



A Rededication Service for

**Corporal Frederick Herbert Skinner
11th Battalion The East Yorkshire Regiment**

**10:30 hours Thursday 10 March 2022
CWGC Nieppe Bois (Rue-du-Bois)
British Cemetery, France**

**Service conducted by the Reverend Ben Norton CF
Chaplain to 4th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment
Déroulement de la Cérémonie présidé par
le Révérend Ben Norton CF**

Corporal Frederick Herbert Skinner



Corporal Frederick Herbert Skinner was born in Hadleigh, Suffolk in 1891. He was one of nine children born to Frederick and Emma Skinner. In 1910 he married Amelia Carter in Ipswich. The couple had three children, Frederick Albert, Ruby Amelia and Gladys May. A general labourer by trade, Frederick enlisted in Ipswich and joined The East Yorkshire Regiment.

The War Diaries of 11th Battalion The East Yorkshire Regiment show that on 24 June 1918 they took up positions in the left Brigade Sector. On 25 June Officers reconnoitred positions in Bois d'Aval with a view to attacking German trenches around the Verte Rue and to the north. It was whilst the battalion was in these positions that Corporal Skinner was killed. He was 26 years old.

Corporal Skinner was buried in Nieppe Bois (Rue-du-Bois) British Cemetery, as an unknown Corporal of 11th Battalion The East Yorkshire Regiment who was killed on 25 June 1918. As he was listed as missing he was commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial. However, new research has confirmed that this is in fact the grave of Corporal Skinner. Today we will remember him and his grave will be rededicated.

Corporal Skinner's brothers, Private Harold Victor Skinner of 7th Battalion The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), and Lance Corporal Charles Henry Skinner of 1st Battalion The Suffolk Regiment, were also killed during the Great War. Both men are still missing.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Nieppe-Bois (Rue-Du-Bois) British Cemetery is a battlefield cemetery, most of the casualties were killed while defending the area between April and September 1918. Corporal Frederick Herbert Skinner is among the 70 First World War burials who lie alongside 33 Second World War casualties of the battles covering the withdrawal to Dunkirk in May 1940.

Corporal Frederick Herbert Skinner est né à Hadleigh, Suffolk, en 1891. Il été un des neuf enfants nés à Frederick et Emma Skinner. En 1910, il a épousé Amelia Carter à Ipswich. Le couple a eu trois enfants Frederick Albert, Ruby Amelia et Gladys May. Il travaillé comme manoeuvre. Frederick s'engage dans l'armée à Ipswich et il s'est joint au East Yorkshire Regiment.

Les Journaux de Guerre de 11^e Bataillon East Yorkshire Regiment indiquent que le 24 juin, 1918, ils s'installent dans les positions sur la gauche du secteur de la brigade. Le 25 juin, les officiers ont effectué une reconnaissance sur les positions dans la Bois d'Aval dans but de faire une attaque sur les tranchées allemandes près de la Verte Rue et du nord. C'était au cours de ce jour-là que Corporal Skinner a été tué. Il avait 26 ans.

Ses restes ont été enterré à Nieppe Bois (Rue-du-Bois) British Cemetery comme un Corporal inconnu de East Yorkshire Regiment. Son nom est ainsi commémoré sur le monument commémoratif des disparus à Ploegsteert. Cependant, la nouvelle recherche a permis le site de son dernier repos d'être identifié. Aujourd'hui nous nous souviendrons de Corporal Skinner et sa tombe sera consacrée une nouvelle fois.

Deux de ses frères, Private Harold Victor Skinner du 7^e Battalion The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), et Lance Corporal Charles Henry Skinner du 1^e Battalion The Suffolk Regiment, ont aussi été tués au cours de la Grande Guerre. Les deux hommes sont toujours portés disparus.

Call to Worship

Appel à Adoration

The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms (Deuteronomy 33:27).

Trust in the Lord at all times;
pour out your hearts before him;
God is our shelter (Psalm 62:8).

Bidding Prayer

Prière

Father God, you are the Lord of life and conqueror of death, you are our help in every time of trouble.
We thank you for the assurance of the Gospel,
that in your keeping
the souls of the faithful
find lasting peace and joy,
and that though we see those who have gone before us
no more, they are safe with you.

By the glorious resurrection of your Son,
Confirm in us the hope of eternal life,
and enable us to put our whole trust
in your goodness and mercy;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Lecture des Écritures Saintes

Read by Warrant Officer Class 2 Arun Cofax MBE

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1 Corinthians Chapter 15 v 19-26 (NIV)

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the first-fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Gospel Reading

Lecture de l'Évangile

Read by Lieutenant Matthew Lehmann

1st Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment

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.

Reading*Lecture*

Read by Kevin Knights

Great nephew of Corporal Skinner

The Young Dead Soldiers Do Not Speak

By Captain Archibald MacLeish

The young dead soldiers do not speak.

Nevertheless, they are heard in the still houses:
who has not heard them?

They have a silence that speaks for them at night
and when the clock counts.

They say: We were young. We have died.
Remember us.

They say: We have done what we could
but until it is finished it is not done.

They say: We have given our lives but until it is finished
no one can know what our lives gave.

They say: Our deaths are not ours: they are yours,
they will mean what you make them.

They say: Whether our lives and our deaths were for
peace and a new hope or for nothing we cannot say,
it is you who must say this.

We leave you our deaths. Give them their meaning.

We were young, they say. We have died; remember us.

Address*Allocution*

The Exhortation

L'Exhortation

Read by Captain Jacob Kite
Regimental Adjutant, The Royal Welsh

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

The Silence

The Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

L'Épitaphe de Kohima

Read by Captain Jacob Kite
Regimental Adjutant, The Royal Welsh

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,
by your dear Son's rising from the dead
you have destroyed the power of death.
In you the dead find life for ever,
and the faithful
who served you on earth
praise you for all eternity in heaven.

As we return to our tasks,
cheer us by the hope of everlasting life
and support us by the sure love
of your guiding hand.
Bring us at the last,
with all the faithful,
to the knowledge of your love
and the unclouded vision of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.****The Collect of The East Yorkshire Regiment***Récitation du East Yorkshire Regiment*

Read by Lieutenant Matthew Lehmann

1st Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment

O God, whose blessed son found so great faith in the
obedience of a soldier, grant to us thy servants of The
East Yorkshire Regiment, which has long served this our
country in the ends of the Earth, such faith and
obedience, that in every land we may seek and find thee
who art not far from every one of us; through the same
thy son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The peace of God,
which is beyond understanding,
guard your thoughts
in Christ Jesus.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now, and forevermore.

All **Amen.**



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