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November Newsletter 2010

Welcome to the November edition of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's newsletter.

In this edition, we look forward to the remembrance period, report on some of our recent activities and some of the items heading your way soon.

Welcome also to all our new members. We now have over 5,500 members of our newsletter and are delighted that this number continues to increase.

Please do continue to feedback your comments, they are most welcome and you will see this month we continue reviewing the Commission's commitment worldwide.

PDF of this newsletter is available here.

Glasnevin Cemetery and the Commission

Glasnevin (Prospect Park) Cemetery

In a joint appeal between the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and The Glasnevin Trust, which is responsible for Ireland's largest cemetery, in Dublin, families and relatives of 43 servicemen and women who are buried there in unmarked graves are being asked to come forward.

Having last year marked Remembrance Day by erecting headstones at the graves of three servicemen, this year will see a further 43 headstones unveiled on 11th November. It is hoped that family members will make contact with the Trust and attend the ecumenical and military ceremonies at Glasnevin on Thursday 11th November. So far, relatives of five soldiers have come forward.



- Please see our [website for more information](#) on this story, and details of the names
- More information about [Glasnevin Trust and its work can be found here](#)

Education Matters

Our first newsletter specifically about Education and the work of the Commission was sent to all those who were subscribed to Education updates through our newsletter.

If you are not signed up to Education updates, but would like to see the newsletter, [a pdf of this newsletter is available here.](#)

Do [email us](#) if you would like to be included in future

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One school's story

As many regular readers will know, we often feature a story from one of our visitors. With remembrance upon us, this report from St Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst came at the perfect time for our newsletter.

Pupils from a school near Clitheroe, Lancashire have recently returned from a visit to two Commission cemeteries in France. For St Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst year 7 pupils Katya and Rhys Powell, the visit to [Auchonvillers Military Cemetery](#), which lies on the Somme close to Arras, was particularly special. Their great-great-grandfather Ferdinand Barton was a private with the Lancashire Fusiliers when he was killed in June 1916. The twins laid a wreath with a citation written by their great-grandmother, Private Barton's daughter, *Father, Even though you are far away, you are always with me*.

Also on the trip was Patrick Thorpe, who had researched the story of a former pupil of Stonyhurst, the air ace Major Joseph Callaghan MC, who is buried at [Contay British Cemetery](#). Major Callaghan died in July 1918, after taking on over 20 German planes single-handed. Despite his skill, which had already seen him down four enemy planes in a month, he was unable to beat the overwhelming odds. As well as laying a wreath at Major Callaghan's grave, Patrick also left a copy of his project for other visitors to read. [You can read more on Patrick's website](#)

We were delighted to hear from St Mary's Hall once again, as they assisted us during the Fromelles project, when several children helped design the artwork for the hoardings around the cemetery while it was being built.

Dates for your diary: forthcoming events

Celebrating Remembrance with the Royal Albert Hall

Celebrating Remembrance is a highly successful education programme led by the Learning and Participation team at the Royal Albert Hall and run in collaboration with the National Army Museum and the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

The Commission was delighted to be asked to support the project this year, which encourages educators and students to explore remembrance, and the consequences and realities of war, with the resulting artwork put on display.

This year's exhibition will take place between 10 November and 9 December.

Open days for members of the public to view the exhibition are: Tuesday 16 November from 11 - 2 & Saturday 27 November from 11 - 2.

Exhibition on the work of the Commission in the UK: exhibition continues until 27th November



[*TWGPP](#) (War Graves Photographic Project)

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We will remember them.

Pass it on

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North Lincolnshire Museum, Oswald Road, Scunthorpe, DN15 7BD

For further information and opening hours, please contact the Museum

Tel: 01724 843533 [North Lincs Museum website](#)

Saturday, 13 November 2010 to Sunday, 14 November 2010
Landscapes of the Great War 1914-1918: Destruction & Memory

A unique collection of etchings and postcards from the First World War will be on display at Hall Place Enterprise Centre, Canterbury Christ Church University over the Remembrance weekend 2010.

The exhibition features French and Belgian war artists and it is the first time that this unique private collection of etchings and postcards has been shown in the UK. **This is a free event in support of [Help for Heroes](#) and the Poppy Appeal.**

[Please see this poster for more information](#)

Edwin Lutyens

Cemeteries of the Great War by Sir Edwin Lutyens

Edwin Lutyens was appointed one of three principal architects for the Commission towards the end of the First World War, and one of the best known of the Commission's monuments the [Thiepval Memorial](#), in France, which commemorates more than 72,000 officers and men missing on the Somme, was designed by him.



His work has been compiled into a book entitled '*Cemeteries of the Great War by Sir Edwin Lutyens*', written by Dutch Architect Jeroen Geurst. Last week, the Commission's Director of Northern Europe Area, was delighted when Jeroen presented a first edition of his book to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in Ieper.

The book is the result of a ten year project which the author hopes will raise understanding and awareness of the architectural significance and meaning of Commission maintained cemeteries which he describes as 'forming an impressive foot-print of the war in the landscape' adding 'they are the focus of attention in the annual memorial services and will be the points of address for the coming centennial, the hundredth anniversary of the war that must never be forgotten'.

Copies of the book (published in English) can be purchased by email from [O10 Publishers](#) or from [Idea Books](#). Price: 39,50 euros (£36.50)

Vigil of names: CANADA 1914-1918 YPRES

CANADA 1914-1918 YPRES is a Canadian remembrance project that will take place in November. The 68,000 names of the Canadians killed in the First World War will be individually projected in 150 Canadian schools that represent every province and territory in Canada. The Vigil will last 7 days.



If you are visiting Ieper during November, for seven nights (4-11 November) the Canadian names will be projected in the centre of the city near the Cloth Hall. The last name is timed to appear at sunrise on 11 November.

All 151 locations for the Vigil are linked so that the names appear simultaneously

across 10 time zones.

The Vigil will be available live on the [Canada 1914-1918 website](#).

The Commission is delighted to be assisting with this project once again and has provided photographs and other assistance.

Air Cadets Remember

Air Cadets from 2467 (Nailsea) Squadron visit Air Forces Memorial

On Saturday 9 October, 2467 Squadron visited the Commission's [Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede, Surrey](#).

We were delighted to receive a report of their visit from Cadet Threlfall. His story can be [viewed on our website](#)



The Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede commemorates by name over 20,000 airmen who were lost in the Second World War during operations from bases in the United Kingdom and Northern and Western Europe, and who have no known graves. [For a leaflet on the Memorial please visit our website.](#)

A-Z of countries

O is for Oman

and O is for Outer Area

We have recently been asked to continue our way through our A-Z of countries; which for those of you who have been members for some time will remember was a regular monthly feature highlighting the more unusual places where we have a commitment.



We have now reached O, and this month we briefly cover the Commission's commitment in **Oman**.

Although our commitment here is small, with only two war graves, we also maintain 48 non-world war graves. [Further information on Oman can be found here.](#)

The responsibility for these graves lies with the Director of Commission's Outer Area, who is based here at Head Office, in Maidenhead, UK.

For those of you interested in further information about **Outer Area**, and the total commitment, you may wish to view the [map attached here](#).

We hope to feature further information on the work of Outer Area in future newsletters.

For information, we don't have any other O commitments!

Don't forget to let us know if you have an interesting story we can feature about one of our sites from further afield.

Keep in touch!

If you would like to receive more regular updates, why not join our Facebook and Twitter pages?

The links to these can be found on the right hand side of this newsletter. [Our Facebook page](#) has an ever increasing number of fans and we are always interested in seeing your photographs and receiving your comments.



[Feedback email address](#): Don't forget you can let us have your comments and feedback about any aspect of the Commission's work through this address.

Please remember this is not a general enquiry address.

How our records were compiled?: Thank you very much for all the feedback we have received following this article in our last newsletter.

Many of you asked whether changes can still be made to our records. We will be addressing this in the next issue of our newsletter.

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