

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREEN HOWARDS ASSOCIATION (GHA)
71ST POST WAR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM), HELD AT THE ARMY RESERVE
CENTRE, STOCKTON ROAD, MIDDLESBROUGH AT 1830HRS ON SAT 13 OCT 18

Present Committee	Col (Retd) R C Mantell MBE Maj (Retd) A Warriner MBE	Representative Colonel & Chairman GHA Secretary
Present Members	Maj Gen (R) A P Farquhar CBE DL Maj (Retd) R Helmn BEM Maj (Retd) Michael Pickard Association Members x 67	Patron, Friend of the Green Howards Museum Assistant Regt Sec YR (South) Project Officer, NMA Green Howards Stone
Apologies	Maj (Retd) P Ralph MM	Treasurer & Assistant Regt Sec YR (North)

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<p>ITEM 1 – PRELIMINARIES</p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed those attending and thanked members for their continued support.</p> <p>2. The Chairman thanked 4 YORKS, especially Brian Durlik and the Quartermaster, Peter Thompson, for their support to the GHA Reunion.</p> <p>ITEM 2 – OLD COMRADES – ABSENT FRIENDS</p> <p>3. The Chairman read out the names of 48 members of the Association whose death had been notified to RHQ since the last AGM in Oct 17. After the Exhortation members observed a period of silence.</p> <p>ITEM 3 – CONVENING NOTICE OF MEETING</p> <p>4. A copy of the Convening Notice was distributed to members and formally read out by the Chairman.</p> <p>ITEM 4 – CHAIRMAN’S INTRODUCTION AND MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>5. The Chairman introduced the meeting, saying; “He was very encouraged by the numbers attending and will seek views of members on important issues affecting the Association. The Association has had a good year and we look forward to 45 members marching in London on Remembrance Day. With Jonathan Bell’s knowledge and experience in film making, we are producing a Hollis VC film next year to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D Day, with Stan Hollis been awarded the only VC on that day. Other activities will be mentioned in the body of the meeting.”</p> <p>6. There were no issues raised from the Minutes of the Last Meeting.</p> <p>7. Minutes Accepted. Proposed by Mr Pete Bennison, Seconded by Mr Jack Waterson and CARRIED by all members attending the meeting.</p> <p>ITEM 5 – GREEN HOWARDS ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS</p> <p>8. Copies of the Association Balance Sheet for the year ending 31 Dec 17, were made available to members. The balance sheet was presented and explained by the Secretary, Maj (Retd) Tony Warriner. The Accounts had been adopted at the GHA Executive Meeting held at Richmond on 7 Apr 18. The Secretary highlighted the following entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income. £2,495.00. 	All

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure. £6,318.00. • Excess of Expenditure over Income. A loss of £3,823.00. • Accumulated Fund. £43,887.00. <p>9. The up to date bank figure as at 30 Sep 18 was £19,723.00.</p>	
<p>ITEM 6 – YORKSHIRE REGIMENT BENEVOLENT FUND (YBF)</p>	
<p>10. Maj (Retd) Charlie Helmn reported; “This financial year there had been 224 cases requesting assistance from the YBF, with 159 of those cases funded. Total paid out was £131,141.71. The balance of cases outstanding was passed to other agencies, such as Department for Work and Pensions for funerals etc. Some cases were denied as the benevolent fund does not cover funeral costs.”</p>	
<p>ITEM 7 – YORKSHIRE REGIMENT MATTERS</p>	
<p>11. 1 YORKS – Warminster.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deployed to Estonia in Jul 18 until Feb/Mar 19. Unfortunately in week one of deployment, there was the death in service of Pte Reece Miller. • Army Rugby Union and Army Football Champions, reinforcing 1 YORKS Sporting Regiment motto. • 1 YORKS will remain in the Armoured Infantry role until 2024, possibly moving to Catterick in 2020. 	
<p>12. 2 YORKS – Somme Barracks, Catterick.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returned from Afghanistan in Apr 18 from 8 months successful tour of OP TORAL. • Preparing to deploy on a major exercise to Morocco in Oct/Nov 18, supported once again by Reservists from 4 YORKS. • Possible delay and rerolling to Cyprus in 2020, as the Battalion has been warned of an OP TORAL deployment late 2019. 	
<p>13. 4 YORKS – RHQ in York.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful year with 12 Reservists on tour in Afghanistan with 2 YORKS. • Completed Regimental Freedom parade in Wakefield on 21 Jul 18 and the Centenary Bligny Sunday parade in Leeds the following day. Both parades were of an excellent standard and show cased the Yorkshire Reserves well. • 4 YORKS continue to provide support to Regimental activities throughout the county and beyond and are a credit to the Regiment. • Recruiting surges are taking place throughout the county with good success rates. Unfortunately getting recruits through the Capita recruitment system is still very slow. 	
<p>14. YORKS REGIMENT – RHQ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maj (Retd) Charlie Helmn continues to support sporting events, job opportunities and welfare for all members and their families. Mr Brian Jones, (Green Howard) is an excellent contact and very good at finding work for members in the North East and Yorkshire areas. If anyone is looking for work, or knows a Green Howard who is, Mr Jones’ email is: brian@proactiverecruitmentandtraining.com • Members were directed to the YRA website, which keeps antecedent 	

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<p>Associations up to date with news and events and any offers that may be available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today's soldiers have the same character, sense of humour and camaraderie as members had when with the Green Howards. Association members have family serving with the Yorkshire Regiment and the Association can be proud of The Yorkshire Regiment soldiers who carry the name forward. 	
<p>ITEM 8 – FRIENDS OF THE GREEN HOWARDS REGIMENTAL MUSEUM (FGHM)</p>	
<p>15. The Secretary informed members of the possibility of an additional magazine in 2021 to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Friends. This will have to be funded by contributions and fundraising but more details to follow.</p>	Secretary
<p>ITEM 9 – MAJOR GREEN HOWARDS EVENTS FOR 2018/19</p>	
<p>16. Copies of the Diary Dates were made available to members, with the Chairman highlighting the following main events for 2018/19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Remembrance Sun 11 Nov 18. • Officers' London Lunch Fri 29 Mar 19. • GHA Executive Meeting Sat 6 Apr 19. These meetings are very worthwhile and at the last meeting this year, there was a request from Scarborough Branch to have a Green Howards memorial positioned at the National Memorial Arboretum. Details of the project explained below. • Green Howards Sunday 12 May 19. • Battlefield and New Normandy Memorial Tour 8 – 11 Jun 19. Details of the tour have been circulated and were explained by the Secretary. Presently there are 38 members interested in participating. • Due to other events in 2019 the Chairman proposed cancelling the Officers' Annual Dinner. The decision will be confirmed after the New Year. 	Officers Chair/Sec/ All
<p>17. Green Howards Stone at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA). The Chairman explained the background of a Green Howards Stone at the NMA. Those involved with the planning and design include Gen Andrew Farquhar a Trustee of the NMA and Brig John Powell as Regimental historian, with Maj Michael Pickard the project officer who briefed members that the application will be considered by the NMA Committee on 31 Oct 18. The proposed date for unveiling the Stone is 19 Sep 19; more details to follow. The general outline will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedication by Canon Richard Cooper, which will be his last event with the Green Howards as he retires as Regimental Chaplain. • Sit down lunch in the NMA new dining facility. Costs for lunch to be confirmed but the hire charge for the dining facility will be covered by the Association. • RHQ to investigate hiring coaches. • The Association does have some funds available but donations and fundraising will be required to help cover the costs of the Stone, future maintenance, hire of facilities, travel and general administrative requirements. <p>18. After Note: Due to the illness of several members on the NMA Committee, the application was not considered on 31 Oct. Another date is to be set by the NMA.</p>	All
<p>19. GHA Reunion 2019. Due to the costs of the NMA project, the Chairman asked members; "Would they prefer a one day Reunion in 2019 or still hold the full event?" The response was overwhelming for a full Reunion. Therefore, the Reunion dates for 2019 were proposed for 11/12 Oct at Stockton Road. However, the Sunday</p>	All

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and Drumhead Service will be dropped because of the Regimental service taking place at the NMA. The dates are acceptable to Quebec Company but members are advised not to book accommodation until confirmed once the training programme is published early 2019.																						
20. Stan Hollis VC Film. The Chairman explained the production of a short film on Stan Hollis VC with dedication to the new National Memorial above the beach where his actions lead to the award of the VC. Mr Jonathan Bell, (Green Howards) the film maker, briefed members on the ongoing project. The film will be available to the museum and members.	All																					
21. Museum Medal Room. The medal room will be remodelled and it is hoped the project will be complete by Green Howards Sunday 2019. This is a large project costing circa £140K, which will also include security systems to display the original VCs. The Museum Director is now fundraising to help with costs and all donations will be welcome.	All																					
ITEM 10 – MISCELLANEOUS GHA MATTERS																						
22. Capt (Retd) Tom Wharton briefed members on his book about events in Northern Ireland. He said, “Lord Houghton will write the Foreword. The new release date is Green Howards Sunday, 12 May 19. All proceeds from the sales will go towards the medal room. A flier will be circulated after Christmas for members to make their orders.”	All																					
23. Donations and Fundraising. Due to the number of projects in 2019, members were informed that RHQ will be asking if people would like to make donations. If anyone was participating in fundraising events, would they consider the funds going to the NMA Stone and or the museum medal room?	All																					
ITEM 11 – ANNUAL JACKPOT DRAW OF THE 600 CLUB																						
24. The seven prizes were drawn at the meeting and winners were as follows:	Secretary																					
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25. The Chairman and members thanked the above for their very generous donations.																						
ITEM 12 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS																						
26. After Note: Attendance, raffle ticket sales and Drumhead Service collection for the Reunion 2018 were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Tickets. Friday – 114; Saturday – 250 and Sunday – 114. Figures for the weekend were only slightly down by 28 on last year. • Raffle Tickets. Sale of raffle tickets raised £473.00 and the Loving Mug raffle 																						

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<p>raised £160.00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drumhead Service Collection. The service collection was £243.00. <p>A total of £876.00 has been put to the NMA Green Howards Stone project.</p> <p>27. After Note: Colin Inett from Kent Branch mentioned after the meeting; that a number of Associations publish their Reunions in the Royal British Legion Journal. The Secretary will look into this.</p> <p>28. After Note. The Secretary informs members of the sad news, that the 2nd Battalion Branch of the Green Howards Association disbanded on 30 Sep 18. This was a difficult decision by the Branch, but was due to reduced numbers and difficulty in selecting new Branch Officers.</p>	Secretary
ITEM 13 – ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING	
<p>29. Arrangements for Next Meeting. After discussions with Quebec Company Admin Officer, provisionally the next meeting will be held at the Army Reserve Centre, Stockton Road, Middlesbrough, at 1830hrs on Sat 12 Oct 19. This will be confirmed once 4 YORKS training programme is published.</p>	All

(Original Signed)

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Colonel
Chairman

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