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A Funeral Service for

**An Unknown Soldier of the Bedfordshire Regiment
and
An Unknown Soldier of the Dorsetshire Regiment**

Killed in action during the Great War

Thursday 16 November 2017
at 10:30 hrs

Bouzincourt Ridge Cemetery
France

*Cérémonie Funéraire pour deux soldats Britanniques inconnus du
Bedfordshire Regiment et du Dorsetshire Regiment*

*au cimetière militaire de Bouzincourt Ridge, Albert, la France
le jeudi 16 novembre 2017 à 10h 30*

The remains of 2 World War 1 soldiers were uncovered during road works around Albert. Found with them were regimental artefacts – a shoulder title of the Dorsetshire Regiment and a shoulder title of the Bedfordshire Regiment. We believe that both men died in the spring/early summer of 1918. There are too many casualties still missing from the Bedfordshires to attempt identification, so one casualty will be buried as an unknown soldier of the Bedfordshire Regiment. Only 6 men remain missing from the Dorsetshire Regiment. Family have been traced for each of them, DNA samples taken/tested and comparisons made. Sadly it has not been possible to confirm his identification, so he will be buried as an unknown soldier of the Dorsetshire Regiment.

Les restes de 2 soldats Britannique de la Première Guerre mondiale ont été découverts pendant les travaux routiers autour d'Albert. Trouvé avec eux étaient les artefacts régimentaires - un titre d'épaule du Dorsetshire Regiment et un titre d'épaule du Bedfordshire Regiment. Nous croyons que les deux hommes sont morts au printemps ou au début de l'été 1918.

Il y avait un trop grand nombre des soldats du Bedfordshire Regiment qui ont été tués pendant cette époque et qui manquent encore, pour tenter d'identifier cet homme. Alors la victime sera enterrée comme un soldat inconnu de Bedfordshire Regiment. Il ne reste que 6 hommes du Dorsetshire Regiment qui sont perdu encore pour ce période-là. Une famille a été retrouvée pour chacun d'entre eux, des échantillons d'ADN ont été prélevés et testés et des comparaisons ont été faites. Malheureusement, il n'était pas possible de confirmer son identité, il sera donc enterré comme un soldat inconnu du Dorsetshire Regiment.

Order of Service

**led by The Revd Iori Price CF,
1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment**

and

**The Revd John Swanston CF,
1st Battalion, The Rifles**

Déroulement de la cérémonie présidé par les pasteurs

*Iori Price CF,
1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment*

and

*John Swanston CF,
1st Battalion, The Rifles*

Welcome

Invitation a la Prière

John 11.25.26

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, will live even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

We are gathered here today in this place of remembrance to honour our fallen in conflicts past.

Today we remember with thanksgiving these two soldiers who, alongside so many others, answered the call of their country, served with honour and gave their lives in the service of their nation.

We will shortly commit their bodies to be buried. In so doing let us commit ourselves anew to remember them. For by so doing we honour them and we reflect upon their sacrifice.

Let us offer ourselves in His service that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven and that His kingdom of justice and peace be established everywhere.

Bidding Prayer

Prière

Let us recall the presence of God, the Father of all mankind, maker and sustainer of all that is, whose purposes are good, whose love is never withheld and whose mercy never passes away. We call to mind His faithfulness in times of darkness and despair.

We remember before Him our brothers whose names are known only to God, and all who have served in the Armed

Forces of our nation; who counted service to others greater than service of self, and who gave their lives in battle.

Silence

Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and comfort us;
renew our trust in your Son
whom you raised from the dead;
strengthen our faith
that all who have died in the love of Christ
will share in his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Scripture Reading

Lecture des Ecritures Saintes

Ecclesiastes 3, 1 – 8

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven;
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,

a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Scripture Reading

Lecture des Ecritures Saintes

John 14, 1 – 6

Jesus said to his disciples; "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going". Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way"? Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

Moment of Reflection

Moment de réflexion

Interment

Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;
when the wind goes over it, it is gone
and its place will know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures
for ever and ever.....

We have entrusted these two soldiers whose names are known to God alone to God's eternal keeping. We now recommit their earthly remains to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes,

dust to dust in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Exhortation

L'Exhortation

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.

We will remember them.

The Last Post

Sonnerie aux morts

Silence

Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

Lecture de l'Epitaphe de Kohima

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

Wreath Laying

Depots des Gerbes

Prayers

Prières

Almighty God, protect all who serve in the Forces of The Queen; strengthen us in danger and temptation, give us courage and loyalty, that we may remain true to the highest traditions of our profession; and keep us steadfast when faced with the perils of action in war; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Almighty God, who has revealed your only Son as the resurrection and the life; raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness that, when we depart from this life, we may rest in him, and at the last may receive the blessing; Well done good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your Lord. Grant this, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our mediator and redeemer.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Prière du Seigneur

**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.

Regimental Collect of the Bedfordshire Regiment (16TH Foot)

Récitation du Régiment

O Lord, God of Battles, make us worthy of the soldiers who have fought under the Colours of the 16TH Foot, and of the glorious achievements of our Regiment. Create within us a fervent desire for freedom, justice and truth. Give us strength, perseverance and loyalty in all our undertakings so that we may prove truly valiant. In the Name of the Father, The Son and The Holy Ghost.

Amen

Regimental Collect of the Dorsetshire Regiment

Récitation du Régiment

Oh Christ, our Redeemer, the sure stronghold of each succeeding age; grant that we, who have borne arms in the Dorsetshire Regiment or the Devonshire Regiment may endure, as our Fathers did before us with steadfast courage. Lead us in every quarter of the earth; that we not only honour and proclaim thy name, but also serve to open a highway of thy salvation for all mankind; through the same Jesus Christ, who now liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Séparation et Dernière Bénédiction

Support us, O Lord,
all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening falls,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at last;
through Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon you and remain with you
and all those you love and for whom you pray,
this day and always.

Amen.