



# The Royal Engineers Association Radio Branch

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## 2016\17 REA Radio Branch Report to South East District AGM

At the invitation of Capt John Woolley RE, (AI Command Support Branch, RE Warfare Wing,) The REA Radio Branch held a deferred 2016 AGM at the Command Support Branch in Camberley in April.

### **Developing the REA Radio Branch**

The decision taken at the AGM was to continue to establish further links with the serving corps by holding a branch development meeting at CSB. The main purpose of this is to determine requirements and explore if and how to combine assets. Most of our heritage and memorabilia is notably on display at the CSB.

### **Factors (that may determine how we proceed).**

- We noted the background of change driven by economics and reorganisation, which might affect requirements for an organisation that we aspire to.
- The army is changing its battle tactics to suit the current threat and, as a consequence, the corps is re-developing its long range communications skills, along lines familiar to us as veterans.

### **Further Gains**

We had a good overview of training and modern combat signalling equipment.

### **Command Support Branch – Annual Symposium**

A further opportunity was taken to engage with serving members, mainly young rising senior NCO's of the Corps at the Command Support Branch Annual Symposium. This was at their Formal Dinner which took place on the evening of 15th June. We were impressed by their morale and the numbers of senior personnel in the room.

We also met Brigadier Matt Bazeley RE, the current commandant before dinner and were thankful to receive his kind words afterwards about the position of command support within the corps and its heritage and the bond between serving and retired soldiers.

A full report and the documentation from the AGM is at <http://www.reasignals.net/wordpress/bulletin-19th-april-2017-branch-2016-agm-and-visit-to-re-command-support-branch/>

### **Activity**

Currently REA Radio branch activity remains limited to our weekly radio net and occasional social media reports.

### **Next Steps**

By holding a branch development meeting we hope to bring the stakeholders together to determine the future for the branch, now imminent.

Best Wishes,

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