



**16th COUNCIL MEETING OF THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION
THE ROYAL GLOUCESTERSHIRE, BERKSHIRE AND WILTSHIRE REGIMENT.**

Notes of the 16th Council Meeting held at 1400 on Saturday 10th October at The Duke of Gloucester Barracks, South Cerney

Present:

Col SJ Oxlade	Chairman
Mr P A Miller	Somerset & Executive Committee
Mr R Giddings	Salisbury Branch
Maj N Walker	Salisbury Branch
Mr J Bishop	Somerset Branch
Mr R A Povey	Berkshire
Mr C Green	Newbury Branch
Mr J North	Newbury Branch
Mr D Goddard	Reading Branch
Mr T A Cull	Cheltenham Branch
Mr G Hopkins	Cheltenham Branch
Mr C Simms	Gloucester Branch
Mr A G S Knipe	Severn Branch
Mr A W G Spiers	Severn Branch
Mr S McBryde	Stroud Valleys Branch
Mr R Marshalsay	Cirencester Branch
Mr M G Dix	Cirencester Branch
Mr N West	Reading 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 Mallows	Heart of England Branch
Maj L A Ramsden MBE	Forest of Dean Branch
Mr T Smith	Bournemouth Branch
Mr D Briggs	Greater Bristol Branch
Lt Col T Lerwill	Rifles Secretary Salisbury
Lt Col JS Venus	Salisbury
Maj G R A Pickford TD	Warminster Branch
Col M Lee-Browne	Trustee
Mr A Williams	Isle of Wight
Mr K Gibson	Isle of Wight
Mr L Devine	Bournemouth Branch
Lt Col RE Coleman	Greater Bristol Branch

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
1.	<p><u>OPENING REMARKS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council Meeting started after a very exciting presentation made by Lt Sam Branston and Rifleman Reading, from 1 Rifles, about their recent Operational Tour in Afghanistan. All members, especially those with sons in The Rifles, were gripped by the stories and details of the operations. Col Stephen Oxlade thanked them both and asked the Secretary to write to the Commanding Officers to thank him for arranging the presentation. (After note: action completed) The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting & thanked all for making the effort to attend. Thanks were passed to Maurice Dix for arranging the venue. He passed on apologies from those listed above. 	
2.	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S POINTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman explained the aim of the Council Meetings was to highlight issues raised by the Executive Committee and for the attention of the AGM. He reported that it has been a busy year and especially for the Battalions who faced operational tours. He mentioned the success of the DERR 50th Anniversary celebrations on the Isle of Wight which was attended by the Duke of Edinburgh who seemed to enjoy the event. 400 Members attended the various functions and thanks were passed to John Venus and his team all the planning which had worked so well. He hoped the Executive Committee will be able arrange a 	

	<p>visit to a Rifles Battalion at some stage next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He briefed on the plans for the Cyprus Memorial events which will be attended by General Sir John Waters. It was suggested if members, who planned to attend, let Lesley at Gloucester know she will inform all so that you all are aware of who is attending. • He asked 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. • He reminded members that 2010 will be celebrated as the 150th Anniversary of the Cadets and it will be known as “Cadet 150”. You will hear about arrangements in the Counties as plans develop and we will fully support them. • He expressed his support for those members and standard bearers who regularly attended repatriations at Wootton Bassett. The Association can feel proud of the efforts made to pay our final respects to those from our Regiment who have made the final sacrifice. The Secretary stated that he had written to the Mayor of Wootton Bassett expressing our support for what the town’s people were doing and he had received a reply of thanks and appreciation. • Finally he passed on his thanks to the Chairman of Branches for their efforts in supporting the Association. 	
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>SECRETARY’S POINTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD reminded all that the Garden of Remembrance event will take place on the lawns by Westminster Abbey starting at 10am on Thursday 5th November. The RGBW Plot will be in line with those from the antecedent and former Regiments of The Rifles. It is a wonderful and social event and members are encouraged to attend. You can book in for a Curry Lunch at The Rifles Club in Davies Street. Lesley will pass on details if required. • He then explained that The RGBW Association will march for the second time at the Cenotaph. We have 24 places and there are a few left. JD will send out instructions and security passes well before the end of the Month. Members will need to arrive at Horse Guards Parade Ground by about 0930 hrs on Sunday 8th November. • He reminded all that we plan to send out the Newsletter before Xmas and that Branch entries should be with Lesley by 1 November although she will accept and additional paragraphs after Remembrance should Branches wish to add that to their reports. • He asked all to consider the location and requirements of reunions with the aim of passing on views to Branches and the Executive Committee for consideration and action. • The Secretary will thank Lesley (Gloucester) and Sue (Salisbury) for all their hard work and the sterling support they give to the Association. 	

4.	<p><u>Branches</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil Miller explained about the website and asked members to use it and get information from Branches on to it for the use of all members. • JD was asked about the availability of Rifles Standards. He agreed to take an action to find out the current position. It was planned for each County Office to have a standard which could be “loaned out” as required. <p>Action 16/1: JD agreed to find out what the plans are for Rifles Standards.</p>	JD
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 3:30pm closed the meeting. 	

Signed:

Lt Col John Denley
 (Association Secretary)
 Dated:

Col SJ Oxlade
 (Chairman)
 Dated:

Copies To:
 All attending
 Branch Secretaries
 Executive Committee