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THE LONG WALK HOME is a Pilgrimage of 100 Veterans and serving personnel who will walk 100 miles from Ypres to Whitehall to honour, 100 years on, those who gave their lives in World War One. It will take place on the 6-11 November 2018.

I would like to introduce you to the Haig Housing Trust's pilgrimage walk 'The Long Walk Home (TLWH)' which commemorates the Centenary Anniversary of the 11 November 1918 Armistice. The march will follow a 100-mile route from the Menin Gate Ypres Belgium to the London Cenotaph between 6 – 10 November 2018, before taking part in the Royal British Legion (RBL) Cenotaph memorial ceremonies on 11

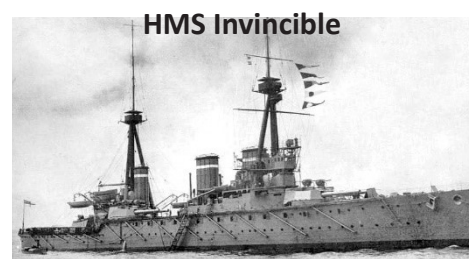
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TLWH is designed to raise the profile of the Haig Housing Trust as well as raising funds for the Trust's housing and support activities to ex-servicemen and their dependants across the UK; facilities and services that are as important today as they were in 1916 when Field Marshal Haig formed the charity. More information can be found at www.haighousing.org.uk

The Trust is particularly keen for those with connection to the 1914 – 1918 conflict to take part in TLWH whether it be as a walker for part of the TLWH or fundraising and support. More information is available on www.tlwh.org.uk or contact Haig Housing direct on 0208 685 5777 where the staff will be pleased to assist you.

It may be of interest that my family links to WW1 include:

- Paternal Grandfather – 1 Cameron Highlanders 1914 – 1919 DCM & Russian Order of St George, Survived
- Paternal Great Uncle – 1 Cameron Highlanders Killed Loos September 1915. Missing – listed on 1 Cameron's memorial panel Dud Corner Cemetery
- Paternal Great Uncle – Killed HMS Invincible Jutland May 1916
- Maternal Grandfather – Royal Wiltshire Regt & RFA 1915 – 1918 Survived
- Maternal Great Uncle – 16 Canadian Inf Regt (aka 'The Canadian Highlanders') 1916 – 1918 Survived



I have the honour of being one of the veterans taking part in the TLWH. The route – Ypres-Calais (ferry to) Dover-Canterbury-Faversham-Gravesend-Whitehall – will be challenging (as it should be). In an attempt at humour I will give you the

long range forecast for November – Cold and wet and a (rare) good day will be cold and dry shortly followed by rain! The main variable being HOW cold and wet it will be.

I am highly conscious that many worthwhile causes are seeking support in difficult times, but may I invite you to donate to the Haig Housing Trust?

On-line donations can be made on the Just Giving website: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/malcolm-davidge5> or please search: "Fiona Davidge" to find my page on the Just Giving website.

If like me you prefer direct donation, please send a cheque made payable to Haig Housing Trust to my Company Secretary Mrs Helen Christopher, Suttle Accountants, Unit 1 The Sidings Swanage Dorset BH 19 1AU.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist in any way. I am contactable via 07876 345100 or 01278 760876. To save any confusion I do not personally subscribe to any social media platform.

Best wishes and thank you,

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