

NATASHA REPRESENTS THOUSANDS OF WILTON WORKERS PAST AND PRESENT AT PRESTIGIOUS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY EVENT



Natasha at the Eston Centotaph

Sembcorp was represented at one of the largest Remembrance Sunday events on Teesside marking 100 years since the ending of the First World War.

The company was invited to a parade and service in Eston Square attended by hundreds of people from the communities adjacent to the Wilton International site.

Natasha Wilkinson, who lives in Eston, volunteered to represent Sembcorp, joining past and present service personnel, civic dignitaries and business and community leaders laying wreaths at the Eston Cenotaph.

The event, organised by Eston Residents' Association, remembered all those who died and were injured in conflicts. In particular, it paid tribute to the 427 inhabitants of the wards of Eston, Normanby, Lackenby and Upsall – many of whom ironstone miners and steelworkers - who responded to the call of King and country. Sadly, many did not return and 57 casualties of the Great War are buried in nearby Eston Cemetery alone.



Mark of respect – Natasha waiting in line to lay the Sembcorp wreath

In total, the war cost the lives of 3,765 people from the Teesside area including the youngest person to die in the conflict, 14-year-old Arthur Brown, who was killed in the German Navy bombardment of West Hartlepool in December 1914.

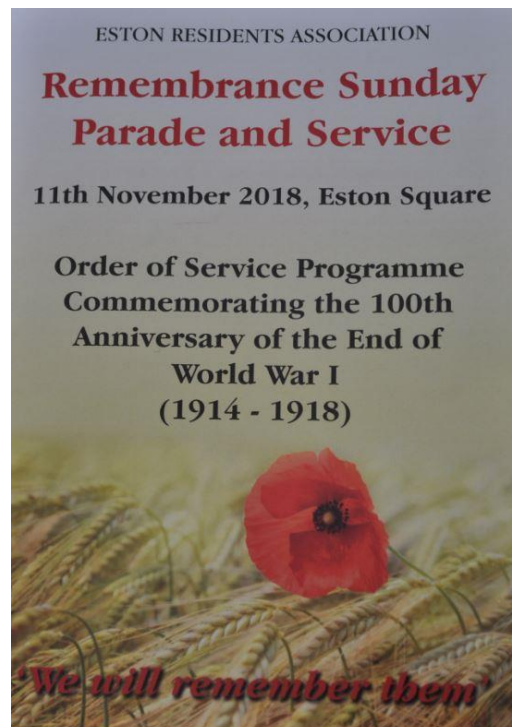
An image of another victim of the same attack, Private Theophilus Jones, the first soldier in the conflict to die on British soil, was carved in sand on Redcar Beach as part of film director Danny Boyle's acclaimed "Pages of the Sea" project marking the Armistice centenary.

The wreath laid by Natasha at Eston read: "In Memorium – Sembcorp and all Wilton International site companies past and present."

Natasha, Executive Secretary in the Business Support team, said: "It was a great honour to be able to lay a wreath on such a momentous occasion. It was very emotional to be surrounded by people, many of whom were remembering relatives who fought for our freedom."



The parade of current and former servicemen and women marches towards Eston Square and below the front cover of the special programme issued to mark the centenary event.





*The first Remembrance Day event at the Grade II listed memorial at Eston on November 11th 1921 and below, the sand carved memorial to Private Theophilus Jones at Redcar Beach
(picture courtesy of Gazette)*





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