



**A Burial Service for
An Unknown Soldier of The Devonshire Regiment
of The Great War**

**09:45 hours 21 September 2021
Guillemont Road Cemetery, France**

**Service conducted by the Reverend Simon Talbot CF
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Déroulement de la Cérémonie présidé par le Révérend Simon Talbot

Guillemont Road Cemetery

Created by fighting units in September 1916, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Guillemont Road Cemetery was used as a burial ground until March 1917. After the Armistice, it was expanded with the concentration of graves from the surrounding battlefields. It is from this area that the Devonshire Regiment casualty who is being interred today was recovered.

Call to Worship

Appel à Adoration

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. We come before God in remembrance of our fallen comrade and ask that God may receive our prayers as we call upon Him.

All May the Peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

Bidding Prayer

Prière

Almighty God, you tell us blessed is the man who perseveres under trial as he will receive the crown of life that you have promised to those who love you. In your mercy may you draw close to us as we remember that you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. As we seek our refuge in you may you strengthen us by your presence and assure us of your grace.

All **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Lecture des Écritures Saintes

Psalm 23 (KJV)

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads 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 you are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Reading *Lecture*

England to Her Sons

*by Lieutenant William Noel Hodgson MC
9th Bn The Devonshire Regiment*

Sons of mine, I hear you thrilling
To the trumpet call of war
Gird ye then, I give you freely,
As I give your sires before,
All the noblest of the children I in love and anguish bore.

Free in service, wise in justice,
Fearing but dishonours breath;
Steeled to suffer uncomplaining
Loss of failure, pain of death
Strong in faith which sees the issue and in hope that triumpheth.

Go, and may the God of battles
You in his good guidance keep:
And if he wisdom giveth

Unto his beloved sleep
I accept nothing asking, save little space to weep.

The Collect of The Devonshire Regiment

Récitation du Devonshire Regiment

O Eternal God, who keepest truth for ever, keep, we beseech thee, thy servants of the Devonshire Regiment ever faithful and true to thee, not by our might nor by our power, but by thy spirit, for his sake who calls us to bear the cross, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Committal

Enterrement

Lord, we offer into your safe keeping this unknown soldier who is not unknown to you. We commit these mortal remains to the ground:
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust:
We look for the fullness of the resurrection when Christ shall gather all his people to reign with Him in glory for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Exhortation

L'Éxhortation

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

Silence

Reveille

Kohima Epitaph
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

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those who have given their life in the service of their country. As we remember those known to us and those whose names we will never know help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us dignity as we pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

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,
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 Queen, the Commonwealth, and all
people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all his
servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**



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