



15th COUNCIL MEETING OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION THE ROYAL GLOUCESTERSHIRE, BERKSHIRE AND WILTSHIRE REGIMENT.

Notes of the 15th Council Meeting held at 1100 on Sunday 21st September at The Duke of Gloucester Barracks, South Cerney

Present:

Col SJ Oxlade	(Chairman)
Mr M G Dix	(Cirencester Branch)
Mr R Marshalsay	(Cirencester Branch)
Mr P A Miller	(Somerset) & Executive Committee
Maj L A Ramsden MBE	(Forest of Dean Branch)
Mr J Bishop	(Somerset)
Col M Lee-Browne	Trustee
Mr A W G Spiers	(Severn Branch)
Mr A G S Knipe	(Severn Branch)
Lt Col RE Coleman	Greater Bristol Branch
Lt Col J M Blundell	(Greater Bristol Branch)
Col F J J Bartlett OBE	(Bristol) & Executive Committee
Mr S McBryde	(Stroud Valleys Branch)
Mr T A Cull	(Cheltenham Branch)
Mr G Hopkins	(Cheltenham Branch)
Mr W R Dunscombe	(Salisbury Branch)
Mr R A Povey	(Berkshire)
Mr N West	(Berkshire)
Lt Col JS Venus MBE	(Salisbury)
Mr M Smith	(Berkshire)
Mr D W Williams	(Isle of Wight Branch)
Mr L Devine	(Other Branches & Bournemouth Branch)
Mr M Otway	(Bournemouth Branch)
Lt Col J Denley	(Secretary)

Apologies:

Brig P E O'R-B Davidson-H CBE	(President)
Brig M S Vine OBE	(Vice President)
Mr P Muller	(Heart of England Branch)
Mr M Otway	(Bournemouth Branch)
Mr T Smith	(Bournemouth Branch)
Mr D Goddard	(Berkshire)
Mr N Hickman	(Heart of England Branch)
Mr HLA Turk	(Severn Branch)
Capt P A O'Sullivan	(HQ Coy, 7 Rifles)
Maj G R A Pickford TD	(Warminster Branch)
Mr D Briggs	(Bristol Branch)
Lt Col T Lerwill	Rifles Secretary Salisbury

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
1.	<p data-bbox="336 277 660 309"><u>OPENING REMARKS</u></p> <ul data-bbox="336 349 1066 421" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 349 1066 421">• The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting & thanked all for making the effort to attend. 	
2.	<p data-bbox="336 463 679 495"><u>CHAIRMAN'S POINTS</u></p> <ul data-bbox="336 537 1158 1944" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 537 1158 678">• The Chairman passed on apologies from those members unable to attend the meeting. He explained the aim of the Council Meetings was to highlight issues for the Executive Committee and the AGM. <li data-bbox="336 723 1158 831">• He wanted all members to support the website and use it to advertise events. He thanked Phil Miller as Webmaster and this was endorsed by all present. <li data-bbox="336 875 1158 938">• He reported that the Rifles were doing well and that there was always a Rifles cap badge at every event. <li data-bbox="336 983 1158 1090">• He reminded all that the Colonel Commandant was very keen to support the Association and had visited both the Gloucester and Reading Reunions. <li data-bbox="336 1135 1158 1243">• He explained that the Rifles were supportive to the idea of having a standard for association branches and that a design was being developed. <li data-bbox="336 1288 1158 1350">• The Chairman asked us all to encourage younger members to join the Branches. <li data-bbox="336 1395 1158 1458">• He highlighted the Freedom Parades which will take place at Bath and Bristol on 4th October. <li data-bbox="336 1503 1158 1686">• He explained that the RGBW Association had been approved to march at the London Cenotaph Remembrance Service. We can provide a Contingent of 24 members and The Chairman was keen to get a group consisting of all former Regiments. <li data-bbox="336 1731 1158 1839">• He reminded all of the DERR 50th Anniversary on 5/6/7 June 2009. Ray Povey asked if there were any arrangements for single people to attend. Organisers agreed to investigate. <li data-bbox="336 1883 1158 1944">• Finally the Chairman thanked Maurice Dix for making the arrangements at South Cerney. 	
3.	<p data-bbox="336 1991 695 2022"><u>SECRETARY'S POINTS</u></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Remembrance the Secretary will arrange for a bus to pick up at South Cerney and Arborfield and the Gloucester & Salisbury Offices will collect names and confirm the final list. Action is urgent as we need to confirm and agree plans by 31st October. • The Secretary will thank Lesley for all her hard work and sterling support given to the Association. 	
4.	<p><u>Branches</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lt Col John Venus, from the Salisbury Branch, was concerned about the support provided by the Salisbury Office as duties were taking the Secretary away much of the time. He felt that the Salisbury Secretary should be on the DERR 50th Anniversary Committee. The Chairman agreed to investigate and the issue will be discussed at the next Executive Committee Meeting. • The Cyprus Memorial event which is being organised by Bob Scott was highlighted. Whilst there was no date yet it was agreed that information will be circulated by the Regimental Offices when available. • There was a general discussion on the funding of reunions raised by Stan Snipe and it was agreed that this would be looked at by the Executive Committee. • Phil Miller explained that he had put the Newsletter on line and that he could add photos if required. 	
5.	<p><u>Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting asked the Secretary to thank 29 Regiment for their hospitality. • The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and encouraged the members to keep up their hard work and efforts and at 1230pm closed the meeting. 	

Signed:

Lt Col John Denley (Association Secretary)

Dated: Friday 1st October 2008

Copies To:
All attending

Branch Secretaries
Executive Committee