Greeting One and All to this the latest edition of our Newsletter.

I trust that I find you and your families all in the best of health and that some of you will become known to me personally at the November Dinner. I am really looking forward to it after missing out on everything this year due to my illness. I finally had the operation in July but it has not remedied the problem fully but at least I am able to get around a great deal better than I was.

Branch Plaques
Ray Cave, our Secretary, has a number of plaques left if any of you care to buy one and they cost £18 if you see Ray personally or you must add a further £1.75 to cover the postage if you want it mailed to you. Ray is in the middle of moving house (or as we say in Hull, he is flitting) but he is trying to get to the function for the afternoon only and will have some plaques with him.

Branch Ties
I have some Branch Ties and will bring them along to the function for those of you who do not yet have one.

Gibraltar

In March, both Jack Viney and Eddie Cunningham and their ladies attended the Gibraltar REA Reunion. The reports back suggests that they had a good time. Unfortunately, photographs from the event are scarce but Eddie managed to get the official photographer to send him a copy of the disc that was compiled. This has now been linked to our website photo album. Please pay it a visit and if you have any old photographs then send them in for us all to share.

AGM Coventry

Yet again Ray Cave planned and organised the AGM in Coventry, which was well attended and followed by the evening dinner. There were thirty-three Members and their ladies who attended and enjoyed a superb meal.

On the Sunday, Joe Hasnip had arranged a visit to the National Arboretum. This place is a “must do” site. It is not only for the military but other organisations are adding to it as the months go by. I was there only this week and noted that four new memorials had been put in place and the actual Memorial itself was now open since my last visit in September 2007. Car parking was free until recently when they installed the meters and for £2 you can stay all day.
In July, a party of 40 Members and ladies went to Hameln for the 2nd Reunion Weekend after the previous success in 2007. They were invited into the WO’s & Sgt’s Mess on the Friday then had a meal in George’s on the Saturday.

On the Saturday morning, they were taken down to Hard where there was a promotion parade for members of 412 Troop which is the only TA Troop outside of the United Kingdom. This was followed by a snack before everyone was ferried to the Rattenfanger Halle by what other mode of transport than an M3 Rig crewed by the 412 Troop.

Due to the extreme temperature they all declined a walk with the Pied Piper and chose to travel back on the air conditioned coaches back to George’s for a cold drink or two.

Sunday they were invited back to the WO’s & Sgt’s Mess for a BBQ and yet again, as usual, the beer flowed like water.

Monday was departure date and some left from Lippstadt Airport and other drove home after thoroughly enjoying themselves.

As 28 Regt are off to Afghanistan next year we as a Branch wish them all a safe tour of duty and that they all come back safe and sound.

This year Joe and Jean Whiston celebrated their Golden Wedding and reaffirmed their vows at Ripon Cathedral where they were married.

Tony and Sue Allot celebrate their Ruby Wedding. Both of these anniversaries are achievements these days and congratulations go out to both couples from the Branch Membership.
General Peck shows Jack Viney the door.

Pilkie spotted a couple of moths coming out of the wallet.

Go on Liz give the camera a smile for You Tube

The old Regimental Headquarters 28 Amph Engr Regt

The famous George’s Bar.

Drinks at George’s Bar.
Awaiting the Parade and getting those Top Covers burnt.

M3 Rig transporting the Members down river.