



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH
AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion

3rd December 08

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:15 hrs.
2. **Members Present:** Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, Pete Clarke, Ray Sands, Brian Care, Kevin Lambeth, Harry Potter, Bob Potter, Alf Manders, John Browning, Roy Hicks, George Barrett, Mike Cole, George Hopkins, Tony Higgins, John Phillips, Brian Fosbury, Gordon Page, Alan Oakley, and of course the Ladies. My apologies to Vic Brown, who served with 3 Army Commando from 1943 - 1945. Vic attended the last branch meeting but unfortunately I forgot to mention this on the minutes.
3. **Apologies from:** Tom Carpenter, Bob Jones, Dave Clarke, Mike Holdsworth, Barrie Aitken, Alan Parkes, Larry Perry, Rip Kirby, Terry Howard, Peter Pederson, Eddie Fenwick, Ron Mason and John Mason.
4. The Chair thanked all for attending.
5. **Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting were read and voted as correct and true. Proposed by .Bob Potter Seconded, John Phillips **Carried.**
6. **Welfare:** Just after the last meeting our member, Eddie Fenwick, was taken seriously ill and has had an operation to install a stent. Eddie is recovering well. Larry Perry is seriously ill; Roy Hicks will keep the branch informed. Harry Mennie has also been undergone an operation and has also had a stent fitted. Roy Hicks is to under go further eye surgery. Best wishes from the branch to all members.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting to be arranged in the New Year.
9. **Branch Christmas Dinner 6th December 08:** Proforma attached for return A.S.A.P. Tickets are selling well so please get your returns in quickly to avoid disappointment. Roger Howells has managed to secure a 10% discount at the bar from 19:30 until 21:00. The Chairman asked that members bring along items for the raffle. Wounded Veterans from Selly Oak, Forces medical centre have been invited to the branch Christmas Dinner through Brian Care. Numbers are to be confirmed on Friday 5th December 08.
10. **Shoe Box Parcels:** 24 Commando Engineer Regiment have now been deployed and since the last meeting Brian and Pat Care have sent 20 parcels while George and Elsie have sent 16 parcels. The branch gave thanks to both couples for their hard work in sending these worthwhile parcels. Donations are continuing to come into the branch and parcels will resume after the Christmas break. Addresses are printed below.
11. **D-Day visit 2009:** plans are going well and transport is being investigated.
12. **Any Other Business:**

Brian Care: Brian proposed that the branch pay the cost of the meals for the wounded veterans who attend the Christmas Dinner. Vote by membership. Carried unanimously.

Arnhem 2009: The branch passed on their thanks to Kevin Lambeth for his hard work in costing this trip.

George Barrett: George reported that anyone wishing to retain his or her Federation Membership that subs of £2.00 each are now required.

George Barrett: George gave an update of the Federations Christmas functions
7th December Children's Pantomime
14th December – Christmas Dinner. Members £11 Non members £16
21st December – Christmas Dinner. Members £14 Non members £19, this will be a Forty's style event with an American style Big Band and Forty's style dress for those who wish to dress up.

George Barrett: George reported that the John Rock ceremony was an excellent day and that everyone was very impressed with whole day. The ceremony was very well attended and that the John Rock bust has been placed in an excellent location. RSM Glen Walton passed on his personal thanks to the Birmingham branch for all the welfare parcels that had been sent over past months.

13. Branch Shop: Your support is needed to sell the remaining stock. Prices are;

Polo Shirt	£17.00
Baseball Cap	£10.00
White cotton dress shirt, short sleeve	£18.00
White cotton dress shirt, long sleeve	£20.00

Several options were discussed to sell the remainder of the stock such as, e-bay sale, 50% off price sale or raffle prizes. To be decided at a later date.

14. Next Meeting: Wednesday 7th January 09 at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs

W Steve Brown
Secretary

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year To all Members and Families

Diary of Events

- 6th December 08 – Branch Christmas Dinner
- 7th January 09 – Branch Meeting



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ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

AT THE HOLIDAY INN HOTEL ELMDON.

6th DECEMBER 2008

REPLY PROFORMA

FROM: - (Please print name & address)

Number of tickets required ----- @ £27.50.00 per head.

Please find enclosed a cheque, made payable to **AIRBORNE ENGINEER ASSOCIATION (B'HAM BRANCH)**
FOR THE SUM OF £-----

Please send a list of your guest's names for the seating plan. And any request for vegetarian meals.

Return to Mrs E Barratt. 292 Brays Road, Sheldon, BIRMINGHAM. B26 2PP.
TEL 0121 628 7578

Please REPLY ASAP.

AFGHAN POSTAL ADDRESS FOR INDIVIDUAL'S AND TROOP'S

Garmsier (MOG Sth)	-	LCpl Abbott
FOB Robinson	-	Lt Harlock
FOB Gibraltar	-	Lt Hooper
Sangin (DC)	-	SSgt Hailstone 2TP (Dave and Eddie)
Kandahar	-	Lt Roberts/SSgt Dolman (Ed)
FOB Kajaki	-	SSgt Illsley (Ray and Nigel)
FOB Inkerman	-	LCpl Gordon
Gereshk	-	Sgt Khadka
FOB Price	-	Spr Lewis
FOB Dehli	-	Sgt Needham (only person there)

If any correspondence is addressed to the locations FAO named person and all members of the Cdo Engr Det at that particular location, for example:

FAO SSgt Illsley and the Cdo Engr Det
FOB Kajaki
59 Cdo Engr Sqn
24 Cdo Engr Regt
Op HERRICK 9
BFPO 792