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2nd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment
Operation TORAL 5 – December 2017 Newsletter

Dear Friends and Family,

Happy Christmas and Yorkshire Greetings from Kabul!

We want to use this edition of our monthly Op TORAL 5 Newsletter to thank each and every one of you for your support over this past year and whilst we have been deployed.

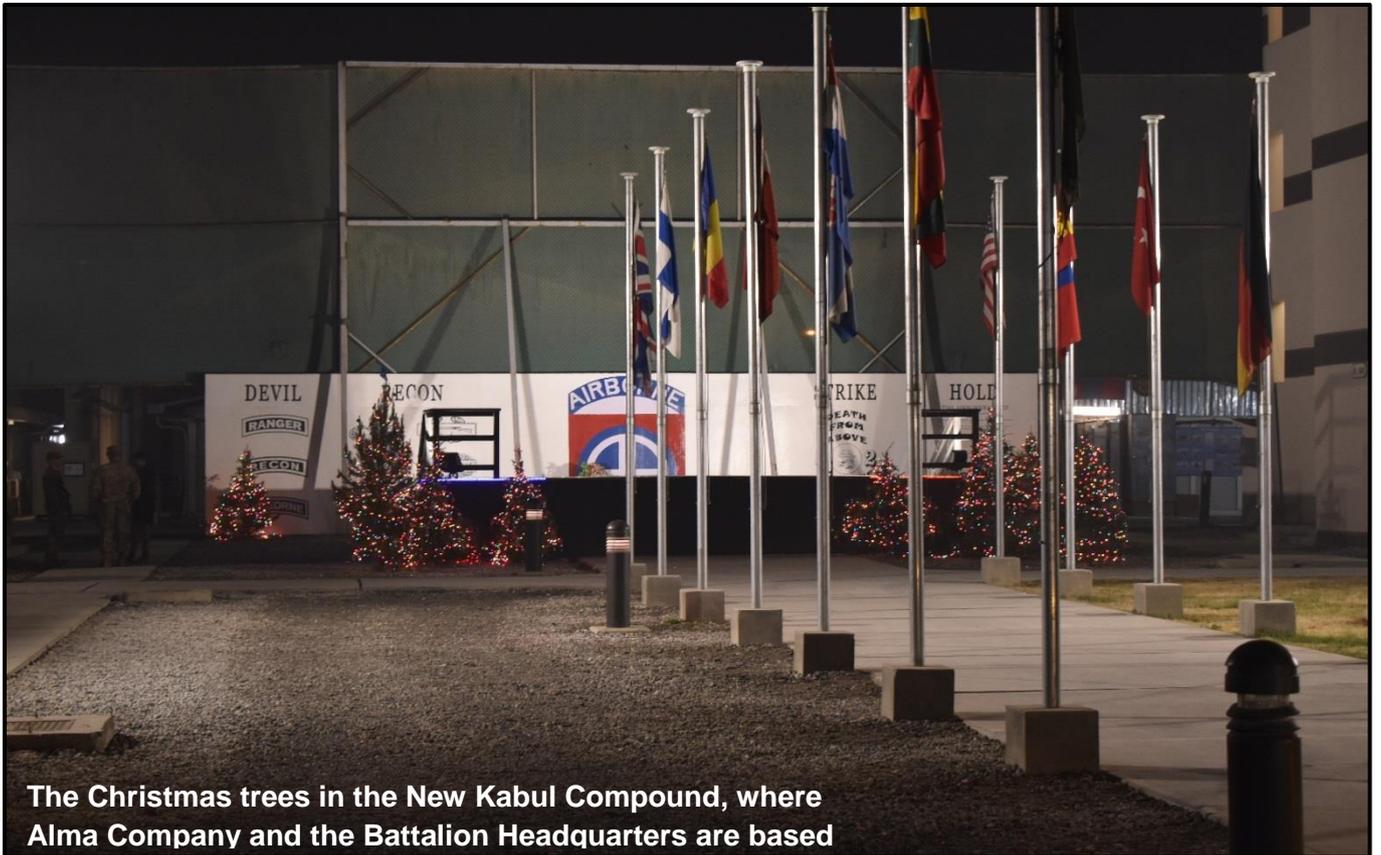


The Quartermaster's team ready to deliver seasonal service support

2017 has been another very busy year. It started with a UK operational deployment to support flood relief in Lincolnshire (Op MOONWALKER) and it ends with the Battalion deployed in Afghanistan on Op TORAL 5. The operational accuracy and the Battalion's many successes have been made possible thanks to the unflinching support our soldiers have received from their wives, husbands, partners, family and friends; and the support that the Battalion has received from our Regimental family and the County. It has helped inspire us and we are very grateful.

There is no greater honour, privilege or purpose than serving your County and your Country on operations and your support has been fundamental to that. Service entails sacrifice and during operational deployments people are quite rightly quick to acknowledge the hard work and sacrifice that our soldiers make; but the sacrifice that their families make is less well recognised and at Christmas, it is particularly pronounced. So, thank you for your support and for the sacrifices you continue to bear. It means a great deal to everyone deployed and it is hugely appreciated. Our soldiers are helping to transform Afghanistan and in turn make the UK safer; and so you should be very proud of your part in that noble enterprise.





The Christmas trees in the New Kabul Compound, where Alma Company and the Battalion Headquarters are based

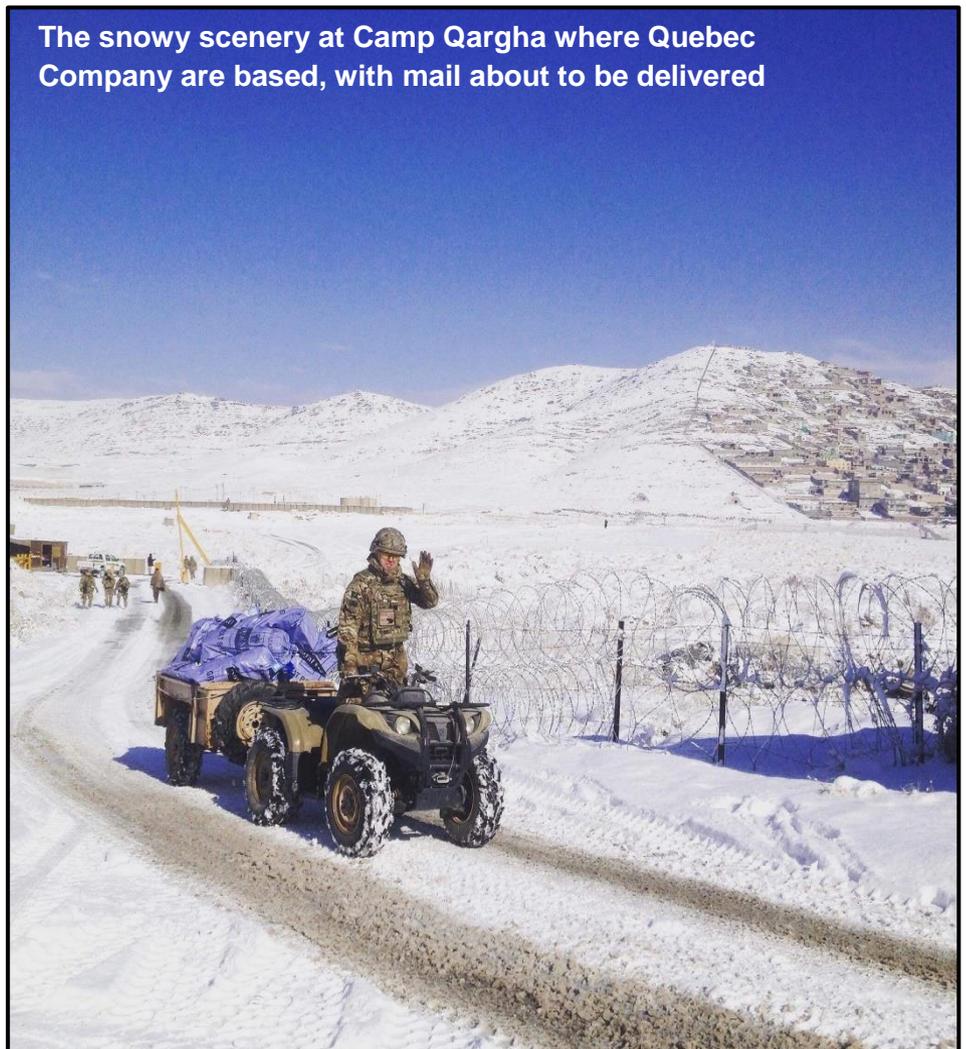
As we near the Christmas period, the tempo of operations in Afghanistan will not change and our soldiers will continue to work hard throughout it. Christmas Day will look little different to any other day, but the welfare parcels that the soldiers will receive on the day, will be very gratefully received. It will make a huge difference to them.

Burma and Corunna Companies are now back in the UK and on well-deserved Christmas and post operational leave. It is fantastic that they are back in time to share Christmas with their families; and able to relax after a hard-working and impressive period of operational duty. We look forward to seeing them all in April when we return and knit back together.

Finally, from everyone in the 2 YORKS Battlegroup, we wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

FORTUNE FAVOURS THE BRAVE

Lt Col Sam Humphris



The snowy scenery at Camp Qargha where Quebec Company are based, with mail about to be delivered