Minutes of the branch meeting held on Wednesday 3rd September 2025, at the

St Stephens Community Club, Tenterden Road, Canterbury, Kent. CT2-7BN.

The meeting opened at 13:45 hrs.

The Chairman, Mr John Bishop, welcomed 27 members present and delivered the Regimental Commemoration and asked for remembrance of Dave Osmond.

**Apologies.**

Were received from 7 members.

**Minutes.**

The minutes of the August meeting held on the 13th August 2025, having been displayed on the web were accepted by the members present.

**Matters Arising.**

None.

**Welfare.**

The welfare Officer, Mr Dougie Kay reported that Richard Phipps was not well and Pam Summers is seriously ill in Hospital.

**Branch Accounts.**

In the absence of the Treasurer the Chairman reported the accounts are healthy and we now have the card reader for future transactions.

 **Social Secretary.**

Janet reminded all that the Shoeburyness Coach will leave at 09:15 Hrs and parking permits will be given out on the day.

A Bring and Buy sale will be held on Sat 18th October 2025 at 10:30 Hrs at Joseph Conrad House. Please bring and support this event.

A Macmillan Coffee morning will be held at the same venue on 27th September 2025. Please support if you can.

Lunch Club will be a Cream Tea at Elham garden Centre on Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 14:00 Hrs.

Remembrance Day Parade on 9th November 2025 this year, is in Canterbury and lunch is booked for 13:00 Hrs afterwards at the Victoria Hotel.

The Children’s Choir will be invited to sing at the January meeting.

**Branch Secretary.**

Secretary had been forced to purchase a new bag for the Dover Branch standard as the bottom had fallen out of the old fishing bag that had been used for many years, at a cost of £45.

**Chairman’s Report.**

Thanks to those who were able to attend Merchant Navy Day in Dover today.

It was proposed and seconded that we donate £100 to the Air Ambulance in memory of our branch member Dave Osmond.

An invitation from The Unknown Soldier Society to attend this years Memorial Service at Dover cruise terminal on 5th November 2025.

Invitation to the Gurkha Memorial Service on 12th October 2025. Please support this event if you can.

On 13th October 2025 will be the remembrance of Cap Lesley Gosling our past President, at Chislet Cemetery at 10:30 Hrs with refreshments afterwards at the family home.

Chairman would like sponsorship for a 31 mile Walk for Pancreatic cancer. Thank you.

**Any Other Business.**

Sammy Supple reminded everyone that 11th September 2025 is the 10th Anniversary of the Buffs Memorial in the Precinct.

Alan Glicksman informed that the Ramsgate Tunnels display reopens on Sunday 7th September 2025 and are well worth a visit.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 14:30 Hrs.

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 13:30 Hrs.

“**GOD SAVE THE KING**”

