

World War 1 Casualties

The total number of military and civilian casualties in World War I was over 37 million: over 16 million deaths and 20 million wounded, ranking it among the deadliest conflicts in human history.



Hong Kong Police Old & Bold Toasts the WW1 Fallen and Absent Comrades

It was former Hong Kong Police Detective and drug buster 'Paddy' Joseph Patrick MacMahon 85th birthday on the 15 September 2014. He was living in Peng Chau so a landing party of former HK Police Officers arranged to celebrate his birthday appropriately but Paddy was whisked away in a whirlybird to hospital on HK Island before the landing. The visit was postponed until Paddy was in better fighting and cussing shape.

On 11 November 2014 WW I Armistice Day Guy Shirra of HK Old & Bold arranged a second landing boarding party to visit Peng Chau and Paddy and his lady Flora.

Eight former HKP officers 'Old & Bold' mostly old but still chugging along left Hong Kong Island bound for Peng Chau on the 1000 hrs ferry. On landing on the island the group worked its way inshore dodging bicycles and scruff dogs toward Les Copains d'Abord Restaurant to their objective to dig in.



The lads were met warmly at the restaurant by their host former Hong Kong Police master Detective and drug buster Paddy Joseph Patrick MacMahon and his lady Flora.





Cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918.

The gathered contingent of ten rose for a toast to the "Fallen" or "Absent Comrades" to honour the dead in a two minute solemn silence.

Present

Joseph and Flora MacMahon; Guy Shirra; Chris Jones; Simon Lam; Hugh Osborne; T.K. Chan; Albert Cheung; Stewart Kavanagh; Brian Coak.

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