



On 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011 the Rifles regiment appealed to London's Mayfair for support for its Care for Casualties appeal

"We are available around the clock" confirmed Rebecca Maciejewska in her extremely well received appeal to over 250 guests at the Rifles club, Mayfair. Care for Casualties is a ring-fenced appeal set up within The Rifles Regimental Trust (Charity Number 1119061) for the benefit of Rifles casualties, the wounded, their families and the bereaved from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.

The Rifles have lost 59 Riflemen, Killed in Action, in these campaigns, since the formation of the regiment in February 2007.

29 Riflemen have lost limbs during the same period, 3 have lost 3 limbs and 11 have lost 2 each. 2 Riflemen are in neurological units and are likely to stay there for the rest of their lives, and 2 have been fully blinded.

Guest speakers during the evening included the war artist Arabella Dorman who has painted The Rifles in action and who gave a compelling account of her time and experiences with The Rifles.

Ed Parker spoke about the challenges of walking to the North Pole and of his support for all soldiers who have experienced such challenges; Rifleman Matt Fisher who lost a leg in Afghanistan told of his experience and offered an honest, sincere account of the choices and challenges facing all wounded Riflemen as well as how Care for Casualties have supported them in their very real and challenging situations.

The evening offered drinks and canapés sponsored by Halstock, RAB capital and African Petroleum and hosts from the three businesses. Richard Miller, MD of Halstock Ltd spoke of his support for the Charity and his passion and respect for all members of the Regiment past and present.

An auction was held as well as a £20.00 raffle collected for by the Rifles cadets who represented the Rifles Family values perfectly ; lots were offered from Luxury Hotel accommodation, VIP Tickets to London's Boat Show to an evening at the Royal Albert Hall all having been donated by local businesses and generous guests.

The evening raised in excess of £30,000.00 for Care for Casualties and certainly offered an insight into the great support this charity offers. This was reflected in a short film allowing guests to understand some of the things that have been done to change lives for the better – demonstrating the actions and support offered and how they play a part in the lives of all the Rifles soldiers and their families when need arises.