



# 21 Gibraltar Battery Association

## News Sheet

May 2011

[www.21bty.org.uk](http://www.21bty.org.uk)

Dear member,

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> Newsletter that we have produced since starting 14 years ago!! Time has indeed flown by.

This year we are trying to send as many Newsletters by e-mail as possible as the cost of sending out 200+ by printing and post is proving to be very costly.

We have been working hard on updating and revamping the Association web site. This is nearly finished and I hope you take the time to look at it. Instead of a long Newsletter each year the web site will be regularly updated with news and views etc. Articles from Gunner about the Battery and Association, members list, links, quarterly Newsletters from the RAA, a Role of Honour Page to remember members who have passed away.

All the work on the new web site has been done by Steve Marrable and I would like to thank Steve on your behalf for all he has done.

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Reunion details are displayed at the end of this Newsletter. We are back at the Belmont Hotel, Leicester. Please try and attend the reunion, we always have a great time!

Over the past several months three or four articles have appeared in the Gunner about 21 Battery, I will try and get these put on the web site. The most recent article, with pictures was a report on the 3 Peaks challenge Heather and I did last July!

This year Heather and I are running the Great North Run in September and we want to raise funds for the RACF, and a new organisation called - **Families' Activity Breaks (FAB) is a non-public funded, tri Service initiative in partnership with the Youth Hostel Association of England and Wales, providing fun and challenging activity holidays around the UK for bereaved military families. This means the children who lost dad's can get away and have some fun.**

And just as a bit of 'fun' I will be taking part in the Paras 10 race to raise even more money for the causes. I must be mad! ( [www.Paras10.com](http://www.Paras10.com) )

The Battery are due home this month from their recent tour in Afghanistan. Once they are back I will get a report sent out and put on the new web site.

For those who may not know the current Battery Commander is Major Chris Morgan!!! Not too confusing for Association members, I hope!!

**21 Gibraltar Battery Association**

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

The Belmont Hotel, De Montfort Street, Leicester, LE1 7GR

0116 254 4773

PLEASE QUOTE : 0710BA when booking and mention you are attending the 21 Bty Reunion

Accommodation:

Double/Twin Room, B&B, £65.00 per room per night /Single Room, B&B £55.00 per room per night .

Tickets for the Reunion Function: £ 20.00 per person.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE TO PAY 'UP FRONT' FOR THE REUNION SO PLEASE SEND YOUR TICKET MONEY WITH THE REPLY SLIP BY THE DATE STATED**

**TO SAVE CONFUSION PARTNERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

21 Association 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion

Name(s).....

Guest(s).....

I/we will be attending the Annual Reunions and require..... Tickets

I enclose payment of £..... ( £20 pp)

I/we will not be able to attend the Reunion but enclose a donation of £.....

*(Cash donations towards to raffle/ Association would be gratefully accepted)*

**Please make all cheques payable to 21 Battery Association**

**Return to Secretary by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011.**

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**Suggestions for 2012 Reunion.....**

Special Notice

3 Peaks Challenge July 2010.



Chris, James, Heather, Ryan

On top of Ben Nevis

Chris Morgan , James Coone, Heather Dickinson, Ryan Mayo

We completed the 3 Peaks Challenge in good time and no major injuries. May we say a big THANK YOU to all of you who gave such generous amounts in sponsorship. The total raised was £4000, which we shared equally between Help for Heroes and the Chestnut Tree Hospice for terminally sick children.

Once again our Thanks to all of you who supported us.

Chris, James, Heather, Ryan

**21 Gibraltar Association 2011 Challenge!**

Chris and Heather will be running in the Great North Run. Chris and James will be running the Paras10 . Sponsorship is needed. We want to raise funds for the RACF and FAB. Last year the on line donating was not very successful so this year would you kindly complete the attached form and send it off. If everyone we send a news letter to donated £5.00 we would be able to raise £1000.00!! But please donate whatever you can afford.

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**21 Gibraltar Association Challenge 2011**

Name.....

I/We would like to sponsor Chris and Heather in their Fundraising for the RACF and FAB.

I/we enclose payment of £..... towards RACF

I/we enclose payment of £..... towards FAB

(Please make cheques payable to either RACF or FAB)

I/we pay income tax and agree to Gift Aid

Please send this form and donation to;

Chris and Heather, 6 Herriott Drive, Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire, DL9 4XH.

# Families' Activity Breaks (FAB)

**Families' Activity Breaks (FAB) is a non-public funded, tri Service initiative in partnership with the Youth Hostel Association of England and Wales, providing fun and challenging activity holidays around the UK for bereaved military families.**



## Families' Activity Breaks

If your child is aged up to 19 years old and has suffered the loss of a loved one who was serving in the Armed Forces, then you may be eligible for a FAB holiday. The holidays offer an adventure for all the family and a welcome break to meet and socialising with others who have experienced a similar loss. A loved one can mean a parent, a step parent, or a child's legal guardian, carer or sibling.

FAB was originally conceived in early 2008, and run as a highly successful pilot in 2009. For the first year, 24 families took part at two locations, Coverack in Cornwall and Whitby in North Yorkshire. In 2010 we were able to provide 50 families with the opportunity to attend these exciting camps which were a great success. Looking forward to the summer of 2011, there will be spaces for 60 families to attend a FAB camp in either Coverack or Whitby.

FAB is staffed by volunteers from the Armed Forces and Defence civilians, helping as mentors, lending a helping hand or simply being someone to talk to. They are all trained by the Candle Project, a bereavement counselling service run by St Christopher's Hospice, London, who specialise in supporting children and young adults facing bereavement.

To find out more about FAB camps, and what activities are on offer, click on the links for the 2011 Holidays and Activities on the right.

Alternatively, please contact us using the links on the right.

Also [www.fabcamps.org.uk](http://www.fabcamps.org.uk)



The RACF is a key part of our Gunner family. It helps all those in need and it helps the serving regiments and soldiers. In the requirements to continue to support and reinforce the notion of a Gunner family the Gunner welfare charities do not just support Gunners from enlistment to death; they help from enlistment to after death because the RACF will help those dependents left behind when you die.

We are all part of the Gunner family!