



Remembrance Day in Kurdistan

–Victoria Manson

Remembrance Day has always been important to me; it is a time to remember those who laid down their lives for the sake of our freedom. Last November I paid my respects in Kurdistan.

I qualified as a physiotherapist in 2010 and currently work for the NHS in London. I was invited to join a team of orthopaedic specialists on a charitable trip to Kurdistan. The aim of the trip was to treat Kurdish people who had been severely affected in the fighting during Saddam Hussein's time in power. In the week that the team was in Kurdistan we assessed around 1000 patients and performed a number of surgeries. I was lucky enough to scrub in and assist the surgeons which was fascinating in terms of learning about anatomy and broadening my medical knowledge.



During our visit we had been invited to the town of Barzan, to hear about life during the genocide and how the Peshmerga's led by president Barzani, fought to protect the Kurdish people. We heard heart-wrenching stories similar to those of the holocaust where no man, woman or child was spared from a terrible death. We then laid flowers at the grave of president Barzani, his family and the 500 un-named graves of villagers whose bodies are still being recovered years later. It was an emotional day and one I will never forget for every Remembrance Day to come.

I felt privileged to be able to help the veterans and the survivors of this terrible time with our clinics. Many of the patients had chronic disabilities resulting from injuries sustained in battle. I found the trip so rewarding that I have volunteered to return and carry on the good work at Easter.

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Future Events

Friday 7th March 2014, 6:30 pm: AGM and Annual Dinner at The Royal College of Defence Studies

It would be wonderful to see as many Kitchener Scholars as possible this March to witness those just joining our ranks receiving their certificates from our President. Our guest speaker this year will be Lieutenant General Sir Gary Coward KBE CB.

The son of a Gunner himself, Sir Gary attended the Duke of York's Royal Military School (DYRMS), moving straight on to RMA Sandhurst, before being commissioned into The Royal Artillery in 1974. After service as a Field Gunner with the British Army of the Rhine and then in Northern Ireland, he trained as a pilot in 1978, returning to Germany as the commander of a reconnaissance flight and then an anti-tank one. In 1983 Sir Gary transferred to the Army Air Corps (AAC), spending two years in Hong Kong and Brunei piloting Scout helicopters, followed by two years back in the UK, this time as an Adjutant, "mainly flying a desk", as he puts it. On completion of the Army Staff Course, Sir Gary went on to serve in Washington, Middle Wallop, Sarajevo (where he provided daily media briefings on the conflict) and then Whitehall. Amongst his roles at the Ministry of Defence, Sir Gary was Director of Equipment Capability with responsibility for amphibious shipping and helicopters. He served twice at the Joint Helicopter Command, first as its Deputy Commander and then as its Commander. This was followed by a short stint as the Chief of Staff for Joint Warfare Development at Northwood. Sir Gary was awarded an OBE in 1996, made a Companion of the Bath in 2008 before receiving a knighthood in 2012. Since retiring from the Army in October of that year, Sir Gary has remained busy and now chairs a small aviation security company. He is also Vice-Chair of Governors at DYRMS as well as being a Trustee of the Sandhurst Foundation, President of the AAC Veterans' Association whilst also remaining a Deputy Colonel Commandant of that Corps. Sir Gary also actively supports two niche charities – Solider On! and Wings for Warriors that aim to place former service personnel into civilian employment. Sir Gary and his wife Chrissie live in the West Country, whilst their son Ben is an infanteeer who is currently serving as a platoon commander at the Royal Military Academy. Returning to his military career, it is notable that his final tour saw him serve as both Chief of Materiél (Land) and Quartermaster General, so he may be well-placed to comment on the logistical challenges faced by 21st Century Armed Forces, as compared with those faced by Kitchener in creating an effective fighting force some one hundred years earlier.



In recent years there has been an increased demand for places at the annual dinner which has led to the Committee securing a new location which will be able to seat more KS and their friends and family. This year the dinner is being held at a fantastic venue, The Royal College of Defence Studies. The exact location of the venue can be found by using this link www.da.mod.uk/colleges/rcds/contact-rcds. The website also has a great deal of information about the history of the building and images of the beautiful interiors.

Ticket prices are: £30 for Kitchener Scholars receiving their certificates; £50 for other Kitchener Scholars under 30 and guests under 30; £70 for all other tickets. To purchase tickets either post cheques to the Chairman made out to the Kitchener Scholars Association at 54 Kestrel Avenue, London, SE24 0EB. Alternatively please contact Sara Hook on sara.hook08@hotmail.co.uk to make a direct payment. Please also contact Sara if you have any questions about the annual dinner or about the two events below.

Sunday 8th June 2014, 3.15pm: Memorial Service at St Paul's Cathedral followed by tea in the Crypt

Sunday 9th November 2014, 11am: Remembrance Sunday Ceremony on Horse Guards Parade

Support the KSA use Easyfundraising

Donating to the Kitchener Scholars' Association is incredibly simple if you or your family shop online. By registering, logging into www.easyfundraising.org.uk and selecting the Kitchener Scholars' Association as your cause of choice, a small percentage of the money you spend online will go to the KSA at no extra cost to you!

Merchandise

Full details of sizes, prices and how to order our wonderful range of merchandise can be found on the KSA website. So show your support for the KSA now with a Hoodie, tie or bag.



Trip to CERN

Tuesday 22nd April, 2014 2:00pm: Tour at CERN lasting about 3 hours

From time to time, the KSA tries to organise an event in addition to our traditional three events in the year. Emma Sanders (BSc/MSc in Physics and Astrophysics, Manchester University) is Head of Communications at CERN and has extremely kindly arranged a unique opportunity to visit the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) 100m below the surface of the Geneva countryside.



The 27 kilometre LHC recreates the conditions of the very early universe. By studying data from the LHC, physicists discover how this once dense soup of particles evolved to become everything we see around us in the universe today. The LHC machine is itself a marvel of technology. Many new inventions were needed to build the LHC and these have applications in fields as diverse as medicine, computing and solar energy. Over 10,000 scientists from over 100 countries around the world collaborate to build and operate the equipment. The LHC is the latest in a chain of particle accelerators built at the CERN laboratories since 1954. Indeed CERN is one of Europe's longest running collaborations, set up after the Second World War in an effort to reverse the brain drain to the USA and promote peaceful collaboration across the continent.

Emma will give a short introductory talk and guide the group through the LHC magnet test facility before going underground to visit one of the immense experiments on the LHC ring. Emma is author of the best-selling pop-up book "Voyage to the Heart of Matter" and promises to give us a fascinating insight into the challenges of this scientific adventure without drowning us in technical jargon!

Please note that there is no cost for the actual CERN visit but you do have to make your own way there. We are limited to 36 in numbers, so please reserve your place as soon as possible. Please do so by registering your interest, however weak or strong, by contacting Jim Watson or Emma through the details below. Ideally we would like a group of at least 12. We may be able to have lunch in the restaurant. Those joining the group after lunch should be at the CERN reception for 13.50hrs at the latest. There will be a courtesy bus for travelling from site to site during the visit. Passports and closed shoes are needed and pacemakers should be 'signalled' as there are high magnetic fields in some place.

Practical information can be found here: outreach.web.cern.ch/outreach/visites/pratique.html

Emma recommends The Thoiry Business Hotel for those who prefer to stay on the French side. It is good value for money (say you are visiting Emma at CERN and you may get a discount) plus it also offers shuttle bus transport to and from CERN.

Alternatively, you may prefer to be more accessible to Geneva so you can explore the town in the evening.

Any questions, please direct these directly to KSA Vice Chairman Jim Watson at 07957 907947 or jimwatson2006@btinternet.com or Emma Sanders herself emma.sanders@cern.ch

Kitchener's Honorary Colonelcies: What and where are those regiments now?

Outside of his own direct connection with the Royal Engineers, Kitchener was also Honorary Colonel of a number of regiments. Since then, all but the Irish Guards (of which he was Regimental Colonel and whose headquarters are at Wellington Barracks, London) have undergone various degrees of amalgamation. Listed below are the regiments of which he was Honorary Colonel until his death in 1916 and the names by which they are now known, together with the location of their current home headquarters:

*The Royal Scots, now the Royal Regiment of Scotland, whose Regimental Headquarters are at Edinburgh Castle

*The Lancashire Fusiliers, now the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, whose Regimental Headquarters are at The Tower of London

*The 7th Gurkha Rifles, now The Royal Gurkha Rifles, whose Regimental Headquarters are at Shorncliffe, Kent

*1st County of London Yeomanry, now The 47 (Middlesex Yeomanry) Signal Squadron, whose Headquarters are at TA Centre, Honeycroft Hill, Uxbridge

The Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund – 2016 Appeal

As Scholars are no doubt aware, in 2016 it is 100 years since Field Marshal the Right Honourable the Earl Kitchener KG, KP, GCB, GCSI, GCMG, GCIE, ADC, PC drowned whilst on board HMS Hampshire. To commemorate this tragic loss, the Trustees of the Fund agreed to introduce the 2016 Kitchener Appeal.

The Appeal was launched on the 6th November 2013 at the Royal College of Defence Studies, Belgrave Square, London and will close with an event in London in the summer of 2016, the details of which will follow in due course.

The aim of the Appeal is to:

- Significantly increase the value of the Fund, which will enable scholarships to be paid from investment dividends.
- Raise the amount of the annual individual scholarship awarded.
- Re-introduce the European Scholarship to INSEAD

If you are in a position to do so, there are ways you can help by:

- Making a simple donation to the Fund.
- Making an annual donation by Standing Order.
- Arranging a future legacy in favour of the Fund.
- Organizing a fundraising activity.
- Supporting LKNMF dinners and events.

If you would like to know more about how you can help the Fund, please contact the Secretary:

Lieutenant Colonel David Hamilton MBE.
secretary@lknmf.com or telephone: 07931 378876.

Names of new scholars pictured above right with the Association's President, the Lady Emma Kitchener, and KSA Chairman Jonathan Price: Charlotte-Alice Dathan, George Payne, Hannah Rigby



Committee News: Farewell, thank you and welcome

Over the past four years, the Association Secretary, Simon Piggott has done a tremendous job organising the membership database and chasing up KS with reminders to pay the correct sub each year, in addition to the usual duties of Secretary.

As a result of his hard work and dedication, the Association is in a much stronger shape, and it is no exaggeration to say that his efforts have played a major role in ensuring the success of our recent sell-out events. The professional role Simon took on mid way through his tenure as Secretary has taken on more and more of his time, as his responsibilities have increased. he now feels that given his workload and the distance he has to travel for meetings he is no longer in a position to give as much time to KSA role as he would like, and I have regretfully accepted his resignation. A vote of thanks to Simon will be taken at the AGM.

Luckily for us another KES, Sarah Maitland-Jones, has stepped into the breach and will take on the role as Secretary from the next AGM on March 8th, and we are grateful for her offer of help. Sarah will be assisted in the task of administering the membership by Sara Hook.

Sara, who has been on the Committee for just over a year now will be the new Membership Secretary, and will make sure that the database that Simon put so much effort into updating and correcting, will be maintained in tip-top shape.

Obituary — John Andrew May Sloss

The KSA were informed recently that John Andrew May Sloss died on 29th September 2012 aged 67. John received a PhD from Edinburgh University and an MBA from INSEAD. With his wife Moira he founded Thornbury Nursing Services, a specialist provider of staff for the NHS. In 2002, they sold the Bristol-based business to a venture capitalist for £55m. His obituary read "John was known for his charisma, dynamism, humour, and black hat. A force of personality and of intellect".

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