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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CHICHESTER CITY CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY 2012

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

<u>Present were</u>: Peter Alner, Robert Keen, Eddie Drew, Allen Drew, Paul Daines, Stuart Ingrey, Mike Humme, Barry Cobbold, Barry Cooper, Fred Hill, and Colonel David Beveridge.

Apologies were received from: Bill Dixon, Percy Bright, Brian Marjoram, Peter Edwards, George Ayling, Tony Talman, David Covey, Liam Wildish, John Covey, James Cooper, Clive Gerrelli, and Graeme Maidment.

<u>Chairman's Report</u>: Barry welcomed us all to the first meeting in 2012, and hoped that everyone had a good Christmas. Eileen and Barry have now settled in to their new home and are enjoying the sea air. Barry has recovered from his operation and is fine.

Barry would like to remind everyone that the AGM in London for the Queens Association is coming up on the 3rd of March and if you have any points for him please let him know, also if you have any points for the EGM too.

Barry welcomed Albert Pragnell to the Branch. Bert as he is normally known served with 2 and 3 Queens as a WO2. He now lives in Devon with his wife Mary.

Peter Catchpole sends his regards to all, and is going for his final check up next month and we all wish him well.

Please remember the next meeting is our AGM.

<u>Secretary's Report</u>: We now have 53 Branch members which is very good, Should you know anyone who would like to join please let me know.

The bid for a Grant for the Albuhera Dinner has been agreed by RHQ.

Received a letter from RHQ asking if anyone could help a Mr E Drew about a Land Rover that was used by 5 Queens, as he restores Military Land Rovers and would like to get some information on it. Anyone with information please let me know.

<u>Treasurers Report</u>: Peter gave a good record of the accounts. Details from Peter if required.

<u>Welfare Report</u>: Barry Cobbold had received an email from Trevor Booker who was in A Coy in Lemgo saying he has not been too well. Anyone who would like to get in touch with him please let me know as I have his email address.

Allen Drew mentioned Rocky Sampson having problems with his wheelchair. Best if he got in touch with SSAFA as they would be able to help him.

<u>Any Other Business</u>: Colonel David will invite Brigadier Mike Constantine and Clive Wilson (3 QUEENS) to the Albuhera Dinner Night, as well as our usual invitation to the Mayor of Chichester.

Mike Humme said that St George's Day Service is on the 27th April 2012 at 1130hrs in the Cathedral, with reception for everyone afterwards in the Assembly Rooms, and the Lewes Reunion Dinner is on the 8th September.

<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u>: Wednesday 28th March 2012 at the earlier time of 1930hrs at the City Club and will be the AGM. Look forward to seeing you all. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Meeting Closed: Meeting closed at 2022hrs.

THANK YOU

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