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**A Rededication Service for
Serjeant John MacKenzie MM**

6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders

1430 hours Tuesday 27 March 2018

Anneux British Cemetery

**Service lead by Reverend Paul van Sittert CF,
Chaplain, The Highlanders (4 SCOTS)**
*Déroulement de la Cérémonie présidé par le Révérend Paul
van Sittert*



Serjeant John MacKenzie MM was born on 26 April 1896 and was just 21 years old when he died on 25th March 1918, a few days after the start of the German Spring Offensive. Having been wounded he was taken prisoner and died of his wounds in Inchy-en-Artois. Serjeant MacKenzie was described as a 'singularly brave and intrepid soldier', receiving the Military Medal twice as well as the Croix de Guerre. Until recently the location of Serjeant MacKenzie's grave remained unknown and he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial. However new research has shown that he is in fact buried in Anneux British Cemetery. During this service we will remember Serjeant MacKenzie and rededicate his grave. We will also remember his brothers Private Kenneth MacKenzie of the Cameron Highlanders and Lance Corporal Donald MacKenzie of the Cameron Highlanders who were both killed during the Great War and who still have no known grave.

Call to Worship

Appel à Adoration

Hebrews 4:14-16 (ESV)

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Bidding Prayer

Prière

Lord God, the wonders of your creation,
the splendour of the heavens,
the beauty of the earth,
the order and richness of nature,
all speak to us of your glory.
The coming of your Son,
the presence of your Spirit,
the fellowship of your Church,
show us the marvel of your love.

Heavenly Father,
be with us in every experience of life.
When we neglect you, remind us of your presence;
when we are frightened, give us courage;
when we are tempted, give us power to resist;
when we are anxious and worried, give us peace;
when we are weary in service, give us energy and zeal;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Scripture Reading

Lecture des Écritures Saintes

Colonel Christopher Borneman,
Military Attaché British Embassy Paris

Psalm 121 (KJV)

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Gospel Reading

Lecture de l'Évangile

Lieutenant Colonel Kieron Potts,
Regimental Secretary, Royal Regiment of Scotland

John 14:1-3, 27 (NIV)

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Address

Allocution

Committal

For the Fallen a Poem by Robert Laurence Binyon

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

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.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

Prayer

Prière

God of all grace,
we thank you that you sent your Son, Jesus,
to break the power of death and bring life and immortality to
light through the gospel.
He shared our life, took upon himself our death,
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

We praise you for those
who have shared this earthly life with us,
and have entered into eternal life with you.
Especially, we thank you for Serjeant John MacKenzie,
for all that made him special, all that you gave him and
accomplished in him, all that he meant
to those who knew and loved him.

We also remember today his brothers, Private Kenneth
MacKenzie presumed killed on 14 September 1914 and Lance
Corporal Donald MacKenzie presumed killed on 13 October
1915. As well as Major Charles Ernest Johnston DSO, who
died on 23 March 1918. Heavenly Father, we bless you for the
assurance that they are safe in your keeping.

Almighty God, we commend ourselves and all those dear to
us, wherever they may be, to your gracious protection. Guard
us in life and in death, that whether we wake or sleep, we may
live together with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect of the Seaforth Highlanders

Récitation du Régiment

Captain Gary Main, 4 SCOTS

Almighty God, who givest salvation unto Kings, teach us, thy
servants, the Seaforth Highlanders, who are vowed to help our
Lord the King against his enemies, ever to lift up our eyes unto
the hills from whence cometh our help, even from Thee, maker
of heaven and earth; for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake.
Amen.

The Exhortation

L'Éxhortation

Sergeant Fraser Pairman, 5 SCOTS

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

Silence

Reveille

Kohima Epitah

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we remember with thanksgiving all those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war.

We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain.

By your grace, we dedicate ourselves anew to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world, for the honour and glory of your name.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Prière du Seigneur

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory
Forever.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Séparation et Dernière Bénédiction

The peace of God
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Go in the strength of God.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you, and remain with you,
now and always.
Amen.