Soldiers from 202 Field Squadron Royal Engineers, based in Failsworth relocate the town’s flagpoles into the memorial gardens.
Over the coming weeks and months various additions will be made to the gardens in preparation for the upcoming WW1 Centenary Commemorations, work on the inscriptions for the new Forgotten Wars and Veterans Memorial has been completed by local stonemason Alistair Chadwick.
Works on the additional stone carved and painted flags to the present memorial have also started, again by a local, Heywood Master Stonemason Harry Simpson of Urban Stone, with 3 of the 4 Flags ready for painting, to depict in order of precedence, Union Flag, White Ensign, Blue Ensign and the Red Ensign
Visual illustrations of Memorial when Stone Carved and Painted flags are added
Heywood Township Councillors after consultations with the Veterans decided the commemorations of the 2014 WW1 Centenary should not be in celebration, but rather in solemn reflection and remembrance of all those who have died and have served in our Armed Forces since the start of the Great War.

These additions fully completes our Memorial Gardens and wholly acknowledges and honours all parts played by all in our Armed Forces, and by all who have served.

The Project has been funded By Heywood Township with an allocation of £15,000 plus £11,000 funding from the Heywood Memorial Trust.

Designs and inscription details was delegated to the Heywood War Memorial Committee, comprising of the Heywood Township Chairman and Council Lead Member for the Armed Forces, Cllr Alan McCarthy, Lancashire Veterans Association Chairman, Harry Mills, SAAFA representative, Norma Langford, with the Royal British Legion position remaining vacant.

Designs and inscriptions were then submitted and gained approval by Heywood Township Committee.

Cllr Alan McCarthy, Lead Member for the Armed Forces said “I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Royal Engineers for relocating the flagpoles which will enable future wreath laying during Armed Forces week when we fly the flag in support of our service personnel, Alistair Chadwick for the excellent work on the Left and Right Flank memorials and also Harry Simpson again for the excellent work on the stone carved flags, the Armed Forces Community Covenant which the Council has signed, is to integrate our serving personnel both past and present into the community, this is the covenant in action, working together for the benefit of our town.”