



**A Rededication Service for**

**Private George Galloway  
14<sup>th</sup> Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment**

**10:30 hours on Tuesday 16 April 2024  
CWGC Achiet-le-Grand Communal  
Cemetery Extension, France**

**Service conducted by The Reverend Robert Desics CF  
Chaplain to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion The Royal Yorkshire Regiment  
Déroulement de la Cérémonie présidé par  
le Révérend Robert Desics CF**

Private George Galloway



Private George Galloway was born in 1886 in Barnsley, South Yorkshire. He was one of six children born to George Galloway and his wife Mary. Before enlisting he worked in glass manufacturing. George enlisted into 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment, also known as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Barnsley Pals. After being sent to Egypt at the end of 1915, the battalion arrived in Marseilles on 16 March 1916 and headed northwards to the Western Front.

On the night of 3 to 4 June 1916, 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment carried out a raid on enemy trenches near Serre. At midnight an intense bombardment came down on the enemy line and the raid commenced. The raid was not successful. Some men were delayed in crossing No Man's Land due to congestion in their own trenches and others were injured prior to entering the enemy line when a shrapnel shell burst prematurely. One Officer and fifteen other ranks were wounded, and three other ranks were killed as a result of the raid. Three other ranks were killed and four wounded by a bombardment put down by the enemy in response. Efforts were made to recover the wounded, but Private Galloway remained missing. He was 30 years old.

Private Galloway's body was recovered and buried by the Germans in Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension. He was buried as an unknown soldier of The York and Lancaster Regiment with the date of death of 4 June 1916. As he was missing, Private Galloway was commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. However, new research has shown that this is in fact the grave of Private Galloway and the headstone over the grave has now been changed. Today we will remember Private Galloway and his grave will be rededicated.

First made in April 1917, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension was significantly extended after the Armistice when graves were brought in from smaller cemeteries and the surrounding

battlefields. These included the grave of Private George Galloway, who could not be identified at the time. He lies among the more than 1,400 Commonwealth service personnel who are buried in this cemetery.

Private George Galloway est né à Barnsley, South Yorkshire, en 1886. Il été un des six enfants nés à George Galloway et sa femme Mary. Avant de s'engager, il travaillait dans la fabrication de verre. George s'est engagé dans 14<sup>e</sup> Bataillon du York and Lancaster Regiment, également connu sous le nom de 2<sup>e</sup> Barnsley Pals. Après avoir été envoyé en Égypte à la fin de l'année 1915, le bataillon est arrivé à Marseille le 16 mars, 1916 et s'est dirigé vers le nord, sur le front occidental.

Au cours la nuit du 3 au 4 juin, 1916, 14<sup>e</sup> Bataillon du York and Lancaster Regiment a effectué un raid sur les tranchées ennemies près de Serre. À minuit, un bombardement intense s'abattit sur la ligne ennemie et le raid a commencé. Le raid ne fut pas couronné de succès. Certains hommes furent retardés dans la traversée du No Man's Land en raison de l'encombrement de leurs propres tranchées et d'autres furent blessés avant de pénétrer dans la ligne ennemie lorsqu'un obus à shrapnel éclata prématurément. Un officier et quinze autres soldats ont été blessés, et trois autres soldats ont été tués à la suite du raid. Trois autres soldats ont été tués et quatre blessés par un bombardement effectué par l'ennemi en réponse. Des efforts ont été faits pour retrouver les blessés, mais Private Galloway été porté disparu. Il avait 30 ans.

Les Restes de Private Galloway fut retrouvé et enterré par les Allemands dans Achiet-le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension. Il a été enterré en tant que soldat inconnu du York and Lancaster Regiment tués le 4 juin, 1916. Son nom est ainsi commémoré sur le monument commémoratif des disparus à Thiepval. Cependant, la nouvelle recherche a permis le site de son dernier repos d'être identifié. Aujourd'hui nous nous souviendrons de Private Galloway et sa tombe sera consacrée une nouvelle fois.

### **Call to Worship**

*Appel à Adoration*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

We are met this day to glorify God who sustains the  
world;  
to remember with thanksgiving Private George Galloway  
who lived and died in the service of our country;  
and to ask for God's help and blessing that we may be  
worthy of his sacrifice each day of our life.

### **Bidding Prayer**

*Prière*

Father of all mercies,  
grant that our remembrance this day  
may be consecrated to your service,  
that all our humble endeavours to obey your call  
may advance the cause of your heavenly Kingdom  
and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit  
in the hearts of all your children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

### **Scripture Reading**

*Lecture des Écritures Saintes*

Read by a representative of the British Embassy Paris

#### **Psalm 27 v 1-6 (NRSV)**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
When evildoers assail me  
to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes—  
they shall stumble and fall.  
Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident.  
One thing I asked of the Lord;  
this I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.  
For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.  
Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

## **Gospel Reading**

*Lecture de l'Évangile*

Read by Second Lieutenant John Crooks  
2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Royal Yorkshire Regiment

### **John Chapter 5 v 21-29 (NRSV)**

Just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and does not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.

"Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, and he has given him authority to execute judgment because he is the Son of Man. Do not be astonished at this, for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out: those who have done good to the resurrection of life.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading***Lecture*

Read by Helen Banton

The York and Lancaster Regimental Association

**The Poppy**

By D Rothwell

Nature created a flower,  
With petals of brilliant red.  
Who'd have thought such a beautiful flower  
Would be used to remember the dead?

For when all the guns have stopped firing,  
and there's only the mud and the rain  
God sends down his little red flowers  
To cover the lads who remain.

So remember every November,  
When we hold our Remembrance Day  
Of the lads who lie 'neath the Poppies  
And the price that they had to pay.

**Address***Allocution*



### **The Act of Dedication**

*L'Acte de Dédicace*

So let us now bless and dedicate this grave as the final resting place of the mortal remains of Private George Galloway.

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ was laid in a tomb: Bless and dedicate, we pray, this grave as the place where the body of your servant George may rest in peace, in the knowledge that he now abides in your glory through the merits of your Son, who is the resurrection and the life; who died and is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.

### **The Exhortation**

*L'Éxhortation*

Read by Second Lieutenant John Crooks  
2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Royal Yorkshire Regiment

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.

*All* **We will remember them.**

### **The Last Post**

*Sonnerie aux Morts*

Played by Lance Corporal April Farthing  
The Band of The Royal Yorkshire Regiment

**Silence**

## **The Reveille**

### **Kohima Epitaph**

*L'Épitaphe de Kohima*

Read by Second Lieutenant John Crooks  
2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Royal Yorkshire Regiment

When you go home tell them of us and say:  
'For your tomorrow, we gave our today.'

### **Laying of Wreaths**

*Dépôts des Gerbes*

### **Prayers**

*Prières*

*The Chaplain leads prayers of intercession.  
At the end of each bidding the following is said,*

Lord, in your mercy;  
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Chaplain concludes the prayers of intercession,*

Most merciful Father,  
accept our prayers  
that we may know your peace in our hearts,  
and your love in our lives,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*All* **Amen.**

**The Collect of The York and Lancaster Regiment**

*Récitation du York and Lancaster Regiment*

Read by Second Lieutenant John Crooks

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Royal Yorkshire Regiment

Almighty God, who canst save by many or by few, and dost bid us endure to the end that we may be saved, strengthen, we pray thee, The York and Lancaster Regiment, that, as our perseverance has not been found wanting in battle, so we may be blessed in enduring all temptations, and at length receive the crown of life from Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Prière du Seigneur*

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**The Blessing**

*Séparation et Dernière Bénédiction*

May the God of all power and might  
make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**



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