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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CITY CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JULY 2010

The meeting began at 2000 hrs with a minute's silence for fallen and missing comrades.

Present were: Colonel David, Mike Humme, Eddie Drew, Malcolm Nash, Stuart Ingrey, Fred Hill, Mick Bright and Pete Edwards.

Apologies were received from: Barry Cobbold, Peter Alner, Pete Catchpole, Liam Wildish, Clive Gerrelli, Bob Keen, John and Dave Covey, Harry Harris, Tony Talman, Blue Cooper, Tony Tilley, Bill Dixon, Neville Crow, Roger Smith and Paul Daines.

Chairman's and Secretary's Report: Barry sent in a report that he has invited Colonel Charles Joint to be our Guest of Honour at the next Albuhera Dinner, and he has accepted. Also we have received letters of thanks for the last Albuhera Dinner from the Mayor of Chichester and Brigadier Mike Constantine.

Entertainment Report: The plans for the next Albuhera Dinner on 21st May 2011 are well in hand. We need a really good turn out as this will be the 200th Anniversary of the Battle.

Welfare: Barry sent in a report that Harry Harris is very ill in hospital with liver and kidney problems. Liam Wildish's wife has cancer and is receiving chemotherapy. Despite rumours to the contrary Neville Crow has not died!

AOB: Colonel David said that he had now received the photos from the last Albuhera Dinner and would get them up on the web site as soon as he could.

Mike Humme wondered where his glossy magazine was, having joined the Regimental Association. He was advised to contact either Steve Bream (or Tony Martin at RHQ. He had recently seen Mick Kippen (ex 3rd Bn Int Sect), who is retired and a widower, and is contemplating becoming a Chelsea Pensioner; he attends all the Wootton Bassett repatriation processions.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29th September 2010 at 2000hrs, in the Chichester City Club as usual.

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 2013 hrs (is this a record for brevity?) and members stayed afterwards for a chat and drinks.