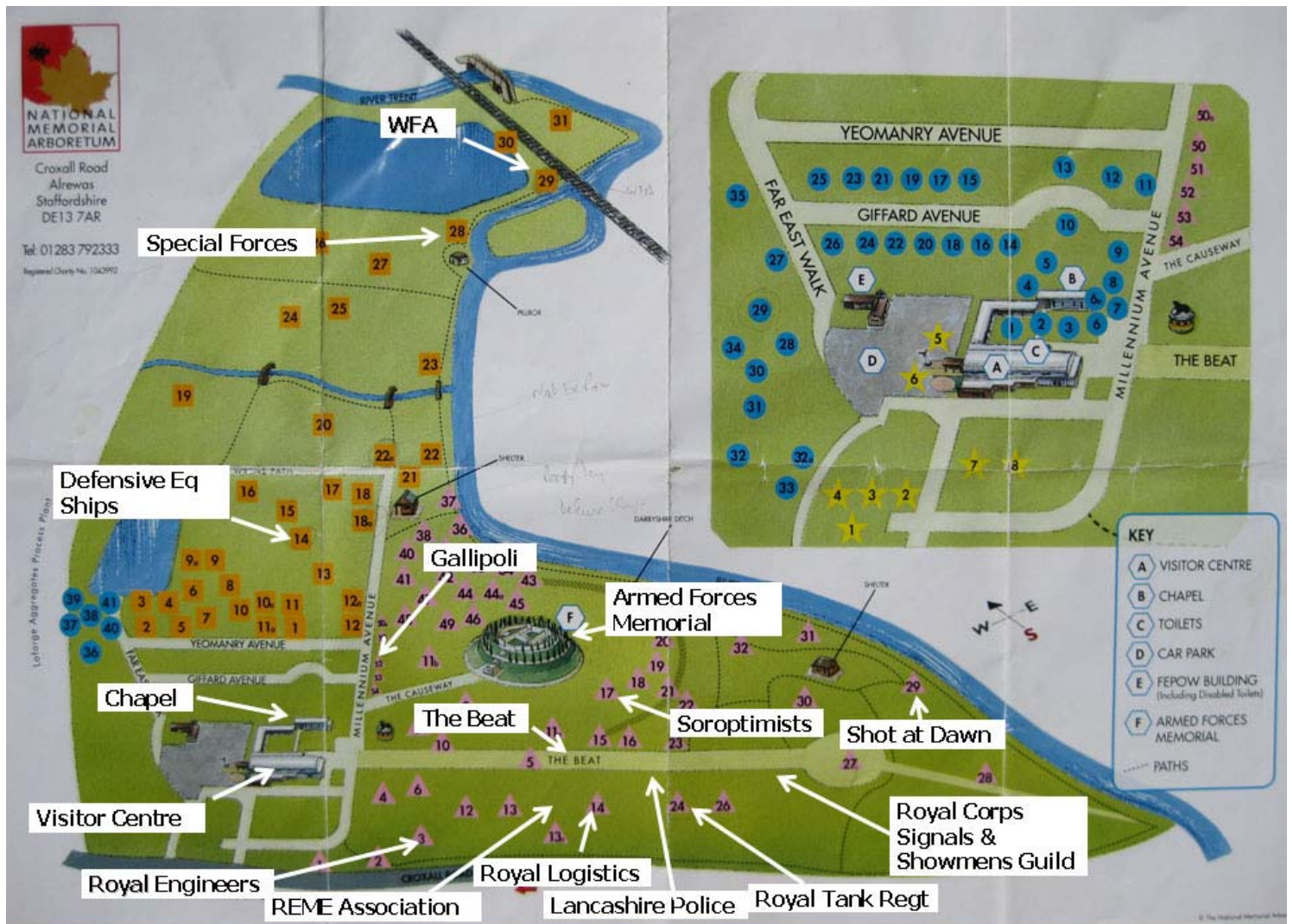


VISIT TO THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM: 24 MARCH 2009

The plan below has been copied from the Arboretum's Guide to illustrate the location of the various memorials, etc described in Despatch:



1 The Royal Engineers Memorial

The four granite blocks were presented to the Corps of Royal Engineers by the Falkland Islands. They have been arranged in a stone circle, apparently floating off the ground but supported by steel dowels.



2 Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers



4 Lancashire Constabulary (with Royal Tank Regt in background)



3 Royal Logistics Corps



5 Royal Tank Regiment



6 Royal Corps of Signals



8 Shot at Dawn



7 Showmen's Guild



9 Soroptimists Garden (Armed Forces Memorial in background)



10 Armed Forces Memorial (3 Photos)



11 Gallipoli



12 Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships



13 Special Forces Memorials



14 Western Front Association (2 photos)



As mentioned towards the end of the Despatch article I have contacted Jonathan Dale of the Birmingham Branch who is leading on the WFA Memorial. He advised the Arboretum had approved the WFA's scheme in principle. However the Arboretum may wish to change the WFA's location as part of the revamp of the site which will hopefully follow a satisfactory outcome of the £8m appeal.

Also, subject to possible detailed amendments, the National Trustees of the WFA have agreed to the design of the WFA Memorial and to support the project. A visual impression of the proposals is below and the estimated cost is £120,000. Fund raising will now need to commence in earnest.



National
Memorial
Walk