



**A Funeral Service for:**

**Private John Lambert – The Newfoundland Regiment  
An Unknown Soldier of The Royal Fusiliers  
An Unknown Soldier of The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers  
An Unknown Soldier of The Hampshire Regiment  
Two Unknown British Soldiers of Unknown Regiments  
An Unknown German Soldier**

**CWGC New Irish Farm Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium**

**Thursday 30 June 2022 at 11:00 hours**

**Service conducted jointly by  
Father Shawn Daley and the Reverend Gary Watt CF**

## Biography

### Private John Lambert

John Lambert was born on 10 July 1900 in St. John's, Newfoundland to parents Richard and Elizabeth (née Whiteway) Lambert. Prior to enlistment, Lambert worked as a labourer.

Private Lambert enlisted with The Newfoundland Regiment on 14 August 1916 at 16 years of age. In order to enlist he lied about his age, claiming on his attestation paper that he was 18 years and 3 months old. Private Lambert embarked for the United Kingdom on 28 August 1916 aboard S.S. Sicilian. He then proceeded to Ayr, Scotland where he joined the 2nd Battalion, The Newfoundland Regiment which served as the training depot to prepare soldiers prior to their proceeding to France. On 24 April 1917, he left Scotland, landing in Rouen, France the following day, then proceeded to join the 1st Battalion, The Newfoundland Regiment in the field on 7 June 1917. The 1st Battalion, The Newfoundland Regiment served with the 88th Brigade of the 29th Infantry Division of the British Expeditionary Force.

Private Lambert's personnel file indicates that he died of wounds received in action during the advance of The Newfoundland Regiment on 16 August at the 'Battle of Langemarck'. He was 17 when he died. During the battle, 103 Newfoundlanders were casualties with 27 men losing their lives.

Following the war, Private Lambert's name was memorialized on the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial commemorating soldiers from Newfoundland who died during the First World War and have no known grave.

In April 2016 during a planned archaeological dig near Langemark-Poelkapelle, Belgium, human skeletal remains of four soldiers were uncovered. Alongside the remains were a

number of artefacts including a shoulder title of The Newfoundland Regiment, an Inniskilling Fusiliers cap badge, two Hampshire Regiment shoulder titles, general service buttons, British bullets, and a few other small items. In November 2019, the Canadian Armed Forces's Casualty Identification Review Board confirmed the identity of one of the sets of remains found in April 2016 as those of Private John Lambert.



Pte John Lambert (courtesy of his family)

ANGLAIS : <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-national-defence/services/military-history/history-heritage/casualty-identification-military/Private-John-Lambert.html>

FRANÇAIS : <https://www.canada.ca/fr/ministere-defense-nationale/services/histoire-militaire/histoire-patrimoine/identification-peres-militaires/soldat-john-lambert.html>

## **Welcome**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
And the love of God  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
Be with you all.

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

Today we remember with thanksgiving these brave men whom, 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 their courage. For by so doing we honour their memory and we reflect upon that sacrifice.

Let us offer ourselves also to God's 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**

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 and sisters whose names are known only to God, and all who have served in the Armed Forces of our nations; who counted service to others greater than service of self, and who gave their lives in battle.

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**

*Ecclesiastes 3, 1 – 8 (King James Version)*

To everything there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted:  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up:  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance:  
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones  
together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing:  
A time to get, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away:  
A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak:  
A time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time of war, and a time of peace.

### **Scripture Reading**

*John 14, 1 – 6 (King James Version)*

Let not your heart be troubled:  
ye believe in God, believe also in me.  
In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I  
would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.  
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and  
receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.  
And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.  
Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest;  
and how can we know the way?  
Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no  
man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

**Address**

The Reverend Gary Watt and Reverend Shawn Daley

**The Soldier**

*by Sub Lieutenant Rupert Brooke*

If I should die, think only this of me:  
That there's some corner of a foreign field  
that is forever England. There shall be  
in that rich dust 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 the suns of home.

And think, 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.

**In Flanders Field**

*By Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
between the crosses, row on row:  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
the larks, still bravely singing, fly:  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago.  
we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow.  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
in Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
the torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
we shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
in Flanders fields.

### **Commendation**

Let us commend Private Lambert and these men known to God:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
by your own three days in the tomb,  
you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you  
and so made the grave a sign of hope  
that promises resurrection  
even as it claims our mortal bodies.

Grant that our brother Private Lambert may sleep here in peace  
until you awaken him to glory,  
for you are the resurrection and the life.  
Then he will see you face to face  
and in your light will see light  
and know the splendour of God,  
for you live and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen**

Into your keeping, O merciful God, we commend your servants,  
men who are known to God. Receive them into the arms of your  
mercy, into the joy of everlasting peace, and into the glorious  
company of the saints in light; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



### **Interment**

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.

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.

### **Holy Water**

We have entrusted those known to us and those known to God, into the hands of God. We therefore commit their bodies to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust having our whole trust and confidence in the mercy of our heavenly Father, and in the victory of His son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who died, was buried and rose again for us, and is alive and reigns for evermore.

**Amen**

### **Firing Party**

### **German Death Signal**

## **Act of Remembrance**

### **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.

**We will remember them.**

### **The Last Post**

### **Silence**

### **Reveille**

### **Kohima Epitaph**

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

### **Laying of Wreaths**

### **Prayers**

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**

**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**

### **Royal Newfoundland Regiment Prayer**

O Lord our God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping, the men and women of The Royal Newfoundland regiment. We give you thanks for those who have served in war and peace; we thank you for raising up among us, men and women who have served and given to the Regiment past glories, we humbly ask your guidance upon our officers and members, endue them with loyalty and courage, and grant that in all things they remain ever faithful to you, our God, our Queen and Country, upholding the best traditions of the past and looking to the future; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Regimental Collect of The Royal Fusiliers**

O God, our guide from of old, grant that wherever thy servants of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers are called upon to serve, we may follow the example of thy servant, St George, and ever prove steadfast in Faith and valiant in Battle, through him who is the Captain of our salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Regimental Collect of The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers**

O God, our house of defence and our castle, grant, we beseech thee, to The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, that, as we stand by our brethren in equal honour against every enemy, so, while thou art on our side, we may not fear what man may do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Regimental Collect of The Hampshire Regiment**

O Christ, who was tempted for us in the wilderness, lead, we pray thee, thy servants of The Hampshire Regiment, who have been undismayed in battle, through all the trials of this mortal life, until, entering thy heavenly kingdom where the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose, we may find rest in thee; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost reignest one God forever.

**Amen**

### **The Dismissal**

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**

**Our service ends with a Lament played by a piper of  
The Royal Irish Regiment**

### **New Irish Farm Cemetery**

Close to a farm known by the troops as 'Irish Farm', this cemetery was used from August to November 1917, and April and May 1918, and at the war's end contained just 73 burials. After the Armistice more than 4,500 graves were brought in from the battlefields north-east of Ypres (now Ieper) and from a number of small cemeteries to what is now known as the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's New Irish Farm Cemetery. It is from these former battlefields that Private Lambert and six unidentified casualties buried today were recovered



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The Ministry of Defence, through the Joint Casualty & Compassionate Centre, is responsible for the research, identification and burial of all British casualties worldwide,

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for the graves, memorials, records and memory of the 1.7 million Commonwealth servicemen and women who died during the two World Wars