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ITEM 1 - RESULT OF THE NATIONAL STANDARD BEARERS' COMPETITION

1. The 2010 National Standard Bearers Competition held at Chatham on Sat 18th September 2010 produced a very high standard of presentation and drill. The Regimental Colonel, Col Sean Harris, was one of the judges and in his congratulations to those taking part he said that he recognised the massive amount of work done by them all and that the competition and standard of dress and drill this year it was exceptionally high. There were six competitors this year and all competitors are to be congratulated on their commanding performances. The competition was extremely close and the judges had a difficult and unenviable task. The result was as follows:

First: Mr Brian Simm, Cambridge Branch for the East Anglia Group
Second: Mr Kevin Rattenbury, Commando Engineer Branch for the South West Group
Third: Mr John Ettles, Highlands & Islands Branch for the Scotland & NI Group

ITEM 2 - GROUP AND BRANCH ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2. Group HQs and Branches are reminded to submit to HQ REA by 31st January annually, a signed copy of their scrutinised Annual Financial Summary declaring: Income, expenditure, assets and liabilities as at 31st December. Branch Treasurers have already been sent a blank Summary sheet for the 2010 FY; a copy of the previous years Summary was also included. Branch Chairmen have been sent a letter from the Controller eliciting their support to ensure that the Summaries are submitted in an accurate and timely fashion. Branch Secretaries are requested to confirm with their Treasurers that they have received the Branch Annual Financial Summary. In order to maintain consistency and ensure legibility, groups and branches are required to use the Summary sheet distributed by HQ REA and not to

create their own form. **Please, please, do not use a self made form, if you do, it will be returned to you.**

ITEM 3 - PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

3. The Corps Treasurer has authorised the renewal of the Corps Insurance Policy through Wilson's, our previous insurer. The new policy became effective on 23rd October 2010. A copy of the policy schedule is enclosed with this Circular. Your attention is drawn to the caveats in the Public and Products Liability section (Para 29 and Terrorism). Branches and groups, or the nominated event organiser, should check with the insurer that the current public liability cover extends to events that they may decide to organise.

ITEM 4 - BRANCH ANNUAL REPORTS 2010

4. In accordance with Rule 17.22, Branch Annual Reports for the year 2010, as at 31st December, are to be completed and returned to HQ REA by end February 20,11. Three copies of REA FORM 1 are enclosed with this Circular for Branch Secretaries .. These are to be completed and distributed as follows:

- a. One Copy to: HQ REA
- b. One Copy to: Group Secretary (***Do not send this copy to HQ REA***)
- c. One Copy: for Branch records

ITEM 5 - ANNUAL MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS 2010

5. Branch Treasurers are reminded that subscriptions received from REA Annual Members of the Branch during 2010 are to be forwarded to HQ REA by 1st February 2011. Two copies of REA FORM 2 are enclosed with this Circular. Completed copies are to be distributed as follows:

- a. One copy, accompanied by the subscriptions due, to be sent to HQ REA
- b. One copy to be retained in Branch records.

6. **The form is to be returned to HQ REA, suitably annotated, even if the Branch has no Annual Members.**

7. Branch Treasurers are requested to ensure that the Annual Members details, Army Number, Rank, Name and Initials are accurate.

8. Branch Officials will be aware of the amount of work involved in maintaining the records for Annual Members. The effort required at HQ REA to process all branch Annual Members is particularly time and labour intensive and branches are requested to urge their Annual Members to consider transferring to Life Membership. There will, in most cases, be a small sum to pay for conversion and staff at HQ REA can advise individual cases of the cost involved.

ITEM 6 - FORECAST OF EVENTS 2011

9. The following events of interest for 2011 have been notified to HQ REA:

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| 08-09 June | Beating Retreat, London (Tickets available online from Ticketmaster) |
| 20-27 May | Spring Reunion, South Downs Holiday Village, Bracklesham Bay |
| 28 May | Trooping the Colour - "Major Generals Review" |

09 June	Royal Hospital Chelsea Founders Day Parade
04 June	Trooping the Colour - "Colonel's Review"
11 June	Queens Birthday Parade
24-26 June	Minley Weekend *
15-18 September	Corps Memorial Weekend Chatham*
08 October	REA AGM and Annual Dinner *
09 October	Sapper Sunday at Royal Hospital Chelsea
10 November	Field of Remembrance, Westminster
13 November	Remembrance Sunday

*National Events

ITEM 7 - TROOPING THE COLOUR 1st BN SCOTS GUARDS

10. The Major Generals Review will take place on 28th May 2011 and there is no charge for entry tickets. Applications for tickets to attend the Major Generals Review must reach HQ REA by close of play 18th February 2011.

11. The 'Colonel's Review' will take place on 4th June 2011. The cost of a ticket will be £10. Applications for tickets to attend the Colonels Review, and payment, must reach HQ REA by close of play 18th February 2011. Cheques to be made payable to "RE Association".

12. The Queens Birthday Parade will take place on 11th June 2011. Tickets for this event will be £25 and the allocation of tickets to this event is by ballot. Applications to enter the ballot for tickets must be received at HQ Household Division by 28th February 2011 and must include a SAE envelope. For further information please call 020 7414 2479. **Do not send applications for the Queens Birthday Parade to HQ REA.** Applications for tickets to attend the Queens Birthday Parade must be made to:

Superintending Clerk
 Headquarters Household Division
 Horseguards
 Whitehall
 London
 SW12AX

ITEM 8 - SPRING FAMILIES EVENT, SOUTH DOWNS HOLIDAY VILLAGE

13. The Spring Reunion 2011 will be held at the South Downs Holiday Village, Bracklesham Bay, Chichester, Sussex over the period 20th- 2th May 2011. This is a 7-day reunion and will be the only family's event for 2011; booking forms are now available. Don't be lulled into a false sense of security, this is a most popular event and members wishing to attend are advised to obtain a booking form from the Chairman, National Organiser and Secretary of the Families Event Organisation at the earliest opportunity. His contact details are:

Mr Harold Evans
 20 Cormorant Rise
 Lower Wick
 Worcester WR2 4BA

ITEM 9 - ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA, FOUNDERS DAY PARADE

14. Founders Day 2011 will be held on Thursday 9th June 2011, attendance is by invitation only. Individuals wishing to attend the event should apply for tickets in writing to HQ REA. Because of the strict security arrangement that must be in place for such a high profile event,

bids are to include the name, address and telephone number of each person wishing to attend. Bids must reach this HQ by 11th March 2011. In the event of the number of tickets available being fewer than that requested; HQ REA will distribute the tickets as fairly as possible. The Governor's Review, which is open to the public, will be held on Tuesday 7th June 2011. Tickets are not required to attend the Governors Review.

ITEM 10 - PRESTON REA BRANCH RE-FORMED

15. In July 2010 the Management Cttee gave permission for the Preston Branch to re-form .. The Branch had been dormant for about 11 years due to lack of membership. The Branch now has an active membership of over 30. Members come from as far as Clitheroe and Chorley; this shows that there is a need for a branch of the REA in the area. The Branch is fortunate enough to have the use of the WO's and Sgts Mess in Fulwood Barracks, Preston and is looking for new members to join them. Any Sappers who would like to join the Branch are asked to contact the acting Secretary, Joe Whiston on 01772815402. -

ITEM 11 - FORTH VALLEY BRANCH BURNS SUPPER 2011

16. The Forth Valley Branch of the REA is to organise and hold a Burns Supper on 26. February 2011 at Falkirk, Stirlingshire. It will be a mixed event and wives, partners and friends will be most welcome. The Branch is keen that many other branch members from both Scotland and south of the border will attend - hopefully with their Standards. Full details of the event are included with this Circular. Branch Secretaries are asked to give this event the widest possible publicity within their membership.

ITEM 12 - ROYAL ENGINEERS G10 WATCHES

17. Greens Watch Services Ltd (GWS), the UK Distributor and Service Centre for traser H3 Military watches are pleased to announce the launch of the Royal Engineer Edition of the GWS H3 G10 Watch. This is a unique timepiece and GWS will donate £10 to the REA for each watch sold. A full description of the watch is contained in the attached flyer. Branch Secretaries are asked to publicise this product within their branches.

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Lt Col (Retd)
Deputy Controller

Enclosures:

1. Current Insurance Policy
2. REA Form 1 Annual Report (3x copies to Branches only)
3. REA Form 2 Annual Subscriptions (2 x copies to Branches only)
4. Forth Valley Branch Burns Supper Letter
5. Royal Engineers Edition G10 Watch flyer

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