



The Colonel's Fund Grenadier Guards

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Dear Grenadier,

THE COLONEL'S FUND GRENADER GUARDS – INTERIM REPORT

Introduction

This letter provides a brief report on the progress achieved by The Colonel's Fund since inception in November 2007, together with some thoughts on what Grenadiers and friends can do to help during the second half of this year.

The Fund currently stands at about £450,000, and we have been truly overwhelmed by the generosity and enthusiasm of the response to the Appeal. Thank you all so much. However, it is equally clear that this initial enthusiasm will need to be maintained for the remainder of the year if we are to reach our target figure.

The Fund

The Colonel's Fund is a sub fund of the Regimental Charities, administered by Regimental Headquarters and reports to the Regimental Trustees. His Royal Highness The Colonel is our Patron and we are aiming at a funding target of £750,000 by the end of 2008. The intention is that the Fund will provide immediate grants (it has already done so) and an endowment fund for future cases. Active fundraising will take place this year only and thereafter, the Fund will remain open, with 5% being donated from all Regimental fundraising events, until further notice.

Fundraising

Fundraising events to date have been centered around a few successful major events - notably the Etape du Midi in 2007, the Vintners' Hall and the Guildhall in the City of London; and by two particularly significant donations from private charitable trusts. Additionally, there have been a large number of very generous individual donations and fundraising activities from both within the Regimental family and from outside, together with a tide of smaller sums which have all helped to raise the total.

Looking ahead, fundraising events this summer and autumn will include the following:

- June 16th – A Clay Pigeon Shoot, lunch and auction at Bisley shooting ground.
- August 16th - 30th – Regimental Band Tour of 14 English cities, details on the website.
- October/November – A London Theatre Event, (details to be confirmed).

In parallel, private fundraising activity will be continuing throughout the summer and autumn. For example, the 1st Battalion and the Regimental Association have arranged a myriad of events up and down the country from band concerts to bicycle rides.

Grants

The Fund has been raised to help all those Grenadiers and, where appropriate, their immediate families, who have been killed or seriously injured as a result of operational service.

The first donations from the Fund have already been made to certain members of the First Battalion. In addition, The Regimental Welfare Committee, which has been given wide discretion by the Trustees, is currently examining a number of other cases. In those circumstances where Government has a clear responsibility to fund but the process is proving to be rather slower than we would wish, the Fund may choose to apply money more quickly. However, every effort will be made to obtain reimbursement in full.

How you can help?

If we are to reach (or even exceed) our target sum, we would be most grateful for any help you can give in any of the following areas:

- Would you like to give a donation (if you have not already done so)?
- Can you donate, or persuade someone else to donate, any interesting auction prize, e.g. a day's shooting, stalking or fishing, a week skiing or a holiday house?
- Will you arrange your own fundraising event, however modest, and simply send a cheque to The Colonels Fund?
- Will you arrange an event with help from the project officer?
- Do you know of any private charitable trusts which might be amenable to an approach from the Fund?

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Once a Grenadier, Always a Grenadier



Website and Contacts

We very much hope that by now you have seen the new website (www.thecolonelsfund.com) which is being updated regularly and is now the prime means of communication. If you would like to help in any way at all, please will you get in touch with either of the following:

The Project Officer Telephone: 020 7414 3281 / projectofficer@grengds.com
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Finally, thank you all for your continuing support and for your tolerance when the administrative machinery may have been a little faulty on the odd occasion.

Yours sincerely

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Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel

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Appeal Chairman

Colonel Euan Houston
President Regimental Association

Patron

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, KG, KT

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