

## REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

We held our meeting on 8 May 2010 in the comfortable surroundings of the Hibernian Hotel, Mallow, Co. Cork. The meeting was very well attended and as usual, before the official proceedings commenced, there was the great pleasure of meeting old friends again, and the added one of the introduction of some new members as well.

We were disappointed not to have with us (due to illness) our treasurer, Mr. Jack Moore, but his written report on our finances was, again, an example in simplicity and clarity. A motion of appreciation was voiced from the floor in recognition of his work over the years. We also missed the presence, of committee man Mr. J. McNulty. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

The secretary's report covered the various activities over the year and reminded those present that our association also has reciprocal arrangements with similar organisations to ourselves. He named the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers Association, ( Ballymena and Limavady branches); Connaught Rangers Association; Somme Association and Gallipoli Association. We learned also that copies of our journal are sent to the military museum in Collin's Barracks, Cork, and to the libraries in Limerick city and county. It is our intention to continue these friendly contacts.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

For obvious reasons confidentiality precludes the release of figures from this report. However, we are pleased to report that through prudent handling of our finances our situation can be described as very good.

### APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

This year, (2010) the members showed no desire for change to the Committee; in return for which the officers wish to express their appreciation for the confidence placed in their stewardship by the membership.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposal by Mr. W. Good: *'That a sub-committee be formed for the editing and researching of articles for the RMFA Journal'* was accepted by the meeting.

Those chosen for this sub-committee were: T. Dillon, W. Good, J. Prendergast, and J. White.

After the formal proceedings were over, Mr. Noel Grimes, a visiting member of the Killarney WW1 Memorial Committee, rose and expressed best wishes and fraternal greetings on behalf of his association. He also presented a video cassette-recording of the unveiling of the Killarney memorial (2009) to the chairman. The chairman thanked Mr. Grimes and commended the Killarney committee on their hard work and achievement. He also said that the RMFA was most appreciative of the kind invitation to attend their ceremony on the day of the unveiling in 2009.

Space has only allowed us to cover the salient points of our AGM; but of almost equal importance on these occasions are the informal discussions between members with the exchange of information and ideas. And, lest we forget those members, young and old, who are scattered throughout the continents, please be assured also that we are keenly aware of your interest and support and welcome any part you can play in the running of our association.

That concludes our report on the Annual General Meeting in our eighteenth year.

Gordon Spillane.

Chairman.