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Former All Ranks
1st Battalion, The Wessex Regiment
(Rifle Volunteers)

50th Anniversary of Formation

It is planned to hold an informal Lunch at the Hythe Mess, Land Warfare Centre, Warminster at 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm (1230 for 1300 hours) on Saturday (No April Fool !) 1st April 2017, exactly 50 years to the day when the (then) Wessex Volunteers was formed.

The Lunch is intended to be an All Ranks occasion. Because of the limitation on numbers no husbands, wives or partners will be permitted to attend, unless the wife (or husband) also served with the Battalion.

The capacity of the Mess is 200. Numbers are allocated per County as follows: Gloucestershire and Bristol 50; Berkshire 20; Dorset 37; Devonshire, Hampshire and Wiltshire 31 each. Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Any places that any County can not fill will be re-allocated to other Counties in equal ratio. Re-allocation will take place after 1st March 2017.

The cost will be £15 per head, payment by cheque (or Postal Order), payable to "1 Wessex 50th Reunion". There will be a cash bar. If you wish to bid for a place, please return the reply slip to me with your cheque (which will be paid in to the bank on 1st March) .

For those who have forgotten me, or who served in the Battalion after I had left, I served in the Battalion for some 16 years, mostly with B (Hampshire) Company. I claim to be the only officer who was serving on 1st April 1967, and still badged, although ERE 1 Wessex on 6th October 1995, when the Battalion amalgamated with the Second Battalion, to become 2nd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire & Wiltshire Regiment.

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