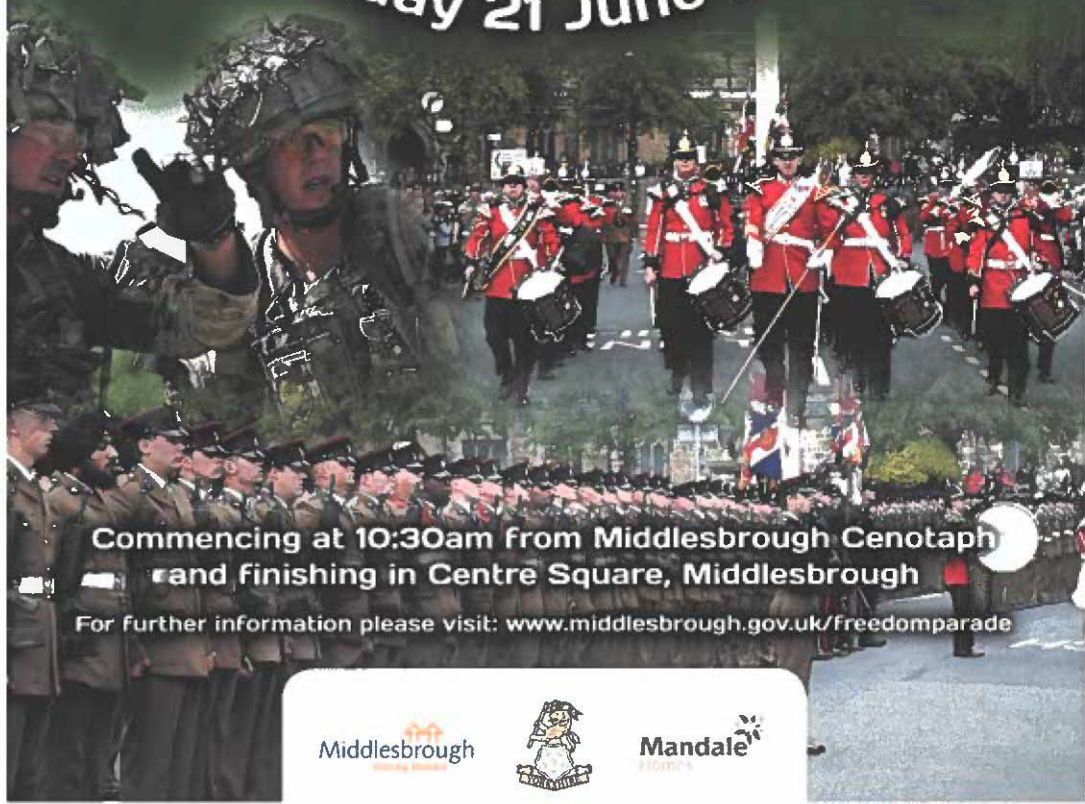


MIDDLESBROUGH FREEDOM PARADE



Celebrating the 10th Anniversary
of The Yorkshire Regiment
Tuesday 21 June 2016



Commencing at 10:30am from Middlesbrough Cenotaph
and finishing in Centre Square, Middlesbrough

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THE YORKSHIRE REGIMENT FREEDOM PARADE

21 June 2016

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of The Yorkshire Regiment, today, the 2nd Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment will be conducting a Freedom Parade through Middlesbrough.

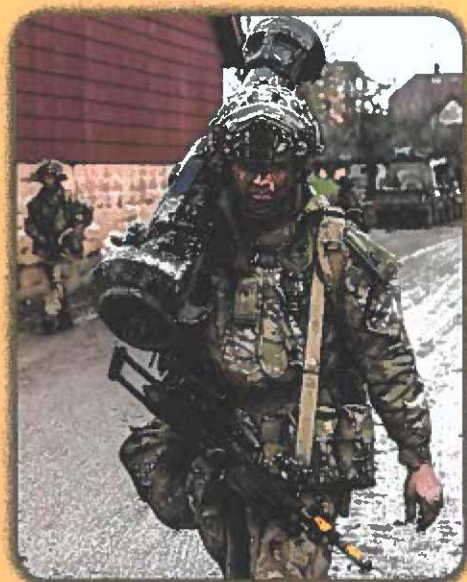
About the parade

The ancient ceremony of conferring the freedom of entry to a town upon a regiment has its origins in medieval days when fortified towns would fasten the town gates and man the defences in some alarm at the approach of a formed body of troops. Certain regiments, however came to be trusted by the citizens of the towns through which they passed and in recognition of that fact were accorded the "right, title, privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of the town with drums beating, colours flying and bayonets fixed". This custom has survived as one of the most prestigious of our civic ceremonies and today many units of the British Army have freedom of entry to towns with which they have particularly close ties.

The Freedom of entry to a town or borough is a highly prized honour as it implies a long and harmonious association between a regiment and the community it serves.

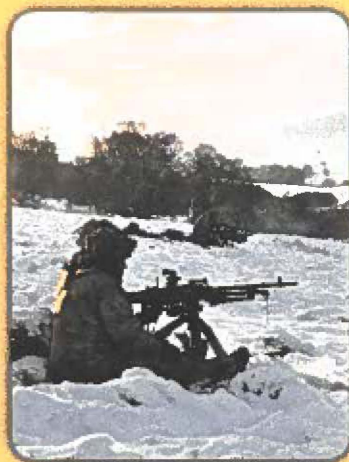
Order of Events

1. The Parade will consists of a march past by The 2nd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment, with the band from the Royal Armoured Corps. The parade will be led by the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Sam Humphris MBE.
2. The Parade will start at 10.30am from the cenotaph, marching along Linthorpe Road, Grange Road and Albert Road passing the saluting dais in Centre Square, where it will be dismissed.



Regimental History

- Freedom of the town was first conferred on The Green Howards in 1944 and transferred to today's Yorkshire Regiment in 2006.
- The Yorkshire Regiment is represented in the town by the best recruited, reserve infantry company in the British Army. Over 40 soldiers regularly attend parades and training sessions at the headquarters of B Company at the Army Recruiting Centre on Stockton Road and new joiners are always welcome.
- The Army Recruiting Centre in Middlesbrough is also home to the Middlesbrough branch of the new Yorkshire Regiment Association. The Association provides a venue and support network for veterans old and new and is attempting to locate around 4000 past members of the Regiment.
- Veterans from both the Green Howards and the Yorkshire Regiment will be represented at the civic ceremony. All ex-members of the regiments and all other veterans are encouraged to attend and show support for their home town 'Yorkshire Warriors'.



A Family Regiment

- History and post-war mergers have resulted in a 300-year heritage that is preserved and valued in today's Yorkshire Regiment. The Regiment is proud of its lineage and a golden thread runs through the regiment, from the North American wars and Waterloo, through to WW2 and Afghanistan.
- This golden thread is evident in our strong relationships with veterans of our regiments past and present, supported by our shared values of operational and sporting excellence. The regimental family extends from those who are serving now, those who have served in the past or have just left and, those who are members of our regional, cap-badged university and cadet organisations.
- The majority of our soldiers come from Yorkshire. Having a regular and reserve battalion based in our home county helps promote who we are, allows us to be more visible and helps us to integrate with local people and communities.
- Basing in Yorkshire also helps us to reach out into local schools, colleges and cadet organisations and encourage and mentor new members of the regimental family from the bottom up.
- At the same time, our regimental charities continue to help those in need, from our extensive family of veterans, to our service leavers and their families.



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