



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 143rd MEETING O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS ON 21st JANUARY 2008

Committee Members

Chairman ~	Eric Blenkinsop	*
Secretary ~	Ron Gibson	*
Treasurer ~	Bob Seaman	
Welfare ~	Keith King	*
Property ~	Nick Gibson	

* These Committee Members attended

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Woolly Ben Tavener Bill Shield Jim Rogers John O'Connor

1. Apologies

Nick Gibson	John Elliott	Brian Cazaly	Frank Ryan
Jon Stubbs	Peter Ives	John Grosvenor	Bert Fordham
Reg Parsons	Charlie Peglar	Don Lay	Alan Craven
Arthur Cheesman	Spencer Cardell	Bill Perry	Ray Ogden

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting were accepted as read.

Proposed ~ John O'Connor

Seconded ~ Jim Rogers

Carried .

3 Matters Arising

Nil

4 Chairman Report

New Year Greetings from John Grosvenor and Don Lay

Thanked all members and families for making the Branch Xmas luncheon such a happy party. It is always a splendid occasion for members to meet with us who are unable to attend the monthly meetings. We have received appreciation cards from Elaine Porter and Margaret Ball for the gift voucher and from Elsie Mayne for the invitation to the luncheon. Once again a big thank you to Bob & Pam Seaman for making it such a memorable occasion. They are now on a well earned holiday in Tenerife.

5. Secretary

Minutes of other branches made available to members. Received Christmas card from R.S.M. to branch members, and a thank you card for the floral tribute to Yvonne receptionist for the Sgt's mess.

6 Treasurers Report

Treasurer on holiday, but branch funds are healthy.

7. Welfare Report.

Nothing to report

8. R.E. Museum

Nick Gibson was unable to be present..

9. Membership

Position vacant at present.

10 Branch Events

John Rock Dinner 21st June 2008.

B.B.Q.at Fort Clarence T,A.Centre Saturday 2nd August 2008.

Christmas Lunch Date to be confirmed later.

11. John Rock Bust.

A subcommittee has been established Eric Blenkinsop, Bob Seaman and Jim Rogers.

A dedicated bank account has been opened. A firm order has been placed for the production of a cast bronze plaque to be mounted on the face of the stone pedestal.

Plaque to read as follows,

Lt Colonel John F Rock
Founder
Of
AIRBORNE FORCES
(MILITARY)

The financial statement for the account is as follows

Funds Required :--Bronze Bust	£ 7,500	
Vat	1,312	
Bronze Plaque	500	
Vat	<u>88</u>	
	£ 9,400	
Funds received to date	£	
Airborne Forces Security Fund	1,000	
A.E.A. Central Account	1,000	
Aldershot Branch	250	
Birmingham Branch	250	
Chatham Branch	250	
Anonymous	1,000	
Tom Sherwood	50	
John Waite	<u>20</u>	
	4,070	
Payments		
Vivien Mallock—Sculptor	2,500	Initial Contract Payment
Bronze Plaque deposit	286	Doves Memorials
	<u>2,786</u>	
Current balance	1,284	

12. AGM 2008

The A.G.M.2006 at the Royal Court Hotel Coventry on 17th 18th 19th October. The Birmingham Branch have very kindly, agreed to organise this on our behalf. However we do have a responsibility for organising the raffle a Sub Committee Ron Gibson ,Bob and Pam Seaman has been formed.

13 A.O.B.

Shoe Box Parcels to troops in Afghanistan. For further discussion at next meeting.

Date of next meeting 18th February 2008