

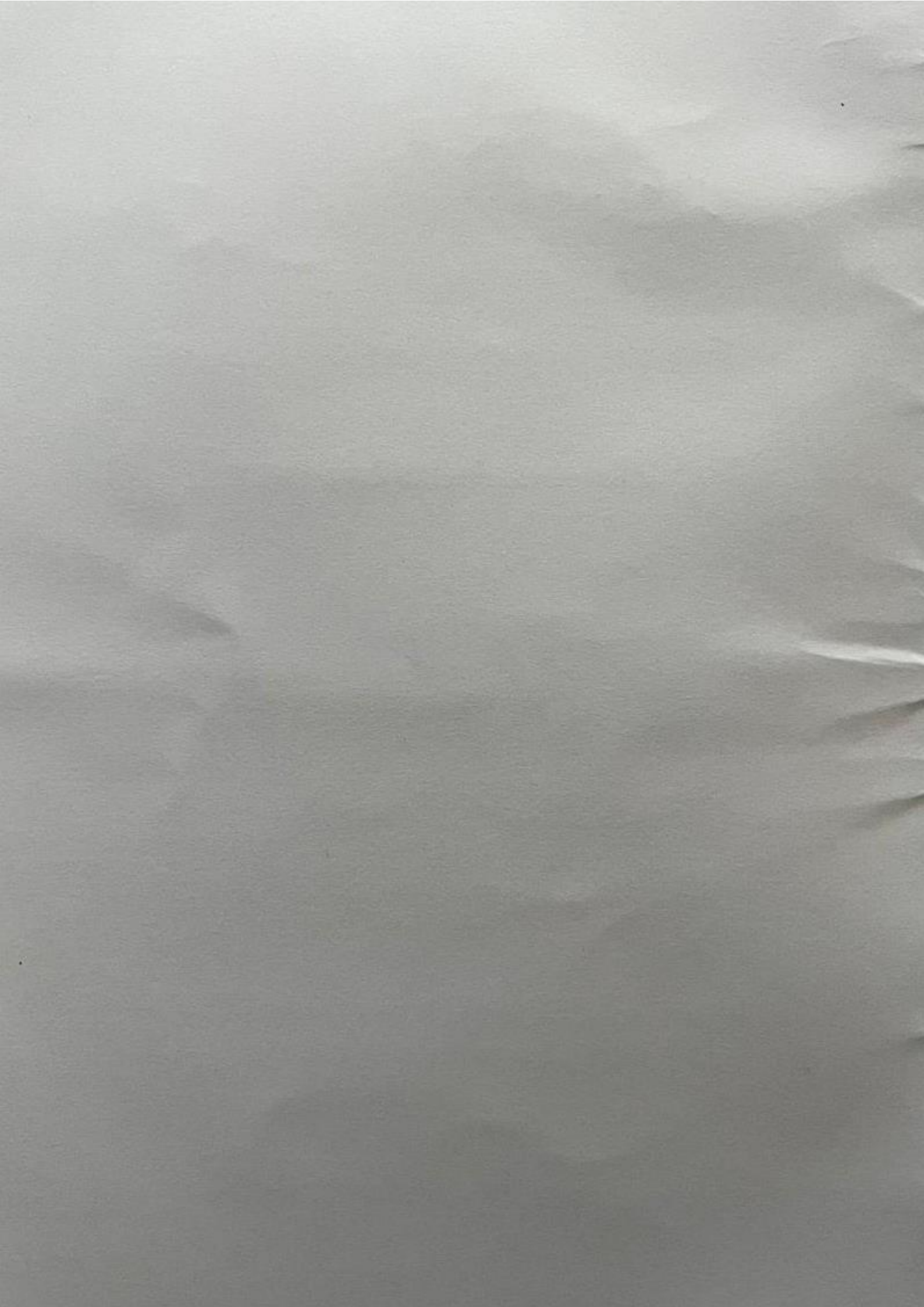


**68th Artillery Clerks' Reunion
and
Association Dinner**



**Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Mess
Royal Artillery Barracks
Woolwich**

Saturday 19th October 2002



Guest of Honour

Major General APN Currie CB

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Guest

Warrant Officer Class 1
(Royal Artillery Sergeant Major) DJ Gilbert

THE COMMITTEE

Honorary President

Maj Gen Mike Shellard CBE

Chairman

Lt Col (Retd) Joe Falzon BEM

Secretary

Mr Mel Charlton (former WO1 (SMAC))

Reunion Secretary

WO1 (SSM) Andy Tibble AGC(SPS)

Treasurer

Maj Paul Corker AGC(SPS)

Welfare Officer

Mr Ted Morgan

Padre

Rev Denis Brett

Webmaster

Mr David Stotan

Standard Bearer

Mr Andrew Jones

Regional Secretaries

North - Mr Vince Scott

North West - Mr Dennis Norris

Midlands - Mr Steve Callaghan

East - Mr Chris Berry

London and South - Mr Steve Truslove

West - WO2 (SQMS) Trig Tregower

Scotland - Mr Ted Fairbrass

Wales - no nomination

Germany - WO1 Roy Deal LSL/AGC(SPS)

MENU

Salmon Goujons and Scallops with Tagliatelle

Sorbet

Roast Chicken Breast with Bacon

Marquis Potatoes

Chateau Potatoes

Mange Tout and Peppers

Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese

Baton Carrots & Sugar Snap Peas

Jus Lie

Chocolate & Orange Bavarois

Cheese & Biscuits

Coffee & Mints

ENTERTAINMENT



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

Programme of Music *Under the direction of Sergeant P Jarvis*

March	Blaze Away	Holzmann
Suite	In D Major	Bach
Selection	The Sound of Music	Rodgers
Waltz	Covent Garden	Strauss
Selection	Show Boat	Kern
Air	Annie Laurie	arr Hartley
Solo	Czardas	Monti
March	El Capitan	Sousa

The Loyal Toast

Post Horn Gallop

The Royal Artillery Slow March

BAND OF BROTHERS

(by Mr Bill Morland - former WO1 (SMAC))

What have they done to the Gunners?
Those unthinking Treasury Narks.
They've disbanded that loyal Band of Brothers,
Who were so proud to be Artillery Clerks.

Many an Adjutant or Subbie
Will acknowledge, with expression quite trite,
The Chief Clerk of Arty persuasion,
Who nudged him to the path that was right.

And many Artillery Generals,
Awaiting appointment to St James's Park,
Will acknowledge the help they were given,
By their hard working Artillery Clerk.

The appointment became an obsession,
Which cost many Members their wives.
And, sadly, this pursuit of excellence,
Even robbed some of their lives.

It was pride that drove us to do it,
Pride in being quickest and best,
Ubique forever our watchword,
As we battled to outshine the rest.

Pride in The Regiment was rampant.
Sadly this pride is no more.
Who can be proud of a Regiment?
Whilst only on loan from a Corps!

This year an infantry soldier,
Next year a Sapper - or worse.
How can a long-suffering Gunner
Enjoy being PA to a Nurse!

We hear that time heals all problems,
That one day we ACs will "waste out".
Thou the Army may continue without us,
It's going to be poorer - no doubt!

But I'm proud that I served with the Gunners.
Proud that I left my mark,
And was one of that Big Band of Brothers
Who were appointed Artillery Clerks.

Ubique

Army Order 54 of 1903

Pay and Promotion of Clerks, Royal Artillery

EDWARD R.I.

A.O.54 WHEREAS We deem it expedient to amend the regulations relating to the pay and promotion of soldiers employed as clerks in Our Royal Artillery; **18 Artillery 3038**

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 2nd Division	Warrant Officer	s. d. 5 6	16
2nd DIVISION			
On Promotion from 3rd Division	Company Sergeant Major	4 0	17
After 3 years' service with pay at 4s per day.	Quarter Master Sergeant	4 6	16
After 3 years' 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 years' service in the division	Bombardier	2 6	20
After 2 years' service with pay at 2s 6d a-day.	Corporal	3 0	20
After 2 years' 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

(Extract by kind permission of the Royal Artillery Institution)

REGIMENTAL BONDING

by Arthur H Rowell (BAP 991855)

It's passing-out Parade, rank on rank;
bags of pride, bull and swank.
Swaggering along with polished brasses,
blancoed-up to our khakied arses;
but, with pride of Regiment in our hearts.

Blare of the Band, bash of the boots.
Hard rifle on shoulder
And nobody bolder, than we
With our bayonets piercing the air!

Bang of the drum, then eyes-right to come;
totter on until halt, then stand fast.
Order your arms; and feel quite at ease.
(‘cos really you did it only to please
your gunnery Sergeant and Bom.)

You're now a real Soldier
with all that demands.
So, posted from Barracks you go;
without reprimands but with shouted
commands, unexpired rations and kit,
and anything else to go with it.

From then on, to be sure, you are to endure
real battles on faraway shore;
whoever could ask for much more?
except for release, with an interim request
for protection from HIM who knows best.



MESSAGE BOARD

Message from Geoff Janik in Plymouth

"Sorry cannot be there tonight. All the best to everyone".

Message from Jim Roast in Belize

"Sorry I cannot attend the Reunion this year. I am caring full-time for my ailing father. Hopefully I'll see you all next year. Have a great reunion. Ubique"

Message from Martin Butler in Cyprus

"I hopefully will be able to attend when I return to the UK in 2003. Wishing you all the best".

Message from Chris Freeman in Munster, Germany

"Greetings to all my comrades from 94 locating, 22 Air Defence, Headquarters 1 Div and the Royal School of Artillery. Hope you are all well. See you next year, I hope!"

Message from Brian Bassett in Leicester

"May I wish everyone a belated Happy New Year. Due to work commitments I am unable to attend this year. At least I will save some money not buying all Ian Grant's drinks. Have a great night".

Message from Geordie Himlin in Northern Ireland

"Unfortunately I moved to NI with 1 GH and it will be impossible to get away (as much as I would like to!). Hopefully next year I can make it. Please pass my best wishes to all Artillery Clerks, both present and absent. Ubique".

Message from Gordon Timmis in York

"Wishing all members an enjoyable evening".

Message from Ron Flemmings in York

"Now in my 78th year, I am not as nimble as I used to be - I have had two falls recently here in York. I am sorry I am unable to attend the Reunion and Association Dinner on Saturday 19th October 2002, and do so with regret. I would like to thank those who have worked hard on behalf of the Association. I send my very best wishes for the continued success of the Artillery Clerks' Association".

Message from Alf Alvin in Rheindahlen, Germany

"Please accept my apologies for my absence. I would like to wish you all the very best and I hope you all have an enjoyable evening".

Message from Gerry Gipson in Wateringbury

"Best wishes to you all and continued success to the Association".

Message from Dave Smith in Elmsworth

Gentlemen, sadly I cannot attend. Skills learned amongst your ranks to organise business in Thailand. Chok Dee (Good luck)!!

Message from Colin Davidson in Preston

I regret that I will not be able to make this year's Dinner but please pass on my best regards to everyone.

Message from Alan Hill in Germany

I will not be able to attend the Arty Clerks Dinner on Saturday 19th October. I would like to send my regards to everyone attending and hopefully the old traditions live on. It is well known that if you survive the Friday night Saturday follows automatically.

Message from 'Foxy' Fox in West Drayton

To all ACs, I am unable to attend this year's Dinner due to being deployed on ex in Kenya. Have a good reunion, which I'm sure you all will. See you all next year. Ubique.

Message from Marty Hester in Leicester

Hope everyone has a wonderful night, a christening unfortunately has to take priority, nothing to do with me I hasten to add! Special mention to Cagney & Lacey (Jim and Dave Cussell), to Frank Carson (Paddy Vernon) and thanks to Mel for all his years of sterling service to us all.

Message from Sid Siddall in Market Weighton

Due to reasons out of my control, I shall not be able to attend this year's dinner (my first as a non-serving member). I wish you all the best and hope you all enjoy the evening, as I am sure you will!! I will definitely be there next year. 'Ubique' All the best Sid (ex WO1) Siddall.

Message from Steve Prowse in Stafford

Unfortunately I am unable to make this year's Reunion due to work commitments. Hope to see you all next year. Best wishes.

Message from Eric Frost in Bognor Regis

My usual best wishes to all attending the Dinner, that they may have a joyful and memorable evening.

Message from Maj (Retd) Dennis Crawford in Glasgow

Unfortunately I will be unable to attend this year's Reunion as I will be away in a road show in Cyprus. My wishes go with you all.

Message from Mr Peter Bradburn in Middlesborough

Apologies for not being able to attend. I would like to send my regards to all Artillery Clerks I know and trained during the 1970s and 1980s.

Message from John Lindley in Tisbury, Wiltshire

Sorry that I cannot be with you all but I'm in Spain and hopefully as warm as you lot. Tell John Taylor that I hope to be at his wedding if I can get past security! I bet the lucky girl has got a rock on her finger the size of Gibraltar, after all he doesn't buy many drinks with all his hard earned cash!! Have a good Xmas. See you all next year.

Message from Chris Piper in Aldershot

Sorry I cannot attend; however, other commitments prevail. I would like to wish everyone all the best for the forthcoming year.

Message from Bill Morland in Ayre

Bill sends his best wishes to all who remember him and wishes everyone every success for the Reunion.

Message from Ralph Lalabalavu in London

I regret that I am unable to attend the 68th Artillery Clerks' Reunion to be held on Saturday 19th October 2002, due to a previous engagement.

I would like to wish the members a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Message from John Dixon in Gillingham

John sends his greetings for the Reunion and he wishes all members present a happy and enjoyable get together. He would like to send his good wishes to Jim Cussell, Bill Johnson, Eddie Platts, Bill Morland and Duggie Waterhouse.

Message from Rich Nichol

Unfortunately I am unable to attend this year's Reunion as I will have to head back to Italy. Please have an excellent weekend and I wish all of you the best.

Message from Alan Witts

I apologise for not being able to attend this great occasion. Please accept my cheque towards the cost of the great food that you will undoubtedly receive. Have a good night.

Message from Tom Webb

I shall miss being with you on 19 October and look forward eagerly to the Reunion next year.

Message from David Stotan

I'm gutted that I couldn't be at this year's dinner but for those of you who have managed it, have a great night. Ron Cooper and Tony Mott, I hope to catch up with you both next year.

Message from Richard Ancliffe

Unfortunately I will be away in Berlin that weekend so please make use of my dinner fee for a glass of lemonade or two. My greetings go to all those members attending and I look forward to seeing you all next April.

Message from Ian Grant

It is with regret that I am unable to attend the Artillery Clerks' Reunion on 19 October 2002. Rest assured I will be back in April 2003. Kind regards to all present.

Message from Clive Nuttall

Sorry I cannot be with you today, all being well I should be able to make the 100th Anniversary.

