

# Durham Light Infantry Association



## MONTHLY BULLETIN

October 2018

### THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE DLI EXECUTIVE ON 21 NOVEMBER 2018

Branch representatives are notified of the Ordinary Executive Meeting of the DLI Association to be held on Wednesday 21 November 2018 in the Rifles Office, Elvet Waterside, Durham, DH1 3BW commencing at 1400 hrs. The Agenda for this meeting can be found at Annex A to this bulletin. All branches are reminded of the need to have a representative at the meeting.

### ARMISTICE- OPEN TREASURE'S NEWEST EXHIBITION AT DURHAM CATHEDRAL



The Lord Lieutenant of County Durham Mrs Sue Snowdon chats to Lt Col John Heron and Major Chris Lawton MBE DL at the reception in the Chapter House of the Cathedral before the opening of the Armistice - Open Treasure Exhibition in the cathedral on 24 September. After an introduction and welcome by the Dean, Major Lawton spoke to

the invited guests about the sequence of events which led to the signing of the Armistice which came into effect at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 ending the most horrendous war ever fought until that time. The invited guests then visited the DLI Chapel to look at the new fontal and dossal designed and made by the Chaplain to the DLI Association Fr Kenneth Crawford before climbing up to the former monks' dormitory to look at the latest Open Treasure Exhibition.



Some of the other guests at the reception in the Chapter House

### DURHAM BRANCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Durham Branch are holding their Christmas Lunch at the Ramside Hall Hotel on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 12.00 noon for 12.45pm. Do you wish to attend this function for which there are limited places. The menu will be as follows –Starter – Vegetable Soup; Main course – Roast Turkey or Roast Beef, with accompanying vegetables; Dessert – Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce or Caramelized Apple Pie; Coffee and Mints; (Vegetarian options are available - please contact Pat Greenan the Durham Branch

Secretary). Cost: Meal is £18.95 per head. **Anyone wishing to attend please contact Pat Greenan on 0191 3863465. The closing date is: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

## **NORTH EAST WAR MEMORIALS PROJECT GREAT WAR COMMEMORATION 6<sup>th</sup> OCT.**

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October members of the DLI Association attended Saltwell Park in Gateshead to mark the centenary ending of the Great War. The focus of the activity was the planting of a commemorative tree inside the grounds of Saltwell Park, near the wooden bridge that honours the 9th battalion DLI. It was very fitting and appropriate that DLI Veterans of the Gateshead and Newcastle Branch were present, in particular their President Mr Richard Atkinson, *Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur*, and their Chairman Mr Tommy Nicholson, as well as members from Gateshead and other branches including Chester-le-Street, Horden & Peterlee, Consett & Stanley, Darlington, Stockton, and Washington. The DLI Association paraded one standard which joined the other standard bearers present to provide a colourful display. Major Paul Wharton MM laid a wreath on behalf of the Association. The ceremony was interesting as it was part of a weekend of events organised by the North East War Memorials Project, Gateshead Council and Veterans organisations. Dignitaries included the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, the Mayor of Gateshead, the French Consul, the Mayors and Deputy Mayors of many French towns and villages including the Deputy Mayor of Ypres, the Mayor of Arras, and the Mayor of Auteuil from the Somme battlefield, as well as a number of French and Belgium Councillors. The memorial service and tree planting was organised by Major (Retd) Ian Jones TD of the Tyneside Scottish Branch of the Royal Artillery Association. Buglers from the Fusiliers Association played the calls and a Scottish piper, played a lament for the Fallen. A VIP reception at Saltwell Towers was attended by many including Major Wharton, Lt Col Heron and Major Alasdair Watson.

Members of the DLI Association Group at the park, including Dick Atkinson Chev legion d'Honneur, and Tommy Nicholson.

## **CONSETT & STANLEY SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE PARADE**

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct Consett and Stanley branch members were invited as special guests, after a \*Lest we



Forget\* service at St Teresa's church to a special Remembrance Event at Annfield Plain. The members, in their Regimental blazers, and medals, followed the Branch standard down the aisle each placing a beret on a Perspex \*there but not there\* figure lining each side of the aisle. Three members also took part in some of the readings, and the Secretary placed a wreath of thanks to "The Fallen" in front of the altar. A very poignant service was followed by a lovely tea put on by the ladies of the church. After tea a photo-shoot took place outside the church.

## **"POPPY OF HONOUR" PARADE**

Stephen Pearce of the Stockton Branch attended the unveiling of the poppy at a Poppy of Honour Ceremony on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October which included a March through the town of Wincanton followed by a ceremony attended

by local dignitaries. The parade was led by the Waterloo Band & Bugles of 7 Rifles and also present was the Band & Bugles of the Somerset ACF. The Exhortation and the Kohima Epitaph were spoken by Stephen, who also laid a wreath on behalf of the Light Infantry. The day was well attended but suffered from the rain. The 'Poppy' will remain in Somerset until the end of the month and then will tour the country.



One of the civic dignitaries plants a memorial Tree at the ceremony

## LI OFFICERS & SENIORS DINNER – 13 OCTOBER 2018

This annual event, organised by Marc Stuart of 8 Rifles took place on 13 October at Gilesgate Reserve Army Centre when around 60 Former Officers and Senior Ranks attended a most enjoyable evening and renewed friendships from their 7LI Days. Members stood to order to remember Maj Andrew Hayward a former 7LI Company Commander who died on 17 September after a long illness. Alasdair Watson, Pat Scullion, John Heron. Mike van der Gucht, Elaine Power, Ian Banks, C/Sjt Scott and Cpl Donnison attended his funeral at Chorley and wake on the day of the 7LI Reunion Dinner so could not linger. This was Marc's last occasion as organiser, so thanks are due to him for his work over the last few years in organising this event. Alasdair Watson has taken over the helm and with assistance from Pat Scullion will be in charge of the 2019 event.

## DURHAM CATHEDRAL PRESS CALL FOR THE FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE ON 10 NOVEMBER

This event is essentially a rehearsal for the full Festival of Remembrance on 10 November, A few pictures are here to wet the appetite of any who might wish to attend the main event. DLI Association members and Standard Bearers and others are shown at the Cathedral Press Call for the Festival to be held at the Cathedral in November. This event is open to members of the DLI Association.

## DLI ASSOCIATION FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARIES

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| ● 2 November 2018     | Faithful Inkerman Dinner | Dubmire RBL Club Fencehouses |           |
| ● 4 November 2018     | VC Stone Commemoration   | Palace Green, Durham         |           |
| ● 10 November 2018    | Festival of Remembrance  | Durham Cathedral             |           |
| ●                     | 11 November 2018         | Remembrance Sunday           | Locations |
| throughout the County |                          |                              |           |

**DEATHS** The following deaths have been reported to the Rifles Office since the publication of the last Monthly Bulletin.

Major Andrew Hayward  
Served 7<sup>th</sup> Bn Light Infantry  
Died 17 September 2018

Rifleman [Anderson](#)  
Served 3 Bn The Rifles  
From Sunderland

Robert Holmes  
served in 2 Bn The Light Infantry:  
1975 to 1989

Mr. Derek Holstrum,  
Died Monday the 17th of September 2018  
Member of South Shields Branch

***May They Rest in Peace***



  
John R Heron  
Lt Col (Retired)  
Secretary  
DLI Association

## Annex A to DLI Association Monthly Bulletin for October 2018

To: All members of the Executive Committee

### ORDINARY EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE DLI ASSOCIATION – 21 NOVEMBER 2018

You are invited to attend an Ordinary Executive Meeting of the DLI Association to be held on Wednesday 21 November 2018 in the Rifles Office, Elvet Waterside, Durham, DH1 3BW commencing at 1400 hrs.

**All branches should ensure they are represented.**

AGENDA		ACTION
1.	To receive any apologies for absence.	Chairman
2.	To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 June 2018.	Chairman
3.	To discuss any matters arising from those minutes.	Chairman
4.	To receive a statement of accounts from the Treasurer	Treasurer
5.	To receive a report on the 2018 Battlefield Tour and hear of developments in the 2019 Battlefield Tour	Secretary Maj Mike van der G
6.	To receive a Report on the 2018 50 Year 50 year DLI Reunion on September 2018.	9 Chairman
7.	To receive a report on the Re-dedication of the VC Stone on Palace Green and on the Annual Ceremony to be held on 4 November 2018	Secretary
8.	To confirm date and venue of the Indoor Games 2018. (Probably 17 March 2019 at The Dubmire RBL Cub in Fencehouses)	Chairman
9.	To receive a report on the activities of the DLI Friends/7 Hills Working Together Group	Chairman
10.	Warning Orders – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual Branch Financial Return 2017/18.</li><li>• Branch Membership Return 2018.</li></ul>	Secretary
11.	To receive a Report on the DLI Association attendance at the London Cenotaph.	M McMahon
12.	To confirm the date of the 2019 AGM – Options are: 3 April/ 10 April/17 April/24 April	Secretary
13.	To Receive a Report from the Chairman of the DLI Association	Secretary
14.	<b>Any Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DLI Association Calendar 2019. Price £5.00 (+ Postage £3.00 if required)</li><li>• DLI Association Christmas Cards: Price £5.00 for 10 (+Postage for 10 = £1.25, for 20 = £1.60)</li></ul>	Branches

**The Durham Light Infantry Association**

**Branch Statement of Accounts and Strength Return**

**Year Ending 31 December 2018**

Name of Branch:

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<b>A. Brought Forward from 2017</b>	Bank	£	
	Cash	£	
	Stock	£	

<b>B. Income from the year 2018</b>	Bank	£	
	Cash	£	
	Stock	£	

*(From all sources including Lottery Grants)*

<b>C. Expenditure for the year 2018</b>	Bank	£	
	Cash	£	
	Stock	£	

*(including Lottery Grant Expenditure)*

<b>D. Balance carried forward into 2019</b>	Bank	£	
	Cash	£	
	Stock	£	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	

**(D = B – C + A)**

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<b>TOTAL BRANCH MEMBERSHIP 2018</b>	
Total ex-DLI (or other County LI Regt)/LI/Rifles	
Total from other Capbadge or Arm of Service	
Total without former service	
Average Meeting Attendance DURING 2018	

Signature of Secretary:

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Date:

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***To be forwarded to The Secretary, DLI Association, Rifles Durham Office, Elvet Waterside, Durham, DH1 3BW by Friday 15 February 2019***

