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Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 160th O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 19th October 2009

Committee Members

Chairman	~	Bob Matthews*
Secretary	~	Nick Gibson*
Treasurer	~	Peter Kershaw*
Welfare	~	Keith King*

* These Committee Members were in attendance

1. Members Present

Mick Fisher Jim Rogers Eric Blenkinsop Bob Seaman
Bill Shield Bill Perry

2. Apologies

John O'Conner Don Lay Ben Taverner Brian Cazaly

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Bill Perry was incorrectly shown as being present. Bob Matthews proposed
Treasurers report
George Dunn incorrectly reported as George Dutton
Proposed ~ Eric Blenkinsop
Seconded ~ Jim Rogers Carried

4. Matters Arising

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Treasurers report

5. Chairman's Report

AGM went extremely well and was well attended- our thanks to Bunny Brown and the
Birmingham branch.
Congratulations to Eric Blenkinsop on his award of the Presidents Citation.
Lt Col Brian Aurford was accepted as Branch President.

6. Secretary's Report

Reported on the funeral of Major John Shave MC earlier that day. Funeral was well
attended with six standards and a great many ex Airborne Engineers in attendance.
Capt Ross Wendover of 9 Sqn was in attendance to represent the Corps & Regiment
Circulated other branch minutes.

7. Treasurers Report

As at 16th October 2009

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Cash at bank	£872.83
Petty Cash	£22.11
Xmas Lunch	-£68.00
Cash available to Branch	£ 826.94

NB so far 33 members have renewed their Membership.

Proposed ~ Jim Rogers
Seconded ~ Eric Blenkinsop Carried

8. Welfare Report

Jonah Jones is currently in hospital and awaiting a new kidney
Bill Shield has recovered from his op
Chris Huggins has had a serious bike accident – lost both legs – Branch wishes him all the best

9. Museums and Archives

NTR

10. Branch Events

- Branch Xmas Dinner set for 6th December. CO and RSM of 1 RSME Regt have been invited to join the branch at the lunch this year. Please return Proformas promptly
- John Rock Dinner will be held on 19th June 2010 – the theme will be 23 Engr Regt (Air Assault)
- Bob Matthews will be organising a Spring lunch in the Officers Mess Maidstone for some time around April 2010

11. Any Other Business

- Eric Blenkinsop read an open letter to the Branch - attached

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting 16th November 2009

13. Post Scriptum

Nil

14. Branch Diary

Branch Xmas Lunch	06 December 2009	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	20 January 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	17 February 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	17 March 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Summer Lunch	April 2010	Offrs Mess Maidstone
Branch OGM	21 April 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	19 May 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
John Rock Dinner	19 June 2010	King Charles Hotel
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15. Notices

Branch will attend Remembrance Service at Maidstone, timings are as follows :-
1030hrs form up Week Street outside M&S
1045hrs Step off.