



THE WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION  
THE LONDON BRANCH COMMITTEE

# UNKNOWN WARRIOR COMMEMORATION

8.00 PM, 10TH NOVEMBER 2014  
PLATFORM 8, VICTORIA STATION, LONDON, SW1V 1JU



## REMEMBERING

Each year at 8.00pm on 10th November, the London Branch of The Western Front Association holds a ceremony of commemoration at Victoria Station to remember the arrival of the Unknown Warrior.

## THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR

The body of the Unknown Warrior, sealed in a casket, was brought to Platform 8 at Victoria Station on 10 November 1920 at 8.32pm. An overnight vigil was maintained by Servicemen.

On the morning of 11 November 1920, the casket was placed onto a gun carriage of the Royal Horse Artillery and drawn by six horses through immense and silent crowds.

As the cortege set off, a field marshal's salute was fired in Hyde Park.

The route followed was Hyde Park Corner, The Mall, thence to Whitehall and the Cenotaph. After the unveiling of the Cenotaph, the cortege was followed by the King, the Royal Family and ministers of state to Westminster Abbey.

The casket was borne into the West Nave of the Abbey flanked by a guard of honour of one hundred recipients of the Victoria Cross.

The guests of honour were 1,000 widows and mothers, including 100 women chosen because they had each lost their husband and all of their sons, and 100 nurses wounded or blinded at the Front.

The coffin was then interred in the far western end of the nave, only a few feet from the entrance, in soil brought from each of the main battlefields, and covered with a silk pall.

Servicemen from the armed forces stood guard as tens of thousands of mourners filed silently past.



# REMEMBERING 1914-18



## ORDER OF EVENTS

8:00PM PUBLIC ASSEMBLY AT THE MAIN CONCOURSE BY PLATFORM 8

8:15PM PARADE ASSEMBLY

8.20PM NARRATION

8:30PM LAST POST AND ONE MINUTES SILENCE

THE EXHORTATION:

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

REVEILLE

8:32 PM PRESENTATION OF WREATHS

DISPERSE

MUSIC PLAYED BY THE FUSILIER ASSOCIATION LONDON CORPS OF DRUMS





FOUNDED BY JOHN GILES  
INAUGURATED 11 NOVEMBER 1980

The Western Front Association was formed with the aim of  
furthering interest in The Great War of 1914-18.  
We also aim to perpetuate the memory, courage and comradeship of  
all those who served their countries during that time.  
Established in 1980 by noted military historian John Giles,  
the Association has grown over the years to some 6,500 members throughout the world.

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