160 TRANSPORT REGIMENT
THE ROYAL CORPS OF TRANSPORT (VOUNTEERS)
THE ROYAL LOGISTIC CORPS (VOLUNTEERS)

A BRIEF HISTORY

FROM BEDFORD TO GRANTHAM: THE RCT YEARS 1967-1993

160 Transport Regiment RCT (V) was formed on 1st April 1967 at Grange Camp, Bedford, the location of the newly formed Central Volunteer Headquarters (CVHQ) RCT. The first Commanding Officer was Lt Col Dennis Higgs ERD and the first RSM was WO1 (RSM) W Preston. It was formed from the personnel of two former Army Emergency Reserve (AER)[1] regiments:

- 101 Transport Regiment RCT AER (comprised two MT squadrons and an amphibious squadron)
- 104 Transport Regiment RCT AER (comprised two MT squadrons and a maritime squadron)

The first Honorary Colonel of the regiment, Maj Gen WHD Ritchie CB CBE, wrote to the CO saying "I would like to wish you all the very best of good fortune as a Unit, and to you all as individuals in your soldiering role"[2].

The two predecessor units of the regiment can be traced back to the reorganisation of the TA after the Second World War. The Army Emergency Reserve (AER) was formed in 1951 to address a shortage of manpower in Regular Army units, particularly in technical and logistic trades. The RASC established ten transport columns (equivalent to regiments and later renamed as such on the formation of the RCT in 1965) plus additional sub-units with a range of other logistic roles. Only two columns survived the gradual reduction in size of the RASC/RCT AER. By 1962, the establishment of the RASC AER was:

- 101 Tank Transport Column RASC AER
- 104 Transport Column RASC AER

plus supporting sub-units with supply, petrol and air despatch roles.

When the Royal Corps of Transport (RCT) was formed in 1965, some of these sub-units acquired new roles when the Royal Army Service Corps' functions of supply and transport were separated, and the Royal Engineers Transport and Movement elements were acquired.

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[1] The Army Emergency Reserve was a reserve of individuals rather than units with a local territorial base and was in some ways the forerunner of the later Specialist/National TA units. The AER was composed of individuals such as drivers, dock workers, telephone engineers, etc whose civilian skills could be transferred directly to military use. Reservists were required to undertake little more than two weeks of military training per year and could be called up under the same conditions as the Regular Reserve.

[2] *The Waggoner*, June 1967, page 208.

The formation of the RCT also saw a change in terminology, from column to regiment and company to squadron. 101 and 104 Columns RASC were both renamed Transport Regiments RCT.

160 Regiment's formation was the result of the 1967 Defence Review, which precipitated a huge reduction in the Reserve Forces, with a complete reorganisation and change of role. The regionally based Territorial Army and the AER were merged and renamed the Territorial & Army Volunteer Reserve (T&AVR)[3]. CVHQ RCT was established at Bedford, as the new face of the former HQ RCT AER, to administer what were now referred to as the "Sponsored" units which continued to recruit nationally. On formation in 1967, the regiment's ORBAT was:

- 260 Squadron – Ambulance Squadron
- 261 Squadron – Bridging Squadron
- 262 Squadron – Petroleum Transport Squadron
- 263 Squadron – Tipper Squadron

260 Squadron later transferred to 161 Ambulance Regiment RCT (V) when it formed in 1972[4].

See Figure 1. Officers of 261 Sqn c 1971. OC Maj C Ainsley TD

See Figure 2. Officers and SNCOs of 261 sqn c 1972. OC, Maj C Ainsley TD

In 1970, the regiment won the RCT inter-unit squash championship at Buller Barracks and subsequently reached the Army semi-finals.

"You should never volunteer for anything" recalled Maj Chris Ahern[5] when he found himself, in October 1975, commanding a composite squadron of individuals who volunteered for a second annual camp in BAOR. Training under the title of '263 Squadron' they were attached to 10 Transport Regiment RCT to test a new system of resupply for troops in the forward area of the battle. With a detachment of Regular soldiers to operate radios, and mechanical handling equipment including 10-ton CALM vehicles, the TA drivers were soon deployed on German roads to move ammunition, rations and petrol supplies.

The exercise took place in the area between Paderborn and Gottingen. It was for many the first occasion in which civilian infrastructure was used on a military exercise. Squadron HQ was established in the village hall, while two troops dispersed their vehicles around farm buildings and the third troop made good tactical use of the local football pitch.

160 Transport Regiment moved with CVHQ RCT to Grantham in 1976, where the former RAF base was formally renamed Prince William of Gloucester Barracks the following year. Grantham remained the regiment's base, through further reorganisations, until its final disbandment in 2014. Over the years it occupied several different locations within the barracks, as the allocation of buildings and facilities changed.

See Figure 3. 263 Amb Sqn Annual Camp April 1979. OC Maj A S Feldman TD

See Figure 4. 263 Amb Sqn Annual Camp 1981. OC Maj A S Feldman TD

[3] This title was officially changed back to "Territorial Army (TA)" in 1979.
[4] Ahern, R. *161 Regiment RCT (V) – The Early Years 1972-84*. RLC Museum archives.
[5] Ahern, C. J. Ex SPEARPOINT 75 in *[what publication]*

See Figure 5. 160 Tpt Regt Officers, WOs and SNCOs Annual Camp Grantham 1982 CO Lt Col D B Coates TD

See Figure 6. Grantham 1982 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col D B Coates TD

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See Figure 23. Grantham 1983 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col J P Lynch TD

See Figure 24. Vogelsang 1984. CO Lt Col J P Lynch TD

160 Regiment's initial role on formation was to support the United Kingdom Mobile Force (UKMF) as part of its Logistic Support Group (LSG). The UKMF was committed to the support of NATO's Northern European Command and as a result the regiment undertook several exercises in Denmark until its change of role in 1982. Each squadron had a UKMF role and the RHQ a broader BAOR logistic support role.

On 1 April 1982, 160 Regiment re-rolled from support of the LSG to become part of 2 Transport Group RCT (2 Tpt Gp), a BAOR rear combat zone (RCZ) formation[6]. Soon after, the regiment exchanged roles with 155 (Wessex) Transport Regiment RCT (V) which took over the engineer support role. The re-rolled 160 Regiment became a fourth line transport unit in support of 2 Tpt Gp in BAOR and the reconfigured establishment was:

- RHQ and Headquarters Squadron
- 261 Squadron – General Transport
- 262 Squadron – Petroleum Transport (TTF)
- 263 Squadron – General Transport

[6] "A Potted History of the RCT TA 1976-86" in *The Volunteer*, December 1986.

At that time 261 Squadron was running the AEC Militant GS 10-ton truck. Although painted green, if scratched they revealed sand-coloured paint which may have indicated their earlier use in North Africa and Aden. These remained in service with the regiment until circa 1990. The regiment also acquired a 'shadow' squadron which would come under command in wartime: 230 Squadron, part of 153 (Highland) Artillery Support Regiment RCT (V). In this role, and with this establishment, the regiment continued to train and exercise until 1993 when it was disbanded under the "Options for Change" reorganisation of the Army.

See Figure 25. Dinner Night Annual Camp 26 June 1985. CO Lt Col J P Lynch TD

See Figure 26. 160 Tpt Regt WOs & SNCOs. Annual Camp 1985. RSM WO1 (RSM) B Greenwood MBE

See Figure 27. 160 Tpt Regt Mounted parade. Penhale 1986. CO Lt Col A S Feldman TD

See Figure 28. 160 Tpt Regt RCT(V) Camp Recce June 1987. CO Lt Col A S Feldman TD

See Figure 29. 160 Tpt Regt Officers & WOs Dinner. Probably 1987. CO Lt Col A S Feldman TD

See Figure 30. 160 Tpt Regt Dinner Night 1989 or 1990. CO Lt Col J Astbury TD

See Figure 31. 160 Tpt Regt Ladies Dinner Night 1989 or 1990. CO Lt Col J Astbury TD

See Figure 32. 160 Tpt Regt Annual Camp 1990. CO Lt Col J Astbury TD

See Figure 33. 160 Tpt Regt Dinner Night 1991. CO Lt Col J Astbury TD

See Figure 34. Officers 160 Tpt Regt Guest Night, Altcar, 1991. CO Lt Col J Astbury TD

In 1986 at Annual Camp at Penhale the officers, without the knowledge of the CO, arranged for the hiring of horses for a regimental parade. The CO was greeted with a horse named Colonel that he had to mount; most of the regimental officers on parade were already mounted. The instigator received his punishment by falling of his horse when the mounts were returned to the livery, suffering a mild concussion.

In 1989 the regiment took part in Ex PLAIN SAILING in Germany. Two members of the regiment were honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. WO1 B Greenwood, latterly the RSM, was awarded the MBE and Sgt T Trevelyan was awarded the BEM. Special permission was arranged for the award of the BEM "in the field" and the presentation of the medal to Sgt Trevelyan, together with the award of the TA Efficiency Medal to a number of other soldiers, was made by the Honorary Colonel, Colonel Rupert Wallis, who spent a week with the regiment.

The regiment sailed from Felixstowe to Zeebrugge with its vehicles. This journey revived painful memories for Cpl Tom Wilson who had served with 263 Squadron since 1980. He was a member of the crew of the *Herald of Free Enterprise* at the time of the disaster in 1987 and his bravery in saving the lives of numerous passengers earned him the Queen's Gallantry Medal. With other members of the crew he smashed a window as the ship lay on its side, put a ladder through into the lounge area, clambered in and pulled people to the ladder and safety.

In 1990 several soldiers from the regiment volunteered to serve with 15 Transport Squadron RCT on a 6-month operational tour supporting the UN Forces in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Two TA officers, one of whom was Capt George Stanford, then serving with 160 Regiment, and around 100 TA soldiers from several TA regiments signed on for an S-type engagement and undertook a 3-week training programme prior to deployment. Two formed troops operated HGV and smaller vehicles, undertaking a range of tasks in support of the UN and the local civilian population.

The Defence Review of 1990, "Options for Change", was intended as a response to the changing strategic environment in the post-Cold War era. The review implemented a change from a capability-based to a threat-based Defence policy and with smaller armed forces as a result. The most significant cuts fell on the Army which was to be reduced in size by one third, with a resulting reduction in the size of the TA.

See Figure 35. Officers 160 Tpt Regt RCT(V). 1992. CO Lt Col R M Wilkinson TD

Before "Options for Change" took effect, it was decided to mark 25 years of the RCT TA (the majority of the then RCT TA units, including 160 Regiment, having been formed in 1967). HRH Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, the Colonel in Chief of the RCT, was invited to Prince William of Gloucester Barracks to inspect a Silver Jubilee parade of RCT TA personnel under the command of Col Tony Feldman, a former CO of 160 Regiment. The 160 Regiment contingent on parade was commanded by OC 261 Squadron, Maj Mac McCoig, with WO2 (SSM) Michael Cooke as the contingent's sergeant major.

"Options for Change" precipitated the reorganisation and merger of several corps. The Royal Corps of Transport was merged into the new Royal Logistic Corps, which formed up in April 1993. At the same time, the size of the Territorial Army was reduced and 160 Transport Regiment RCT (V) was disbanded, without ceremony. The regiment's last training event took place at Leek Training Camp in Staffordshire. Many of the older members of the regiment were retired as their engagements came to an end and the remaining personnel from 160 Regiment were largely absorbed into 161 Ambulance Regiment RLC (V).

THE REGIMENT REBORN: THE RLC YEARS 1995-2014

In 1995, following a further review of capabilities, the regiment was re-established as part of 2 Logistic Support Group (V) (2 Log Sp Gp (V)). The role of the group was to provide logistic support, and particularly fuel resupply, to the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC). The same commanding officer, Lt Col Dick Wilkinson, who had been given the bitter task of disbanding the regiment just two years earlier, was now tasked with rebuilding a new 160 Transport Regiment. The ORBAT of the re-established regiment was as before:

- RHQ
- Headquarters Squadron, now designated 260 Squadron RCT (V)

- 261 Squadron – General Transport DROPS[7]
- 262 Squadron – Fuel (TTF)
- 263 Squadron – General Transport DROPS

A second, and short-lived, partner regiment, 164 Transport Regiment, was also formed at the same time. However, following a further reduction in size of the TA as part of the Strategic Defence Review of 1998, the two regiments were merged. RHQ 164 Regiment, the headquarters squadrons of both regiments, two DROPS squadrons (268 and 269) and the fuel squadron (262) were disbanded. The remaining squadrons (261, 263 and 270 Squadrons) were re-rolled as general transport War Established Reserves (WER), under command of RHQ 160 Regiment.

The regiment undertook perhaps the most challenging adventurous training expedition in its history in 2000, Ex MAPLE PINE. This was a canoeing expedition to the American wilderness led by Maj Mike Robinson, just prior to him assuming command of the regiment later that year.

The Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 was marked by the regiment with a programme of events that included a cocktail party in London at the Inns of Court TA Centre, aimed at developing relationships with civilian employers and others with influence in public service, and an expedition to Scotland to ascend 25 of the Scottish Munroes. Military training focussed on a challenging FTX with 101 Logistic Brigade, Ex LOG VIPER in September 2002, during which the regiment took under command a cohort of National Guard soldiers from 24th Transport Battalion US Army.

In early January 2003 the Secretary of State for Defence announced the Government's decision to mobilise elements of the TA in support of military operations in Iraq, Op TELIC. Legislation introduced in 1996, the Reserve Forces Act, had enabled the mobilisation of individual TA soldiers and formed units, at a scale less than general mobilisation of the TA. The first call-out papers arrived later in January and after little more than 7 days' notice, and a rapid processing through the Reserves Training and Mobilisation Centre (RTMC) at Chilwell, Nottingham, personnel from 160 Regiment were mobilised for operations and working on the in-load to Marchwood Military Port.

Almost 200 personnel from 160 Regiment eventually received a call-out and around 120 were taken into service for Op TELIC. Personnel from the regiment served with the following units:

- HQ 1 Armoured Division
- 1 General Support Regiment RLC
- 2 Signal Regiment R SIGNALS
- 2 Battalion REME
- 4 General Support Regiment RAMC
- 7 Transport Regiment RLC
- 11 EOD Regiment RLC
- 13 Air Assault Regiment RLC
- 39 Engineer Regiment RE
- 165 Port Regiment RLC (V)
- Joint NBC Regiment
- 88 Postal & Courier Sqn RLC

[7] The Demountable Rack Offload and Pickup System (DROPS) Medium Mobility Load Carrier (MMLC) was manufactured by Leyland DAF and introduced into service in the British Army in the early 1990s.

Personnel of all ranks were called out, with the majority being junior ranks. However, two young officers, Lts Doug Aikman and Ian Goodwin, were mobilised and served in operations and liaison officer roles with 1 GS Regiment RLC. Later, WO1 (RSM) Chris Davies and WO2 (SQMS) John Lowther, the Regimental Chief Clerk, were also mobilised for service on Op TELIC.

In April 2006, 126 Petroleum Squadron RLC (V) was tasked under command of RHQ 160 Regiment. The role of the squadron was the construction and operation of bulk fuel installations (BFIs). The regiment was twinned with 8 Transport Regiment RLC, with the task of providing battlefield casualty replacement (BCR) personnel and backfill for 8 Regiment. 160 Regiment's ORBAT mirrored that of 8 Regiment, so comprised three DROPS Squadrons (261, 263 and 270 Squadrons), 126 Petroleum Squadron and Headquarters Squadron.

The regiment was not tasked to provide detachments of soldiers to serve on Op HERRICK but several individuals from the regiment were mobilised for this campaign, serving in staff appointments or as members of detachments from other units.

The regiment continued to operate without further significant change to its ORBAT until its second, and final, disbandment in 2014. This resulted from the implementation of the Army 2020 establishment: the number of RLC regiments, both Regular and TA, was reduced and the Territorial Army was renamed as the Army Reserve. Personnel from 160 Regiment raised a new squadron, 160 (Lincoln) Transport Squadron, as part of an enlarged 158 Regiment RLC (RHQ at Peterborough). A disbandment parade was held at Grantham on 17 May 2014, inspected by Col John Astbury – Honorary Colonel of 160 Regiment and Col Mark Underhill – Honorary Colonel of 158 Regiment (and a former Commander HQ RLC TA). 160 Squadron relocated to a new base at Sobraon Barracks in Lincoln. The last commanding officer of 160 Transport Regiment, Lt Col Mike Hughes, was posted to command 158 Regiment RLC.

See Figure 36. Commanding Officers at Disbandment Dinner 02 Nov 2013

See Figure 37. 02 Nov 13 Disbandment Dinner, Team of 1985-88

See Figure 38. Disbandment Dinner Andy Long, Bennett & Watt

See Figure 39. 160 Disbandment Dinner Feldman & Watt

See Figure 40. 160 Disbandment Dinner Menu 1

See Figure 41. Regimental Wine commemorating 160 Tpt Regt RCT(V) and its predecessors

Attachments:

Appendix A: Honorary Colonels and Commanding Officers of the regiment.
Appendix B: Regimental Sergeant Majors of the regiment.
Appendix C: Annual Training Camps / Annual Deployment Exercises.
Appendix D: Photo Gallery

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This history is based on the reminiscences of members of 160 Transport Regiment and the relatively small amount of documentation on the regiment that survives.

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APPENDIX A

HONORARY COLONELS OF 160 TRANSPORT REGIMENT

1967 - 1969	Maj Gen W H D (Dick) Ritchie CB CBE
1969 - 1974	Maj Gen Errol H G Lonsdale CB MBE
1974 - 1981	Maj Gen Peter Blunt CB MBE GM
1981 - 1993	Col Rupert L Wallis
1995 - 2003	Col Colin J Constable
2003 - 2014	Col John Astbury QVRM TD

COMMANDING OFFICERS OF 160 TRANSPORT REGIMENT

Apr 1967 - Dec 1969	Lt Col E D (Dennis) Higgs ERD
Dec 1969 - Oct 1971	Lt Col C (Colin) Brice ERD TD
Nov 1971 - Oct 1976	Lt Col J D (David) Suthers ERD TD
Nov 1976 - Oct 1979	Lt Col D S (Derek) Jackson ERD TD
Nov 1979 - Oct 1982	Lt Col D B (David) Coates TD
Nov 1982 - Oct 1985	Lt Col J P (John) Lynch TD
Nov 1985 - Oct 1988	Lt Col A S (Tony) Feldman TD
Nov 1988 - Oct 1991	Lt Col J (John) Astbury TD
Nov 1991 - Apr 1993	Lt Col R M (Dick) Wilkinson TD
Regiment disbanded 1993 – 1995	
Apr 1995 - Mar 1997	Lt Col R M (Dick) Wilkinson TD
Apr 1997 - Sep 2000	Lt Col A A D (Alan) Hamilton TD
Oct 2000 - Jun 2003	Lt Col M J (Mike) Robinson TD
Aug 2003 - Jul 2006	Lt Col D (Derrick) Louis TD
Aug 2006 - Jul 2009	Lt Col M F (Martin) White TD
Aug 2009 - Aug 2012	Lt Col M C A (Mike) Caseman-Jones TD
Sep 2012 – Mar 2014	Lt Col M (Mike) Hughes

APPENDIX B

REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJORS OF 160 TRANSPORT REGIMENT

Apr 1967 - Sep 1967	WO1 (RSM) W (Bill) Preston
Sep 1976 - Mar 1979	WO1 (RSM) W (Bill) Norman
Apr 1979 - Mar 1982	WO1 (RSM) J (John) Skevington
Apr 1982 - Mar 1985	WO1 (RSM) J (John) Higgins
Apr 1985 - Mar 1989	WO1 (RSM) B (Barrie) Greenwood MBE
Apr 1989 - Mar 1993	WO1 (RSM) B (Brian) Bladen
Regiment disbanded 1993 – 1995	
Apr 1995 - Sep 1998	WO1 (RSM) A J (Andy) Long
Apr 1999 - Mar 2002	WO1 (RSM) I P (Ian) Baverstock MBE
Apr 2002 - Mar 2004	WO1 (RSM) C P (Chris) Davies* A/WO1 (RSM) A (Alistair) McClelland *AOD Op TELIC 2003
Apr 2004 - Mar 2007	WO1 (RSM) K (Kevin) Bowdrey
Apr 2007 - Mar 2010	WO1 (RSM) R (Robin) Grieve
Apr 2010 – May 2014	WO1 (RSM) D (Derek) Moran

APPENDIX C

160 TRANSPORT REGIMENT – ANNUAL CAMPS AND DEPLOYMENT EXERCISES

1967	Penhale (no further details recorded)
1968-71	Locations unrecorded, but included Stamford Training Area (STANTA), near Thetford & Grange Camp, Kempston near Bedford
1972	Aldershot – 261 Sqn at the Rushmoor Arena (no further details recorded)
1973	Regimental training – Grange Camp, Kempston. 261 Sqn on road movement training across the northern counties (no further details recorded)
1974	**Ex FIRST RESERVE** 2 Tpt Gp FTX **–** STANTA (no further details recorded)
1975	Regimental training / FTX (June) – no further details recorded, other than 261 Sqn at Nesscliffe Training Camp **Ex SPEARPOINT** (October) – composite squadron under command 10 Tpt Regt RCT in Padderborn / Gottingen area, Germany (personnel travelled by air: RAF Brize Norton / RAF Gutersloh)
1976	BAOR FTX (details unrecorded) – Luneberg Heath, Germany (personnel travelled home by ferry: Hamburg / Felixstowe)
1977	Unrecorded
1978	Unrecorded
1979	Unrecorded
1980	Unrecorded
1981	**Ex AMBER EXPRESS** – Denmark
1982	Regimental Training – Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham
1983	2 Tpt Gp FTX – BAOR (location and details unrecorded)
1984	**Ex LIONHEART** BAOR FTX (September) – Recklinghausen and Vogelsang, Germany
1985	Regimental Training / FTX – Cwrt-y-Gollen and other locations
1986	Regimental Training / FTX – Penhale and other locations
1987	Regimental Training / FTX – Nesscliffe and other locations

1988	**Ex SILVER BEAVER** 2 Tpt Gp FTX – Leuth Training Area, BAOR
1989	**Ex PLAIN SAILING** / **Ex PACK SADDLE** (263 Sqn) – BAOR (location unrecorded)
1990	Regimental Training – Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham
1991	**Ex ASTBURY ADVENTURE** Regimental FTX to practise RCT battle procedure, tactics and fieldcraft**.** Various locations including Cwrt-y-Gollen and Kinmel Park in Wales, Nesscliffe and Warcop
1992	Adventurous training in the Lake District Final camp of 160 Transport Regiment RCT (V) before disbandment in March 1993
Regiment disbanded 1993 – 1995 Regimental Headquarters reformed in April 1995, but as few other personnel were posted in until the autumn, no regimental camp took place in 1995	
1996	Regimental Training – Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham
1997	**Ex DEEP GORGE** 1 Recce Bde FTX (September) – Otterburn, Carlisle Airport and Kirkudbright Training Area, Scotland. 160 Regiment operated in 2nd line transport role, supplying exercise participants with combat supplies
1998	**Ex LOG LEAP** 101 Log Bde FTX (September) – Catterick, Yorkshire and other locations
1999	Regimental Training – Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham with additional training at Swynnerton and Capel Curig (adventurous training)
2000	**Ex STRONG VIRGINIAN** 2 Log Sp Gp FTX (June), including live outload of ammunition from RAF Welford – various locations across southern England, including Marchwood Military Port **Ex TARTAN KEEPER** Sqn FTX (September) – Scotland
2001	**Ex SILVER BEAVER 01** 2 Log Sp Gp FTX (October) – UK wide formation level exercise extending to multiple locations from Catterick to Salisbury Plain and the M4 corridor. Probably the largest exercise of the RLC TA to ever take place. **Ex MAJESTIC RAGE** Engineer Support FTX / support to civil authorities in response to Foot & Mouth epidemic – locations included Aldershot, Felixstowe and Scotland

2002	**Ex LOG VIPER** 2 Log Sp Gp FTX (June) – southern England, with US National Guard soldiers from 24th Transport Battalion US Army
2003	**Ex FLAMING PHOENIX** Regimental Training (June) – Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham and Longmoor. Focus on driver training, with the aim of qualifying additional soldiers for mobilisation on Op TELIC, plus adventurous training (sailing on the Corps yacht off the south coast) and a battlefield tour to northern France
2004	**Ex PHOENIX THRUST** Regimental FTX (July) – location unrecorded
2005	**Ex LOGISTIC FOCUS** 2 Log Sp Gp FTX (September) – Barton Stacey
2006	**Ex GRIFFIN FOCUS (PHOENIX GRIFFIN)** – location unrecorded
2007	**Ex PHOENIX FORWARD** and **Ex PHOENIX FORWARD DRIVE** – Swynerton and Grantham
2008	**Ex PHOENIX GREEN** Regimental FTX (September) – STANTA, Bicester and Ashchurch, including a live task moving DROPS flat racks on behalf of DSDA
2009	**Ex AUTUMN SCORPION**
2010	**Ex PHOENIX CHALLENGE**
2011	**Ex LOG FOUNDATION**
2012	**Ex LOG FOUNDATION 2**

APPENDIX D

Photo Gallery

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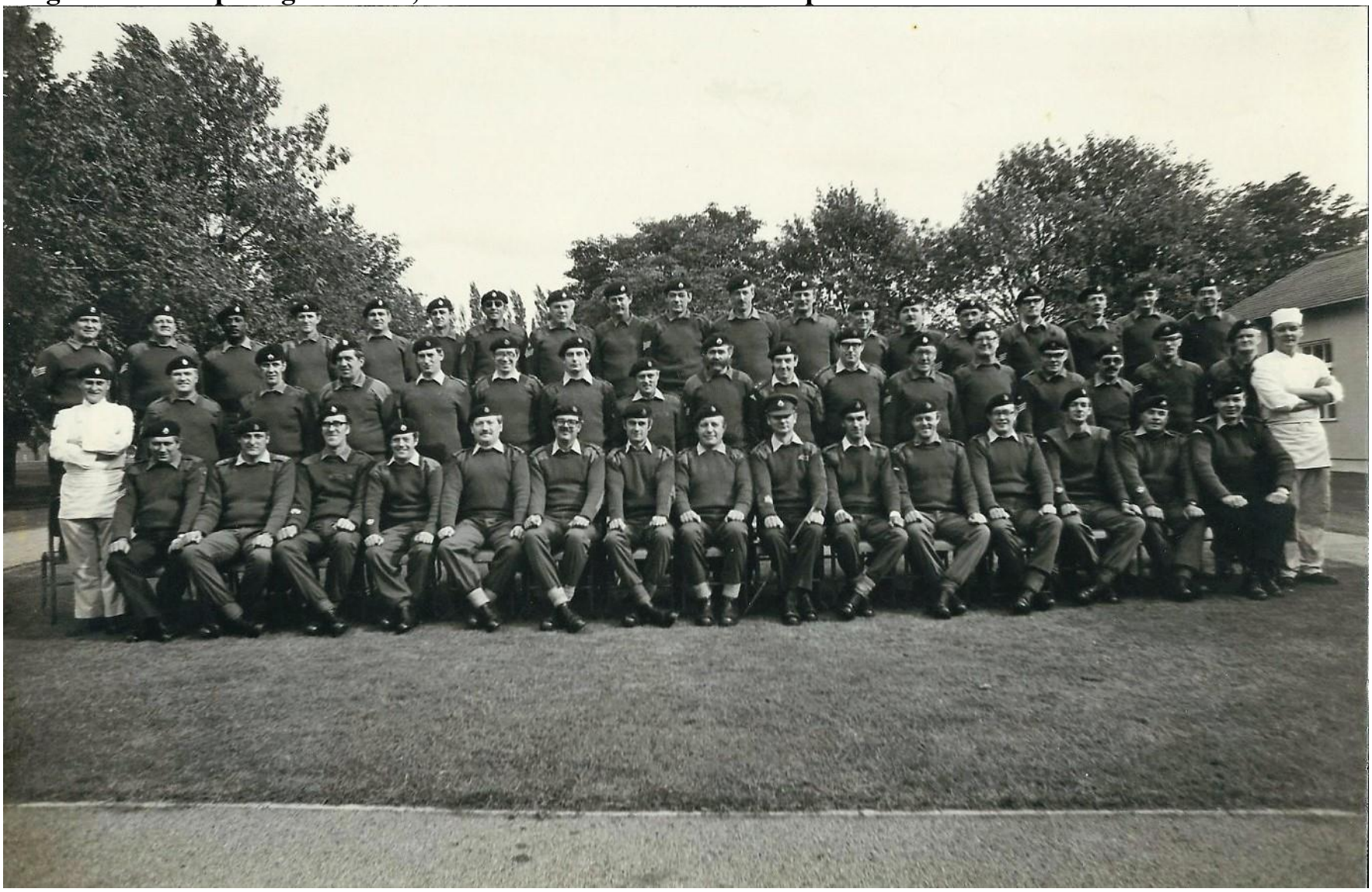


Figure 6. Grantham 1982 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col D B Coates TD – Pipe Maj 153 Tpt Regt and Tony Feldman (PMC)



Figure 7. Grantham 1982 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col D B Coates TD – L to R: Unknown, Alan Curtis, David Heslop & Andy Bone



Figure 8. Grantham 1982 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col D B Coates TD – L to R: Richard Adams, Ron Westcott, John Wilson, George Stanford & Simon Bennett. Whose back is that?



Figure 9. Grantham 1982 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col D B Coates TD – Dick Wilkinson centre, Rupert Wallis and Alan Curtis to left



Figure 10. Grantham 1982 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col D B Coates TD – Dick Wilkinson again!



Figure 11. Grantham 1982 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col D B Coates TD – David Sanders, Tom Ridgway, David Coates, Bryan Barkshire & David Heslop



Figure 12. Grantham 1983 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col J P Lynch TD – Bryan Barkshire & Isabel Holroyd



Figure 13. Grantham 1983 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col J P Lynch TD – Scots Wha Hai 1



Figure 14. Grantham 1983 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col J P Lynch TD – Raymond McLellan (Rupert Wallis' monocle)



Figure 15. Grantham 1983 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col J P Lynch TD – Guy Yeoman, David Sanders and Giles Edmondston-Low



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Figure 21. Grantham 1983 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col J P Lynch TD – First Stab of Richard Hambleton as Colonel of Volunteers, with David Heslop and Raymond McLellan



Figure 22. Grantham 1983 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col J P Lynch TD – Maj Gen Peter Blunt



Figure 23. Grantham 1983 Dinner Night. CO Lt Col J P Lynch TD – Strip the Willow?



Figure 24. Vogelsang 1984. CO Lt Col J P Lynch TD – David Girdwood, Isabel Holroyd & Tony Feldman



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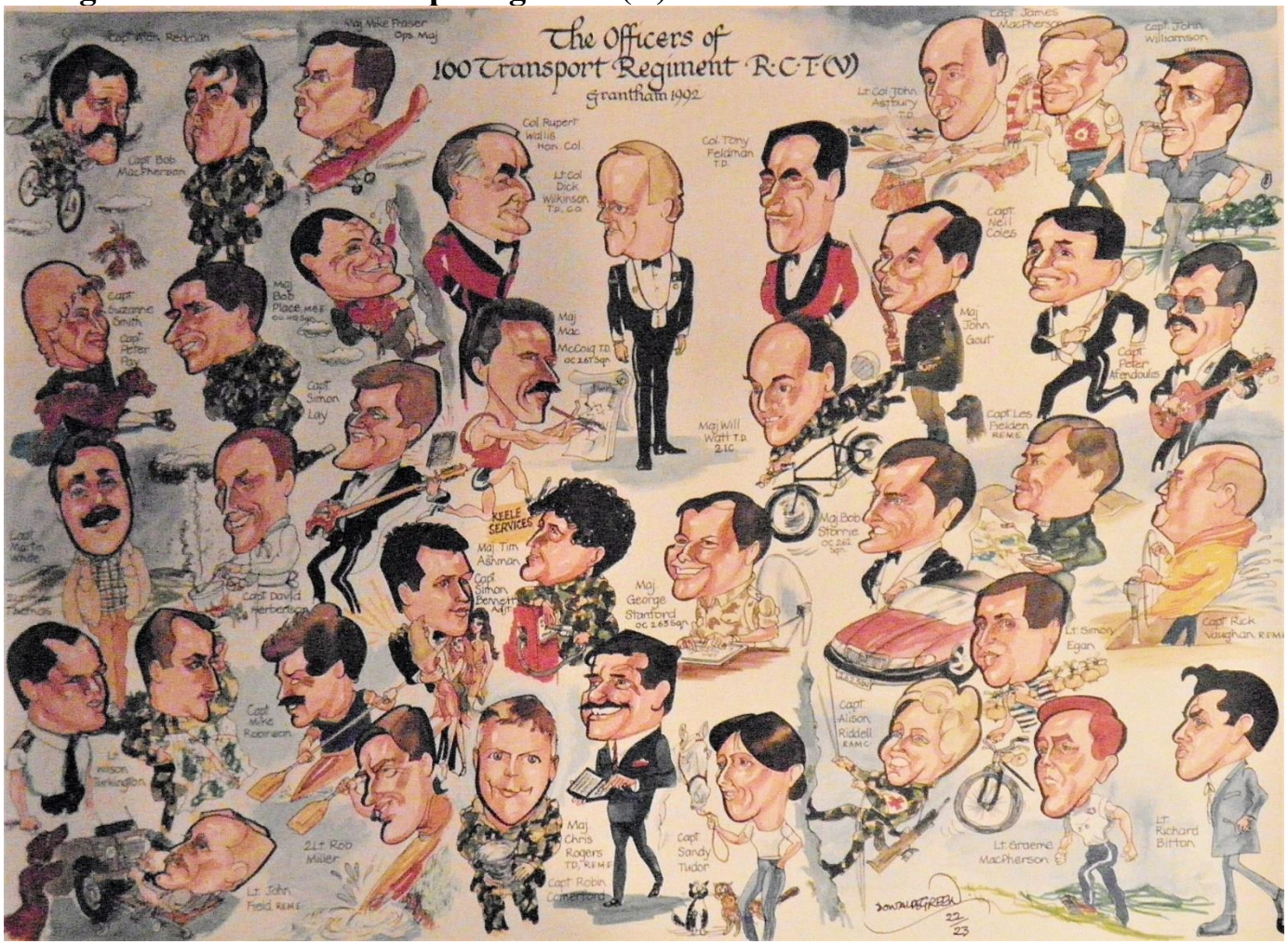


Figure 36. Commanding Officers at Disbandment Dinner 02 Nov 2013



160 Transport Regiment Disbandment Dinner 2 November 2013
Former Commanding Officers
Back Row L to R: Mike Caseman-Jones, Dick Wilkinson, John Lynch, Alan Hamilton, Tony Feldman, Martin White
Front Row L to R: Mike Robinson, John Astbury, Mike Hughes

Figure 37. 02 Nov 2013 Disbandment Dinner, Team of 1985-88



160 TPT REGT RLC(V)

DISBANDMENT DINNER 02.11.13

THE TEAM OF 1985-1988

Derek French Martin White Simon Bennett Alan Hamilton Richard Hambleton Will Watt Suzanne Smith Roger Santon George Stamford Mike Robinson Philip Cockbill Richard Adams Roger Hood Stacey Igoe Peter Ramsden Dick Wilkinson Tony Feldman Ray Allcock

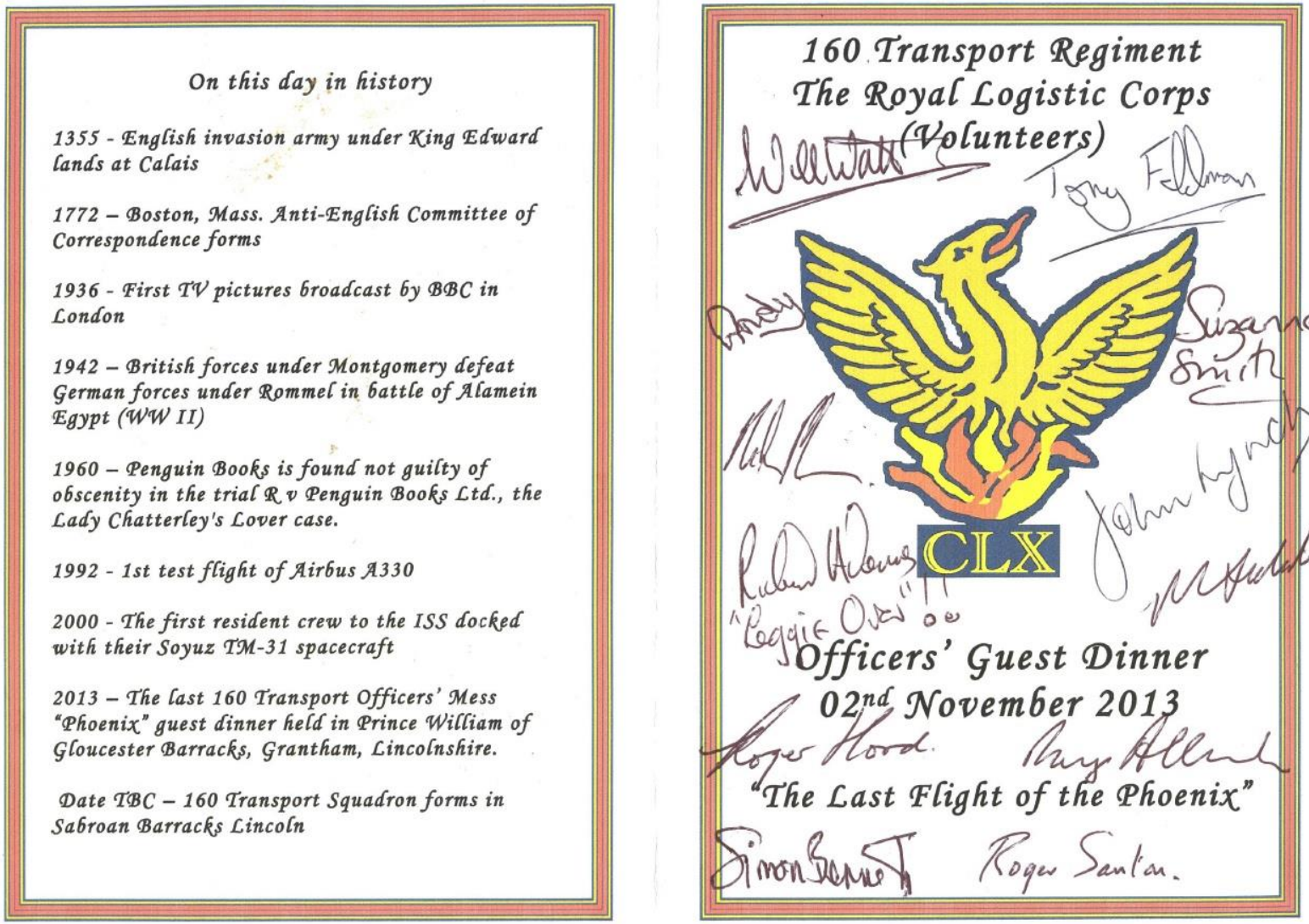
Figure 38. Disbandment Dinner
Andy Long, Bennett & Watt



Figure 39. 160 Disbandment Dinner
Feldman & Watt



Figure 40. 160 Disbandment Dinner Menu



On this day in history

1355 - English invasion army under King Edward lands at Calais

1772 – Boston, Mass. Anti-English Committee of Correspondence forms

1936 - First TV pictures broadcast by BBC in London

1942 – British forces under Montgomery defeat German forces under Rommel in battle of Alamein Egypt (WW II)

1960 – Penguin Books is found not guilty of obscenity in the trial R v Penguin Books Ltd., the Lady Chatterley's Lover case.

1992 - 1st test flight of Airbus A330

2000 - The first resident crew to the ISS docked with their Soyuz TM-31 spacecraft

2013 – The last 160 Transport Officers' Mess "Phoenix" guest dinner held in Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Date TBC – 160 Transport Squadron forms in Sabroan Barracks Lincoln

160 Transport Regiment
The Royal Logistic Corps
(Volunteers)

CLX

Officers' Guest Dinner
02nd November 2013

"The Last Flight of the Phoenix"

Wines

Circa Pinot Grigio - Australia

Argento Malbec - Argentina

Warres Ruby Heritage

Menu

Duck and Champagne terrine
with crisp salad leaves, balsamic dressing
and melba toast

Slow braised Lamb Shank
in a rich Mint gravy

Seasonal vegetables and potatoes

Raspberry Eton Mess

Selection of Cheese & Biscuits

Figure 41. Regimental Wine commemorating 160 Tpt Regt RCT(V) and its predecessors

