

65th Artillery Clerks' Reunion and Association Dinner



**Saturday 6th March 1999
Woolwich, London**

Guest of Honour

**Major General M C M Steele MBE DL
Regimental Comptroller
Royal Regiment of Artillery**

ARMY ORDER 54 OF 1903

Pay and Promotion of Clerks, Royal Artillery

EDWARD R.I.

A.O.54
April
1903

WHEREAS We deem it expedient to amend the regulations relating to the pay and promotion of soldiers employed as clerks in Our Royal Artillery;

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OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that all soldiers who may hereafter be permanently employed as clerks in Our Royal Artillery shall form a section to be called the Artillery Clerks' Section, and shall, from the 1st April 1903, be paid and promoted as follows:

	Rank	Pay	Class for Allowances.
1ST DIVISION			
On Promotion from the 2 nd Division	Warrant Officer	s. d. 5 6	16
2ND DIVISION			
On promotion from 3 rd Division.	Company Sergeant Major	4 0	17
After 3 year's service with pay at 4s per day.	Quarter Master Sergeant	4 6	16
After 3 year's service with pay at 4s 6d per day.	Quarter Master Sergeant	5 0	16
3RD DIVISION			
On appointment	Acting Bombardier	2 0	20
After one year's service in the division	Bombardier	2 6	20
After 2 year's service with pay at 2s 6d a-day.	Corporal	3 0	20
After 2 year's service with pay at 3s a-day.	Sergeant	3 6	19

No increase of rank or pay under this article shall be allowed, unless specially recommended by the officer under whom the non-commissioned officer is serving.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this 21st
day of March, 1903, in the 3rd year of Our
Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

Sr. JOHN BRODRICK

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**The Committee of
The Artillery Clerks' Branch
of the Royal Artillery Association**

Honorary President

Major General Mike Shellard CBE

Chairman

Lieutenant Colonel Joe Falzon BEM Royal Artillery

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**Warrant Officer Class One (Staff Sergeant Major) Mark Testi
Adjutant General's Corps (Staff and Personnel Support)**

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**Captain Paul Corker
Adjutant General's Corps (Staff and Personnel Support)**

Welfare Officer

Ted Morgan Esquire

Reunion Secretary

**Warrant Officer Class One Mel Charlton
Long Service List/Royal Artillery**



ENTERTAINMENT

The Royal Artillery Orchestra (by kind permission of the Director Royal Artillery)

Programme of Music

Under the direction of Sergeant Simon Lockwood

March	Hands Across the Sea	Sousa
Waltz	Estudiantina	Wauldteufel
Selection	Fiddler on the Roof	Bock
Film Theme	Titanic	Arr Hawkins
Gypsy Music	Souvenir d'Ukraine	Ferraris
Selection	The Seafarer	Wood
Violin Solo	Gypsy Carnival	Krein
March	Stars and Stripes Forever	Sousa

THE LOYAL TOAST

Royal Artillery Slow March

The Post Horn Gallop



MENU

Spring Vegetable Soup
Served with a Freshly Baked Bread Roll

Mini India
(Small Indian Bites Served with Fresh Salad)

Pan Fried Veal Escolopes
**(Served with a Mushroom and Cream Sauce,
Finely Chopped Chives)**

Stuffed Baked Potatoes

Puree of Swede and Carrot
**Fresh Asparagus Served with Hollandaise
Sauce**

Raspberry and Drambuie Japonais
Served with Fresh Cream and Raspberry Coulis

Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee and Mints

Selection of Wines

Port



Regional Secretaries

North West

Colin Davidson Esquire

East

Chris Berry Esquire

London and the South

Steve Truslove Esquire

West

**Warrant Officer Class One Mel Charlton
Long Service List/Royal Artillery**

Germany

**Warrant Officer Class One Des Riley
Adjutant General's Corps (Staff and Personnel Support)**

Scotland)

Wales)

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North)

Midlands)

**No volunteers
to date**



The Legend of Saint Barbara The Patron Saint of Artillerymen

According to legend, Saint Barbara was the extremely beautiful daughter of a wealthy heathen named Dioscorus, who lived near Nicomedia in Asia Minor. Because of her singular beauty and fearful that she be demanded in marriage and taken away from him, he jealously shut her up in a tower to protect her from the outside world.

Shortly before embarking on a journey, he commissioned a sumptuous bathhouse to be built for her, approving the design before he departed. Barbara had heard of the teachings of Christ, and while her father was gone spent much time in contemplation. From the windows of her tower she looked out upon the surrounding countryside and marvelled at the growing things; the trees, the animals and the people. She decided that all these must be part of a master plan, and that the idols of wood and stone worshipped by her parents must be condemned as false.

Gradually she came to accept the Christian faith. As her belief became firm, she directed that the builders redesign her bathhouse her father had planned, adding another window so that the three windows might symbolise the Holy Trinity. Her father returned, he was enraged at the changes and infuriated when Barbara acknowledged that she was a Christian. He dragged her before the prefect of the province, who decreed that she be tortured and put to death by beheading. Dioscorus himself carried out the death sentence. On the way home he was struck by lightning and his body consumed.

Saint Barbara lived and died about the year 300 A.D. She was venerated as early as the seventh century. The legend of the lightning bolt which struck down her persecutor caused her to be regarded as the patron saint in time of danger from thunderstorms, fires and sudden death. The zig-zag design of the Royal Artillery tie depicts the bolts of lightning.

When gunpowder made its appearance in the Western world, Saint Barbara was invoked for aid against accidents from explosions – since some of the earlier artillery pieces often blew up instead of firing their projectile, Saint Barbara became the patroness of the artillerymen.

Saint Barbara is usually represented standing by a tower with three windows, carrying the palm of a martyr in her hand. Often, too, she holds a chalice and a sacramental wafer and sometimes cannon are displayed near her.

In the UK, the feast of Saint Barbara is celebrated on December 5th and is traditionally recognised by many Royal Artillery Association branches holding a Church Parade on the closest Sunday to the 5th, some Regiments and Association branches hold a formal dinner.



AUTOGRAPHS

