



■ Robin Young welcomes the guests to the ceremony.

# Remembering those who 'gave their today'

ALMOST THREE YEARS to the day after a letter in *DTI News* called on the Department to replace the missing roll of honour commemorating Board of Trade staff who gave their lives in the First World War, two new memorials were unveiled.

The replacement memorial, modelled closely on the original which is believed to have gone missing during the Second World War, was unveiled by the Secretary of State, Patricia Hewitt, on Remembrance Day, 11 November, in the main entrance area of 1 Victoria Street.

And combining the traditional with the modern, the Secretary of State also unveiled a "virtual" memorial which has been created on the DTI website.

The tribute was led by the DTI's Permanent Secretary, Sir Robin Young. Those present included members of staff, pensioners and relatives of some of those whose names are engraved on the

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memorial. The ceremony was also attended by students from the School of Construction at Lambeth College, London, who produced the new memorial which, in addition to the names on the original, also includes a panel commemorating those who died in the Second World War.

The Last Post and Reveille, sounded by buglers of the Royal Green Jackets, the successor regiment to the Prince of Wales' Own Civil Service Rifles with which many Board of Trade members served, marked the beginning and end of two minutes silence, after which wreaths were laid.

The ceremony concluded with the the Kohima Epitaph

*When you go home, tell them of us and say – "For your tomorrow we gave our today" – spoken by Paul Hamilton who wrote the original letter to DTI News.*

The virtual memorial – [www.dti.gov.uk/warmemorial](http://www.dti.gov.uk/warmemorial) – enables people not only to view the names of those who died, but in some cases the stories behind the names. These stories have been researched by a small group of staff and have been the subject of articles in *DTI News*. It is a continuing project and those who have so far been involved hope that others will be inspired to help in making more discoveries, especially about staff who died in the Second World War, that can be included in the memorial.

"There are a lot of really good stories already on the site," explains Jill Knight one



■ Patricia Hewitt lays a wreath after unveiling the new memorial.

commemorated by their department. We are very keen to hear about more of these – civilians as well as service people."

There are also a number of specific stories worth following up. For example, the story behind the booby-trapped German aeroplane in Malta in which Bob Povey died during the Second World War. And is there an expert on Ministry of Fuel and Power history out there who might help with the 12 men on their Second World War plaque?

Help is also needed in obtaining pictures of particular war graves, both in the UK and overseas. There is a list of these on the website. Anybody who would like to help should contact [war.memorial@dti.gov.uk](mailto:war.memorial@dti.gov.uk) or write to DTI War Memorials Project, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET.



■ The Ministry of Fuel and Power memorial has been moved from the staff to the main entrance. Joan MacNaughton, DG Energy, laid a wreath.



■ Retired Board of Trade man Arthur Hornsby reads the Exhortation. Arthur has contributed to stories for the virtual memorial about his colleague Charlie Miller who was killed in the Second World War.



■ Jill Knight demonstrates the virtual memorial to relatives of Robert Godsiff, a Board of Trade man who died in 1917 and whose story is told on the website.



■ The Last Post is sounded.

of the main researchers and a prime mover behind the memorials. "But there are many more to be unearthed. We'd love to hear from anyone interested in taking on any of the names – army, navy or air force – and having a go at finding out their service records.

"But for the Second World War, we don't even have names for all the Board of Trade staff who died. So far, with the help of retired staff, we have collected details of six and put them on the virtual memorial, but there must be many more who have been forgotten and who deserve to be properly