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Regimental Association Members

80th Anniversary of the Battle of MEDICINA 16 Apr 2025

1. **Introduction.** The Regimental Association's plans to attend the 80th anniversary celebrations of the Battle of Medicina on 16th April 2025 are now well advanced. As the 80th anniversary falls on a Wednesday we intend to fly out on Monday 14th April spend three nights in Ravenna, returning on Thursday 17th April. We have selected Thursday as the following day is Good Friday when we expect flights to be more expensive.
2. **Price.** Price per person is dependent on numbers attending and room occupancy. The estimated prices are set out below and are subsidised by the Regimental Association and are based on 50 people attending. They include:
 - a. Coach transport.
 - i. From and to Bologna airport,
 - ii. Cemetery visits (14/20H & 10H) and travel to and from Medicina on Wednesday.
 - b. Accommodation. Three nights Bed and breakfast accommodation at Hotel Centrale Byron or NH Ravenna Hotel.
 - c. Meals.
 - i. Group evening meal on Monday, Association will subsidise by approx £800.
 - ii. Drinks reception on Tuesday evening, 6GR invited.
 - d. Estimated price for the above is:
 - i. £330 per couple occupying a twin room for three nights.
 - ii. £300 single occupancy room for three nights.
3. **Deposit.** We have to secure the accommodation by 31 Jan 25, therefore you are asked to confirm your attendance with a deposit of £100 per person (to the Association account below) and enter your flight details on the page [Flight Details](#).
4. Once the confirmed costs are known you will be informed of the balance per person, which will need to be paid at least 8 weeks prior to departure.
 - By BACS to KRH Regimental Association: Sort Code 16-20-16: Account No. 11633926. Put your surname and Medicina as the reference.
 - By cheque made payable to KRH Regimental Association.
5. For Accommodation. We have decided to stay at Ravenna as it provides more hotel options, is more attractive and is only a short distance from Medicina. We have reserved rooms in Hotel Centrale Byron and the NH Ravenna Hotel. Both of which are comfortable and close to the town centre.
6. Flights. We investigated organising group flights but have found they charge more than purchasing them on an individual basis. So, we would ask you all to book your own flights to Bologna. Flights currently advertised from Manchester and London Heathrow are listed at Annex A below. Luckily their times are very similar.
7. **Transport.** We have arranged a bus to leave Bologna for Ravenna between 1330 and 1400. Please try to book a flight to meet this time. If this is not achievable, we will either arrange another or you can catch

the train, a service runs between Bologna airport and Ravenna. Again, train details are at Annex A.

8. **Itinerary.** A reasonably detailed itinerary is at Annex A which you may wish to follow but of course you are under no obligation to if you would like to do something else.
9. **Medicina Day.** Transport will depart for Medicina in the morning. We will visit the sites of most of the significant actions in Medicina and cemeteries with 10H and 14/20H graves. At this stage it is expected we will be welcomed to attend the Town's annual celebrations. We imagine they will commence after the working day at approximately 1800.
10. **Serving Regimental Attendance.** It is expected the Regiment and 2RGR will send contingents to take part in the celebrations.
11. **Questions.** I hope the above is self-explanatory but if you do have any questions, please email me at andrewharmanc@hotmail.com.

Annex A

Itinerary and Travel Options

Ser	Date	Time	Event	Remarks
1	Mon 14 Apr		Fly to Bologna	See flights times below Self book
2		1300	Travel to Ravenna	Bus
3		1340	Book in to hotel	Rooms reserved
4		1930	Dinner	Group dinner.
5	Tue 15 Apr	1030	Free Day	Sets the context for the lead up to Medicina
9		1900	Reception at Hotel NH Ravenna	6GR invited
10	Wed 16 Apr	1000	Depart for Medicina	
11			Tour of Medicina battle sites and visit cemeteries 10H and 14/20H	
12		1800 approx	Medicina town celebrations	
		2100	Rtn to Ravenna	
13	Thu 17 Apr	1600	Depart for Bologna airport	

Flights

1. **Ryan Air – Manchester / Bologna**
 - a. Dep 14 Apr 0810 to 1130
 - b. Rtn 17 Apr 1940 to 2121
2. **BA – Heathrow / Bologna**

- a. Dep 14 Apr 0755 to 1105
- b. Dep 14 Apr 1524 to 1835
- c. Rtn 17 Apr 1920 to 2035

3. **Ryan Air – Stanstead / Bologna**

- a. Dep 14 Apr 1400 to 1705
- b. Rtn 17 Apr 1335 to 1450

Rail

- 4. **Bologna Airport to Bologna.** The monorail Marconi express connects Bologna airport to the Bologna Centrale railway station. This service runs every 7 mins in rush hour otherwise every 15 mins.
- 5. **Bologna to Ravenna.** A train from Bologna Centrale to Ravenna railway station departs every hour. On arrival at Ravenna, it is a 10 min walk to Hotel Centrale Byron or 4 mins to NH hotel Ravenna.