

141st Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps
Regimental and Old Comrades Association Newsletters



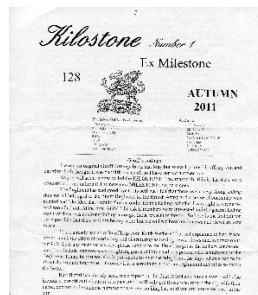
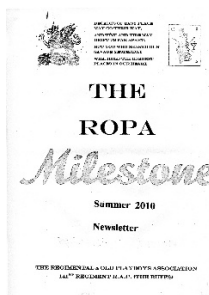
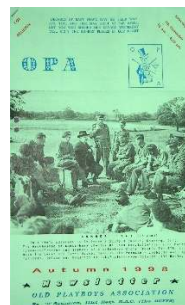
Listed below are all of the newsletters that the regiment produced from 1945 to 2012.

141RAC was one of those regiments that fostered an especially close bond amongst its members.

Testament to that is the range and longevity of newsletters produced by the men of the regiment, seven titles over eight decades. Each title is illustrated below together with the known print runs.

C Squadron never did produce a newsletter of their own. Their squadron commander, Maj Duffy, instead attached their newsletter needs to the main regimental journal of The Buffs, *The Dragon*. However, as an infantry unit it was understandable that not much would be included in *The Dragon* about a tank regiment. Indeed, the only reference to 141RAC in the journal was a short paragraph regarding its disbandment in the December 1945 edition.

If anyone has, or comes across, copies of the newsletters and would be happy to forward scans or photos of them, please do get in [touch](#). Early editions in particular are difficult to find.



Milestone



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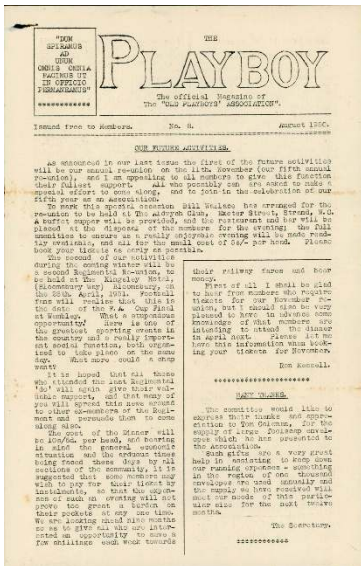
News and Views of 141st Regt, RAC (The Buffs)

The first newsletter, produced during the occupation period when the regiment was based at Rotenburg.

The title was chosen because every milestone, or kilometre stone, was one nearer home.

Editions: No 1 August 1945 to No 14 November 1945.

Old Playboy



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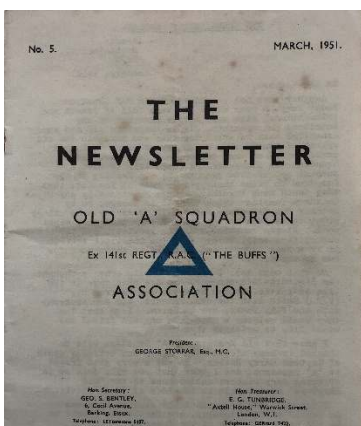
The Official Magazine of The "Old Playboys Association"

Produced by ex-B Squadron members, no doubt a certain rivalry between the squadrons led to a small race to get the first post-war newsletter out. A Squadron's followed at the end of 1948.

After a short first run, a new and vibrant newsletter appeared in the early 1970s, the **Old Playboys Association Newsletter**.

Editions: No 1 Spring? 1948 to at least No 10 February 1951.

The Newsletter



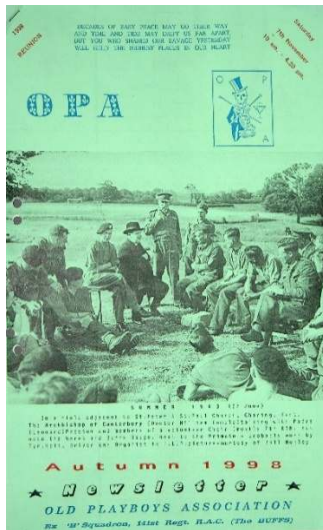
The Newsletter

Old 'A' Squadron Ex 141st Regt., R.A.C. (The Buffs) Association

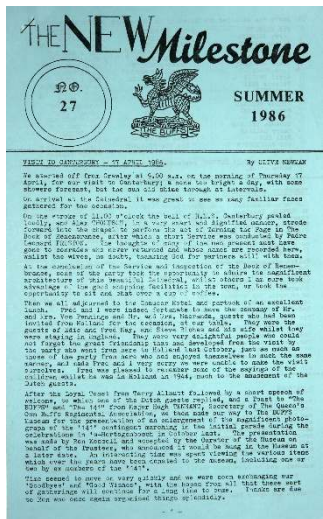
Following closely behind B Sqn's efforts, A Sqn's newsletter appears to have had a short run. The resurgence in OCAs and veterans engaging in their former service saw a proliferation of clubs and newsletters in the 1980s. A Sqn members would have a new newsletter to look forward to when the **The New Milestone** came out at the end of the 1970s.

Editions: No 1 Christmas? 1948 to at least No 5 March 1951.

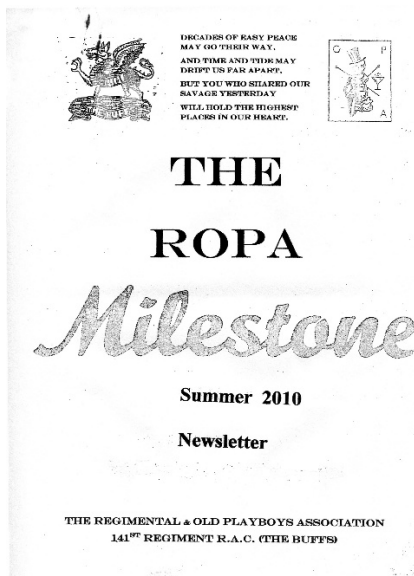
OPA



The New Milestone



The ROPA Milestone



OPA - Old Playboys Association
Ex 'B' Sqn 141st Regt R.A.C. (The Buffs)
Newsletter

Editions: Spring 1973 to Winter 2009

The longest running of the 141 RAC newsletters, the **OPA** rarely dropped below eight pages and regularly featured 14 or more. Health and logistical problems meant that the **OPA** and **The New Milestone** merged to form **The ROPA Milestone** in 2010.

The New Milestone

Editions: No 1 October 1979 to No 121 Christmas 2009.

Unfortunately the first issues are difficult to come by so whether from the off or as time passed, **The New Milestone** became the mouthpiece for veterans of the whole regiment although with minimal content on B Sqn since they were served by the **OPA**. Eventually this led to understandable calls for a merge that was resolutely held at bay until health and logistics made it inevitable.

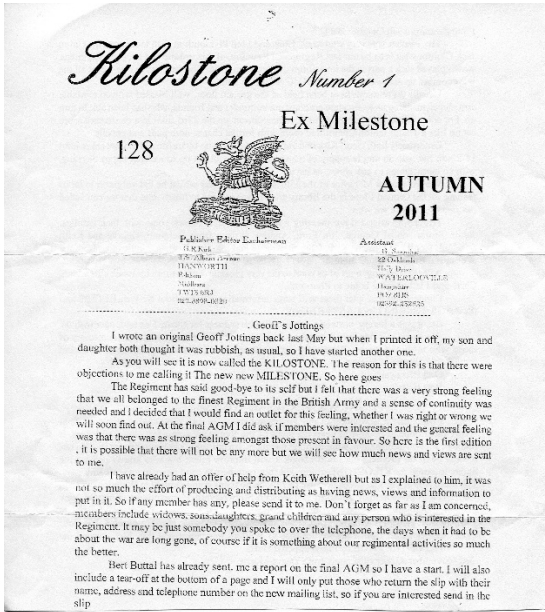
The ROPA Milestone - The Regimental and
Old Playboys Association 141st Regt
R.A.C. (The Buffs)

With numbers dwindling, the decision was taken to combine the two competing newsletters that were more and more printing the same news and stories.

Editions: Spring 2010 to Autumn 2011

Kilostone

**Kilostone
Ex Milestone**



With so few members but an understandable desire amongst those left not to shut down operations, the final publication took its title from a play on the original. The health of those still running the newsletter also brought on the decision to call a halt in 2012.

These final newsletters were posted to 25 known veterans and 75 family members and friends.

Editions: No 1/128 Autumn 2011 to No 5/131 Autumn 2012

"1-4-1 and all for one"

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