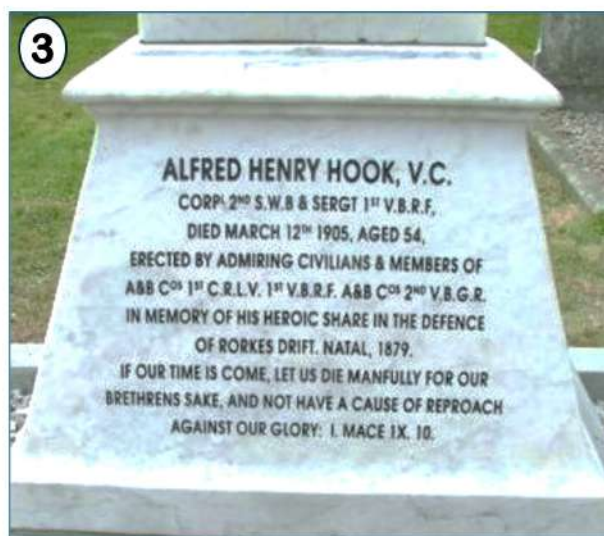


FUSILIERS NEWS

Be Tough – Be Infantry – Be Fusiliers

Did you know? From the vaults of the FUSILIER LONDON VOLUNTEER MUSEUM, Balham



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history

Actor James Booth (1), played Private Alfred Henry Hook (2) in the 1964 film 'Zulu'. In real life, Alfred was not the scoundrel the film portrays. On leaving the Army and after several jobs he joined the 1st Volunteer Battalion Royal Fusiliers in London. He died in 1905 and is buried (3) in east London. We leave the reader to research more . . .

This image refers to the film "Zulu". One of its stars, Sir Micheal Caine, served in the Royal Fusiliers in the UK and in the Korean War

The 1 January Fusilier Newsletter

In this edition, read about a Fusilier in the Pacific, the 2025 Battle of the Marne commemoration and a run for charity.



In front of the 'Atomic Tank'



Off duty, Hawaii style...

A Fusilier in the Pacific

Major David Gates, OC C Company 5 FUSILIERS from 2018 to 2020, has recently returned from a seven-month deployment, working as part of the US Army Pacific.

Deploying in January 25, he spent seven months based out of O'ahu in the Hawaiian island chain. He was posted into a Multi Domain Task Force, one of the newest units fielded by the US Army.

Of note during his time in the Pacific, he was able to visit Centurion 169041, better known to tank aficionados as 'The Atomic Tank'. Manufactured in 1951 in ROF Leeds in Barnbow for the Australian Army, it not only survived several RPG hits during fighting in Vietnam – but a 9.1kt nuclear blast detonating 500 yards from its position. For further information, see:

www.info.raeme.org.au

www.defence.gov.au

On return to the UK, David has moved to a post in Defence Business Services to work with serving personnel and veterans.

(David apologises for deploying in Royal Yorkshire Regiment uniform as he was serving at the time as a company commander in 4 YORKS)

The Battle of the Marne Commemoration

The 2025 Fusilier Association's long weekend commemoration event of the 1st Battle of the Marne in 1914 was the most successful and enjoyable of recent years. Leaving London on 11 September the group including wives /partners and serving Fusiliers travelled to Epernay in France in fine style.

On the 12 September, the always moving ceremony at La Ferte sous Jouarre took place at the impressive Commonwealth War Graves Commission Memorial upon which are inscribed the names of the 3,764 fallen of the British Expeditionary Force who fell at Mons, the Retreat from Mons, Le Cateau, and the Marne and Aisne battles and have no known grave.

Due to the Fusiliers' long friendship with La Ferte there followed a splendid reception in the town's picturesque Mairie.

The 13 September was a free day until the late afternoon's short ceremony at Sezanne. It was taken up with visiting a small Champagne house for tasting and purchase, plus spending time in lovely Epernay.

On the 14th, the morning was spent with the main ceremony of the weekend at the impressive Battle Memorial, followed by lunch. The day ended with paying respects to German dead then an end of weekend party in our hotel.

The latter was the finale to a grand weekend of comradeship between Fusiliers who had served together, made easy by the splendid bars and restaurants in Epernay. We returned safely to London on the 15 September.

Why not join the 2026 event from 10 – 14 September? Attendees last September cannot understand why the event is not over subscribed. Expressions of interest please to the organiser Richard Adams on mondement1@gmail.com or 07961452182.



**In front of the La Ferte sous Jouarre Memorial,
together with schoolchildren who always attend to
thank our former comrades coming to the aid of
France in 1914**

Running for Charity

A Fusilier officer will be running the 2026 London Marathon on behalf of the Army Benevolent Fund (ABF). Maj Joe Murray, who recently handed over command of W (FSp) Coy at 1 FUSILIERS and led the Battalion cross country team, reports training is going well.

The ABF work closely with the Fusilier Aid Society, supporting a number of specific welfare cases through grants, so any sponsorship will indirectly support our Regimental charity. Any sponsorship is very welcome.

If you would like to sponsor him, you can do so here:

<https://events.armybenevolentfund.org/fundraisers/josephmurray>



Training at a competition



The Mayor of Whitnash, Cllr Adrian Barton, Leamington Spa was with the Warwick and Leamington Branch for a Christmas Lunch on the 14 December 2025 at the Whitnash Social and Sports

NOTICES



THE LIGHT CAVALRY HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY

Recruiting Evening

Date: Wednesday 18 February 2026
Time: 1830 - 2015 hrs
Place: Armoury House, City Road,
London EC1Y 2BQ

Membership of the Light Cavalry is open to all ranks. You will need at least 3 years uniformed service to join. Riders, those willing to learn, and non-riders, are all welcome.

Includes:

- History & uniforms
- Mounted/dismounted troop activities and duties
- Static Display Stand
- Drill Demonstrations (Movement, Sword, Lance)
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libero pretium
pharetra quis.
Nunc elit lorem
magna vitae.”**

-DIAM NOBIS



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Heading

Names are inscribed on separate tablets for each regiment involved, including of course the Northumberland Fusiliers, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Royal Fusiliers and Lancashire Fusiliers. Our former comrades are thus, as ever, not forgotten. The Fusiliers have established a close relationship with La Ferte sous Jouarre where the BEF drove the German armies out of the town at the start of the Marne battle. They tell us that no other regiment remember their dead like the Fusiliers. The town entertained us royally after the ceremony.