



**From: Charlie Weston C584,
Captain's Christmas Letter 2010**

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Dear Fellow Centurions,

Season's Greetings to you all! Once again I thank you for electing me as 9th Centurion Captain to serve my 6th term in office. Sadly I have to inform you of the death of the following Centurions over the past year:

David H.A. Christie-Murray C155
W 'Bill' Maxwell C509
Ken Turner C581
John Stubbs C982
John Hampshire C325
D.R. Hill C398
Henk van Delft C801

Sadly, we regret the loss of a good friend, Brian Ficken, husband of Centurion Pam Ficken C934, who died after a long illness, and also Tony Dallard aged 82, the Brother-in-Law of Bob Watts C838 and Ken Watts C859 who supported them on 13 consecutive occasions at Roubaix. We shall remember all of them and we have sent our condolences to their respective families.

Centurion Honoured

It is with great pleasure that Philip Malins C209, a veteran of the Burma campaign, has recently been honoured by the Japanese Government for the many years he has spent reconciling British and Japanese veterans in the aftermath of the War. The announcement was made in the Daily Mail.

Annual General Meeting on Saturday 30th. January 2010

21 Centurions attended this year's A.G.M. which was held at the TA Barracks at Camberwell in London. All our Officers were re-elected unopposed. Preparations for our Centenary Dinner to be held on Saturday 14th May 2011 were discussed and also the printing of our new Handbook. I urge you all to order a copy of the new Handbook as soon as possible. It is hoped to have it available early in 2011. I would like, on your behalf, to thank our Secretary Chris Flint C849 and his Committee for all their efforts during 2010.

Parish Walk (Isle of Man)

For the first time in the last few years, starters and finisher numbers were slightly down. 25 Centurions started, 14 of which completed the full 85 miles. The winner for the third year running was Jock Waddington in a time of 15:18:06.

London Vidarians W.C. 100 miles

This year's 100 miles (in support of the "Help for Heroes" charity) was held at Colchester on 7th and 8th August. Our thanks must go to Chris Flint again for organising the race at such short notice when no other club was able to promote the event. There were 25 starters and 13 walkers completed 100 miles. Sandra Brown C735 was the winner of this event for the 5th



time in a time of 20:23:30. This was the 23rd time she has been 1st Lady in 24 completed 100 mile events. G. Heunks C1068 R.W.V. Holland was 2nd in 20:57:37 and 3rd was F. van der Gulik, LAT in 21:11:41. Winning team was R.W.V. Holland.

We welcome 4 new Members as listed below to the Brotherhood

1079	B. Jose Mora	C.A.B Siurell (Spain) 21.48.31 (1st Qualifier from Spain.)
1080	Bernice 'Bernie' Ball	Manx Harriers Isle of Man 22.56.03
1081	Richard W. Spenceley	Yorkshire W.C. 22:56:03
1082	Coert Peeters	S.V. de Lat (Holland) 22:23.15

As medal numbers 99 and 453 were never issued Coert Peeters C1082 becomes the most recent of the 1080 Centurions who have qualified since the Centurions was formed in 1911 when J. E. Fowler-Dixon became C1.

Our thanks must go once again to Vice-Captain Piet Jensens C389 for bringing a contingent of European competitors to our event. We have received an invitation from Centurion Vereniging Netherlands for our Officers to attend their 40th AGM at Hilvarenbeek on 22nd January 2011 where there will be a presentation of prizes from the 2010 Colchester 100 miles event.

Roubaix 24 hours

A small party of Centurions travelled across the Channel to compete in the above race in France. Sandra Brown C735 was 1st Lady, completing 211.685 metres and finishing in 6th place. Kevin Marshall C1001 completed 199.765 metres, and Dave Jones C987 completed 186.370 metres.

Revised Centurions Handbook, Web Site and Archive Material

Our thanks must go to Sue Clements and her team who did so much work in getting our new Handbook to the printing stage. Also to Kathy Crilley C933, Assistant Secretary, for her efforts in running our Web Site and to our 1st Lady Centurion Ann Sayer C599 for collecting all our old archive material which we hope will be kept in a secure central location for all to view and undertake research. I must thank all those Centurions who have sent donations to help with our costs, and this is much appreciated as we rely on the generous nature of Centurions to keep everything going smoothly.

I extend my warmest wishes to you all and hope to meet up with many of you at our Centenary Dinner on 14th. May which is the nearest Saturday to 11th. May 1911 when the Centurions were formed.

In time honoured tradition, please join me in raising a glass to fellow Centurions worldwide at 2pm on Christmas Day. The toast is "The Centurions".

God Bless and a Happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

Charlie Weston C854, Captain Centurions 1911

