



RECEPTION & LECTURE

In aid of the Welsh Guards Afghanistan Appeal

“THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME”

An Illustrated Talk by Rhydian Vaughan



Wednesday 20th March 2013

The first day of the Battle of the Somme on 1st July 1916 was "a catastrophe unparalleled in the history of the British Army" but the overall end result in March 1917 was the Germans retreating some 25 miles to their newly created Hindenburg Line. A German staff officer stated the Battle of the Somme was the "muddy grave of the German Army and of the faith in the infallibility of German Leadership."

Rhydian will aim to resolve this apparent paradox of "Allied Catastrophe" and "German Defeat" and highlight the start of the British Learning curve which led to Allied victory in 1918.

With the anniversaries of the Great War shortly to be upon us, this is a timely opportunity to examine this controversial battle.

EVENT DETAILS

- Time:** 6.30 pm Reception
7.15 pm Lecture (concludes 8.15 pm)
- Cost:** Members: £25.00 per person Guests: £30.00 per person
- To Book:** Kindly complete the form below. *No tickets will be issued for this event*

Members and their guests wishing to take Supper following the Lecture should call the Dining Room to make advance reservations.

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Booking Form

Name: (please print)

I wish to attend the Battle of the Somme Lecture and please reserve :

..... Member Place(s) and Guest Place(s). My guest(s) on this occasion will be:

(Additional names may be listed overleaf)

Payments: I enclose a cheque (*made payable to The Cavalry & Guards Club*) in the sum of £

To pay with a Debit or Credit Card, please print the following details clearly on the reverse of this form: the type of card (debit/credit); the 16-digit number from the front of the card together with the start & expiry dates + the 3-digit security number from the back of the card. Alternatively, please call Frances Watt on 020 7659 0906 with the card details. Please note credit card payments are subject to a 2% transaction fee which does not apply to debit cards.

Kindly return the completed booking form to:

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