



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch

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MINUTES OF 180th O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 21st November 2011

Committee Members

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

* These Committee Members were in attendance

1. Members Present

Bill Shield	Eric Blenkinsop	Jim Rogers
Bob Seaman	Bob Matthews	Tim Van der Kraan
Caz Cazaly		

2. Apologies

Baz Bassett	Jon O'Connor	Bob Woolley
John Elliott	Bill Perry	

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed ~ Eric Blenkinsop	
Seconded ~ Bob Matthews	Carried

4. Matters Arising

Nil

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman sent apologies for his unavoidable absence due to work commitments. Jim Rogers took the chair in his absence. Commented on the attendance at the Cenotaph for Remembrance Day with 23 places filled out of 24. Comments were heard that insufficient advance notice had been given and that it was hoped that next year there would be more opportunity to attend.

6. Secretary's Report

Circulated minutes of other branches.

7. Treasurers Report

As at 17th Oct 2011

Cash at bank	£1149.60
Petty Cash & Cheques in hand	£31.00
Outgoings	-£0.00
Cash available to Branch	£1,180.60
Cash available to branch	£677.60
Christmas Lunch Payments	£503.00

Branch has 29 paid up members

8. Welfare Report

Sid Creswell has been contacted and it doing fine

9. Museums and Archives

Nil

10. Branch Events

- a. Branch Christmas Lunch in King Charles Hotel confirmed for Sunday 4th December 2011 12:30 for 1:00 pm. Unfortunately a representative from 23 Engr Regt will be unable to give an update on the Regt activities.
Widows of former branch members will receive £20 christmas box if they are unable to attend the Lunch. They will be contacted
- b. John Rock Dinner 2012 date agreed to be 2nd June 2012. Guest Speaker to be confirmed

11. Any Other Business

- a. Caz Cazaly commented that he felt it unfair that members of the squadron who served in northern Cyprus in 1964 were denied the offer of a UN Service medal. He will contact Maj Gillespie who was OC at the time to see if the question may be taken further.
- b. Eric Blenkinsop wished to express the branch's gratitude for the work done throughout the year by the Chairman and Committee members and also by the ladies who run the raffles.
- c. Eric Blenkinsop circulated photos of the new bronze statue of an Royal Engineer Soldier unveiled in Maidstone.
- d. Tim Van der Kraan informed the branch that the Falklands Veterans will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the war.

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting 16th January 2011 at the RE WOs and Sgts Mess, Brompton Bks

NB There is no branch meeting in December 2011

13. Branch Diary

Branch Xmas Lunch	4 th December 2011	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	16 th January 2012	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	20 th February 2012	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	19 th March 2012	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch AGM	16 th April 2012	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
John Rock Dinner	2 nd June 2012	King Charles Hotel

14. Notices

The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces – PARA Falklands 30

The PARA 30^h Anniversary of the Falklands War will be held on the 17th June 2012 in Aldershot.

The event will start with a Drumhead Service at the Aldershot Military Cemetery at 1130am, after the service there will be a March through Aldershot Town Centre start at The Princes Hall at 1.30pm. The March will finish back at the Princes Hall from there will be a Fly Past, (Scout, Chinook, C130 and the Vulcan Bomber). After the fly past there will be a Reception in Princes Hall,

For further information and updates please contact Pete Richens (Event Committee Member) on 01252 312967 or peter.richens219@btinternet.com