



The Royal Green Jackets Association
Suffolk Branch.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ROYAL GREEN JACKET ASSOCIATION
HELD AT THE ARMY CADET DRILL HALL ON FRIDAY THE 6th AUGUST 1993

1. Those Present: Joe Mills, John Bevan, Curly Hooper, Del Hemsley, Taffy Bolt, Mick Read, Jim Hitches, Stu Duckett, Peter Goggins, Brian Pepper, Larry Lamb & Mick Burtenshaw.
2. Apologies: Gordon Pilcher, Dave Hazel, Alfie Adams, Vic Steedman, Tom Evans, Mick Cozzi, Frank Moss, Frank Rimmer, Barrie Gilmore & Alf Arnold.
3. The meeting was opened at 2000hrs by Joe Mills.
4. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read out, proposed by Mick Burtenshaw and seconded by Jim Hitches that the minutes as read be passed.
5. Correspondance: Letter received from Johny Powell thanking us for laying on a terrific weekend at Winchester and especially to Curly for his organization.
Letter also received from the Town Hall giving details for Rememberance Day.

Joe read out a letter received from Ron Cassidy which gave the history behind the Rifle Brigade Regimental Birthday, this has been copied and attached for your information.
6. Finance: Savings account £1841.42 General account £425.18, all bills for the Winchester weekend having been paid.
outstanding £45.00 for Festival tickets.
7. Regimental Birthday Dance: Don't Forget this is on Friday the 27th of August at the Marlborough Hotel Felixstowe 1930 for 2000hrs.
The Marlborough will give special rates for any one wanting to stay, you can contact them on 0394 285627 or try one of the many Bed & Breakfast places at around £12.00 per person per night. What ever you do or where ever you stay be there or be square.
8. Winchester Weekend it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Marwell Hotel, thanking them for looking after us so well, this will be done.
Proposed by Curley Hooper and seconded by Del Hemsley that a vote of thanks be given to the committee and especially Gordon for all the organization done for our weekend, this was passed by all.
9. Any other business:
 - a. Belated birthday greetings to Frank Moss on his 52nd (only 43rd 52nd 60th and 95th Birthday greetings are allowed)
 - b. Congratulations from us all to Larry and Julie on their engagement.
 - c. Many thanks to Dave Hazel for presenting us with a Rifle Brigade Music stand penant, a kind gift, thanks Dave, this will be framed in due course.
 - d. Pub Card, this months winner was Stu Duckett which incidently as this is the last time any one can win this bottle it is worth noting that Stu was the very first winner, well done.

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- e. Attention all wives, would you like to get together for a meal, go swimming or ten pin bowling, if so please give Carol Adams a ring on Felixstowe 0394 274211 all suggestions are welcome.
- 10. Date of Next meeting, this will be on Friday the 3rd of September same place same time.
- 11. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 2030hrs.

JOE MILLS
CHAIRMAN

GORDON PILCHER
SECRETARY

L O O K I N G F O R W A R D T O S E E I N G Y O U A L L

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RIFLE BRIGADE

Regimental Birthday 25th August

You will recall that the Experimental Corps of Riflemen were formed in January of 1800 responding to a representation by Colonel Coote Manningham and Lieutenant Colonel The Hon William Stewart, an army order issued in January of 1800 was issued telling fourteen regiments each to provide 2 Sergeants (was Curly Hooper one of them!) 2 Corporals and 30 Privates to form corps of detachments for instruction in the use of the rifle and in the new tactics being evolved. The men were to be those most capable of absorbing instruction and most likely to be competent in their duties as Riflemen. The regiments were also to recommend one Captain, one Lieutenant and one Ensign, who volunteered to serve in the Corps of Riflemen, for selection by the Commander-in-Chief. From the outset this was to be a Corps d'Elite.

They assembled at Horsham in March, 1800 under Command of Lt. Col. William Stewart and by July that year Stewart had trained them to a sufficient standard that he was able to obtain permission for them to be used on the North coast of Spain at Ferrol.

They first went into action on 25th August 1800 and this date, their first Baptism of fire, was observed then on as The Rifle Brigade's regimental day and the commission of its first Officers were dated 25th August 1800.

Other Regimental Birthdays

1st	January	1966	-	RGJ
17th	January	1741	-	43rd Regiment of Foot
20th	December	1755	-	52nd Regiment of Foot
25th	December	1755	-	60th

You should be aware that I am already in the provisional stages of planning for the 25th August in the year 2000 for The Rifle Brigades 200th Birthday. This a party for Rifle Brigade only. Make a note in your diaries.

This year sees 1 RGJ moving from Northern Ireland to Cyprus, they go there to be part of the United Nations peacekeeping force. They have been a very active and professional battalion in Northern Ireland, I will write and send best wishes from you all on their move.

2 RGJ remain in Dover for the foreseeable future and have taken on the AMLF role with responsibilities from Norway to Turkey - perhaps they will pick up a few tips on how England should play football and talking of football look who won the two domestic cups!

More dates for your diary should you be able to make them.

11th Nov '93 - Field of Remembrance in the garden of Westminster Abbey and St Margarets Church. Each regiment, past and present, has its own plot and poppy crosses are placed in Remembrance to Battalions and Individuals.

14th Nov '93 - Remembrance Service at The Rifle Brigade Memorial
Grosvenor Gardens, London.

Remember it is always good to see people and if you should be around
please pop in and say hello - Big Fred has done just that and lo and
behold there I was taking recruits on Regimental History when Larry Lambs'
son introduced himself to me, but believe it or not he was going into
the Light Infantry, I soon changed that!