



A tribute to John Deighton (JPA) from all his Comrades in Arms

Absent at Roll Call

There was no answer when his name was called at roll today
A comrade who was with us in thick and thin has faded away
Now there's a gap in our ranks where he used to be
Oh how he will be missed by the likes of you and me

Never reluctant to speak his mind, no matter where
Yet was always there when time for warriors to dare
If the chips were down and the day looked grim
He stood fast, shoulder to shoulder with him and him

Who could forget the familiar grin and "giddy mate" to all
Love of country and Duty First whenever the bugle did call
His special comforting cloak of mate ship no longer to be found
How will it ever be the same without such a comrade around?

Soldier, patriot and a true blue cobbler to you and me
His spirit is with us and always will be
Such fond and proud memories of him forever so strong
As we that are left march forward with song

George Mansford October 2015