

**THE ROYAL DRAGOON GUARDS**

**FIRST WORLD WAR COMMEMMORATIONS**

**Fri 15th and Sat 16th August – YORK**

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| SER | TIME | EVENT  | REMARKS  |
| **FRI 15th August: A “Freedom of the City” march by the Regiment through York; a Service of Commemoration for those who served in our antecedent Regiments in the First World War; and a VIP reception** |
| 1 | 1015 | The Royal Dragoons Guards parade outside York Minster | Members of the Regimental Association are invited to watch  |
| 2 | 1030 | The Royal Dragoon Guards march through York (exercising the Freedom of the City) | Members of the Regimental Association are invited to watch  |
| 3 | 1100 | Service of Commemoration for WW1 in York Minster. Sermon by the Rt Revd David Smith, late Bishop of Bradford and Bishop to the Forces | This event will be open to the public.  |
| 4 | 1230 | VIP Reception in Merchant Taylors Hall, York, hosted by the Colonel of the Regiment | Space is limited. Ticket required (£12 each in advance), available from Home Headquarters.  |
| 5 | 1230-1700 | Regimental Association lunch in ‘Apple Jacks’ Bar and Restaurant  | Hilton Hotel Tower Street. Cash bar and free finger buffet |
| **SAT 16th August: Laying up the last Regimental Standard of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards in the Pavement Church York; and a Regimental Association reunion.** |
| 6 | 1115 | Last Standard of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, with a Regimental Escort party and the Regimental Association contingent, fall in at the Tower Street Car Park York  | Dress for Regimental Association: Suits with medals (with bowler hats and umbrellas for those who have them)  |
| 7 | 1130 | Short march through York to the Pavement Church  |  |
| 8 | 1200 | Service of Laying Up the last Standard of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards in the Pavement Church York  |  |
| 9 | 1300 | Regimental Association lunch in ‘Apple Jacks’ Bar and Restaurant | Hilton Hotel Tower Street |
| 10  | 1900 | Regimental Association Reunion Dinner Beechwood Close Hotel, York  | Tickets (£24.00 each in advance) from the York Branch OCA. See attached notice for menu and further details including accommodation. |

**Fri 22nd and Sat 23rd August – CASTEAU & MONS, BELGIUM**

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| **FRI 22nd August: Re-enactment of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards “first action of WW1” and a Service of Commemoration at the 4RIDG Memorial, Casteu** |
| 1 | 1600 | Re-enactment of the first action of WW1 by 4 RIDG (Great War Society)  | At Casteau  |
| 2 | 1615  | Service of Commemoration at the 4RIDG memorial, Casteau |  |
| 3 | 1730 | VIP Civic Reception in the Castle, Casteau, hosted by the Maire of Casteau  | By invitation only |
| **SAT 23rd August: A day of civic commemorative events in Mons** |
| 6 | 1000 | Commemoration ceremony at Oburg Railway Station Mons  |  |
| 7 | 1040  | Commemoration ceremony at Nimy Bridge, Mons  |  |
| 8 | 1115  | March to the Grand Place Mons |  |
| 9 | 1145  | Commemoration ceremony in the Grand Place Mons  |  |
| 10 | 1400 | Tree planting ceremony in Place de Parc Mons  |  |
| 11 | 1600 | Commemoration ceremony on the Place des Martyrs Mons |  |
| 12 | 1700 | Commemoration ceremony at La Bascule monuments Mons |  |
| 13 | 1730 | Commemoration ceremony at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery of Saint-Symphorien | 10.00 to 16.00: Commonwealth War Graves Commission open day at the military cemetery of Saint-Symphorien |
| 14 | 1900 | Reception in the City Hall |  |
| 15 | 2100 | Military Music concert Grand Place Mons  |  |
| 16 | 2230  | Son et Lumiere of “Mons Angel” at Grand Place Mons |  |

More details on the Casteau/Mons events can be obtained from Mr Tim Jackson highburyjackson@btinternet.com or 01620 842136