

BURIED AMONG KINGS: THE STORY OF THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR

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POP-UP EXHIBITION

9-16 NOVEMBER AT LONDON VICTORIA TRAIN STATION



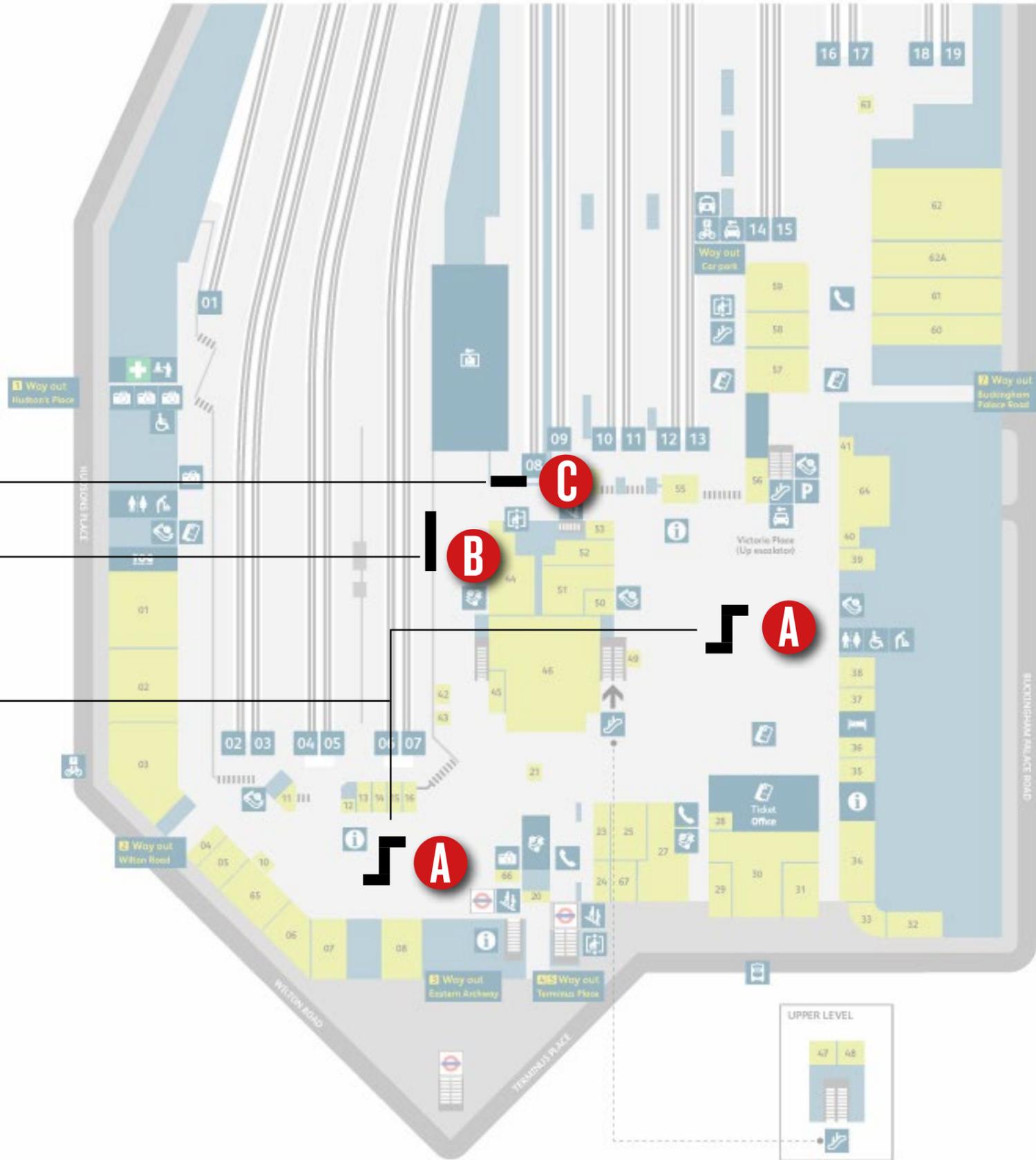
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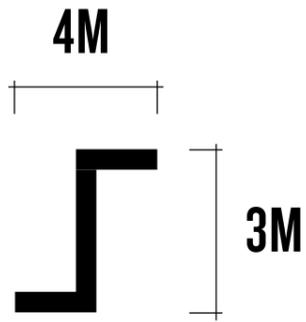
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NOTE:
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Indication only

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GLASS SCREENS

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BURIED AMONG KINGS:
**THE STORY OF
THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR**

At 8:32pm on 10 November 1920 a special railway carriage pulled into Victoria Station. Inside was the body of an unidentified British serviceman who had been killed in the terrible fighting of the First World War. This serviceman was to be laid to rest in Westminster Abbey the following day. Here, he would be immortalised as the 'Unknown Warrior' and become a powerful symbol of the sacrifice of war.

 The grave of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey.
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ORIGINS

Whilst serving on the Western Front in 1916, Chaplain David Railton had a moving encounter with a rough wooden cross bearing the inscription 'An Unknown British Soldier'. This inspired him with the idea of returning the body of one of Britain's unknown dead to be the symbol of the many thousands of servicemen who had been killed and were missing in action.

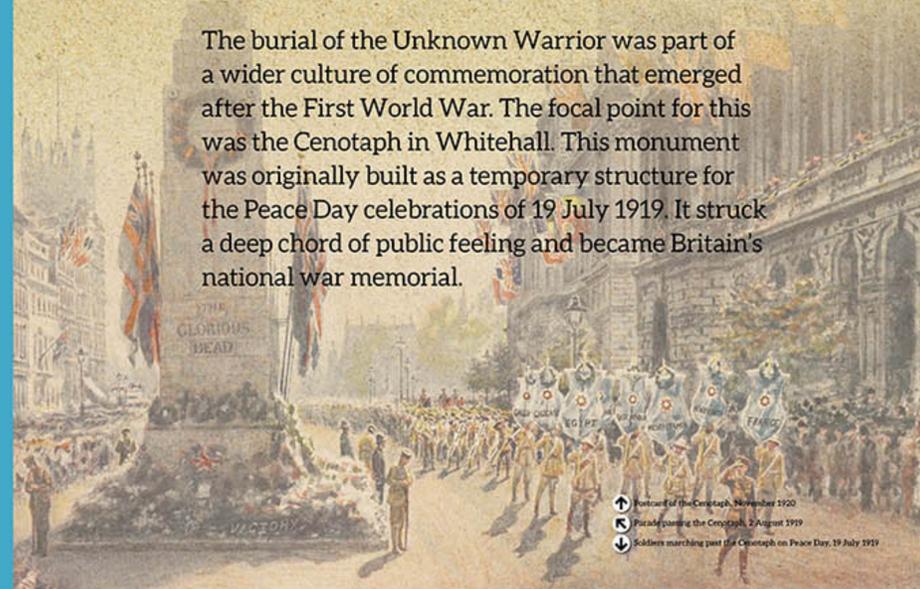


↑ Chaplain David Railton (courtesy of the British Army)
 ↓ A funeral on the Western Front
 ↓ British graves on the Western Front



THE CENOTAPH

The burial of the Unknown Warrior was part of a wider culture of commemoration that emerged after the First World War. The focal point for this was the Cenotaph in Whitehall. This monument was originally built as a temporary structure for the Peace Day celebrations of 19 July 1919. It struck a deep chord of public feeling and became Britain's national war memorial.

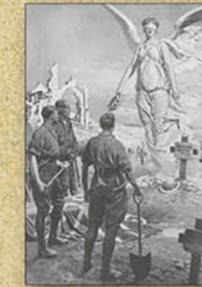


↑ Funeral of the Cenotaph, November 1920
 ↓ Parade passing the Cenotaph, 2 August 1919
 ↓ Soldiers marching past the Cenotaph on Peace Day, 19 July 1919



THE SELECTION PROCESS

The selection of the Unknown Warrior was undertaken under a shroud of secrecy. A number of fallen servicemen (most likely four or six) were exhumed from different areas of the Western Front and brought to a chapel at the Army's headquarters at St Pol, near Arras, in France. Here, at midnight on 8 November 1920, Brigadier General Louis Wyatt chose the body destined to become the Unknown Warrior.



↑ Chaplain George Kendall OBE, Kendall played an important role in the selection process, helping with the exhumations and accompanying the chosen body to England (courtesy of the British Army)
 ↓ Fame visits the heroic unknown dead (The Times, 11 November 1920)
 ↓ Soldiers exhuming the body of a serviceman on the Western Front, about 1919 (courtesy of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission)

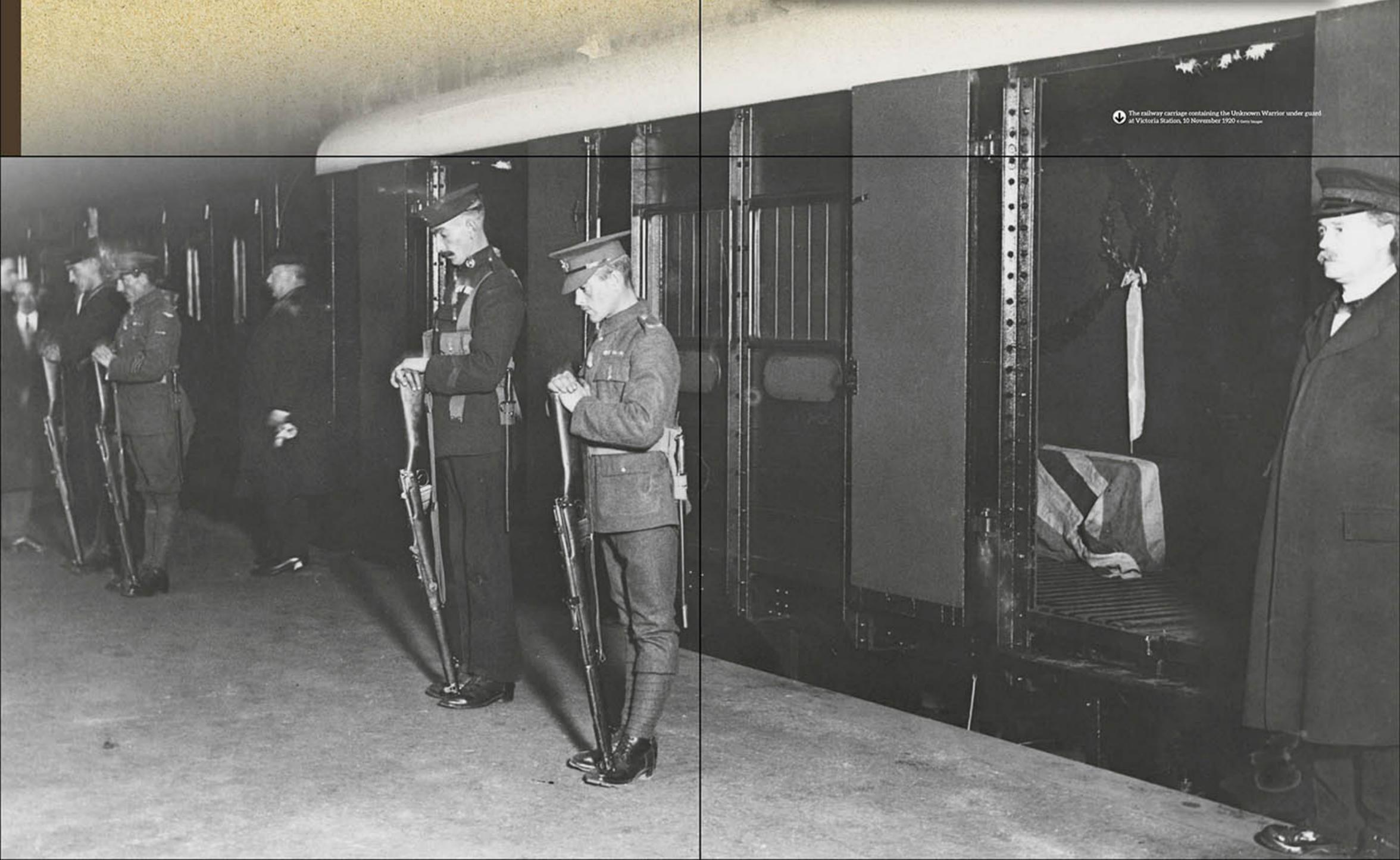


THE JOURNEY

The Unknown Warrior's journey to London on 9-10 November 1920 aroused great excitement and drew huge crowds. He was first taken to an ancient chateau at Boulogne, where he was placed in a special oak coffin. The following day he was conveyed across the channel to Dover in the Destroyer HMS Verdun. Here he was placed in a special railway carriage and taken to Victoria Station.



- ↻ The coffin of the Unknown Warrior, Westminster Abbey, November 1920 (The Unknown Warrior)
- ↻ The coffin of the Unknown Warrior leaving the Chateau d'Amont, Boulogne, 10 November 1920 (The Unknown Warrior)
- ↻ The coffin of the Unknown Warrior being conveyed to Boulogne quayside in a waggon, 10 November 1920 (The Unknown Warrior)



- ↻ The railway carriage containing the Unknown Warrior under guard at Victoria Station, 10 November 1920 (The Unknown Warrior)

THE PROCESSION

The funeral of the Unknown Warrior took place on 11 November 1920. Thousands of soldiers and civilians lined the two-and-half-mile route of the procession, which wound its way past Buckingham Palace, down the Mall to Trafalgar Square and then to Whitehall. Here it halted for the unveiling ceremony of the newly rebuilt stone Cenotaph.



- ↑ The unveiling of the newly rebuilt Cenotaph
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- ↻ The King placing his wreath of bay leaves and red roses on the coffin
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- ↓ The gun carriage bearing the coffin of the Unknown Warrior leaving Victoria Station
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THE BURIAL

The funeral service of the Unknown Warrior was one of the most poignant occasions in British history. The congregation at the Abbey included nearly 1,000 mothers and widows of servicemen who had died in the war. The aisle was flanked by the most illustrious honour guard ever assembled. In the week that followed over a million people filed passed the grave.



↑ The burial of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey By Fortunino Matania
↓ The Unknown Warrior's grave
← Servicemen guarding the grave after the burial service
→ The coffin entering the north door of Westminster Abbey, followed by the King

THE WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

The Western Front Association was formed in 1980 to maintain interest in the period 1914-1918, to perpetuate the memory, courage and comradeship of those on all sides who served their countries in France and Flanders and their own countries during the Great War.

If you are interested in joining, or would like to find out more, please visit our website:
www.westernfrontassociation.com



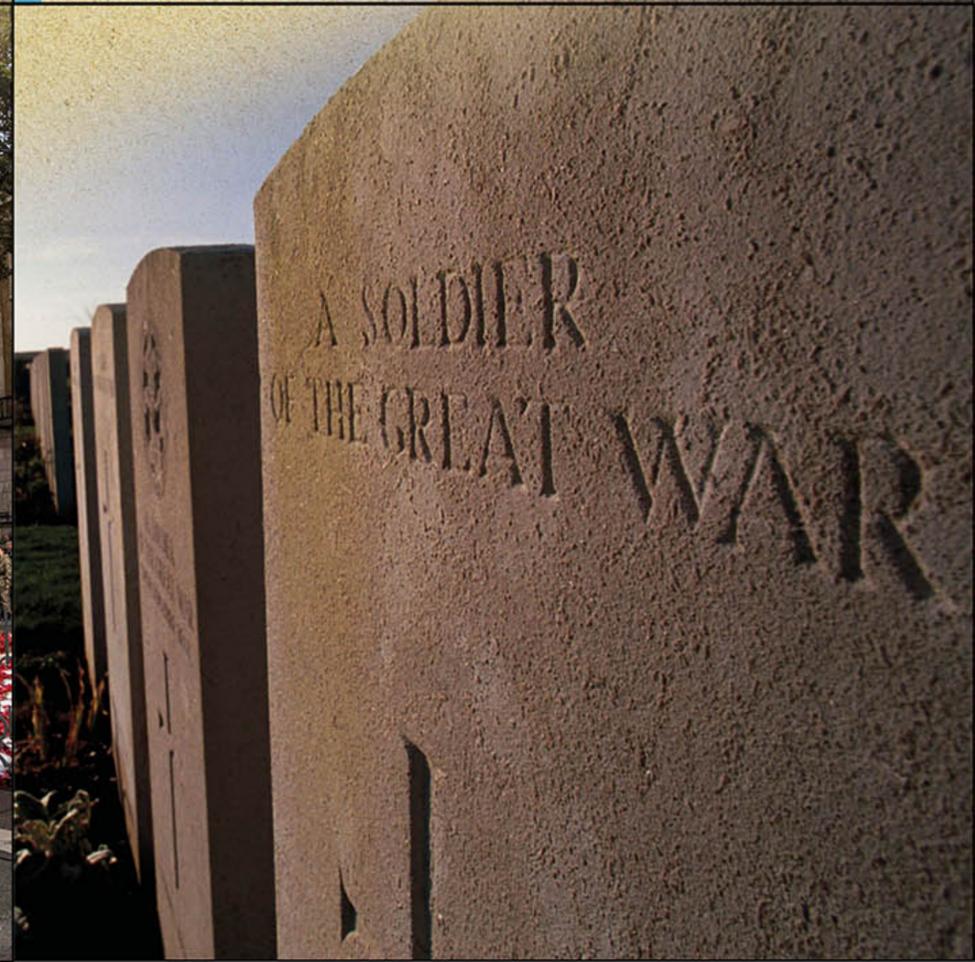
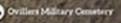
↑ Members of the Western Front Association at the Cenotaph, 2019
↓ The remembrance ceremony at the Cenotaph, 2019

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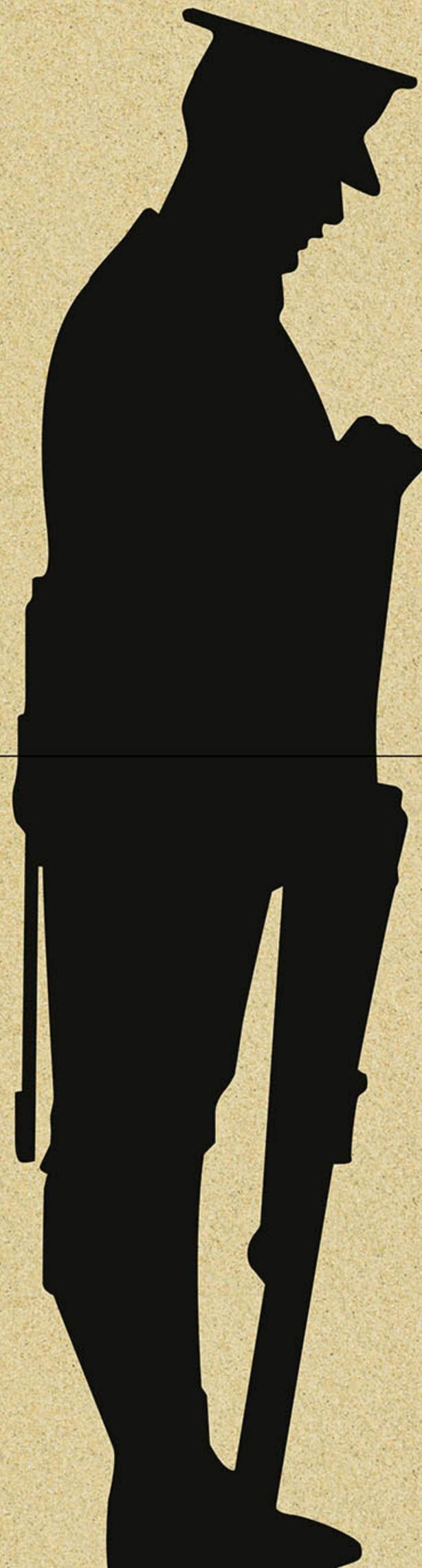
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Buried Among Kings:
The Story of the Unknown Warrior is on
at the National Army Museum
19 October 2020 - 14 February 2021



ITEM NUMBER 10

**VINYL GRAPHIC ON GLASS SCREEN @ VICTORIA TRAIN STATION
VINYL PRINT (MATERIAL TBC)**

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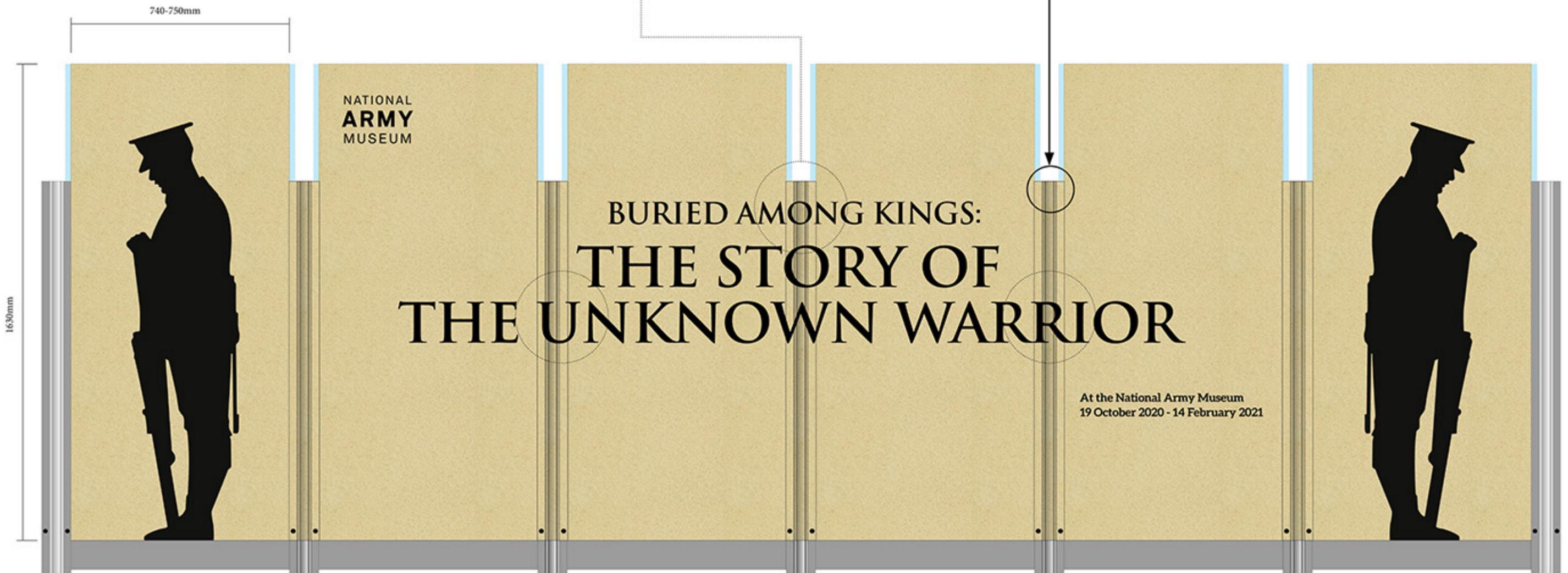
1. Apply on glass screen & wrap on curved metal frames:
To be discussed with contractor for production details and installation below;
i.e. for the letter "O", "U" and "R" on the curved metal frame



Details
for the metal frame



Site view



ITEM NUMBER 9

GRAPHIC BOARDS

DIRECT PRINT ON 3MM WHITE FOAMEX

NOTE:

1. Approx. 5-10mm holes x 2ea on each top of the board to hang onto the railing.
2. required fixings i.e. simple metal rings etc.

