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GRATULATIO, SUB ROSA EST DECEM ANNORUM!

THE FRIENDS IN THE THICK OF IT

By *Bill Steadman*,
Curator

'People First, Pursuit of Excellence, Proud and Professional Intelligencers', the tag line for the Intelligence Corps and arguably a fitting one for service intelligence as a whole. It doesn't take much to dissect this tag line; intelligence has always been about the people, the doers and thinkers and those that support them. Excellence and professionalism have always been the goal, anything less could harbour failure, and pride comes from achieving the whole. The last 10 years have seen change, development, growth, innovation and progress across service intelligence; the Royal Navy reinventing its Naval Intelligence Division, incorporating a Royal Marine Intelligence Branch and the Royal Air Force establishing its Air Intelligence Branch. At last, all three services have placed the intelligencer at the heart of what they do and throughout this last period they have all been in the thick of it on operations.

Those same 10 years have seen the birth, growth and maturation of *Sub Rosa*, and the same tag line could well be used. It is for our people and very largely about our people. It has achieved a level of excellence that has seen critical acclaim and national awards. The professionalism shown in the quality of its content, editorship and publication is second to none. The Friends of the Intelligence Corps Museum should be rightly proud of what has been achieved.

FICM's most generous support to the museum has provided essential tools

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CHANGING TIMES FOR THE MUSEUM AND ITS FRIENDS

By *Mike Palmer*,
Chair

I welcome the opportunity to mark the 10th anniversary of FICM's outstanding newsletter, *Sub Rosa*. It is a publication which began under the editorship of John Quenby, a founding FICM trustee and the first chair, continues to flourish under the stewardship of Chris Yates and has thrived throughout because of the contributions of so many individual Friends. Please do keep these coming.

Keeping members informed of the museum's development and of FICM's overarching support for the telling of the Intelligence Corps' story, *Sub Rosa* has been an important link between the Friends, the trustees and the museum staff. It does an excellent job of presenting factual accounts of the achievements of all intelligence-gatherers and is never short of anecdotal and pictorial evidence, often supported by some light-hearted accounts of life in the olden days.

In July 1970, as a newly qualified young soldier, I was fortunate to be present at Ashford when Sir Gerald Templar officially opened the first museum in a small building opposite the guardroom. My recollections of the museum fifty-two years ago, compared with what currently exists, only serve to emphasise what has been achieved through the dedication and tenacity of so many Corps personnel and, of course, the Intelligence Corps Association.

Within the museum, the content, its presentation and its context ably demonstrate just how intelligence-gathering has necessarily had

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TEASER

What commander-in-chief said this?

'I doubt if runs before breakfast really produce battle winners of necessity'

(Answer on p.3)

Lunch with Lecture this Spring!

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THE FRIENDS IN THE THICK OF IT

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FS fighting knife altered by
Capt George Newby-Robson



Capt George
Newby-Robson

for our people that have enabled us to advance our collections care and management to professional, national standards. We have been able to raise our game, taking forward the excellent work of past generations to new heights and I, for one, am exceedingly proud of what we have all achieved since the museum first opened nearly 52 years ago.

To have come so far in such a relatively short time is exceptional and FICM has been there in the thick of it. And, on its tenth birthday, it is fair to say that *Sub Rosa* has been a beacon of interest and knowledge that has illustrated in word and picture just what 'the thick of it' actually means. In museum terms, the last 10 years have seen a number of staff and volunteers come (myself included) and go (not due to anything I have said!) and all have left their mark. We have welcomed thousands of visitors, engaged with young and old, educated and entertained, and generally had a wonderful time doing it. For me, meeting people and hearing their stories has always been a treat. The donation of artefacts, and hearing the stories associated with the items and the person behind them, is the icing on a most enjoyable cake.

In my six years on the team, we have been gifted some rare, important and highly unusual items, from Heinrich Himmler's fake identity document to an early model Fairbairn Sykes fighting knife with the tip ground off (so that the user's children did not injure themselves!), from medal groups to photos and documents, that all help tell our rich, varied, fascinating, surprising, and sometimes faintly ridiculous story. Whilst the objects in themselves may be interesting, it is the human story behind them that takes them from being 'a thing' to being 'something'. It is these people's stories that lie at the heart of our museum. They are what engage our visitors more than anything else.

For the museum, the next 10 years are certain to feature change, development, growth, innovation and progress in very much the same way as the services have seen. For *Sub Rosa*, I raise a glass in celebration of its last 10 years and wish it the very best for the next 10, knowing that it, and FICM, will be there with us 'in the thick of it.' ■

CHANGING TIMES FOR THE MUSEUM AND ITS FRIENDS

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**Mike Palmer,
Chair**

to adapt to the ever-changing and demanding challenges of our world. In the same vein, the museum currently faces one of its biggest challenges yet as their trustees seek to protect its future and to create an environment in which the story of the Intelligence Corps and of intelligence-capture in general can be told to an interested public. Equally important is the museum's potential role in educating today's soldiers in what has been and how we arrived at what we do today. Facilitating public awareness and educating current military personnel are not activities that sit easily alongside each other. The museum trustees are considering two locations for our museum to meet the needs of these two very different audiences.

The potential changes to the museum set-up will cause FICM trustees to review our current objectives and what FICM's role could be in supporting a very different museum model. There will certainly be a need for FICM to change its approach as it continues to play its part in the preservation of Corps heritage and history. What is certain, however, is that the support of Friends throughout the world will continue to be an essential part of protecting all that is important to us.

Opportunities to support and be involved with the new initiative for both FICM and its members are yet to be identified but will surely be there. Your trustees will continue to keep you updated, seek your thoughts and advise you of opportunities. We will do so through, among other channels, *Sub Rosa*, which has been present throughout the past ten years keeping you informed, entertained and in touch. Isn't that where I came in? ■

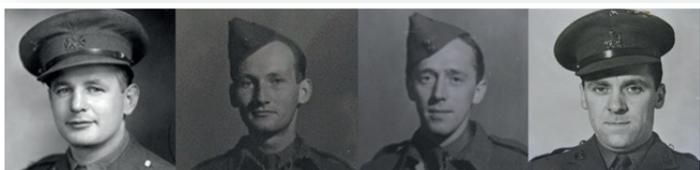
THE INTELLIGENCE CORPS BEHIND THE LINES

Eightieth Anniversary of Operation Corsican

By Col (ret'd) Nick Fox OBE, Deputy Colonel Commandant

A commemorative ceremony was held in France in October 2021 to mark the 80th anniversary of Op Corsican, the first combined drop of men and sabotage equipment into France by the Special Operations Executive's F Section. The operation was planned and organised by Capt Georges Bégué, Intelligence Corps (seconded to SOE) who was the first agent to be parachuted into France (in May 1941). Three of his local recruits provided the reception committee at the improvised dropping zone near the hamlet of Lagudal, north of Bergerac in the Dordogne. One of the three was a prominent French politician, Jean Pierre-Bloch.

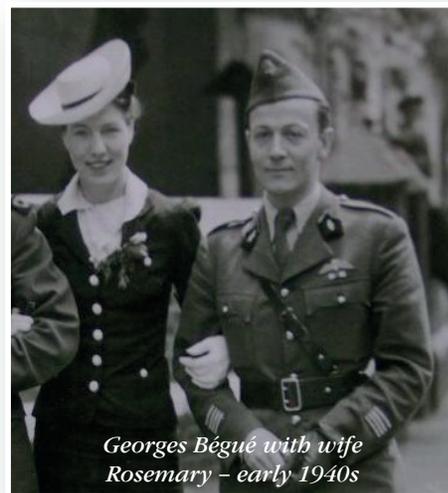
The four agents dropped during the night of 10 October 1941 included two former Intelligence Corps NCOs, both of whom were commissioned into the Corps on successful completion of their SOE agent training: Lt Marc Jumeau and Lt Daniel Turberville. Lt Turberville was dropped late and was arrested early the following morning by Vichy police. After interrogation he was remanded in prison in Périgueux and later charged with 'conspiracy against the security of the state'. In December 1941, while being transferred by train to face a military tribunal, he escaped, evaded for over a year and returned to the UK via the Pyrenees in April 1943.



(L-R) Lt JB Hayes (Gilbert); 2Lt CM Jumeau (Clement/Robert); 2Lt JPC Le Harivel (Georges 2); 2Lt D Turberville (Bertrand)

After the police searches were rescinded, the three remaining agents made their way to Marseilles. All were arrested later that month and were held with nine others (including Capt Bégué) in Périgueux prison, before being moved to the Vichy prison camp at Mauzac. In July 1942, Capt Bégué and Lt Jumeau organised and led the escape of all twelve prisoners. In small groups they made their way via Lyon to Spain via the Pyrenees. Arrested and detained again, they were eventually released and were back in the UK by November that year.

Lt (now Capt) Jumeau volunteered for a second mission; in April 1943 the aircraft carrying him and a colleague to be parachuted into southern France was shot down over Normandy. Both survived



Georges Bégué with wife Rosemary – early 1940s

the crash but were arrested the next day. After interrogation by the Gestapo, both were held in solitary confinement for 11 months in prison in Frankfurt-am-Main. As a result of a freezing winter combined with dire prison conditions, Lt Jumeau contracted TB. In early March 1944, the pair were transferred to the notorious Fort Zinna to face a military tribunal, but due to his ill-health, Lt Jumeau was sent to a military prison hospital in Berlin. He received no treatment and was left in his bed with no food or medical attention; he died at 5 p.m. on 26 March 1944, aged 29. He has no known grave.

The commemorative ceremony on 29 October 2021 took place at a memorial to the Op Corsican drop at Lagudal; it was led by Mme Geneviève Darrieussecq, the Secretary of State to the French Minister of the Armed Forces. I arranged for a poppy wreath to be laid on behalf of the Colonel Commandant and all members of the Intelligence Corps (serving and veteran), by Claude Pierre-Bloch, the son of Jean Pierre-Bloch who had received the Op Corsican agents in 1941.

Capt Marc Jumeau, who had already been MiD for his actions as an FSS NCO at Dunkirk in 1940, was MiD again for his SOE service and awarded the Croix de Guerre. He is commemorated on the Intelligence Corps' panel, the Memorial to the Missing, at the CWGC's cemetery at Brookwood in Surrey; the French Section SOE Memorial at Valençay in France; the 'In the Name of the Rose' memorial database in the Intelligence Corps Collection at the Military Intelligence Museum at Chicksands; and on the Corsican Mission Memorial at Lagudal in France, where it notes Marc as *Mort en Déportation*. On 11 September 2021, he was commemorated on the newly rededicated Memorial Wall at Chicksands. ■

FICM's Trustee Interviews for Military Intelligence Vid-Podcasts

As preparations are ongoing for the new museum, the National Centre for Military Intelligence (NCMI), a programme of vid-podcasts continues to be recorded. It is intended that these video interviews will be released across the website every fortnight to aid the fundraising appeal. As a military historian, I have been working with a team of professionals to interview interesting figures, both military and non-military, on aspects of military intelligence across the ages. Maj Mike Shearer (production director), Dave Heath (cameraman) and John Ramsden (sound editor) have generously donated their time to the project and have so far produced over 35 vid-podcasts across 30 days of filming. The filming is ongoing, with more exciting interviews on the schedule to complete.

Watch out for announcements on the release of these vid-podcasts soon!

By Dr Helen Fry



(L-R) Dave Heath, Helen, RHC In-Pensioner Brian Connor

Answer to Teaser
Field Marshal Sir Claude
Auchinleck
in *Auchinleck: A Critical
Biography* (1959)



Col Patrick Anthony Clayton *DSO, MBE, FRGS, FGS*

By Harry Fecitt MBE TD

Patrick (Pat) served as an officer in the Royal Field Artillery during the World War I Macedonian Campaign, where the main port and logistics base was Salonika in Greece. After demobilisation in 1920 he was employed by the Geological Survey of Egypt where he mapped the Sinai Mountains and the Red Sea coasts. In 1923 he joined the new Egyptian Desert Surveys Department where he honed his desert surveying skills, and by 1938 over 74 original maps carried his name. Then, as a result of over-exertion in the desert and the effects of a hernia operation, he needed a change and moved southwards to work for the Tanganyika Territory (now Tanzania) Department of Lands and Mines, where he surveyed in thick bush rather than open desert – but not for long!

Having completed his two-year contract with the Colonial Office, in 1940 he left Tanganyika Territory to work as Assistant Director of the Trans-Jordan Department of Lands and Surveys, but he was instead summoned to Cairo to meet up with Ralph Bagnold and Bill Kennedy Shaw, two other veterans of Western Desert surveying and exploration. Bagnold had just been tasked by Gen Wavell to form a small unit capable of operating in the Western Desert on the flanks of Allied conventional forces, who were confronting the Italian Army; and so the Long Range Desert Group (LRDG) came into being.

Pat was a very efficient LRDG patrol commander, and this led to the award of Companionship of the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) and a Mention in Despatches. The DSO citation is lengthy, so extracts are:

Captain Clayton has most successfully carried out four daring exploits far behind the enemy's lines . . . penetrated 200 miles into enemy territory (making the first military crossing of the 140 miles of immense sand dunes separating Egypt from Libya) . . . remained for four days watching the Jalo-Kufra road in August temperatures of 125 degrees. By this pioneering feat he paved the way for the many subsequent activities of the LRDG . . . During September 1940 he led his patrol of 30 men successfully from Siwa across 700 miles of enemy territory to French Equatoria and back . . . On a third raid captured the fort of Augila 220 miles behind the Italian lines . . . During January 1941 he commanded the British force of two patrols which travelled direct from Cairo to Northern Tibesti, and then having picked up a small party of four Free French officers and NCOs, raided Hurzuk, Traghan, Umm El Arenab and Gatrun in Fezzan . . . in constant danger of attack by enemy aircraft and with the knowledge that the evacuation of seriously wounded would be impossible. At the far end of the journey, he has on two occasions engaged the enemy in successful actions.



*'carried out four
daring exploits
far behind
the enemy's lines'*

In April 1941 whilst on operations near Gebel Sherif, enemy planes spotted Pat's troop and called up vehicles of an Italian Auto-Saharan Company – a unit that also specialised in desert reconnaissance and raids. The vehicles surrounded and fired upon the LRDG troop, which was resisting fiercely, whilst aeroplanes attacked from above. Pat's vehicle was hit and he was wounded and taken prisoner and shipped to Italy, finally arriving at Campo 29 at Veano.

On 10 September 1943 Pat and six other prisoners escaped. He was on the run until 8 January 1944 when he was betrayed and recaptured. The Germans then moved him by train, and he finally arrived in Oflag 79 in Brunswick; he was released when the German war effort collapsed. But Pat had not been idle whilst



The Long Range Desert Group

in captivity, and he was appointed to be a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) for his efforts. The final paragraph of his citation states:

Throughout the four years of his captivity, Maj Clayton did valuable work forging passes, identity cards and copying maps. He was also in secret communication with the War Office. Two senior officers have commended Maj Clayton for his Intelligence activities.

Promoted to lieutenant colonel, Pat soldiered on in post-war Palestine and Egypt. He left the army as an honorary colonel in 1953 and relocated to Canterbury to work as a retired officer in the Lands Branch of South Eastern District, until he retired in April 1961. Patrick Anthony Clayton DSO, MBE, FRGS, FGS, who fought in both world

wars, suddenly died of a massive aneurysm on 17 March 1962 at the age of 65. Many years later aspects of his desert life were recreated in the film *The English Patient* (1996). ■



By Fred Judge

LEFT-WING TERRORISM IN WEST GERMANY

A part from the *Rote Armee Fraktion* (abbreviated to RAF by the Germans, but to Red AF by the British to avoid upsetting the Royal Air Force, and more generally known to the public as the Baader-Meinhof Gang,) there were other militant groups operating in Western Europe during the 1970s and 1980s. Most of them maintained they were fighting for freedom and peace but their methods often belied their stated aims. In general, they were of little concern to BAOR. The Americans, on the other hand, were more often the target of the Red AF and some servicemen died in terrorist incidents. The only incidents in the BAOR environment probably attributable to the Red AF were the bombing of the American Military Intelligence office in the British Nordpark complex in Düsseldorf and an attack against the British sailing club in Kiel. No lives were lost or anybody injured.



Ulrike Meinhof was the brains behind the Baader-Meinhof Gang. A young, gifted journalist for the left-wing newspaper *Konkret*, she regarded West Germany, the most prosperous society in Western Europe, as corrupt, ideologically crippled and oppressive. She attracted thousands of admirers from young students disillusioned by the apparent evils of a materialistic and capitalist society or bowled over by her outspoken frankness. Andreas Baader was a minor criminal with violent tendencies, sentenced to three years imprisonment. Whilst he and the other accomplices (Gudrun Ensslin, Thorwald Proll and Horst Söhnlein) were in prison, Meinhof visited them and was impressed by their willingness to commit crime in the name of political expediency. By late 1969 the Baader-Meinhof Gang had been formed.

The rise to infamy of the Baader-Meinhof Gang gained the attention of groups of young, naïve, militant students who regarded the Baader-Meinhof adherents as freedom fighters. After 1968, many of these militant students became members of the *Ausser Parlamentarischer Opposition*, (Extra-Parliamentary Opposition, or APO), which had its power base in West Berlin. Some went on to become *Rand-Figuren*, (fringe figures) of the gang, giving logistical support, legal assistance, funds (mainly by robbing banks) and arranging safe accommodation for those sought by the police. Klaus Croissant, one of the defence lawyers, took on a new respectability after the collapse of communism. Otto Schily, also a Baader-Meinhof defence lawyer, became, ironically, Germany's Interior Minister in the government of Gerhard Schroeder, and Joschka Fischer, a former member of the APO who had been photographed beating up a policeman, became Schroeder's Foreign Minister.

At the height of the Red AF's activity in the mid-1970s, the German police would block main roads in order to check the identities of passengers in cars. During a trip to Dannenberg in 1976, I and two colleagues travelling in an official car were pulled over at such a checkpoint and, despite producing military identity cards, our details were passed to the LKA in Hannover where, naturally enough, no adverse traces were recorded. The Baader-Meinhof Gang tended to travel around Europe in high-performance cars. So did 28 Intelligence Section, 'The Det'. For that very reason, it was not unusual for section members on surveillance duties to be stopped by the ever-vigilant German police and for the OC of 28 Intelligence Section to be dragged from his bed in order

to vouch for his men. The late Lt Col Tony Greenfield and Maj Dougie Whysall both said they wished that they had £100 for each of the times they were called out to vouch for their men after the German police pulled them over.

After US servicemen lost their lives to Baader-Meinhof terrorism and an attempt was made on the life of Gen Haig, the US C-in-C in West Germany in 1979, instructions were issued by HQ Intelligence & Security Group to obtain more information about the situation from the 7K and 14K offices. The threat to British interests from Baader-Meinhof was then re-assessed as being similar to that presented by Middle Eastern terrorists.

In 1989, Baader-Meinhof failed in an attempt to assassinate Hans Neusel, the Secretary of State for security at the Ministry of the Interior. In a fit of pique, they then issued a 'Declaration of war against the German/West European superpowers'. It was possibly an attempt to shore up flagging support among West European radicals following the loss of the Red AF's logistic support base in the former GDR. In any event, the younger members of West Germany's population, who might have been expected to support them, no longer regarded Red AF-type left-wing groups as relevant to the 1990s. Baader-Meinhof/Red AF became moribund, and its few remaining members were arrested or fled.

Until he retired in 1980, one of the great champions of the fight against Red AF terrorism was Dr Horst Herold (1923–2018) the President of the BKA. Under Herold, a close relationship evolved between the British and German civilian and military security agencies in West Germany right down to security section and 7/14K level. Herold was the driving force behind the introduction of computers in compiling the intelligence database which helped in the downfall of indigenous terrorism in West Germany.

The great watershed for West Germany's counter-terrorism effort came at the Munich Olympics in 1972 when Palestinian terrorists took the Israeli weight-lifting team hostage. Under the eyes of the world, the efforts of the authorities to free them and apprehend the terrorists degenerated into carnage. All hostages died along with most of the terrorists.

This incident was to lead directly to the formation of *Grenzschutzgruppe 9 der Bundespolizei* (GSG9), the West German 'siege busters'. ■

How We Have Grown

By Fred Judge, Corps Historian

I transferred to the Intelligence Corps in 1969. In those days, the Corps was still regarded as a bit of an anachronism and a Johnny-come-lately. Members of formation intelligence sections were regarded as football pitch line-markers, signal-squadron duty NCOs, 'boot-bullers' for the GSO3 (Int) or permanent 'editors' of the old Manual of Army Security. The security advice given to military units was frequently ignored by their unit security officers who were usually also the unit sports' officers and often straight out of Sandhurst – or even Mons. The Corps Museum was housed in a few dusty rooms behind the Templer Barracks guardroom where new recruits and transferees were shoe-horned through, told to carefully study the shaving cream and other fascinating relics from the Nazi era, before returning to study the Manual of Military Law which nobody ever had to use anyway. *The Rose and The Laurel* (which wasn't called that then) was often no more than a stereotyped, photocopied and stapled-together bundle of A4 or even foolscap paper.

'Proud to be amongst them'

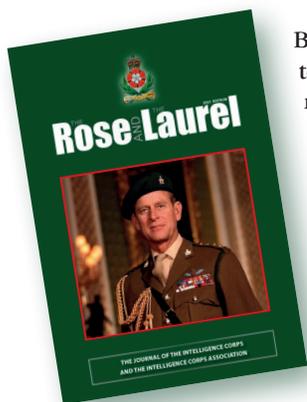


MOD. He is the linchpin in our links to all arms of our intelligence and security services, military and civilian. For a Corps which has fewer than two thousand all-ranks, that is an amazing record and one we can be truly proud of.

Our museum is now world-class and has a professional curating staff. We have a full-time archivist to monitor, advise and maintain the Corps' historical records. The Corps journal is sought after throughout eBay, the Russian Ministry of Defence and the Beijing Beano. Behind all this is a small, a very small, army of volunteers who give up their spare time and spare pocket money to ensure the history of the Corps is properly recorded.

Our Friends' *Sub Rosa* magazine appeared on the scene, by my recent reckoning, a couple of years ago. In fact, it is now ten years old! We old volunteer types are left scrabbling for our old diaries to try and confirm this. In my case, I can trace my volunteer roots back to 1999 when I was abducted by the late John Woolmore, who was newly installed as Corps Secretary, and blackmailed into becoming the Regional Secretary for the Eastern Counties. The Corps would be lost without the efforts of its volunteers in maintaining our historical records. Their knowledge is vital and I am proud to be amongst them. ■

But look at us now. We have long been a teeth-arm, many of our senior warrants rise to lieutenant colonel or even higher, our expertise, both covert and overt, is sought by all arms of the services as well as by the national agencies in the UK and abroad. We have our first lieutenant general who commands all aspects of Defence Intelligence for the



Make a Bequest to the Friends?

By Dave Farrell, Treasurer

Please consider leaving your charity something in your will. To leave a fixed sum of money, we suggest the following words.

'I give the sum of (in words and numbers) pounds to the Friends of the Intelligence Corps Museum, HMRC-regulated charity no. XT32851, resident at Building 200, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire, SG17 5PR for its declared aims, and I direct that a receipt signed by a trustee of FICM shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my executors.

'If, at the date of my death, any charity named as a beneficiary in my will or any codicil thereto has changed its name, or amalgamated with or transferred its assets to another body, then my executors shall give effect to any gift made to such charity as if it had been made (in the first case) to the body in its changed name or (in the second place) to the body which results from such amalgamation or to which such transfer has been made'.

Thank you for your support.

For Paul the Deacon – Monte Cassino AD 790

And was it then so dark, your age,
did the lamp burn so low
then but eight centuries after
that strange death on the lonely hill-top
death of a vanquished man but
birth of a conquering godhead?
Was it then so slow
the quickening spirit of grace
did the foe
show the barbarian face
so terribly, so unrelentingly
Then as now?

We have turned to a sad smirched page
of civilisation's manuscript – the scribe
falters, his unclean quill
is plucked from the vulture
writes with the blood of carnage
stink of battlefield sepulture;
and yet still
till over the long destructive centuries
echo Aluin's words to you at Monte Cassino
*est nam certa quies fessis venientibus illus
hic olus hospitibu, piscis hic, panis abundans* –
Christ's peace and the loaves and the fishes,
rest for the weary and food
for the burdened and heavy laden
and the love of man for all men
so was it then.

But now the guns roar and spit across the ravished vineyards,
now is the age most dark:
the well-loved rooftree of Benedict desecrated,
our time's unlovely skeleton stripped stark.
the sky clouds to the twilight of mankind,
pity's eclipse, and the terrifying kingdom of the blind.

18 February 1944

*From Poems from India by
Members of the Forces,
published in 1945*



*(Paul the Deacon (c.720–c.799) was a
Benedictine monk, poet, grammarian
and historian of the Lombards.)*

*Lieutenant Colonel Stuart Piggott CBE FBA
FRSE FSA Scot (1910–96) was an eminent
archaeologist specialising in Western
European prehistory. He served in the
ranks 1939–41, then was commissioned
into the Intelligence Corps, spending three*

NEW EMAIL FACILITY

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Some good news! After a long gap since the trustees were able to effectively send emails to members, we have now secured a useful and better system. With the kind help of the team from the Intelligence Corps Association, FICM will piggyback on their UKFast email facility, similar to how ICA communicates with its regions. Readers who are ICA members will already know how efficient their system is.

With Mike Cooksey having set it up, we'll maintain our own Friends' email list, keeping your details in-house, secure and compliant with GDPR.

It may be that you have already received such an email from ficm@roseandlaurel.uk and if not please check your junk box. We think it worthwhile to announce the change in the newsletter, and not least to acknowledge the generous co-operation with our affiliated organisation, the Intelligence Corps Association.

Trustee Matters

- Membership Secretary Richard Harper resigned as trustee, effective 31 December 2021. We thank him for his invaluable work, particularly during the swathe of work connected with the website. His expertise, thankfully, is not lost to the Friends as he will continue to look after membership as non-trustee.
- Mike Palmer will represent membership matters on the board of trustees.

TEN YEARS OF THE FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

By the Editor

You are reading the thirty-first newsletter since the first was published in the spring of 2012, although it was not titled *Sub Rosa* until the next, summer issue. Comprising four pages, that newsletter's front page talks proudly of how FICM had just been created with a trust deed, registration with HMRC and eligibility for Gift Aid. As every schoolboy knows (at least those who have read the About page of our website) it was founded after the Friends section of the museum trust had become defunct.

Other articles were an historical note by Chair John Quenby on George Scovell (1774–1861) 'Codebreaker Extraordinaire!', a typically candid book-review by Paul Croxson of David Thorp's book *Spellmount* (2012), a report of the reception at the museum where Curator Sally Ann Reid was presented with a cheque for £500 for 'urgently needed conservation materials', photos of the FANYs' display and a Soviet R-353 radio. The levelling of time can be noted in those ten years: sadly, passed-on are Corps Historian Alan Edwards, trustees Sir Stanley Odell and Paul Croxson; Sally Ann Reed handed over to Bill Steadman in 2016 and Nick Humphrey was two corps secretaries before the current Sam Southam (all the last four mentioned are still going strong).

Statistically, we can look back on sixty-nine historical articles, forty-four recollections, forty book/film reviews and sixteen poems. Except for the previously published poems, many are original, an impressive contribution to Corps history.

And what of the next ten years? With the museum expected to undergo a radical change of location and breadth of displays, what might the spring issue of *Sub Rosa* contain in 2032? Answers, speculative but temperate please, to editor.ficm@gmail.com

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! *FICM Lunch with Lecture*

Speaker
Paul Rimmer

Paul joined the Ministry of Defence in 1983 and was Deputy Chief of Defence Intelligence until May 2020. He is an experienced intelligence analyst, having been a customer for intelligence in jobs ranging from principal private secretary to two defence secretaries to being the senior civilian at Permanent Joint Headquarters, providing the headquarters and operational military commanders with policy, legal, media and financial advice for military operations and contingency planning. He was a member of the Joint Intelligence Committee for nearly 13 years. In Defence, in the Cabinet Office (as Chief of the Assessments Staff), and elsewhere in government he has briefed at meetings of the National Security Council, cabinet and for the government's crisis management committee, Cobra, delivered strategic intelligence assessments to inform and advise the prime minister, cabinet ministers and senior military and civilian personnel. He was the honorary colonel of 3 MI Bn, actively involved with the Corps.

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