

On 10 November 1920, the body was placed in an oak coffin, loaded on *HMS Verdun* and brought to Dover, escorted by 6 destroyers. People lined the cliffs and other vantage points. National and local civic leaders waited at Admiralty Pier. As the coffin was unloaded a 19-gun salute reverberated from Dover Castle.



Unknown Warrior Grave in Nave of Westminster Abbey

London to Westminster Abbey, where a guard of honour of 100 VC holders was waiting.

A war that had started with *The Times* newspaper printing casualty lists only of officers ended with a nameless, rankless, classless soldier laid to rest among royalty, the great and the good, to represent the hundreds of thousands

The body and the sacks of soil were loaded into a luggage van, which had previously been used to carry the body of Nurse Edith Cavell. It then went by rail to London, with people lining the track all the way. On the following day, Armistice Day, the body went in procession through the streets of

of British troops with no known grave or buried with identity unknown. 200,000 people filed past the grave in Westminster Abbey on that day and half a million within the month. That Unknown Soldier could have been their loved one!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS **Sheila Cope**

Those who attended Dover Girls' Grammar School during the decades from the early 50s to the 70s will remember the two language teachers Beryl (French) and May (German) both surnamed Jones. They were founder members of the Dover Society. Beryl died some time ago but May, who has died recently, continued to proof-read for the Newsletter until two years ago although she had moved to Folkestone in the meantime.

In July, due to publicity on Facebook activated by our Webmaster William, we received an unusual number of membership applications. Other members have also been busily recruiting and we are grateful to them. We therefore number 464, higher than this time last year in spite of the inevitable cancellation of functions. Thanks to our Editor Alan and to our contributors

for keeping the Newsletter going.

One of our recent new members is Josephine Evans who has replaced her husband Roy following his death in August. The couple were true Dovorians with Roy a regular attender at our meetings. We watched Roy's funeral streamed from North Hertfordshire where they had moved to be near their sons. Funeral streaming seems to be one of the good innovations resulting from Lockdown, enabling those who could not attend to watch the service.

Other welcome new members are: Mrs S Morris, Mr N Mayell, E & J Shirley, Mr C & Mrs W Lynch, Miss E Mailliot, S Durbidge, A Newell, P & J Lyons, D Burrige, J Tomlin, Mr J Kennett, Mr K Sansum, Mr J Ward, Mr R Williams, Mrs V Deans and Mr J Harvey.