THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH
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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion
4th May 11

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:30 hrs.

2. **Members Present:**, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, George Hopkins, George Barrett, Brian Care, Roy Hicks, Tony Higgins, Bob & Harry Potter, Mike Holdsworth, Dave Clarke, Pete Clarke, John Phillips, Mike Cole and of course the Ladies.

3. **Apologies from:** Tom Carpenter, Neville Collins, Dave Bowron, Alan Parkes, Terry Howard, Eddie Fenwick, John Browning, Roger Howells, Bob Dorrell, Alan Brough Ron Mason and John Mason. Dave Clarke reported that Eddie McNulty had contacted him with another excuse for not attending.

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 John Phillips Seconded. Brian Care Carried**.** Minutes from other branches were made available.

6. **Welfare:** Nothing to report at this meeting.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present.

8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting Sunday 8th May 2011. Meeting at the Dog & Doublet, Bodymoor Heath 10:00hrs for 10:30hrs move.

9. **Shoe Box Parcels:** Brian and Pat Care have sent a further 22 boxes and received a large amount of thank you letters including one from S/Sgt Dave Brown who is the Chairman's son. George and Elsie Barrett said that they would resume sending the parcels. **Note** if anyone intends to send parcels they are asked to place senders name on parcel to avoid it being treated as unsolicited mail.

10. **Clay Pigeon Shoot 2011.** A provisional date of 6th August 2011 has been pencilled in. Alan Brough to be informed.

11. **Mike and Sue Holdsworth.** Sue and Mike will be hosting a garden party on the 9th July 11. There will be a BBQ and roast with draught lager and bitter served. There was a discussion as regards putting on a whole roast lamb but it was decided that a traditional type Barbeque would be the better option. There will be a nominal charge for the food which will include draught lager and bitter with a curry being served in the evening. Maureen Aitken is supplying the bread rolls etc. **Anyone** wishing to attend please let the branch know by the next meeting. This is likely to be the last one that Sue and Mike are to host as they are planning to move.

12. **Any Other Business:**

    a. **Bunny Brown.** The Airborne Forces weekend will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.
    b. **Bunny Brown.** Bunny mentioned the Veterans Badge and stated that anyone who had served in the armed forces was eligible including Regular, T.A. and National Service. Anyone wishing to apply for this badge can do so by calling 0800 169 2277 and you will need to supply your military number, time served from until, unit(s) served with and possibly your national insurance number. More information on www.veterans-uk.info

13. Closing date for articles for the April edition of the Journal is **MONDAY 14th July 11**

14. Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st June 11 at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945 Hrs.

W. Steve Brown
Secretary.

Diary of Events

- 21st May 11 – 299 Dinner
- 1st June 11 – Branch Meeting
- 10th – 12th June 11 – Commando Sappers, 40th Anniversary
- 18th June 11 – John Rock Dinner
- 24th – 26th June 11 – REA Reunion, Minley.
- 1st Weekend July – Airborne Sappers Reunion

Gentlemen subs are now **DUE**. If you still wish to receive the branch minutes please pay your subs to Elsie Barrett (0121 628 7578) - 292 Brays Road, Sheldon, Birmingham B26 2PP, so that the mailing list can be kept up to date.

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Cheque / Cash £5.00 enclosed_____

Date _____