



**We remember
those members of the
Lloyd's community
who lost their lives in the
First World War**



**LLOYD'S
MOTOR CLUB**

**Dedicated to the Fallen at Lloyd's of
London
in the Great War**



A Foreign Field ~ Picture Courtesy Amanda Blackman



Picture Courtesy Roger Smeeton

The Great War Centenary Tour

A Once in a Lifetime Event

In 2017 members and guests of the Lloyd's Motor Club (LMC) attended a battlefields tour in France. A walk in the forest on the final day of our trip sparked a conversation with two of my LMC colleagues Graham Faggetter and Giles Schofield about the significance of 2018, 100 years after the end of WW1 and the possibility of conducting an LMC commemorative event in 2018.

There was a compelling need to undertake an event in 2018 and on returning to London attention turned to exploring the possibilities.

The discovery of an unpublished book compiled by John Hamblin, one of our Lloyd's market colleagues, brought the whole idea of an event together. John's book chronicles the Fallen from Lloyd's of London in WW1, the book's detail includes the resting places of the Lloyd's Fallen and it formed the perfect basis for our event.

As a result, In June 2018, fifteen cars and thirty six LMC members with

their guests travelled to France and Belgium to lay commemorative crosses on the resting places of the Fallen from Lloyd's of London in WW1. In addition, crosses will be laid at the resting places of the Lloyd's Fallen throughout the United Kingdom in Germany, Greece, Italy, Iraq, Egypt, Israel, Palestine and Gaza.

John's original unpublished book is incorporated in this publication as a result of the generosity of the Lloyd's Three Rooms Charitable Trust. This book has been limited to 100 copies and gifted to the participants on the 2018 trip with the remainder offered for sale in aid of our chosen charity the Not Forgotten Association www.nfassociation.org

To my colleagues Graham Faggetter and Giles Schofield my sincere thanks for your support in making the event such a success and your dedication in the planning and delivery.

LMC members and their guests are privileged and proud to have participated in this once in a lifetime event commemorating the Fallen at Lloyd's, one hundred years from the end of The Great War.

We dedicate this book to our fallen colleagues:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Martin Robinson
Chairman
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The Tour Report

The team of 36 Lloyd's Motor Club members and their guests had been split into 5 groups in order to cover the resting places of the Lloyd's fallen in France and Belgium. Teams Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta and Echo commenced the placement of crosses on Friday 1st June supported by Graham Faggetter and Giles Schoefield who manned the Logistics Corp. on the trip.

Day 1 Friday 1st June 2018 ~ Thiepval

Following a day of the teams visiting their pre-arranged resting places of the Fallen, the whole team met for the first time at 17:00 hrs at the Thiepval Memorial.

Following a tour of the splendid visitors center, Martin Robinson led the commemoration to the twenty-one Lloyd's Fallen who are remembered at the memorial. The name of each of the Lloyd's Fallen was read out to the assembled Lloyd's visitors. We were joined by representatives from Charterhouse School who were paying their respects to the Charterhouse Fallen.

The Lloyd's Wreath was presented by:

Martin Robinson (Chairman, Lloyd's Motor Club)
Roger Earl (Hon. Life President. Lloyd's Motor Club)
Don Coombe MBE / JP (Hon. Life President of the 3 Rooms Club)
Graham Faggetter (Lloyd's Motor Club Committee)
Giles Schofield (Charterhouse School)

The wreath laid by Max Taylor (Former Chairman of Lloyd's).

Simon Kemp played the Last Post and the group fell silent for one minute.

Following the Thiepval Event the Lloyd's group retired to the Royal Picardie Hotel in Albert where we were joined for dinner by members of the Charterhouse School. Following the meal Bob Volante gave a music hall performance of WW1 songs on his Banjolele and was accompanied by Michael Cobb on guitar and Max Taylor on the Ukulele.



Martin Robinson reads the names of the twenty one Lloyd's Fallen Recorded at The Thiepval Memorial ~ Picture Courtesy Roger Smeeton



The Lloyd's Team at the Thiepval Memorial ~ Picture Courtesy Roger Smeeton



Simon Kemp Plays the Last Post at the Thiepval Memorial ~ Picture Courtesy Roger Smeeton



Max Taylor leads the Lloyd's Wreath Laying Ceremony at Thiepval ~ Picture Courtesy Roger Smeeton

Day 2 Saturday 2nd June 2018

Breakfast and an early get away from the Royal Picardie Hotel saw the team head off to resume their duties laying crosses at the resting places of the fallen.

Our evening was spent at the Hotel Maison Rouge in Noeux-le-Mines, where the Lloyd's Group met for a meal and entertainment by Bob Volante and his team.

Day 3 Sunday 3rd June 2018 ~ St Martin's and the Menin Gate

Cross laying duties commenced early in the day in order that the group could check into the Ariene Hotel in Ypres.

Our first evening engagement was to attend Mass at St Martin's Cathedral in Ypres. The Charterhouse Choir gave a splendid performance in a wonderful location in front of Lloyd's & Charterhouse guests and members of the public.



The Charterhouse Choir Sing in St Martin's cathedral Ypres ~ Picture Courtesy Roger Smeeton

Our second engagement was set for the Menin Gate at 20:00 where Lloyd's took center stage in the wreath laying ceremony.



The Lloyd's Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Menin Gate ~ Picture Courtesy Roger Smeeton

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Deborah Robinson
Brigadier Mike Hickson

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Our final engagement of the day was at the Novotel Centrum Ypres where the Lloyd's Group was joined by the Charterhouse School group.

The Charterhouse Choir performed for the assembled guests. The Chairman of the Lloyd's Motor Club made an address and Simon Kemp

played the Last Post, followed by one minute of silence after which Simon played Reveille.

Day 4 ~ Sunday 4th June 2018

The single planned event for the day was a visit to Tyne Cott to lay a wreath on behalf of Lloyd's Motor Club

The Tyne Cott visit brought an emotional yet very rewarding end to our tour.

2019 brings the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, a Lloyd's Motor Club tour is in the planning stage.



The "Of the Era" Bugle played during the Great War Centenary Tour 2018
~ Pictures Courtesy Simon Kemp



Picture Courtesy Roger Smeeton