



Rededication Service for

**Second Lieutenant David Bell**

13th (Scottish Horse) Bn. Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)

Killed in Action 7 October 1918

CWGC Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gouy, France

10:15 hrs, Tuesday 22 March 2022

Conducted by the Reverend Andrew Grant (CF)

David Bell was born in 1888 in Dalry, Ayrshire, son of George Bell and Agnes Armour. He had one brother, Robert and 5 sisters (Mary-Ann, Agnes, Jane, Elizabeth and Ellen).

## **A brief history of the 13<sup>th</sup> Scottish Horse Battalion, Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)**



They were formed in Abbassia in Egypt on 1 October 1916 from three dismounted Yeomanry Regiments; the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Scottish Horse and details from the 3<sup>rd</sup>. They moved to Salonika, arriving 21 October 1916, coming under command of the 81<sup>st</sup> Brigade in the 27<sup>th</sup> Division. In June 1918 they moved to France and on 15 July 1918 they transferred to 149<sup>th</sup> Brigade in the 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Division.

### **The Cemetery**

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Prospect Hill Cemetery was made in October 1918 and increased after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the surrounding battlefields, among them that of Second Lieutenant David Bell. Of the 538 graves and commemorations at the site, 115 are unidentified. Alongside these casualties lies a single named Commonwealth airman of the Second World War.

## **Welcome and Opening**

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." *John 11:25 & 26*

We have come together to rededicate the final resting place of Second Lieutenant David Bell and to honour him this day.

As Christians, we believe that those who die in Christ share eternal life with him. Therefore, in faith and hope we offer our prayers of trust and thanksgiving to God. Facing the certainty of our own death and judgement we yet proclaim that Christ is indeed risen, and that all who believe in him will rise in him.

## **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.**

## **Scripture Readings**

### **Everything Has its Time**

*The reading is from Ecclesiastes 3; 1 – 8.*

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens:

A time to be born and a time to die;

A time to plant and a time to uproot;

A time to kill and a time to heal;

A time to tear down and a time to build;

A time to weep and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn and a time to dance;

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them;

A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to search and a time to give up;

A time to keep and a time to throw away;

A time to tear and a time to mend;

A time to be silent and a time to speak;

A time to love and a time to hate;

A time for war and a time for peace.

### **Jesus Comforts His Disciples**

*The reading is from John 14; 1 – 6.*

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; also believe in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place that I am going". Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am

the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me”.

### **The Act of Remembrance**

We remember with thanksgiving at God's throne of grace all those who have died during operational service. We remember this day especially Second Lieutenant David Bell.

Merciful God, you have made us all and given your Son for our redemption. We once again commend our brother to your perfect mercy and wisdom and rededicate his final resting place into your care. For in you alone we put our trust.  
**Amen.**

### **For the Fallen.....Laurence Binyon**

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**

**Silence**

**The Reveille  
The Kohima Epitaph**

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

### **The Padre shall lead in prayer**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we thank you that in all things God works for the good of those who love him and who have been called according to his purpose.

We thank you for the hope of eternal life that you offer to all those who trust in you through the Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank you that nothing can separate you from your children, neither in life nor in death.

Hear our prayers as we thank you for those who sacrificed their all so that we might enjoy the freedoms for which they died. And we thank you especially for the Lord Jesus Christ who gave his life so that those who trust in him might enjoy the freedoms of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Wreath Laying**

#### **The Prayers**

#### **For the peace of the world**

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Lord in your mercy;

**Hear our prayer**

**For our nation**

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady – Queen Elizabeth – and all those who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace to the honour of your most Holy Name and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Lord in your mercy;

**Hear our prayer**

**The Collect of the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)**

O God, whose strength setteth fast the mountains, give thy grace, we pray thee, to the Black Watch, once chosen to guard the mountains for our Queen, that we may stand fast in the faith and be strong, as we watch for the coming of Him who has bidden us watch and pray, our saviour, Jesus Christ.

**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.

### The Blessing

#### Closing blessing

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise  
God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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