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PRESIDENT COLONEL DAVID BEVERIDGE MBE CHICHESTER BRANCH

Meeting of the Queens Regimental Association Chichester Branch

Held at the City Club on Wednesday 28th January 2008

Members Present: Colonel David, Barry Cobbold, Peter Alner, Mike Humme, Fred Hill & Mick Bright.

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Apologies: Dave & John Covey, Bob Keen, Harry Harris, Peter Catchpole, John Cooper, Tony Tilley,

Clive Gerrelli & Liam Wildish,

The Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

<u>Chairman's Report:</u> Barry reported on a phone call that he had received from John Rogerson, further details later. He also read a letter from Brigadier Constantine with reference to the Benevolent Fund being transferred to the PWRR and to the setting up of an Executive Management Committee, on which Barry will sit on behalf of the Branch.

Barry also read a letter from Ray (Jinksy) Jenkinson, and an Email from Nick Shepperd, both whom live in Wales and will be coming to our Albuhera Dinner in May.

He also reported on the Armed Forces & Veterans Day to be held at Chatham Historic Dockyard on the 27th June.

Entertainment Report: Colonel David will send out the usual invites for the Dinner.

Welfare Report: Clive G has had a Kidney Transplant and is doing ok.

A O B: Part of the Tigers in Touch Newsletter is on the Branch Web Site.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2025hrs

The next meeting will be the <u>AGM</u> and will take place at the City Club at 2000hrs on Wednesday the 25th March.

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THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF MINDEN

This event will be commemorated in the UK (Worthy Down) and Germany (Minden) on the 1st August 2009, If you wish to attend in Germany the programme is as follows.

Thurs 30 July - AM- Travel over to Paderborn by coach.

PM – Officers Mess Party and Beating Retreat/Separate Mess Functions for All.

Fri 31 July - AM – Battalion Medal Parade.

PM - Open day leading into an All Ranks, Families and Association party in the Evening.

There will also be a Tattoo with Bands from Germany France and the Minden Band (Queens Division) in the town of Minden.

Sat 1 Aug AM - Ceremonial act of remembrance of the battle held on open ground near The battlefield. To include PWRR participation.

PM The Bundwehr plus the Royal Engineers will build a bridge across the River Weser. Battle re-enactments and scenes from 1759 will follow this.

In the Evening there will be an open-air festival in the

Market place, to include a Minden town barbecue.

Sun 2 Aug Travel back to UK by coach.

Accommodation: In Sennelager Training Centre: Officers Mess -3.37 Euros, WO's & Sgt's Mess -1.90 Euros, Other Ranks -0.89 cents. Feeding will be via the Pay as you Dine System. Barry has the full letter, if anyone would like a print out let him know.

Bookings to be made to Major A J Martin at RHQ before the 30th April.