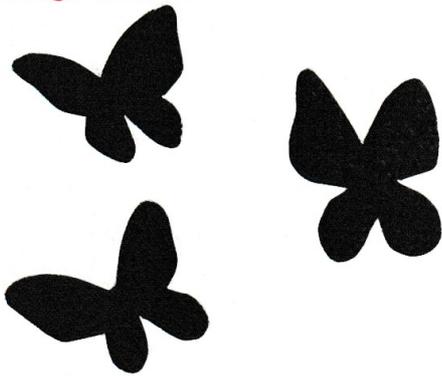




THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE LIBERATION OF
LE QUESNOY

THE LAST POST CEREMONY
THE NEW ZEALAND MEMORIAL
4.11.18

Programme



*The New Zealand Defence Force Band
play as members of the public arrive at the
Garden of Memory*

The French Flag Bearers March In

The Liberation of Le Quesnoy

*Euan Robertson performs 'The Liberation of
Le Quesnoy' – composed by Euan in memory of
the soldiers and his great uncle, the sculptor
Alexander Fraser, who co-designed the New Zealand
Memorial at Le Quesnoy*

Announcements

Nicole Jamieson

Please stand

The Regimental Colour is Marched On

*The Regimental Colour of the 7th Wellington
(City of Wellington's Own) and Hawke's Bay
Battalion carried by the 5th / 7th Battalion Royal
New Zealand Infantry Regiment marches on to
'Fernleaf Headstones'*

Welcome

Air Vice-Marshal Tony Davies, MNZM
Vice Chief of New Zealand Defence Force

Hymn – Be Still My Soul

Leading Aircraftman Barbara Graham
New Zealand Defence Force

Poem

Sandra McKie
New Zealand Defence Force

Ellen's Vigil

Benjamin Isaac Tom
Passchendaele Ypres and Somme
three ovals float
on the cold wall
plastered whiter
than their bones,
young, khaki'd,
their bud-tender eyes
premonition filled.

Ellen,
her three boys gone,
transplanted seventy years
from Lurgan's linen
no longer counts crops
in season
but digs, diligently, delicately,
digs down
further down
her spade searching
her garden for
three lost sons

Thomas Isaac and Ben.

*By Lorna Staveley Anker, from The Judas Tree,
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Waiata

Pō Atarau – Now is the Hour

New Zealand Defence Force Band,
Māori Cultural Group and
Leading Aircraftman Barbara Graham

Evening Prayer

Chaplain Class 4 David Julian
New Zealand Defence Force

The Act of Remembrance

The Ode

In French

The Representative of the Anciens Combattants

In Māori

Lieutenant Colonel Mel Childs
New Zealand Defence Force

In English

Colonel Baden Ewart (Rtd)
The Representative of the Royal New Zealand
Returned and Services Association

*At the sounding of the Sonnerie aux Morts and
The Last Post, personnel in uniform are to salute*

Sonnerie aux Morts

The Last Post

*The flags of the French Republic and
New Zealand draped by the New Zealand
Memorial are lowered*

The Regimental Colour is lowered

Silence is Observed

The Regimental Colour is Marched Out

Closing

Lieutenant Colonel Mel Childs
Chaplain Class 4 David Julian
Warrant Officer Patrick Smith, MNZM

