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MINUTES OF THE 31ST LI COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT RHQ RIFLES, WINCHESTER ON WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2018

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

Item (a)	Subject (b)	Discussion and Decisions (c)	Action (d)
1	Welcome and Opening Remarks	The Chairman welcomed members present and on the telephone. Apologies were received from Brig Elcomb, Brig Chamberlain, Mr McGregor and Mr Edwards. The Chairman stated that the main aim of the meeting was to confirm plans for the 2018 Reunion.	
2	LI Museum Appeal	Lt Col Rescorle explained to the Committee that he is the LI Representative Trustee of Cornwall's Regimental Museum, which also houses the LI Collection and Archive. He emphasised that although the museum director and her staff are doing an excellent job and have ensured that the LI Collection has its own substantial display space (separate from the DCLI Collection) at The Keep in Bodmin, there is a need to raise funds from the LI family to maintain both the Collection and the Archive for future enjoyment and research. The LI Committee agreed that an appeal to raise funds, mainly by small regular donations from those who served between 1968 and 2007, should be launched at the 2018 Reunion, with some marketing going on beforehand. It is important that our archives and history are safeguarded for the future and for future generations. Further details of the appeal will be circulated through all normal channels.	Lt Col Trelawny Maj Kennedy Capt Gittings
3	Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Points Arising	The Minutes of the 30th LI Committee Meeting were accepted as a true record. The Chairman informed the Committee that the consortium intending to include a military enterprise zone in the redevelopment of Copthorne Barracks, Shrewsbury, had, unfortunately, not been successful in its bid to buy the site. Other points arising were covered under agenda items (below).	
4	Membership Changes	The Chairman informed the Committee that the request of Mr McGregor to stand down as a Member owing to other commitments had been granted, although he remains at the Committee's disposal should his specialist knowledge be required in future.	
5	Finances	The Treasurer informed the Committee that the current value of funds held on behalf of the LI Committee remains at around £93K. This will be boosted by the funds being raised this year by Paul Cocoran and his excellent team, to whom the Committee and the Regiment is extremely grateful. The payment of a Reunion entry fee, starting this year, will also help to ensure the continuance of the Reunion in the future.	
6	LI and Rifles Reunion LI and Rifles Reunion (cont'd)	<p>The programme for the 2018 Reunion was discussed by the Committee at some length. The final timetable of events will be widely circulated through all the normal channels.</p> <p>The Battalion photographs being taken inside the stadium during a limited time slot between 1130hrs and 1245hrs will require considerable coordination. Individuals wishing to be in the photographs must gather in the right place at the right time. Battalion representatives will be responsible for ensuring that this happens.</p> <p>Approximately 100 people will be invited to the Drinks in the Sovereign Suite between 1245hrs and 1345hrs will be shared equally between the three regular battalions and the TA battalions, with some priority being given to those serving on Vesting Day (10th July 1968). Battalion representatives will inform those who are to be invited. The Committee will also invite guests who have ensured the success of the Reunion over the last few years.</p> <p>The Parade Reviewing Officers will be Generals Deverell (Saluting Officer), Brims, Evans and Regan and the Parade Commander will be</p>	<p>Bn Reps</p> <p>Bn Reps</p>

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		<p>Maj R A W Jones. A contingent of those serving on Vesting Day, commanded by Lt Col I J Sawers, will lead the march past.</p> <p>All will be encouraged to support the musical entertainment (which will take place near the main marquee) and to participate in the singing of County Songs which follows.</p> <p>Tickets for the Reunion and the All Ranks Dinner are currently selling well and are being advertised on all the normal channels.</p> <p>Details of the regular battalion social events on the evening of Friday 15th June are being circulated separately.</p> <p>Following discussion, the Committee decided not to go ahead with the production of a commemorative plate due to the cost, minimum production numbers and distribution.</p> <p>The 2019 Reunion will take place on Saturday 1st June 2019 in order to deconflict it from other events taking place in Shrewsbury.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Bn Reps</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, whilst the Veterans' Band will make its debut at the 2018 Reunion.	
8	Website	Under a new system, updates to the LI Website will be posted within a maximum of 10 working days from submission. Having reviewed the website, the Chairman asked Maj Kennedy to make some changes/updates.	Maj Kennedy
9	LI Officers' Club	The annual lunch will take place at Salisbury on Sunday 15 th July 2018. The annual dinner will take place in London on Thursday 11 th October 2018 with maximum capacity (of 154) likely to be exceeded, so early booking is recommended. Details of both events are in the LI Club periodic newsletter and on the website.	
10	Obituaries	None to report.	
11	<p>AOB</p> <p>AOB (cont'd)</p>	<p><u>LI Memorial at NMA.</u> The Committee approved the wording on the information plinth and the cost of the design and materials (Portland stone) and the wording and the design of the plinth itself will now go back to the NMA for final approval before installation, which will, hopefully, take place during 2018. The NMA has decided that the lettering on Portland stone memorials cannot be highlighted with paint, so this will not now happen. 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> Lt Col Trelawny will discuss with the RBL the options for creating more space for LI veterans to place their own dedicated crosses in the LI Plot.</p> <p><u>RBL Last 100 Days Commemoration.</u> The Chairman informed the Committee that the Light Infantry could send two representatives to Ypres on 8th August 2018 to participate in the RBL's commemoration</p>	<p>Maj Kennedy Lt Col Trelawny</p> <p>Lt Col Trelawny</p>

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		<p>of the start of the Final Offensive of WW1. Lt Col Trelawny will advertise.</p> <p><u>Ballygawley Memorial.</u> Mr Bearham showed the Committee the design for the new memorial to be erected at the site of the 1988 bombing. Contributions had been received from the LI Committee and the Rifles Regimental Trust and installation will go ahead shortly in time for the 30th anniversary.</p> <p><u>High Profile Bugling Events.</u> Mr Tamblyn and Col Stephenson informed the Committee that the playing by the Association Buglers at the memorial service to Sir John Moore in St Paul's Cathedral in January 2018 had been much praised and will be repeated next year. Association Buglers will also join the Rifles Band and Bugles at a service, open to the public, at the Guards Chapel in London at 1900hrs on Thursday 19th April 2018, the first time that a band from outside the Household Division has been invited to play.</p> <p><u>Northern Ireland Veterans' Association Commemoration.</u> The 2018 NIVA commemoration will take place at the National Memorial Arboretum on Saturday 8th September 2018 at 1130hrs. All LI veterans are welcome. More details to follow on the website.</p>	Lt Col Trelawny
12	Future Meetings	<p>The next meeting will be held at Shrewsbury Town Football Club on Sunday 17th June 2018 at 0930hrs.</p> <p>It is planned that the autumn meeting will be held in London (venue to be confirmed) on Thursday 11th October 2018 at 1400hrs, prior to the LI Club dinner.</p> <p>There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1530hrs.</p>	All All

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