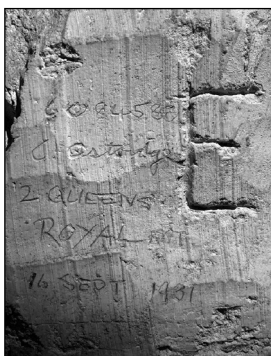


Fort Burgoyne and Connaught Barracks

Barry O'Brien

Fort Burgoyne is one of 70 forts and batteries built as part of the largest maritime defence programme of the last 450 years, the fort includes such unique features as the wing batteries which are connected by earthwork lines to the main fort and which were necessary to fill the defensive gap with Dover Castle. As part of the programme instigated by Palmerston's Royal Commission the background and history of the fort is, largely, well documented and recorded.



Graffiti Left by the Royal Green Jackets at Connaught Barracks (Barry O'Brien)

first part of an evolving display, building toward a planned celebration to commemorate the Centenary of the British Legion in 2021.

As part of our ongoing research we would like to invite Dover Society members, with a military connection or not, to contribute to, or participate in, our project helping build our knowledge of Fort Burgoyne and Connaught Barracks with first hand experiences and memories.

Built to the south of Fort Burgoyne, and completed some 150 years later, Connaught Barracks were in constant use until 2006 when the 1st Battalion the Parachute Regiment vacated the site, yet, despite almost a century of occupation, which included a major project to rebuild the barracks in the early 1960s, very little documented history of Connaught Barracks has been found to exist.

With work being carried out by The Land Trust to bring Fort Burgoyne into community use it was felt that Connaught Barracks needed to be celebrated and included within the sites future not least with the barrack buildings having already been largely removed to make way for housing.

Working alongside the White Cliffs Branch of the Royal British Legion we have begun collecting photographs, memorabilia, film and recordings as the

Further details of the project to celebrate Connaught Barracks can be obtained from Barry O'Brien barry@dovertales.co.uk or from Chris Valdus, site manager, 07825 901 358.

Although the site is not yet fully opened to the public we should be pleased to arrange a future group visit for Dover Society members should that be of interest.



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