

Your gift will help us look after residents like Bob, Louis and Dominic



### Bob Leither

Bob served with the Royal Marines. In North Africa he took part in Operation Agreement, a raid on Tobruk that went disastrously wrong. Of the 350 Marines going in, only 50 survived. After a hard fight on the shore he and his mates were taken prisoner. At the hands of their German captors they were beaten and almost starved. Some years ago a stroke left him unable to walk or talk and he came to The Royal Star & Garter Home at Richmond.



### Louis Pengelly-Phillips

Louis joined the Royal Marines in 1943 at the age of 17. He was top of his class and immediately attached to a special security team that protected Winston Churchill when he visited Quebec to discuss plans for D-Day with Roosevelt & Stalin. Louis took part in D-Day, landing on Gold Beach. He then went on through France as far as Amsterdam. From there his unit was sent back to England to be retrained for the Far East. He fought the Japanese in Burma and liberated Rangoon in 1945. After the war Louis worked as a farmer until 1952 when he fell out of a window and broke his back. His farming career at an end, Louis became a civil servant working at the MoD. In 1980 his health deteriorated to the point that he came to our Richmond Home.



### Dominic Lovett RM

Dominic always wanted to join the military. His father is a WO2 in the Royal Marines and his brother is in the RAF. Dominic joined the Royal Marines in 2006. After initial training he was posted to Arbroath, Scotland and, after six months there, volunteered to go to Iraq. Along with five others, he underwent three weeks specialised training for Iraq but, on the day before he was due to depart, he was asked to go back to Scotland. Then, while training in Norway for a posting to Afghanistan, he had an accident that broke his neck, leaving him paralysed from the chest down. He is 21 years old. After initial hospitalisation he was treated at Headley Court and is now being cared for at our Solihull Home until accommodation can be adapted for him in Devon where his family live.

Please complete the pledge form overleaf and return in an envelope (free of charge) to:

Legacy & Trust Manager, The Royal Star & Garter Homes, FREEPOST RLUX-CSXB-KZGG, Richmond TW10 6RR.

## The Royal Star & Garter Charity

The Royal Star & Garter Charity, established in 1916, has always depended on voluntary support and fundraising activity. Over the years many thousands of disabled ex-Service men and women have benefited from our special care. In future years we intend to build new homes around the country and to provide specialist dementia care. We have also extended our services to include the widows, spouses and partners of ex-Service men and women.



*The Charity was founded by Queen Mary in 1916.*

With the support of friends like you, we can move forward with confidence and continue to provide the best possible care to all those who may need it – now and in the years to come.

You can make a CAF or credit card donation instantly by calling the Fundraising Department on:

# 0845 370 7500

For further information contact:

Fundraising Department,  
The Royal Star & Garter Homes,  
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Richmond, Surrey, TW10 6RR

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

*Thank you*

from all your friends at  
The Royal Star & Garter Homes

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How to make a gift in  
your Will to

# The Royal Star & Garter Homes



The  
**Royal Star & Garter  
Homes**

for Disabled Ex-Service Men & Women

**“Without the incredible generosity with which people have remembered us in their Wills, we would probably not be here today.”**

**Vice Admiral Sir John Dunt KCB**  
Chairman, Body of Governors

**E**rnie Small is the embodiment of the tough British infantryman.

He was called up and served with the Grenadier Guards. He landed on Sword Beach as part of D-Day and fought all the way through to Berlin. It was tough fighting all the way against an enemy that refused to give in.



*Ernie Small: "Quite simply, the Royal Star & Garter has given me back my life"*

He fought at Caen, the Battle of the Bulge and Nijmegen. He witnessed the horrors of Belsen and was one of the first British troops into Berlin. Being on the front line meant he witnessed the brutality of war at first hand and saw many of his close friends die.

After the war he went back to being a removals van driver. A few years ago a stroke left him unable to walk or move one of his arms. He came to live at our Richmond Home.

Within a year we had helped him to walk a few steps and restored some of the movement in his arm. But most importantly he is happy. He is amongst friends in a warm, lively environment.

Caring for long-term disabled people takes long-term commitment and we have been supported by legacy gifts for many years now. This generosity has provided a stable, caring home for people like Ernie.

If you are reading this leaflet you may be considering leaving some kind of legacy to The Royal Star & Garter Homes.

Of course, legacies are an intensely personal and private affair. So much so the vast majority of the ones we receive come as a complete surprise.



*Resident Derek Traylen enjoys artistic pursuits.*

But, ultimately, if we did not receive these generous bequests our ability to continue our work would be in serious jeopardy.

Recently we embarked on an ambitious and wide-reaching project to build new homes around the country to provide specialist care for elderly disabled ex-Service people in the best modern surroundings. For the first time, each home will also include a specialist dementia care wing to address this growing need. The first of these prestigious new homes opened in Solihull in August 2008. Our second new home next to Hampton Court Bridge is scheduled to open in late 2011 when residents based at Richmond will be transferred. The location of a third home will be decided upon shortly.

Legacies will be an essential part of these plans. In fact

they will ensure that future generations of disabled ex-Service men and women will have available to them the best possible care.

A legacy to The Royal Star & Garter Homes is one of the most generous gifts you can give.

### There are three main ways to give:

- 1 A Specific Gift:** You make a gift of a particular item.
- 2 A Pecuniary Gift:** You leave a purely financial legacy by naming a sum of money.
- 3 A Residuary Gift:** This is what many people do, you simply leave us a proportion of your estate after all other legacies and expenses have been paid.

We are happy to advise you on how to change your Will, or advise on the best way to make a Will if you do not already have one.

### Will your family lose out if you give a gift to a charity?

People sometimes worry that they may end up depriving their family of a gift if they make a charitable bequest, the situation is like this. The figures change

each year, but most estates worth more than the current inheritance tax threshold will be liable to inheritance tax. Charitable bequests are deducted before tax is paid, so when you give to a charity in your Will it substantially reduces your tax bill. Because inheritance tax can substantially reduce a large estate, many people find they can make a significant donation to a charity they care about with little effect on the value of the estate they leave to other beneficiaries.

In addition a lot of people like to know their favourite charity can continue its work for a long period after their death.

If you would like to leave us something in your Will please complete and return the attached pledge form. Completing a pledge is in no way legally binding, but knowing there are people who are likely to remember us in their Wills helps us to plan ahead.

Should you decide to leave a legacy, in grateful thanks for your generosity, your name will be inscribed in our Roll of Honour Book.

## LEGACY PLEDGE FORM

Please use this form to let us know of your intention to leave a legacy to The Royal Star & Garter Homes.

Please tick the appropriate boxes:

- I intend to include a gift to The Royal Star & Garter Homes in my Will.  
I plan to provide this legacy in the form of:
- A specific item
- A cash gift of £
- The residue, or a share of the residue of my estate

**IMPORTANT:** Your commitment is, of course, simply a declaration of your present intentions, and is not in any way legally binding. (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Title	
Name	
Address	
	Postcode
Tel	
Email	

These details will remain confidential and will not be passed on to any third party.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We always recommend you use a solicitor to alter your Will. Often they will ask for our preferred wording for a:

### Residuary Gift (A proportion of your estate)

"I give the whole/ \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate not otherwise disposed of by this Will to The Royal Star & Garter Homes of Richmond, Surrey, TW10 6RR, Registered Charity Number 210119, for its general charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer of The Royal Star & Garter Homes for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy."

### Specific or Pecuniary Gift (A specific sum of money or item)

"I give free of tax the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ (or the item specified) to The Royal Star & Garter Homes of Richmond, Surrey, TW10 6RR, Registered Charity Number 210119 for its general charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer of The Royal Star & Garter Homes for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy."

