

**The Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians)  
Regimental Association**



**President: Major General The O'Morchoe CB CBE**

**The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting  
Held Saturday 28 April 2007  
At the Leinster Arms,  
Leinster Terrace, Bayswater W2**

**Members Attending, Members Apologies, Obituaries and Silence will stand as per the AGM, which was held immediately before the Ordinary Meeting.**

**Minutes of the previous Meeting.**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held Saturday 23 September 2006, had been circulated to all members. The Minutes were recorded as a true copy, this was proposed by Mr Gordon Black and seconded by Mr Edwin Seabrook-Smith. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**CIROCA Annual Lunch and Parade.**

The Secretary informed the members that the Association again, as in previous years, intended to attend the annual lunch, which is a very well organised and very enjoyable event. The Combined Irish always gave a great welcome to the Leinsters and he asked members to give this event their full support. Mr Ball also gave details of the Annual parade at Whitehall, he asked members again to give full support adding that those who could drill were most welcome to parade and asked that all Leinsters who were parading to march as one unit, obviously those who wished to parade with their parent regiment were to do so. Arrangements would be made for 'Excused Boots' on the day.

**IMOS Annual Lunch, Ypres.**

Mr Ball said that the Association had received an extended invitation from the Combined Irish, to attend the annual lunch of the Belgian Organisation, IMOS Sphinx.

Mr Ball said this would be held the weekend of 13 and 14 October travelling to Belgium, Friday 12 October returning to London on Sunday, 14 October. Any member interested in attending the weekend should contact Mr Ball.

**Annual Meeting in Dublin.**

The meeting held annually in Dublin, was to be held Saturday 7 July. The venue was to be confirmed but it was stated it could either be the Gresham Hotel, as last year, or IUNVA HQ. Members were told that Mr Noel Cullen would confirm the venue ASAP.

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## **Birr Depot Report.**

Mr Ian Lowe told members of the latest position on the proposed memorial, with further movement in Birr from the Town Library. Mr Lowe said that the Town Library had placed orders with the National Archive regarding all Leinster Regiment related files. Mr Lowe had also advised the Library on the many publications and CD ROMS available to the Library regarding Leinster regiment campaigns and casualties etc, hopefully this would all be in place and ready for the public June/July. This collection would enable any member of the public or visitors to Birr to research the regiment in detail, this, the Association believes this would be unique to any of the disbanded southern Irish regiments.

Mr Lowe moved on to give details of a possible schools essay project, which would be sponsored by the association, this would involve schools in the Birr 'Depot Area'. Mr Ball thanked Mr Lowe on behalf of the Association for his time and effort in travelling to Birr on many occasions advising the County Librarian.

## **Regimental Journal and Website.**

Mr Don Dickson was very pleased to announce that the planned Regimental Journal, The 40/10 had been published and that copies were now available to members attending with the other members who were not present receiving copies by post shortly. He told the members that arrangements had been made to send copies to other Irish regimental associations and regimental museums. Members were asked to send any articles regarding the Leinster Regiment into him or the co-editor Mr Ian Lowe for publication, as it would now be up to the members to keep the Journal going. Mr Dickson hoped that the members would enjoy the first edition and he thanked Mr Lowe for his assistance setting up and getting the Journal published. The Regimental website was now developed and was now ongoing with many pages informing anyone visiting the site of regimental history, battalion formations and forthcoming events etc in the calendar.

## **Other Business.**

Major Jim MacLeod, Chairman of the Combined Irish Regiments told members that the Chairman of the West Indian Ex-Serviceman's Association had contacted him regarding a ceremony to be held Tuesday 22 May at their HQ in Clapham. This ceremony was to be held in honour of West Indian servicemen that had died in service to the Empire and Commonwealth during the Great War and were buried in a CWGC at Seaford, West Sussex. Buried alongside these men were a number of soldiers from Irish Regiments and the CIROCA had been invited to attend.

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## **Other business...(cont)**

Major MacLeod also gave dates of Beating Retreat at Whitehall, where the Pipes, Bugles and Drums of the London Irish Rifles would be taking part this year. These dates were Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 June 2007. He also gave details of the Belgium Day parade, which was to be held 15 July 2007.

Mr Ball said that King's Liverpool Regiment had contacted him regarding their Annual Regimental Dinner, which was to be held 14 September 2007. It was hoped that a party of Leinsters would attend; Mr John Smith Ex-Kingsman would look at the possibility of organising a group to travel to Liverpool for this event, Mr Ball thanked him for this.

Mr Ball was reminded that he had overlooked the fact that there were new members present, Mr Ball apologised for this and the new members introduced themselves, as follows,

Major Mike Noonan

Mr Julian Pritchard

Mr Pat Barrett

Mr Brendan Coughlan

Who were all relatives of men who had served in the regiment,

Mr Alan Hayward (ex-Ulster Rifles)

Mr Jack Keeley (ex-Anglian Regiment)

Mr Ball thanked them all and commented that they were all very welcome and that it was a great tribute to have relatives of men who had served together, gathering nearly ninety years since the disbandment of the regiment to honour them and their great regiment.

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Mr Vincent McGough wished association member, L/Cpl Eddie Rooney IG, the very best of luck on his posting to Iraq and to his safe return. All members present echoed this.

Mr McGough thanked Mr Jack Keeley for his presentation of framed miniature medals and citations of the four Great War winners of the Victoria Cross who served with the Leinster Regiment, suggesting that they be presented to the Town Library at Birr, with the copies being presented to the Leinster Arms Public House, to which Mr Ball presented the framed copies to Mr Paul Wright, Manager of the Leinster Arms PH thanking him and his staff for allowing the Leinsters to meet at the Pub.

The Meeting was then closed.

Date of next the meeting Saturday 29 September 2007.

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