



A Rededication Service for
Private Charles Ernest Lane
1/4th Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment

10:30 hours on Wednesday 17 April 2024
CWGC Auberchicourt British Cemetery, France

Service conducted by The Reverend Robert Desics CF
Chaplain to 1st Battalion The Royal Yorkshire Regiment
Déroulement de la Cérémonie présidé par
le Révérend Robert Desics CF

Private Charles Ernest Lane



Private Charles Ernest Lane was born on 18 June 1890 in Aston, Warwickshire. He was the youngest of two children born to William Lane and his wife Annie. Before enlisting into the Army, he worked as a clerk in a rubber works. On 6 April 1913, Charles married Agnes Coates in Aston. Their daughter, Marie, was born on 25 November 1916.

Charles enlisted on 9 December 1915 and was mobilised on 12 April 1916. He served with both The Worcestershire Regiment and 17th Battalion The Hampshire Regiment in the United Kingdom. On 30 April 1918, he was transferred to 1st Garrison Battalion The Hampshire Regiment and embarked for the Western Front. On 10 May 1918, he was transferred again to 1/4th Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment.

On the morning of 2 November 1918, 1/4th Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment were in the line near Aulnoy. Patrols were sent out at 05:00 hours and 10:00 hours. At 15:00 hours A and D Companies, who were holding posts established the day before, were ordered to advance and establish new posts. A heavy barrage opened up on them as they were about to advance and they encountered heavy machine gun fire from the direction of La Villette, but their objective was met at 15:30 hours. They suffered casualties of one Officer and nine other ranks killed. Private Lane, aged 28, was among those who died.

In 1920, the remains of Private Lane and 34 other men were concentrated into Auberchicourt British Cemetery, from Aulnoy British Cemetery. Private Lane was buried as an unknown soldier 1/4th Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment who died on 2 November 1918. As he was missing, Private Lane was commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial to the missing. However, new research has shown that this is in fact the grave of Private Lane and the headstone over the grave has now been changed. Today we will remember Private Lane and his grave will be rededicated.

Made in October 1918, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Auberchicourt British Cemetery is the final resting place of 300 Commonwealth service personnel. It was enlarged after the Armistice when graves were brought in from smaller burial grounds and the surrounding battlefields. These included the grave of Private Charles Ernest Lane, who could not be identified at the time.

Private Charles Ernest Lane est né à Aston, Warwickshire, le 8 juin, 1890. Il est le plus jeune des deux enfants de William Lane et sa femme Annie. Avant de s'engager dans l'armée, il a travaillé comme employé dans une usine de caoutchouc. Le 6 avril, 1913, Charles épouse Agnes Coates à Aston. Leur fille, Marie, est née le 25 novembre, 1916.

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Le matin du 2 novembre 1918, 1/4^e Bataillon du York and Lancaster Regiment était en ligne près d'Aulnoy. Des patrouilles sont envoyées à 05 :00 heures et à 10 :00 heures. À 15 :00 heures, les compagnies A et D, qui tenaient des postes établis la veille, reçurent l'ordre d'avancer et d'établir des nouveaux postes. Un barrage nourri s'est ouvert sur eux alors qu'ils étaient sur le point d'avancer et ils ont essuyé un feu nourri de mitrailleuses depuis La Villette, mais leur objectif a été atteint à 15 :30 heures. Les pertes s'élèvent à un Officier et neuf soldats tués. Private Lane, âgé de 28 ans, figure parmi les morts.

En 1920, les dépouilles Private Lane et de 34 autres hommes ont été déménagés de Aulnoy British Cemetery à Auberchicourt British Cemetery. Private Lane a été enterré en tant que soldat inconnu du 1/4^e bataillon du York and Lancaster Regiment, mort le 2 novembre, 1918. Comme il était porté disparu son nom est ainsi commémoré sur le monument commémoratif des disparus à Vis-en-Artois. Cependant, la nouvelle recherche a permis le site de son dernier repos d'être identifié. Aujourd'hui nous nous souviendrons de Private Galloway et sa tombe sera consacrée une nouvelle fois.

Call to Worship

Appel à Adoration

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All **And also with you.**

We have come here today in the presence of God,
our maker and sustainer,
to remember with thanksgiving Private Charles Ernest
Lane, to pray for the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven,
and to commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice, truth
and peace.

Bidding Prayer

Prière

O Lord our God,
our sure stronghold and face of battle,
our mighty shield in the day of strife;
hear our prayer, and deliver us from every evil,
that sustained by your Holy Spirit
we may reach out in faith and hope
to the crown of eternal life which you have promised us,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the same Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Lecture des Écritures Saintes

Read by a representative of the British Embassy Paris

Psalm 116 v 1-9 (NRSV)

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
The Lord protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.
I walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

Gospel Reading

Lecture de l'Évangile

Read by Second Lieutenant John Crooks

2nd Battalion The Royal Yorkshire Regiment

John 11: 17-27 (NRSV)

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Reading*Lecture*

Read by Lucy Berridge

The Great Great Niece of Private Lane

Perhaps

By Vera Brittain

Perhaps some day the sun will shine again,
And I shall see that still the skies are blue,
And feel once more I do not live in vain,
Although I feel bereft of You.

Perhaps the golden meadows at my feet
Will make the sunny hours of Spring seem gay
And I shall find the white May blossoms sweet,
Though You have passed away.

Perhaps the summer woods will shimmer bright,
And crimson roses once again be fair,
And autumn harvest fields a rich delight,
Although You are not there.

Perhaps some day I shall not shrink in pain
To see the passing of the dying year,
And listen to the Christmas songs again
Although You cannot hear.

But, though kind Time may many joys renew,
There is one greatest joy I shall not know
Again, because my heart for loss of You
Was broken, long ago.

Address*Allocution*

The Act of Dedication

L'Acte de Dédicace

So let us now bless and dedicate this grave as the final resting place of the mortal remains of Private Charles Ernest Lane.

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ was laid in a tomb: Bless and dedicate, we pray, this grave as the place where the body of your servant Charles may rest in peace, in the knowledge that he now abides in your glory through the merits of your Son, who is the resurrection and the life; who died and is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.

The Exhortation

L'Éxhortation

Read by Second Lieutenant John Crooks
2nd Battalion The Royal Yorkshire 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

Played by Lance Corporal April Farthing
The Band of The Royal Yorkshire Regiment

Silence

The Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

L'Épitaphe de Kohima

Read by Second Lieutenant John Crooks
2nd Battalion The Royal Yorkshire Regiment

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

Laying of Wreaths

Dépôts des Gerbes

Prayers

Prières

*The Chaplain leads prayers of intercession.
At the end of each bidding the following is said,*

Lord, in your mercy;
All **Hear our prayer.**

The Chaplain concludes the prayers of intercession,

Most merciful Father,
accept our prayers
and bring your Kingdom to fruition in our hearts,
that your glory may shine forth in our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Collect of The York and Lancaster Regiment

Récitation du York and Lancaster Regiment

Read by Second Lieutenant John Crooks

2nd Battalion The Royal Yorkshire Regiment

Almighty God, who canst save by many or by few, and dost bid us endure to the end that we may be saved, strengthen, we pray thee, The York and Lancaster Regiment, that, as our perseverance has not been found wanting in battle, so we may be blessed in enduring all temptations, and at length receive the crown of life from Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Prière du Seigneur

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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

The Blessing

Séparation et Dernière Bénédiction

May the Lord bless us and watch over us,
may the Lord make his face to shine upon us
and be gracious to us,
may the Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**



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