Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch

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MINUTES OF 168th O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 20th September 2010

Committee Members

Chairman	~	Baz Bassett	*
Secretary	~	Nick Gibson	*
Treasurer	~	Peter Kershaw	*
Welfare	~	Mick Fisher	

* These Committee Members were in attendance

1. Members Present

Bob Woolley Jim Rogers Eric Blenkinsop Bill Perry
Bill Shield

2. Apologies

John Elliott Jon O'Connor Bob Seaman Keith King
Mick Fisher Bob Matthews

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed ~ Bob Woolley
Seconded ~ Eric Blenkinsop Carried

4. Matters Arising

Nil

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman stated that he was pleased the branch kept a lively diary through the year. Proposed that in the New Year we consider meeting in the daytime at his work address, one of the London Livery Companies, and incorporate the meeting with a visit and tour round the building. Possibly in March/April 2011.

6. Secretary's Report

Circulated details of a new book on airborne forces – see attachments
Circulated minutes of Executive Committee meeting
Circulated letters of introduction from OC and SSM 9 Squadron – see attachments
Circulated minutes of other branches.

7. Treasurers Report

As at 20th September 2010

Cash at bank	£697.23
Petty Cash & Cheques in hand	£66.11
Outgoings	-£0.00
Cash available to Branch	£ 763.34

Reported that the branch now has 31 Paid up members

Proposed ~ Bill Perry
Seconded ~ Bill Shield Carried

8. Welfare Report

Pam Seaman is well on the road to recovery – thanked branch for flowers
Nick Gibson is to go in hospital for a spine problem (they just realised he doesn't have one!)

9. Museums and Archives

Nil

10. Branch Events

Xmas Lunch 5th December – please return proformas to Peter Kershaw without delay. Branch widows will be invited at Branch expense as usual.
Bob Sullivan (ex 3 Sqn) and Norman Swift (ex 1 Sqn) will be available as guests of honour for the John Rock Dinner.
Proposed trip to the Jewish Military Museum has been cancelled due to the high cost of a coach. We will try again in the New Year possibly using members own transport.

11. Any Other Business

H4H sappers to Arnhem did well and completed the course. Also showed up at the Double Hills Ceremony

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting 18th October 2010

13. Post Scriptum

Nil

14. Branch Diary

Branch OGM	15 November 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch Xmas Lunch	5 December 2010	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	17 January 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	21 February 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	21 March 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess

15. Notices

Nil

AEA CHATHAM BRANCH - CHRISTMAS LUNCH
KING CHARLES HOTEL - 5 DECEMBER 2010

(Timings - 130 for 2.00pm)

MENU

A Creamy Winter Vegetable Soup
B Atlantic Prawns
C Chef's Duo of Pate
……..
D Seasonal Roasted Turkey Breast
E Prime Sirloin of Beef
(Potatoes & Vegetables of the Season)
F Italian Risotto Verde (Vegetarian Option)
……..
G Individual Steamed Christmas Pudding
H Chefs Special Dessert
I Cheese & Biscuits
……..
Tea or Coffee

Cost of the Lunch is £17.00 per head. Children under 14, £10.00 per head.

Please make your selections e.g. Starter "A," Main Course "E," Dessert "H" for each person attending the Lunch and return the attached proforma with payment to:
Peter Kershaw, 26 Stoney Bank. Gillingham, Kent, ME7 3AG (Tel: 01634 581897)

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TIMINGS - 1.30 FOR 2.00PM

BOOKING PROFORMA

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Dear Sir
I would be most grateful if you could inform, your colleagues of a special publication produced to mark the 70th anniversary of Airborne Forces. I have attached details below. I feel it may be relevant to your organisation as it was all areas of the wider British Army who helped form Airborne Forces in 1940.

Thank you. David Reynolds

AIRBORNE 70 the 70th Anniversary of Airborne Forces

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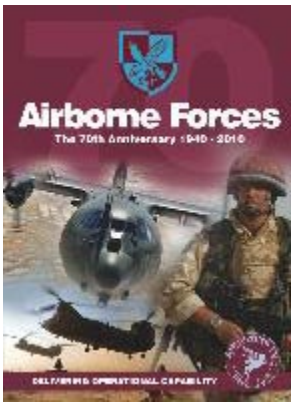

To mark the 70th Anniversary of Airborne Forces we have produced a special brochure. The publication is a tribute to all those who have served with Airborne Forces from 1940 to the present day. It was the then Prime Minister Winston Churchill who gave the order to raise a force of 5,000 Airborne soldiers who volunteered from infantry regiments across the British Army. They served in North Africa, Normandy, Arnhem and in the Post War campaigns in Palestine, Suez, the Falklands, Sierra Leone, Iraq and Afghanistan.

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