



**A Burial Service for
An Unknown Soldier of The Suffolk Regiment**

And

An Unknown Soldier of The Great War

**09:45 hours 23 September 2021
Wancourt British Cemetery, France**

**Service conducted by the Reverend Simon Talbot CF
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Wancourt British Cemetery

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Wancourt British Cemetery was initially named Cojeul Valley Cemetery, or River Road Cemetery. It was established in April 1917 and used until October 1918, being in German hands from March-August 1918. At the Armistice, this cemetery contained 410 graves, but was greatly increased when burials were brought in from a number of small cemeteries and isolated positions from the battlefields south-east of Arras. It is from this area that both the unidentified Suffolk Regiment casualty and the unidentified casualty who are being interred today were recovered.

Call to Worship

Appel à Adoration

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. We come before God in remembrance of our fallen comrades and ask that God may receive our prayers as we call upon Him.

All May the Peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

Bidding Prayer

Prière

Almighty God, you tell us blessed is the man who perseveres under trial as he will receive the crown of life that you have promised to those who love you. In your mercy may you draw close to us as we remember that you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. As we seek our refuge in you may you strengthen us by your presence and assure us of your grace.

All **Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Lecture des Écritures Saintes

John Chapter 15 v 9-13 (NIV)

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I

have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Reading

Lecture

The Solider by *Rupert Brooke*

If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And thinks, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

The Collect of The Suffolk Regiment

Récitation du Suffolk Regiment

O God, our rock and our fortress, uphold, we pray thee,
thy servants of The Suffolk Regiment, that when we pass
through the waters thou wilt be with us who art strong to
save, and wilt set us up on a rock in time of trouble, for
the love of thine only son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Committal

Enterrement

Lord, we offer into your safe keeping these unknown soldiers who are not unknown to you. We commit their mortal remains to the ground:
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust:
We look for the fullness of the resurrection when Christ shall gather all his people to reign with Him in glory for ever.

All **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.

All **We will remember them.**

The Last Post

Sonnerie aux Morts

Silence

Reveille

Kohima Epitaph
L'Épitaphe de Kohima

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

Laying of Wreaths
Dépôts des Gerbes

Prayer
Prière

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those who have given their life in the service of their country. As we remember those known to us and those whose names we will never know help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us dignity as we pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer
Prière du Seigneur

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

The Blessing

Séparation et Dernière Bénédiction

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth, and all
people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all his
servants, life everlasting.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**



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