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Newsletter May 2015.

Our monthly meetings are normally held on the 4th Sunday of the month, at Newton Abbot RBL Club, Marsh Road.

Parking is available at the Cricketfield car park opposite The RBL Club (Park and Display, pay on exit including Sundays) There is free on street parking in the surrounding streets (Sundays only)

Our next meeting will be held on: **Sunday 31 May 1015**

Members should be seated ready to start at 11: 30hrs. In the upstairs function room

Summer lunch **Sunday 14 June 2015** 12:30 for 13:00 in the upstairs function room



Medium girder Bridge

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Richard Underhill	05 March
Michael Bunczec	08 March
Keith Tapp	28 April
Bob Herbert	05 May
Barry Hunter	10 May
David Sills	16 May

If we have missed your birthday we apologise, if you would like your date mentioned here let me know your details so the records can be updated and your name included in the future.

SPRING/SUMMER LUNCH

Our Spring / Summer buffet lunch is to be held at Royal British Legion Club, 2 Marsh Road, Newton Abbot, 12:30 for 13:00. The cost of the buffet lunch being covered from Branch Funds so there is no cost to members and their guests. If you feel you would like to make a donation towards the costs for your guests then please feel free to do so by speaking to the Treasurer Keith Tapp..

There will be two prize draws on the day Firstly the Booze draw with the first prize being a 3 litre bottle of Brandy and other prizes of assorted booze. Secondly a normal prize draw with prizes donated by members so the more prizes you all bring along the better the draw!!!!.

We will be hosting members of the Taunton & Bridgwater branched who will be attending this event.

SW GROUP REA SUMMER BBQ

We still have not had a confirmed date for the South West Group REA Annual BBQ which will be held at the WO's & Sgts Mess 22 Engr Regt RE, Swinton Bks Tidworth.

If anyone is interested in attending please contact the secretary so that viability of transport can be valuated..

The cost last year was £10-00 per head for BBQ plus contribution towards fuel for transport, hopefully this year will be around the same

TAUNTON BRANCH REA SUMMER LUNCH

Taunton Branch REA's Summer lunch is due be held on the 2 August 2015. in The Village Hall, Monkton Heathfield, Taunton 12:00 for 13:00

The lunch will consist of a cold meat & salad type meal with a choice of Sweets + tea & coffee to follow. The cost being around £5.00 per head. Any prize donations for the draw would be appreciated.

If you wish to attend (transport under your own arrangement) please let the Secretary know prior to 20 July as Taunton wish to know numbers attending by that date.

BRIDGWATER BRANCH REA SUMMER LUNCH

The branch has received an invitation to Bridgwater Branch REA's Summer lunch to be held on the 23 August 2015. At the Bridgwater Sea Cadets HQ Waverly Road Bridgwater, 12:30 for 13:00

The lunch will consist of a cold meat & salad type meal with a choice of Sweets + tea & coffee to follow. There being no costs for the event. Once again a prize donation to their draw will be well received.

If you wish to attend (transport under your own arrangement) please let the Secretary know prior to 10 August to enable Bridgwater to make their catering arrangements.

THE CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS HAVE A ROLE ACROSS THE BATTLEFIELD.

Leading the way, Sappers will be supporting the rest of the Army bridging rivers, clearing routes through minefields or using explosives to destroy bridges

Route Maintenance.

Maintaining routes and bridges is essential for the movement of all friendly forces and so bridges can be built or repaired by the Royal Engineers on sites where they have been destroyed or damaged.

EOD Bomb Disposal.

An EOD Specialist Operator works on clearing unexploded bombs, mortars and artillery shells, which have to be cleared to prevent serious danger to friendly forces.

Engineer Armour.

The Titan Armoured Bridge Layer provides close bridging support to the battle group. Its crew of three can lay a 32m bridge in less than five minutes to allow tanks and other armour to proceed.

Air Assault.

As part of a larger parachute formation, members of an Engineer Air Assault Squadron parachute forward of other troops in order to capture vital enemy positions such as airfields, to enable other troops to proceed.

Air Support.

Airfield engineers work closely with the RAF and Army Air Corps to provide suitable landing platforms for a variety of aircraft such as Apache helicopters and Harrier aircraft.

Construction.

Engineer tradesmen assist in the building of temporary accommodation and other essential buildings. They also ensure water, electricity and fuel is supplied to the deployed forces.

Humanitarian.

During post-conflict reconstruction, Engineers can find themselves building hospitals and other essential buildings to aid both friendly forces and civilians.

Military Plant.

Military Plant machines are vital for providing force protection. They work to build up defences using structures made out of baskets filled with rubble. Military plant can also be used to dig tank ditches and maintain routes.

Amphibious.

The landing of an amphibious force, including Commando Engineers, Boat Operators and Engineer Divers, provides essential sea-borne services.

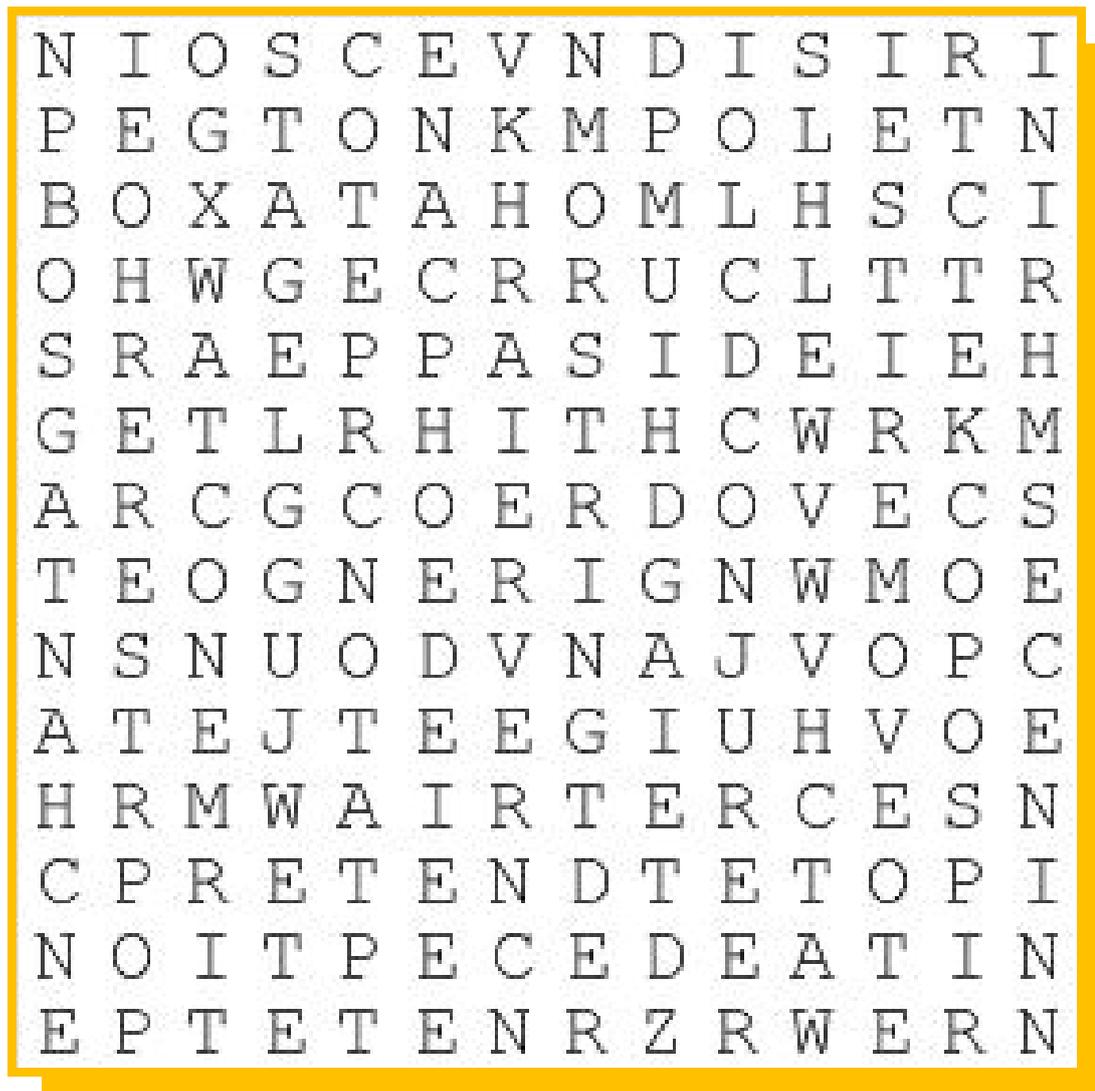
The Role of the Royal Engineers

The Corps of Royal Engineers have a role across the battlefield. Leading the way, Sappers will be supporting the rest of the Army, bridging rivers, clearing routes through minefields or using explosives to destroy bridges.

Behind the front line, Royal Engineers are just as busy, improving transport routes, constructing camps, building runways and carrying out the vital task of bomb disposal. In addition, the Sappers are ready and capable to begin post-conflict reconstruction, providing humanitarian support in the form of water production, electrical supply and infrastructure, with support also provided to medical facilities, which provide much-needed healthcare to the local population.

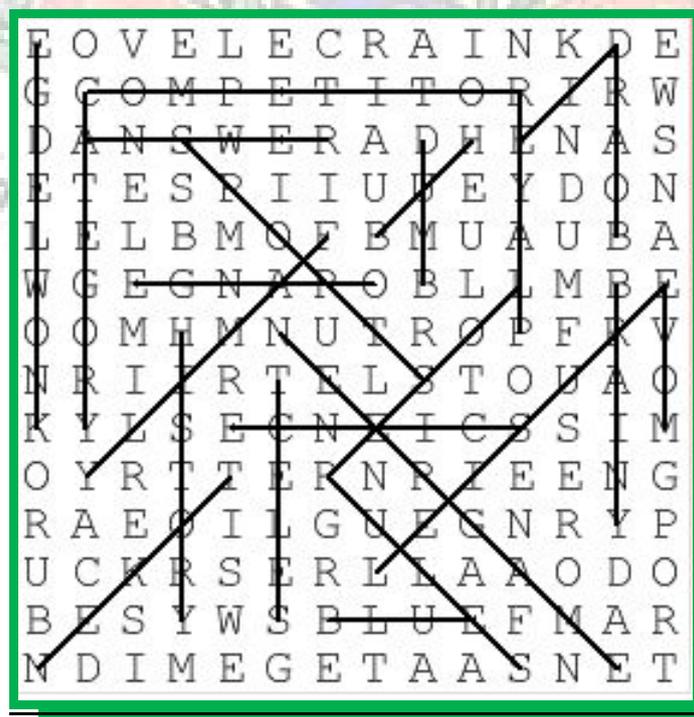
It must not be forgotten that Engineers can also be Commando- and Parachute-trained, able to wear the coveted green and maroon berets respectively. Sappers are also the diving experts of the Army. But wherever the Engineers are, their skill and versatility can take on any challenge.

ROGER's WORDSEARCH # 15-05



BOX
CHARM
COIN
CONJURE
DECEPTION
DISAPPEAR
DOVE
ENCHANT
ILLUSION
JUGGLE
KNOT
METHOD
POCKET
POWER
PRETEND
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SKILL
STAGE
STRING
WATCH

ANSWERS TO WORDSEARCH #13-01



HUMOUR IN UNIFORM



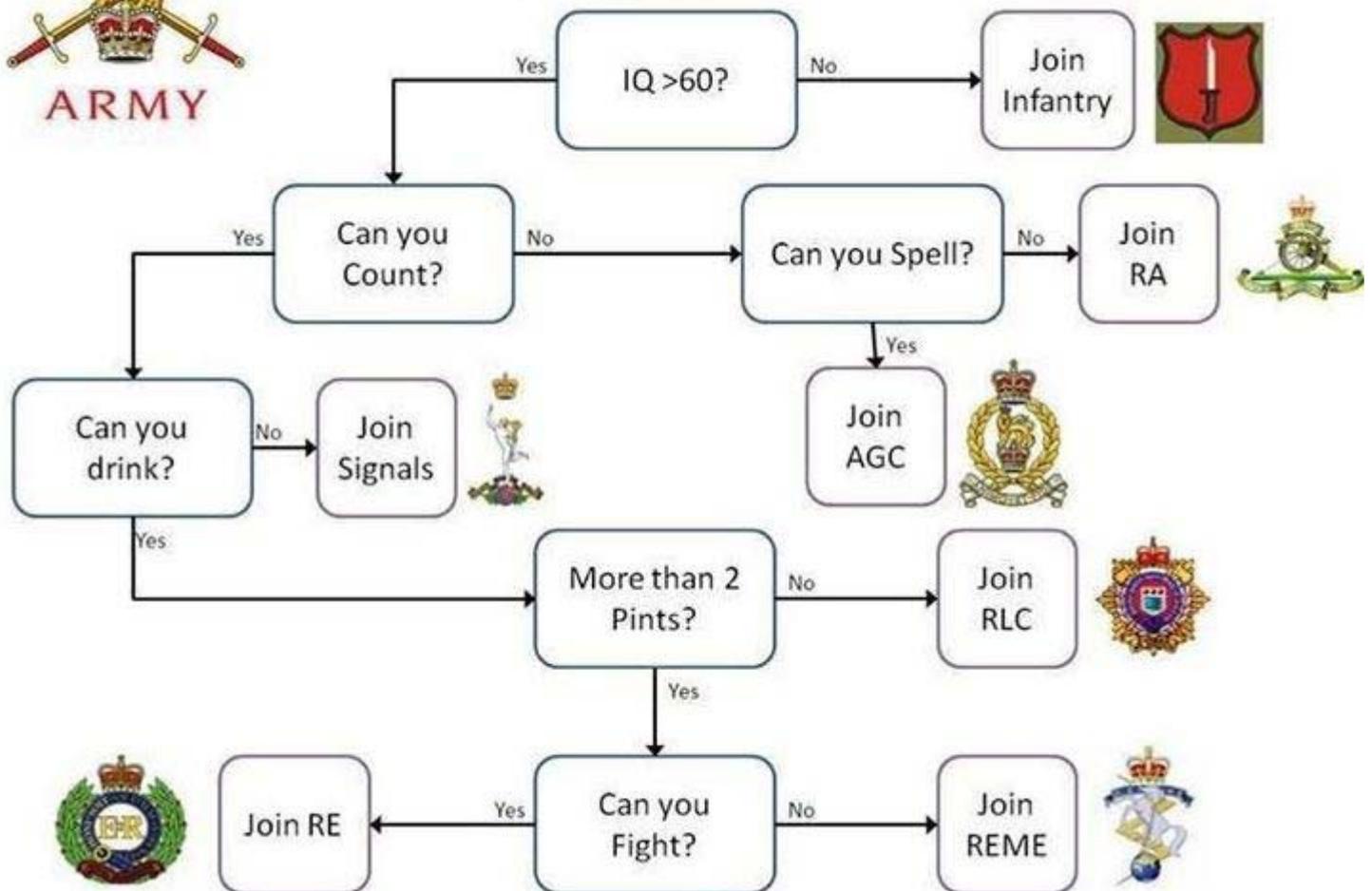
What to do if you fall into a conversation with someone about the terrorist attacks who doesn't believe in retaliation:

1. Engage in conversation, and ask if military force is appropriate.
2. When he says "No," ask, "Why not?"
3. Wait until he says something to the effect of "Because that would just cause more innocent deaths, which would be awful and we should not cause more violence."
4. When he's in mid sentence, punch him in the face as hard as you can.
5. When he gets back up to punch you, point out that it would be a mistake and contrary to his values to strike you, because that would be awful and he should not cause more violence.
6. Wait until he agrees, and has pledged not to commit additional violence.
7. Punch him in the face again, harder this time.
8. Repeat steps 5 through 8 until he understands that sometimes it is necessary to punch back.





Official Army Corps Selection Flowchart



Q: What's the difference between Royal Engineers and Civil Engineers?

A: Royal Engineers build weapons; Civil Engineers build targets.

A trio of old veterans were bragging about the heroic exploits of their ancestors one afternoon down at the Legion bar. "My great grandfather, at age 13," one declared proudly, "was a drummer boy in ww1." "Mine," boasts another, "went down with with his ship in the battle of the Plate." "I'm the only soldier in my family," confessed vet number three, "but if my great grandfather was living today he'd be the most famous man in the world." "Really? What'd he do?" his friends wanted to know. "Nothing much. But he would be 165 years old."

Newton Abbot and District Branch - Royal Engineers Association Officers

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Current Membership

Life Members.....	72
Active Members.....	33
Associate Members.....	3