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ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION SOUTH WESTERN GROUP ANNUAL STANDARD BEARERS' RALLY AND COMPETITION – SATURDAY 4 JUNE 2016

1. The Royal Engineers Association South Western Group Annual Standard Bearers' Rally and Competition will be held on Sat 4 Jun 16, during the "Sapper 300" celebrations in Swinton Barracks. The focus for the rally is to form a reunion of Branches and have as many Standards on parade as possible.
2. The winner of this year's event will represent the Group in the National competition at the Corps Memorial Weekend taking place at Chatham from 16 – 18 Sep 16.
3. Branch Secretaries are requested to encourage maximum participation and all Branch Standard Bearers are encouraged to attend the rally but have no obligation to enter the competition. Branch Secretaries are requested to collate both the rally and competition entrants for their respective Branches and forward them to the undersigned by **Fri 6 May 16**, to allow prizes to be purchased for competition entrants. An entry proforma is at Annex A. A copy of the dress rules, drill format and a marking sheet are at Annexes B, C and D respectively. A Branch attendance sheet is at Annex E. Branch Secretaries are requested to forward Annex E to the undersigned by **Fri 6 May 16**. Electronic copies of returns are welcome and preferred.
4. This year's event will follow the same format as last year in that the Standard Bearers' Rally will be followed by the Competition. Timings for the event are as follows:

a.	Tea and coffee in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess	1230
b.	March on for Rally and Inspection	1330
c.	Standard Bearers' Competition	1400
d.	Presentation and Photographs	1445
e.	Lunch in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess	1530
5. Tea and coffee will be provided in the Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Mess prior to the rally and competition commencing; this will be funded by the Group. A carvery type meal will be provided in the Mess upon completion of the competition. Once attendance returns are received, the undersigned will inform Branch Secretaries if attendees are required to contribute towards this meal. Payment if required may be made upon arrival. **Please note there will be no reception party or refreshments available in the Mess prior to 1230.** If individuals or parties arrive before 1230, they are welcome to make themselves comfortable until refreshments are served.

6. Parking will be available with vehicles being directed to areas allocated by soldiers on duty. A minibus will transport members and guests to the Mess from the parking area and from the Mess to the regimental square prior to commencement of the rally and competition. This minibus will be available for the duration of the "Sapper 300" event and have signage clearly displayed on its windscreen to indicate use by the REA only.

7. A brief on the day's activities will be delivered in the Mess by the undersigned prior to the rally and competition commencing.

8. Branch Secretaries are requested to encourage their members to attend the events taking place within Swinton Barracks and support their Branch Standard Bearer.

{Original Signed}

I Waters
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Group Secretary
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Annexes:

- A. Rally and Competition Entry Form
- B. Dress Rules
- C. Drill Format
- D. Marking Sheet
- E. Branch Attendance

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STANDARD BEARERS' RALLY & COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Title: _____

Branch: _____ Appointment: _____

Tel No: _____

The _____ Branch will be entering the Standard Bearers' Rally'* and Competition* on Sat 4 Jun 16.

* Delete as applicable.

The following Standard Bearer will be representing this Branch:

Name: _____ Title: _____

He / she have taken part in the competition on _____ (number) previous occasions.

Remarks:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

RULES OF DRESS FOR STANDARD BEARERS'

These rules are for the information and assistance of all Association Standard Bearers' with the object of ensuring uniformity in the handling of Association Standards.

For National Events and competitions these rules are obligatory.

1. **Beret.** Normally midnight blue or black in colour, but Commando (green) and Airborne (red) berets may be worn at all times by members who qualified for, and served with, these types of unit (see also Note 1). The beret to be clean and neat, the head band level not more than one inch above the eyebrows, with the join at the centre rear, and the ribbon neatly knotted and tucked in. The Corps cap badge above left eye and unless anodised or stay bright, polished. The fullness of the beret pulled over to the right side, with no hairs or fluff.
2. **Hair.** Clean, neat and tidy, not resting on collar.
3. **Tie.** Official Corps tie, neat and pressed no tie pin (see Note 2).
4. **Badge.** Official Association lapel badge in correct position (see Note 3).
5. **Medals.** May be worn in Competition at the discretion of the Standard Bearer, but will be assessed in the marking schedule when worn.
6. **Shirt.** Freshly laundered plain white shirt.
7. **Suit.** Neatly pressed plain black or charcoal suit OR
8. **Blazer and Trousers.** Neatly pressed dark blue or black blazer with the official Association blazer badge sewn or clipped on the left breast pocket, and grey trousers (see Note 4).
9. **Socks.** Black in colour.
10. **Shoes/Boots.** Well polished, neat conventional pattern (not platform) and of black leather, not patent leather.
11. **Gauntlets.** White, well cleaned with no dirty marks, in reasonably good condition.
12. **Sling.** The leather sling and socket used for carrying a Standard to be worn over the right shoulder with the socket in the centre front of the body. Leather to be well polished to a dark tan colour and all brass work polished. A brass insert in the socket is acceptable.
13. **Sling Badges.** A sling badge is awarded annually to the winner of the National Competition. Only such a winner may wear this badge.
14. **Standard and Pole.** The Standard to be neat, clean and unwrinkled (see Note 5). Tassels to be clean, of equal length and level with the outer edge of the Standard fringe. The wood and brasses of the pole well polished.

Notes:

1. Midnight blue is the official colour for berets but Standard Bearers may wear black berets when it has proved impossible to obtain a midnight blue beret. Midnight blue berets are available from Corps Enterprises.
2. There is, at present, no official Association tie. The 75th Anniversary tie may be worn except at competitions.
3. Normally only the official Association lapel badge is to be worn, but an exception will be made for badges of religious significance which are worn at all times.

4. Scottish dress may be worn at non-National events in Scotland.
5. A Standard should never be ironed.
6. Escorts of Standards when on parade should be dressed as the Standard Bearer except for the sling and gauntlets.
7. Rules for Group and National Standard Bearers Competitions will be based on the Regulations for Competition contained in the Royal British Legion handbook for Ceremonial and Services.

DRILL FORMAT

Drill movements given as for Marching on at the Carry, with Judges on the left of the line of march.

Standard Bearer:	Quick March
Standard Bearer:	Halt
Standard Bearer:	Will Advance - Left Turn
Standard Bearer:	Order Standard
Standard Bearer:	Carry Standard
Standard Bearer:	As for Royal Salute - Dip Standard (to be completed in 20 seconds (+/- 2 secs))
Standard Bearer:	Carry Standard
Standard Bearer:	Will move to the Left - Left Turn
Standard Bearer:	Quick March
Standard Bearer:	Halt
Standard Bearer:	Will move to the Right - About Turn
Standard Bearer:	Quick March
Standard Bearer:	Halt
Standard Bearer:	Will Advance - Left Turn
Standard Bearer:	As for Act of Homage Dip Standard (to be completed in 20 seconds (+/- 2 secs))
Standard Bearer:	Carry Standard
Standard Bearer:	Will move to the Left - Left Turn
Standard Bearer:	Slow March
Standard Bearer:	Halt
Standard Bearer:	Will move to the Right - About Turn
Standard Bearer:	Slow March
Standard Bearer:	Halt
Standard Bearer:	Will Advance - Left Turn
Standard Bearer:	As for Muddy Weather Dip Standard (to be completed in 10 seconds (+/- 2 secs))

Standard Bearer:	Carry Standard
Standard Bearer:	Slope Standard
Standard Bearer:	Order Standard
Standard Bearer:	Slope Standard
Standard Bearer:	Will move to the Left - Left Turn
Standard Bearer:	Quick March
Standard Bearer:	Halt
Standard Bearer:	Will move to the Right - About Turn
Standard Bearer:	Quick March
Standard Bearer:	Carry Standard
Standard Bearer:	Halt
Standard Bearer:	Will Advance - Left Turn
Standard Bearer:	Will move to the Left - Left Turn
Standard Bearer:	Quick March
Standard Bearer:	March Off
Standard Bearer:	Fall Out

MARKING SHEET

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BRANCH ATTENDANCE

To: **WO1 (RSM) I Waters**
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Branch:.....

The following members will attend the Standard Bearers' Rally and Competition:

Ser	Name	Vehicle Details	Registration Number	Carvery (C) Vegetarian (V) Nil	Remarks
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Signature:

Name:

Branch Appt:

Date:

Contact Tel No: