



Bringing alive the dry pages of history

Restoration work on the Helles Memorial



The Helles Memorial to the missing in Gallipoli is to undergo major restoration work that may take up to five years as the 550 panels receive renovation. For almost 90 years the memorial has sat proudly on the tip of the entrance to the Dardanelles, visible to passing ships and battlefield visitors alike. Its exposed position has subjected the memorial to extreme cold in winter and extreme heat in the height of summer but more worryingly underground tremblings from seismic activity have damaged the foundations of the impressive structure. Planning has been underway for some time now and the required number of stonemasons and enough of the required stone have been sourced for the work to start this May. Access to the

memorial will be unaffected by the works that are scheduled over five phases however individual names may be out of reach. We have just four places left for our September departure to Gallipoli when we will visit the memorial and update on its progress.

VC Remembered March- L/Cpl Sayer 1918



L/Cpl J Sayer - 8/Queens 21/22 March 1918. John Sayer and his unit had been under constant attack for over 24 hours since the German's had broken through the forward zone and were attempting to capture the village held by the 8/Queens. When forced to withdraw Sayer stayed behind and manned a machine gun post for in excess of 2 hours enabling his colleagues to make good their escape to fight a

further day. When seriously wounded he was eventually overrun and captured. He died in captivity of his wounds four weeks later and today lies in Le Cateau military cemetery.

These selected units wear this honour with pride

Chitral March 7 1897 — The Buffs, The Bedfordshire Regt, K.O.S.B., The East Lancs Regt, KRRC, The Seaforth Highlanders, The Gordon Highlanders, The 14th (Ferozepore Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry, The 4th Kashmir Rifles.

2009 Tour Schedule

Gallipoli I *Full
Walking Arras *Full
24/28 May Walking the Vosges
new tour for 2009
14/18 June Walking Normandy
19/23 July Walking Wipers
new walks for 2009
26/30 July Walking Cambrai
9/13 Aug Redcoats to Khaki
6/10 Sept Somme Strolls II
20/25 Sept Gallipoli II
11/16 Oct Italian Campaign
The Road to Rome

