

Dear Friends,

My website www.battlehistorianguy.com has been re-vamped to accommodate changes in the Sergeant York situation and to give details of my new book which will be published in March 2021. It is some time away but I have found many people appreciate early notification.

'Behind Enemy Lines With SOE'

In the summer of 1944, two agents of the Special Operations Executive infiltrated into the Northern Dolomites, Italy. Their brief was to liaise and coordinate with the resistance, ensure their supply of arms; to disrupt German activity, and secure escape routes into Austria. Charles Barker was at the time, a radio operator. This the story of the part he played in assisting escaped Allied prisoners; his capture; torture, and refusal to give away any information to his captors and his eventual escape from a German prison camp. Barker possessed a wonderfully descriptive manner in his writing, thus enabling the reader to paint a picture of the mountainous region of the Dolomites. In fact, one can even now, seventy years later follow in his footsteps. This I intend to do at some stage after this terrible pandemic has receded.

More detailed information can be found on <http://www.battlehistorianguy.com/>

If you would like to register your expression of interest please complete your contact details at <http://www.battlehistorianguy.com/index.php/contact-us>

The price at publication will be £19.99. I will be offering a discount for a signed copy.

If you would like to hear the song I wrote several years ago and watch the DVD 'Ghosts of the Menin Gate.' Please visit: <http://www.battlehistorianguy.com/index.php/music>

You may listen to the song '**Leaves In The Wind**' [Johnny McEvoy] and read of my Grandfather, Michael Kelly who fought with the Royal Engineers in WW1 and was mentally affected by his battlefield experiences for the rest of his life. Listen to the song as you watch the drone footage of Ypres and the battlefields with my daughter Annemarie.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIJSrfZF2Yc> This is the YouTube footage of '**Leaves In The Wind.**'

The *Sergeant York Project website* has closed down having run its course. I will make any updates regarding York via this site. I still have a limited number of signed copies of the book '**Hero On The Western Front.**' Available should you require one, please make your payment at the bottom of this page. <http://www.battlehistorianguy.com/index.php>

Finally, I have been asked many times if I am still guiding tours on the Western Front Battlefields. The short answer is 'Yes' but not as many as I was. My preference is for **larger groups** where I can hire a coach and this reduces the driving of long distances. I hope to be guiding Australian guests in 2021 from the United Service Club in Brisbane and I have other tours in the pipeline for that year, so please ask if you are interested. If I cannot do it, I do have some good contacts. **STOP PRESS: Latest news indicates that touring may not be possible until 2022.**

Kind regards and stay safe,

Michael Kelly

