

The Project at Westminster

As part of the continuing effort to raise the profile of the Project, Steve Rogers and David Ayling were invited to the House of Lords on Tuesday 11th March 2008 by Lord Faulkner of Worcester to conduct a presentation to highlight what we have set out to achieve as The War Graves Photographic Project. Lord Faulkner is the Chairman of the All Party War Graves and Battlefield Heritage group who have an interest in all matters relating to military history and the presentation was received well by those Lords, Ladies and MP's attending. Many of those present were surprised that we have achieved so much considering that we are purely a volunteer force. This emphasised the dedication that our volunteers have towards such an undertaking and belief in the project ethos.



On completion of the presentation a number of questions were asked about getting involved and the MP Edward O'Hara (Labour - Knowsley South) suggested an Early Day Motion being proposed in the House of Commons.

Early Day Motion – EDM 1230 WAR GRAVES PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECT 19.03.2008

"That this House notes that the War Graves Photographic Project has been established to integrate the work being carried out by volunteers photographing designated war graves and memorials around the world; commends this work which provides an uncomplicated facility for families to obtain a photograph of a loved one's grave, including many families who have never had a chance to visit fallen relatives' graves, or who are researching family history; and congratulates the project coordinator, Steve Rogers, and his team, for their selfless dedication to this work, in the course of which they have now photographed over one million graves and memorial names, on an entirely voluntary basis."

This was publicised on 19th March 2008 on the Parliament website and has resulted in the signatures of over 61 MPs who believe that we are undertaking a worthwhile activity. For a full listing of MP's who have signed the motion please go to this link:

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=35457&SESSION=891>



Steve would like to express his thanks to Professor Peter Doyle, Keith Lockwood and Dave Lovell for arranging this opportunity to promote the project.

'All Party Group'

L-R. David Parker (CWGC), Baroness Golding, Lord Faulkner of Worcester, Peter Barton and Peter Doyle Co-Secretaries and Steve Rogers