



A Rededication Service for

**Lance Corporal Owen James Munday
15th (Hampshire Yeomanry) Battalion
The Hampshire Regiment**

**11:15 hours Tuesday 8 March 2022
CWGC Heestert Military Cemetery, Belgium**

**Service conducted by The Reverend Nick Sharpe CF
Chaplain to 4th Battalion
The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment**

Lance Corporal Owen James Munday

Lance Corporal Owen James Munday was born in Stockbridge in Hampshire in 1892. He was one of eight children born to Henry Munday and his second wife Ellen Harriett Lucas. He joined 1/1st Battalion The Hampshire Yeomanry (Carabiniers), before that battalion merged with 15th Battalion The Hampshire Regiment on 27 September 1917. In the summer of 1918, just weeks before his death, he married Florence Metcalf in Eastbourne.

By October 1918 the static fighting associated with the Western Front, which had kept the British Army in Belgium within the Ypres Salient since 1914, had lifted, and allied forces were advancing. On 19 October 1918 the town of Kortrijk was liberated. During the days that followed 15th (Hampshire Yeomanry) Battalion The Hampshire Regiment, fought eastwards from village to village as the advance continued. It was during this fighting that Lance Corporal Munday was killed on 22 October 1918, just weeks before the end of the First World War. He was 26 years of age.

Until now Lance Corporal Munday was recorded as missing as he had no known grave and he was commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial. However, new research has shown that he is buried in Heestert Military Cemetery. Today we will remember Lance Corporal Munday and his grave will be rededicated.

The village of Heestert was taken by Commonwealth forces towards the end of October 1918. During 1919, the Burgomaster issued instructions for the creation of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Heestert Military Cemetery, which was made when the farmers of the Commune cleared their farms of Commonwealth and German battlefield graves from the October and November fighting. Later, three further graves were brought in from Moen Churchyard.

Introduction

We have come together as family, friends, representatives of Her Majesty The Queen and The Hampshire Regiment, to give thanks for the life of Lance Corporal Owen James Munday who was killed in action on 22 October 1918. As we remember his life, devotion to service and sacrifice, we continue to commend all those who died into the everlasting arms of God.

Bidding Prayer

Almighty God, you judge us with infinite mercy and justice and love everything that you have made. In your mercy turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of paradise where there is no sound or noise, but one equal music; no dazzling or fear, but one equal light; no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Read by Group Captain Justin Fowler
Defence Attaché to Belgium and Luxembourg

Psalm 23 (KJV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading

Read by Lieutenant Colonel Toby Walch
The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment

We Shall Keep the Faith (1918)

by Moina Michael

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.
We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valour led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.
And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.

Address

The Act of Remembrance

The Exhortation

Read by Warrant Officer Class 1 Lee Payne
Regimental Sergeant Major, 35 Engineer 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

The Silence

The Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

Read by Staff Sergeant Richard Maurins
17 Squadron, 35 Engineer Regiment

When you go home tell them of us and say:
'For your tomorrow, we gave our today.'

Laying of Wreaths

Prayers

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict and ask that God may give us peace. For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends, comrades, and all who pray for their safe return; may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatred of humanity; may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership: political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace; may God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

All **Amen.**

The Collect of The Hampshire Regiment

Read by Lieutenant Colonel Ret'd Colin Bulleid
Comrades' Association, The Royal Hampshire Regiment

O Christ, who wast tempted for us in the wilderness,
lead, we pray thee, thy servants of The Hampshire
Regiment, who have been undismayed in battle, through
all the trials of this mortal life, until, entering thy heavenly
kingdom where the desert shall rejoice and blossom as
the rose, we may find rest in thee; who with the Father
and the Holy Ghost reignest one God for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you his peace this day, and always.

And the blessing of God Almighty; the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you, and those whom you love, wherever they may be, this day and always.

All **Amen.**



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