



A Rededication Service for

**Second Lieutenant Sam Hughes
and**

Company Serjeant Major David Jones DCM

10th Battalion The Welsh Regiment

14:30 hours Thursday 10 March 2022

CWGC Pont-du-Hem Military 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**

Second Lieutenant Sam Hughes and Company Serjeant Major (CSM) David Jones DCM, of 10th Battalion The Welsh Regiment, were killed during trench raids in the La Boutillerie Subsector on 6 November 1917. They were buried by the Germans in Beaucamps Communal Cemetery German Extension. After the war, their remains were concentrated into Pont-du-Hem Military Cemetery and as they were both recorded as missing, they were commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial. However, new research has shown that Second Lieutenant Hughes and CSM Jones are buried next to each other in these graves. Today we will remember them and their graves will be rededicated.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Pont-du-Hem Military Cemetery was begun in an apple-orchard in July 1915 and used until April 1918 by fighting units and Field Ambulances. The cemetery formerly had German and Portuguese burials, these graves were moved to other cemeteries post-war. After the Armistice further Commonwealth graves were brought in from the surrounding battlefield, among them the graves of Second Lieutenant Hughes and CSM Jones.

Second Lieutenant Sam Hughes et CSM David Jones DCM, du 10^e Battalion The Welsh Regiment, ont été tués le 6 novembre, 1917, au cours des raids de tranchées au 'La Boutillerie Subsector'. Leurs restes ont été récupérés et enterrés par les allemandes à Beaucamps Communal Cemetery German Extension. Après la Grande Guerre leurs restes ont été transportés au Pont-du-Hem Military Cemetery. Leurs noms sont ainsi commémorés sur le monument commémoratif des disparus à Ploegsteert. Cependant, la nouvelle recherche a permis le site de leur dernier repos d'être identifié. Aujourd'hui nous nous souviendrons de Second Lieutenant Hughes et CSM Jones et leurs tombes sera consacrée une nouvelle fois.

Second Lieutenant Sam Hughes



Second Lieutenant Sam Hughes was born in Bagillt, Flintshire in 1893. He was one of two sons born to Isaac and Selina Hughes. Having lost both of their parents in childhood, Sam and his older brother Isaac, came under the care of their uncle Thomas Henry Jones, an artist, in Wrexham. Having studied Law, Sam enlisted into The Royal Welsh Fusiliers, arriving on the Western Front on 2 December 1915. On 25 January 1917 he was Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant into 10th Battalion The Welsh Regiment.

The War Diaries of 10th Battalion The Welsh Regiment show that on 6 November 1917, the day of Second Lieutenant Hughes' death, they were located in the La Boutillerie Subsector. A patrol consisting of one Officer, and eight men went out and was fired upon. The Officer was killed, two men wounded and two men lost in no man's land. It is believed that this Officer was Second Lieutenant Hughes. He was 25 years old.

Second Lieutenant Hughes' brother, Gunner Isaac Newton Hughes of 15th Brigade Royal Field Artillery, was killed just two weeks later on 20 November 1917. He is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial.

Second Lieutenant Sam Hughes est né à Bagillt, Flintshire, en 1893. Il été un des deux fils nés à Isaac et Selina Hughes. Après la mort de leurs deux parents, Sam et son frère aîné, Isaac, été placé sous les soins de leur oncle, Thomas Henry Jones, un artiste, à Wrexham. Après des études de droit, il s'engage dans l'armée et il s'est joint au Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Le 25 janvier, 1917, il est devenu officier commissionné au rang de Second Lieutenant au 10^e Battalion The Welsh Regiment. Il avait 25 ans quand il est mort. Son frère, Gunner Isaac Newton Hughes de 15^e Brigade Royal Artillery, a été tué le 20 novembre, 1917, juste deux semaines après lui. Isaac est commémoré sur le monument commémoratif des disparus à Cambrai.

Company Serjeant Major David Jones DCM



CSM David Jones DCM was born in Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, in 1890. He was one of the surviving nine children of David and Sarah Ann Jones. His older brother, Jack Jones, became a well-known author, playwright, Trade Union leader and politician. David enlisted into The Welsh Regiment and arrived on the Western Front on 2 December 1915. The London Gazette of 19 October 1917 announced that he had been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. The citation was published in the London Gazette of 26 January 1918. It read:

'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Reorganising part of his company, which had become detached, he led them forward and regained touch with the main body, and afterwards with four privates he attacked and captured an enemy strong point and killed the garrison. He showed fine qualities of resource and initiative.'

CSM Jones was killed during a trench raid on 6 November 1917. The newspaper, the Western Mail, reported on 29 November 1917, that he had been killed whilst searching for an Officer and three men who were missing. It is not known if that Officer was Second Lieutenant Hughes.

CSM David Jones DCM est né à Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, en 1890. Il été un des neufs enfants survivants nés à David et Sarah Ann Jones. Son frère aîné, Jack Jones, était un célèbre poète, dramaturge, dirigeant syndical et politicien. David est enrôlé au The Welsh Regiment et il est arrivé sur le Front Occidental le 2 décembre, 1915. Il a été décoré avec le Distinguished Conduct Medal le 29, novembre 1917. CSM Jones a été tués le 6 novembre, 1917 au cours d'un raid de tranchées. Un journal a rapporté qu'il est mort il cherchait un Officier et trois soldats qui avaient disparu.

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 Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Palmer

Representing the British Embassy Paris

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 Colonel Oliver Major

The Royal Welsh

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 Captain Jacob Kite

Regimental Adjutant, The Royal Welsh

First Time In

By Ivor Gurney

After the dread tales and red yarns of the Line
Anything might have come to us; but the divine
Afterglow brought us up to a Welsh colony
Hiding in sandbag ditches, whispering consolatory
Soft foreign things. Then we were taken in
To low huts candle-lit shaded close by slitten
Oilsheets, and there but boys gave us kind welcome;
So that we looked out as from the edge of home.
Sang us Welsh things, and changed all former notions
To human hopeful things. And the next days' guns
Nor any line-pangs ever quite could blot out
That strangely beautiful entry to War's rout,
Candles they gave us precious and shared over-rations —
Ulysses found little more in his wanderings without doubt.
'David of the white rock',
The 'Slumber Song' so soft, and that
Beautiful tune to which roguish words by Welsh pit boys
Are sung — but never more beautiful than here under the
guns' noise.

Address*Allocution*

The Exhortation

L'Éxhortation

Read by Lieutenant Matthew Lehmann

1st Battalion The Yorkshire 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

The Silence

The Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

L'Épitaphe de Kohima

Read by Lieutenant Matthew Lehmann

1st Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment

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 Welch Regiment

Récitation du Welch Regiment

Read by Captain Jacob Kite

Regimental Adjutant, The Royal Welsh

O God, who hast appointed to men once to die, give thy sufficient grace to thy servants of The Welch Regiment, that we may be faithful unto death by sea and by land, and choosing death rather than dishonour, may ever honour thee, for his sake who endured the shame of the cross for us, 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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