



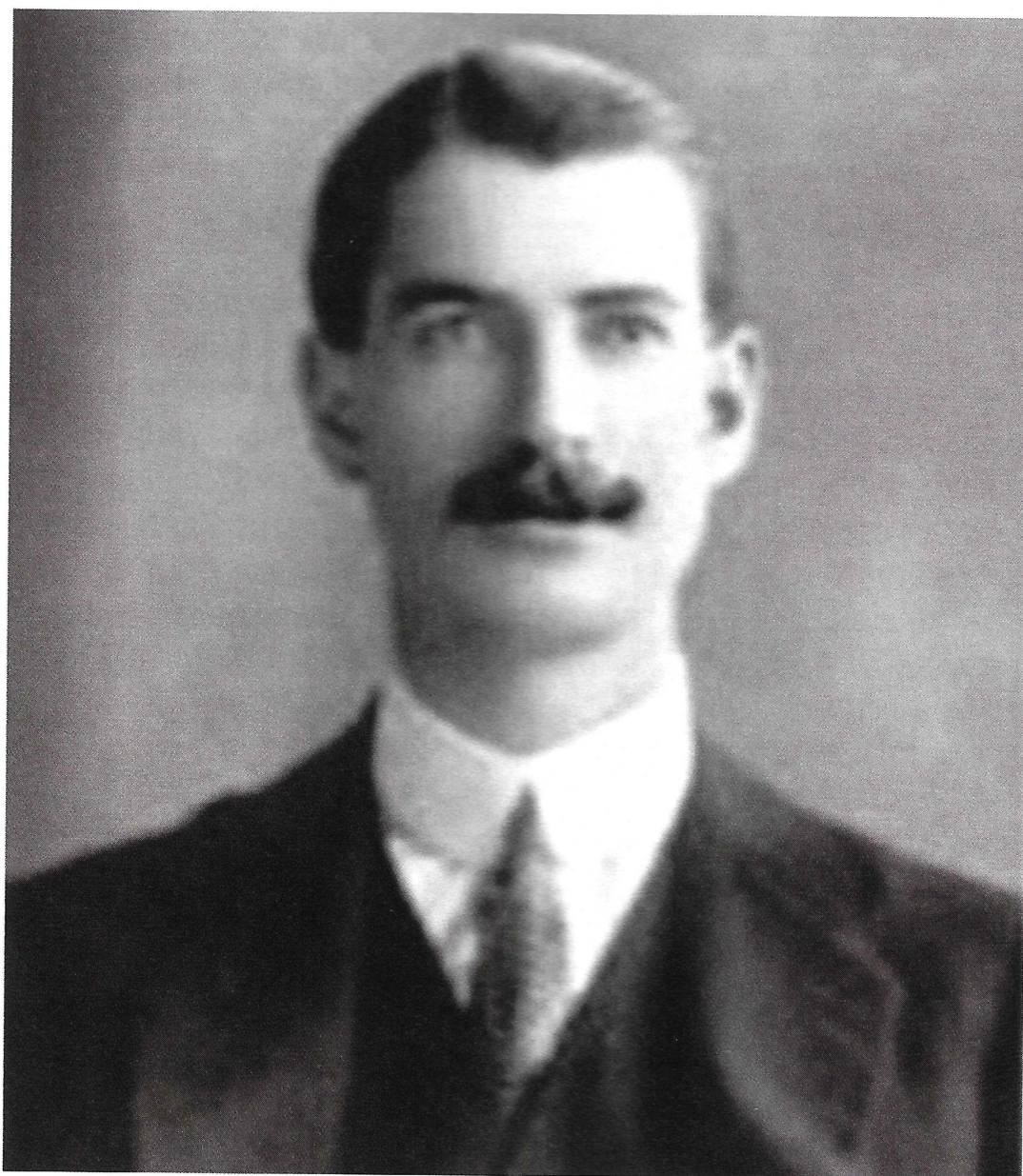
A Rededication Service for

**Lieutenant Norman Frederick Hunter
The Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Att. 4th Battalion The Royal Fusiliers**

**09:00 hours on Wednesday 12 November 2025
CWGC Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium**

**Service conducted by The Reverend David Jeal CF
Chaplain to
The Royal Dragoon Guards**

Lieutenant Norman Frederick Hunter



Lieutenant Norman Frederick Hunter was born on 1 March 1879 in Edinburgh, Scotland. He was one of nine children born to Dr James Adam Hunter MD and his wife Marion. Norman was educated at the Loretto School in Musselburgh before studying at Clare College Cambridge. He and his elder brother, Thomas Mansfield Hunter, were keen amateur golfers at the Tantallon Golf Club, North Berwick and had played in the Open Championship. Norman had also been the captain of The Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society. On 17 April 1908, Norman married Elizabeth Birrell in Fife. They lived in Huntingdon, Ascot, and Norman was the captain of the Sunningdale Golf Club. He lived off his own means and was an Underwriting Member of Lloyd's Bank.

On 8 October 1914, shortly after the outbreak of the First World War, Norman was Commissioned as a second lieutenant into 4th Battalion The Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He was promoted to lieutenant on 24 December 1914. He arrived on the Western Front in March 1915 and was attached to 4th Battalion The Royal Fusiliers.

On 16 June 1915, 4th Battalion The Royal Fusiliers took part on the right of an attack with 1st Battalion The Royal Scots Fusiliers in the centre and 5th Battalion The Royal Fusiliers on the left. The attack took place north of the Menin Road near Hooze. Their final objective was the edge of Bellewaerde Lake. At 02:50 hours a preparatory bombardment started. This lasted until 04:15 hours when the attack commenced. The first line of German trenches was taken but the men were so eager to move forward that they moved too fast and pushed ahead to the second and third German lines only to be mown down by their own artillery.

Having lost a number of Officers and men they withdrew to a communication trench and consolidated this into a fire trench and held off counter attacks. They were ordered to leave the trench and go into the woods that had just been captured to

support the men who remained there. These men had been shelled all day, and their casualties were heavy.

Having been wounded in the leg and foot during the attack Lieutenant Hunter was carried to safety in a dugout. When the battalion retired, he was left behind. A Private Riley stated that he had stayed with Lieutenant Hunter for some time and made him comfortable and 'put him in a sort of a ditch' but was eventually forced to leave him. It appears that Lieutenant Hunter must have subsequently succumbed to his wounds. He was 36 years old.

After the war the remains of Lieutenant Hunter were recovered and buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery as an unknown lieutenant of The Royal Warwickshire Regiment. As he was missing, Lieutenant Hunter was commemorated on the Menin Gate. However, new research has shown that this is in fact his grave and the headstone has now been replaced to reflect this. Today we will remember Lieutenant Norman Frederick Hunter and his grave will be rededicated.

Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in the world, is now the resting place of more than 11,900 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 Langemarck, including those of Lieutenant Norman Frederick Hunter. He was 36 years old.

Call to Worship

We gather in this place of remembrance to honour those who have fallen in the service of others.

Today we remember Lieutenant Norman Frederick Hunter, who gave his life on 16 June 1915 in the call of duty. We give thanks for his courage, for his willingness to serve, and for the countless men and women who have laid down their lives that others might live in peace and freedom. Grant that we may never forget their sacrifice. May their example inspire in us the same spirit of devotion and selflessness.

As we dedicate his grave, renew in us a steadfast resolve to seek peace, uphold justice, and cherish the gift of life. May your comfort be with all who mourn, and may your hope guide us toward a world where war shall be no more. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy Chapter 31 v 6

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

Bidding Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom and peace. May their sacrifice never be forgotten. Give us courage to follow their example, and strength to work for justice and harmony in our world.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Read by The Reverend Richard Clement
Chaplain to St George's Memorial Church, Ypres

Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 v 1-8 (NIV)

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven;

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,
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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Read by Warrant Officer Class 1 Matthew Hale-Smith
1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

One Thousand Men Are Walking

By Joshua Dyer

One thousand men are walking
Walking side by side
Singing songs from home
The spirit as their guide
they walk toward the light milord
they walk towards the sun
they smoke and laugh and smile together
no foes to outrun
these men live on forever
in the hearts of those they saved
a nation truly grateful
for the path of peace they paved
they march as friends and comrades
but they do not march for war
step closer to salvation
a tranquil steady corps
the meadows lit with golden beams
a beacon for the brave
the emerald grass untrampled
a reward for what they gave
they dream of those they left behind
and know they dream of them
forever in those poppy fields
there walks one thousand men.

Gospel Reading

Read by Lance Corporal Reece Rigley

1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

John Chapter 14 v 1-6 (NIV)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Address

The Act of Dedication

So let us now bless and dedicate this grave as the final resting place of the mortal remains of Lieutenant Norman Frederick Hunter.

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ was laid in a tomb:
Bless and dedicate, we pray, this grave as the place where the body of your servant Norman may rest in peace, in the knowledge that he now abides in your glory through the merits of your Son, who is the resurrection and the life; who died and is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Exhortation

Read by Lance Corporal Calum Wareham
1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

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.**

Last Post

Played by Rifleman Tomasi Matakibau
5th Battalion The Rifles

Silence

Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

Read by Lance Corporal Reece Rigley

1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

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

Laying of Wreaths

Prayer

Let us pray.

God of mercy and peace, as we lay these wreaths, we remember with gratitude those who gave their lives in service to others. We especially recall, Lieutenant Norman Frederick Hunter and all who have fallen in the cause of freedom and justice. May their bravery be remembered, their sacrifice honoured, and their example inspire us to live with faith, kindness, and courage.

Grant rest to those who have died,
and to us who remain, the strength to seek peace
and uphold the values for which they gave so much.

All **Amen.**

The Collect of The Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Read by Warrant Officer Class 1 Matthew Hale-Smith
1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

Almighty God, who callest us to glorify thee in our bodies and in our spirits, quicken, we pray thee, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment that in perils of waters or in the day of battle we may be swift to hear thy word and run in the way of thy commandments, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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

May God 's peace bless and keep you safe.
May His love guide our hearts,
His strength uphold our resolve,
and His hope lead us toward a world of justice and
peace.
And may the memory of those we honour today
inspire us always to live with courage and compassion.

All **Amen.**



Image of Lieutenant Hunter taken from Country Life dated 3 July 1915.



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