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### **OBITUARIES**

It is with regret that we inform you that 23801257 Pte Gordon Mallinder THOMPSON of Newark died on 21 January 2018 aged 79. Gordon was called up for National Service in 1960 and was posted to 1st Battalion The Sherwood Foresters in Singapore and served with it until his discharge in 1962. His funeral is to take place at Gedling Crematorium on 16 February 2018 at 1330 hours. Association members and Standards welcome. For those wishing to write in condolence: Mrs Pam Thompson, 51 Trinity Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG24 4EN.

The funeral of 24438856 LCpl Brian Edward POYNER who died on 27 January 2018 is to take place at Worcester Crematorium, Tintern Avenue, Worcester WR3 8HA on 9 March 2018 at 1510 hours followed by a wake at Barbourne Ex-services Club, The Moors, Worcester WR1 3ED. Association Members and Standards welcome.

### **Memorial Service - Brigadier B Smalley OBE TD**

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Brig B Smalley will be held in the Choir of York Minster at 1400 hours on Tuesday 13 March 2018. For those who wish the wearing of medals would be considered appropriate.

It is also anticipated that a gathering post service will also take place but details of a venue are still being clarified.

Once we have details of the gathering we will communicate it to you.

#### **001 GDPR CONSENT FORM**

In order to comply with the new EU General Data Protection Regulation which becomes UK law in May 2018 we need your consent to hold your personal data and continue to communicate with you by post or email. It is necessary therefore if you wish to receive correspondence/news from WFRA that you complete and return the Consent Form which can be downloaded at [http://www.stand-firm-strike-hard.org.uk/pdf/upload/WFRA Contact Consent %20Form.pdf0.23480500%201516884089](http://www.stand-firm-strike-hard.org.uk/pdf/upload/WFRA%20Contact%20Consent%20Form.pdf0.23480500%201516884089)

Failure to return the Contact Consent form will result in members being removed from the Membership, Address, Newsletter and postal distribution lists held by WFRA and its Branches. It is appreciated that members who served with WFR or its predecessor regiments are life members of the Association, but under GDPR we must ensure we have clear and unambiguous consent before we can process personal data. We are not permitted to count silence, pre-ticked boxes or inactivity as consent.

#### **002 99<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION DINNER (THE CRICH SUPPER)**

The 99th Annual Regimental Association Dinner is to be held on Saturday 30 June 2018 at Welbeck Hall, Welbeck Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QW 1930 hours for 2000 hours. Dress: Jacket, Tie and Medals. The calling notice will be published shortly.

#### **003 BRANCH MEETINGS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Chesterfield:** Last Wednesday of month 1930 hours.

**Derby :** First Friday of Month

**Kidderminster:** First Sunday of month at 1100 hours.

**Long Eaton:** First Monday of Month, (unless it's a Bank Holiday then 2nd Monday) 2000 hours, at new venue: RBL, 16 Hall Croft, Beeston NG9 1EL

**Mansfield:** Second Tuesday of Month, 2000 hours

**Newark:** Second Thursday of month.

**Nottingham City:** Second Monday of Month

**SF Malay Veterans:** Annually in May

**Sherwood Foresters Officers Club :** Annually in April on Saturday closest to Badajoz Day

**Worcester:** Last Tuesday every other month from January @ 2000 hours,

**Worksop:** Last Sunday of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov – unless it is a bank holiday, then Sunday before

**3 WFR:** Annually on closest Saturday to 20 September.

#### 004 **COMMEMORATION PARADE 23 SEPTEMBER 2018 - ALREWAS**

On behalf of the Mercian Volunteers Regimental Association we would like to invite you and all your members to a March Past at NMA Alrewas on 23rd September to commemorate the end of the First World War. We will also be commemorating the Battles that the Regiments of the Cheshires, Worcesters, Notts and Derbys (The Sherwood Foresters), and The Staffords fought in.






All Standards are welcome to attend. The Mascot will be on Parade and also a Band to march to. Please also bring along your own picnic or food is available to purchase in the café if required. Further information will be forwarded when it is received.

Graham Bird (Chairman)  
Kidderminster & District Branch MVRA

A H L McDOUGALL  
for Executive Committee

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