



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Saturday 5th October 2013
The Royal Court Hotel Coventry**

Item 1 - The National Standard was paraded into the meeting by Mike Weller, the Union Flag by Debbie Lofts and accepted by Malcolm White National Vice Chairman.

Item 2 - The Homage was read by the National Vice Chairman Malcolm White who then said, "We remember also today those members of our Association who have departed since the last AGM. A two minute silence was observed

Those Members who have gone to pastures news since the last AGM

<u>Ref</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>surname</u>	<u>Branch</u>
UK/O/4418	David	Hancock Major	Bridgend
UK/O/5921	Alan	Misom	Bristol
UK/O/7054	Raymond	Teakel	Bristol
UK/O/5058	Antony	Evans	Bristol
UK/O/5832	Francis	Selley	Bristol
UK/O/1376	Geoffrey	Williams	Colchester
UK/O/4286	Aubrey	Botting	Colchester
UK/O/7254	Gordon	Beare	Colchester
UK/O/7710	William	Ireton	Colchester
UK/O/5057	John	Sharpe	Colchester
UK/A/7188	Marin	Lilley	Colchestwe
UK/O/1516	Robert	Lowther	Doncaster
UK/O/5149	Brian	Rollings	Doncaster
UK/O/5300	Donald	Schofield	Doncaster
UK/O/7630	Tony	Talbot	Durham
UK/O/7664	Ronald	Jones	Durham
UK/O/7567	John	Logan	Grantham
UK/O/7611	Erick	Wells	Grantham
UK/O/4060	Alfres	Adams	Grantham
UK/O/757S	Robert	Perry	Leicester
UK/O/6828	Robert	Mcdonald	Mid-Ulster
UK/O/7787	Alistair	Mcdonald	North Ken & S.E London

UK/O/6395	Ernest	Goodwin	North Wales
UK/O/0281	Alfred	Edwards	North Wales
UK/A/4513	Geroge	Hornby	North Wales
UK/O/7281	David	Griffiths	North Wales
UK/O/4425	John	Major Alexander MBE	North Yorkshire & Dales
UK/O/2658	John	Thompson	North Yorkshire & Dales
UK/O/7718	Ronald	Bretherton	North Yorkshire & Dales
UK/O/7400	Naniel	McPhail	North Yorkshire & Dales
UK/O/7666	John	Williams	Noth Kent
UK/O/3587	William	Doak	Nothen Ireland
UK/O/5001	Geroge	Marsden	Nottingham
UK/O/6801	Michael	Dene	Nottingham
UK/O/0789	John	Barnes	Plymouth
UK/O/0061	W J	Boon	Plymouth
UK/O/5430	Leonard	Lee	Postal South
UK/O/5541	David	Reeves	Postal North
UK/O/4183	Peter	Leighton	Postal North
UK/O/7430	Antony	Betty	Postal North
UK/O/7609	Richard	Mitchell	Postal North
UK/O/5111	John	Howarth	Postal North
UK/O/6490	Neilson	McQueen	Postal North
UK/O/6961	Vinceny	Gibson	Postal North
UK/O/7612	Andrew	Cartwright	Postal South
UK/O/0358	Donald	Coxon	Postal South
UK/O/7612	Francis	Cartwright	Postal South
UK/O/5561	Thomas	Derek	Postal South
UK/O/1478	Geroge	Huddard	Postal South
UK/O/5566	John	Carpenter	Postal South
UK/O/5488	Perter	Warwick	Postal South
UK/O/5975	Derek	Raven	Postal South
UK/O/5561	Thomas	Dunseith	Postal South
UK/O/4471	Dennis	Cooper	Postal South
UK/O/7619	Anthony	Ashton	Surrey

Item 3 - National Chairman: - Welcomed all members to the annual reunion and AGM of the National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association Thanking all for attending and hope that we will have a productive meeting and an enjoyable weekend, I shall have more to say later

Item 4 - Apologies - Secretary Ted Williams: “I have had an enormous number of apologies, too many to list on the minutes, but I have recorded them if anyone would like a copy.”

Item 5 - Minutes of Meeting of the AGM held at the Royal Court Hotel 2012:

Chairman took pages one at a time and the Minutes were accepted as a true record, after amendment subsequent to Item 5a below:

5a Matters arising that are not on the agenda:

(1). John Crossley Leicester Branch: I note we buried a copy of the potted history, but we have not seen it yet Ted, a very raw factual version went into the time capsule with all the warts. Some of this information is rather sensitive, and not suitable for general public at the moment, however he is working on the history and hopes to have a booklet out shortly

Mr Bill Gardener Colchester: When you say sensitive, are you referring to all the court cases, Ted Yes, Bill I agree it is best to leave well alone

Mal White, I should like a copy for the Kris

The minutes were proposed and accept as a true record of the 2012 AGM

Item 6 - National Chairman's Report: David W. Neil

CHAIRMAN

Good morning and thank you for attending this Annual General Meeting. We will be conducting this year's AGM in a different way. The idea is to try and reduce the length of time it takes to complete the business. In the early days of the Association when we were attempting to develop and create a viable and workable Constitution it took a great deal of time. We now feel that amount of time should not be necessary and leave more time to enjoy this weekend together socially.

Therefore it has been decided I will incorporate the Annual Reports of the NEC Officers in my report with the exception of the Treasurer. At the end of each report I will ask if anyone has a question or query for that particular officer. So I will now move on to my own report.

From taking office last year things have moved along at a fairly steady pace, the main project being the installation of the new memorial at the National Arboretum. In the main this was overseen by my predecessor Lt Col Tex Pemberton OBE, who carried out this duty with dignity and diligence which ensured that all that the NEC had to do was arrange the dedication service and the un-veiling. This task was, in the main, planned and supervised by the National Secretary, Ted Williams, with the support of the NEC, who on the day, performed the various duties of greeting the guests on their arrival and assisting members find their way around the arboretum.

I would also like to thank our Chaplain, Roger Perry, for a well conducted service and I for one will not blame him that he could not get in touch with HQ to stop the rain.

There is only one other thing I would like to say a few words on, and that was the experimental Spring social break which we held this year at Blackpool. It appears to have been very successful, so we are organising another one in 2014. The 2013 prices have been frozen for next year, for those interested

the date will be 28 April to 2 May. I would advise you book sooner rather than later.

I would like to end my report by thanking every member of the NEC for their dedication and thanking them for the large amount of their own time they give up to help the Association to run smoothly and to remind us all that we are, as an association, getting smaller every year, so let us try to get as much joy as we can from our comradeship.

David W Neil

VICE-CHAIRMAN

As Keris editor I should like to thank all those that have contributed their stories, experiences and photos for inclusion in our Keris magazine. Not all have been published yet, in time I hope to share with all members what has been forwarded to me.

This year has been a very memorable year with the dedication of our new Memorial Stone at the National Memorial Arboretum. I have put together a DVD of the Dedication day with a little introduction of both the 'Emergency' and 'Confrontation' conflicts.

The DVD is priced at £7.00 of which £5.00 will go to the Memorial Fund. Details of the purchase and availability of the Dedication DVD are on our website; also the DVD will be available at our Re-union / AGM meeting at Coventry.

My next publication is the Xmas Newsletter, any information on planned Branch Trips or Special Occasions would be gratefully received for including in the Newsletter. I shall be starting to put together the Newsletter at the end of October for printing mid-November and distribution to members early in December.

It is a privilege to represent you, our members, as Vice Chairman. Thank you all for supporting me in my endeavors.

Mal White

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

With the re-vamp of the database started by Ian Williams and completed by Bob Roberts in January 2013, it was found there were a number of members who had not paid any subscriptions since before 2010. To give a true reflection of the membership numbers, these members were transferred to a Lost Touch file. They can be transferred back onto the database if they decide to return.

The latest date Bob had for Membership Figures, was as at the NEC meeting in August 2012. The total number then on the database was 2103.

This year's figures are as at the 1st September 2013:

Total members on the database – 1851 Fully paid up members - 1577

Members in arrears as at 30th June 2013 - 274. Since the last AGM:

New/returning members - 32

Deceased - 46

Resigned – 60

Bob Roberts

POSTAL NORTH CO-ORDINATOR

This year has been a good year for Postal North with 97% of members renewing their membership. As a result of boundary changes to even the work load of the two Postal Co-coordinators, some members have been transferred from Postal South to Postal North. Bob would like to welcome those who have been transferred to Postal North.

Bob has been the Postal North Co-coordinator since 2011 and he has thoroughly enjoyed his time, talking to members throughout the country. He has decided that the time has come to hand over the reins, so that he can concentrate on his duties as Membership Secretary.

Bob Roberts

NEC MEMBER / POSTAL SOUTH CO-ORDINATOR

Nil Report

Brian Roche

NEC MEMBER

Nil Report

Clive Boyles

NEC MEMBER

My first task on joining the NEC was to contact those branches who had a significant number of members who appeared to have not been paid subscriptions for some time. Between myself, the Membership Secretary, the Treasurer, and the branches concerned we managed to sort out most of the queries.

I have enjoyed my first year on the NEC and look forward to taking up the role of Postal North Co-coordinator.

Val Nisbet

INTERNATIONAL LIAISON

I have, over the last year, kept in contact with all Overseas and Cousin Malaya Veteran Associations, despite the lack of feedback from same. I sent a mailing in support of Anzac Day to Australia / New Zealand and Canada, with minimal response.

I have made contact with the new contact in Canada – Alex (Sandy) Ferguson, who asked that our Website be updated to reflect the change. Whilst it has been a quiet year, I made contact with an old 'buddy' Fred Simpson, who is in the NMBVAA on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland to investigate the background information for the Anzac Day Parades.

On a personal note, I plan to visit Australia in April 2015 to march in the Centenary Anzac Day Parade in Brisbane, marching as I did in 2005 with the NMBVAA and any member who wishes to march with me to get in touch with me personally. It is my intention, after 9 years in the post, to relinquish my activity in International and will be resigning prior to the AGM in 2014.

Ron Blain

REGALIA OFFICER

Nil report

Annie Burden

Item 7 National Secretary Ted Williams

I should first like to read out a Text received for Lt Col Tex Pemberton OBE

Ted, please give my best wishes to the President, Chairman the NEC and all members for an enjoyable and productive annual reunion

Most of what I want to say will come out later in the meeting, however I should like to put on record the Association thanks and appreciation to the Not Forgotten Association, we have been able to send members on a variety of excursions, and they increase the numbers of invites to Buckingham Palace this year from 20 last year to 32 this year..

Unfortunately we are all growing older a lot find it difficult and inconvenient to attend meetings, and as we have seen from the Roll of Honour a lot have received their last posting. This is the case with Bristol Branch, the number attending meetings has decreased dramatically and it is no longer viable to hold branch meetings, therefore most of its members have transferred to Post South or other Branches. However I am more than delighted to announce the Birth of a New Branch "Thames Valley" Thanks to the fantastic effort of Alan & Angel Raiston-Good with encouragement from all the members of this New Branch, NEC members hope to attend their next meeting and present them with their Branch Warrant. I was hoping that both Alan and Angele could have been with us this week-end

Item 8 National Treasurer

All documentation including copies of the 2012-2013 Audit certificates appertaining to the 2012-13 Budget were sent to members in advance.

Mr Dick Richardson National Treasurer went through and explained each of the documents. Mr Ted Pemberton challenged the arithmetic of the information Sheet, there was an error however this was appertain to this year's figures and not a budgetary document.

Mr Mick Smith Nottingham Branch enquired if all branches are contributing to the insurance of Standards etc. Dick no, it was agreed that due to various sizes of Branches the very small branches could not afford it, therefore it was voluntary, but the association is appreciative too those branches that do contribute

Memorial Fund, Dick went through the memorial fund, concluding that we have still got to raise a good sum.

Mr Dick Richardson then went through the proposed budget for 2015-2016

This was approved

Item 9 Proposed By David Neil second by Ted Williams that an official vote of thanks be recorded to Lt Col Tex Pemberton OBE for his hard working bring this memorial to full fruition.

There followed a round of applause Mr Malcolm White informed members that there was a DVD on sale in the foyer of the service, parade,

unveiling, dedication of the memorial opening with some action clips taken during the emergency cost £7 with £5 going to the memorial fund

Item 10 Notice of Motion. The Associated Members to have the same voting rights as ordinary members

Proposed by Mansel Lewis (Bridgend) second by Clive Boyles (Bridgend)
That Associated member have the same voting rights as ordinary members

Taking into consideration that Association can no longer function without associated members, they play an active part in the association and pay the same dues as ordinary members, therefore should have voting rights

During the following discussion the following emerged

- a) This had been discussed at the delegates meeting and approved
- b) We have two Associated members on the NEC
- c) The majority of Branches have associated members on their committees

This was put to a vote and agreed

Item 11 Change to the constitution to bring item 10 above into operation

- a) Page 3 par D: Line 7 after ordinary inset associate
- b) Page 8 par 10 sub-par. A line 8 ordinary inset associate

Item 12 For Members Attention; Delegates Meetings

The constitution states Page 7 par "A" Reads:-

A. Branch Delegates Meetings shall be called at the **discretion** of the NEC. Each Association Branch; Postal Groups North, South, and Overseas; will be entitled to have 1 (one) voting delegate, who may be accompanied by a debating but non-voting Member of the same Branch or Postal Group to represent them at the meeting. Questions must come from the Branch and not individuals.

Therefore to keep the flexibility of a delegates meeting, but not to waste money, delegates meetings will only be called when the NEC feels it is justified. There will no longer a an automatic meeting as in the past

This was discussed at length and members agreed, but stressed that the national secretary should ascertain if Branch require a Delegates meeting by the end of each calendar Year and publish result

Item 13 Blackpool; the informal reunion at Blackpool was a great success this year we shall be having another one in 2014. A better hotel, Parisienne Hotel 4 Nights Monday 28th April – 2 May 2014 Full English Breakfast Live entertainment each evening free parking on site £134 it is on the North

Promenade and only ½ mile from the centre of Blackpool more information later

- Item 14 Proposed by Ted Williams Seconded by Dick Richardson that monies collected at the Reunion Dinner Raffle be donated to the Association memorial fund

This was agreed Note combined fund from Raffle and Church Service for the memorial fund was £1045 The NEC thank all those present for their outstanding generosity

- Item 14 Proposed By David Neil seconded by Ted Williams that the AGM and Reunion dinner be held at the Tillington Hall hotel Stafford

Advantages over the Royal Court Hotel;-

- a) Ease of access it is for those travelling by car it is only just off the M6

For those using public Transport it is only 1 mile from the railway station and there a bus service direct to the hotel

There is a National Coach station only ½ mile from hotel

- b) Cost, it is cheaper next year than the Royal Court this year
Example 2 nights package at the Tillington next year is £139 at the Royal Court this year and undoubtedly more expensive next year is £152
- c) Local amenities, there is general shop, Pub, dry cleaners etc. all within walking Distance

Mr W. Gardner Colchester Branch stated that he had stopped at the Tillington a few years ago and thought it was crap, Ted pointed out that it has been refurbished and is now under new ownership. The NEC held a meeting there in August, while agreeing it is not the Ritz, it was clean the staff were obliging and the food was good and they highly recommend it.

After discussion it was agreed that the standard of the Royal Court has gone down and we could do with a change.

It was agreed that we would use the Tillington Hall Hotel next year next year

- Item 15 Mike Weller National Standard enquired into his position regarding parading the National Standard on Local Parades and Remembrance Parade at Hailsham
National Secretary you have full authority to Parade the National Standard at any Veterans' or Charitable Parade provided it is not required at an NMBVA event, you and the Standard have full insurance cover. Any questions from a third party don't hesitate to give them either the National Chairman's or National Secretary phone number

Ted Pemberton confronted all members present and it was agreed unanimously the entire committee be voted in in block to save time

Election of Officers 2013/14, to assume on the rising of the AGM:

Position	Nominee	Nominated By
Chairman of the Association	David Neil Sitting Chairman	Valerie Nisbett Seconded W. Thorburn
Vice Chairman of the Association	Malcolm White Sitting vice Chairman	Mr Brian Roach Seconded Mr J Sandilands
Secretary of the Association	Ted Williams Sitting Secretary	Mr Clive Boyles MSM Seconded: Danny Doherty
Treasurer of the Association	Mr D Richardson Sitting Treasurer	Mr Terry Parkinson Seconded: Mr K Seaton
Membership Secretary of the Association	Bob Roberts Sitting Member. Secretary	Mr Clive Boyles Seconded: Ted Williams
Association Webmaster	Annie Burden Sitting Webmaster	Mr M.V Broyd Seconded: Mr G. Reeves
Member of the NEC	Clive Boyles MSM Sitting NEC Member	Dennis Jones Seconded: Mansel Lewis
Member of the NEC	Valerie Nisbet Sitting NEC Member	David Neil Seconded W. Thorburn
Member of the NEC	Brian C Roche Sitting NEC Member	Mr Keith Barclay Seconded: Mr J Sandilands

Non-Executive Officers

International Liaison Officer	Ron Blain	This is an Appointment
NEC Resident representative Kuala Lumpur	Dhato Ahmad Tejudin	Ted Williams Seconded: D Neil .
Regalia Officer	Annie Burden	Also Webmaster
Cenotaph Organising Officer	Don Mott	This is an Appointment
Postal Coordinator North	Valerie Nisbett	Also NEC member
Postal Coordinator South	Brian Roche	Also NEC member
Postal Coordinator Overseas	Clive Boyles	Also NEC member
Editor Of the Kris Magazine	Malcolm White	Also National Vic Chairman
National Standard Bearer	Mike Weller	
Westminster Abbey Garden of Remembrance Organiser	Bert Godsiff	
NMBVA Padre	Rev Roger Perry	

Item 17 - Reunion Dinner: The National Secretary announced: Dress Black Tie with miniatures; or lounge suit with miniature or Blazer with Medals. There will be a wine reception in the hotel foyer at 1830hrs, please be seated in the Dining by 1900hrs, ready to welcome our Guests of Honour Brig Gen Dato Othman Hj Jamal The Defence Advisor of Malaysia and our President General Sir Garry Johnston KCB, OBE MC.

Item 18 - Recovery of National Standard and Union Flag.

Item 19 - The Chairman Closed the meeting at 1150 hrs, wishing all members an enjoyable evening

Minutes approved by Chairman 16th November 2013