



A Rededication Service for

Second Lieutenant John Taylor Macintyre

9th Battalion Highland Light Infantry
Att'd 18th Battalion Highland Light Infantry

11.00 hours 9 July 2025
CWGC Canadian Cemetery No. 2, France

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

Déroutement de la Cérémonie présidé par
le Révérend Andrew Thompson



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John Taylor Macintyre was born in Glasgow in 1889 to Duncan Macintyre, a clerk for the Gas Corporation, and his wife Catherine Gillespie. He was the oldest of six children, having a younger brother called Duncan, and four younger sisters – Elizabeth, Catherine, Mary and Janet.

When John joined the army in early September 1914, he declared previous service with the reserves from 1905 – 1908. He was initially given the rank of Private, but he was quickly promoted – he became a Corporal in August 1915, a Sergeant in November of that same year, and he achieved his commission to Second Lieutenant in November 1916.

Having shipped out to France in November 1914, co-incidentally on the same ship as his brother Duncan, who served with the Cameronians, John spent the duration of his war on the Western Front, coming home for brief periods of leave, and to recuperate following a gas attack in the summer of 1917.

During the summer of 1917 the 18th Bn Highland Light Infantry were rotating in and out of the front line near Lempire – right on the edge of the Somme sector. One of the main objectives during this period was to take and keep Guillemont Farm, and it was during one of many actions linked to this objective that John died. He was listed as wounded & missing following the action of 25 August 1917.

In November 1931 the body of an unknown officer was recovered close to Guillemont Farm, his badges and buttons identified him as an officer of the 9th Highland Light Infantry, but he was carrying nothing which could identify him by name. He was reburied at Canadian Cemetery No. 2 at Neuville St Vaast as an unknown officer.

Recent research has shown that the unknown officer must be John Taylor Macintyre, and today we rededicate his grave accordingly.

The Cemetery

Le cimetière

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Canadian Cemetery No. 2 was established by the Canadian Corps following the successful storming of Vimy Ridge on 9 April 1917. Some of the casualties buried here fell at Vimy Ridge; others were brought in from the surrounding battlefields and isolated graves after the Armistice. Among these graves was that of Second Lieutenant John Macintyre, who could not be identified at the time. He rests here alongside nearly 3,000 of his fallen comrades.

Welcome

Appel à Adoration

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.

Sunset on the Somme

by G.S. McLennan

Played by Andrew Macintyre, great-nephew of 2Lt Macintyre

Opening Prayer

Prière

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**

Reading: The Roll of Honour, Clan Donald

John Taylor MacInytre is named within this document

Lecture

Read by Captain Finn MacPherson

2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland

At the call of duty, from the four corners of the earth came the children
of the Clan to battle for the right.

In many graves, in many lands, their gallant bodies sleep
Their spirits rest with God

To their loved ones, bereaved of them...(we)...proclaim the price the
Clan hath paid. Let pride lighten grief for lives so well laid down.

For this we know: They yet shall live again.

Reading: Idyll by Siegfried Sassoon

Chosen by the family of John Taylor Macintyre

Lecture

Read by Jill Noble, great-niece of 2Lt Macintyre

In the grey summer garden I shall find you
With day-break and the morning hills behind you.
There will be rain-wet roses; stir of wings;
And down the wood a thrush that wakes and sings.
Not from the past you'll come, but from that deep
Where beauty murmurs to the soul asleep:
And I shall know the sense of life re-born
From dreams into the mystery of morn
Where gloom and brightness meet.
And standing there Till that calm song is done,
at last we'll share The league-spread, quiring symphonies
that are Joy in the world,
and peace, and dawn's one star.

Scripture Reading: Joshua 4: 1 - 24

Lecture des Écritures Saintes

Read by a representative of the British Embassy

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."

So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

Now the priests who carried the ark remained standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything the Lord had commanded Joshua was done by the people, just as Moses had directed Joshua. The people hurried over, and as soon as all of them had crossed, the ark of the Lord and the priests came to the other side while the people watched. The men of Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over, ready for battle, in front of the Israelites, as Moses had directed them. About forty thousand armed for battle crossed over before the Lord to the plains of Jericho for war.

That day the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him all the days of his life, just as they had stood in awe of Moses.

Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Command the priests carrying the ark of the covenant law to come up out of the Jordan."

So Joshua commanded the priests, "Come up out of the Jordan."

And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the Lord. No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before.

On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. He said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The Lord your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God."

Address

Allocution

The Reverend Andrew Thompson

The Act of Dedication

L'Acte de Dédicace

We rededicate this grave to Second Lieutenant John Taylor Macintyre
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

L'Éxhortation

Read by Captain Finn 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

Sonnerie aux Morts

Played by Corporal Paul McEntee

2nd Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland

Silence

Flowers of the Forest

Played by Lance Corporal Donald Stewart

7th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland

Reveille

Kohima Epitaph

L'Épitaphe de Kohima

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

Dépôts des Gerbes

Collect of the Highland Light Infantry

Récitation du Highland Light Infantry

Read by Captain Finn MacPherson

2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland

O God, who measurest the seas in thy hand and weighest the mountains, hear us, we pray thee, thy servants of the Highland Light Infantry, that we may ever be ready to be offered in sacrifice; and when we come into deep waters and the floods run over us, set us upon the rock of thy strength, even Jesus Christ our saviour.

The Lord's Prayer (all)

Prière du Seigneur

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

Séparation et Dernière Bénédiction

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 10th HLI's Farewell to the 116eme Régiment de Ligne

by William Lawrie

Played by Andrew Macintyre, great-nephew of 2Lt Macintyre



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