

## REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR

A two-volume 'pocket' guide to HAC Graves and Memorials 1900-1923

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Lieutenant-General Sir Barney White-Spunner, then President & Colonel-Commandant of the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC), visited Greece in September 2012. In Syra New British Cemetery he unexpectedly found the grave of an HAC member - Driver Henry Francis Stanley Williams. As a result of this surprising find, General Barney had the idea for the production of a booklet listing the locations of all HAC war graves so that members, before they visited a particular area, would know about and could then arrange to visit members' graves to ensure that they were in good order (and possibly also to lay a wreath).

In fulfilment of this suggestion, the HAC Archives has now produced such a 'pocket' Guide. This lists the names and graves and memorials of HAC members (and men known to have been attached to HAC units) who were casualties of the First World War. The graves and memorials are to be found in Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) cemeteries and a number of other burial grounds. The Guide shows that Dvr Williams, whose grave the General found, was in A Bty and drowned in the troopship *Arcadian* on 15 April 1917, when it was sunk by enemy action whilst on the way to Alexandria from Salonika.

The Guide has been split into two volumes: Book I covers cemeteries and memorials in France and Book II covers all other countries and regions, in the following order – Belgium, the Rest of Europe (Austria, Germany, Greece, Italy, Malta, Turkey and the United Kingdom), the Middle East (Iran, Iraq, Israel and Palestine, the Lebanese Republic and Syria), Africa (Egypt and Tanzania) and India. Book I has an index of names for graves and memorials in France and Book II has a full index of names for all countries covered (including France). Each country or regional cemetery listing is prefaced by a simple sketch map, or a series of sketch maps. Each map is plotted with a numbered cemetery or memorial drawn from a corresponding list.

At the beginning of Book I, introductory notes provide background information on the history of the HAC in the First World War, an overview of the CWGC and the sources of casualty data used. An explanation on how to use this Guide follows, together with a list of

abbreviations. Also included at the end of Book II are details of HAC members who died in the South African War 1899-1902 (six), the Third Afghan War 1919 (three) and the Anglo-Irish War 1919-21 (two).

If you would like to order one of a limited edition of 500 sets, the guide will soon be available from Cristina Kennedy in the Company Office, priced at £15 for the two volumes, excluding postage and packaging. (Please note that the booklets will not be sold separately). Members will be encouraged to pick up their set from Armoury House. If a set needs to be posted, costs will be £4 (UK), £7 (Europe) and £9 (rest of the world).

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