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# **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 the 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: Richard Hendry

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| Mark Jones | Resurrecting the Rangers: Attrition, Adaptation and Innovation in 12/Londons from the Frezenberg Ridge to the Gommecourt Salient |
| Colin Taylor | ‘The fighting spirit and endurance of both officers and men was beyond all praise.’ The ‘blooding’ of 173rd Brigade (58th (London) Division) on the Western Front May-June 1917 |
| Glyn Taylor | 58th Division’s performance in the March Retreat 1918 |

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

Chair: Charles Fair

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| 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 |
| Adam Prime | Amritsar, Afghanistan and Cholera: The 1/25th County of London Cyclists in India 1916-1919 |

11.30-11.50: Coffee

11.50-13.05: Session 2:

**Panel 2A – Performance and the Learning Process**

Chair: TBC

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| Richard Hendry | One more push? The 47th Division in battle on the Western Front, 1915-1918 - performance, development and reputation |
| Simon Shephard | ‘Gunners definitely, but necessarily Arsenal fans’  The Field Artillery Brigades of the London Territorial Divisions |
| 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

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| John Peaty | London Electrical Engineers during the Great War |
| Charles Fair | The True Texture of the London Territorials: drill hall locations, employment and social class in London TF units |
| Jon Davy | London Regiment and the RFC |
| Stephen Sandford | The London Irish at Peace and War 1908-1915 |

13.05-14.00: Lunch

14.00-15.15: Session 3

**Panel 3A – Medicine, Ministering and Morale**

Chair: Simon Shephard

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| 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: Charles Fair

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| 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) |

15.15-15.35: Tea

15.35-16.30: Plenary session: Q&A.

End

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