



A Rededication Service for

Second Lieutenant Alick Guyer Aylmer Aylmore

**15th London Regiment
(Prince of Wales' Own) Civil Service Rifles**

Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 10.00 am

CWGC Assevillers New British Cemetery, France

Service conducted by
Reverend Kevin Jones



Alick Guyer Aylmer Aylmore was born in 1889 in Ilford, Essex. He was one of the seven children born to George Walter Aylmore and Clara Amelia Hoddy. Alick enlisted into the 15th London Regiment as a private and first went to France on 17 March 1915 until 3 October 1916. He was commissioned into the 15th London Regiment on 28 February 1917.

About the Service

The service has been organised by the Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre and will be attended by regimental representatives and local dignitaries. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission will be providing the headstone.

Introduction

We have come together, family, friends, representatives of His Majesty the King and the Rifles, to give thanks for the life of 2nd Lieutenant Alick Guyer Aylmer Aylmore, who was killed in action on 23 March 1918. As we remember his life, devotion to service and sacrifice, we continue to commend all those who died into the everlasting arms of God.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice
and love everything that you have made.
In your mercy turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life,
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven;
through our saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Cure of Souls

written by Ilford poet Denise Levertov

The pastor
of grief and dreams,
guides his flock towards
the next field with all his care.
He has heard
the bell tolling,
but the sheep
are hungry and need
the grass today and
every day. Beautiful
his patience, his long
shadow, the rippling
sound of the flock moving
along the valley.

John 6 - Selected verses

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty....Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

The Eleventh Hour

written by Second Lieutenant Graham Swaffield of the London Regiment

Have you still got your tin hat with you,
old pal who has gone before?
Do you still wear the dear old uniform
that I knew in the days of war?
What's it like there across the border,
now you've taken the long, long trail?
Do you wake to the call of reveille?
and still hear retreat's last wail?

Grand! Grand! was your smile at parting,
and the look in your fading eyes,
as you signed your transfer papers
to the Army beyond the skies.

I'd like to have seen your greeting
at the Heavenly Barrack gate,

When the Great Chief, with His hand outstretched,
said" Welcome!" and" Well done, mate!"

Old man-we miss you badly,
you were always a darned good sort,
and we gather together once a year
just to think of you, old sport.
And we're wondering very sadly
if you're thinking of us that way,
as the clock booms out the eleventh hour
of the eleventh month and day.

Goodbye! old boy, I must leave you,
things aren't too good down here;
But! we're playing the game as you did,
for the sake of your memory dear.
And, perchance, at the last reveille,
when the Great Chief calls His men,
I too shall be there beside you,
with my hand in yours again.

Revelation 21:1-4; 22:4-5

I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
for the first heaven and the first earth had vanished,
and there was no longer any sea.

I saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
made ready like a bride for her husband.

I heard a loud voice proclaiming from the throne;
"Now God has his dwelling with mankind!
He will dwell among them and they shall be his people,
and God himself will be with them."

He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There shall be an end to death,

and to mourning and crying and pain,
for the old order has passed away.

The throne of God and of the Lamb will be there,
and his servants shall worship him;
they shall see him face to face and bear his name on their
foreheads. There shall be no more night,
nor will they need the light of lamp or sun,
for the Lord God will give them light;
and they shall reign for ever.

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The 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

The Silence

The Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

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

Wreath Laying

The Prayers

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:
for the service men and women
who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;
may God give peace.

All: God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief
and the sadness of our loss;
may God give peace.

All: God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces
who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends
and all who pray for their safe return;
may God give peace.

All: God give peace.

For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatred of humanity;
may God give peace.

All: God give peace.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;
may God give peace.

All: God give peace.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious;

asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve
in the search for reconciliation and peace;
may God give peace.

All: God give peace.

The Collect of the Rifles

O Almighty God, the sure stronghold of each succeeding age,
guard us your servants of The Rifles. That we may uphold and be
worthy of the great traditions bound up in our former Regiments,
and as we were chosen to be swift and bold may we seek with
courage your grace in every time of need and so be patient and
persevering in running the race this is set before us. This we ask
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

Amen.

A Soldier's Psalm (91); 1 – 4

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide
under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my
refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall
deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome
pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his
wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

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

The Blessing

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they
shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40: 31

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to
shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light
of his countenance upon you and give you his peace this day and
always. And the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son and Holy
Spirit be with you, and those whom you love, for ever and ever.
Amen.

About the Cemetery

Assevillers was taken by the French in the autumn of 1916, evacuated by the Fifth Army on the 26th March 1918, and retaken by the 5th Australian Division on the 28th August, 1918. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Assevillers New British Cemetery was made after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from the battlefields of the Somme and from other burial grounds. This included the grave of Second Lieutenant Aylmore, which could not be identified by name until today.



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