

Dear colleague,

You may recall that Jeffrey Donaldson and I wrote to you on 4 November about the initiative taken by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission at the request of the all-party war heritage group to locate the graves of around 300,000 war dead buried in cemeteries in the United Kingdom.

We have now heard again from Liz Woodfield of the CWGC, asking me whether parliamentarians would be interested in visiting local cemeteries with Commission staff. If the uptake is high, then the CWGC would be happy to arrange centralised/regionalised briefings by their UK area director followed by individual visits with regional supervisors or members of the UK management team. The proposed timing for these visits would be Spring next year.

If you would like to take up this invitation, please contact Liz directly at liz.woodfield@cwgc.org.

I would also like to draw your attention to a meeting of the all-party war heritage group next week. The details are as follows:

Thursday 5 December 2013, in Committee Room 3, House of Lords at 4.00 pm.

Helen Grant MP (Minister for Sport and Tourism) and Dr Andrew Murrison MP (Minister for International Security Strategy and the Prime Minister's Special Representative for the Centenary Commemoration of the First World War) will attend to discuss the Government's approach to, and plans for, the centenary of the Great War in 2014–18.

In addition, Colin Kerr of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission will speak briefly about the UK parliamentary constituencies' war graves initiative.

All MPs and peers are welcome to attend.

Details of the Government's Centenary Programme can be found in advance of the meeting at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/first-world-war-centenary>