

74<sup>th</sup> Artillery Clerks Reunion and  
Association Dinner

Royal Artillery  
Sergeants' Mess  
Larkhill



Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008

# GUEST LIST

## Guest of Honour

Brigadier C W Tadier CBE ADC  
Director Royal Artillery

## Guests

Lieutenant Colonel M J Thornhill RA  
Commanding Officer 14 Regiment Royal Artillery

WO1(RASM) N Kenny  
Royal Artillery Sergeant Major

WO1(RSM) C A Hamlet  
Regimental Sergeant Major  
14 Regiment Royal Artillery

Mr A Solly  
Royal Artillery Association Membership Secretary

Miss R S Von-Breen  
Royal Artillery Association Membership Clerk

# MENU

Smoked Salmon & Prawn Salad  
With a Seafood Dressing

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Sugared Fillet Steak  
With a Red Wine & Port Sauce

Minted New Potatoes  
Parissienne Roasted Potatoes

Green Beans, Mange Tout & Petit Pois  
Baton Carrots with Lemon & Almonds

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Black Forest Gateaux with a Twist

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Cheese Board

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Coffee & Truffles

ENTERTAINMENT

The Band of the Army Air Corps

Brass Quintet

led by

Sergeant Tom Crawford

Programme of Music

El Gato Montes	Arr Lichtman
The Roaring Twenties	Arr Nagle
Putting on the Ritz	Arr DM
More Bluegrass Brass	Arr Udell
I Got Rhythm	Arr Fernie
Aint Misbehavin'	Waller
Chicago	Arr Nagle
A Foggy Day	Arr Holcombe
Jelly Roll Blues	Arr Willens
The Saints	Arr Snell

The Loyal Toast

The Royal Artillery Slow March

The Post Horn Gallop

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The Pipes

Lance Bombardier JM Ballantyne  
19 Regiment Royal 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;

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 1<sup>st</sup> April 1903, be paid and promoted as follows:

	Rank	Pay	Class for Allowances.
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION</b>			
On Promotion from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Division	Warrant Officer	s. d. 5 6	16
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION</b>			
On promotion from 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> DIVISION</b>			
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 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1903,  
in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

Sr. JOHN BRODRICK

(Extract by kind permission of the Royal Artillery Institution)

# MESSAGE BOARD



## **Maj(Retd) John Reynolds**

Unfortunately I will not be attending this year. Advancing old age, arthritis, gout etc, and the discomfort of long distance travel are putting a crimp into my travelling these days. My thoughts will be with you on the night and I will raise a glass and be with you in spirit. Ubique!  
**(John donated £30 towards the port).**

## **Bill Morland**

God Bless all here;  
The young, the old, the good and the great,  
As to who is what  
You may speculate!

To the young and thrusting,  
I wish you well  
And suggest you list to your elders,  
With tales to tell.

Not long ago they were the young,  
Sitting agog as their mentors gave tongue  
To tales of work and daring do  
Some slightly embellished, but lots were true.

Of trips up to London,  
To the "Bag of Nails"  
And other adventures,  
Over which we'll draw veils!

Every minute enjoyed,  
With friends,  
Unlike any others  
Who choose to belong to the  
Big Band of Brothers.

Ubique, Bill

**Ray Lewis MSM**

Regards and salutations to all my friends and hope they have an outstanding evening in the new home and Centre of Excellence of the Royal Regiment.

**John Lane BEM**

I send best wishes to all attending the Dinner, although at the tender age of 86 there will be few who remember me! I celebrate my Diamond Wedding anniversary this year and at the time of my wedding (1948) I was Chief Clerk of 19 Field Regt in Dusseldorf. My sincerest greetings; we were all proud to be Artillery Clerks. Ubique!

**Ron Flemmings**

I am now in my 84<sup>th</sup> year and have failing eyesight. We are extremely fortunate in having the Artillery Clerks Association. This thriving Association sustains old friendships and there is nothing in life of greater value than lasting friendships. I salute the commitment of the hard working Association Committee.

**WO2 Alf Alvin**

Best wishes to all members on this memorable "Larkhill First", good luck for the next year and see you in 2009.

**Maj Russ Lee**

Unfortunately posting prevents me attending the Dinner this year, but I do pass on my sincere good wishes to you all for an excellent evening.

**WO2 Bob Smith**

I wish you all the very best tonight, the first reunion at the new location of Larkhill. My thoughts are with you but dates have made it impossible for me to be in two places at the same time. Hope to see you all next year.

**Sid Evans**

Glad to hear of the success of last year, hope this one at our new home is as good! Sore heads to all!!

**SSgt Adam Martin**

Brothers, mostly older and not as good looking, but still Brothers! I regret I can't be with you tonight, but I am currently on Ex ARCADE ROVER, in Sicily, working very hard, honest! All the very best to you all, I hope you have a great evening/morning/hangover, I know I always do! Ubique.

### **Alan Lowthian**

Dear friends, it was with heavy heart that I had to decline the invitation to the Dinner this year. My MS is doing 'wot it says on the tin' – progressing – despite the physio, electrical stimulation (which is not a vibrator for men!) and good malt. I put it all down to drinking out of wet glasses, and the odd easy posting! Nonetheless, I shall be raising a glass or two of the fruit of the barley (18 year old) to you all on the night. So go on and enjoy the night, as I know you all will, and the very best to y'all. Alan

### **Maj(Retd) Richard Ancliffe**

I had a choice this year of a weekend in Berlin with a host of Americans or Larkhill. Taking everything into consideration, my wife decided we would visit our colonial cousins, so that was that! As shopping at the PX was involved there really was no argument that would prevail. My greetings to those assembled with best wishes for a successful reunion.

### **Apologies were also received from the following Association Members:**

Maj(Retd) Denis Crawford

Maj(Retd) Fred Westwell

Andy Tibble

WO1 Gary Tyson

E F Jones

Dave Manchester

SSgt Brian Bassett

Dennis Phillipson

Vic Holdaway

Brian Leadbetter

Bill Johnson

Taff Hughes

Frank Trimby

John Dixon

Jim Roast

Gordon Timmis

Steve Truslove

WO2 Al Wood

Jim Pottle

Geoff Whitby

Nigel Waring

WO1 Martin Meek

