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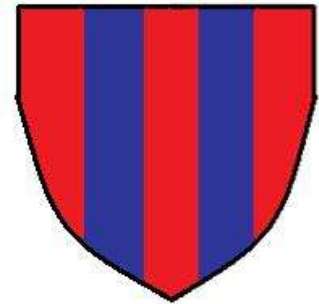
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Gentlemen,

Another year passes us, with as usual good and not so good in it for everyone.

Sadly, Mick Fudge passed away very recently and he was known to all of us as a decent man - we his friends and Brother Sappers will remember him. He joined Dover in 1959 -1961. Dave Bishop was able to attend his funeral and represent us all as a branch, and we thank him for that.

Time marches ever onwards though, and whilst the Country prepares for the modern take on the Rhine Army Summer Show (yes, you're humming the tune aren't you!), The Olympic Games, the committee has not been idle. Arrangements are almost complete for the Annual AGM bash at Dover, the spiritual and geographical home of our Branch. We shall be taking advantage again of the Dover Marina Hotel and Spa which has served us well in recent years. You can find booking forms and full details in these pages to allow you to join us all on the 6th and 7th of October 2012 - you will all be most welcome and we look forward to putting the world to rights again over a dram or five. Please make haste to get your bookings completed, as always it will be upon us before you can say "hands on lift up".

Tony Hayward, the neatest man this side of the Nagasaki scorch mark, has asked me to mention the Willich reunion, and I'm told it's a great event. Tony is a close personal friend of the local Mayor, so discounted bratwursts all round.

The dates for the diary are; 6/7/8 July. Contact the site on www.willich.camp.de. Tam Pearce is the man to ring on 0049 2152647

"sapperfest" is in the making currently, a three day squadron smoker in Buxton in May, the weekend after the rugby and if fully supported it promises to be a great shindig. Bands and beer tents are planned, with 3000 ex Sappers registering an interest. www.sapperfest.co.uk for more details.

All that remains now is for me to wish all our members and their Families a safe and healthy rest of the year, and we'll hopefully see all the slightly older faces in Dover. "once a Sapper, always a Sapper".

Visit the branch website at: www.rejuniorleaders.co.uk
to see the latest news, and talk to old friends.

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2011 A.G.M. Report.

The President (Lt. Col. Larry Inge Retd.) opened the meeting. A silence was held in memory of all Junior Leaders no longer with us. Larry gave his report and also reported on where the Corps was at the moment. He outlined what was expected of the Corps with the Strategic Revue and also the future commitments the Sappers are expected to meet.

Afganistan is the main focus for the Corps at the moment . **The Chairman's Report** (Dave Bishop) stated that this was his 6th AGM report and he went through the points discussed at the committee meetings held in Dover and the Union Jack Club in London during the year. His main concern as always was the membership problem for the branch. This not only affects us but also the R.E.A. branches as well .We continue to promote ourselves through the web site and this does bring in small numbers of members. He stressed all members should promote the branch whenever they can. The Sapper Magazine gets copy that is suitable and this helps to keep our profile in the public forum. Mine and the branches

members congratulations go to Ron Atkins Andover and Winchester and Michael Gardner Woolwich for being honoured with the R.E.A. Badge of Merit. **Vice Charimans Report.** (Peter 'Callaghan)Went through the arrangements for the Dinner and the other details of the weekend. He also reported on the options for the 2012 A.G.M. and dinner.

Treasurers Report (Dave Ormsby) The Branch finances show that the bank balance stands at £6,635.00. We carry stock of £1,645.28 and the FAFF fund stands at £1988.84. (FAFF stands for Fifteenth Anniversary Fund) The membership figures show that for 2011 we had 139 members. (At the moment March 2012 shows we have 111 members) A point was made we should promote the branch as often as we can. We are actively trying to recruit a member to take on the roll of

membership secretary so volunteers please apply now. **Secretary's Report** (Mick Dobson) Correspondence and REA reports are posted on the documents section of the web site. I use the web site to keep members informed of what is relevant to them and the branch. I pass a personal thank you to our web master for his expertise in this.**Newsletter**

Editor (Simon Crowley) Every year I ask the members to consider racking their brains to find something that would interest our readers. You never cease to disappoint me. So please try again. **A.O.B** Auditors were asked for, to attend the U.J. club for the annual audit in January. Ron Atkins and Colin Kirby volunteered.

Proposals from the Floor. The Web Master and his wife are walking the Dalesway for a hospice charity. In appreciation of the work he does for the Branch a £50.00 donation to the charity to be voted for : Passed. No Nominations to the committee posts were received, so the present members agreed to stand for the coming year. President Lt. Col. Retd. Larry Inge. Chairman Dave Bishop. Vice Chairman Peter O'Callaghan. Secretary Mick Dobson. Treasurer Dave Ormsby. Editor and Standard Bearer Simon Crowley.

Dates for 2012. Committee meeting & Audit 21/1/2012 A.G.M. & Dinner 6th & 7th h October. (Note to all members.) If you have changed your Email or other details Please contact Dave Bishop Email:

dave.bishop373@btinternet.com The details we have on record date from 12 years ago. Some of our members have changed details quite a while ago and not informed us. If not sure Email anyway.

Bernnard Davis's Diet.

Yesterday I was at my local Sainsbury's store buying a large bag of Winalot dog food for my loyal pet and was in the checkout queue when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had an elephant? So, since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Winalot Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in hospital last time, but I'd lost 2 stone before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with Winalot nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in queue was now enthralled with my story.)

Horried, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me I told her no, I stepped off the kerb to sniff an Irish Setter's backside and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. I'm now banned.



The President Larry Inge



Happy Diners (Table Six)



Carol & Konrad (The Photographer)



Guests Revd. David Ridley & Libby Dix Carry & Larry Inge. Pat & Mick Dobson. Dave Bishop



Tony Hayward (Peace and Quiet)



Would you borrow money from these?



Drum Head Service



The Dover & J.L. Standards



Dinner Guests 2011



Simon's day has got better.



Stewart Whiffen has found his Room Corporal



Doug with his commendation and Sue with flowers from the branch.

