



RIFLES OFFICE  
COPTHORNE BARRACKS,  
SHREWSBURY,  
SY3 8LZ

Tel: Shrewsbury (01743) 842025 or 842030  
Shrewsbury Military (94467) 2025 or 2030

e-mail: [shrewsbury@the-rifles.co.uk](mailto:shrewsbury@the-rifles.co.uk)

*LI Committee Secretary*  
LT COL A R TRELAWNY

SH/101

See Distribution

16<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**MINUTES OF THE 35<sup>TH</sup> LI COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN LONDON ON 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                               |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Present       | Brig T J Gregson MBE<br>Brig C M G Elcomb OBE<br>Brig E J R Chamberlain<br>Col D H R Stephenson CBE<br>Lt Col P J Wykeham<br>Capt I I Foster<br>Capt R W Gittings<br>Mr W Bearham<br>Lt Col A R Trelawny | Chairman LI Committee<br>Member/Chairman LI Club<br>Member<br>Member/President Buglers Association<br>Member<br>Member/Treasurer<br>Member/LI Reunion Coordinator<br>Member/1LI Representative<br>Member/Secretary LI Committee | Chairman<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Secretary |
| Apologies     | CSjt D Winter<br>Mr C Edwards<br>Mr A Tamblyn                                                                                                                                                            | Member/2LI Representative<br>Member/3LI Representative<br>Member/Chairman Buglers Association                                                                                                                                   |                                               |
| In Attendance |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                               |

| Item<br>(a) | Subject<br>(b)                                            | Discussion and Decisions<br>(c)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Action<br>(d)                                          |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | Welcome and Opening Remarks                               | The Chairman welcomed members present. Apologies were received as shown above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                        |
| 2           | Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Points Arising        | The Minutes of the 34 <sup>th</sup> LI Committee Meeting were accepted as a true record. There were no points arising.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                        |
| 3           | Membership Changes                                        | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                        |
| 4           | Future Structure and Responsibilities of the LI Committee | Col Stephenson presented his recommendations for the future structure and responsibilities of the LI Committee and discussion ensued. However, as the Chairman has indicated his intention to stand down as soon as a replacement can be found, it was decided to postpone any decisions on future structure and responsibilities until such time as a new Chairman is in place.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                        |
| 5           | Finances                                                  | The Treasurer presented the accounts for the LI Committee. As at 1 Oct 19, funds available stood at £97.5K invested and £5.5K in the bank account. Support to the Reunion will remain the primary expenditure of the funds in the future. The outlay on the 2019 Reunion was £8.5K. A further £800 was spent in support of LI participation in the NIVA Service and Lunch at the NMA on 14 Sep 19. The LI Committee remains responsible for the management of the LI funds held within the Rifles Regimental Trust. The nominated Trustees of the latter are likely to change shortly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                        |
| 6           | LI and Rifles Reunion 2020                                | <p>Planning for the 2020 Reunion (on 20 Jun 20) is ongoing. Matters yet to be resolved include:</p> <p><u>Reviewing Officers</u> – As yet the allocation of senior officers to Reunion tasks discussed at the last meeting has not been undertaken. The Secretary will approach LI Generals with a proposal shortly.</p> <p><u>Band Availability</u> – A band has been requested for the 2020 Reunion but availability will not be confirmed until early next year. In the event of a band not being available the musical arrangements of the 2019 Reunion may be repeated.</p> <p><u>Bringing in Food and Drink</u> – Shrewsbury Town Football Club (STFC) has warned the Reunion Organiser that it may have to charge a hire fee for the use of the ground and facilities if its only current income stream from the Reunion, namely bar and food sales, is compromised by Reunion attendees bringing in their own drinks and food, either from Lidl or elsewhere. Attendees will be warned of this in communications relating to the Reunion and STFC will provide its own staff at the single stadium entry point to prevent food and drink being brought in.</p> <p><u>Security</u> – New security arrangements will be put in place in 2020.</p> | <p>Lt Col Trelawny</p> <p>All</p> <p>Capt Gittings</p> |

| Item<br>(a) | Subject<br>(b)    | Discussion and Decisions<br>(c)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Action<br>(d) |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 7           | Associations      | Mr Bearham submitted a report on the activities of the 1LI Association. Col Stephenson gave a briefing on the activities of the Buglers' Association and the progress of the formation of a Veterans' Band.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |               |
| 8           | Websites          | The transfer of information from the LI Website to the LI Reunion Website is ongoing. The LI Website will remain live for the time being as it is used by the LI Club for the promulgation of information and for the sale of tickets to the LI Club dinner and lunch.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |               |
| 9           | LI Officers' Club | Brig Elcomb reported that 82 officers and their guests attended the annual lunch at Salisbury in 2019. The annual dinner in London that evening would be attended by 72 officers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |               |
| 10          | AOB/Reports       | <p><u>NIVA Service.</u> The NIVA service took place on Sat 14 Sep 19 and 73 LI veterans attended the LI/RGJ lunch afterwards.</p> <p><u>LI Plot at the Westminster Field of Remembrance.</u> The LI Plot at the Field of Remembrance on Thu 7 Nov 19 will be "fronted" by Brig Chamberlain. In future, this role (which may include meeting the Royal visitor) could be performed by a member of the family of a fallen Light Infantryman.</p> <p><u>LI Collection.</u> The LI Collection remains housed at Cornwall's Regimental Museum (CRM) in Bodmin. As a Rifles Forming Regiment collection, it currently benefits from a MoD grant. Any appeal for financial support from LI veterans will need to be accompanied by details of the CRM's future plans.</p> <p><u>Care for Casualties.</u> In response to a question from Capt Gittings, Capt Foster confirmed that LI veterans who qualify for benevolence have access to the Rifles Regimental Trust funds, including those raised by Coco Cocoran's recent "Not Just Another Brick in the Wall" appeal. Capt Foster then briefed the meeting on a PTSD initiative being undertaken by the Rifles Regimental Trust.</p> |               |
| 11          | Future Meetings   | <p>The date and location of the next meeting of the LI Committee will be decided once the new Chairman is appointed. The Reunion Committee will meet in Shrewsbury in Jan 20 (date tbc)</p> <p>There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1700hrs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | All           |

*A R Trelawny*

A R Trelawny  
Lt Col (Retd)

Distribution:

External:

Action:

All Committee Members and Attendees

Information:

Rifles Offices Bodmin, Taunton, Pontefract, Durham