



A Rededication Service for

Private George Montague Price
5th Battalion, South Wales Borderers

15.00 hours Wednesday 3 July 2024
CWGC Chester Farm Cemetery, Belgium

Service conducted by Reverend Richard Mutter CF
Chaplain to 1st Battalion The Royal Welsh

The Cemetery

Named after a nearby farm, the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's Chester Farm Cemetery was established in March 1915 and in use until November 1917. All 420 casualties in this cemetery were buried during this period, including Private George Montague Price whose grave could not be identified at the time. Only seven casualties remain unidentified.



**Private George Montague Price
1878 – 1916**

George Montague Price was born in Herefordshire in 1878. He was the fourth and youngest child of Andrew Price, a builder, and his wife Alice. Prior to the war George was a stonemason, though he joined the army in May 1916. He arrived in France in August 1916, and was killed in action near Hill 60 in Belgium in early October 1917.

At the time he was killed, George Price was buried in a field grave. However, by the time he was recovered in the autumn of 1920 and moved to Chester Farm – anything recording his name had been lost and he was buried as an unknown soldier of the 5th Bn South Wales Borderers.

Research has now revealed the final resting place of George Montague Price, and today we restore his name to him.

Call to Worship:

We have come together in the name of Christ
To offer our praise and thanksgiving,
To hear and receive God's holy word,
To remember all of those who have suffered in conflict, war, and terror,
And to rededicate this grave
That, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
We may be worthy of their sacrifice.

Opening Prayer

Merciful Father,
Hear our prayers and comfort us;
Renew our trust in your Son,
Whom you raised from the dead;
Strengthen our faith
That George and 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 forever.

Amen.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46

Read by a representative of the British Embassy

God is our hope and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell,
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, the
holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her, and that right early.

Be still then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Reading – O valiant hearts, who to your glory came –

by John S. Arkwright, MP for Herefordshire 1900 - 1914

Read by Steve Brown MBE, The Joint Casualty & Compassionate Centre

O valiant hearts who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet call of God.

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians v4 13:18

Read by Colonel Nicholas Lock, late of The Royal Welsh

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Address

The Reverend Richard Mutter

Act of Dedication

We rededicate this grave to Private George Montague Price in the name of Christ who died and rose again;
as a symbol of our remembering, as a sign of our thanksgiving,
a token of recognition and expression of our love.
We look forward with confidence to our reunion with them
and all those whose dwelling is forever with Christ in the everlasting kingdom of the Father.

The Exhortation

Read by Colonel Nicholas Lock, late of The Royal Welsh

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

*Played by Sergeant Andrew Jones,
Regimental Band, 3rd Battalion The Royal Welsh*

Silence

Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

Read by Colonel Nicholas Lock, late of The Royal Welsh

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

Laying of Wreaths

The Collect of The South Wales Borderers

Read by Colonel Nicholas Lock, late of The Royal Welsh

Almighty God, we, the Twenty Fourth, thank You that Thou hast called us to share in the defence of Thy Kingdom and in the extension of the frontiers of righteousness in every place. We pray Thee to grant that we may be so inspired by thy Holy Spirit and encouraged by the example of those who have gone before that we may fulfil Thy purpose here, and, being faithful unto death, may obtain the Crown of Life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer

God of mercy, Lord of life
You promised eternal life to those who believe.
Remember for good this your servant George,
Bring him and all who rest in Christ
Into the fullness of your kingdom
Where sins have been forgiven and death is no more.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, The King, the Commonwealth, and all mankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.



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