

Remembering those who fell in the Wars

MAC the Muslim Association of Croydon, were invited to lay a wreath at the Menin Gate Ceremony in May 2018 for all the Soldiers who died fighting for freedom in the great wars and conflicts. We are very thankful to Alex Starr who organised the trip and guided us throughout and arranged the visit, transport etc for the 50 Men, Women and Children who took part on this very memorable occasion.

Just a quick reminder over 400,000 of the 1.4 million British Indian Army, which is today's modern day Pakistan, India & Bangladesh, that constituted the volunteer force during the first world war.

Muslims and historian believe that close to 50,000 were injured and over 8,500 died on the Western Front thousands of miles from home in very harsh conditions. The first ever Victoria Cross of WW1 was awarded to a Pakistani Khudadad Khan and a statue of Khudadad Khan stands at the entrance of the Pakistan Army Museum in Rawalpindi.

We visited many historical sites in France & Belgium and at 8pm took part in the last post and memorial service at the Menin Gate where Thousands attended to pay tribute to the fallen heroes.

We Must Remember Them All and visit the such important sites where wars were lost and won for our Freedoms.

We are still looking for personal stories and reflections of the many people of different faiths who fought in the World wars for our exhibition in November. Please get in touch by emailing tamkinriaz@gmail.com if you have anything you would like to tell us or pictures of people of faith who fought.

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