



A Rededication Service for

Corporal (6517) Alexander Moyes Thayne of

2nd Dragoons (Royal Scots Greys)

Killed in Action 10 April 1917

CWGC London Cemetery, Neuville Vitasse, France at
13:00 hrs on 22 March 2022

Conducted by the Reverend Andrew Grant (CF)

Alexander Thayne was born in 1890 in South Leith, Midlothian, the second child of Alexander and Susan Thayne. He was one of 5 children, having 3 brothers and a sister.

A brief history of the Royal Scots Greys (2nd Dragoons)

Formed in 1681, this cavalry unit was Scotland's senior regiment. Its long and distinguished service continued until 1971, when it was merged into The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards.

The regiment was formed as the Royal Regiment of Scots Dragoons in 1681 from a number of existing cavalry troops. It has a distinguished history and has been involved in campaigns at home and abroad since its inception.

In 1693 the entire regiment attended a royal inspection in London mounted on 'greys' (horses with white or dappled-white hair). This gained it the nickname 'Scots Grey Dragoons'. However, this only became part of its official title in 1877, when it was renamed the 2nd Dragoons (Royal Scots Greys).

During WW1 the regiment fought on the Western Front as both cavalry and infantry, winning several battle honours including the Retreat from Mons, Marne, Ypres, Neuve Chapelle, Arras and Amiens.

The Cemetery

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's London Cemetery was created by the 56th (London) Division in April 1917 following their successful capture of Neuville-Vitasse. Greatly expanded after the war by the concentration of burials from the surrounding battlefields, the cemetery now contains 747 graves. The grave of Corporal Thayne, previously unidentified, was among those concentrated from the north-east of Neuville-Vitasse.

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 Corporal Alexander Moyes Thayne 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

What Does the Lord Require?

The reading is from Micah, 6; 6 – 8.

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before
God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with
calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of
rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

The Life-assuring Love of God

The reading is from Romans, 8; 35; 37 – 39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword.....

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rules, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 Corporal Alexander Moyes Thayne.

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 Royal Scots Greys

Almighty God, king of kings and lord of lords, give thy grace, we pray thee, to the Royal Scots Greys, that we may be second to none in obedience to thy will, but swifter than eagles to overtake thine enemies and spoil the powers of evil, in the strength of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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