



**A Rededication Service for
Captain John Forsythe Harvey**

9th Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

**15:00 hours Thursday 21 March 2019
Noyon New British Cemetery, France**

**Service conducted by the Reverend Nathan King CF
Chaplain 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment**



CAPTAIN JOHN F. HARVEY,
Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers,
Killed in action.

(Photo: Hembry).

Captain John Forsythe Harvey was born on 27 January 1894 in Ballymaconaghy, Castlereagh, County Down. He was the second eldest of the three children of William Harvey and Elizabeth Forsythe. Before joining the Army in 1916, John worked in the linen trade. He was Commissioned in July 1916 and on 25 September 1916 he was assigned to 9th Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, becoming a Company Commander the following year. On 6 December 1917 he was promoted to Temporary Captain.

Captain Harvey was killed on 23 March 1918, two days after the start of the German Spring Offensive. The Battalion War Diaries show that on 22 March they were retreating 'under cover of night' towards Brouchy. At 07:00 on 23 March the Battalion left Brouchy and took up a position near Aubigny-aux-Kaisnes. At 11:30 the Germans forced them back on Brouchy. After several counter attacks were made, Aubigny changed hands repeatedly until the Battalion fell back upon Brouchy again 'where considerable fighting took place'. Captain Harvey was killed during the course of the fighting that day and was buried in Brouchy Churchyard. In 1934 his remains were reinterred in this cemetery where he was buried as an unknown Captain. He is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial. However, new research has now enabled his grave to be identified. Today we will remember Captain Harvey and his grave will be rededicated.

The British Army General Headquarters were based in Noyon during August 1914. It was twice bombarded and in 1918 practically destroyed. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Noyon New British Cemetery was made after the Armistice by the concentration of graves from the battlefields and other burial grounds, including that of Captain John Forsythe Harvey from Brouchy Churchyard.

Captain John Forsythe Harvey est né le 27 janvier, 1894 à Ballymaconaghy, Castlereagh, County Down. Il été le deuxième des trois enfants de William Harvey et Elizabeth Forsythe. Avant de s'enrôler dans l'armée, il a travaillé dans le secteur du lin. En juillet 1916 il est devenu un officier commissionné et le 25 septembre, 1916 il fut assigné un membre de 9e Bataillon The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, avant de devenir un commandant de compagnie l'année suivante. Le 6 décembre, 1917 il fut Captain temporaire.

Captain Harvey fut tué le 23 mars, 1918, deux jours après le début l'Offensive Allemande du Printemps. Les Journaux de Guerre de 9^e Bataillon, indiquent que le 22 mars ils étaient en train de repli 'sous le couvert de la nuit' vers Brouchy. À 07:00 le 23 mars, le Bataillon a quitté Brouchy et a pris un position près de Aubigny-aux-Kaisnes. À 11:30 ils étaient repousser par les allemands vers Brouchy. Après des nombreuses contre-attaques, Aubigny a changé de mains plusieurs fois, avant que le Bataillon ait retiré vers Brouchy à nouveau 'où les combats considerables ont eu lieu'. Captain Harvey aurait été tué au cours des combats ce jour-là et il a été enterré a Brouchy. En 1934, ses restes ont était réenterré dans ce cimetièrre comme un Captain inconnu. Son nom est ainsi commémoré sur le Monument commémoratif des disparus à Pozières. Cependant, la nouvelle recherche a permis le site de son dernier repos à être identifié. Aujourd'hui nous nous souviendrons de Captain Harvey et sa tombe sera consacrée une nouvelle fois.

Call to Worship

Appel à Adoration

We have come together as one family to show our respects and to ask for God's presence and peace. We also offer ourselves and those whom we remember to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father.

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

Bidding Prayer

Prière

Lord, you are our light and salvation. In you we trust. Even in the darkest and most challenging times we put our trust in you.

All **Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Lecture des Écritures Saintes

Read by Colonel Christopher Borneman
Military Attaché British Embassy Paris

John Chapter 15 v 9-13 (NIV)

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Scripture Reading

Lecture des Écritures Saintes

Read by Peter Blaikie

Great Nephew of Captain Harvey

Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 v 1-8 & v 14 (NIV)

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.

I know that everything God does will endure forever;
nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God
does it so that people will fear him.

Reading

Lecture

Read by WO2 AQMS Graham McConaghy REME
Great Great Nephew of Captain Harvey

Found

Written for Captain Harvey by his family, February 2019

You left the hills of Castlereagh
To fight a war so far away,
Your story was forever told
By generations as they grew old.

They talked of you with love and pride
The brave son and brother who fought and died,
Of a young man with so much to give
But a soldier's life you chose to live.

We knew not where you finally lay
Though your friend did write of that painful day,
When out of that village you again bravely trod
Not knowing that day you would meet your God.

And so

We've come to pay tribute dear John at last
100 years on not forgetting the past
And here in his presence we quietly pray
For young John Forsythe Harvey from Castlereagh.

Address

Allocution

The Collect of The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

Récitation des Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

Read by Michael Nugent

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers Regimental Association

Oh God, our house of defence and our castle, grant, we beseech thee, to The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, that, as we stand by our brethren in equal honour against every enemy, so, while thou art on our side, we may not fear what man may do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect of The Royal Irish Regiment

Récitation du Royal Irish Regiment

Read by Brigadier Mike Murdoch MBE

Deputy Colonel of the Royal Irish Regiment

Almighty God whose love knows no bounds grant that we, The Royal Irish Regiment, may do our duty courageously so that, undaunted by the difficulties which beset us, your will may be done and, united as members one with another may we, mindful of the valour and sacrifice of those who have gone before us, clear the way for those that follow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All **Amen.**

Act of Dedication

Acte de Dévouement

We bring before you our prayers and our hopes. We remember the life of Captain John Forsythe Harvey, for all that he was and for all that he accomplished and that he now rests in your eternal presence.

Amen.

The Exhortation

L'Éxhortation

Read by WO2 Gary Wilkins

2nd Battalion The Royal Irish 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

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

Lord God, in the darkness of this world you brought hope in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ who conquered death. We pray that you will conquer the darkness that is within so that we may dwell in your glorious light.

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

With the gladness that knoweth no decay
With the riches that cannot pass away
With the sunshine that makes an endless day
Thus may he bless thee.

And keep thee

With the all-covering shadow of his wings
With the strong love that guards from evil things
With the sure power that safe to glory brings
Thus may he keep thee.

All

Amen.



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