



**ARMY**

**A Burial Service for  
Two Unknown Commonwealth Soldiers  
of The Great War**

**14:00 hours 21 September 2021  
Pozières British Cemetery, France**

**Service conducted by the Reverend Simon Talbot CF  
Chaplain 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Rifles**  
Déroulement de la Cérémonie présidé par le Révérend Simon Talbot

### **Pozières British Cemetery**

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Pozieres British Cemetery was begun in July 1916 and was used until March 1918 when Pozieres was lost to German forces. The original burials carried out by fighting units and field ambulances in 1916, 1917 and 1918 form Plot II. The remaining plots were made after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the surrounding battlefields. The four unidentified casualties being buried here today were all recovered nearby.

### **Call to Worship**

*Appel à Adoration*

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. We come before God in remembrance of our fallen comrade and ask that God may receive our prayers as we call upon Him.

*All*    May the Peace of the Lord be always with you,  
**and also with you.**

### **Bidding Prayer**

*Prière*

Almighty God, you tell us blessed is the man who perseveres under trial as he will receive the crown of life that you have promised to those who love you. In your mercy may you draw close to us as we remember that you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. As we seek our refuge in you may you strengthen us by your presence and assure us of your grace.

*All*    **Amen.**

### **Scripture Reading**

*Lecture des Écritures Saintes*

#### **Isaiah Chapter 40 v 28-31 (NIV)**

Do you not know?  
Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.  
He gives strength to the weary

and increases the power of the weak.  
Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

## **Reading**

*Lecture*

### **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 other  
They trained as one, they fought as one  
They share 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 choice 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.

**Prayer for the Armed Forces**

*Prière pour les Forces Armées*

Almighty God,  
Stretch forth your mighty arm  
To strengthen and protect the armed forces:  
Grant that meeting danger with courage  
And all occasions with discipline and loyalty,  
They may truly serve the cause of justice and peace;  
To honour your holy name,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

*All* **Amen.**

**Committal**

*Enterrement*

Lord, we offer into your safe keeping these unknown  
soldiers who are not unknown to you. We commit their  
mortal remains to the ground:  
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust:  
We look for the fullness of the resurrection  
when Christ shall gather all his people  
to reign with Him in glory forever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Exhortation**

*L'Éxhortation*

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*

**Silence**

**Reveille**

### **Kohima Epitaph**

*L'Épitaphe de Kohima*

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*

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those who have given their life in the service of their country. As we remember those known to us and those whose names we will never know, help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us dignity as we

pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

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

### **The Blessing**

*Séparation et Dernière Bénédiction*

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth, and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all his servants, life everlasting.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**



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