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MINUTES OF THE 32ND LI COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT SHREWSBURY ON SUNDAY 17TH JUNE 2018

Present	Lt Gen T P Evans CB CBE DSO Brig C M G Elcomb OBE Brig T J Gregson MBE Col D H R Stephenson CBE Maj H L Kennedy MBE Capt I I Foster Capt R W Gittings Mr A Tamblyn Mr W Bearham CSjt D Winter Mr C Edwards Lt Col A R Trelawny	Chairman LI Committee Member/Chairman LI Club Member/Chairman LI Committee (des) Member/President Buglers Association Member/Website Coordinator Member/Treasurer Member/LI Reunion Coordinator Member/Chairman Buglers Association Member/1LI Representative Member/2LI Representative Member/3LI Representative Member/Secretary LI Committee	Chairman Treasurer Secretary
Apologies	Brig E J R Chamberlain Col B Denney TD DL Lt Col P J Wykeham	Member Member Member	
In Attendance			

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1	Welcome and Opening Remarks	The Chairman welcomed members present. Apologies were received from Brig Chamberlain, Col Denney and Lt Col Wykeham. The Chairman introduced Brig Gregson, who has agreed to replace him as Chairman LI Committee when he is posted abroad.	
2	LI Museum Appeal	See Item 3 below.	
3	Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Points Arising	The Minutes of the 31st LI Committee Meeting were accepted as a true record. As regards the LI Museum Appeal, introduced by Lt Col Rescorle at that meeting, an approach had been made by the Chairman to the Rifles Regimental Trust, but no funding had been forthcoming. LI Association branches and individuals have been made aware of the Appeal through the Annual Newsletter and Gen Deverell reminded all present at the 2018 Reunion of the importance of the maintenance of the LI Collection in Bodmin.	
4	Membership Changes	The Secretary circulated the current membership list. Mr McGregor has stepped down while Mr Bearham, CSjt Winter, Mr Edwards and Mr Tamblyn have become Members of the LI Committee.	
5	Finances	The Treasurer informed the Committee that the current value of funds held on behalf of the LI Committee is about £90K. When the money raised this year by Mr Cocoran and his team is added, that will rise to around £130K. Although precise cost figures from the 2018 Reunion are not yet available, and the format of future Reunions is still under discussion, it is likely that an annual subsidy of around £8K will be required from the LI Committee (the remaining costs having been covered by ticket sales revenue). It is intended to maintain the ticket cost at £10. This means that the Reunion can be supported for the foreseeable future.	
6	LI and Rifles Reunion	<p><u>Battalion Photographs</u> – Capt Gittings will liaise with Mr Bearham and Capt Foster to ensure that high resolution copies of the battalion photographs are available for download as quickly as possible. Details will be promulgated through battalion websites/Facebook pages.</p> <p><u>Manpower Support</u> – More manpower is required during the build-up and on the day. Support will be sought from the Rifles RST, 8 RIFLES and, if necessary, additional civilian staff will be hired to improve security and housekeeping.</p> <p><u>Security</u> – the flow of traffic, marshalling and checking of tickets needs to be reviewed for 2019 in the light of the new Lidl supermarket build. Additional security or marshalling staff may be required.</p> <p><u>Programme Information</u> – Although about 1500 programmes were handed out, it seemed that many could not grasp the sequence of events. A “Master of Ceremonies”, with access to a good PA system, should welcome attendees on arrival and, throughout the day, remind them what is happening next.</p> <p><u>Bars and Feeding Stations</u> – Although the bars had been made longer, the beer pumps were all grouped in the centre, which resulted in slow service, particularly at the start of the day. The number of feeding stations was reduced by the Stadium, at the last minute, from four to one, which resulted in long queues. The bar issue will be discussed with the Stadium and a better system put in place next year.</p> <p><u>Parade</u> – A combination of a strong wind and a faulty microphone made</p>	<p>Capt Gittings Mr Bearham Capt Foster</p> <p>Chairman Capt Gittings</p> <p>Capt Gittings</p> <p>Capt Gittings</p> <p>Capt Gittings</p>

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	(cont'd)	<p>words of command difficult to hear. The Parade Commander should hold a short briefing for the Contingent Commanders and Inspecting Officers immediately prior to the parade so that all are aware of the sequence of events. A wind muffler is required for the parade microphones.</p> <p><u>Musical Entertainment</u> – Excellent performances by the Veteran Band and Bugles and the Melodic Belles were much enjoyed by those who could hear them, but a better sound system is required. The decision to put the stage in the marquee was predicated by the weather forecast (and turned out to be the correct one), but weather permitting, an outside performance would get more attention. Unforeseen issues with the power supply were not helpful. The County Songs might be better as part of the Dinner entertainment, as they have been in the past.</p> <p><u>Band</u> – It was decided that the Waterloo and Salamanca Band & Bugles would be requested for 2019 and beyond.</p> <p><u>All Ranks Dinner</u> – the numbers for the All Ranks Dinner were the highest for a number of years, and we should continue to encourage former NCOs and private soldiers to attend.</p> <p><u>Programme for the Day</u> – It was quite a long day, and many had left before the Sounding of Retreat. The programme for next year will be discussed in detail at the next LI Committee meeting in October, but possible changes may include moving the Retreat to immediately after the Parade, reducing the duration of the musical entertainment in the marquee and bringing events at the Stadium to a close earlier.</p> <p><u>Thanks</u> – The Chairman thanked Capt Gittings, Heather Morgan and the organizing team (including the Committee and the Riflemen from 8 RIFLES) for all their hard work. He also thanked Col Stephenson and Mr Tambyn for arranging the musical programme, and the tremendous support from the Waterloo and Salamanca Bands. Special thanks also went to Paul Cocoran, Richard Davey and the other 50/50/50/50 marchers, for planning, organizing and then participating in the march, as well as then raising over £40k+ for the Reunion. A tremendous achievement.</p>	<p>Capt Gittings Parade Commander & RSM</p> <p>Lt Col Trelawny</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
.7	LI Regimental Association	There was nothing specific to report from the Branches. The Buglers Association continues to provide excellent support to regimental events, including the Reunion, funerals, Remembrance Sunday services and Rifles Freedom Parades. The Veterans' Band made an excellent debut at the 2018 Reunion.	
8	Website	<p>Maj Kennedy reported that updates to the LI Website are now being completed more quickly than before. However, he and Capt Gittings proposed a specific Reunion Website in time for the 2019 Reunion, which would include a facility for e-payment. It would be developed by Debbie Wales, at a cost of £500 plus annual £62 administration charge. This proposal was supported and more details will follow.</p> <p>Capt Foster briefed the meeting on the effect of GDPR, which, as regards the promulgation of details about the Reunion and other events, should be minimal.</p>	Maj Kennedy Capt Gittings
9	LI Officers' Club	The annual lunch will take place at Salisbury on Sunday 15th July 2018. So far, 57 officers have booked. The annual dinner will take place in London on Thursday 11 th October 2018 and 90 officers have booked (the maximum capacity is 154). Details of both events are in the LI Club periodic newsletter and on the website.	

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10	Obituaries	Battalion representatives will keep the Secretary updated on regimental deaths and he will forward obituaries to the Bugle and the Chronicle as appropriate. The availability of copies of the Bugle will be investigated.	Lt Col Trelawny
11	AOB AOB (cont'd)	<p><u>NIVA Service.</u> The NIVA service will take place at 1130hrs on Saturday 8th September at the NMA. All welcome. The RGJ Association has invited any LI veterans to join them at lunch in Sutton Coldfield afterwards. More details to follow.</p> <p><u>LI Memorial at NMA.</u> The NMA has approved the design of the information plinth which will be installed shortly. The final version of the maintenance contract will not be signed until the information plinth has been installed.</p> <p><u>LI Plot at the Westminster Field of Remembrance.</u> Brig Gregson volunteered to cost "A Roll of Honour" for display annually at the LI Plot at the Westminster Field of Remembrance. The Secretary will organise for its placement & removal each year. Shady Lane, a Beefeater at the Tower could be a good POC. Anybody wanting a particular name written on a cross in the plot should let Lt Col Trelawny know (through the Rifles Office Shrewsbury) by 31st October at the latest.</p> <p><u>National Army Museum Approach.</u> The NAM has approached the LI Committee for financial support. The Committee agreed that priority for support should go to the LI Museum and will decline the NAM's request with regret.</p> <p><u>Heritage Committee Vacancy.</u> A vacancy for a LI representative will arise on the Rifles Heritage Committee when Brig Draper steps down in March 2019. Committee members were requested to help find a replacement.</p> <p><u>Association Fundraising.</u> Mr Bearham presented the Chairman with a cheque for £1733.22 raised by the 1LI Association through the sale of LI 50th Anniversary T shirts. CSjt Winter also revealed that 2LI raised over £1200 during their Friday night Reunion party in aid of the LI Association fund. The Chairman thanked Mr Bearham, CSjt Winter and the members of their respective associations for their generosity.</p>	<p>Maj Kennedy</p> <p>Maj Kennedy</p> <p>Brig Gregson</p> <p>Lt Col Trelawny Battalion Reps</p> <p>Lt Col Trelawny</p> <p>All</p>
12	Future Meetings	<p>The next meeting will be held at the Cavalry and Guards Club on Thursday 11th October 2018 at 1400hrs.</p> <p>There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1230hrs.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>

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