



**Weston on the Green (AB Signals) Branch**  
**Branch Code: BR3517**

**MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING HELD AT**  
**BECKINGHAM CAMP, LINCOLNSHIRE**  
**TUE 17 APR 07**

Present: C R Treeby Branch Chairman  
J Aspinall MBE Treasurer  
R J Duffy Branch Secretary  
R Porter Funds/Events Organiser  
K Weller PR/Webmaster  
D Fox MBE Recruiting Officer

Current  
216 members Maj Robin Anderton-Brown OC  
Capt Andy Lothian MTO/AO  
Sgt Griffiths PRI SNCO

<b>Introduction</b>	The Chairman welcomed all present and thanked everyone for making the effort to attend bearing in mind the great distances involved.
<b>Apologies</b>	J Campbell, M Granitza, John Griffin
<b>Accounts</b>	<p>The Treasurer gave a report on the current accounts. See accounts attached</p> <p>Mail costs. It was agreed that where possible mail should be sent electronically to minimise costs of postage.</p> <p><b>Branch Secretary Action</b></p>

<b>Branch Standard</b>	The Treasurer spoke at length about the purchase of a Branch Standard. It was agreed that a Branch
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	<p>Standard and accoutrements be purchased as passed at the meeting of 19 Jan 07. Treasurer to investigate the costs of procuring 3 x sets of accoutrements. <b>Treasurer to Action.</b></p> <p>It was suggested that 3 standard bearers be nominated, and once acquired the standard would be held centrally by the Treasurer.</p> <p><b>Secretary/Treasurer to Action</b></p> <p>It was also suggested that investigation be made into the possible purchase of a Parachute Regiment Association Standard. <b>Treasurer to Action</b></p>
<b>Welfare Presentation</b>	The Chairman gave a presentation on the subject of Welfare and Support available. Summary attached.
<b>Fundraising Activities</b>	The Chairman spoke about Fundraising Activities and asked those present to actively encourage individuals/groups to organise activities with the view to raising money for our funds. <b>All</b>
<b>Battlefield Tours</b>	<p>The subject of Battlefield Tours was discussed. If enough people were interested a tour could be organised which would include accommodation and a professional guide. Details attached for promulgation on web and in next newsletter.</p> <p>Squadron to investigate interest and liaise with Chairman who may be able to arrange a shorter (less expensive) version.</p> <p><b>All</b></p>
<b>Membership/ Recruiting Update</b>	An update was presented by the Branch Secretary. Currently we have 96 members of the Branch RBL And 256 ex members on our data base.
<b>National Arboretum</b>	It was decided to purchase a tree and plaque representing past and present members of Airborne Signals. OC 216 generously agreed to donate £150 from Sqn funds with the remaining £125 being found from donations from past members.

	Treasurer to arrange purchase on receipt of design being produced by Sgt Griffiths. Design and cheque to be forwarded to the Chairman who complete the necessary arrangements and discuss formal dedication with all concerned. <b>Chairman, Treasurer, OC 216, Sgt Griffiths</b>
<b>Web Site</b>	OC 216 suggested a link be made from their website to the past members website. This was agreed by Keith Weller (Webmaster) who requested someone from 216 to contact him regarding arrangements.
<b>216 Re-union 2008</b>	Ralph Porter informed members that arrangements were in hand to hold the next re-union at Ardsley House Hotel, Barnsley on 2/3 May 2008.
<b>Caythorpe Weekend</b>	The next Caythorpe Weekend is to be held on 7 – 11 Sep 07. All are encouraged to attend. Details to be published on website. <b>Webmaster to Action</b>

Next Meeting to be notified via electronic mail.



R J DUFFY  
Branch Secretary

19 Apr 07

## **LEGION BENEVOLENT SCHEMES**

The following schemes are available to help Service and ex-Servicemen and women and/or their dependants including widows and widowers *who are in need*.

- Grants in Aid
- Careers Advice, Training and Resettlement Support
- Vocational Training Assessments
- Loans - Small Business and Property Repair
- RBLI Work wise and Disabled Employment
- Legion Security
- Carephone/Alarm
- War Pensions Advice and Assistance
- Residential Accommodation (7 Homes)
- Welfare Breaks (4 Homes) and Welfare Breaks Plus (for disabled or in need of nursing care)
- Equipment for the Disabled, including Powered Wheelchairs, Stair lifts
- Polish Veterans
- Hospital and Housebound Visiting

### **Women's Section Schemes**

- Women's Section Allowance
- Welfare Breaks
- Children's Fund

- President's Award Scheme

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## GRANTS IN AID

### SOME EXAMPLES:

#### Priority debts:

Rent  
Council Tax  
Gas  
Electricity  
Water Rates  
Telephone

#### Essential Household Bills

	Rent/Deposit
	Children- Travel, school clothes & shoes,
holidays	
	Food
	Clothing
	TV Licence
	Household repairs/redecoration
	Security – locks, lights, fences
	Furniture/household goods/carpets/curtains
	Removal expenses
	Car repair/running costs
	Travel costs

#### Annuities

#### Medical Equipment beds

Wheelchairs/Riser recliner chairs/Orthopaedic  
Bath hoists

#### Comet Scheme

TV, video, microwave, kettle, toaster

White goods: cooker, refrigerator, washing machine

Grass Roots

Voucher Scheme

Airborne Signals Battlefield Tour

5 Days to Normandy or Arnhem £339.00  
(4 days less than £290)  
Minimum 35 persons

Includes:

Coach and channel crossing, start from UJC in London?  
4 nights at a 3\* hotel including all breakfasts and 3 dinners  
One museum entrance fee  
Qualified (badged) guide

Further details from Craig Treeby

