



A Rededication Service for

Company Serjeant Major Harry Lowe

15th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry

10.30 hours Wednesday 11 June 2025

CWGC Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

Service conducted by Reverend John Storey CF
Chaplain to 5th Battalion, The Rifles



Harry Lowe
18 August 1896 – 4 October 1917

Harry was born on 18 August 1896 to John Lowe and Alice Slater at 83 Watson Street in Derby. Harry was one of seven siblings, of which he was the second youngest. Before enlisting, Harry was working as a sexton to the Reverend Canon Leonard Francis Tyndall at Rolleston Rectory. Reverend Canon Tyndall was a canon of Windsor and went on to become a Chaplain to the Forces during the First World War. Harry wrote regularly to Reverend Canon Tyndall to update him on his progress during the war. Harry joined the Durham Light Infantry in October 1914 and spent the rest of his war on the Western Front.

On the 2 October 1917, Harry's battalion were forming up positions close to Glenconce Wood, in the Ypres area. The next day, the battalion was heavily shelled, sustaining severe casualties and unable to move from their positions to attack. On 4 October 1917, the battalion was called in to consolidate the

recently captured Jost Farm and help with the defence of the right flank of the 64th Brigade. They dug in facing a south and south-east direction along the north edge of Cameron covert. After repelling a first German counterattack, a second and larger counterattack with support from heavy machine gun fire from Foldershoek Chateau was held at bay. It was during this action that CSM Harry Lowe tragically lost his life. A comrade of his noted that he bravely fell with his face to the enemy. He was greatly missed by his parents and siblings.

The Cemetery

Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in the world, is now the resting place of more than 11,800 servicemen from the First World War. The Cross of Sacrifice stands on a German pillbox captured by the 3rd Australian Division on 4 October 1917. After the Armistice, graves were brought in from small burial grounds and the battlefields of Passchendaele and Langemark, including that of Company Sergeant Major Harry Lowe, whose previously unidentified grave was rededicated today.

Welcome

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' John 11:25,26

Opening Prayer

My Brothers and Sisters, we meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father. We remember before God our brother Harry, giving thanks for his life, service and sacrifice; we commend him to God, our merciful redeemer and judge, as we rededicate this grave where his mortal remains lie for all times.

God of all consolation, your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears at the grave of Lazarus his friend. We pray for those who have grieved for Harry: look with compassion on your children; give to troubled hearts the light of hope and strengthen us all by the gift of faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading: In Flanders Fields by John McCrae
Read by Lieutenant Finton Footman, 1st Bn, The Rifles

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 falling 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.

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-6

Read by a representative of the British Embassy

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Reading: The Soldier by Rupert Brooke

If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust who England loves, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam;
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

Address

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The Act of Dedication

We rededicate this grave to Company Sergeant Major Harry Love in the name of Christ who died and rose again; as a symbol of our remembering, as a sign of our thanksgiving, as a token of recognition and expression of our love. We look forward with confidence to our reunion with him and all those whose dwelling is forever with Christ in the everlasting kingdom of the Father.

The Exhortation

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

Played by Rifleman Thomas Mansfield
The Band and Bugles of The Rifles

Silence

Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

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

Laying of Wreaths

The Collect of the Durham Light Infantry

Almighty God, who requires that thy servants be found faithful,
grant, we pray thee, that we, the Durham Light Infantry, who
twice a year remember the great valour of those who went
before us, may ever be ready as they to fight the good fight, and
above all things to give obedience to thy call, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, The King, the Commonwealth, and all mankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always.

Answer.



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