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Luc Ferier, Founder and Chairman of Forgotten Heroes 14-19 Foundation

Luc Ferier is the founder and Chairman of Forgotten Heroes 14-19 Foundation which is a non-government, independent, non-religious, non-political organization with headquarter in London (United Kingdom) . It was created in 2012 to focus on the human aspects of the Muslim soldiers and labors during the first world war. The Forgotten Heroes 14-19 foundation managed to trace and identify more than 850.000 documents related to the Allied Muslim contribution locked away in non-conventional locations worldwide. The work of the Forgotten Heroes 14-19 Foundation received international overall approval from people as HRH Prince Hassan bin tala of Jordan and many more. www.muslimsinww1.com During this research they encountered many documents, artifacts and testimonies related to the global Chinese contribution in the First World war.

Andrew Fetherston, Archivist at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Andrew Fetherston is a professional archivist and member of the Archives and Records Association. With a degree in Archaeology from the University of Reading, and post graduate qualifications in Museum Studies (University of Leicester) and Archives and Records Management (University of Dundee), he has spent the last 17 years working in the heritage sector. This has included roles at the London Metropolitan Archives, the National Trust, the National Archives, and the Museum of London. In 2013 he took on his current role as the archivist for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Robert Fleming, Templer Study Centre Manager, National Army Museum

After Robert studied law and politics at the University of Tasmania, he took history and archaeology at the University of Sydney, leading him to work at the Imperial War Museum after relocating. He is a keen researcher with particular interest in imperialism and postcolonial legacy, and the role of British Empire forces in the world wars, and he has also published two books related to the First World War. In 2007 Robert joined the National Army Museum as Curator of Fine and Decorative Art, a role that allowed him to develop as a museum professional. In 2016 he took up his current role as Manager of the Templer Study Centre, where he is responsible for providing public access to the collections, supervising the museum's reading rooms and managing the public enquiries service.

Prof Brian Hook, Visiting Professor, Regent's University London

Professor Brian Hook served in the Government of Hong Kong as an Administrative Officer, first in the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs and next in the Colonial Secretariat, having been a student at the University of London. Before his appointment in the Government, he studied Chinese Law and later in HK, Criminal Law and the Law of Evidence. He was a founder-member of the Department of Chinese Studies at the University of Leeds and later, Head of Department and Member of Senate. He was appointed Editor of The China Quarterly in 1980, serving for 11 years at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), concurrently serving as Vice Chairman of the Great Britain-China Centre. He edited both editions of the Cambridge Encyclopaedia of China. He has published widely on subjects in the development of modern China in books and academic journals. He has also served as a Consultant to the HK Government and Advisor to other institutions and publishers. He was appointed Emeritus Leverhulme Fellow in 1998 and is currently he is Visiting Professor in the Centre for Transnational Studies at Regent's University London, Middlesex University Business School and the Asian Institute of Management, Manila.

Gregory James, Author of The Chinese Labour Corps (1916-1920)

Gregory James is a graduate of the Universities of Edinburgh (MA, MSc) and Exeter (PhD), and a diplomate of the University of Geneva. He retired in 2013, after a lifetime career in language education, having held academic posts in Hong Kong, India, Iran and the UK, as well as visitorships in Australia, Canada, China, Germany, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa and the USA. His major publications include *Dictionary of Lexicography* (London, 1998, with R. R. K. Hartmann), *A history of Tamil dictionaries* (Chennai, 2000), *Through Spanish eyes* (Hong Kong, 2003, with D. Morgan), and *The Chinese Labour Corps (1916–1920)* (Hong Kong, 2013). He is a Fellow of the International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai, and of the Royal Historical Society, UK.

Alastair Kennedy, Researcher at the National Archives

Alastair Kennedy is a retired British Army career officer who qualified as an Interpreter in Mandarin and was awarded a Diploma in Classical Chinese at the University of Hong Kong in 1964: his subsequent career covered many of the Chinese-speaking parts of South East Asia: his last Service appointment was Head of Service Intelligence Hong Kong a few years before the return of Hong Kong to China in 1997. His first degree was a BA Hons at the Open University, followed by a Master's Degree in modern social history at the University of Leicester. In 2005 he moved to Canberra, Australia, where he started research for a Ph D in Australian social/military history at the Australian National University and the Australian War Memorial. When his supervisor indicated that his proposal to research the stories of those Australians of Chinese ethnicity who (despite the government of the day's 'White Australia policy') had enlisted in the Australia Imperial Force, was not a suitable subject for Ph D thesis, he withdrew from the course and wrote a book "Chinese Anzacs" published privately in Canberra in 2012. The book was later revised to include a section on the New Zealand Army's Chinese soldiers and is now in its third edition: a fourth paperback edition is to be published in Australia later in 2017. The book has also been translated into Chinese by Sun Yat Sen University, Kwangtung, China for future distribution in South East Asia. On his return to UK in 2013 he started a new project on similar lines to endeavour to identify those British-born or domiciled Chinese (and part Chinese) males who served with the British Forces in World War 1 which he hopes to complete it in late 2017.

Dr Kwong Chi-Man 鄭智文, History Department, Baptist University Hong Kong

Kwong Chi Man, Ph.D. (2012), University of Cambridge, is Assistant Professor of History at Hong Kong Baptist University. He has published books and articles on the military history of modern East Asia, including *Eastern Fortress: A Military History of Hong Kong* (co-authored, Hong Kong University Press, 2014) and *War and Geopolitics in Interwar Manchuria: Zhang Zuolin and the Fengtian Clique during the Northern Expedition* (Brill, 2017).

Chungwen Li 李中文, Dean of the Ming-Ai (London) Institute

Chungwen works in cultural heritage management and has taken special interests in the British Chinese collection, in which the British Chinese Heritage Centre (a cyber platform) was set up in 2011. She has good experience in curatorial works and has collaborated with University College London, Horniman Museum and Gardens, Islington Museum, Bruce Castle Museum in the UK and Hong Kong History Museum in Hong Kong. Recently she had curated a series of 3 exhibitions for British Airways, and there will be a forthcoming exhibition in London about intangible cultural heritage in collaboration with the Intangible Cultural Heritage Office, Leisure and Cultural Services Department of Hong Kong.

Prof Jonathan Liu 柳代立, Professor of Global Business Management, Regent's University London

Jonathan is Professor of Global Business Management and is Regent's University London, Business and Management Faculty's Research Leader. In 2002 he became Middlesex University's Professor of Chinese Management. Jonathan publishes extensively and has over a hundred articles and nine books published in subject areas relating to Business and Management. Jonathan is on the Council of the National Conference of Universities Professors, a Council member of the Universities China Committee in London and is Chairman of Ming-Ai Association.

Dr Frances Wood: Author of *Betrayed Ally: China in the Great War*

Frances Wood studied at Liverpool College of Art 1966-7 and at Newnham College, Cambridge, 1967-1971 (BA Hons. Chinese) She spent 1975-6 at Peking University and wrote her PhD on traditional domestic architecture in Peking (London, 1984). She worked in the Chinese section of SOAS Library from 1972 until 1977 when she joined the British Library and worked in the Chinese section until 2013. Her publications include *Stones of the Wall* 1986 (translation of a novel by Dai Houying), *Chinese Illustration* (1986), *A Companion to China* (1989), *The Blue Guide to China* (1990, 2002), *Did Marco Polo Go To China?* (1995), *No Dogs and Not Many Chinese: Treaty Port life in China 1843-1943*, (1998), *Hand Grenade Practice in China: my part in the Cultural Revolution* (2000), *The Silk Road* (2002), *The Forbidden City* (2005), *The First Emperor* (2007), *The Lure of China: writers on China from Marco polo to J.G.Ballard* (2009), *The Diamond Sutra: the story of the world's earliest dated printed book* (2010), *Picnics Prohibited: diplomacy in a chaotic China during the First World War* (2014), *Betrayed Ally: China in the Great War* (2016, with Christopher Arander), *Great Books of China* (2017) and with Andrew Lo, Wang Tz'u-cheng and Song Jiayu, *Export Paintings in the British Library* (2011).

Graham Hutchings: Principal at Oxford Analytica

Graham Hutchings is Principal, at Oxford Analytica, the global analysis and advisory firm, Associate at the Oxford University China Centre, and Chair of the Advisory Board of the China Policy Institute, University of Nottingham. He has spent the past 30 years working on international affairs with a special focus on China. He is the author of *Modern China: A Companion to a Rising Power* (Penguin 2000) and between 1987-1998 was China Correspondent of the London *Daily Telegraph*, based first in Beijing and then Hong Kong.

Bernard Williams: Ex Hong Kong Regiment

After University and National Service, including six months in Malaya, I joined the Colonial Service in 1955, and went to Hong Kong as an Administrative Officer in 1956. I completed my studies in Chinese, and held a variety of posts, retiring as Director of Housing in 1983. I joined the Hong Kong Regiment in 1956, and was in command of a squadron during the call-up in 1967. However, I had to retire from active service because I was working in the Defence Branch of the Secretariat, where we were fully employed in dealing with the civil aspects of the emergency.