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Welcome:

Your committee welcomes you to this the first Friends newsletter. It has long been our intention to publish one, but to now time has been against us! Current plans are to publish one each year, early in the year 6 months after the AGM. The newsletter contents will follow a simple agenda along the lines of: introduction, museum news, museum accessions, friends' news, interest items, notices and the future diary.

Your Committee: :

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Museum Acquisition:

Accessions to the Museum continue at a steady trickle; recently boosted by the interest generated at Septembers' 'Open Day with Militaria Identification'. More notable accessions include:

- Parish of Almley First World War Tribute Medal.
- Various postcards, documents & photographs.
- 'Sealed Pattern' uniform items from The National Army Museum.
- Medals and artefacts from the 'Greenhouse Family collection' from the Shropshire Regiments' Museum.
- Silver Cigarette Box, presented by the Regiment to Capt JF Hibbert on the occasion of his marriage, and presented to The Museum by 'Capt' Hibbert.
- 19 inch oval meat dish with Regimental Crest.

The Museum is always keen to receive (or to view and copy (if agreeable)) any items of Regimental interest. They are particularly keen to acquire an example of a Territorial Efficiency Medal named to The Herefordshire Light Infantry.

Museum News:

The Museum Trustees have for some time been looking at options to make the museum more accessible to the public. Several options have been explored including relocation to an existing site, either a brand new or in collaboration with another 'establishment'. Plans are not developing quickly, but it is expected that the Trustees will consider a Development Plan at their Spring meeting. The plan will consider long term (where we want to be in 10 years time) options and also short term objectives to improve the displays, archive and accessibility in the current site.

- **Accreditation.** Accreditation is a scheme administered by the Museum, Libraries, Archives (MLA), which sets out minimum standards of governance and management (of accessions and the operation of the museum). Although the Museum is 'registered' under the auspices of The Army Museums Ogilby Trust (AMOT), we will be seeking Accreditation and are hoping to be one of the first military museums to achieve this. There are advantages - apart from the obvious of making sure we are well managed and organised - the main one being that Grant Aid will only be available for Accredited museums.

- **Conservancy.** The Trustees have been looking at the condition of the accessions, and some are in a poor state and are therefore to be 'conserved'. First on the list are:

- The Doenitz Pennants, where the display medium is to be replaced and enhanced;
- The 2nd Battalion Roll Book from 1939 to 1941, which has been well thumbed and is showing signs of its age and useage.

The Roll Book will also be copied, and the copy used for research thus further preserving the original. The Trustees have requested grants from the local authority to assist with this, (one advantage of Accreditation!) and we, The Friends, have also made a grant towards the total cost.

There are other worthy candidates for attention, and over the coming months the most urgent will be identified, and suitable action taken.

- Oral History Project. The Museum has a few, scratchy, tape recordings of World War One veterans and is keen to have the same for later veterans. If you are a veteran, or know of one we would be pleased to loan you the equipment to make a tape recording. There is also a guide to conducting interviews and making recordings. [Could we form a team of 'volunteers' to conduct the interviews?]



The display of Regimental silver for the Museum Open Day in September 2006.

Notices:

e-mail addresses To speed up communication, (and to save money on postage!) if anyone would like to receive communication by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to:

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Film - Disbandment Parade 1966 At the last AGM, a Friend mentioned they had some cine film of the disbandment parade of The Herefordshire LI in 1966 - unfortunately we can't remember who it was! Could you please contact us.

Ties We have produced a tie for wear by Friends; they are in Regimental colours with the badges of The Herefordshire Regiment, The Hereford LI and LI. These are available for sale for only £15

Videos Lt Col Tom Hill, shortly before retiring as Museum curator made a video about the museum - there are still a few copies available - a bargain at £15.

TA100 2008 sees the Centenary of the formation of the Territorial Army, and there are very early plans in hand to organise an 'event' in Hereford - watch this space!

Drill Halls Project: The Drill Halls of the County from which members of the Regiment marched off to 2 World Wars, have disappeared, or have found new uses! The Museum would like to have a photograph of the Drill Halls for their records - are there any out there?



A sad looking Ledbury Drill Hall in the late 1980s just prior to its demolition and replacement with a supermarket!

Dates For The Diary:

February

1 'Rifles' formed

March

10 Herefordshire LI/LI Dinner

June

8-10 LI Weekend (Shrewsbury

9 Cadet League BBQ and Museum Open Period

July

21 Sounding of Retreat - Castle Green

? Friends event - 'Anniversaries - 1917 & 1947'

September

? Rifles Regional/County Colonel's Briefing ?

8 Heritage Open Day (HOD Museum Open Day
(tbc)

October

27 AGM & Lunch
