



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
At the Tillington Hall Hotel, Stafford**

**Meeting Opened @ 0956:00**

**Item 1:** The National Standard was paraded into the meeting by Debbie Lofts, The Union Flag by John Knowles accepted by Malcolm White, National Vice Chairman.

**Item 2:** The Homage was read by Malcolm White.

Short Prayer Rev Roger Perry The Association Padre  
Pause for 2 minutes silence and reflection. We remember especially today those members of our association who have departed this life since the last AGM  
Names Read out by Malcolm White

Roll of Honour  
2015-2016



Membership No	Forename	Surname	Branch	Date Deceased	
1	UK/A/3782	Deanna	Rees	Bridgend	05/03/2016
2	UK/O/3782	Allyn	Rees	Bridgend	07/11/2015
3	UK/O/5977	John	Gwitt	Colchester	N/K
4	UK/O/1392	Peter	Bradbury	Colchester	10/10/2015 ?
5	UK/O/4276	Leonard	Manning Buckey- Saxon	Colchester	N/K
6	UK/O/4541	James	Singer	Colchester	N/K
7	UK/O/6127	David	Coote	Colchester	N/K
8	UK/O/7651	Eric	Dobson	Colchester	N/K
9	UK/O/1615	Ernest	Goodison	Doncaster	
10	UK/O/4475	Anthony	Goodridge	Doncaster	27/03/2016
11	UK/O/7883	James	Smith	Doncaster	22/08/2016
12	UK/O/3036	Geoge	Gibson	Durham	07/06/2016
13	UK/O/7899	James	Million	Durham	1706/2016
14	UK/O/0643	Terry	Parkinson	Grantham	03/06/2016
15	UK/O/6291	Peter	Light	Grantham	N/K

18	UK/O/6841	Edward	Burrows	Grantham	30/11/2015
19	UK/O/3334	Dudley	Barton	Lincoln	07/09/2015
20	UK/O/6645	Alan	Hodgson	Lincoln	17/11/2015
21	UK/O/7527	William (Bill)	Smith	Lincoln	N/K
22	UK/O/5453	Ernest	Rogers	Noth Wales	N/K
23	UK/O/5406	Tony	Hall	Nottingham	17/01/2016
24	UK/O/0082	John	Hodge	Plymouth	25/02/2016
25	UK/O/1562	Wesley	Masters	Plymouth	30/09/2015
26	UK/O/6977	David	Jones	Plymouth	N/K
27	UK/O/5843	George	Oats McCominske	Postal North	04/0/2016
28	UK/O/6215	Samual	y	Postal North	14/01/2016
29	UK/O/7339	Douglas	Buchan	Postal North	Nov-15
30	UK/O/7592	James	Handibody*	Postal North	Sep-15
31	UK/O/7741	Eric	Rose	Postal North	01/07/15
32	UK/O/1170	Derek	Bray	Postal South	18/05/2015
33	UK/O/5375	John	Bradshaw	Postal South	N/K
34	UK/O/6340	Edgar	Watson	Postal South	18/04/2016
35	UK/O/5233	Micheal	Eley	Postal south	28/06/2016
36	UK/O/7351	John	Lilkins	Sothern Area	26/08/2016
37	UK/O/3736	Michael	Bowden	Southern	25/12/2015
38	UK/O/4548	Allan	Farrell	Southern	21/01/2016
39	UK/O/7298	Robert	Curl	Surrey	N/K
40	UK/O/3630	Philip	Beckingdale	Surry	30/11/2016
41	UK/O/5667	John	Salznan	Thames Valley	15/07/2016
42	UK/O/7318	Joseph	Hutt	Thames Valley	05/06/2016
43	UK/IO/4206	Peter	Gourley	Tyneside	15/08/2016
44	UK/O/0271	Dennis	Brunton	Tyneside	01?06/2016
45	UK/O/7226	Derek	Millard	Tyneside	24/07/2016
46	UK/O/436	Donald	Clements	Colchester	N/K
47	UK/O/5456	Kenneth	Dawson	Postal North	03/12/2015
48	UK/O/7119	Derrick	O' Bees	Postal North	07/012015
49	UK/O/6211	Linsay	Morcur	Postal North	06/03/2016
50	UK/O/5737	Colin	Morris	Postal South	09/04/2016
51	UK/O/4427	Jack	Humphey	Lincoln	10/04/2016
52	UK/O/1950	John	Burrows	Grantham	20/06/2016

Item 3. Meeting opened by the National Chairman Mr David Neil. It was very sad listing to all those names being read out, nevertheless we shall carry on.

Welcome to everyone especially to those who have not attended an AGM before, I hope you have an enable weekend. I shall make my report now; there is no need to make notice, because you can pick up a copies of all reports at the end of the meeting

### **CHAIRMANS REPORT 2016**

Dear Member,

Yet another year draws to a close and it's time to look back at some of our achievements.

Let me begin way back in April 2015 with another association spring break in Blackpool. Let me say these events seem to gain in popularity year on year and long may that continue. I am sure you will agree, those who attended, they are well organized by a combination of our Girl Friday Shirley and our illustrious National Secretary Ted. Lots of fun, interesting trips, with in house entertainment every night, and no meetings, just fun and chilling out, all at a very reasonable price. Make a note for next year 24-28 April 2017.

Then there was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in London. This, because of time and cost, replaced this year's spring break. Well, what more can I say, it fulfilled the ideals of our association to rededicate our Plaque and remember our comrades who made the supreme sacrifice. I am sure it has been, and will be, a topic of discussion for quite some time to come. It only remains for me to thank the many people who made the occasion the success it was. In no particular order: Jane Laws at St Paul's; Adam Rout at the Mansion House; the full detachment of Gurkha Engineers; Paul Double, London Remembrancer; Shirley Winn and the Isle of Wight Tours staff; Ted Williams, National Secretary NMBVA; Malcolm White, National Vice-Chairman NMBVA; and the following officers and members of the NEC: Annie Burdon, Valerie Nisbet, Dick Richardson, Bob Roberts, Clive Boyles. There were a number of members who also were a great help. I thank you all most sincerely, you truly displayed the principals of comradeship and devotion.

To complete these expressions of gratitude and appreciation I would, on behalf of all the members of the NEC and myself, give thanks to our President, Sir Garry Johnson, you are truly inspirational.

Thank you too, to Tony Talbott, MD of Horizon Publications, for the most impressive magazine which he produced in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I doubt if there will ever be another such occasion in the remaining years of our association.

Therefore, as we approach 2017, let us try and sustain our commitment and support to the association, remembering those who have gone before. I should like to thank the NEC for their support, and you the members without who we would not have an association "Thank you all and enjoy the reunion dinner tonight

Yours in comradeship

David Neil

National Chairman

### **National Executive Committee Present**

National Chairman David W Neil, National Vice Chairman Malcolm White, Secretary E J Williams, Membership Secretary Roberts, Webmaster Mrs Annie Burden, NEC Member's Brian Roache, Mrs Valerie Nisbet and Clive Boyles MSM

Apologies National Treasurer Dick Richardson due to an angina attack, we are very pleased to report that Dick is recovering well, but advised to take it steady

**Item 5: Apologies**

I have received either written apologies or verbal from the following Mrs Elsie Arthur, Mr Danny Doherty, Mr & Mrs David Dafters, Mr & Mrs Bob Johnson Mr & Mrs John McAulay, Mr Geoff Blanchard, Mr John Barker, Mr Ernest West, Mr Tony Barker MBE, Don Mott, John Sandilands, John Measham, Reg Hollins, Alan Ralston-Good, Angela Ralson-Good, Mr P Mockett MBE Mr & Mrs John Mansell. Mr Ron Blain, Mr John Barker Mr Tony Baker MBE  
If I have missed any I apologise

**Item 6:** Minutes of the AGM 2016

Acceptance of Minutes

Proposed By Mike Weller seconded by Paul Cross Postal North

**Items 7 Matters arising;** there was no matters arising

**Item 7 National Treasures Report**

Malcolm White: Unfortunately the National Treasurer cannot be with us today having had an Angina Attack, however you have copies of the Audit Report, Assets and Liabilities, Revenue account, St Paul's, NEC Expenditure and proposed Budget for 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 to 30th June 2018, in addition to these report Dick as sent us explanation notes (You can have a copy of these notes), which I shall read out, if you have any questions please see the secretary who will endeavour to get answerer for you

- 1 The Audit certificate shows a loss of almost £4,000 over the financial year this is because the subscriptions were down by almost £2,500.00 at the end of the financial year
- 2 Donations appear to be up, they are only a paper transaction, taken from expenses donated back to the association
- 3 Insurance £417.00 a slight improvement but not enough to cover 1/5th of the cost
- 4 Transfer in was from St Pauls account (Now Closed)
- 5 EXPENDITURE St Paul's the projected expenses were put between £10,000 and £13,00 for the Rededication at St Paul's and Mansion House fortunately good negotiations and history of the occasion resulted in a brilliant outcome £6,173.29

*Mall this was achieved mainly by our Chairman and Secretary*

- 6 There was no KERIS Magazine , but the Newsletter came out as normal, Postal charges for the journal are in the current year account  
*Mall the post cost were higher, because the weight of the journal was over twice that of the Keris, however we had no printing cost so it counteracted.*
- 7 Donation of £3,000 to GWT, with £250.00 to Horizon for adverts miss sent to the NMBVA  
*(Ted, this was for payment for an advert in the journal, which was sent to me made out to the NMBVA, but should have gone to Horizon)*
- 8 NEC travel expenses down to non-attendance, accommodation owing to early payment for NEC meeting paid in previous financial year.

- 9 Memorial transfer to the Capital Account
- 10 Capital payment for Regalia
- 11 St Paul's account total expenditure of £6,137.29 as documented
- 12 NEC Expenditure down on previous year
- 13 The Executive Expense claims are reduced by over 50%  
*Mal the NEC is doing its best to take care of your)*
- 14 The fact that we have no large projects next year the estimate of expenditure will remain the same as for the last two years.  
(The Financial State and valuation of the Association is good at £27,889.82
- 15 Mr Chairman Ladies and Gentlemen, I commend this report for your acceptance
- 16 Thank you for your attention

D. Richardson  
National Treasurer  
National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association

3 Question from the floor name not decipherable

Ted Explained that some time ago another association was hit with a public liability claim of a million pounds plus at the time only three Branches' had insurance cover to Standards and Public Liability. Therefore the National took out cover for every Branch. Due to the increase of expenditure i.e. there was no Kris or newsletter at that time. It was agreed to help to cover the insurance of Branch's each member of the Branch would pay £1 to the cost of insurance, but no branch would pay more than the cost of insuring their Branch, so the smaller branches were covered Some member have been thought a pound a little too much, but you can't buy a cup of coffee for a pound.

Item 5 it was pointed out there was a printing error a zero missing from the figure £10,00.00

Mike Smith, when we increased the cost of annual subscription to £7 per annum, it was agreed the £1 of this would be circled to pay for the cost of the new monument. Now the monument has been paid for, should the £1 not go towards the insurance. Because in his view this £1, should have been scrapped. Ted; The increase in subscription was partly to bring the amount that branch member paid to National in line with that of the Postal members. The insurance does not really affect the Postal members, nevertheless it was agreed to agenda this for the next NEC meeting

Mike Weller, I suggest we should leave this up to the NEC, I have found the NEC has always acted in the best interest of members

Proposed that the accounts be accepted By Mick Smith seconded by Mike Weller  
Carried

Item 8 National Membership Secretaries Report

**Membership Secretaries Report: Bob Roberts**

**1:** As we can see from the figures membership is down by 153. This is because recruitment is down. We have only recruited 60 members which include 34 returning members. It also appears that members posted upstairs is averaging 40 to 50. Unfortunately, the number of resignations and those who have lost touch have risen

<b>2:</b> Association membership is	Oct 2015	Oct 2016
A: members on the database	1679	1526
B: Paid up members	1504	1343
C: In arrear	175	183*

<b>3:</b> Membership is made up of		
A: Associate members	127	140
B: Honorary Members	18	18
C: Ordinary members	1349	1368

<b>4:</b> Recruitment since last AGM		
A: Associate Member	44	9
B: Ordinary Members	28	17
C: Returning members	13	34

<b>5:</b> We have lost since the last AGM		
A: Deceased	48	45
B: Lost touch	100	132**
C: Resigned	41	40

**6:** \* These include members who pay by standing order late in the year unfortunately I cannot exclude them when creating my list.

\*\* Of the 132 we lost touch with 81 of the members were in arrears as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016. I left it that late hoping for a good response from St Pauls and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Journal. Once again I would ask branch secretaries to determine the reasons for their members resigning. If for ill health or for being too far away to attend branch meeting try to get them to become Postal Members. If you cannot contact your members, please let me know and I will try. Last year I had quite a good response from members who were deemed has not being able to contacted. I also would like to ask branch secretaries to inform me or the national secretary of any changes of address. This can be frustrating when you are trying to contact a member. Especially when you are trying to find address for the returned magazine, which can be quite expensive to the Association

If any Branch Secretary would like to discuss his/her membership payments to National or any other aspect appertaining to membership, please do not hesitate to approach me

**ITEM 9 National Secretaries Report**

I am only a humble scribe, who does not want to steal who does not wish to steal anyone once thunder and most of what I want to say is covered on the agenda. First I thank all members of the NEC, Branch Secretaries and all members of the Association for their support during the last year

I am seeking the members help to stop the Association wasting hundreds of pounds of their money. The NEC send out to members the Kris magazine, the Newsletter and other correspondence. A number of these are returned, because of the change of address, Bob

Robbers then has the task of finding the members new address and reposting. This is expensive, frustrating and could easily be avoidable by the members informing the Branch secretary who needs to know and passes the information on to the NEC. Also it can be quite embarrassing have widows phoning to say their husband has passed away once again if a member hears of a member taking his/hers last posing, please inform your Branch Secretary or direct to me. The NEC always sends c condolence to the family and in some cases the widow has joined the association

You will be aware that the National Website crashed some weeks ago, Annie has had to rebuild it from scratch. Hopefully it is back in working order, however we aware that not all information is up-to-date therefore we seek your help, please check your Branch details and pass any needed corrections direct to Annie. I should like to thank Annie for her dedication not only the Website, but also the time devoted to organising the Association Regalia. Thank you Annie

National Army Museum. Unfortunately we are a dying association. Alter we have gone our name may linger for a short period. However if our name ion the doors board in the foyer of the National Army Museum, our name will live on, and future generations will learn of the part we played in the history of Great Britain and the creation of Malaysian. So far we have received donations from Tyneside, North Kent, Hull Grantham, Durham, Solent, Bridgend and Colchester Branches. And generous contributions from Mr McCarthy, Mr Matheson, Mr Chapman, Mr Mitchell, Mr Cosham, Mr Mott, Mr Williams(Postal North) Mr Windle , Mr Smart, Mr Constant, Mr Taylor, Mr Neil, Mr Couch, There will a list of donors publish at the end of the exercise, we are still taking in contributions

The Not Forgotten Association, have done the NMBVA well, we have had more Veterans and various events that any other Venter's Association

Blackpool 2017 this event in 2015 was excellent, we had more members there than we did at the AGM and everyone appeared to have enjoyed themselves. We are using the same hotel The Tiffany's Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017. You should all have received a booking form, if not contact Ted

Bill Smith (Postal North) wanted to know how we kept communications with Post member who didn't have computers. He stated that he was a member of Tyneside Branch to attend meetings and would communicate with is other colleges, but having been pushed out of Tyneside he gets no communications at all. David Neil commented that this was a very misleading he was transferred to Post North along with other members living in Scotland When Bill first joint there was no Post North, and accord to the Tyneside committee It was costing the Branch ( There was he few heated words) Ted pointed out that the received both the Kris and Newsletter ( same as other postal members) in addition to Ted or Bob always telephone you if there is anything happening in your area example Not For Gotten, Christmas lunches nevertheless both Bob and Ted are looking in the feasibility of starting a Scottish Branch, however the difficulty is finding a secretary for this proposed Branch who is computer literate, We understands Bill's frustration and are trying to resolve matters

### **Notice of Motions**

Proposed by: Graham Bamford (Leicester Branch) Seconded by: John Crossley (Leicester Branch) NEC: Nominees for the following posts: Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, must have served a term of 12 months as an NEC member before seeking nomination for one of the afore-mentioned posts for the sake of continuity.

Grahame; People who take these positions must be aware of the culture of the Association the running of the Association and current projects

John Crossley; I agree with Grahame, they have understand the history, and have that feel for the Association, which you only get with experience

Ted I disagree it depends on the calibre and experience of the applicant for an example an applicant comes forward for the position of National Treasurer who has been an accountant, there is nobody on the NEC with financial experience who do you choose?

Lt Col Tex Pemberton OBE, I was opted on as Chairman by the NEC when Allyn Rees resigned in the middle of a meeting, I agree with what Ted said, Looking in front of you, if you needed a new Chairman you would be limited to what you see in front of you regardless of the calibre and experience of another member putting himself/herself forward.

Chairman, I see merits in both points of view, this can only be decided by a vote  
Mick Smith volunteered to count the votes

All those against the proposal 45, this is an overwhelming majority, therefore the proposal is defeated

Item 11 Dissolution the NMBVA.

Proposed by: Brian Roche (Pontypridd Branch) Seconded by: John Sandilands (Pontypridd Branch). It is proposed in the event of the Dissolution of the NMBVA (NMBVA Constitution 2015 page 9 item 13 lines 7-10) any assets remaining after satisfaction of any debts or liabilities should be spent as members see fit or distributed among remaining members.

For ease of reference please see the present clause 13 below:

**Dissolution of the NMBVA.**

*13. In the event that the continuation of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association is considered to be no longer viable, the business will be concluded by the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting of members. A majority decision taken will cover: the disposal of financial assets (possibly to some other service charity or worthy cause); the repository for Association records, (possibly to the Central Office of Information); the sale of shop stock; the sale and disposal of Association property; and a final and closing audit. The Minutes of the EGM will close with an order and notice of dissolution to be issued to all members once the necessary executive action to affect dissolution has been taken. Should at any time the Association be granted Charity status then the Charity Commissioners will advise about the disposal of funds*

Brian: At the Branch AGM this proposal was put forward to change the Branch constitution, because members were so disillusioned with Military Charities that they did not want their money passed to a Military charity, I passed this to Ted who put it forward for the AGM

Ted; May I remind Brian that I did request that he withdrew this proposition Nevertheless in my view the present clause 13 in the constitution is well worded and covers all eventualities

Lt Col. Tex Pemberton, stated that when he was national Chairman he introduced this clause into the constitution, he agrees with Brian on Military charities, but at the time this was not the case, nevertheless if you ready the clause 13 it covers all contingencies

Chairman This would not happen overnight, there would be a long build up, and it will be the decision of the majority of members

This debate was lengthy, however members agreed that clause 13 was well worded and Brian

Note this is only a synopsis of the debate

Next 2 Items Insurance and Blackpool have been covered

Item 14 we are trying to make a photographic history of the Association so please send photos by e-mail with names, and if possible the name of the event they were taken, this makes the volumes more interesting, please see examples in the foyer

Item 15 Cenotaph Remembrance Parade, Don Mott is having a difficult time organising the parade this year, due to the fact the RBL are requesting more and more information on those wishing to march. To help to ease the problem for next year we shall be sending a pro-forma to all members at the moment Don is having to telephone potential marches for details.

Chairman, I have made enquiries into this and I am told it for security, however the changed the rules rather late and this has caused a problem, and unfortunately very few of the administration staff in the RBL have served, therefore are approaching the problem for the wrong angle

John Crossly, I have been in touch Don and apparently he has got to send another list  
Chairman The NEC send their thank to Don Mott for his hard work in organising the NMBVA contingent march and also his patience in dealing with the RBL

Item 16 Notes of Motion - Raffle Collection Monies.

Proposed by: Ted Williams; seconded by: Dick Richardson that monies collected at the Reunion dinner be donated to the Army National  
Carried by a show of arms

Item 17. AGM and Reunion Dinner 2017 - it is proposed that the NMBVA 2017 AGM and Reunion Dinner is held at the Tillington Hall Hotel, Stafford 6th- 9th<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Open Forum Mr Robert Webster Chairman Solent Branch I have been asked to ascertain the position of John Meacham who was nominated has the Nation Liaison officer the he wasn't he has done a fantastic job in organising a trip to Malaysia

Ted basically there was a lot of misinformation John had not made contact with the NEC. I have since been in contact with John and explained he was made International Liaison officer for the Association and just for Solent Branch, he has done a good job, we have come to an understanding of his duties and has been reinstated as the

International Liaison Officer. Regrettably while Solent Branch has been getting the information others have not. There will be information on the web shortly

Chairman, This was started for the Solent Branch before John was made International Liaison Officer

Owen Lawrence, Could we have information regarding the pavers.

Ted, we have been turned down flat, albeit we have had a lot of dignitaries fighting in our corner and we have challenged the Arboretum with the fact that they have been selling pavers around the Chapel areas

Mal I have assisted Ted, and we have always been refused.

Colin Barns Solent Branch. On starting up our Branch which has now over 80 member we had a tremendous amount of help from the National Secretary Ted, He related some of the assistance he received and present Ted with an inscribe

## 20. Election of Officers 2016/17 to assume on the rising of the AGM:

Note Mr Grame Bamford has withdrawn his application

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nominated By</b>
Chairman of the Association	David Neil Sitting Chairman	Valerie Nisbet Seconded: John Knowles
Vice Chairman of the Association	Malcolm White Sitting Vice Chairman	Brian Roche Seconded: John Sandilands
Secretary of the Association	Ted Williams Sitting Secretary	Clive Boyles Seconded: Gwyn Rees
Treasurer of the Association	Dick Richardson Sitting Treasurer	Terry Parkinson Seconded: K Seaton
Membership Secretary of the Association	Bob Roberts Sitting Membership Secretary	Clive Boyles Seconded: Ted Williams
Association Webmaster	Annie Burden Sitting Webmaster	M.V Boyd Seconded: G Reeves
Member of the NEC	Clive Boyles Sitting NEC Member	Dennis Jones Seconded: G Bowtell
Member of the NEC	Valerie Nisbet Sitting NEC Member	David Neil Seconded: Ian Robson
Member of the NEC	Brian C Roche Sitting NEC Member	Keith Barclay Seconded: John Sandilands
<b>Non-Executive Officers</b>		
NEC Resident representative Kuala Lumpur	Dhato Ahmad Tejudin	Ted Williams Seconded: David Neil

Regalia Officer	Annie Burden	Also Webmaster
Cenotaph Organising Officer	Don Mott	This is an Appointment
Postal Coordinator North	Bob Roberts	Also NEC member
Postal Coordinator South	Brian Roche	Also NEC member
Postal Coordinator Overseas	MRS Valerie Nisbet	Also NEC member
International Liaison Officer	John Meacham	Also NEC member
Editor Of the Kris Magazine	Malcolm White	Also National Vice Chairman
National Standard Bearer	Ms Debby Lofts	
Westminster Abbey Garden of Remembrance Organiser	Bert Godstiff	
NMBVA Padre	Rev Roger Perry	

21. Polite reminder: Dress for Reunion Dinner

Black tie with miniatures or Lounge Suit with miniatures or Blazers with medals.

We would be grateful if members would ensure their guests adhere to the dress code.

Wine reception in the Garden Suite at 1830. (There will be a photographer present from 1800hrs), members and guests to be seated in Dining room by 1900hs

The Chairman and all the NEC wish you a very enjoyable evening.

22. Recovery of National Standard and Union Flag.

Chairman Closes meeting at...1205.....Hours

**Raffle Monies = £505**

**Collection            £145 Made up)**

**Total                £750 towards Army Museum**