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Dear Member,

As the centenary year of the outbreak of the Great War begins the committee are making detailed plans of how the Association will mark the important moments in the history of the Regiment that occurred between 1914 and 1918. As far as the Leinsters were concerned the most significant event of 1914 was the action at Premesques on the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> October during which the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion suffered over 200 casualties in what was the regiment's first major action of the war. In association with the local authorities we are planning a formal visit to the town of Premesques to commemorate this centenary during the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup>/ 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> October. The purpose of this letter is to advise you that this visit will take place and to invite you to register your interest in attending.

The provisional plan is to make a three night visit to Premesques and Ledegem during the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> October staying at the Holiday Inn at Englos (Near Lille) The main party will travel by coach leaving London on Friday morning and returning by early Monday evening. During the weekend there will be a programme of events including a visit to the site of the action with access to areas not normally open to the public. It is hoped that we can unveil a suitable memorial to mark the centenary and to hold a formal dinner at a local venue. We will also take the opportunity to visit our friends in Ledegem who will be remembering the centenary of the occupation of their town by the Germans a few days earlier in the month. Without an indication of numbers it is not possible to give a final cost but based on a minimum of 30 travelling by coach it is likely to be in the order of £300 inclusive of travel, three nights bed and breakfast and the formal dinner but exclusive of insurance. Corresponding rates for single rooms would be about £330. If you wish to make your own travel arrangements and join the rest of the party in France you are welcome to do so and a reduction of about £75 would apply. Irish based members will be able to pay in Euros at the appropriate exchange rate.

You will appreciate that we are unable to give precise figures until we have a clear idea of the number of people intending to travel, if you are interested I would appreciate it if you would complete and return the slip shown below to me at the above address. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Lowe.

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**Leinster Regiment Association visit to Premesques and Ledegem 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**

Yes I am interested in \_\_\_\_\_ places for the visit to Premesques and Ledegem, I would require a single / shared room.

Name

Address

Telephone No.

Email.