



A Rededication Service for

Private John Lamond

8th Bn Scottish Rifles (The Cameronians)

11.00 hours 10 July 2025

CWGC Dadzele New British Cemetery, Belgium

**Service conducted by Reverend Andrew Thompson CP
Chaplain to 2 Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland**



John Lamond
19 April 1899 – 14 October 1918

John Lamond was born in Aberdeen in 1899, one of three children of John Lamond, a weaver, and his wife Marie McKeechale. John's childhood was spent in the St Nicholas area of Aberdeen, where both his father and his older sister Elsie were involved in the flax industry.

John's service record no longer survives, so we don't know exactly when he joined the army, but it is likely that his call up came at around the time of his 18th birthday. Prior to this he had been working as a mechanic at Broadford Works in Aberdeen.

By October 1918 John Lamond and the 1/6 Bn Scottish Rifles were in Belgium, near Gheluve on the Ypres – Menin Road. It was during the advance towards Menin that John disappeared on or around 14/ 15 October.

On 23 October 1918 an unknown British Soldier of 1/6 Scottish Rifles was recovered from a marked, but seemingly solitary grave just off the main Gheluve – Menin Road, a little over a kilometre from Menin town centre. The grave marker bore the date 15 October 1918 – a date of

death, or perhaps the date of burial. At the time the body went unidentified, and the man was reburied at Dedizete New British Cemetery in an unnamed grave.

Recently, research has revealed that this grave must in fact be that of Pte John Lamond, and today we rededicate his grave accordingly, returning his name to him after more than 100 years.

The Cemetery

The village of Dedizete, behind German lines for most of the war, was captured by British forces in late September 1918. It wasn't until after the Armistice that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Dedizete New British Cemetery was established. The burials here, including the previously unidentified grave of Private John Lamond, were brought in from the surrounding former battlefields and smaller cemeteries. There are now over 1,000 Commonwealth burials of the First World War in this cemetery.

Welcome

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world and who leads us by his Holy Spirit in his way.

As we give thanks for God's great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

We remember this day those who have laid down their lives in the cause of justice and peace for their country and for the world. May we, with the help of God, be worthy of their sacrifice.

Opening Prayer

Let us confess our sins and our shortcomings; our pride, our selfishness, our greed; our contribution to the evils and divisions of the world; our failure to seek and establish that peace God wills for all his children.

All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive our sins and lead us in your ways,
That we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you our God;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: In Flanders Fields by John McCree

Chosen by the family of Pte. Lamond

Read by Philip Lamond, great-nephew of Pte. John Lamond

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:

Read by a representative of the British Embassy

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,

a time to plant and a time to uproot,

a time to kill and a time to heal,

a time to tear down and a time to build,

a time to weep and a time to laugh,

a time to mourn and a time to dance,

a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

a time to search and a time to give up,

a time to keep and a time to throw away,

a time to tear and a time to mend,

a time to be silent and a time to speak,

a time to love and a time to hate,

a time for war and a time for peace.

Reading: The Cameronians

By Pte AM Lamont (1915)

*Read by: Captain Finn MacPherson
2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland*

Dear brother Scots, true John O'Greys,
to Tairldale to Yarrow, and you who thrive
in other lands because your own's too narrow.
When round the board, kind faces gleam,
and friends are bidden before us, be this the toast
we honour most, with 'Auld Lang Syne' for chorus.
"Scotland's name! Scotland's fame!
Scotland's might! Scotland's right!
And immortal glory!"

Address

The Reverend Andrew Thompson

The Act of Dedication

We rededicate this grave to Private John Lamont in the name of Christ who died and rose again;
as a symbol of our remembering, as a sign of our thanksgiving,
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

Read by Captain Fint MacPherson

2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland

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 Corporal Paul McKinley

2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland

Silence

Flowers of the Forest

Played by Lance Corporal Donald Stewart

1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland

Reveille

Kahina Epitaph

Read by Captain Finn MacPherson

2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland

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

Laying of Wreaths

The Coldest of The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Read by Captain Finn MacPherson

2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland

O Merciful God, who dost not forget the covenant of our fathers, give thy grace, we pray thee, to the Cameronians, that we may ever be mindful of the new covenant which thou hast made with us to write thy laws in our hearts, so that all may know thee who forgives our iniquities, through Jesus Christ our mediator and redeemer.

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.
Amen.



The Ministry of Defence, through the Joint Casualty & Compassionate Centre, is responsible for the research, identification and burial of British service personnel.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for the graves, memorials, records and names of the 1.7 million Commonwealth servicemen and women who died during the two world wars.

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