

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



President : Major General The O'Morchoe CB MBE

**Minutes of the ordinary Meeting
29 April 2006 at the Leinster Arms,
Leinster Terrace, Bayswater, London W2**

The Chairman's welcome and opening remarks,

Members attending,

Apologies,

and Obituaries will all stand as per the AGM.

Minutes of the Meeting held 24 September:

The Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated to all members, these were proposed as a true record by Major Jim MacLeod and this was seconded by Mr Patsy Moggan. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Annual Lunch of the Combined Irish Regiments Association:

The Chairman gave details of the Annual lunch that was to be held at the Victory Services Club, Saturday 17 June 2006. It was hoped that the Leinsters would attend en masse and support this well organised event. The Secretary said he had contacted Mr Peter Scott, Secretary of the CIRA, and forms to attend the function had been dispatched to Mr Ball and that Mr Scott had made provisions for a Leinster Regiment table

Annual Parade of the Combined Regiments at Whitehall:

The Secretary had received a sitrep of the Annual parade and it was hoped that members would attend either under the Leinster Regiment 'standard' or with their parent regiments, either way he urged a good turnout from the Leinsters. Arrangements had been made for any 'Excused Boots'.

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Annual meeting in Dublin:

The secretary informed members of the proposed meeting in Dublin, it had been decided because of the success of the meeting held last year in Dublin that an annual informal meeting be held every year. This would be around the weekend of the National Day of Commemoration, which is held in July. The Secretary said that this year's meeting would be held Saturday 8 July. The venue had yet to be confirmed but it was hoped it could be held in the Gresham Hotel.

16th (Irish) Division 90th Anniversary Commemorations Ginchy and Guillemont:

Members heard that a proposal was made at a meeting of the Combined Irish Regiment Association that a ceremony or parade be held to honour the soldiers and regiments of the 16th Irish Division who took part in the battle of the Somme in September 1916. The Chairman said that as he was present at the CIRA meeting, and the Leinster Regiment Association would support any effort or plans made by the Combined Irish Regiments Association to hold an event in France. The Secretary echoed the Chairman's comments and added that the Leinster Regiment's first VC of the First World War was won by Lt John Holland at Guillemont. Major MacLeod said that the event was scheduled for the weekend of 8,9 and 10 September 2006 and the association would be kept informed of any future plans. The Secretary proposed a motion that a donation of £50.00 is made to the CIRA towards any costs that arise to the CIRA in the events planning. All members present passed this unanimously.

Crinkill Project, Birr Depot:

Mr McGough told members that a group of representatives from the Association are to again visit Birr, Co Offaly to discuss the progress of an idea of a regimental memorial. The Chairman also informed members of an application for a grant from Irish National Heritage Fund, the result of which should be announced sometime in the autumn.

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Other Business:

Mr Ball said he had been asked by many members about what headdress etc, should be worn on parades. To answer these questions he gave the following:

Any members parading at, for example the annual parade at Whitehall, could wear their own parent regimental headdress and blazers etc, but if parading at a Leinster Association parade, members could again wear their parent regiment regalia but were asked to at least wear a Regiment Association tie.

Members who had not served in either Her Majesty's Forces or Irish Defence Forces, but who could drill and wished to parade, were asked to wear a green Caubeen with Leinster cap badge and a green hackle and a Regiment Association tie with either a suit or blazer with a regimental blazer badge.

Mr John Smith told members that he was again organising a trip to Liverpool for the Annual dinner of the King's Liverpool Regiment in September, an event that the Leinsters always attend. If any member was interested in going, could they see him after the meeting?

Mr Bill Weller asked why did the new regimental standard not have battle honours adorned on it. It was explained that the Committee had decided not to show battle honours as it was felt it would be disrespectful as battle honours were deemed sacred by a regiment.

A marching standard party and Pipe Cpl Phillip Mason of the London Irish Rifles providing marches of the Leinster Regiment then paraded the new standard of the association for the first time along Leinster Mews.

With noted thanks to Mr John Seabrook and Mr Gordon Black for forming up as the Standard party, and to Rachel, Manageress of the Leinster Arms Public House the meeting was closed

Date of the next meeting Saturday 23 September 2006

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