

The Quickfirer!



Bringing alive the dry pages of history

Forgotten Voices stage show.

The brilliant oral testimonies book "Forgotten voices" by Max Arthur will shortly be taking to the stage in London and later at the Edinburgh fringe.



The show is a distillation of the Imperial War Museum oral archives from the 1970's adapted for the stage. The 5 strong cast, the Director and Author this month

went to Ypres and the Somme as part of a learning exercise to gain a greater understanding of the Great War and to help empathise with their characters. Battle Honours was pleased to be chosen as their Tour company for the visit which included a personal pilgrimage for actor Mathew Kelly to see the grave of his Great Uncle from 1917. The show is on at Riverside studios in West London from 1st June-July 7th.

This month in History – May

On Land – The 2nd battle of Krithia was launched in May 1915 at Gallipoli. The freshly arrived 42nd East Lancs Division was thrown into the battles near Gully ravine with the vain hope of capturing the high hills of Achi Baba. The Turks held and by the 9th May Hamilton told London he needed another Corps to break the Turkish siege at Helles.

VC– Francis Jefferson, Lancs Fusiliers. May 16th 1944 at the Liri Valley, Monte Cassino. His battalion having crossed a river were enlarging the bridgehead when the Germans launched a counter attack supported by Tanks, realizing the seriousness of the situation Jefferson took the PIAT anti tank weapon, and stood up from behind a hedge under a hail of



bullets and attacked the nearest Tank, knocking it out. The other Tanks withdrew as he reloaded and the counter attack was smashed. His VC was stolen in 1982 during a Burglary and is still missing.

The following units wear this honour with pride

Bullecourt April/May 1917. Post Office Rifles, Finsbury Rifles, London Rifle Brigade, Royal Warwickshire Regt, HAC, Royal Fusiliers, Border Regt, Manchester Regt, South Staffords, Duke Of Wellingtons, West Yorkshires.

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