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The Service of Thanksgiving to Celebrate the Life of The 3rd Earl Kitchener of Khartoum TD DL

At the KSA's Annual Dinner in March, the Association's President, The Lady Emma Kitchener LVO extended a warm invitation to all KSs to attend the Memorial Service for her uncle – Henry Kitchener, the 3rd Earl Kitchener of Khartoum TD DL - which took place at noon on Thursday 7 June 2012 at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. A number of KSs were in attendance together with several hundred others from all walks of Henry Kitchener's life – family, friends as well as colleagues from the business, charitable, military, scientific and political worlds together with the Prince and Princess Michael of Kent - as they gathered to celebrate the man and his contribution across a huge range of very disparate fields.

During the Bidding, the description of the qualities found in Henry Kitchener by the clergyman officiating – The Reverend Andrew Tremlett, Canon of Westminster and Rector of St Margaret's – as "a kind, modest and unassuming man" was most apposite. Meanwhile, Henry Kitchener's considerable intellectual faculties, not least his scientific mind and facility with numbers were reflected in the choice of the Old Testament lesson delivered by his godson Angus Sladen from 1 Kings 6: 1-13 as well as by The Reverend Michael Macey, Minor Canon and Precentor, when he later led the congregation in The Mathematician's Prayer. Additionally, his long service in the House of Lords and the Army were reflected well by The Parliamentary Prayer and the Collect of The Royal Corps of Signals respectively being said. An amusing and uplifting Address - albeit, of course, tinged with sadness - was delivered by The Lord Fellowes of West Stafford DL.

The occasion therefore provided a very fitting way in which to mark Henry Kitchener's life with some rousing hymns and beautiful choral music and song, held in surroundings with a suitably strong Parliamentary connection. (For those of you unable to attend on the day, you may be interested to know that the retiring collection was taken in aid of The Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund.)

After the Service, Emma Kitchener generously hosted a reception for those at the Memorial Service in The Great Hall of One Great George Street, home of the Institution of Civil Engineers: so providing a somehow appropriate engineering connection back to Henry Kitchener's forebear. Although your correspondent did have the good fortune to talk with The 3rd Earl Kitchener over the years, it was only on a handful of occasions: he feels sure, however, that Henry Kitchener would very much have approved of the day's proceedings.

Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund Scholarships

Yes it is true, in 2012, The Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund went "E" and now receives all of its applications as email attachments. Couple this with an email shot to all military units and ships, and calling notices on BFBS radio, the Fund received more expressions of interest and full applications for scholarships, than in any other year. So what are the statistics?

The introduction and success of the website www.lknmf.com with downloadable application files, plus associated documents has made the application and reference process speedier, thus reducing postage costs.

- Over 200 email shots to military units and ships were made.
- Over 1700 hits to the website were received.

- About 140 requests for information were received.
- 87 Applications were processed.
- 47 Interviews were conducted.
- 23 Scholarship were awarded.

Of those candidates interviewed, about 10 said their parents or friends, or someone else they knew had passed on the information broadcasted on BFBS radio. The Trustees are grateful for the support offered by BFBS and will be taking up their kind offer of assistance again next year.

Sadly whilst the applications and standard were extremely high, due to the limited funds available, the number of scholarships was held at the same figure as last year, namely 23.

KES Dinner at the House of Lords

From 1980 until 2007, the LKNMF funded one or two scholarships per year for postgraduate studies at INSEAD, the international business school in Fontainebleau. INSEAD offers a highly-regarded one year MBA programme. Recipients of these awards were given the title Kitchener European Scholars. The Hon. Secretary of the KSA felt there would be an interesting networking opportunity to bring these KESs together as many had gone on to have interesting and varied business careers. Having realised that nearly all KESs were missing from the KSA database he inherited, the Hon. Secretary asked the outgoing LKNMF Secretary, Lt. Col. Terry Driscoll, for names of KESs, which Terry was able to provide. Armed with his INSEAD Alumni Address book, the Hon. Secretary was able to identify contact details for the vast majority of the KESs and added them to the main database.

Chantal Davies, the Lady Davies of Stamford, has been a Trustee of the LKNMF for many years and she herself was a Kitchener European Scholar. The Hon. Secretary suggested to Chantal that they should join forces to set up a KES event. A survey was conducted which suggested that interest in a London-based dinner would be reasonably high. Chantal kindly managed to twist the arm of her husband, Lord Davies, who as Quentin Davies, was the MP for Stamford & Bourne, to act as sponsor and host for a dinner in the Peers' Dining room in the House of Lords. And so it was that a plan was hatched and a dinner arranged for 4th October, 2012.

Of the 80 KESs on Terry Driscoll's list, we tracked down contact details for 73 individuals. 21 attended the dinner, with a number bringing their INSEAD spouses. The participation rate was very pleasing, given that 11 out of 73 lived overseas. Our President joined with her husband, as did one or two representatives from the LKNMF, and we managed to just about hit the critical number of 50 persons for a truly memorable dinner in a magnificent and unique setting. Wine consumption was high, as befits Francophile Brits, at an average of a bottle a head. Speeches were made by Lord Davies, the KSA Chairman and the KSA President. Scholars will be pleased to know that the dinner only very slightly breached its self-financing target based on ticket sales. One KES who was unable to attend had earlier made a very generous donation to the LKNMF of £20,000, which with gift aid takes the figure to £25,000. We hope that a number of other KESs will look back on their Kitchener Scholarship as having made a significant impact in helping them on their – invariably successful - business careers. Feedback on the evening was very positive with many asking when the next KES event will be! It was pleasing that a number of KESs were also able to attend the Remembrance Sunday service.

Your KSA Committee

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Committee News

We regret that Ben Hodges and Carl Fazackerley have stepped down from the committee. If anyone with accounting or finance experience would like to take on the challenge of being Treasurer for the Kitchener Scholars' Association do please contact the Chairman.

Do contact the Editors of the Newsletter if you would like to write an article for the next newsletter.

We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Remembrance Day 2012 – Claudia Foster

The eleventh hour, on the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, this year, fell on a beautiful autumnal Sunday. The KSA met at the statue of the first Lord Kitchener on Horse Guards Parade, where the two minutes' silence was marked by the firing of a field gun by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery.

It was the largest attendance to date, with Scholars past and present participating in the short ceremony along with a number of guests. Our President, The Lady Emma Kitchener LVO, laid a wreath at the foot of the statue following the silence.

Afterwards we all made our way to the traditional Indian restaurant near Sloane Square, where there was barely a spare seat in the house! We were joined by our first Admiral to attend the Remembrance event and all enjoyed the opportunity to meet and socialise with Scholars old and new.

On a personal note, it was the first KSA event I had attended, following a recent move to London, and I would like to say thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome; I look forward to the next occasion, which is the 2013 AGM and Annual Dinner on 8th March, when I hope to meet even more Association Scholars. If you haven't been to an event before, I assure you, they really are a friendly bunch!



A career in mining finance — Tom Butler

Kitchener Scholars seem to have a fairly eclectic range of jobs, and I suppose Global Head of Mining at IFC is no exception. The International Finance Corporation is the private sector arm of the World Bank Group. We were set up in 1956 to finance the private sector in developing countries. We provide both debt and equity on a commercial basis in “challenging addresses”.

Back in 1956, the first few projects IFC did were in places like Chile, France and Australia. Today IFC’s main priority is Africa, where in mining we have financed projects in countries like Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Burkina Faso; but my “global” title is still relevant, as we also have projects in places like Peru, Brazil, Oceania, Mongolia and China.

I have a team of 15 mining investment officers based around the globe to work on these projects. Our partners vary from the very

largest companies in the world, like Rio Tinto, to smallcap junior companies struggling to develop projects in countries that have barely emerged from civil conflict, such as Côte d’Ivoire.

Mining, if properly managed, can be one of the most transformative sectors for a country. One has only to look at Johannesburg, which was literally built on gold. About five years ago IFC financed a gold project in Ghana that now generates 10% of the country’s foreign exchange and creates 28 indirect jobs for every direct job. Of course there are also several examples of countries which have suffered under the resource curse for decades due to poor governance and mis-management of the mining sector.

This issue can be bigger than IFC, but we do our bit by requiring transparency and good governance in all our projects and we generally “punch above our weight” in terms of

influencing the whole sector. IFC’s environmental and social standards have been adopted by most mining companies and banks worldwide, and our approach to sustainability is recognized as best practice.

When I graduated from INSEAD I wanted a job in finance that would make a meaningful difference in the poorest parts of the world. Fifteen years later, I can’t say I have been disappointed...

Social Media and the Website

We would like to encourage scholars to join our Facebook, LinkedIn and Friends Reunited pages as we intend to arrange and notify scholars of future events via these sites.

The Committee have been discussing updating the appearance and functionality of the KSA website and we are pleased to announce that Jim Watson is overseeing the website upgrade project. We hope to have a more user friendly site launched in 2013.

Visit to Hooge Crater — Jim Watson

When travelling through France or Belgium I have often taken the opportunity to visit many of the Great War’s memorials or battle sites instead of just driving by.

One summer I visited the Hooge Crater Cemetery and a number of smaller cemeteries around Sanctuary Wood.

Hooge Crater Cemetery, a Commonwealth War Graves Commission burial ground, has over 5,000 British and Allied forces buried there, plus special memorials to men believed to be buried there. There are over 3,500 burials which are of unidentified soldiers. Walking around the Cemetery one is reminded of the incredible sacrifices made by so many young people from all around the world.

Hooge is a small village on the Menin Road near Ypres. The front line was here in 1914 and it experienced fierce fighting over the next three years with Hooge

village being completely destroyed. The road from Ypres to Hooge goes past the infamous Hellfire corner, once one of the most dangerous spots on the Western Front.

A large crater was blown at Hooge in July 1915 after extensive tunnelling by the British forces to surprise the Germans in their trenches and fortifications above. According to various records the officer in charge of tunnelling and laying the mine at Hooge was a Lieutenant Geoffrey Cassels, and the work was completed by 175 Tunnelling Company in less than six weeks. The key tunnel was 190 feet long and intended to blow charges under German concrete fortifications which they were constructing. The crater made was estimated to be 120 feet wide by 20 feet deep.

The area surrounding the crater was taken by men from the 1/

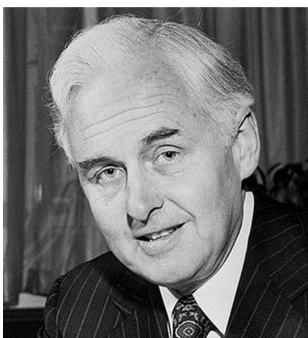
Gordon Highlanders and 4/ Middlesex, 10 of whom were killed by debris from the mine as they waited to attack immediately after the explosion. Lieutenant Cassels was nearly arrested because of this, although he was later awarded the Military Cross, and commended for his efforts. The German losses from the blowing of the mine were estimated to be several hundred.

There is the opportunity to visit the Hooge Crater Museum opposite the Cemetery.



Obituary — Sir William Barlow

Sir William Barlow, who has died aged 87, was a highly experienced engineering manager who headed companies including Ransomes Hoffman Pollard (RHP), Thorn EMI Engineering and BICC, but is best remembered for his three years as chairman and chief executive of the Post Office. He was also a Kitchener Scholar and contributed to the funding of one of our annual dinners a few years ago.



William Barlow was born in 1924 and studied at Manchester Grammar School and UMIST, graduating in 1944 with a First in Electrical Engineering. He went straight into the Royal Navy, serving for three years in minesweeping in the North Sea and the Mediterranean. In 1947, he joined English Electric and started a very successful career in electronics including: managing a large electrification project for Spanish National Railways, and becoming manager

of English Electric's Canadian operations. In 1962 he was promoted to managing director of the company's Liverpool operations, with 14,000 employees in turbine, aero-engine, electric power equipment and domestic appliance manufacture. Barlow's focus changed in 1968, when he became managing director of English Electric Computers and organised the division's merger with International Computers and Tabulators to create ICL. He resigned after 21 years' service when English Electric decided to merge with GEC — a move with which he strongly disagreed. His next challenge was chief executive of RHP following Labour's Industrial Reorganisation.

In September 1977, Barlow was knighted for services to industry and appointed chairman of the Post Office. Barlow persuaded Margaret Thatcher's incoming government to accept that the Royal Mail and Post Office Telephones (now BT) were such different businesses that the organisation had to be split in two. He oversaw the change and delivered it inside a year with a minimum of internal upheaval. He wanted to go further and enable BT to finance radical changes, including the adoption of digital telephony, by raising money on the markets and, ideally, floating the organisation on the stock exchange under his own chairmanship. But Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet had not yet embraced privatisation; and with the Treasury resisting any weakening of its grip on public investment, the plan was vetoed and Barlow returned to the private sector.

Bill Barlow married, in 1948, Elaine Adamson, with whom he had a son and a daughter. **Sir William Barlow, born June 8 1924, died May 19 2012**

A study of War — Alexander Millar

As a current Scholar I attended my first KSA event at Remembrance Day this year. I enjoyed meeting a variety of scholars from all walks of life and discussing my degree in War Studies. I study at the University of Birmingham. War Studies which is the study of conventional and unconventional armed conflict, through a historical spectrum. War is relevant to all peoples; the word exists in every language, and has occurred throughout human history. It has shaped our culture, even the states in which we live today. My dissertation is on the British counter-insurgency campaign in Malaya, and how it has shaped British and American counter-insurgency efforts since.

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Future Events

KSA AGM and Annual Dinner, Friday 8th March 2012. Venue to be confirmed but it will be in central London. Please contact Susan Saunders who is running the guest list if you wish to attend.

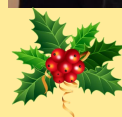
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