

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREEN HOWARDS ASSOCIATION (GHA)
70th POST WAR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM), HELD AT THE ARMY RESERVE
CENTRE, STOCKTON ROAD, MIDDLESROUGH ON SAT 7 OCT 17 AT 1845HRS

Present Committee	Col R C Mantell MBE Maj (Retd) A Warriner MBE	Representative Colonel & Chairman GHA Secretary
Present Members	Maj Gen A P Farquhar CBE DL Brig J S W Powell OBE Maj (Retd) R Helmn BEM Association Members x 76	Assistant Regt Sec YR (South)
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, with special mention to Maj Gen Andrew Farquhar and Brig John Powell for attending the AGM. He thanked Capt (Retd) Bernard Bunting for taking on the Chairmanship of the Friends and Maj (Retd) Mark Laycock for accepting the Vice Chairman's role.</p> <p>2. The Chairman thanked 4 YORKS, especially the Training Major; Maj Kes Kesterton, for including the GHA possible Reunion dates in 4 YORKS forecast of events.</p> <p>ITEM 2 – OLD COMRADES – ABSENT FRIENDS</p> <p>3. The Chairman read out the names of 60 members of the Association whose death had been notified to RHQ since the last AGM in Oct 16. 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. There were no issues raised from the Minutes of the Last Meeting.</p> <p>6. Minutes Accepted. Proposed by Marty Williams, Seconded by Pete Curtis and CARRIED by all members attending the meeting.</p> <p>ITEM 5 – GREEN HOWARDS ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS</p> <p>7. Copies of the Association Balance Sheet for the year ending 31 Dec 16, 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 8 Apr 17. The Secretary highlighted the following entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income. £4,357.00. • Expenditure. £7,326.00. • Excess of Expenditure over Income. A loss of £2,969.00, which was mainly due to the money spent for Green Howards Sunday. 	All

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accumulated Fund. £47,207.00. <p>ITEM 6 – YORKSHIRE REGIMENT BENEVOLENT FUND (YBF)</p> <p>8. Maj (Retd) Charlie Helmn reminded members that, “The YBF is controlled by the Yorkshire Regiment but continues to support Green Howards benevolence interests. He reported that from 1 Apr 17, there had been 100 cases with £40K spent on these benevolent cases.”</p> <p>9. Members were asked; “If Branches or individuals are fund raising or involved with collection of money from funerals, and are looking for a good cause to donate funds to, then think about the YBF, as it will benefit Green Howards.”</p> <p>ITEM 7 – YORKSHIRE REGIMENT MATTERS</p> <p>10. On behalf of the Yorkshire Regimental Colonel, Maj (Retd) Charlie Helmn thanked the Green Howards for the support at the many events around the area, especially the laying of Memorial Paving Stones. He said, “The attendance of Green Howards and Standards is greatly appreciated and important for families to see Green Howards on parade. It makes the events more special and the publicity is good for the Association.”</p> <p>11. Armistice 100. This is for 2018 and the Yorkshire Regiment is getting bids from local councils and sporting organizations. The intention is to send one serving officer or soldier, Reservist and Cadet to over 100 towns in Yorkshire on a particular date. These dates will be published and it is hoped that local Green Howards will continue to give their support.</p> <p>12. Recruiting. Officer recruiting is run by Col Mark Lodge. There is a good system in place, with high quality officers coming to the Regiment or starting at Sandhurst. The ‘golden thread’ to the Green Howards still exists with Lt Farquhar and Lt Marshal (grandson of Col Leslie James) already in Battalions and Mr Colthup about to enter Sandhurst. Soldier recruiting could be better; this is an army wide problem, but the Yorkshire Regiment is doing better than most. If anyone has relatives who wish to join a good Infantry Regiment full of sporting opportunities, point them in the direction of the Yorkshire Regiment.</p> <p>13. 1 YORKS – Warminster. The Regiment classes itself as the best sporting Regiment in the British Army this year for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football Army and Infantry champions and have completed a successful tour of America. • Rugby 7s and 10s champions, winning the Premier League, having three members playing for the Army 7s and have completed a tour of South Africa. • Ruby League 10s and 13s champions. • Won the Infantry Cycling championships and WO2 Headley is the Infantry Cycling champion. • Won the Divisional and Infantry Fishing championships. • LCpl Ainsworth is the EU Forces Martial Arts champion. • In addition to sport, the Battalion has had a successful tour of BATUS, Canada. Improved training has led to better reports from the Section Commanders’ Battle Course and Platoon Sergeants’ Battle Course. 	<p>All</p>

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<p>14. 2 YORKS – Somme Barracks, Catterick.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presently on a nine months Op Torrell tour in Kabul, with RHQ and two Rifle Companies. Two Rifle Companies will rotate with companies from Catterick during the tour. • Won rugby promotion to Premier League. • Held Inter Company Boxing at Catterick, which was a good evening. • Actively involved in many Army sports. <p>15. 4 YORKS – RHQ in York.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted a Freedom Parade in Hull, which was a large and successful event. • Conducted a Cadre Camp in Lancashire. • Twelve soldiers are deployed on Op Torrell with 2 YORKS. • Completed training in Slovenia and Canada with 1 YORKS and a Battlefield Tour. • Have a golf Society for those wishing to join. <p>16. Yorkshire Regiment Association (YRA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The YRA is holding a Charity Dinner at Stockton Road on Sat 18 Nov 17, which all are welcome to attend. Details from the Secretary Maj (Retd) Warriner. The event is fundraising for the Benevolent Fund, which also supports Green Howards. • The Development of YRA Branches continues and one of the better established is at Quebec Company, Stockton Road, led by WO2s Tony Archer and Simon Buckley. • PWO and DWR Associations are now showing more interest. <p>17. Two Roses Networking Group. Maj (Retd) Helmn is involved in this group which provides support to families, veterans and their partners. The group operates from Leeds and is led by two Yorkshire Regiment officers. Brian Jones (Green Howards) who has a recruiting company operating out of York is part of the network. Anyone looking for work should consider contacting this group and they will be well look after if the opportunities are available.</p> <p>18. The Chairman thanked Maj (Retd) Helmn for his report and the Yorkshire Regiment's continued support to the Green Howards Association. Details can be obtained from the Secretary.</p>	
ITEM 8 – FRIENDS OF THE GREEN HOWARDS REGIMENTAL MUSEUM (FGHM)	
<p>19. The Secretary gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Alma Dinner and golf events are still well supported. • Membership is 852 but we still need to be actively recruiting, especially within the civilian population. • An overview of the Friends forecast of events was distributed prior to the meeting. • Provisionally the next AGM will be at Stockton Road ARC at 1800hrs on Sat 13 Oct 17. • It is proposed to hold a dinner in the Fusiliers Mess in the Tower of London in 2018 on Sat 10 Nov, followed by the Remembrance Parade on 11 Nov. The Secretary will canvass members' availability before planning starts. 	

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<p>20. Contribution to the Green Howard Magazine. The Chairman spoke regarding contributions for the magazine and encouraged members to write articles about their experiences or Branch activities. He said, "All articles would be considered and could be forwarded to him for checking or the Editor, Lt Col Nick Rynn."</p>	
<p>ITEM 9 – MAJOR GREEN HOWARDS EVENTS FOR 2018</p>	
<p>21. Copies of the Diary Dates were made available to members, highlighting the following main events for 2018:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers' London Lunch Fri 23 Mar in the Queen's Club. • GHA Executive Meeting Sat 7 Apr in the Comrades Club, Richmond. • Green Howards Sunday 13 May in Richmond. To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1, RHQ is looking at the following events over the Green Howards Sunday weekend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fri 11 May – Golf with GHA, YRA and YORKS. ○ Sat 12 May – Open Day by 2 YORKS. ○ Sun 13 May – Invite 2 YORKS (x25) and YRA (x25) to march and attend church with the GHA. Finish in Friary Gardens after church and refreshments in the Comrades Club. 	<p>Officers Chair/Sec All</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reunion weekend is proposed for 12-14 Oct at the Army Reserve Centre, Stockton Road, Middlesbrough. These dates have yet to be confirmed; therefore members are advised not to book accommodation etc until confirmation is received. 	<p>All</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers' Annual Dinner 12 Oct at The Grange Hotel, York. • Laying of VC Paving Stones. Details to be confirmed but provisionally: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2Lt Beal VC – Mar 18 at Brighton (to include Blue Plaque). ○ Lt Col Watson VC DSO – Mar 18 in London. ○ Pte Tandey VC DCM MM – Sep 18 at Leamington, Warwickshire. ○ Sgt McNally VC MM* – Oct 18 in Murton Nr. Seaham. 	<p>Officers All</p>
<p>ITEM 10 – MISCELLANEOUS GHA MATTERS</p>	
<p>22. Collection from Drumhead Service 2016. The collection for 2016 raised £209.00, which was donated to the Richmond St Marys' Bells Appeal.</p>	
<p>23. Collection from Drumhead Service 2017. The Chairman asked, "Where would members like this year's collection to be donated?"</p>	
<p>24. Decision. After discussing several options it was raised that some members have travelled to other areas at their own expense to look after Green Howards graves not covered by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. It was agreed that the 2017 collection should be donated to a fund within the GHA account which could reimburse these individuals. It was agreed for the long term that donations would alternate each year between graves assistance and the Regimental Chapel fund.</p>	<p>Treasurer/ Secretary</p>
<p>25. Collection – After Note: To avoid opening another column in the accounts, the graves collection fund would be kept in the Regimental Chapel fund. The collection from the Drumhead Service 2017 was £240.00.</p>	<p>Treasurer</p>
<p>26. Policy on 50 & 25 Year Badges. The Secretary confirmed that the proposal to change the qualifying date for the presentation of badges was raised at the Executive Meeting. It was agreed that the policy should be amended, and the qualifying date now starts from the date members joined the Army.</p>	<p>All</p>

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ITEM 11 – ANNUAL JACKPOT DRAW OF THE 400 CLUB																							
27.	The seven prizes were drawn at the meeting and winners were as follows:	Secretary																					
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ITEM 12 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS																							
28.	Attendance at Green Howards Funerals. The Chairman and Secretary thanked members who have attended the many Green Howards funerals during 2017. It is appreciated that so many support the grieving families.																						
29.	External Standard Bearers and Bugler. The Secretary explained, “In the Cleveland area, there is a group of six to eight ex-Service men and women (various regiments & corps) who have turned out for Green Howards funerals during 2017. Would members consider a donation to each, to assist with travel costs? Possible £20 - £25 depending on attendance?”																						
30.	Decision. Members agreed with the proposal to make an individual donation of £20 - £25.	Secretary																					
31.	AGM Room Layout. The Chairman referred to the open room layout for the AGM and felt more members have gathered and listened to Regimental matters. The AGM will adopt the same format again next year.																						
32.	After Note: Attendance and raffle ticket sales for the Reunion 2017 were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Tickets. Friday – 125; Saturday – 260 and Sunday – 119. Figures for each day were down on last year. • Raffle Tickets. Sale of raffle tickets raised £620.00 towards the cost of the Reunion. 																						
ITEM 13 – ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING																							
33.	Arrangements for Next Meeting. Provisionally, the next meeting will be held at the Army Reserve Centre, Stockton Road, Middlesbrough, at 1830hrs on Sat 13 Oct 17. This will be confirmed once 4 YORKS training programme is published.	All																					

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Chairman

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