



**A Rededication Service for**

**Second Lieutenant Reginald Russell Boyd  
9<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)**

**09:30 hours Tuesday 5 September 2023  
CWGC Etaples Military Cemetery, France**

**Service conducted by The Reverend Tim Clarke-Wood CF  
Chaplain to 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland  
Déroulement de la Cérémonie présidé par  
le Révérend Tim Clarke-Wood CF**

**Second Lieutenant Reginald Russell Boyd**



Second Lieutenant Reginald Russell Boyd was born on 2 July 1896 in the village of Bishopton, in the county of Renfrewshire in Scotland. He was one of eight children born to James Boyd and his wife Emily Florence. He was Commissioned on 2 April 1915 as a Second Lieutenant and joined 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

On 12 February 1916, Second Lieutenant Boyd arrived on the Western Front. He was attached to 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Border Regiment. The battalion War Diaries show that on 19 April 1917, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Border Regiment was situated in the line near Monchy-le-Preux. Second Lieutenant Boyd received a gunshot wound to the head that day. He was taken to No 20 General Hospital at Camiers for treatment but succumbed to his wounds on 4 May 1917. He was 20 years old.

The location of Second Lieutenant Boyd's grave was lost and he was commemorated on the Arras Memorial. However, new evidence has shown that he is in fact buried in Etaples Military Cemetery. Today we will remember Second Lieutenant Boyd and his grave will be rededicated.

Etaples Military Cemetery is the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in France. During the First World War a large number of camps and hospitals were stationed in and around Etaples. Second Lieutenant Boyd's grave is now confirmed, one of the many casualties who succumbed to their wounds. Hospitals were again stationed at Etaples during the Second World War, with further burials added in 1940 and post-war.

Second Lieutenant Reginald Russell Boyd est né le 2 juillet, 1896, à Bishopton dans Renfrewshire, en Écosse. Il été un des huit enfants nés à James Boyd et sa femme Emily Florence. Le 2 avril, 1915, il a obtenu une commission comme Second Lieutenant et il a rejoint le 9<sup>e</sup> Bataillon du Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

Second Lieutenant Boyd est arrivé sur le Front Occidental le 12 février, 1916. Il était attaché à 7<sup>e</sup> Bataillon du Border Regiment. Les journaux de guerre du bataillon montrent que le 19 avril, 1917, 7<sup>e</sup> Bataillon du Border Regiment est situé dans la ligne près de Monchy-les-Preux. Second Lieutenant Boyd a été blessé par balle à la tête ce jour-là. Il a été transporté à l'hôpital général n° 20 à Camiers pour y être soigné, mais il a succombé à ses blessures le 4 mai, 1917. Il avait 20 ans.

Le tombeau du Second Lieutenant Boyd a été perdu. Son nom est ainsi commémoré sur le monument commémoratif des disparus à Arras. Cependant, la nouvelle recherche a permis le site de son dernier repos d'être identifié. Aujourd'hui nous nous souviendrons de Second Lieutenant et sa tombe sera consacrée une nouvelle fois.

### **The Gathering**

#### *Appel à Adoration*

We meet in this solemn moment to worship God; to give thanks for the life of Second Lieutenant Reginald Russell Boyd; to commend him to God's loving and faithful care; and to pray for all who mourn.

In the presence of death, Christ offers us sure ground for hope and confidence and even for joy, because he shared our human life and death, was raised again triumphant and lives for evermore. In him his people find eternal life.

*All* **Amen.**

### **Bidding Prayer**

#### *Prière*

Eternal God, you are the Creator, the Giver of Life. In Jesus Christ, you have given us a new life which nothing can destroy. In the resurrection of Jesus you have shown us that the grave is not the end, for your love holds us through all things. We thank and praise you for this hope, not based on vain and wishful thinking, but on the message of Easter and on the life-giving power of your Spirit at work in your people through Jesus Christ, the life and hope of the world.

*All* **Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

*Lecture des Écritures Saintes*

Read by a Representative of the British Embassy Paris

**Psalm 23 (ESV)**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

**Gospel Reading***Lecture de l'Évangile*

Read by Lieutenant Harry Eaton

4<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland**John Chapter 6 v 35-40 (NRSV)**

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

## **Reading**

### *Lecture*

Read by Warrant Officer Class 2 Adam Gregory  
256 (City of London) Field Hospital, Royal Army Medical  
Corps

## **I Went to See the Soldiers**

By Kenny Martin

I went to see the soldiers, row on row on row,  
And wondered about each so still, their badges all on  
show.

What brought them here, what life before  
Was like for each of them?  
What made them angry, laugh, or cry,  
These soldiers, boys and men.

Some so young, some older still, a bond more close than  
brothers

These men have earned and shared a love, that's not  
like any others  
They trained as one, they fought as one  
They shared their last together  
That bond endures, that love is true  
And will be, now and ever.

I could not know, how could I guess, what choices each  
had made,  
Of how they came to soldiering, what part each one had  
played?  
But here they are and here they'll stay,  
Each one silent and in place,  
Their headstones line up row on row  
They guard this hallowed place.



## **Address**

*Allocution*

## **The Act of Dedication**

*L'Acte de Dédicace*

Almighty God, by whose grace your servant  
Reginald Russell Boyd fought the good fight,  
kept the faith and finished the race;  
we give thanks for the example of his life of service  
and the peace in which he rests.  
We rededicate this grave in which his mortal remains  
repose, in the name of Jesus our Lord,  
who died and is alive and reigns with you,  
now and for ever.

## **The Exhortation**

*L'Éxhortation*

Read by Staff Sergeant Jade Mitchinson  
202 (Midlands) Field Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corps

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 Drummer Adam Grant  
4<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland

## **The Silence**

### **Flowers of the Forest**

Played by Piper Fearghas Russell  
4<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland

### **The Reveille**

#### **Kohima Epitaph**

*L'Épitaphe de Kohima*

Read by Staff Sergeant Jade Mitchinson  
202 (Midlands) Field Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corps

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*

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given to us a true faith and a sure hope. Help us to live as those who believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all the days of our life; then bring us at our last awakening to the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and to dwell in that house, where we shall be one with you and with all your saints for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**The Collect of The Cameronians**

*Récitation du Cameronians*

Read by Lieutenant Harry Eaton

4<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland

O merciful God, who dost not forget the covenant of our fathers, give thy grace, we pray thee, to The Cameronians, that we may ever be mindful of the new covenant which thou hast made with us to write thy laws in our hearts, so that all may know thee who forgives our iniquities, through Jesus Christ our mediator and redeemer.

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

**The Blessing***Séparation et Dernière Bénédiction*

God of peace, you brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant.

Show us the peace we should seek;  
show us the peace we should try to give;  
show us the peace we may keep;  
show us the peace you have given;  
and make us what you want us to be;  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

**Amazing Grace**

Played by Piper Fearghas Russell

4<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland



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