



A Rededication Service for

**Serjeant Frederick Cardy
7/8th Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers**

**14:30 hours Thursday 19 May 2022
CWGC White House Cemetery, Belgium**

**Service conducted by
Reverend Dr Isaac Thompson MBE TD DL HCF
Chaplain to The Royal Irish Regiment**

Serjeant Frederick Cardy



Serjeant Frederick Cardy was born in 1893 in the market town of Sudbury in Suffolk. He was one of eight children born to Harry Cardy and his wife Sarah Ann. In 1911, Frederick married Emily Layzell. Their son Ralph Iva Cardy was born in July 1916. Having had previous service with 13th Royal Hussars, on 24 October 1916, Frederick rejoined that regiment. On 11 December 1916 he was transferred to The Royal Irish Fusiliers.

At around midnight on 10 August 1917, 7/8th Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers moved into the frontline north of Frezenberg. They were relieved at midnight on 12 August. It was during this time in the frontline that Serjeant Cardy was killed.

Serjeant Cardy was buried and a wooden cross was erected over his grave. In 1919, his remains were concentrated into White House Cemetery, but it appears the original marker was damaged and he could not be identified. As Serjeant Cardy was missing he was commemorated the Menin Gate. However, new research has shown that this is in fact the grave of Serjeant Cardy. Today we will remember him and his grave will be rededicated.

Used by front-line forces between March 1915 and April 1918, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's White House Cemetery originally contained graves in plots I and II. After the Armistice, further burials, including the unidentified grave of Serjeant Cardy, were brought in from the battlefields surrounding Ypres to form plots III and IV. The cemetery now contains the graves of over 1,100 Commonwealth servicemen.

Call to Worship

Glorify the Lord with me, let us exalt His name together. Taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the person who takes refuge in Him. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. The Lord redeems His servants; no-one will be condemned who takes refuge in Him. Psalm 34:3,8, 18 & 22.

Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and those who live and believe in me will never die." St John 11:25-26.

Prayer and Rededication

Let us give thanks for the life and service to King and Country of Serjeant Frederick Cardy, who gave his life on the frontline as he tried with thousands of other Faughs to "clear the way" then and throughout the generations – Faugh a Ballagh!

God of infinite mercy, as we come to rededicate this last earthly resting place of Sergeant Frederick Cardy, may You strengthen us to trust in Your good purposes, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who has taught us that nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us from Your love, shown supremely for us on Calvary's Cross.

Give us grace now as we rededicate this grave, the last resting place of Sergeant Frederick Cardy, as it no longer holds the remains of an unknown soldier, in the name of The Father and of the Son and of The Holy Spirit. Give us grace to rededicate also our lives in the service of God, so that His will may be done on earth as it is in

heaven and that His Kingdom of justice and peace may be established.

All **Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Read by Group Captain John Dickson
Defence Attaché to Belgium and Luxembourg

Luke Chapter 12 v 22-31, 34 (GNT)

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "And so I tell you not to worry about the food you need to stay alive or about the clothes you need for your body. Life is much more important than food, and the body much more important than clothes. Look at the crows: they don't plant seeds or gather a harvest; they don't have storage rooms or barns; God feeds them! You are worth so much more than birds! Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it? If you can't manage even such a small thing, why worry about the other things? Look how the wild flowers grow: they don't work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers. It is God who clothes the wild grass—grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burned up in the oven. Won't he be all the more sure to clothe you? What little faith you have!

"So don't be all upset, always concerned about what you will eat and drink. (For the pagans of this world are always concerned about all these things.) Your Father knows that you need these things. Instead, be concerned with his Kingdom, and he will provide you with these things. For your heart will always be where your riches are.

Scripture Reading

Read by Major General Colin Weir DSO MBE
Colonel of The Royal Irish Regiment

Job Chapter 36 v 20-32 (GNT)

Don't wish for night to come,
the time when nations will perish.
Be careful not to turn to evil;
your suffering was sent to keep you from it.
Remember how great is God's power;
he is the greatest teacher of all.
No one can tell God what to do
or accuse him of doing evil.
He has always been praised for what he does;
you also must praise him.
Everyone has seen what he has done;
but we can only watch from a distance.
We cannot fully know his greatness
or count the number of his years.
It is God who takes water from the earth
and turns it into drops of rain.
He lets the rain pour from the clouds
in showers for all human beings.
No one knows how the clouds move
or how the thunder roars
through the sky, where God dwells.
He sends lightning through all the sky,
but the depths of the sea remain dark.
This is how he feeds the people
and provides an abundance of food.
He seizes the lightning with his hands
and commands it to hit the mark.
Thunder announces the approaching storm,
and the cattle know it is coming.

Reading

Read by Lieutenant Colonel Ret'd Andy Hart
Regimental Secretary of The Royal Irish Regiment

In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Address

Allocution

The Exhortation

Read by Lieutenant Colonel Christof Masheder

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 Major Jennifer Wilson

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

Laying of Wreaths

Prayers

Almighty God, You are our refuge and stronghold, a timely help in trouble. We give You thanks for our deliverance from the many dangers that threatened us in times past and for those who went forth to the frontline so that we might enjoy a measure of peace in our world. Strengthen and encourage all who are going through times of weakness and sorrow, that they may find light in darkness, hope in distress and faith in the midst of doubt. We pray for all who serve in Her Majesty's Forces and especially those who today are on operations in places of danger. Keep them safe and stay the hands of those who would seek to harm them. Almighty God, You alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful people. Give us, and all for whom we pray, grace to love what You command and to desire what You promise, that, in all the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may be surely fixed where true joys are found in Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect of The Royal Irish Fusiliers

Read by Major General Colin Weir DSO MBE
Colonel of The Royal Irish Regiment

Oh God, who crownest man with loving kindness, and makest him young and lusty as an eagle, may it please thee to give boldness to us, The Royal Irish Fusiliers, so in unity with our brethren to prepare and make ready thy way by bearing witness for thee, that men may take knowledge of us, that we have been with Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Saviour.

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 peace of God which is beyond all understanding,
guard your hearts and your thoughts in the knowledge of
God and of His Son, Christ Jesus. And the blessing of
God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you
all, today and for evermore.

All **Amen.**



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