



A Rededication Service for

**Private Harold Stanley Harvey**  
1/7 Battalion Duke of Cambridge's Own  
(Middlesex Regiment)

**10.00 hours Tuesday 19 March 2024**  
**CWGC Cabaret Rouge British Cemetery, France**

**Service conducted by Reverend Thomas Sander CF**  
**Chaplain to the Household Cavalry**  
*Déroulement de la Cérémonie présidé par*  
*le Révérend Tom Sander CF*

### **The Cemetery**

The "Cabaret Rouge" was a small, red-bricked café which, in the early days of the First World War, stood close to the CWGC cemetery that now bears its name. The Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery was made in March 1916 and remained in continuous use until September 1918. After the Armistice, it was greatly enlarged when as many as 7,000 graves were concentrated here from over 100 other cemeteries in the area. Today, the cemetery contains over 7,650 graves of Commonwealth service personnel, of which more than half remain unidentified. This includes the grave of Private Harold Harvey, who could not be identified at the time.



**Private Harold Stanley Harvey**

1898 – 13 January 1917

Harold Stanley Harvey was born in Hornsey, Middlesex in 1898, the only child of William Harvey and his wife Mary Ann. By the time of the 1911 census, Harold's mother had died and his father had married Gertrude Florence Ellen Cook. In 1913 Gertrude and William gave Harold a half-sister, Elsie.

Harold joined the army in September 1914 – signing up to the 2/7<sup>th</sup> (Reserve) Battalion of the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment) under regimental number 3119. Although what remains of his service record is badly damaged, there is enough information to show that he saw service in 1915 in Alexandria and Cairo, and passed his Machine Gun Course. In May 1916 he arrived back in Europe and in June he joined the 1/7<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Regiment in Rouen with a new regimental number – 200792.

By January 1917 Harold was in service with the Lewis Gun Section of the regiment, and they were trying to hold a line near Fauquissart and establish a number of outposts. The battalion war diary records that at 6pm on 13 January their position was attacked, the men were numb with cold and the Lewis Gun jammed leaving them defenceless. Following the incident one man could not be found.

Records held by the International Committee of the Red Cross indicate that Private Harvey was captured by the German army on 13 January 1917, and that he subsequently died at an undisclosed location – it seems likely he was badly wounded when captured. Whilst the Germans communicated that they had captured Private Harvey, and that he had died, information about his burial was lost, and he was commemorated on the Loos Memorial following the end of the war.

We now know that he had been buried by the Germans at Fournes Cemetery in 1917, as an unknown soldier of the 7<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Regiment. He was moved from there to Cabaret Rouge British Cemetery in 1923, and now can finally be named.

Harold Stanley Harvey est né en 1898 à Hornsey, Middlesex. Il était le seul enfant de William Harvey et sa femme Mary Ann. Lors du recensement de 1911, la mère d'Harold était décédée et son père avait épousé Gertrude Florence Ellen Cook. En 1913, Gertrude et William donnent à Harold une demi-sœur, Elsie.

Harold s'est engagé dans l'armée en septembre 1914 et a rejoint le 2/7<sup>e</sup> Bataillon (de réserve) du Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment) sous le numéro de matricule 3119. Bien que ce qui reste de ses états de service soit très endommagé, il y a suffisamment d'informations pour montrer qu'il a servi en 1915 à Alexandrie et au Caire, et qu'il a réussi son cours sur les mitrailleuses. En mai 1916, il est revenu en Europe et, en juin, il a rejoint le 1/7<sup>e</sup> Bataillon du Middlesex Regiment à Rouen avec un nouveau numéro de matricule - 200792.

Les archives détenues par le Comité international de la Croix-Rouge indiquent que Private Harvey a été capturé par l'armée allemande le 13 janvier, 1917 et qu'il est ensuite décédé dans un lieu inconnu - il est probable qu'il ait été gravement blessé lors de sa capture. Alors que les Allemands ont fait savoir qu'ils avaient capturé Private Harvey et qu'il était mort, les informations concernant son enterrement ont été perdues, et il a été commémoré sur le monument commémoratif des disparus à Loos après la fin de la guerre.

Nous savons maintenant qu'il a été enterré par les Allemands a Fourmes Cemetery en 1917, en tant que soldat inconnu du 1/7<sup>e</sup> Bataillon du Middlesex Regiment. Il a été transféré dans Cabaret Rouge British Cemetery en 1923, mais maintenant il peut enfin être nommé.

The service will begin with the historic Battalion call of the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion,  
Middlesex Regiment

*Played by Lance Corporal Edward Watts, The Band and Bugles of The Rifles.*

Music courtesy of the National Army Museum

**Call to Worship:** 1 Corinthians Chapter 16 v13-14

*Appel à Adoration*

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.  
Do everything in love.

We meet this day to remember before God, Harold Stanley Harvey,  
who lived and died in the service of his country, and to rededicate his  
grave.

**Opening Prayer**

*Prière*

Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,  
either by death or life: hear our prayers for your servant Harold  
whom we remember this day.

Fulfil in him the purpose of your love  
and bring us, with him, to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Scripture Reading:** Romans Chapter 8 v35:39

*Lecture des Écritures Saintes*

**Chosen by Private Harvey's family**

*Read by a representative of the British Embassy, Paris*

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

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

**Reading:** I went to see the soldiers - by Kenny Martin  
*Read by Colonel David Mogg, Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment*

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 given by Reverend Thomas Sander CF**  
*Allocution*

**The Act of Dedication**  
*L'Acte de Dédicace*

We rededicate this grave to Private Harold Stanley Harvey  
in the name of Christ who died and rose again;  
as a symbol of our remembering, as a sign of our thanksgiving,  
a token of recognition and expression of our love.  
We look forward with confidence to our reunion with him  
and all those whose dwelling is forever with Christ in the everlasting  
kingdom of the Father.



### **The Exhortation**

*L'Éxhortation*

*Read by Captain Jordan Whiteman, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers*

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.

**We will remember them.**

### **The Last Post**

*Sonnerie aux Morts*

*Played by Lance Corporal Edward Watts,*

*The Band and Bugles of The Rifles*

### **Silence**

### **Reveille**

### **Kohima Epitaph**

*L'Épitaphe de Kohima*

*Read by Captain Jordan Whiteman, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers*

When you go home tell them of us and say:

"For your tomorrow, we gave our today".

### **Laying of Wreaths**

*Dépôts des Gerbes*

## **The Collect**

*Récitation de*

### **The Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment)**

*Major (Ret'd) Derrick Harwood MBE TD MA*

*President of the Queen's Regimental Association Middlesex Branch,  
The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment*

O everliving God, by whose only grace we are able to say, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, grant to us thy servants of the Middlesex Regiment that, ever remembering the valour of those who gave us victory, we may endure hardness and be faithful unto death, as good soldiers of Him who laid down his life for us, our saviour Jesus Christ.

## **Prayer**

*Prière*

We give you thanks, O God, for this thy servant;  
and for the memories we treasure as a lasting legacy of his service and dedication. In your mercy, look upon his loved ones and all who remember him this day.

Almighty God, through Christ you have given us the hope of glorious resurrection, so that although death comes to us all, yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;  
for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away, and when our mortal flesh is laid aside, an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

Grant us, therefore, that we may humbly and faithfully serve you in this mortal life and at last bring us to your everlasting Kingdom which you have promised to those who love and serve you.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer (all)**

*Prière du Seigneur*

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 King, the Commonwealth, and all mankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**



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