



Conference

London Pride: The London Territorials in Peace and War, 1908-1921

15 June 2024

Yeomanry House, Handel St in Bloomsbury, London, WC1N 1BN

The WFA is delighted to host London Pride Conference in 2024. This event aims to provide a thorough exploration of the history and influence of the London Territorials during the years 1908 to 1921.

The conference provides an opportunity for the authors of an edited volume of the same name, due to be published by Helion & Co in 2025, to share some of the initial research from their chapters.

We are delighted that the Conference is sponsored by Helion & Co.

AGENDA

9.30: Doors open. Registration.

10.00-10.30: Welcome and Keynote.

Professor Gary Sheffield, President of the WFA: 'London Pride Revisited?: Territorials in the Two World Wars' – Continuity and Change.

10.30-11.30: Session 1:

Panel 1A – Operations and Tactics

Chair: TBC

Mark Jones	Resurrecting the Rangers: Attrition, Adaptation and Innovation in 12/Londons from the Frezenberg Ridge to the Gommecourt Salient
Tom Smith	London's Slag Heap Victory: Reclaiming tactical success at Loos
Colin Taylor	'The fighting spirit and endurance of both officers and men was beyond all praise.' The 'bleeding' of 173rd Brigade (58th (London) Division) on the Western Front May-June 1917

Panel 1B – The London Territorials in “side shows”

Chair: TBC

Adam Prime	Amritsar, Afghanistan and Cholera: The 1/25th County of London Cyclists in India 1916-1919
Clive Harris	London Territorials in Gallipoli
Jake Gasson	But we had been bored – bored stiff': The 60th (2/2nd London) Division and the Psychological Demands of Soldiering on the Macedonian Front, December 1916 – June 1917

11.30-11.45: Coffee

11.45-13.00: Session 2:

Panel 2A – Performance and the Learning Process

Chair: TBC

Richard Hendry	One more push? The 47th Division in battle on the Western Front, 1915-1918 - performance, development and reputation
Tom Thorpe	The learning process at the unit level: enhancing operational efficiency as suggested by the raiding performance of infantry battalions within the 56th (London) Division during the Great War.
Glyn Taylor	58th Division's performance in the March Retreat 1918
Dennis Williams	Battlegroup on the Western Front: 90 Brigade and combined arms operations in the 100 Days

Panel 2B – London Territorials and the Changing Face of War

Chair: TBC

Peter Hodgkinson	The Evolution of Infantry Battalion Command in the London Regiment
Charles Fair	The Changing Character of the London Territorial Force 1914-18: The case of the 19th (County of London) Battalion, The London Regiment (St. Pancras)
John Davy	London Regiment and the RFC
Stephen Sandford	The London Irish at Peace and War 1908-1915

13.00-13.45: Lunch

13.45-15.00: Session 3

Panel 3A – Medicine, Ministering and Morale

Chair: TBC

Bradford Waters	Medical Challenges of the 60th (2/2nd London) Division
Stephanie Linden	Psychological casualties of the London Regiment/Shell Shock in the London Regiment
Peter Howson	Chaplains to the Soldiers of London
Stephen Manning	Theatre of War: An examination of the role of Concert Parties in the London Territorials

Panel 3B – London Territorials and Society

Chair: TBC

Tim Halstead	The London TF and London Schools in the Great War
Sarah Paterson	The Hazeley Wail, Fusilier Whispers and Bleatings: An examination of the periodical publications produced by units of the London Territorial Force
Harry Potter	Alexander Paterson and the Bermondsey Battalion
Michael Orr	The men who sailed in the Australind: A Study of the 1st Battalion 28th London Regiment (Artists Rifles)

15.00-15.15: Tea

15.15-16.00: Plenary sessions: Q&A.

End

Please note: this conference schedule may be subject to change.