



**A Rededication Service for  
Lieutenant Charles Stonehouse**

**11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The East Lancashire Regiment**

**10:00 hours Tuesday 3 July 2018  
Serre Road Cemetery No. 3, France**

**Service conducted by the Reverend Andrew J Earl CF  
Senior Chaplain HQ NW**

*Déroulement de la Cérémonie présidé par  
le Révérend Andrew J Earl*

Lieutenant Charles Stonehouse



Lieutenant Charles Stonehouse was born in Blackburn on 15 May 1882. He was the son of Francis and Mary Ann Stonehouse and was an architect by profession. He enlisted as a Private in the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The East Lancashire Regiment on 17 September 1914, shortly after the outbreak of the First World War. Having been promoted to Lance Corporal, he was given a battlefield commission on 18 January 1915 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on 20 June that year.

On 1 July 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme, Lieutenant Stonehouse led W Company into the battalion's attack on Serre. He was killed in the course of the attack. For just over a hundred years his final resting place remained unknown and he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. However, new research has shown that he is in fact buried in this cemetery. During this service we will remember Lieutenant Stonehouse and his grave will be rededicated.

Lieutenant Charles Stonehouse est né le 15 mai 1882 à Blackburn. Il était le fils de Francis et Mary Ann Stonehouse et il fut un architecte de profession. Le 17 septembre, 1914 un peu après le début de la Première Guerre Mondiale, il s'enrôle comme Private dans le 11<sup>e</sup> Batallion, The East Lancashire Regiment. Ayant été promu Lance Corporal, il est devenu un officier commissionné le 18 janvier 1915 et il fut Lieutenant le 20 juin cette année-là.

Le 1 juillet 1916, le premier jour de La bataille de la Somme, Lieutenant Stonehouse a dirigé W Company durant de leur attaque sur Serre. Il fut tué au cours de cette attaque. Pendant un peu plus de cent ans le site de son dernier repos restait inconnu et son nom est ainsi commémoré sur le Monument Commémoratif à Thiepval. Cependant on sait maintenant qu'il est en fait enterré dans ce cimetière. Au cours de ce service nous nous souviendrons de Lieutenant Stonehouse et sa tombe sera consacrée une nouvelle fois.

### **Serre Road Cemetery No. 3**

In June 1916 the 'Serre Road' leading out of Mailly-Maillet was in British hands, and entered No Man's Land about 1,170 metres South-West of the village of Serre, which was held by the Germans. The East Lancashire Regiment attacked the village on 1 July 1916, and although some men reached Serre, the attack failed. The 3rd and 31st Divisions renewed the attempt, without success, on 13 November. Serre was finally captured on 25 February 1917 after the Germans evacuated the village. In the spring of 1917, graves from the battlefields of the Ancre, including that of Lt Stonehouse, were brought into a number of small cemeteries. Over 80 casualties who fell in July and November 1916 are now commemorated at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Serre Road No 3 Cemetery. Of these, over half remain unidentified and special memorials are erected to four men who are known or believed to be buried among them.

## **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.**

## **Bidding Prayer**

*Prière*

We worship God  
Who is good and true  
He sustains the world;  
And loves us though we have failed him.  
We remember  
All who have given their lives in the struggle for justice  
and peace,  
All who suffer in war and conflict,  
And all who live in terror.  
We ask God's guidance and blessing,  
That we may do his will,  
And that all peoples may acknowledge his kingship and  
reign.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Scripture Reading**

*Lecture des Écritures Saintes*

Read by a Representative of the British Embassy Paris

### **Micah Chapter 4 v 1-5 (NRSVA)**

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

## Reading

### *Lecture*

Read by Roger Hoyle

Great Nephew of Lieutenant Charles Stonehouse

**If**, by Rudyard Kipling

IF you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'



If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
' Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,  
if neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son

### **Gospel Reading**

*Lecture de l'Évangile*

Read by Alan Rowntree MBE

Great Nephew of Lieutenant Charles Stonehouse

### **John Chapter 15 v 9 – 17 (NRSVA)**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

## **Address**

*Allocution*

## **The Collect of The East Lancashire Regiment**

*Récitation du Régiment*

Read by Second Lieutenant Tom O'Reilly

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do, give thy grace, we pray thee, to thy servants of The East Lancashire Regiment to fulfil thy work in believing on thy beloved Son whom thou hast sent, so that men seeing our faith made perfect in work may glorify thee, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

## **The Exhortation**

*L'Éxhortation*

Read by Colonel Chris Owen (Ret'd)

Regimental Secretary The Duke of Lancaster's 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*

**Silence**

**Reveille**

**Kohima Epitaph**

*L'Épitaphe de Kohima*

Read by Colonel Chris Owen (Ret'd)

Regimental Secretary The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment

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*

God of love, whose compassion never fails;  
We bring before you  
The griefs and perils of peoples and nations;  
The necessities of the homeless;  
The helplessness of the aged and weak;  
The sighings of the prisoners;  
The pains of the sick and injured;  
And the sorrows of the bereaved.  
Comfort and relieve them O Merciful Father,  
According to their needs;  
For the sake of your Son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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*

May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind be always at your back  
May the sun shine on each of your faces  
And the rain fall soft upon the fields  
And until we meet again may God hold you and all those  
we remember this day in the palm of his hand;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**



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