



R.A.A CHARITY No 238197

CANTERBURY BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Branch Meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2020 at St Stephens Community Club, Tenterden Drive, Canterbury, Kent, CT2-7BN.

The meeting opened at 13.30 Hrs. The Chairman welcomed the members.

The Commemoration

The Chairman delivered the commemoration and asked the members to remember departed members and their family's; David Tong, Owen Stemp and Harry Crooks.

Apologies

D. Kirk, J. Bland, L&J Gosling, B. Oliver, K. Brown, P&D Beer, G&M Thompson and M. Piper.

Minutes

The minutes of Wednesday 8th January 2020 were proposed by A. Glicksman and seconded by D. Bennett, as a true record and carried by the Members.

Matters Arising

Nil

Welfare

Doug Kay reported on the following members: D. Osmond, B. Oliver and L. Bushell. And a letter of thanks from Betty Oliver for the potted plant and from Val Stemp thanking the members for their support in her recent bereavement.

Branch Accounts

The Branch accounts for 22/01/2020 to 21/02/2020 were explained in detail by Dennis Gabb. Total with stock: £4,963.91 Accepted subject to audit proposed by S. Supple seconded by D. Osmond and carried by the members.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported his visits around the South East Region Branch's Sidcup, East Kent, Dover, Bromley & Beckenham; ready for his reports to the NEC next week at Larkhill.

He attended as Standard Bearer at the Commonwealth Day Flag raising at Leros Barracks, Canterbury.

He dealt with the Postponement of Pat Cunningham's Celebration of Life due to the Corona-19 virus and his concern for the visit to Kings Troop and the Royal Hospital Chelsea. He would have more details on his return from Larkhill.

He went on to cover the following military events:

1. Operation Dynamo events at Ramsgate 23rd to 25th May.
 2. Folkestone's Armed Forces Day 28th June.
 3. 265 Bty RA Open Day @ Grove Park 26th July.
 4. Purple Poppy Day in August is seeking a venue, as the Horse Statue in the Cathedral will have gone by then. To round off as it's hoped that Kings Troop will be supplying a horse. He requires to know who will be taking a packed lunch in order to assist the RSM in catering arrangements.
- He also reminded the members that all times and changes can be seen on the branches website.

Any Other Business

Allan Glicksman informed the members that there is a Veterans Breakfast club held in Weatherspoon's in Ramsgate on Saturday morning's at 09:30hrs. All are welcome.

Wally Tong thanked all the members of the Branch for their support and attendance at the funeral of his son David. A special mention to the Standard Bearers: Doug Kay, Harry Hopper and John Bishop.

Steff Jordan advised the members that if he had their email address he would advise them of all new entries on the site when they become available.

There being no further business the Branch closed at 14.20 next meeting 8th April 2020



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COMMITTEE

President: Capt. Leslie Gosling RA (Ret'd)

Chairman: Mr. John Bishop

Vice/Chairman: Mr. Harry Hopper

Welfare Officer: Mr. Douglas Kay

Treasurer: Mr. Dennis Gabb

Secretary: Mr. Peter C Hughes

Web Master: Mr. Steffan (Steff) Jordan

Members: Mr. George Toms and Mr. Wally Tong

Canteen Staff: Mrs. Wendy Gabb and Mrs. Joan Kay

Honorary Members: Mrs. Betty Olive and Rev Estella Last

Branch Photographer: Mr. Richard Phipps

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