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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2011

North Irish Horse Acts of Remembrance and Wreath Laying Ceremonies

Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the North Irish Horse in the following locations: Belfast City Hall, Ballymoney, Londonderry Dunmore Park TAC, Dervock and the Cenotaph Whitehall London. Details for all these events together with contact details for more information are shown in this Supplement. Please give these Acts of Remembrance your best support.

Belfast City Hall

The principle Act of Remembrance will take place in the Belfast City Hall at the revised time of 0830 hours. Wreaths will be laid on behalf of B (NIH) Sqn QOY the NIHRA and the Extended Regimental Family (ERF). All are welcome to attend this act of remembrance. Those attending should assemble by the NIH Memorial Windows at 0815 hours at the latest. The time has been brought forward to enable members of the; serving squadron, NIHRA and ERF to attend the act of remembrance and dedication of the new NIHRA Banner in Dervock. Details of the Dervock event and transport arrangements are shown in column 3. If you plan to attend the ceremony in the City Hall please complete the enclosed return slip.

Ballymoney

A wreath will be laid by the NIHRA at the Cenotaph Ballymoney. The service commences at 1030 and wreaths are scheduled to be laid at 1100 hours. This act of remembrance is followed at 1400 hours by a parade and Church Service. The parade assembles at the Ballymoney RBL at 1400 hours and progresses to the Ballymoney First Presbyterian Church. The Church Service is scheduled to start at approx 1500 hours. The paraded consists of the RBL, regimental associations, representatives from the armed services and local youth organizations.

Londonderry

The North West Branch and 69 (NIH) Signal Squadron will observe their act of remembrance at the Londonderry Cenotaph. The service starts at 1030 hours and wreaths are laid at 1100 hours. The NW Branch wreath is to be laid by the Chairman Major George Wylie MBE TD.

The English Branch London

The English Branch (EB) has a full programme of events on both Thursday 10th November and Sunday 13th November. Any NIHRA members and their friends visiting London during this period will be most welcome to join in and to give their support.

The Garden of Remembrance Westminster Abbey

Colonel David Maitland-Titterton accompanied by members of the EB place a poppy cross in the NIH Regimental Plot. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Colonel David as soon as possible for tickets. Colonel David's contact details are shown below. Security is tight on these occasions and there is no admittance without tickets. The ceremony starts at 1015 hours on 10 November 2011.

Westminster Cathedral Saint Patrick's Chapel

Colonel David has arranged for a wreath laying ceremony to take place in Saint Patrick's Chapel. Wreaths are laid on behalf of both the North Irish Horse and South Irish Horse. Again any one who would like to witness or participate in this ceremony should contact Colonel David as soon as possible. This event starts at 1400 hours on 10th November 2011.

The Cenotaph White Hall Sunday 13th November 2011

The parade forms up on Horse Guards Parade at 0915 hours. The NIHRA are to parade with the Combined Irish Regimental Associations (CIRAssn). The CIRAssn forms part of Column B Contingent B23. Colonel David will command the whole CIRAssn contingent. After the ceremony and parade all the CIRAssn contingent are invited to repair to the Civil Service Club for refreshments (on repayment). The Civil Service Club is located at 13/15 Great Scotland Yard (Tel 0207 930 4881); this is just of the Whitehall end of Trafalgar Square and adjacent to Nigeria House. Nearest underground station is the Embankment.

Contact Details.

If you would like to attend any of the English Branch events please contact Colonel David Maitland-Titterton as soon as possible. Telephone: 0118 981 5098.

Dervock The Dedication of the New NIHRA Banner

The new NIHRA Banner is to be dedicated on Sunday 13th November 2011 at the War Memorial in the Memorial Gardens Dervock. The Dedication ceremony will start prior to the Service of Remembrance at 1030 hours precisely. Poppy wreaths will be laid at the conclusion of the service at 1100 hours. The NIHRA wreath will be laid by the Honorary Colonel Colin R McDonald TD.

Immediately following the Wreath Laying there is to be a march past and a parade from the Memorial Gardens through the village of Dervock to the Dervock Orange Hall. The parade will consist of the RBL, representatives of the uniformed services, Regimental Associations and youth organisations.

The RBL Dervock has kindly extended an invitation for all members of the NIHRA and the Regimental family to join them for a buffet luncheon. (Free gratis and for nothing)

Administration

Transport. An 18 (eighteen) seat coach has been arranged to depart from Dunmore Park TAC at 0900 hours sharp. This coach is for the convenience of NIHRA members and members of the Regimental family who would like to attend the Dedication and Memorial Service in Dervock. The return fare is £10 per person. There are no concessions for OAPs and children. The NIHRA Chairman William Brown will be in charge of the coach. The coach is scheduled to arrive back in Dunmore Park at 1400 hours.

To reserve a seat on the coach complete the attached acknowledgement slip and return it to the Secretary together with your cheque ASAP and by Thursday 3 November at the latest. Seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Useful Contacts

Belfast City Hall. The Secretary RJ Kirk
028 9146 1077

Ballymoney. WJ (Liam) McCurdy.
028 2766 5813

Londonderry. MM (Mac) McGowan
028 7035 8619

Dervock. T (Tom) Crothers
028 90866919

Possible alternative transport. A (Drew) Thompson
0792 1506 266

The North Irish Horse Regimental Association Remembrance Sunday 13th November 2011

Nil Returns or Apologies are NOT Required
The Serving Members of B (NIH) Sqn QOY need not
complete this return

From: _____ (**Telephone:** _____)

Belfast City Hall. I have noted the revised time of 0815 hours and it is my intention to attend the Act of Remembrance in the Belfast City Hall.

***Dervock Transport Reservation.** I would like to reserve _____ seat(s) at £10 per person on the coach departing from Dunmore Park TAC at 0900 hours precisely to Dervock. Names of the other passengers are:

Dervock Lunch. I will be travelling to Dervock under my own arrangements but I would like to be included in the lunch. There will be _____ persons in my party.

* It is assumed that all who reserve a seat on the coach will be staying for the Lunch Party.

My cheque for £_____ is enclosed. Cheques should be drawn in favour of "The North Irish Horse Regimental Association"

Signed _____

Date.

Please return to RJ Kirk: 108 Seacliff Road, Bangor BT20 5EZ
by Thursday 3 November 2011 at the latest.